

No. 3 NU rebounds with victory

From staff reports

After earning a No. 3 ranking Wednesday for the first time since 1996, the Nebraska wrestling team recorded its 17th win of the season by defeating Missouri 23-15 in its final dual of the year.

The win gives the Cornhuskers, who wrestled at Columbia, Mo., without three of their starters, a 17-6 overall record for the season — NU's most duals wins since 1994-95.

Nebraska 125-pounder Paul Gomez led the Huskers against the

Nebraska 23
Missouri 15

Tigers when he pinned Jake Lapinski in 5:48.

Freshmen Joe Henson and Bryan Snyder started the dual with two wins, putting NU ahead 6-0. Seventh-ranked Henson scored an 8-2 decision over No. 18 Jeff Urban at 149 pounds. At 157, Snyder defeated Matt Webster 16-9.

Brad Vering and Scott Munson earned 11-3 major decisions over their respective opponents at 184 and 197

pounds. Vering, who was selected as the Big 12 wrestler of the week after beating top-ranked Brandon Eggum of Minnesota on Sunday, beat Jason Moore, while No. 12 Munson defeated Kevin Herron.

At 133, Todd Beckerman recorded another NU victory with a 12-5 decision over Mark Bader.

Regular starters Jose DeAnda (141), Josh Henson (165) and J.R. Plenis (HWT) did not compete Wednesday to rest for the Big 12 Tournament and the NCAA Championships in March.

Adkins' late 3-pointer sinks Nebraska's hopes

BY DARREN IVY
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Just when it looked liked Oklahoma State was on its way to self-destructing and losing its fourth-straight game, junior guard Joe Adkins came to the rescue.

With one second remaining on the shot clock, 6-foot-10 Venson Hamilton running at him and the Cowboys leading 62-58, Adkins launched a fade-away 23-foot jumper. Nothing but net.

"That (shot) was more luck than anything," said Adkins, who scored 11 points. "The clock was running down and I couldn't do anything else. I was just trying to get it over and get it on the rim to give us a chance to rebound. Luckily, it fell."

The 6-foot-2 Adkins held his hand in the air and did a little dance back up the court as many of the 13,146 fans at the Bob Devaney Sports Center went scurrying for the gates.

Two minutes and 40 seconds remained in the game, but that shot took the wind out of Nebraska's sails and rejuvenated the Cowboys (17-8 and 8-5 in the Big 12 Conference).

"If we were going to lose, they were going to beat us," said Adrian Peterson, who scored a game-high 21

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ADRIAN PETERSON
Oklahoma State guard

points, 16 coming in the second half. "We weren't going to beat ourselves. When it got down to four points, we got together and said, 'Look, we aren't leaving here without a victory.'"

To gain the victory, OSU Coach Eddie Sutton said his team executed the offensive game plan quite well.

That plan called for shutting off NU's transition baskets, slowing down the tempo and limiting second-chance points.

To accomplish those goals, OSU sent only two guys to the boards, while sending three back. It also packed in a zone and shaded NU's 3-point shooters.

"Nebraska is really a good basketball team, but I thought we got them out of sync with slowing the tempo of the game down," Sutton said. "It was a must-win for us if we were to get back into the (race)."

Husker women seek repeat for swimming title

BY BRANDON SCHULTE
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In swimming, where the overall win-loss record doesn't matter, the real season starts this weekend as the eighth-ranked Nebraska women's swimming and diving teams compete at the Big 12 Conference Championships.

The three-day competition will be hosted by Texas at the Jamail Swimming and Diving Center. The Huskers will attempt to bring back their third consecutive title.

The Huskers will be led by their returning four Big 12 champions from last year.

Shandra Johnson, who was the Big 12 newcomer of the year last year, won and will compete in the 200- and 500-yard freestyle events as well as the 200-yard backstroke this weekend.

Destiny Lauren returns to defend her two-time 200-yard butterfly conference titles. While Helene Muller and Laura Simon both try to regain their 1997 form in which Muller won the 50- and 100-yard freestyle events and Simon won the 400-yard individual medley.

NU's top diver, Amanda Zins, is injured, but should dive Sophomore Molly McDonald and freshman Tamara Bernth have stepped up in her stead if Zins is unable to dive.

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