

Evans gets full-contact practice

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The offense struck back Wednesday in the second half-scrimmage of spring practice for the Nebraska football team.

After looking rusty in last Saturday's first offense vs. defense session, NU Coach Frank Solich said the offense looked better in a 2-hour, 10-minute workout on a rainy Memorial Stadium field.

"The offense certainly moved the ball much better today than Saturday," Solich said. "There were some balls on the ground out there, which we don't want, but some of that can be attributed to the rain."

Solich said starting offensive possessions 40 yards from the end zone helped the offense generate yards in the 30 snaps taken, as did a Cornhusker defense not quite at the top of its game.

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"I've seen the defense sharper and crisper before," Solich said. "But they show the capabilities to be an excellent group."

Wednesday marked the first full-contact play for sophomore I-back DeAngelo Evans in more than a year. Evans, who sat out last season with a pelvic injury, said he felt "no pain at all" — although his acceleration was not where he wanted it to be.

Evans, who was tackled for the first time Wednesday since the 1996 Big 12 Championship game, said he welcomed the return to full contact.

"Once I got out there it felt like I hadn't missed a beat," Evans said.

Solich said Evans was limited to only six snaps in the scrimmage. But Evans, who said he carried the ball twice for around 7 yards total, said he was lobbying for more carries.

"He wants more snaps because he's feeling good," Solich said. "We're going to keep him to limited snaps this spring, so he can continue to get better over the summer."

Another development Wednesday seemed to mark the start of a two-man race for the quarterback position. Only junior Frankie London and sophomore Bobby Newcombe worked with the top offensive unit, with both splitting the snaps.

While Solich still called the quarterback race open, he did acknowledge that London and Newcombe both have big-play capability.

"And they can both throw the ball," Solich said. "We have to look at the tape today and then combine that on Saturday and see if we have to make a change."

Nebraska will have first full scrimmage Saturday.

Seven recruits sign with Nebraska men's track team

From Staff Reports

Seven recruits signed letters of intent Wednesday to join the Nebraska men's track and field team.

"We are very pleased with the young men who have signed with the Husker program," NU Coach Gary Pepin said. "We feel we have recruited a very talented class with outstanding athletic ability."

The recruits include: Shaun Kologinczak, a high jumper from

Spring, Texas; Jeff Barber, a long jumper from Diller; Sheldon Hutchinson, a triple jumper from Gaithersburg, Md.; Casey Thom, a high jumper from Hastings; Tony Smith, a middle-distance runner from Moscow, Idaho; Ronnie Unberhagen, a middle-distance runner from Little River, Texas; and Phil Leuking, a discus thrower from Oxford.

The Nebraska men's team won the 1998 Big 12 Indoor Championships in February.

NU golfers finish 8th at Utah

From Staff Reports

Facing 30 mph winds, rain and hail, the Nebraska women's golf team battled back from 16th place Tuesday to finish eighth at the Utah Dixie Classic in St. George, Utah.

Senior Rachele Tacha led the Cornhuskers shooting a 70 in the final day of competition to finish in ninth place individually with a 150.

"I think we played well as a team during the last rounds of the tournament," NU Coach Robin Krapfl said. "We had to battle adverse weather conditions, and we still remained focused and determined. We really looked good out there."

Osborne signs consulting deal with Cabela's

SIDNEY (AP) — Former Nebraska Football Coach Tom Osborne has signed a consulting and endorsement deal with Cabela's, the outdoor sporting goods company in Sidney.

Osborne, an avid fisherman and hunter, will serve as a spokesman for Cabela's products and make appearances for the company.

Terms of the deal, which was announced Wednesday, were not disclosed. Cabela's sends out 55 million catalogs a year.

'Miss Basketball' becomes second signee for Huskers

From Staff Reports

The Nebraska women's basketball team signed its second recruit of the 1998 recruiting class, picking up South Sioux City guard/forward Candace Blackbird.

Blackbird, who won four Class B state basketball championships with the Cardinals, was named Nebraska's Miss Basketball after averaging 17.3 points, 5.4 assists and 3.8 rebounds last season.

NU Coach Paul Sanderford said Blackbird is a prize recruit for the program.

"We think Candace is the best player in the state of Nebraska," Sanderford said. "We are pleased that we have started the tradition

of keeping the best players from the state home at the University of Nebraska."

Blackbird, who received attention from Arizona and Iowa State, said she never considered any other teams besides the Cornhuskers.

"I'm real excited," Blackbird said. "I can't wait to play for the Huskers."

Blackbird joins 5-foot-6 guard Karen Muller of Arapahoe High School in Littleton, Colo., as one of the first recruits under Sanderford. Muller, who signed in November, is from the same high school as former Nebraska women's soccer standout Kari Uppinghouse.

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