

Scrimmage shows strong offense

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It didn't have all the bells and whistles of a game situation, but the first Nebraska football scrimmage of the spring proved that the young NU quarterbacks have the tools to lead the offense.

Redshirt freshman Jammal Lord, sophomore Joe Chrisman and freshman Brett Lindstrom led the Cornhusker offense to scores against the NU defense during the 2 1/2-hour workout at Memorial Stadium on Saturday.

Starting 40 yards from the goal line with the top offense against the top defense, the No. 2 offense vs. No. 2 defense and the No. 3 offense against the No. 3 defense, the offense was able to put together four scoring drives in 10 attempts.

With starting quarterback Eric Crouch held out of the scrimmage after undergoing arthroscopic shoulder surgery, Coach Frank Solich said he was pleased with the overall effort and execution of the scrimmage.

He was most encouraged by the play of his young quarterbacks, considering "a lot of younger guys, particularly on the offensive side, are kind of confused in terms of know-

ing our offense."

Lord showed the ability to ad lib on the first scoring drive of the day. Against the No. 1 defense, Lord picked up 10 yards on an option on a 4th-and-5 from the 35. Then, on a third down, he scrambled right to connect on a 14-yard pass to tight end Jake McKee.

Finally, on second and goal from the five, Lord was chased back past the 25-yard line before scrambling for a four-yard gain. On the next play, Judd Davies would score on a one-yard plunge. Lord would score later in the scrimmage on a four-yard option run.

"I thought Jammal showed the ability to scramble," said Solich, of Lord's seven carries for 44 yards and a touchdown. "He showed very good athletic ability. And he kept us alive on a drive with individual play. That was important to see."

Chrisman was at the controls three series later when redshirt freshman running back Robin Miller scored on a 32-yard run against the No. 2 defense. On the drive, he lugged the ball 43 yards on three carries.

The defense was handicapped by a short field on Saturday, but it won't be next Saturday when the team will hold its first full-field

scrimmage of the spring.

Husker linebacker Carlos Polk said that even though the offense appeared to move the ball well this scrimmage, he expects it will be more difficult for it to gain yardage the rest of the spring.

"I wouldn't say they moved the ball on us well," Polk said. "They had some lucky breaks for them. Sometimes the ball is going to bounce like that."

"We just got to bounce back. We feel that once the younger guys get down and get in the groove of things, it's going to be a different story."

Saturday was the first time this spring that Huskers battling for spots on the depth chart had a chance to set themselves apart from other players at their positions.

Defensive Coordinator Craig Bohl wasn't able to see the scrimmage because he was working with the players in Schulte Fieldhouse, but he said the film would be digested by the coaching staff over the weekend.

He wouldn't comment on the scrimmage until after he saw the tape but said the goal of the practice was "to find out, especially for the jobs that are open; we're looking for guys that can come in and make

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Pine wins swim title

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have done worse," Bentz said. "But overall, our senior leadership was excellent, and we had an outstanding meet."

Senior Valery Kalmikovs was one of those NU swimmers who closed his career on a high note with a sixth-place finish in the 200-meter breast-stroke.

Kalmikovs touched the wall with a new national record time of 2:10.64 for his country of Latvia.

"I'm very happy with my time," Kalmikovs said. "It's nice to be a senior, but I will really miss collegiate swimming."

In the final event of the meet, NU's 400-meter freestyle relay team of Pine, Javier Botello, Peter Fry and Anthony Rogis finished with All-American honors and an 11th place time of 3:16.52.

California won the race with a U.S. Open record mark of 3:11.25.

Rogis earned All-American honors Friday with a ninth-place finish in the 200-meter freestyle, not qualifying for the finals in the event in which he took the bronze last year.

Also on Friday, senior Michael Windisch became only the sixth Husker to finish in the top five at the NCAA meet with a fourth-place time of 4:11.74, with the winning time put up by Michigan's Tim Siciliano of 4:06.02.

After a fourth straight top-20 finish by his team at the NCAA meet, Bentz was anxious to think about what next year's returning swimmers may have taken from taking on such a high level of competition.

"Hopefully, the underclassmen can take something from this experience, and we can move up in the years to come," Bentz said.

NU beats Texas Tech

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Cole and Stern and a walk to Hopper.

But Vlieger wouldn't get a chance to be the hero again. Kevin Tracey's first pitch to Vlieger bounced in front of the plate and past the Tech catcher, allowing Cole to score the winning run for NU.

Van Horn said: "This was the first time we've come from behind all year, and I was pleased with how we hung in there."

Nebraska's Dan Johnson hit his fifth homer in five games in the contest, with a solo shot in the second. He nearly added another in his next at bat, when he singled off the top of the right field fence.

Reliever Steve Hale pitched five innings and allowed only two hits and one run for NU.

In the series opener Friday, Shane Komine and NU disposed of the Red Raiders with ease, 11-0. Komine gave up only two hits in his eight innings of work and struck out 13 to improve to 4-2.

The Husker offense, meanwhile, scored six runs in the first three innings to leave Tech in the dust.

NU next hosts North Dakota State on Tuesday before traveling to face Baylor in a three-game series next weekend.

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