

Difficult pin spots hinder golf teams

By **DARREN IVY**
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Nearly impossible pin placement at the Big 12 Women's Preview in Columbia, Mo., had many of the golf coaches seeing green Tuesday afternoon.

NU coach Robin Krapfl said Tuesday's round was a struggle for all the golfers because the pin placements were ridiculous.

Most of the holes were on the steepest parts of the greens, she said. "It was a difficult golf course anyway," Krapfl said. "The Missouri assistant coaches didn't need to do that. They placed the pins where the pros couldn't even have made shots."

NU's 323 was the fourth best score of the day, but the team finished in sixth place overall with a three-round score of 951. Oklahoma State won the tournament with a 921.



Krapfl

NU junior Gretchen Doerr shot a 77, which Krapfl said was one of the best scores of the third round. Doerr shot an 86 and 80 on Monday during the first two rounds to finish the tournament tied for 33rd.

Under the circumstances, Krapfl said the team played well on Tuesday. However, she was disappointed with its play on Monday. The Huskers had hoped to challenge for the title after shooting a school record 887 at the Colorado Invitational Sept. 29-30, but they never got going, Krapfl said.

"I don't know what went wrong," Krapfl said.

Senior Rachele Tacha continued her solid play, and led all Huskers with a 16th place finish at 236. Senior Shirin Hornecker and sophomore Hanne Nyquist finished in a tie for 25th with 239 strokes. Sophomore Susie Kiene rounded out the scoring for the Huskers with a 251 and a tie for 48th.

Krapfl said she didn't think her team's poor showing at the tournament would affect its winter practice.

"Hopefully by not playing well we will be more motivated to practice harder over the winter."

Wins built in first half

■ NU is outscoring foes 93-30 in the beginnings of its games this year.

By **SAM MCKEWIN**
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While the fourth quarter is considered by many coaches as the point where football games are won or lost, sometimes a game can be over early in the first half.

Nebraska has made a habit of posting big leads in the first quarter and never looking back. So far this season, NU has outscored its opponents 93-30 in the first half, 38-13 in the first quarter.

Nebraska coach Tom Osborne said a good start to the game is critical to the Huskers' success.

"You always want to come out and do something early in the first half," Osborne said. "We've always felt that big games are won in the fourth quarter, but you can't play well in the fourth quarter if you didn't play too well in the first three."

The Huskers' game against Washington serves as the best example so far this season of what early scores can do. Facing a hostile crowd and the then-second-ranked team in the country, NU quarterback Scott Frost scored two first-quarter touch-

The Score

The Nebraska Football team has controlled their first four games of the season by outscoring their opponents by a combined score of 63 points in the first half.

Team	1st Quarter	2nd Quarter	3rd Quarter	4th Quarter	Total
Nebraska	38 pts.	55 pts.	52 pts.	35 pts.	180 pts.
Opponents	13 pts.	17 pts.	20 pts.	28 pts.	78 pts.

downs as NU led 14-0 just 15 minutes into the game.

Nebraska added a touchdown in the second quarter and went on to win the game 27-14.

Junior I-back Ahman Green said the two quick scores deflated the Huskies for much of the game.

"It took the wind out of their sails," Green said. "You could see that they were a little frustrated early in that game. We lost a little of the momentum in the third quarter, but we got it back in the fourth."

The biggest moment in that game may have been before Nebraska's offense even touched the ball. Washington drove to the NU 16 on its initial drive of the game, but failed to convert on a third down and two and then missed a 33-yard field goal to come away with no points.

Junior Mike linebacker Jay Foreman said holding the Huskies on that drive was a key to the rest of the first quarter for the Huskers.

"It was big for us," Foreman said. "We let them down there with three offsides penalties and they still didn't score. I think it gave us a lot of confidence that we could stop Washington, especially when we eliminated the penalties."

The only game Nebraska hasn't led at halftime this season was Central Florida, where NU trailed UCF 17-14 at the break. While the Huskers went on to win 38-24, Osborne said the

first half hurt the Huskers.

"A lot of times, the first quarter is a sparring match," he said. "You try and figure out what the other team is going to give you and what you have to do to stop them. We probably gave Central Florida a little too much early in the game."

The same holds true for the Huskers last season. NU outscored opponents 251-69 in the first half, 82-29 in the first quarter. The only two games where NU was outscored in the first were against Arizona State (17-0) and Texas (20-17). Nebraska lost both, 19-0 to the Sundevis and 37-27 to Texas.

The Sun Devils jumped out to a 9-0 lead after only 4:22 had elapsed.

Green said that the two quick ASU scores gave the Huskers a wake-up call.

"We realized that we were in a tough ballgame, and we had to get our act together," Green said. "In that game, we were really never able to do that."

This season, Foreman said Nebraska has focused on the running game on both sides of the ball to establish the tone of the game.

"The running game is everything to us," Foreman said. "If we stop the run, then we make the other team one-dimensional. And if we run the ball, we can do what we want. The reason we score so much is we stop the run and run the ball."

Men's team avoids hazards for fourth

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Among a field of 18 teams, the Nebraska men's golf team put together its best three rounds of the season, finishing fourth at the Legends of Indiana Invitational in Indianapolis on Monday and Tuesday.

NU shot an 8-under-par 856 over the two days, which Coach Larry Romjue said was one of the best performances ever for an NU team. Still Nebraska was 11 strokes behind winner Miami of Ohio, which shot an 845. Kansas finished second with an 852, while Wichita State shot an 855 and came in third.

Despite a fourth-place tally, Romjue said he was impressed with how his team played.

"The course wasn't easy, so to have done as well as we did is a good thing," he said. "We played better than we have played this year, scorewise."

The Legends of Indiana Golf Course featured more than 10 lakes and 140 hazards on the par-72 layout, making it one of the harder courses the Huskers have played this year.

Romjue said the team was able to stay away from trouble for most of the tournament.

"We negotiated the course pretty well for never having played the course before," he said. "It was a course that presented many hazards, and when we got in them, it hurt us, but for the most part we stayed out of them."

Junior Steve Friesen, who finished in a tie for third overall, led the Huskers with his best three rounds of the year, shooting a 54-hole total of 208, including a 67 in the second round. Junior Jamie Rogers finished with a 215.

Friesen struggled in the first tour-

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LARRY ROMJUE
men's golf coach

namment of the year in Colorado, but has since rebounded. Much of the improvement can be attributed to Friesen's return to hitting a draw on the golf course as compared to trying to hit cuts and fades, Romjue said.

"Steve was experimenting a lot with his ball flight, and he was struggling a little with trying to cut the ball," Romjue said. "I told him to just go back to what he's comfortable with, which is a draw."

The tournament marks the second time this season the Huskers have finished outside the top three. While Romjue isn't completely satisfied with that statistic, he is happy with how well NU is scoring.

"We're shooting good scores right now," he said. "It's just a matter of looking at where your competition is and getting to the point where you're shooting better than they are."

Nebraska needs to continue to score, Romjue said, as the Huskers enter their toughest competition of the year in the Kroger Intercollegiate Invitational in Memphis, Tenn. Oct. 13 through Oct. 14. Five ranked teams will be at the tournament, including Auburn, Florida State and LSU.

"We're going to have to be on top of our game down there," he said. "If we play well, we'll be up there among the top five."

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