

Nebraska wins fourth straight; takes tourney

BY MONIQUE WALKER
Special to the Daily Nebraskan

GAINESVILLE, Fla. — Following two consecutive losses to open its season, third-ranked Nebraska has had no trouble turning things around.

With their fourth-consecutive win, the Cornhuskers won the SunTrust Invitational this weekend with an 18-16, 9-15, 15-6, 15-6 victory over Florida.

The Huskers (4-2) also defeated Iowa and Western Michigan in the tournament at the Stephen C. O'Connell Center. The wins reassured NU Coach Terry Pettit of the Huskers' potential this season, he said.

"This was an important weekend for us because it tells us that we don't need to wait until next year to compete," Pettit said.

After the Huskers lost to top-ranked Penn State and No. 6 Pacific in the State Farm Classic on Aug. 27-28, Pettit said the Huskers needed a confidence booster.

NU's test came against the eighth-ranked Gators on Sunday, after the Huskers moved past Iowa and Western Michigan earlier in the weekend. While the Husker's first two matches lasted less than an hour and 10 minutes each, game one alone against Florida took 41 minutes. The win changed the momentum for the Huskers.

"For us to win game one was a confidence-booster," junior right-side hitter Nancy Meendering said. "We were really fired up to play this match, and I think that just added to it and fueled the fire."

Nebraska	18	9	15	15
Florida	16	15	6	6

Meendering, who was named the tournament's most valuable player, was held to a .099 hitting percentage in the match but contributed 19 kills and 14 digs. Junior outside hitter Angie Oxley led the team with a .273 hitting percentage, followed by Jenny Kropp's .269.

"Jenny Kropp really did a nice job," Pettit said. "A lot of the time that she was up there — when Florida had their strong attackers up — she stayed strong and organized."

UF's primary attacker, All-American Jenny Manz, was held to a .114 hitting percentage and six kills by the end of the match, while the Gators hit just .069.

"Nebraska's ability to block and serve well were the differences in this match," UF Coach Mary Wise said. "We played very hard in-game one and used a whole lot of energy in game two. I think our lack of depth was a factor, but not nearly as much of a factor as Nebraska's ability to block and take away shots."

"If you would have told me that Nancy Meendering would hit less than 20 kills and under .100, I would think we would have had a chance."

The Huskers had little trouble against Iowa and Western Michigan on Saturday. The Huskers defeated Western Michigan 15-3, 15-7, 15-13 and returned to beat Iowa later 15-10, 15-3, 15-3. Against Iowa, Meendering posted her best numbers of the tournament with 13 kills and a .478 hitting percentage.

Barnett: CU players miss rival importance

BY JOSHUA CAMENZIND
Staff writer

Colorado football was ugly before, during and after its 41-14 loss at the hands of Colorado State.

At least that's the way first-year Colorado Coach Gary Barnett saw it Monday as he spoke on the Big 12 Coaches' Teleconference.

Before the Buffaloes ever boarded the bus to head down Highway 36 toward Denver, trouble was brewing.

In the week leading up to the game, quarterback Mike Moschetti made a comment that proved to be locker room material for Colorado State.

Moschetti stated on a television show that CSU was not a rival of the Buffaloes. Barnett said he took this to mean that it did not matter who the Buffaloes played — they would play hard no matter what.

Later, Barnett admitted he should have taken Moschetti's comments as a warning that his team did not understand the rivalry.

"We did not play emotionally at all Saturday night," Barnett said. "We were prepared to play, just not prepared to play Colorado State."

Barnett said that the issue of the rivalry must be built up every year at CU.

"The in-state rivalry has to be created every year for our team," Barnett said. "I probably did not do a good job of letting our players know it was a rivalry. I should have done a better job convincing our players of what a big deal this is."

Last year, the Buffaloes beat the Rams 42-14 at Mile High Stadium. The

players at CU were motivated by comments made by CSU last year.

"CSU called them out last year," Barnett said. "They needed that in order to play well."

CU's attitude toward the game resembled the on-field debacle that occurred.

The Buffaloes were hurt by poor quarterback play and an unsteady offensive line. Moschetti and Adam Bledsoe were sacked a CU-record nine times and were involved in six turnovers.

"We ran the ball effectively well while we could," Barnett said. "But we had to throw the ball 45-50 times, and that just is not our game right now."

CU's defense could not contain Kevin McDougal, who ran for 190 yards and two touchdowns.

"We did not tackle well," Barnett said. "But we have not tackled well since I have been here."

As much as the final score and the miscues of his team hurt, the end of the game was also unsettling for Barnett.

Colorado State students tried to rush the field and tear down the goal posts in celebration of the team's victory. Police would not allow them to get to the field, and this caused some fans to start heaving material toward the police and Colorado players leaving the field.

The Denver police then fired back with tear gas and pepper spray that was shot into the stands in order to control the crowd.

"What took place after the game, none of us are happy about," Barnett said. "But that is somebody else's issue, not mine. I will let that play out between administrators and schools. We just have to get back and regroup and get ready to play San Jose State."

Women's cross country team claims Bearcat title

BY JASON MERRIHEW
Staff writer

The Nebraska women's cross country team won the 4,000-meter event at the Bearcat Distance Classic, while the men earned second place in the 6,000-meter event in Maryville, Mo., last weekend.

The team took the event easily, with a low score of 20 points — 24 points lower than runner up Creighton's 44

points. Host team Northwest Missouri State placed third with 60 points.

The Cornhusker women boasted the top four finishers.

Junior Jaimie Kruger placed first with a time of 15:16. Jenna Lucas came in second with a time of 15:34. Kathryn Handrup placed third with a 15:46, and Deb Osteen took fourth with a 16:00.

Northwest Missouri State won the men's competition with a low score of 29 points. The Cornhuskers came in second with 36 points, while Creighton

finished third with 70 points.

Sophomore Bryce Good of Northwest Missouri State won the competition with a time of 20:26.

Nebraska was led by the fourth-place showing of freshman Mike Kamm (20:48). James DeBruhl finished closely behind Kamm with a 20:56, fifth-place run.

The Cornhuskers will next be in action 10 a.m. Sept. 18 at the Woody Grenno/Nebraska Invitational at Pioneers Park.

College life got you

STRESSED?

Talk with us. We can help.

Stress Management & Biofeedback Clinic
Call Mary for an appointment at 472-7450

Sponsored by:



Students with Children Support Group

Weekly on Wednesdays, beginning Sept. 8

12:30 - 1:30 p.m.

Women's Center, Nebraska Union 338

Call Gail at 472-7450

Relaxation Hour

Weekly on Tuesdays, Sept. 7 - Dec. 14

12:10 - 12:45 p.m.

University Health Center Room 43

No registration required!

Call 472-7450 for more information.



EARN \$570 IN 2 WEEKENDS

MAKE A DIFFERENCE BY ASSISTING MEDICAL RESEARCH

You can be part of a medical research study at MDS Harris and earn **\$570 IN 2 WEEKENDS**. By participating, you can help improve the quality of life for people around the world. If you meet the criteria below, call us at **474-PAYS** to learn more.

- men
- 19 to 45 years old
- smokers and nonsmokers
- availability: two weekends plus returns

Harris testing pays. Call **474-PAYS** today!

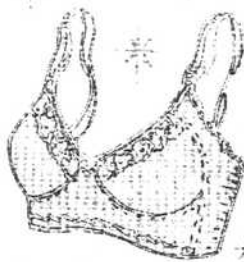
MDS Harris

Together, We're Making Lives Better

621 Rose Street, Lincoln
www.mdsharris.com/rcrt/recruit.htm

Something For Everyone

collegestudent.com.
your local online campus community



Free Personals



Free Web Page Builder

Free Classifieds



Free E-Mail

collegestudent.com.
your local online campus community