

Golf team ties for second

From Staff Reports

After holding a nine-stroke advantage through the first two rounds, the Nebraska men's golf team settled for a tie for second in the Louisiana Classics Tournament Tuesday.

Tulsa claimed first place in

the tournament with a score of 896 after shooting a 295 on Tuesday. Nebraska and Arkansas finished five strokes back at 901. The Cornhuskers shot a 311 Tuesday to lose their lead.

NU junior Jamie Rogers finished second among the individuals after shooting a 74 Tuesday to push his total to 219.

Husker Steve Friesen was the only other Nebraska golfer who finished in the top 10 with a 224. NU's Josh Madden shot a 228, Scott Gutshewski shot a 230 and Ryan Nietfeldt shot a 244.

The Huskers return to action Monday in the Cleveland Golf Collegiate in Aiken, S.C.

Lue, Hood meet again

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gious summer tournaments in Atlanta and Las Vegas and finish second in a Los Angeles tournament.

Lue said he and Hood were good friends in high school despite being opponents and still talk on the phone in college, although Lue said not as much this season and "certainly not before this game."

"When I go back to Kansas City, we hang out a lot together," Lue said. "He likes it where he is, and I like where I am."

Lue and Hood almost ended up in the same place. Lue said Hood wanted him to go to Arkansas so they could continue to be teammates.

But Nebraska already had heavily recruited Lue, and the recruitment of current Arkansas guard Kareem Reid left Lue heading to Lincoln.

"I thought about it for a second," Lue said, "but I didn't want to go to Arkansas."

"I asked Derek if he wanted to go to Nebraska and he said, 'Hell no, I'm not going to Nebraska.' So we didn't go to college together."

Highly touted coming out of high school, both players have taken different paths since reaching college. Lue is a first-team All Big 12 player, while Hood is a role player for the Razorbacks, averaging 8.5 points per game and 6.4 rebounds per game.

Lue said although Hood has not had the individual career Lue has had, Hood is pleased with his choice.

"He seems happy there," Lue said. "He went down there because they had won a national championship and he's part of a good team."

Arkansas helped set up a David and Goliath situation this season for the Huskers and Lue.

"I don't think too many people think we can win," Lue said, "mainly because of our history in the tournament."

Shot doctor helps Huskers improve

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Markowski said he knew of Johnson while he was in high school but didn't start working with him until last summer. Markowski enjoys spending time with Johnson because he wants to be a high school coach some day and because Johnson is a good friend.

"He is always the first person to call and congratulate you," Markowski said. "He is just a joy to talk with."

People who watch NU games probably don't see much change in

Markowski's shooting, but he said that is because he has struggled making the transition between practice and games.

"In practice, I make seven or eight out of 10," Markowski said. This slow improvement also frustrates Johnson.

"When I struggle, Jack struggles," Markowski said. "Hopefully, I will make the free throw that makes the difference Thursday."

The Huskers will face Arkansas Thursday at 9:20 p.m. in Boise, Idaho, in the first round of the NCAA Tournament.

Verzi serves as tennis team 'father'

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McDermott to move Verzi to No. 1 singles for five matches last season.

This season, Verzi started again at the No. 2 singles spot. After a 6-1 start to the season and an injury to senior Magnus Grahn, who started the season at No. 1 singles, Verzi stepped into the No. 1 spot again. Since taking over on Feb. 27, against Weber State, Verzi has gone undefeated in four matches.

"There's not a whole lot of difference between No. 1 and No. 2," McDermott said. "The big thing is he gets the experience of playing other teams' No. 1 players."

Singles isn't the only thing Verzi

has excelled at as a Husker. Since the fall season in 1996, Verzi has been paired with senior Markus Bergerheim in doubles. This year at No. 1 doubles, Verzi and Bergerheim have a 9-2 record.

Even though he has compiled a very successful record in both singles and doubles, Verzi said the team record is the most important. This season, for the first time since 1991, NU is ranked in the ITA Collegiate Tennis rankings. The Huskers are ranked 69th.

"Maybe (individual records) count to Coach," Verzi said, "but the team record is what really counts. If the team keeps playing like this, maybe we will qualify for nationals."

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