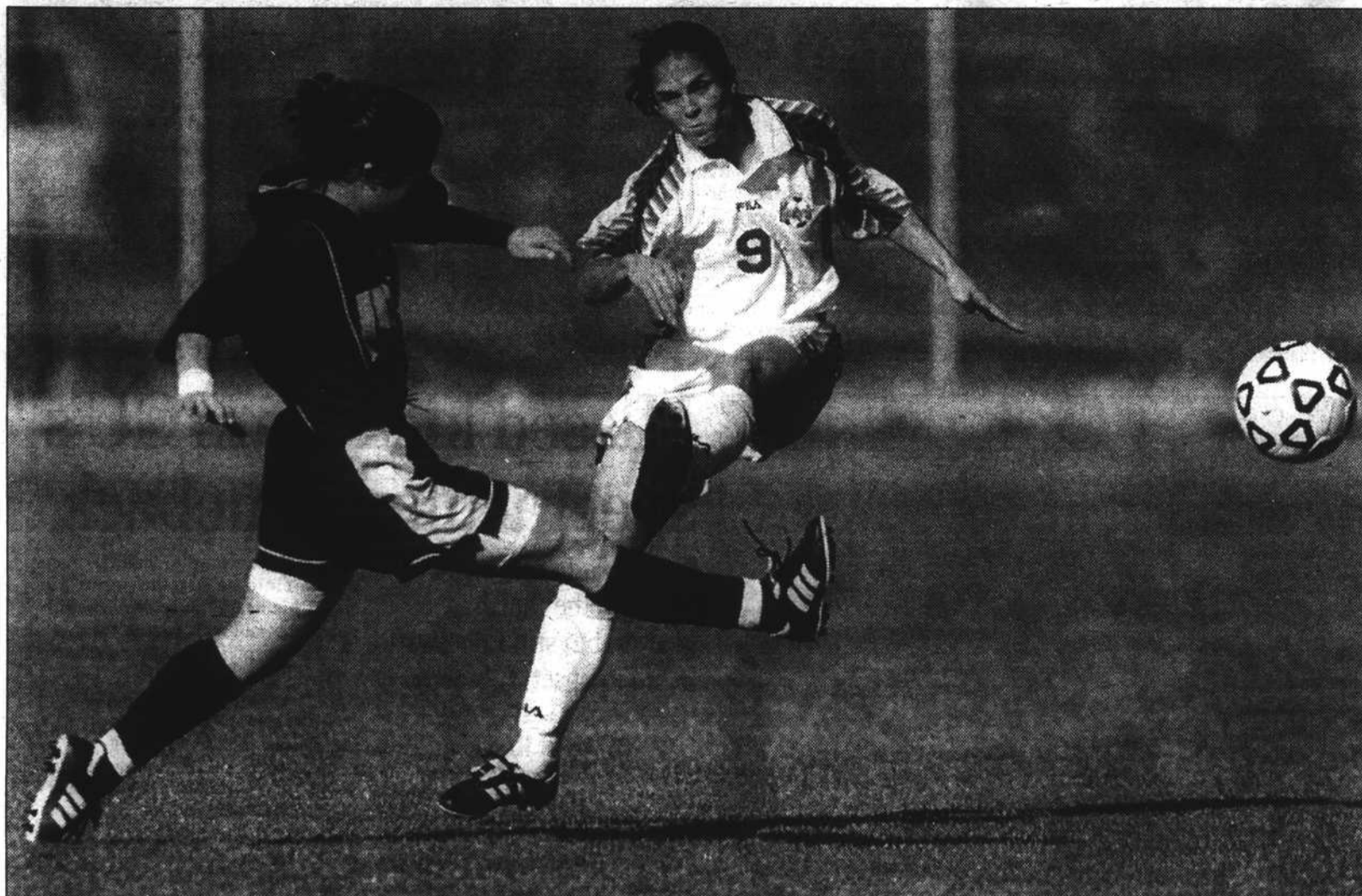


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ND outlasts NU in penalty kicks



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NU SENIOR DEFENDER Isabelle Morneau has the ball chipped away from her by Notre Dame's Kara Brown in the first half at the Abbott Sports Complex. This will be the seniors final game at Nebraska.

Close loss to Notre Dame keeps NU soccer team from College Cup

BY BRANDON SCHULTE
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In a soccer match that was as good as it was billed, a record crowd of 3,702 at the Abbott Sports Complex saw a game that had everything but a happy ending for the Cornhuskers.

Notre Dame won 4-3 with a penalty kick shoot-out to advance to the Women's College Cup. The match went to kicks when 60 minutes of sudden death overtime ended scoreless after a 1-1 tie at the end of regulation. It was the third year in a row that No. 5 Notre Dame bounced No. 4 Nebraska from

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the NCAA Tournament.

The 150-minute match tied the NCAA record for the longest match; it was the longest ever for either school.

NU Coach John Walker said this season's success made the loss harder.

"It hurts a lot," Walker said. "Especially from a player's standpoint; they give everything for four months. It's just very disappointing to go all along to compete for a national championship, and we're very close, but unfor-

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MIKE WARREN/DN

NEBRASKA SENIOR Lindsay Eddleman battles for ball control with Notre Dame defender Kelly Lindsey.

Lindsey takes ND step closer

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First-year Notre Dame Head Coach Randy Waldrum couldn't watch.

His team had gone through what he described as a "difficult year," just finished 150 minutes of play against the No. 4 team in the nation and was faced with the nerve-wracking scenario of penalty kicks to decide the quarterfinal NCAA match.

Adding to Waldrum's nervousness was the fact that Notre Dame had advanced to the Women's College Cup four of the previous five years that preceded his tenure.

The pressure was almost unbearable for Waldrum. He turned his back to the field during the shoot-out.

But with the first set of penalty kicks ending in a 3-3 tie, and his team preparing for the sudden death portion of the shoot-out, Waldrum found comfort in something: the confidence and assertiveness of junior defender Kelly Lindsey.

"Coach just asked who wanted to take it," said Lindsey, referring to her team's sixth, and game-winning, penalty kick, "and I threw my hand up without even thinking."

"I definitely wasn't nervous. But the keeper had been moving all day, and I get up to shoot, and she didn't move. So I was just glad to put it in."

The offer to take the shot was even more impressive when you consider Lindsey's perspective.

In 1996, the Millard North graduate was considered one of the nation's prized recruits coming out of high school. She chose to attend Notre Dame after narrowing her choices to the Irish and Nebraska.

Her career has been filled with injuries that have limited her speed and left questions about her ability to play. She has gone through hours of therapy just to get on the field.

The game Sunday was the third straight-year Lindsey had to face NU

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Huskers prepare for regionals after win over UT

BY JOHN GASKINS
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Although the road to the final four won't go through Lincoln like it did last year, the Nebraska volleyball team is still optimistic about the path it will have to take to get back there for the second consecutive year and the fourth time in five years.

After capturing the Big 12 title in a three-set win over Texas on Saturday, the 11th-ranked Huskers secured the No. 3 seed in the Pacific Regional of the NCAA Volleyball Tournament.

NU will play host to first- and second-round action at the Nebraska Coliseum this weekend. Nebraska, at 25-5 overall, will play host to Davidson (31-3) Thursday at 7 p.m., following a clash between the other two teams in the Huskers' first- and second-round draw, James Madison (26-6) vs. San Diego (22-5). The winners will square off Friday at 7 p.m. in the second round.

The tournament's top four seeds - No. 1 Penn State (Central), No. 5 Pacific (East), No. 3 Hawaii (Mountain) and No. 2 Stanford (West) - will play

host to the Regional Finals in the 64-team field if the teams get past the first and second rounds.

If the Huskers get through this weekend, they will likely move on to the Pacific Regional semifinals and finals at Stanford's home court in Palo Alto, Calif., to try to clinch a spot in the national semifinals, which will take place in Honolulu on Dec. 16-18. Ninth-ranked UC-Santa Barbara is the No. 2 seed in the region, while No. 15 Texas is the No. 4 seed.

Although the road might seem bumpier than it was in 1998, when NU had a top seed and home-court advantage, players and coaches say they are ready to take on the challenge. The Huskers have already played Penn State, Pacific and No. 4 Florida, along with the strong slate in the Big 12 Conference.

"We're in a conference where you play good teams every weekend," senior co-captain Mandy Monson said. "That helps us develop into the team we are at the end of the season. Stanford's a very good team, if we get the chance to play them. Since we've played teams like Stanford already, our chances of winning are that much better."

The Big 12 sent six teams to the tournament, the second behind the Big 10, which had eight. Nebraska is the highest seed of any Big 12 team. UT and Texas A&M, which is a No. 4 seed in the Pacific, are the other seeded teams. Baylor, Colorado and Kansas State join NU, A&M and the Longhorns.

In other news:

NU junior outside hitter Nancy Meendering

was unanimously crowned the Big 12 Player of the Year, and outside hitter Greichaly Cepero was named Big 12 Freshman of the Year, as voted on by the conference's coaches.

The two were also named to the All-Big 12 first team.

Freshman middle blocker Amber Holmquist and junior outside hitter Angie Oxley earned honorable mention honors.

Reserves key in Nebraska sweep

BY JOHN GASKINS
Staff writer

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A blazing stretch of Saturday night's Big 12 Championship-deciding match against Texas perfectly epitomized the Nebraska volleyball team's 1999 season.

After winning the first game, the 12th-ranked Huskers found themselves down 13-4 in the second game and seemingly down for the count,

much the same way their chances of winning the Big 12 crown seemed after losing to the No. 15 Longhorns Oct. 23 at the conference season's midway point.

Then, something got into Nebraska. Nancy

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