

## NU works to find rhythm

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that's indicative of what we're going to continue doing."

Freshman Lindsay Wischmeier also liked what she saw from her setting position.

"Everyone is feeling it clicking now, and we are developing a rhythm," Wischmeier said.

One player who did struggle in the third set was senior Tonia Tauke, who came off the bench to replace

rotating players Amber Holmquist and Jenny Kropp and provide a spark.

"Tonia didn't play well off the bench," Pettit said. "She has practiced well, though, and if you practice well, you will continue to get your opportunities."

The coaches and players credited successful play to solid practices.

"Our practices have been good," Meendering said, "and it's showing in the games."

## CU errors lead to Husker win

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block."

The third game turned the tables slightly, as CU jumped ahead 11-3 and coasted to a win. By that time, Pettit had taken Holmquist out to prepare for the fourth game and left the Huskers in a 5-1 offense at the end of the game instead of rotating into its customary 6-2.

The fourth game went more according to form, with CU hitting .042 with 12 errors in 48 attacks.

Despite NU having lost two conference matches this season, Aiu said, he didn't see much dropoff in performance. He acknowledged the Huskers' youth but saw the talent.

"They are as physical as they've ever been," Aiu said. "In the past they've been physical with juniors and seniors. This year they're physical with freshmen, so they're going to make mistakes. As they get more experienced, they're going to be great, just like the Nebraska teams of the past."

# Huskers keep rolling

## NU wins two with the help of 10 scoring players

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Proving that any player can score at any time, the fourth-ranked Nebraska soccer team easily zoomed by Denver and Colorado this weekend.

In a 2-0 win over Denver on Friday night at the Abbott Sports Complex and in a 9-0 blow out of Colorado on Sunday, 10 Cornhuskers scored goals. With the victories, Nebraska moved to 12-1-1 overall and 5-0 in the Big 12 Conference.

The win at Colorado came at a price, however, as All-Conference midfielder Amy Walsh went down with a severe ankle sprain.

Denver provided a stiffer test than expected, judging by its 5-7-1 record, while the Buffaloes proved to be less imposing than suggested by their 10-4 overall and 3-2 Big 12 Conference record entering the matchup.

"To be honest, we didn't play any better (Sunday) than we did Friday night" said Nebraska Coach John Walker about the comfortable victory. "Soccer's funny like that. We just

finished our chances tonight and opened things up."

Sophomore Shannon Tanaka started the onslaught, scoring NU's first goal less than 10 minutes into the match. Freshman Christine Latham added two more goals for Nebraska before Walsh was injured as the first half closed.

The center midfielder was taken off the field on a stretcher and then to a hospital to check for a broken leg. Walker said the X-rays were negative, but when she will be available to play again is uncertain.

Kori Saunders, a freshman from Overland Park, Kan., replaced Walsh on Sunday and will likely remain there until Walsh returns, Walker said.

After Walsh's injury, Nebraska showed balance by scoring six more goals, all by different players.

The Huskers showed their depth Friday night, too, as Latham and freshman Breanna Eddleman (knee) and Jenny Benson (groin).

However, the goals didn't come nearly as easily against Denver as they did against Colorado.

In 60 minutes, Denver played 10 or 11 players in its own half of the field for a majority of play and used several key saves by goalkeeper Erica Izard to shut out Nebraska for the first two-thirds of the contest.

Walsh broke the scoreless tie by nodding a corner kick from fellow center midfielder Meghan Anderson past Izard 61:43 into the game.

"It was a big relief," Walsh said. "It wasn't a great feeling to see the clock ticking down and the score tied. Any team can win in the last five minutes."

In the 74th minute, Anderson prepared to take one of Nebraska's 20 corner kicks on the night. This time, instead of finding a teammate, she curled the kick into the goal for her ninth score of the year.

Anderson said the ability of the reserves to play well when starters are out will only make the Huskers a better team.

"We have amazing depth," Anderson said. "It shows we can win without them (Eddleman, Benson and Walsh). That's going to be important down the stretch, come tournament time."

# Women and men finish 4th

Both Husker cross country squads fare well at the National Invitational.

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Four was the magic number this weekend for the Nebraska cross country team.

Both the men's and women's squads ran to a fourth-placed finish at the National Invitational at University Park, Penn.

The 17th-ranked Nebraska women's team competed without their premiere runner, Michelle Brooks, who didn't make the trip because of an illness.

Senior Jaime Pauli was the first Cornhusker to cross the finish line.

Pauli placed ninth with a career-best time of 17 minutes and 54 seconds.

Sophomore Jeannette Zimmer wasn't far behind Pauli, finishing 11th with a time of 17:57.

Kathryn Handrup had a solid race for NU and placed 18th in 18:09. Coming in 20th was Jaimie Kruger. Kruger finished with a time of 18:12.

Freshman Mirjana Glisovic finished with a time of 18:23, good enough for 26th. Melinda Oliver placed 28th with a time of 18:24. Jenna Lucas, Brooks' replacement, placed 33rd with a time of 18:39.

North Carolina State won the women's event with a team score of 44 points.

North Carolina State also cleaned house on the men's side. The Wolfpack scored the lowest possible team score with a 15. State placed eight runners in the top 10.

The NU men's team placed fourth behind another solid performance from sophomore Marcus Witter.

Witter once again led the Huskers, placing eighth in 26:02. Witter was the first runner to finish who wasn't from North Carolina State.

Freshman Mike Kamm was the next Husker to finish. Kamm ran the course in 26:33, good enough for 16th.

Aaron Carrizales placed 25th in 26:47. Jed Barta followed Carrizales in 33rd with a time of 27:01. Coming in 43rd was sophomore Jared Carlson with a time of 27:21.

James DeBruhl took 51st in 27:44, and Phillip Davis was the last Husker to finish with a time of 28:07 (60th).

The men's and women's cross country teams will next be in action this Saturday at the Tiger Invitational in Hays, Kan.

# FSU, Penn State still in title chase

(AP) - Time out, college football. With the season at the midway point, here's an update of who's in and out of the national championship picture:

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Florida State and Penn State are in; Michigan and Georgia are the latest to drop out of the national title chase. The Seminoles and Nittany Lions are ranked 1-2 for the fourth straight week, and a title showdown matching grand ol' guys Bobby Bowden vs. Joe Paterno in the Sugar Bowl on Jan. 4 would be a fitting finish.

Florida State (6-0), playing without suspended star Peter Warrick, held off Miami 31-21 on Saturday at Doak Campbell Stadium, extending the nation's longest home winning streak to 27 games and longest unbeaten streak 44 games.

"I'm just glad to be here after the stuff that happened to us last week," Bowden said after collecting career win No. 298. Warrick, a top Heisman Trophy contender, could also miss next Saturday's game against Wake Forest as his legal problems are addressed this week following last week's arrest on a grand theft charge.

Penn State (6-0), with a 31-7 victory over Iowa, is one of two unbeaten Big Ten teams after Michigan and Minnesota were knocked off on Saturday - the Wolverines losing to No. 5 Michigan State 34-31 at East Lansing; the Golden Gophers to No. 17 Wisconsin 20-17 in overtime.

The Seminoles' toughest game should be Nov. 20, when they play No. 7 Florida (5-1), a 31-10 winner over LSU, although Bowden still has to outcoach his son, Tommy, when he brings the 'Noles to Clemson in two

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weeks.

The Lions have a tougher road to the Sugar Bowl, site of this year's designated title game. On Saturday, No. 18 Ohio State (4-2 and 1-1 in the conference) visits Happy Valley, followed by games against No. 20 Purdue, Michigan and Michigan State.

Enter Nebraska (6-0 and 3-0 in the Big 12 Conference), ranked No. 3 this week after a 49-14 blowout of Iowa State. The Cornhuskers, with Eric Crouch throwing for two TDs and running for another, appear ready for yet another title run. But they still have games against No. 13 Texas A&M (4-1 and 1-1) on Nov. 6 and No. 9 Kansas State (5-0 and 3-0) the following week - both in Lincoln.

Other unbeaten teams with title hopes include No. 4 Virginia Tech (5-0) after a 58-20 rout of Rutgers; Kansas State; and Michigan State.

"There are still a few of us hanging around," Bowden said.



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