

Sports Opinion

Andrew Strnad Migration game choice lacks reason

In four years at Nebraska I've never had a problem with ASUN - until now.

Every football season, the Association of Students of the University of Nebraska is in charge of choosing the annual student migration game.

In years past the NU ticket office is gracious enough to reserve 500 tickets for student season-ticket holders who are interested in traveling to a Cornhusker road game.

Last year students were lucky enough to watch the Huskers whip up on Kansas in Lawrence, Kan. In 1994 and 1996, Manhattan, Kan., was the destination for the Husker students migration game.

Logic would suggest that the 1998 trip would be to Manhattan, right?

That would be too simple.

Instead, ASUN decided to choose the Oct. 3 Oklahoma State game at Arrowhead Stadium in Kansas City, Mo.

The reason: Instead of 500 tickets for students, the ticket office offered ASUN 1,000 tickets.

Sounds good, doesn't it?

Hey, that stingy ticket office over there by the stadium is finally listening to reason.

However, one has to be suspicious when an "evil empire" like the ticket office is nice to students.

For those of you who don't know, Arrowhead Stadium seats about 80,000 people.

According to a representative from the NU Ticket Office, the University was allotted 40,000 tickets.

As opposed to the usual road game allotment of 4,000 tickets for a game at, oh, let's say Kansas State.

So of course the ticket office has 1,000 tickets to spare.

I'm not an economics major, but it doesn't take Adam Smith to figure out that the demand for the OSU game will not match the supply.

Now which game would you rather go to?

How about both?

Kansas State is likely to be Nebraska's best road test of the season. They will be two ranked teams involved in a game in mid-November, with the winner likely to be North Division champions in the Big 12 Conference.

Oklahoma State might be a good game, and eating at Stroud's Fried Chicken is another incentive to go to Kansas City.

But any student and their roommate will be able to get a ticket to the game in Kansas City, while students will have to fight with scalpers if they want to see Kansas State.

Why?

Because donors get first crack at tickets, and 4,000 won't be enough to go around.

Way to go ASUN. Morons.

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NU SENIOR Jennifer Thoste is the "quiet leader" of the Husker women's tennis team. Thoste teams up with fellow German Sandra Noetzel in No. 1 doubles for Nebraska.

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German admires U.S. approach

BY JAY SAUNDERS
Assignment Reporter

For Jennifer Thoste, there is no place like home - but Nebraska is not a bad place to be.

Thoste, a senior on the Nebraska women's tennis team, has had to deal with a lot of changes since leaving home. She has had to deal with an entirely different country.

Thoste came to Nebraska from Hannover, Germany. Hannover is a far cry from Lincoln, but Thoste said she enjoys it here very much.

"It is a nice college," Thoste said. "It is good to play tennis on a team that is totally different from home."

When Thoste arrived in the United States four years ago, she did so with the intent of leaving after one

year and going back to Germany. Frauke Hachtmann, a member of the Husker tennis team at the time Thoste made her college decision, was a big reason Thoste came and stayed at NU.

When it came time for sophomore Sandra Noetzel, who is also from Hannover, to make a decision on where to attend school, Thoste convinced Noetzel to come to Nebraska. Now, the two are best friends and roommates.

"It is always nice to have your best friend on the team," Thoste said. "It helps a lot."

One person who was glad to see both Thoste and Noetzel come to NU was Husker Coach Scott Jacobson.

Jacobson said Thoste helps the Huskers in many ways - but you won't hear her say it.

"She is a quiet leader," Jacobson said, "not a rah-rah leader on the court. But when her mindset is that she is ready to play, she can do so at the highest level."

Thoste said there are a lot of striking differences in how tennis is approached in the United States compared to in Germany. The biggest difference could be the very ground Thoste stands on every day. In Germany, tennis usually is played on clay, which is a much slower surface than the American hardcourts.

If any tennis is played indoors in Germany, it is played on a carpeted surface comparable to Astroturf.

Thoste said in Germany, schools don't compete against each other. But despite the differences, Thoste said she isn't having a problem.

"For me," Thoste said, "making

the switch) wasn't too hard. At home, everyone is worried about ranking. Here, it doesn't really matter if you play No. 4 or No. 6. It is an interesting experience."

Thoste has dealt with the changes well enough to have a great deal of success at NU. Last season, she finished with a record of 15-11, primarily playing No. 4 for the Huskers.

She teamed with Noetzel at No. 1 doubles and had equal success. The duo finished 15-6 last year, and by the end of the season was ranked as high as 49th in the country. That was the highest of any Husker doubles team ever.

"(Thoste) is tremendously gifted," Jacobson said. "In doubles, you need to pick each other up on the court. They work well together."

NU 'D' set to defy Raiders Upset win would aid NU seed

■ Nee says the key to stopping Texas Tech's offense is shutting down the play of its guards.

BY SAM MCKEWON
Senior Reporter

Tonight's Nebraska-Texas Tech men's basketball game is a matchup of offense vs. defense.

The Cornhuskers are second in the Big 12 Conference in field goal percentage defense. The Red Raiders are one of the conference's best 3-point shooting teams.

NU allows its opponents 68.7 points per game. TTU averages 78.5 points per game.

Something has to give.

And if Nebraska Coach Danny Nee has his way, NU's stingy defense will win out in tonight's matchup at 7 in the Bob Devaney Sports Center.

"We're not playing that way," Nee said, referring to Texas Tech's high scoring, up-tempo style of play. "And

Men's Basketball Starters

Today, 7:05 p.m.
Bob Devaney Sports Center

Nebraska 17-10 (8-6)			
Pos.	Name	Ht.	Yr.
G	Tyronn Lue	6-3	Jr.
G	Cookie Belcher	6-3	So.
C	Vanson Hamilton	6-10	Jr.
F	Chad Johnson	6-6	Fr.
F	Larry Florence	6-5	Jr.

Texas Tech 13-11 (7-7)			
Pos.	Name	Ht.	Yr.
G	Cory Carr	6-7	Jr.
G	Rayford Young	5-11	So.
G	Stan Bonewitz	6-3	Jr.
C	Johnny Phillips	6-8	Fr.
F	Clint Owens	6-9	So.

you can call them up and tell them. It's my ball and my house."

Stopping TTU's high-octane offense could be one of Nebraska's

tougher assignments this season.

The Red Raiders feature a lineup and game plan that is different from most teams in the Big 12. Texas Tech starts three guards while their center Johnny Phillips stands only 6-foot-8.

Those three guards, Cory Carr, Rayford Young and Stan Bonewitz, are the lifeblood of the team. They account for 68 percent of the scoring and all but 10 of the 187 3-pointers made by the Red Raiders this season. Carr leads the league in scoring at 24.1 points per game.

Nee said the three guards will force NU to alter its defense and put more pressure on the perimeter.

"The trio of Young, Carr and Bonewitz are as good a threesome as there is in the league or anywhere in the country," Nee said. "We have to guard them straight, hard and smart."

Recent history would prove the Huskers can guard the perimeter. Opponents have connected on only 25 of 95 (26.3 percent) 3-point attempts in the past four games - all

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BY JAY SAUNDERS
Assignment Reporter

The No. 5 Texas Tech women's basketball team has all but clinched the Big 12 conference's regular season title. The No. 23 Nebraska Cornhuskers have reached what NU Coach Paul Sanderford said were "magic numbers" - 20 regular season wins and nine conference wins - to get into the NCAA Tournament.

But Sanderford said NU's game tonight at 7 in Lubbock, Texas, is important for more than a berth in the "big dance."

"I think we are in the (NCAA) tournament," Sanderford said. "But right now we are playing for our life in the Big 12. That makes every game important."

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