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Huskers lose final dual to Cyclones

From staff reports

Coach Tim Neumann's 200th career victory will have to wait until next year.

No. 3 Iowa State proved to be too much for No. 9 Nebraska and the Cyclones beat NU 26-12 in the Cornhuskers' last dual of the year.

Nebraska came closest to ISU after Brad Vering scored a 10-4 decision over fourth-ranked Zach Tompson, pulling NU within five at 11-6. Vering, ranked third at 197 pounds, upped his record to 32-2.

The Cyclones then won four of the next five matches, including two two-point wins, extending the lead to 26-9 and ensuring NU's conference losing streak in duals would reach five.

Despite the outcome, Neumann

said he was pleased with the way his team competed.

"We wrestled for the first time in a month like I thought we were capable of," Neumann said. "That may sound bad after a 26-12 loss, but I really think we are heading in the right direction with Big 12s around the corner."

The Huskers got good performances from Paul Gomez at 125 pounds and Bryan Snyder at 157.

Gomez, ranked 15th, picked up steam going into the conference tourney when he notched an upset for Nebraska by scoring a 9-6 decision over 11th-ranked Matt Azevado.

Snyder, the No. 3 wrestler at 157, handled 10th-ranked Cole Sanderson 8-4. The win was Snyder's 17th in a row, and he improved his record to 34-1.

Huskers ignite offense, rebound at UTA tourney

From staff reports

After a rough opening weekend, the Cornhusker baseball team responded in a big way by outscoring its opponents 28-7.

The NU pitching staff continued to pitch at a high level, and the offense finally heated up as the Huskers rolled in a 3-0 record in the 2000 Arlington Morning News Invitational at the University of Texas-Arlington.

The Huskers (4-2) kicked off the weekend by beating UTA 3-1 on Friday.

Senior pitcher Chad Wiles allowed four hits and one earned run in seven innings to pick up his second win of the season.

Sophomore R.D. Spiels shut down UTA in the ninth inning to record a save.

Senior third baseman Brandt Vlieger led the offense going two for five with a run batted in. Vlieger also got caught in a pickle, which allowed center fielder Jamal Strong to score.

Sophomore second baseman John Cole also had a run batted in.

Saturday, the Huskers got strong offensive performances from sophomore shortstop Will Bolt, senior catcher/outfielder Justin Cowan and Cole against Washington State.

The Huskers erupted for 12 runs and 17 hits en route to beating the Wildcats 12-4.

Bolt went four for five. Cowan drove in five runs and Cole was three for six with two RBI.

Cowan's three-run home run in the first inning set the tone for the game.

Freshman relief pitcher Steve Hale picked up the win by pitching 4.1 innings of shut-out baseball.

Sunday, the Huskers defeated top-25 Arkansas and its ace pitcher, Charlie Isaacson, 13-2.

The Huskers handed Isaacson his first collegiate loss in 11 decisions by scoring four runs in the first three innings.

Cowan jolted a three-run homerun in the third inning and finished with five RBI. Cole also sparked the Huskers, going three for four with three runs scored and one run batted in.

Sophomore Shane Komine picked up his first win of the year, holding the Razorbacks hitless and scoreless through the first four innings.

NU Coach Dave Horn said he was pleased by the team's progress.

"We did some things offensively we haven't been able to do," he said. "And our pitchers continued to be solid."

NU goes 4-1 in Vegas Classic

From staff reports

After last weekend's disappointing finish in Phoenix, the Nebraska softball team bounced back to finish 4-1 in the Nevada Las Vegas 2000 Classic.

During the tournament's opening day, the Cornhuskers hardly were contested in two eight-run victories over California Polytechnic and California Santa Barbara.

The 9-1 victory over Cal Poly lasted only six innings. The Huskers were led by senior Jennifer Lizama and freshman Amber Burgess, who each had three hits. Senior Jenny Voss took the win for NU.

In the 9-0 victory over Santa Barbara, Nebraska was led by

Lizama's two hits and freshman Kim Ogee's four RBI.

On the tournament's next day NU would face its two toughest challenges of the weekend in games against UNLV and No. 11 Oregon State.

Last weekend NU lost to the Rebels 7-6. In this weekend's contest the result would not be much different, as the Huskers were shutout 1-0.

Senior Ginger Taylor led Nebraska with two hits.

NU bounced back after the loss with a 2-1 victory over the national power OSU. After falling behind, the Huskers used a late-game triple from Lizama to get the victory. Sophomore Leigh Ann Walker (2-1) received the win for NU.

Williams: win a bittersweet reunion

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"There are some talented players on the team right now, and a lot of times it is about the right chemistry and mix and a lot of other things," Williams said. "The Xs and Os are always a part of that."

Williams was quick to defend NU's recruiting history by telling of NU's record of producing NBA players. The Huskers yielded the second largest number in the Big 12, behind Kansas, of NBA players on opening-day rosters.

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