

Denver lineman to decide today

From Staff Reports

Tony Bedford, a 6-foot-4, 265-pound defensive lineman from Denver will decide today whether he will attend Nebraska or Florida State, Thomas Jefferson High School Coach Tim Cross, said.

Bedford had made a decision between the two schools earlier Sunday, Cross said, but rescinded.

Cross said he planned to discuss Bedford's future with him through the night Sunday and the two hoped to reach a decision by noon, today.

Bedford, who has only played two years of organized football, recorded 42 sacks and 53 quarterback pressures despite being triple-teamed every game, Cross said.

"He's a power player," Cross said, "but he also can speed rush."

Weekend Wrap-Up

Swimmers sweep

The seventh-ranked Nebraska women's swimming and diving team defeated Missouri 145-97 in Columbia, Mo., Saturday and finished the dual season undefeated at 7-0 overall and 4-0 in the Big 12 Conference.

The Cornhuskers won 10 of 13 events, placing first in six.

On the men's side, Nebraska (7-3 and 4-1) defeated Missouri 140-103.

The Huskers will now prepare for the Big 12 Conference Championships. The women's championships are Feb. 19-21 in Austin, Texas, and the men's championships are Feb. 26-28 in College Station, Texas.

Gymnasts score season high

Two weeks of intense practice helped the Nebraska women's gymnastics team record a season-high performance, defeating Missouri 194.6-190.125 Saturday night at the Bob Devaney Sports Center.

Prior to Saturday, NU's team high for the season was 191.00.

The Huskers were led by Heather Brink and Misty Oxford, who tied for the all-around title with a score of 39.225.

NU fell behind 48.2 to 48.05 after the first rotation, but made up for it on the uneven bars. Laura Ohlendorf and Oxford tied career bests, and Jess Swift had a career best as NU scored a 49.125 on that event.

Track teams win big

Nebraska track athletes set NCAA provisional marks this weekend as the Cornhusker track team had little trouble winning its first home triangular meet of the season at the

Bob Devaney Sports Center.

The Husker women outdistanced Minnesota 134-84½, followed by Kent State with 75 ½.

The Husker men also won handily with three athletes setting provisional marks.

Wrestlers fall to Cyclones

The fifth-ranked NU wrestling team fell to No. 9 Iowa State in a dual Sunday in Ames, Iowa.

The Cyclones, who improved to 7-7, downed the Cornhuskers 22-13. Nebraska fell to 7-5.

Second-ranked 126-pounder Dwight Hinson paced the Cyclones with a 6-3 decision over Jeramie Welder.

Nebraska winners included: Brad Canoyer at 134 pounds, Temoer Terry at 158 pounds, Brad Vering at 177 pounds, and Ryan Tobin at 190 pounds.

NU's errors clinch close win for KU

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Piatkowski 3-pointer. Kansas called a timeout on its next possession and set up the play that ultimately put the game away.

Guard Billy Thomas came around a screen and hit a fall-away, 23-foot 3-pointer with one second remaining on the shot clock to put KU up 70-65 with 2:27 remaining. NU got no closer than four points after that.

"We thought that Billy would get the ball," NU point guard Tyrone Lue said. "I was there. I just turned my head the wrong way, and he made it."

Nebraska failed to convert on its last four possessions of the game while Kansas padded the lead for the final 11-point margin.

After the game Nee said he knew his team had a chance to beat the Jayhawks for the first time in six tries and up its home record to 11-0, but missed opportunities.

"We made enough mistakes in the course of the game that you can't do," Nee said. "Any chance we had, it went down the drain with a couple of mistakes."

Besides Thomas's late 3-pointer, KU was paced most of the day by LaFrentz and Pierce. LaFrentz finished with 25 points and 13 rebounds, while Pierce had 27 and seven, respectively.

LaFrentz, a candidate for national player of the year, did most of his damage in the second half. He had 16 points, seven rebounds and was 5-6 from the free throw line in the final 20 minutes.

Kansas did the little things in the second half to pull out the win, LaFrentz said.

"We made enough plays to win the game," LaFrentz said. "We struggled offensively, but we found a way to win."

The game was close in the first half as NU's defense forced Kansas into 41 percent shooting and eight turnovers. KU led 36-31 at the half.

"We had a lot of defensive intensity in the first half," Hamilton said. "We kind of got fatigued in the second half, and we didn't play as well."

For the game, NU was led by Piatkowski with 18 points. Piatkowski was five of eight from 3-point range.

"It was just one of the days when you feel the hoop is a big can," Piatkowski said. "But I'd rather have the win than all the baskets."

Lue added 17 while Hamilton added 12 points and 14 rebounds.

Nebraska travels to Missouri, where the Tigers have yet to lose this season, Wednesday. NU then plays Kansas State at home next Saturday.

KU finishes strong to douse Husker fire

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pleased. I felt like I was begging them the whole game. We did some things that could help you lose, but again the two All-Americans were really big for us."

Pierce, a 6-foot-7 junior forward, moved into ninth place on KU's all-time scoring list with a 27-point performance. Meanwhile, LaFrentz pounded out 25 points and grabbed 13 rebounds.

Both made free throws down the stretch that thwarted any chances of a Husker comeback.

KU also was helped by Thomas, who finished with 10 points, including five in the last three minutes. Even though Thomas struggled, his teammates didn't lose faith in him.

"If we need a shot, I have all the confidence in the world in him," said LaFrentz.

Thomas and his teammates were cold from the perimeter, but kept shooting the 3-pointers. At halftime, the Jayhawks were three of 11 from 3-point range.

Williams said KU's quick shots coupled with NU's zone

defense took the Jayhawks out of sync in the first half.

"There for a while, Paul was our only offense," Williams said. "Their zone bothered us in the first half as we kept taking a quick 3-point shot and didn't get the ball inside and let Raef or T.J. (Pugh) touch the ball."

Coming into the game, the Jayhawks expected a battle from NU.

"We knew it would be a war," Pierce said.

Because the Jayhawks expected a tough game, Williams decided to play a zone defense to try to keep Robertson out of foul trouble. But it didn't work as Robertson picked up three first-half fouls.

Despite the fact that Robertson only played 24 minutes, he dished out a career-high 11 assists.

Although Williams was disappointed with the Jayhawks' performance, he was glad to win a close game on the road.

"We weren't really into it mentally, emotionally or whatever, but, yet if you can grind something out like that, I do feel it is important to you. Winning ugly helps you have a great season."

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