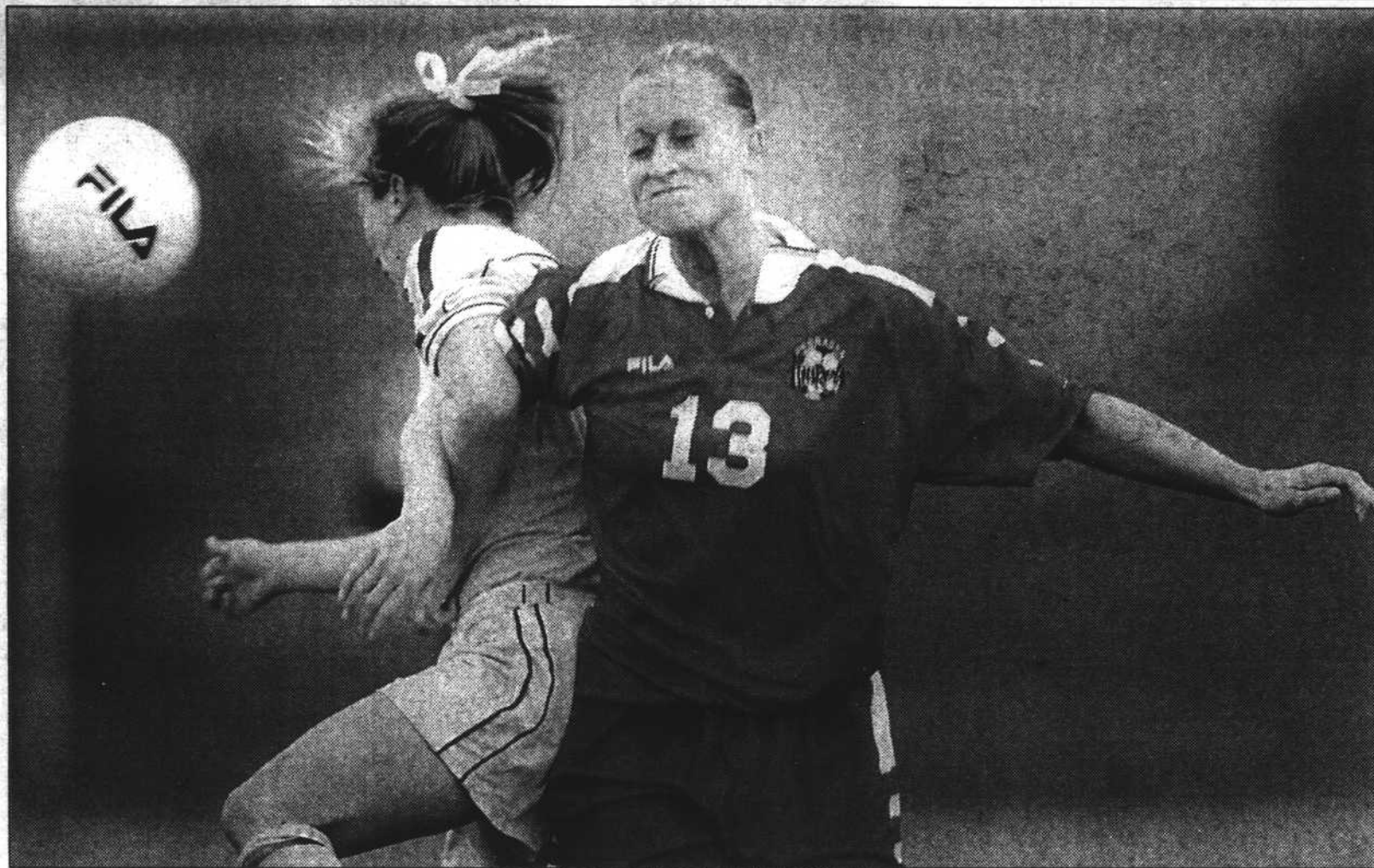


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LINDSAY EDDLEMAN, right, tangles with Baylor's Rachel Kacsmaryk as they fight for a header in NU's 3-0 win Sunday over the Bears. Eddleman scored two goals for Nebraska and had an assist in the Huskers' 1-0 win over Texas Tech on Friday.

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Walker happy with effort over Baylor

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Following Sunday's game against No. 17 Baylor, Nebraska Soccer Coach John Walker said he was pleased with his team's performance.

The same could not be said of Friday night's 1-0 win over unranked Texas Tech. Following the game, Walker said he was disappointed with eighth-ranked Nebraska's effort.

But two days later against Baylor, NU came out aggressively and attacked from the start en route to a 3-0 victory.

The Huskers (2-0) claimed revenge on the Bears (1-1) for a late-season loss that allowed BU to steal the top seed at the Big 12 conference tournament from NU last year.

Both teams knew the importance of the early-

season contest.

"You play them often - more than once in a year. All the games are big games," Walker said. "We understand the ramifications if we beat Baylor, and they do, too. You have that familiarity that gives the game a little bit of an edge."

That edge came in the form of physical play as the teams combined for 29 fouls and three cautions.

NU was able to break through for its first goal as Lauren Tatum drew a foul to set up a direct kick at the edge of the box in the 36th minute.



Walker

Meghan Anderson promptly swerved a left-

Soccer Score

Baylor	0
Nebraska	3



footed free kick over a three-person wall from 20 yards out, which beat Bear keeper Dawn Greathouse.

Greathouse faced 27 Husker shots, with 16 of them on goal. She also was knocked to the turf on two occasions. One drew a yellow card on NU's Kori Saunders, and the other drew the ire of Bear Coach Nick Cowell toward the referee and the Nebraska bench.

"I don't have a problem with people going for 50/50 balls," Cowell said about the incidents. "I have a problem when people go in with their cleats up or go in when the keeper already has the ball and is standing up. I just think that's John's Canadian

hockey skills coming out."

With 15 minutes left in the game, Baylor pushed forward an extra attacker to get an equalizer. The strategy backfired as striker Lindsay Eddleman picked the Bears apart for two goals.

First, she flicked a corner kick by Jenny Benson into the net, past Greathouse, at the 77 minute mark. Three minutes later, she received a long through pass and patiently waited for Greathouse to come off her line as she took on three defenders. Eddleman then slotted the ball to the far post for the final goal.

"I love scoring goals like that," Eddleman said. "I love it when I have three people on me and all I'm trying to do is sacrifice my foot to get the ball in the goal. When you work hard for a goal, that's when it feels better."

Nebraska will face Oral Roberts on Friday at the Abbott Sports Complex.

Solich satisfied with NU's final pre-Iowa scrimmage

BY SAMUEL MCKEON
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Clearly, Frank Solich wasn't expecting perfection from the Nebraska football team in its final scrimmage of the fall before playing Iowa on Saturday.

But the NU head coach did expect execution, and he got enough from both sides of the ball to consider Friday's near-three-hour workout a success.

"We held up pretty good," Solich said. "We've got to refine a lot of areas. We have a week left to do that before the first game, but I thought there was a lot of encouraging things out there."

Among them was the Cornhusker offense, which operated against the scout team defense. Both Bobby Newcombe and Eric Crouch had solid moments, but after the scrimmage Solich said the No. 1 quarterback slot was too close to call.

However, Solich said Saturday that he did decide on a starting quarterback, which he will announce to the

Awaiting Iowa 5 days

public sometime today.

In the scrimmage, Crouch rushed five times for 22 yards, while Newcombe had three carries for -4 yards. Both completed half of their passes, Crouch hitting 4-of-8 for 51 yards, Newcombe completing 2-of-4 for 65 yards.

Solich also made a decision regarding the No. 1 I-back slot Saturday - between DeAngelo Evans and Dan Alexander. Both looked good Friday as Evans saw his most extensive work since playing against Texas A&M last fall. Evans rambled 87 yards on 10 carries, with two touchdowns.

Alexander again displayed speed and elusiveness in a scrimmage, getting 103 yards on only six carries. The highlight was a 51-yard touchdown run in which the junior took the ball from Newcombe and raced down the left sideline, outrunning most of the defense.

"The whole week had been really hard on me," Alexander said. "But I really had a good day. I really felt like I went out there and was able to focus. That's what I really need."

The defense tuned up for the first game with a spirited performance, as Loran Kaiser, Jamie Burrow and Carlos Polk each had six tackles. The scout team offense scored only once, and that came when they were allowed to start at their own 15-yard line.

There's not much left in terms of preparation for Iowa, said senior Will linebacker Eric Johnson.

"We're going to take another week and get the little kinks out - and then we'll be right where we want to be," Johnson said. "Just better alignments, better steps and a lot less mental mistakes."

The return teams experienced their share of ups and downs - the high coming with Keyour Craver's 85-yard punt return. The kickoff-return team, however, had a few low moments, as one kickoff was fumbled and another return got no farther than the 10-yard line.

Huskers choose their captains for '99 season

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On Friday morning, Nebraska chose its four team captains.

Mike Brown and Ralph Brown represent the defense, while Adam Julch and T.J. DeBates lead the offense.

The picks of Mike and Ralph Brown were called "givens" by quarterback Eric Crouch.

"They both provide great leadership, and in my eyes they deserved it," Crouch said. "T.J. is a good choice because he has consistently gotten better and worked hard to get there. Adam has overcome many injuries and showed throughout his career he is not a quitter."

The added responsibilities of captain will force some of the players to become more vocal in their approach to the game.

"In the past, I have led by example mostly," DeBates said. "Now I

have to add a little more gusto in what I bring to the game."

Mike Brown was the consensus "talker" among the four.

"Mike is very vocal and aggressive," Ralph Brown said. "He would do anything for anybody, and people on this team know that."

All four have shown they have earned the respect of their teammates and coaches.

"Captains should be hard workers that can keep up emotion for four quarters," Mike Brown said. "The players want to be like the captains, and all of them strive to get to this spot that we are in now."

If there was one surprise in the selections, it was offensive lineman Adam Julch. As the leader of the offensive line, his role has heightened with the loss of Jason Schwab for the season.

"I was surprised, but I am not going to change the way I go about things," Julch said. "I am who I am. I am a little fiery, but I am no Christian Peter."