

Slocum preps team for Huskers

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be what they do," Slocum said. A&M might have an advantage in its defensive line, Slocum said. The Aggies operate under a 3-4 alignment, built on speed. Last season, it helped Texas A&M slow the Husker option attack by penetrating into the backfield with fleet down linemen. "Part of Nebraska's plan is to push the line of scrimmage back," Slocum said. "We're not a huge physical defensive line, but we do have pretty good team speed and good athletic ability." Slocum has no real doubts about how his offense must operate. He need

only look at A&M's 28-21 upset of Nebraska last season to draw inspiration. In that game, the Aggies had two backs, Ja'Mar Toombs and Dante Hall, who went 100 yards rushing. Neither of them, largely because of injuries, have surpassed the century mark in a game this season yet. Hall may not play Saturday. Still, Slocum, whose team is 5-2 this season, said his team can't be one-dimensional. "We won't have a chance in this game if we go in there having to throw it down," Slocum said. "We've got to be able to make some positive yards running the football." Injuries in the offensive line have

hurt confidence of the team, not to mention a gut-crunching 51-6 loss to Oklahoma. One week later, A&M rebounded with its most significant win of the year, a 21-3 victory over Oklahoma State that left several players crying tears of joy afterward. So the Aggies, despite being slightly in the dark about NU, are upbeat — no better way to be, as this game is a must-win for Texas A&M if it is to win the South Division. "I saw some genuine enthusiasm, emotion and excitement in the locker room after the (OSU) game," Slocum said. "They certainly felt like they got back on the right track."

'Wrecking crew' ready to descend

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Despite being the third-best total defense in the Big 12 Conference this season, the Aggies have continued to show a weakness in stopping the pass. Two weeks ago, the "wrecking crew" got taken to the wood shed, giving up 51 points and 552 total yards to Oklahoma. "I don't know what happened," said senior inside linebacker Sean Coryatt, who has 12 tackles in eight

games. "They just rolled us." Despite the problems against the Sooners, Coryatt said, the "wrecking crew" was still good. If you throw out the Oklahoma game, the A&M defense is giving up an average of 12.8 points per game. Against Oklahoma State last week, the defense gave up just a field goal, the fewest points it had surrendered all year. "We bounced back last week against Oklahoma State," said

Coryatt about the Aggies' 21-3 victory. "We have to play like we did last week." Curry agreed that the Aggies are ready to show the real "wrecking crew" when they take on the No. 9 Huskers in a 2:35 p.m. showdown Saturday. "If we play up to our potential and swarm to the ball, we can be effective against them," said Curry, who is tied for second on A&M's team with three interceptions.

Soft-spoken rush end impresses

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His extended playing time should continue Saturday against Texas A&M, as starting rush ends Aaron Wills and Kyle Vanden Bosch and backup Chris Kelsay are all injured. Adams, like former standout Husker Mike Rucker, has the ability to play left and right rush end so he will spell Vanden Bosch and Wills. In seven games, Adams has made three tackles, including two for a loss, and also returned a fumble for a 37-yard touchdown against Iowa State.

What makes the 6-foot-2, 220-pound Adams so remarkable is that he has given up an average of 80 pounds to the offensive linemen he faces each game. But middle linebacker Carlos Polk said Adams' size has worked to his advantage. "He's quick off the ball," said Polk, who is 6-foot-2 and 250 pounds. "Most linemen can't get to him quick enough, and he's by them before they know what hit them."

Another thing that makes Adams special is his "relentless pursuit and spirit," said junior defensive tackle Loran Kaiser. "The guy is a human battery. He never shuts off," Kaiser said. Adams probably has all that energy because he doesn't waste it talking and being expressive. "Off the field he is a quiet guy, and you almost have to pay him to talk," Polk said. "He does his talking

Football Starters							Memorial Stadium 2:35 p.m. TV: ABC Radio: 1400, KLIN 90.3 KRNU		
Nebraska starters									
Offense				Defense					
Pos.	No.	Name	Ht.	Wt.	Pos.	No.	Name	Ht.	Wt.
SE	3	Matt Davison	6-1	185	LR	61	Aaron Willis	6-2	250
LT	69	Adam Julch	6-5	320	NT	96	Steve Warren	6-2	305
LG	63	James Sherman	6-4	295	DT	91	Loran Kaiser	6-4	295
C	54	Dominic Raiola	6-2	295	RR	83	Kyle Vanden Bosch	6-4	270
RG	55	Russ Hochstein	6-4	290	SLB	37	Tony Ortiz	6-1	220
RT	58	Dave Volk	6-5	300	MLB	13	Carlos Polk	6-2	250
TE	86	T.J. DeBates	6-3	250	WLB	50	Julius Jackson	6-1	240
QB	7	Eric Crouch	6-1	195	LCB	3	Keyuo Craver	5-10	190
FB	15	Willie Miller	6-1	245	FS	19	Clint Finley	6-0	205
IB	38	Dan Alexander	6-0	245	ROV	21	Mike Brown	5-10	180
WB	82	Sean Applegate	5-9	185	RCB	22	Ralph Brown	5-10	180
PK	26	Josh Brown	6-2	185	P	17	Dan Hadenfeldt	5-11	

Texas A&M starters									
Offense				Defense					
Pos.	No.	Name	Ht.	Wt.	Pos.	No.	Name	Ht.	Wt.
QB	15	Randy McCown	6-1	213	LE	95	Ricky Bernard	6-3	263
IB	3	Eric Bernard	5-9	190	NG	96	Ron Edwards	6-3	272
FB	5	Ja'Mar Toombs	6-0	265	RE	99	Ronald Fleming	6-5	247
X	80	Chris Cole	6-0	195	LOLB	23	Jason Glenn	6-1	235
Z	7	Chris Taylor	5-11	184	WILL	46	Cornelius Anthony	6-0	234
TE	82	R. Broughton	6-1	247	MIKE	17	Brian Gamble	6-2	227
LT	76	Michael Mahan	6-6	292	ROLB	40	Roylin Bradley	6-1	230
LG	71	Chris Valletta	6-3	287	LCB	39	Jason Webster	5-9	178
C	77	Sean McKinney	6-3	290	FS	30	Brandon Jennings	6-1	197
RG	62	Semis Heimull	6-2	309	SS	1	Michael Jameson	5-11	179
RT	78	Andy Vincent	6-4	304	RCB	18	Sedrick Curry	6-1	193
PK	13	Terence Kitchens	5-9	165	PR	34	Dante Hall	5-8	196

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NU rolls into final of Big 12 tourney

BY BRANDON SCHULTE
Staff writer

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From the moment the No. 4 Nebraska soccer team arrived in San Antonio, Texas, for the Big 12 Tournament, it was penciled into the final.

It's in ink now. The top-seeded Cornhuskers quelled any thoughts No. 22 Baylor might have had of an upset, in the early going, in a 7-1 thrashing at Blossom Soccer Park.

Coach John Walker was happy with his team's offensive production, which moved NU to 19-1-1 on the season, while Baylor dropped to 14-6-1.

"They are certainly a quality team," Walker said "They are a top-25 team with an excellent goalkeeper, so of course we are happy to get seven goals."

The seven goals set a new NU school scoring record of 99 goals in 21 games. Nebraska's 4.7 goals per game leads the nation.

All game long, Baylor tried to draw Nebraska offside. It proved to be an ineffective tactic, as Nebraska took advantage of the defense to score several easy goals.

"If a team decides to play flat against us, we will definitely try to penetrate and play the ball in behind them with long passes," Walker said.

Six different Huskers scored goals, but few had the same excitement as freshman Christine Latham's goal in the 40th minute.

Latham won the ball at midfield and proceeded to catch BU goalkeeper Dawn Greathouse off guard as Latham launched a 50-yard shot from near midfield that resulted in Nebraska's third goal. Latham scored two goals Thursday night and has been in the scoring column the last eight games.

NU goalkeeper Karina LeBlanc continued her strong play in the goal as she recorded a season-high eight saves and gave up a single goal.

Nebraska will move on to meet third-seeded Missouri, a 2-1 winner over Iowa State in the other semifinal, Saturday night at 7:30. The game will be a rematch of last year's final, won by Nebraska 4-0. Earlier this season the Huskers defeated the Tigers 5-1 at the Abbott Sports Complex.

Walker said his team will face a better MU team than it saw last month.

"It will be a challenge," Walker said. "Missouri is a good, experienced team. They are well-organized and explosive up front. We definitely know we will be in for a test on Saturday."

Former Creighton star caught with marijuana

TORONTO (AP) — Miami Heat rookie Rodney Buford was sent home and faces disciplinary action after a small amount of marijuana was found during a customs check.

Police, who described the amount as "very, very, very small," did not charge Buford, but Heat coach Pat Riley took matters into his own hands.

Riley also said there might be "implications" with the league. He refused to elaborate, and Heat players refused to comment.

This is the first season in which NBA players are being tested for marijuana and steroids.

Buford, a 6-5 guard out of Creighton University, was stopped Wednesday night during a customs

check when the Heat arrived in Toronto. The drugs were confiscated and the matter left to the team, said Staff Sgt. Bill Matheson of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police.

In September, Buford was sentenced in Douglas County Court in Omaha to 180 days probation, a \$400 fine and a 60-day driver's license suspension for driving under the influence.

At his sentencing, Buford told the judge he had not used drugs or alcohol since being ticketed.

In May police stopped Buford on Interstate 680 in Omaha. Officers noticed smoke coming from Buford's vehicle and smelled a "strong odor" of marijuana. Several marijuana roaches were confiscated at that time.

Grand jury indicts IBF on charges of bribery

NEWARK, N.J. (AP) — The president and other officials of the International Boxing Federation were indicted on charges of taking bribes of up to \$25,000 from promoters and managers to manipulate rankings.

"In the IBF, rankings were bought, not earned," Robert F. Cleary, first assistant U.S. attorney for New Jersey, said Thursday.

The 32-count indictment, handed up Wednesday by a federal grand jury and unsealed Thursday with the arrest of the IBF president's son, includes charges of conspiracy and racketeering.

The four defendants took in about \$338,000, including a \$100,000 payment in 1995 for a so-called special exception, according to the indictment. That was for a heavyweight champion to defend his title against a boxer previously unranked by the IBF, it said.

"The defendants completely corrupted the IBF ranking system," Cleary said, noting the 13-year scheme began almost with the IBF's inception.

The indictment said seven promoters and managers were involved, as well as 23 boxers. They have not

been charged and were not named in the indictment. However, the investigation is continuing.

Cleary would not say if a June raid on the Florida offices of promoter Don King was related to the IBF investigation, and declined to say if King was a target.

The bribery scam affected rankings in 10 of the 15 weight classes with larger payments made in the heavier divisions, Cleary said.

He declined to say whether anyone is cooperating with investigators, but said the evidence includes "consensually monitored conversations," on audiotape and videotape.

The investigation was "kickstarted" by accusations raised in 1996 in lawsuits against the IBF by former heavyweight boxing champ Michael Moorer, Cleary said.

With their rules and rankings, the IBF and the two other major sanctioning groups — the World Boxing Association and World Boxing Council — play a large role in determining a boxer's opponents. Fighters with higher rankings are usually paid more for their bouts, but those who defy the groups risk losing the chance at a high ranking.