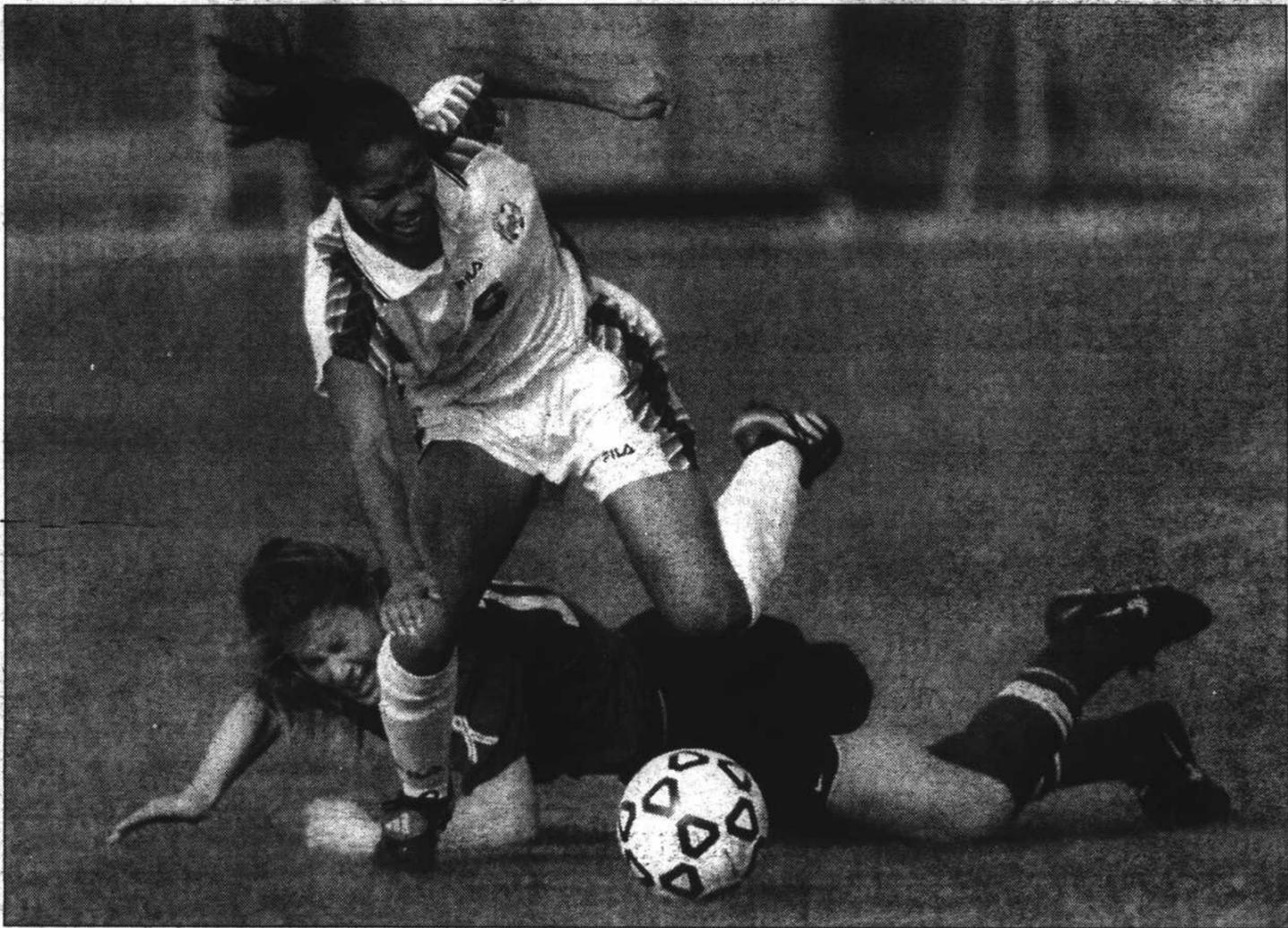


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## NU wins heated battle over Aggies



NEBRASKA DEFENDER Sharolta Nonen tries to hurdle Texas A&M midfielder Jessica Martin, after Martin slide tackled Nonen. Martin received a yellow card for her slide tackle on this play in the first half with the score tied at 0-0. MIKE WARREN/DN

### Huskers' win over A&M includes fight Goalie ejection hurts A&M's chances

BY BRANDON SCHULTE  
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It had the emotion and intensity that a third-round NCAA Soccer Tournament should have.

But the passions of the match proved to be too much as tempers flared in No. 4 Nebraska's 1-0 win over No. 11 Texas A&M in front of 1,413 fans at the Abbott Sports Complex.

It was the fifth-straight win by the Cornhuskers over the Aggies in the last two years, including a 7-0 NCAA tournament win last year, and it moved the Cornhuskers into the quarterfinals, where they will meet Notre Dame.

Nebraska, 22-1-1, gained entrance to the

round-of-eight on a goal by freshman midfielder Breanna Boyd, as she headed a corner kick from Meghan Anderson past A&M goalkeeper Angela Barker in the 68th minute for the only tally by either team in the match.

"Meghan (Anderson) swung in a perfect ball," Boyd said. "All I had to do was get up in the air and finish it. It was so exciting to give something back to the team."

Boyd's goal came less than five minutes after A&M starting goalkeeper Melanie Wilson received a red card for illegally touching a shot by Husker Becky Preston out of the goal box.

The ejection was the biggest play of the

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BY BROCK WENDLANDT  
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Texas A&M senior goalkeeper Melanie Wilson held the Aggies' fate in her hands Sunday.

Wilson, the All-Big 12 Conference first-team selection, used her hands to stop numerous Nebraska scoring opportunities and to dominate the 18-by-44-yard penalty box for two-thirds of the match.

Whenever the ball was off the ground, Wilson was also airborne to greet it and to stop all NU advances. Although she recorded only one save on the day, her aggressive play limited NU to five shots on goal.

But unfortunately for A&M, which finished the season 17-5-1, Wilson's feet were what ultimately cost the Aggies an opportunity to play in the quarterfinals of the NCAA Women's Soccer Championship.

And then her hands betrayed her.

At the 62:32 mark, Wilson found herself handling the ball with her feet about 5 yards outside the penalty box's perimeter. As she attempted to make a pass to one of her defenders, NU forward Becky Preston intercepted the ball.

Realizing that Wilson was well out of position, Preston lofted a ball high toward the goal. Wilson swatted the shot down, and because of her location outside the box, received a red card

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## Wins aplenty for NU's Muller at Sprint Classic

■ She gets the world's 12th-fastest time in the 100-meter freestyle this year.

BY BRIAN CHRISTOPHERSON  
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The Nebraska women's swimming and diving team were looking back at the competition for most of the weekend, as they won both the adidas Sprint Classic and the Husker Shoot Out in convincing fashion.

The Husker men, meanwhile, are still trying to figure out how to catch a Wolfpack, as North Carolina State slipped through Nebraska's fingers in both meets at the Bob Devaney Sports Center.

The NU men lost the adidas Sprint Classic

by a single point, edged out for second place in the 200-meter freestyle relay by the Wolfpack by 5/100 of a second.

That race was the final one of the meet, and it catapulted N.C. State from one point behind to one point ahead, taking the title away from the Huskers.

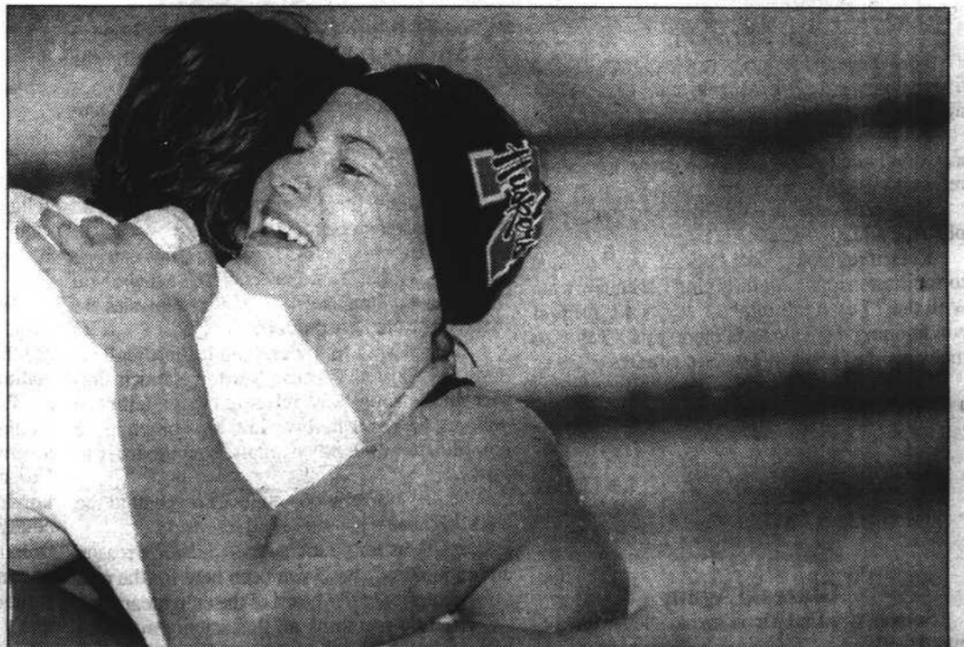
"This meet has a format that makes the competition so tight," Nebraska Head Coach Cal Bentz said.

The women did not make the adidas Sprint Classic close at all. They ran away with 78 points, well ahead of the Wolfpack women, who were second with 46 points.

"These kind of meets are fun to win," Bentz said. "But we take the season one meet at a time and try to be at our best come NCAAs."

All-American Helene Muller stole the show on the women's side, winning four events

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Stacey Sedlacek hugs Helene Muller as she comes out of the water after winning the Women's 100-meter freestyle during the adidas Sprint Classic held at the Devaney Center on Saturday. JOSH WOLFE/DN