

NU golfers bounce back, win Colorado Invitational

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After a disappointing 14th place finish in the Dick McGuire Invitational on Saturday, the Nebraska women's golf team turned in one of its best performances of the season, winning the Colorado Invitational on Tuesday in Boulder, Colo.

The Huskers followed up their school-record 292 second-round performance on Monday with a 299 third round on Tuesday to shoot an 887 for the tournament. NU outdistanced second-place Missouri — a team that had beaten the Huskers in two previous tournaments this season — by 22 strokes to win the tournament.

"We returned the favor to Missouri," Nebraska coach Robin Krapfl said. "We knew we could beat them and win if the whole team played well."

After Nebraska shot a 939 at the Dick McGuire Invitational in Albuquerque, N.M., over the weekend, Krapfl said she wasn't sure how her team would respond with

only one day of rest before the Colorado Invitational.

"The girls were really disappointed in the way they played last week," Krapfl said. "We were really focused for this tournament. The girls really wanted to prove that what happened last week was not the way they normally played. We put a good showing on after a disappointing performance."

The Huskers were led by senior Shirin Hornecker, who shot a three-round total of 220 and finished tied for second place. Hornecker did not play the first day of the Dick McGuire Invitational because of illness.

But the Huskers also got strong performances from sophomore Hanne Nyquist and senior Rachelle Tacha, who both finished the Colorado Invitational tied for fourth with a score of 221. Gretchen Doerr shot a 225, and Susie Kiene, who played unattached, had her best tournament ever, finishing eighth overall with a 226.

The Huskers conclude their fall season next Monday and Tuesday at the Big 12 Preview Tournament.

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The Huskers should make a run at the national championship, Weston said.

"They have a lot more experience," Weston said. "They've got a good team and should get to the Final Four."

Nebraska outside hitter Lisa Reitsma, who practiced with the U.S. team this summer, finished the game against the national team with 11 kills. Sophomore Mandy Monson and junior Jaime Krondak also had 11

kills for the Huskers.

But Reitsma, who finished the night with a .000 hitting percentage, said she wasn't happy with her performance.

"I wasn't too uptight or nervous," Reitsma said. "I didn't play too well, just by looking at my hitting percentage. I probably didn't get up enough."

The match provided the Huskers with an opportunity to play with the best in the country, Reitsma said.

"We wanted to go into it and compete very well," Reitsma said. "I thought our blocking was amazing."

Undefeated OSU faces first real test vs. Texas

■ UT coach John Mackovic is wary of the Cowboys, who haven't been 4-0 since 1988.

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After one month of the season, early grades have been returned for most teams in the Big 12.

But the verdict is still out on Oklahoma State, which is 4-0 for the first time since 1988 when the Cowboys finished the season 10-2. However, the combined record of OSU's opponents this season is 1-15.

The Cowboys find out how good they are this Saturday when they play Texas in Stillwater, Okla. It will be Texas' first-ever game in Stillwater, and the first time the Longhorns have played in Oklahoma since Nov. 18, 1922.

"It's going to be a challenge for us this weekend," OSU coach Bob Simmons said. "We're looking forward to having them come to Lewis Field."

Last year, after starting the season 3-1, Oklahoma State went to Austin, Texas, and was dealt a 71-14 setback by the Longhorns. The Cowboys lost four of their last six games to finish the season at 5-6 and out of the bowl picture.

Simmons said the Cowboys need to improve on their performance from last season against UT if Oklahoma State is going to

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avoid the same end to the season. "Last year was a game we really didn't play well in, and we're hoping that's out of the kids' minds," Simmons said. "You have to look forward in what you're doing right now."

The key matchup in the game could be the Texas rushing offense against the Oklahoma State defense.

UT junior running back Ricky Williams is coming off the biggest game of his career against Rice in which he had 249 yards on 28 carries and scored five touchdowns. For the season Williams has 60 carries for 440 yards and eight touchdowns.

Simmons said Texas provides the most difficult rushing challenge the Cowboys have faced this season.

"This is our biggest test to date," Simmons said. "Ricky Williams is a back who has exceptional strength when he runs inside and great speed."

The Cowboys are second in the nation against the run, giving up only 48 yards per game, and are third in scoring defense. In the Cowboys 35-0 victory over Fresno State on Sept. 13, the Cowboys held Fresno to a negative 20 yards rushing.

Most of Oklahoma State's defensive success can be attributed to a switch to the 46 defense, which uses a different mix of blitzes and movements on the

defensive line to pressure the quarterback and skill players.

Texas coach John Mackovic said the Cowboys' defense is as good as any in college football.

"They have just dominated every offensive team they have played," Mackovic said. "Their defensive package has been as good as we've seen."

Offensively the Cowboys have used two quarterbacks this season — freshman Tony Lindsay and sophomore Chris Chaloupka. Against Fresno State the pair combined for a school-record five touchdowns; Chaloupka threw three, but Lindsay had a season-long 58-yard pass to junior wide receiver R.W. McQuarters.

Freshman tailback Jamal Fobbs leads the Cowboys rushing attack with 402 yards this season, averaging 100.5 yards a game.

"They do a lot of good things on offense and they don't make a lot of mistakes," Mackovic said. "We have to keep them out of the end zone."

Texas enters the game with a 2-1 record after rebounding from a 66-3 loss to UCLA in Austin on Sept. 13 to defeat Rice 38-31 on Saturday. The loss to UCLA was the worst loss by a top 25 team in the history of the Associated Press poll.

But Simmons said that loss doesn't mean much.

"They didn't have James Brown, and the game just got away from them," Simmons said. "They are not a team without talent."



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