

Husker golfers fall short of Missouri

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Krapfl said. "The greens were rolling really well out here. We just didn't get anything to fall."

Senior Shirin Hornecker, finished fourth overall and led the Huskers with a three-round total of 225. Three Tigers, including tournament champion Stefanie Mitchell, who shot a 219, finished in the top three spots.

Husker sophomore Hanne Nyquist was fifth with a score of 226. Sophomore Elizabeth Bahensky and junior Gretchen Doerr tied for seventh at 230, and senior Rachele Tacha finished in a tie for 13th at 230.

Hornecker said the Huskers expected to win too easily against the competition, which was not as strong as last year.

"We had played with Missouri last year, and we really didn't think they would play as well as they did," Hornecker said. "We didn't take the first round as seriously as we should have, and Missouri played really well."

Hornecker also said the HiMark Golf Course was a departure from Firethorn Country Club, the previous host of the Chip-N Club Invitational. She said NU failed to take advantage of an easier course

Chip-N Club Results

Team	1st Round Score	2nd Round Score	3rd Round Score	Total
Missouri	295	294	299	888
Nebraska	307	297	305	909
Kansas St.	301	313	312	926
Oral Roberts	322	313	311	946
North Texas	325	313	320	958
Creighton	326	326	343	995
Missouri KC	323	329	338	990
Texas Pan Am	332	335	349	1016
Briar Cliff	346	331	327	1004

Top 10 Individual Scores

Stefanie Mitchell	Missouri	219
Letita Moses	Missouri	220
Amelia Moses	Missouri	224
Shirin Hornecker	Nebraska	225
Hanna Nyquist	Nebraska	226
Gina Spalitto	Missouri	229
Brooke Bell	North Texas	230
Elizabeth Behensky	Nebraska	230
Gretchen Doerr	Nebraska	230
Tobi Probst	Missouri	230

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with reachable par-5s.

"It wasn't as hard of a course as we've played before, and it's probably easier than most we'll play this year," she said. "We didn't take advantage of the shorter holes like we should have."

The brightest spot in terms of improvement was Doerr, who shot her career best in the two days. Krapfl said Doerr is working herself into an important role on the team.

"She is really hitting the ball well right now, which is good to see," she

said. "That was her best collegiate performance, and she's starting to become consistent."

Overall, Krapfl said, the team did well for the conditions, but still has plenty to work on before its next tournament in Lubbock, Texas, on Sept. 15 and 16.

"We've got to work on the short game a little more than we have," she said. "We've got to get our game at a point where we're mentally prepared to shoot near par in every round instead of shooting 75 or 76."

Korver seeks dominance as Husker middle blocker

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begins, that you can win."

Will to win

Last weekend at the NU Coliseum, Korver found a way.

In two lengthy five-game battles against No. 24 Arkansas and eighth-ranked Pacific, Korver pounded a total of 40 kills. Against Pacific, Korver recorded a career-high 22. Usually the Huskers' second or third offensive option, Korver was the "go-to player" over the weekend, NU coach Terry Pettit said.

"There is only one issue with Megan ever," Pettit said. "If she relaxes, and if she has that soft focus in her eyes, she's an exceptional player. She knows that, and she does a good job in critical situations of maintaining that. She is a real force when she has all of her athletic ability working for her. I feel really solid about what we're doing with her."

Learning to relax has been difficult at times for Korver. After basically owning the middle-blocker position last season, the All-Big 12 selection has faced some competition this year. Sophomore Tonia Tauke and freshman Katie Jahnke - who redshirted last season with an injured knee - are challenging Korver for her spot.

"There has been more stress on me," Korver said. "It's been more of a stress on everybody. But I would definitely want to play on this year's team over last year's team, even though I didn't have a lot of stress last year. The competition is making us better. It makes me a better player. I just have the mind-set that if I'm going to get on the court, I really have to do my best everyday in practice."

Korver emphasizes mental preparation, and she plays her best matches after focusing on an opponent's tendencies. Korver concentrates on reacting to an opponent's middle blocker. Often Korver said, she tries to predict her foe's approach so she can move into position for a block.

The strategy has obviously worked. Korver led Nebraska in blocks last year with a Big 12 Conference-best average of 1.53 per game.

In 1997, Korver is again making contributions at the net. Through six matches, Korver has posted a team-high five solo blocks and 18 block assists. She is second on the team with 71 total kills and a .338 hitting percentage. The statistics seem similar to those during her first season with the Huskers, but her role has changed.

Last year, Korver's sophomore season was her first at Nebraska. From Panama, she became NU's first-ever transfer after spending her freshman season at George Washington University. An Atlantic 10 all-conference selection in 1995, Korver spent the beginning of last season trying to find a role on a new team and improving individually, instead of giving leadership to her teammates. She hopes the leadership comes this season.

New role

"It's different this year, I feel like an upperclassman, and I need to lead," Korver said. "And it's hard sometimes when your in practice and you want to just draw to yourself and concentrate on you. But I realize that I have to open up to the team and give some leadership."

Korver hopes to have a part in leading the Huskers to the national championship at the Final Four in Spokane, Wash., later this season. Winning a championship is something the 1996 Big 12 newcomer of the year has never accomplished at any level. As a high school freshman, Korver was not a member of the Norris High varsity team when it won the Class B state title, and Nebraska won its national championship the year before Korver transferred.

Pettit wanted Korver to compete for NU as a walk-on in 1995, but Korver opted to accept a scholarship from George Washington, a decision she does not regret.

"I wouldn't trade my experience at George Washington for anything in the world," Korver said. "But I knew that if I was going to spend four or five hours a day on athletics that I'd have to love what I was doing, and it wasn't like that there. The support and the chemistry weren't there. If there's anyplace in the nation where volleyball is at its peak, it's here. It's home."

UCF QB worries defense

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495 yards, six touchdowns and one interception.

"Benching Daunte Culpepper would help us greatly," Osborne said. "I hope people understand that we're playing, what I think, is a good football team."

Osborne said Culpepper has many similar qualities to former Husker quarterback Tommie Frazier.

"He has some of the things Frazier had," Osborne said. "When he drops back to pass, he can hurt you many ways."

NU All-America rush end Grant Wistrom said if Culpepper played at a larger football powerhouse, he'd be a serious contender for the Heisman Trophy.

Defensive tackle Jason Peter compared Culpepper to Texas quarterback James Brown and former Arizona State quarterback Jake Plummer. Brown and Plummer were the only two quarterbacks to lead their teams to victories over Nebraska last year.

Peter said the NU defense will come at Culpepper with a lot of pressure and blitzes.

"When you pressure (Culpepper), he has a tendency to throw the ball away," Peter said. "We have a chance to get some turnovers."

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