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NU's Alshammar sets world record

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From staff reports

Nebraska swimmer Therese Alshammar set a world record Friday in the 100-meter freestyle at the European Short Course Championships in Lisbon, Portugal.

The Stockholm, Sweden native, who is redshirting this year at NU to

prepare for the 2000 Olympics, recorded a time of 52.80 seconds, which bested the previous record of 53.01, set by China's Le Kingyi in 1993. The short course designation means Alshammar competed in a 25-meter pool.

"This feels wonderful," Alshammar said.

"This is the best I have ever had."

Alshammar has two seasons of eligibility remaining at NU, but she might not return for the second semester.

Alshammar joins current world record holder Penny Heyns as the only Husker women to ever break world records.

Heyns currently owns four world records: 50-meter breaststroke, 100-meter breaststroke, 200-meter breaststroke and 100-meter breaststroke in the short course.

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NU swimmer

and freshman Elvira Fischer, both of Austria, also competed in the championships. Windisch automatically qualified for the NCAA Championships with a fourth place finish (at 4:14.22) in the 400 individual medley, while Fischer picked up an NCAA provisional qualifying time (2:31.01) with an eighth place finish in the 200-meter backstroke.

Belcher keys win, has 2 games left

■ Presence of recovered players helps the Huskers in win over Pittsburgh.

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For the second straight game, Cookie Belcher fought off the pain in his wrist and showed one player can make a difference in a team game.

Belcher led Nebraska (4-4) to a 69-57 victory over visiting Pittsburgh (5-2) in his first home game of the season on Saturday at the Devaney Center. Despite only taking two shots and scoring two points, he found ways to contribute.

"He is such a leader out there," NU Coach Danny Nee said. "I thought he played great at Creighton and again tonight. He does things that are unbelievable."

The senior, who will redshirt after two more games, nearly had a double-double with a career-high 10 assists and nine rebounds.

"I just saw the court and saw the players open," Belcher said. "I could probably get 10 assists every game if they would catch the ball."

But Belcher was not the only senior who stepped it up for the Huskers after coming off an injury. Larry Florence had 18 points on 8 of 14 shooting with three dunks that electrified the home crowd of 5,584.

"I thought Florence, who has been ailing with an ankle and knuckle, became domineering in the second half as the game moved on," Nee said.

Belcher and Florence hooked up on an alley-oop with 8 minutes, 43 seconds remaining to break a 44-44 deadlock.

"It was just natural," Florence said. "He likes to dunk, and I like to dunk. It

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LARRY FLORENCE
NU basketball player

was just open, and I reacted. He layed it up perfectly because he likes to catch them, so he knew where to throw it."

Florence's dunk was followed by a Louis Truscott slam. Truscott finished with a career-high 11 rebounds. Following a Belcher steal with 7:26 to go, Florence jammed again to make it 50-46. All three dunks were assisted by Belcher.

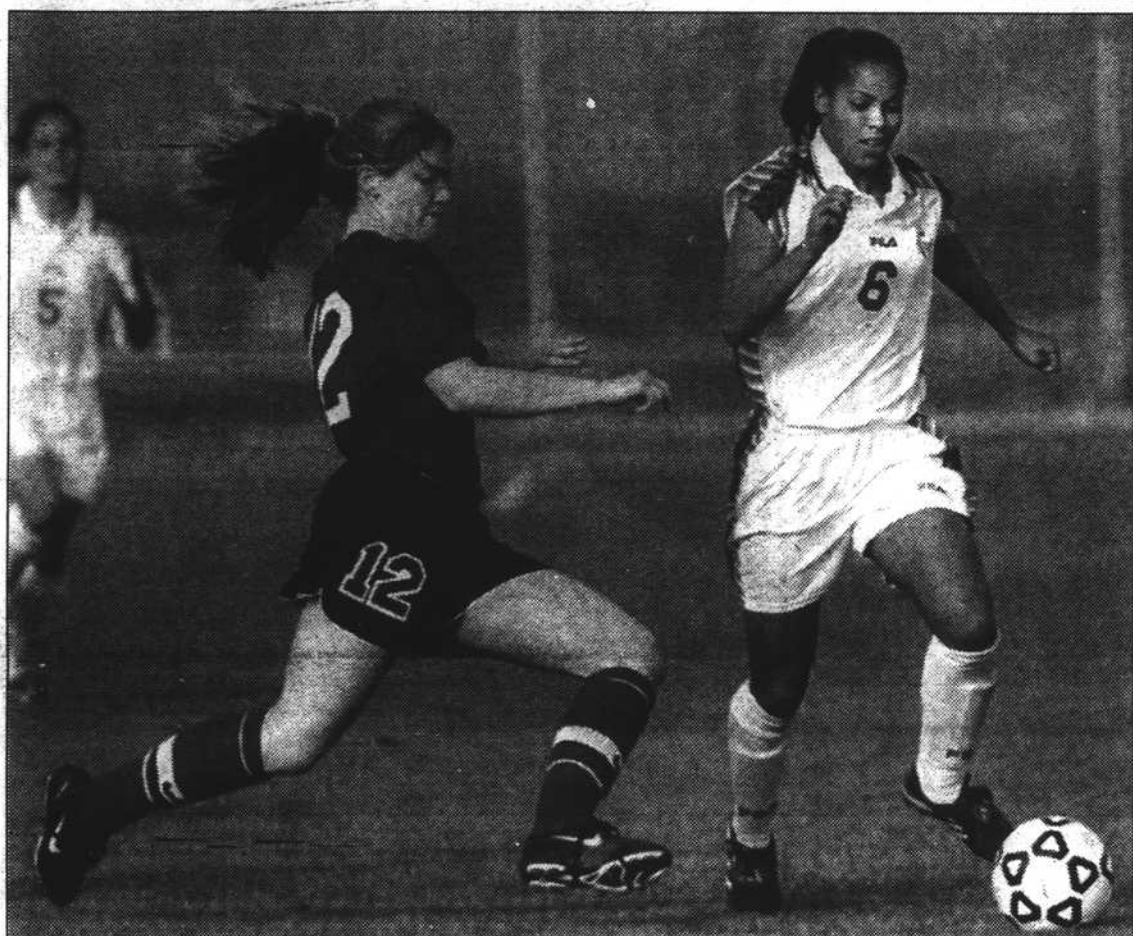
Nebraska came out strong in the first half and capitalized on poor Panther shooting. Coming into the game, Pitt had been shooting 50 percent from the field and 43 percent on 3-pointers. But NU held them to 36.9 and 26.1 percent in those respective categories. The Panthers were led by guard Jarrett Lockhart, who scored 17 points, and Ricardo Greer, who had 10 points and 11 rebounds.

The Huskers shot nearly 50 percent from the field (26-53) and did shoot 50 percent (7-14) from beyond the arc.

NU led from the opening tip and trailed only at the 10:28 mark of the second half, 44-42. The Huskers went on a 13-2 run and never looked back.

The Huskers dominated the boards 46 to 32 but also led in a category that

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NEBRASKA DEFENDER Sharolta Nonen heads upfield against Texas A&M's Jessica Martin in the NCAA playoffs. Nonen was named first team All-American by NSCAA/Adidas.

Two Huskers honored

From staff reports

Nebraska defenders Sharolta Nonen and Isabelle Morneau capped off stellar senior seasons with spots on the NSCAA/Adidas All-American team.

Nonen was on the first team after being on the third team in 1997 and second team in 1998 and

became the first Husker to gain All-American honors three years in a row.

The Big 12 player of the year had 22 points this season.

Morneau, who started more games as a Husker than anyone in NU history, was on third team as a defender, though she has played several positions in her career at Nebraska.

Morneau has won All Big 12 honors at three separate positions during her career.

Nonen joins Kari Uppinghouse, who was named to the first team in 1996, as the only Husker first-teamers.

Santa Clara dominated the lists with five players placed among the three teams. National champion North Carolina had three.

Nebraska turns season frustrations into win over CU

BY MATTHEW HANSEN
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It has been a season full of frustration for the Nebraska women's basketball team.

Sunday, the Huskers took full opportunity of the chance to take out this frustration on in-state rival Creighton.

It was the Bluejays (5-2 overall) who left the Bob Devaney Sports Center frustrated, as NU (4-4) was never seriously challenged in a 77-69 victory.

Not that everything went wonderfully for the Huskers. In the game's first minute, freshman Stephanie Jones went down with a torn anterior cruciate liga-

ment and is out for the season. Coach Paul Sanderford said the good feeling from the win was tempered by the loss of Jones.

"Steph is a devastated young woman right now," he said. "It was a typical Steph Jones play—diving on the floor for a loose ball. She's been a hard worker for us since she got here."

It is currently unclear whether the freshman will be granted a medical redshirt. Nebraska will appeal for the redshirt following the season.

After Jones' injury, Nicole Kubik was the catalyst for much of Creighton's frustration. The senior guard scored a Nebraska-high 22 points and harassed the Bluejay guards into multiple turnovers, finishing with five steals.

Kubik said it was evident that Creighton didn't appreciate the Nebraska pressure.

"We concentrated on playing physical this week," she said. "We're not trying to hurt anyone, but we may knock you down, and we may get called for some fouls because of it. Creighton didn't like the physical play. We got into their heads a little bit because of it."

Evidence of the physical play by both squads was found in the foul totals. The Huskers committed 25 personal fouls, while the Bluejays were whistled for 21.

Nebraska Head Coach Paul Sanderford said the win wasn't pretty, but following a 24-point loss to BYU on Thursday, it was an important win to his team.

"That was an ugly game, especially in the second half," Sanderford said. "But coming off what was maybe the worst second half of my coaching career (against BYU), our team showed a lot of character, and that gives me hope for the season. We desperately needed that win."

Nebraska jumped out to an early 10-1 lead and led by as much as 16 in the first half. Creighton inched closer and trailed by eight, 43-35, at halftime.

After the Husker lead was whittled to six with 18:29 left, Nebraska outscored the Bluejays 21-12 in the next 10 minutes.

Creighton Head Coach Connie Yori gave the Huskers credit for getting the ball inside, saying it was the key to their win. Nebraska's starting front line of

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Charlie Rogers, Naciska Gilmore and Casey Leonhardt and reserve forward Paige Sutton combined to make 17 shots in only 21 attempts from the field.

Leonhardt was NU's second-leading scorer with 13 points and chipped in 10 rebounds, while Rogers had a game-high 11 boards coupled with four blocked shots.

Creighton, meanwhile, did much of its damage from long range.

The Bluejays shot 25 three-pointers, making nine. Angela Timmons was 5-9 from beyond the arc and scored a game-high 26 points, including 20 after halftime.