

NU out-hits Oregon, Ohio, racks up wins

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Another weekend tournament, another clean sweep.

The Nebraska volleyball team made quick work of Oregon State on Friday and Ohio State on Saturday to win the Ohio State Tournament at St. John Arena in Columbus, Ohio.

It was the second tournament win in as many weeks as the fourth-ranked Cornhuskers moved to 6-0 on the year.

On Friday the Huskers dropped the Beavers 15-3, 15-9, 15-10 as NU hit a red hot .382.

"We really caught them off-guard in the first game," NU Head Coach Terry Pettit said. "I thought we were much more organized. Overall, I thought we were alert and quick to the ball."

Senior middle blocker Megan Korver led the team with 12 kills in the match, and sophomore outside hitter Angie Oxley added 10 kills.

Saturday night was a night to share the wealth of the Huskers as they swept the Buckeyes, 15-8, 15-3, 15-10.

The team hit over .300 for the fifth time in six matches as four players had at least six kills.

Junior middle blocker Tonia Tauke amassed 8 kills while hitting a stratospheric .636 against the 14th ranked Buckeyes.

It was the third time this season, the Huskers defeated a ranked team. (Stanford and San Diego are the other two.)

According to Tauke, Saturday's win came much easier than some would expect.

"Beating somebody in three (games), you can tell who the better team is, five games is pretty even," Tauke said. "We were waiting for their strong attack, but we really didn't have a problem with it."

Senior setter Fiona Nepo also expected a bigger test from the Big Ten Buckeyes, but wasn't sur-



Tauke

No. 4 Nebraska (6-0)	15	15	15
No. 14 Ohio St. (4-2)	8	3	10
Kills:	Nebraska 38 (Tauke 8)		
	Ohio St. 46 (Stearns, Flynn 15)		
Ht %:	Nebraska .337		
	Ohio St. .117		

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prised the Huskers were able to sweep OSU.

"They looked pretty good on film against Florida," Nepo said. "But we're playing tough competition, and we know we are going to be good."

Nepo and Tauke credited the wealth of offensive weapons as reason for the Huskers' strong start.

With junior Mandy Monson nursing a sore knee and senior Jaime Krondak slowly recovering from a foot sprain, the Huskers have found new ways to make big plays offensively.

"When teams focus on one person that just leaves somebody else open," Tauke said.

"It's really easy for me when we have four or five attackers," Nepo said. "All I do is put up the ball."

NU will need another strong performance from its corps this weekend for the US Bank Tournament.

At this year's tournament the Huskers will play host to 11th ranked Florida, 17th ranked Loyola Marymount and Wyoming.

The tournament begins Friday night at the NU Coliseum at 5 p.m. beginning with a match between Wyoming and Florida, to be followed by Nebraska and LMU.

Blackshirts shine in California-Nebraska match-up

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quarter. A Vedder pass to Dameane Douglas from the Bears' 23-yard line fell incomplete on Cal's first play of the series.

Vedder connected with White for 9 yards to set up third-and-one. But Cal failed to convert when Kelsay blasted through the line of scrimmage and stopped Mike Fields from rushing up the middle.

Nebraska did not allow California to reach NU territory the rest of the game.

"We faced plays like that all day today," Kelsay said of the third-down stop. "Those are the kinds of plays that we haven't been stopping so far this year, but things are starting to fall into place for us now."

"I think stopping them and holding them to points - especially after some of the things we haven't done

this season - is a big confidence booster for us."

NU Coach Frank Solich praised Nebraska's defense, which held the Bears to 236 yards.

"I thought there were a lot of opportunities for both teams to make something happen that could change the outcome of the game," Solich said. "Both defensive units played outstanding, and I think our defense was the difference in the game."

Vedder's second-longest pass of the day helped produce Cal's only score. Vedder - who completed 14 of 32 attempts for 224 yards and two scores - hit Douglas with a 40-yard strike for a first down at the Nebraska 25. But the Bears could not take advantage, settling for a 38-yard field goal with 6:42 remaining in the third quarter.

The following series, third-string quarterback Monte Christo entered

the game when a strained hamstring began to limit No. 2 quarterback Eric Crouch, who started in place of the injured Bobby Newcombe.

Christo, a fifth-year senior who has enjoyed little playing time throughout his career, completed 9 of 12 passes for 106 yards and a touchdown.

The Kearney native closed the door on Cal with 3:54 remaining in the game when he hit Shevin Wiggins with a 5-yard touchdown pass that capped a 70-yard scoring drive and gave NU a commanding 21-3 lead.

"Eric played as hard as he could for as long as he could," Christo said. "I was ready. After all the things I have been through (with injuries), it was nice."

NU center Josh Heskew praised Christo and the Huskers' injury-riddled offense.

"We had a gut-check today com-

ing into the fourth quarter at 14-3," Heskew said. "And I think we responded by coming down the field and putting it in our end zone."

The Huskers scored for the final time on a 41-yard field goal by Kris Brown.

"We came out hard and initially put some points on the board," Solich said. "I thought it might get to the point where we would move the ball well enough to have a chance to take over the game. But Cal came back and played hard."

Nebraska struck on its first series of the game. Correll Buckhalter rushed for 4 yards on a draw play before Crouch ran up the left side of the field for 9 yards and a first down.

After runs of 18 and 6 yards by Joel Makovicka, Buckhalter took a pitch from Crouch 29 yards, setting up a 1-yard touchdown run by Crouch that capped a 67-yard scoring

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drive. Crouch scored again with 9:55 remaining in the second half on a 3-yard run.

"To me and the players, 3-0 sounds really good right now," Solich said. "We're banged up, there's no doubt about it. But the players responded well and this will provide us with depth and make us stronger in the weeks to come."

Friesen takes golf title

From staff reports

In its first tournament of the fall season, the Nebraska men's golf team placed third Sunday in the Falcon-Cross Creek Invitational at the United States Air Force Academy, Colo. The Cornhuskers finished with a five-under-par 859 (291-285-283).

NU senior Steve Friesen captured the tournament title in the field of 120 golfers. Friesen

fired a seven-under-par 209 (71-67-71) to beat California's Han Lee by two strokes. The win gives Friesen his third tournament victory of his collegiate career.

Josh Madden finished next for the Huskers in a tie for fifth with a two-under-par 214 (73-74-67). Madden shot a 67 Sunday, just one off his career-best score.

NU's next tournament is the Kansas Invitational Sept. 21-22 in Lawrence.

NU achieves wins over Stanford, Clemson despite several injuries

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back and played all 90 minutes. She stopped all four Stanford shots on goal, which gave NU its first shutout of the season.

LeBlanc's return moved Anderson back to her midfield position, but she continued to grab the attention. Anderson assisted the Huskers' final two goals.

The first goal came from Engesser on a penalty kick in the 27th minute. The Huskers scored two second-half goals, closing the door on a Cardinal comeback.

Stanford Coach Steve Swanson said the penalty kick swayed the momentum in Nebraska's favor.

"Giving up the penalty was unfortunate," Swanson said. "That one gave them some con-

fidence. I think things would have been a little different if we would have gone in 0-0 at half-time."

Both wins were considered upsets according to the NSCAA/Umbro Top 25, but Walker said he doesn't think much of the polls; only of how the Huskers perform on the field.

"I don't pay any attention to the polls," Walker said. "That means absolutely nothing to me."

Gay, who scored Nebraska's second goal against Stanford, said the team tries not to look too much at the rankings. But the upsets were a nice way to redeem last weekend's loss.

"It is good to bounce back after losing last Friday," Gay said. "It feels good to come into our own tournament and beat two top 25 teams."

Full squad revives the Huskers

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season.

Husker Coach John Walker said having the players back on the field increased the level of play throughout the entire team.

"The team is experienced, and was more confident coming in the week," Walker said. "We were winning tackles, finishing better, and the intensity level was raised."

With the Canadian National team players now back with the Huskers, and Eddleman back from injury, Nebraska wanted to show the nation that the Huskers are not to be regarded lightly.

"We were not here for the loss, but the loss was real disappointing for the entire team," Walsh said. "Clemson was a must-win for us, and now we can go from here and more on with the season."

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