



NEBRASKA SOPHOMORE NIKKI HENK, left, receives the ball as teammate Denise Koziol dives to assist during last weekend's First Bank Invite. The Huskers will try to win their second tournament of the season when they play host to the Arby's Classic today and Saturday at the NU Coliseum.

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# Strong NU golfers could dominate invite

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Men's Golf  
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A repeat title could be in the cards for the Nebraska men's golf team as it begins its fall season today at the Falcon/Cross Creek Invitational in Colorado Springs, Colo.

The Cornhuskers won the title last year and hope to have the same type of performance this year when they tee off today at 9 a.m.

"We're going to be right up there, contending for the title," Nebraska coach Larry Romjue said. "We feel like we have the kind of team where we can put some things together right now."

The team, which Romjue said might be his best ever, contains a mixture of returning players and newcomers.

Juniors Steve Friesen and Josh Madden return after having successful fall and spring campaigns last year. Madden finished third at the Big 12 Tournament and was considered one of the best in the conference, and Friesen won two tournaments in the fall, while playing solid in the spring.

Romjue said he feels comfortable starting the team with two of his best players from last year.

"They both have a lot of talent and they have been playing pretty well so far this summer," he said. "I've got confidence in both of their playing skills and their consistency. Josh is a guy that is right up there among the best in the Big 12 and Steve struggled a bit last spring, but he's still a big performer for us."

Joining the team again will be junior Ryan Nietfeldt, who was an all Big-Eight performer as a sophomore before taking last year off.

Another player back in the mold is junior Jamie Rogers, who took a year off to go back to his homeland of Australia. Rogers won the team

qualifier and figures to be the top player for the Huskers this year.

Rogers will be one of the favorites to win in Colorado Springs this weekend, Romjue said.

"A lot of people won't know him, but Jamie's as good as anyone is going to be there," Romjue said. "If anyone finishes ahead of him, they're probably going to win the tournament."

The fifth spot goes to another Australian, sophomore Peter Smith, who finished in the top five at the qualifier and will be playing in his first tournament.

Smith has the tools to make some noise in his first chance at collegiate tournament golf, Romjue said.

"He didn't play as well as we thought he would last year, but now he seems to be hitting the ball like we knew he could," he said. "We'll see how well he responds to a pressure situation, but I think he'll do okay."

Romjue said while he considers NU a team that can hit the ball long and straight, the most impressive aspect of the 1997 Huskers is the short game.

"We have a lot of good putters, and that's good so early in the season," he said. "You start getting a few putts to fall, and that eliminates some of the mistakes you make over the course of the round."

Romjue said the main competition in Colorado Springs will be the University of California and Colorado State.

For Nebraska to win, Romjue said, it's going to be important to stay consistent.

"We've got all the talent to compete with just about every team," he said. "We just can't allow ourselves to make too many mistakes."

# NU aims to refine game

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routinely seen court time for NU as Pettit attempts to decide a set rotation.

During the first two weeks of the season, outside hitters Denise Koziol and Mandy Monson have become almost interchangeable, Pettit said, and middle blockers Megan Korver, Tonia Tauke, and Katie Jahnke have shuffled in and out of matches.

"We are still in the process of deciding what people we need to have on the court," Pettit said. "One thing we know is that we'd like to have Katie Jahnke on the court in some manner, and Koziol and Monson are basically sharing a position."

No matter what combination of players is on the court, Pettit said, fundamental errors have plagued the Huskers in their five-game matches. NU has committed 142 attack errors this season, a number that concerns

## Arby's Classic

### Invitational Schedule

| Date     | Teams                      | Time       |
|----------|----------------------------|------------|
| Sept. 12 | Tennessee vs. Ohio St.     | 5 p.m.     |
|          | Nebraska vs. Oral Roberts  | 7:30 p.m.  |
| Sept. 13 | Nebraska vs. Tennessee     | 10:30 a.m. |
|          | Oral Roberts vs. Ohio St.  | 1 p.m.     |
|          | Tennessee vs. Oral Roberts | 5:30 p.m.  |
|          | Ohio St. vs. Nebraska      | 7:30 p.m.  |



Pettit.

"Attack errors are bringing opponents right back into close matches," Pettit said. "We need to have more variety in our offense, and we need to make better decisions."

Korver predicts that the Huskers will improve offensively this weekend.

The confidence and consistency NU gained from winning two five-game matches should become apparent this weekend, she said.

"We have experience in the crunch now," Korver said. "From now on, we should be able to close the game when we have the chance."

# Texas A&M prepared to meet rival Huskers

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Nebraska goalkeeper Rebecca Hornbacher, who has a 0.57 goals against average, starts against Aggies' goalie Melanie Wilson, who has compiled a 0.67 GAA.

Also at midfield, two All-Americans will face off: Nebraska's Kari Uppinghouse and A&M's Bryn Blalack.

Uppinghouse has two goals and one assist so far this season, while Blalack scored 69 points last season and leads three of A&M's four offensive categories. But Blalack is listed as questionable for the Aggies game against Iowa State on Friday and may not play against the Huskers.

Blalack is recovering from a cut in the head sustained in a game against Kansas, which required 12 stitches.

Walker said that with or without Blalack, his team will have a big challenge with its conference rivals.

"The fact that they and we are the only two teams from the conference to make the NCAA tournament makes it a rivalry," Walker said. "There is not any bad blood."

One area the Huskers have been focusing on is offensive pressure and attacking. Last weekend, NU had little trouble lighting up the scoreboard, scoring seven goals in two games against Colorado and Vanderbilt.

Sophomore Lindsay Eddleman, who scored one goal last weekend, said it was important for the offense to set the tone against Texas A&M.

"We need to pressure them and make them lose the ball," Eddleman

said. "Their crowd will be behind them. We need to forget about that and take them on."

Walker said although the Huskers are looking forward to their game with A&M, NU can't afford to overlook Texas. Last season, Nebraska beat the Longhorns 1-0 in Lincoln.

The Longhorns have limped to a 1-2 start so far this season. They were upset by Missouri in the conference opener and lost 2-1 to No. 24 Stanford. Texas came back to post a 3-2 victory over Kansas. Texas has only scored five goals in its last five games and does not have a goalkeeper with below a 2.00 GAA.

"It will set the tone for the entire weekend," Eddleman said. "There is no looking past them."

The Longhorns have used two goalkeepers this season. Sophomore Cami Varnadore started Texas's first two games but allowed six goals in 180 minutes. Senior Jaime Strong picked up the win against the Jayhawks, allowing just two goals.

"Texas has been up and down," Walker said. "From a talent standpoint they are in the crop of the Big 12. They have given us a tough game every time we have played them."

Walker said this road trip will provide a huge test. If the Huskers can survive this weekend without a loss, they have an eight-game home stand starting next weekend.

"This will be the toughest road trip of the season because of the quality of both teams," Walker said. "We need to be creative and take chances offensively."

# UCF will challenge Huskers

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Knights' record can be deceiving.

Central Florida lost its season opener to Mississippi 24-23 in overtime, then last week the Golden Knights lost 33-31 to South Carolina.

Offensively, Nebraska comes into the Central Florida game with a full stable of backs returning from injury. I-backs Dan Alexander and Jay Sims have returned from knee injuries while sophomore Ben Kingston and freshman Willie Miller return to strengthen

a depleted fullback spot.

"Our backfield position, which was so depleted, will be much better," Osborne said.

NU will suffer from the loss of senior wingback Sean Wieting and freshman John Gibson, two of the better wide receivers on the team.

"Wieting's and Gibson's injuries hurt us because they hit us at the same spot," Osborne said, "and that has taken away what was a pretty deep position."

Injuries aside, the best action fans should see at Memorial Stadium will

be Culpepper trying to lead the Knights down the field against the Blackshirts.

Wistrom said the way to stop him is to have the entire defense work together as a team.

"It always helps out when your DBs can buy you some time and let your pass rush develop a little more," Wistrom said. "When we have our first team defense on the field, I think it's tough to find a better one in the nation."

## Football Starters

### Nebraska Starters

#### Offense

| Pos. | No. | Name           | Ht.  | Wt. | Yr. |
|------|-----|----------------|------|-----|-----|
| SE   | 6   | Kenny Cheatham | 6-4  | 205 | Jr. |
| LT   | 73  | Fred Pollack   | 6-4  | 305 | Sr. |
| LG   | 67  | Aaron Taylor   | 6-1  | 305 | Sr. |
| C    | 59  | Josh Heskew    | 6-3  | 280 | Jr. |
| RG   | 64  | Jon Zatechka   | 6-2  | 290 | Sr. |
| RT   | 70  | Eric Anderson  | 6-4  | 305 | Sr. |
| TE   | 90  | Tim Carpenter  | 6-3  | 250 | Sr. |
| QB   | 7   | Scott Frost    | 6-3  | 220 | Sr. |
| FB   | 45  | Joel Makovicka | 5-11 | 235 | Jr. |
| IB   | 30  | Ahman Green    | 6-0  | 215 | Jr. |
| WB   | 5   | Shevin Wiggins | 5-11 | 190 | Jr. |
| PK   | 35  | Kris Brown     | 5-10 | 205 | Jr. |



Saturday 12:30 p.m.  
Memorial Stadium



#### Defense

| Pos. | No. | Name               | Ht.  | Wt. | Yr. |
|------|-----|--------------------|------|-----|-----|
| LR   | 57  | Chad Kelsay        | 6-3  | 250 | Jr. |
| DT   | 99  | Jason Wiltz        | 6-3  | 310 | Jr. |
| DT   | 55  | Jason Peter        | 6-5  | 285 | Sr. |
| RR   | 98  | Grant Wistrom      | 6-5  | 225 | Sr. |
| SLB  | 46  | Brian Shaw         | 6-1  | 215 | So. |
| MLB  | 44  | Jay Foreman        | 6-1  | 235 | Jr. |
| WLB  | 4   | Octavious McFarlin | 5-11 | 200 | Sr. |
| LCB  | 11  | Jerome Peterson    | 5-7  | 185 | So. |
| FS   | 3   | Eric Wartfield     | 6-0  | 195 | So. |
| ROV  | 21  | Mike Brown         | 5-11 | 205 | So. |
| RCB  | 22  | Ralph Brown        | 5-10 | 180 | So. |
| P    | 19  | Jesse Kosch        | 6-0  | 190 | Sr. |

### Central Florida Starters

#### Offense

| Pos. | No. | Name             | Ht.  | Wt. | Yr. |
|------|-----|------------------|------|-----|-----|
| WR   | 18  | Mark Nonsant     | 5-11 | 185 | Jr. |
| WR   | 1   | Sasha Burley     | 6-0  | 175 | Jr. |
| TE   | 88  | Joey Hubbard     | 6-3  | 245 | Jr. |
| TB   | 24  | Mike Grant       | 5-10 | 185 | Jr. |
| FB   | 43  | Kendrick Moore   | 6-0  | 230 | Sr. |
| QB   | 8   | Daunte Culpepper | 6-4  | 235 | Jr. |
| RT   | 70  | Cornell Green    | 6-4  | 290 | Jr. |
| RG   | 71  | Marcus Jenkins   | 6-4  | 275 | Jr. |
| C    | 76  | Chris Lorenzi    | 6-4  | 300 | Fr. |
| LG   | 67  | Ray Gould        | 6-3  | 290 | Sr. |
| LT   | 75  | Freddy Moore     | 6-5  | 275 | Fr. |
| PK   | 29  | Fred Waczewski   | 5-9  | 170 | Jr. |

#### Defense

| Pos. | No. | Name               | Ht.  | Wt. | Yr. |
|------|-----|--------------------|------|-----|-----|
| LCB  | 3   | Reginald Doster    | 5-9  | 175 | Jr. |
| RCB  | 44  | Darryl Latimore    | 5-11 | 175 | Sr. |
| SS   | 4   | Kenton Pickerson   | 6-2  | 175 | Sr. |
| FS   | 37  | Donnell Washington | 6-1  | 185 | So. |
| LB   | 50  | Mike Spencer       | 6-2  | 230 | So. |
| LB   | 41  | Mike Palmer        | 6-0  | 235 | Jr. |
| LB   | 45  | Emory Green        | 5-11 | 205 | Sr. |
| LE   | 48  | Jamell McWhorter   | 6-2  | 245 | Sr. |
| DT   | 81  | Justin Moore       | 6-4  | 260 | So. |
| DT   | 80  | Fred Harley        | 6-3  | 245 | Fr. |
| RE   | 88  | Jermaine Benoit    | 6-3  | 235 | So. |
| P    | 27  | Mark Butcher       | 6-2  | 195 | Sr. |