

## NU tennis teams outperformed by Oklahoma schools

From Staff Reports

Both of Nebraska's tennis teams were looking for the quickest route out of the state of Oklahoma after Sunday.

The state seemed to bring out the worst in the Nebraska men's tennis team this weekend, and the women didn't fare much better.

The men tangled with Oklahoma on Saturday, then traveled to the Sooners' bedlam brother Oklahoma

State on Sunday, losing both in big ways.

NU plummeted to 7-12 for the season after the weekend's play, losing 7-0 to the Sooners and 6-1 to the Cowboys.

Only No. 3 player Andan Hadzialic pushed a Sooner to a decisive third game in singles play Saturday. Hadzialic claimed the only Cornhusker point of the weekend Sunday against OSU, winning 6-4, 2-6, 6-3.

The women made both Oklahoma

schools fight more for their wins but lost both matches 5-4. The Husker women dropped to 18-5 for the season.

Nebraska's No. 40 ranked doubles pairing of Sandra Noetzel and Gina Pelazini were upset 8-6 by Viviana Miracnova and Angela Stroup of OU to help secure the deciding doubles point for the Sooners on Saturday.

The twosome of Pelazini and Noetzel came up on the short end of the stick by a score of 8-5 Sunday.

# Huskers beat Irish 2-0 in spring game

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Revenge can be a wonderful thing.

The Nebraska soccer team got a little taste of it Saturday night as it beat Notre Dame 2-0 in its final game of the spring season.

Despite coming in the form of an exhibition game, Husker Coach John Walker said a little redemption was received, as NU has seen Notre Dame end its last three seasons in the NCAA Tournament.

"We never talked about it before the game or anything like that," he said. "I am sure personally, deep down, they all remember losing in the NCAA Tournament, but believe me, winning an exhibition game doesn't replace an NCAA Tournament."

Walker said his team was more focused on winning the game because they had tied Florida and North Carolina in its two previous games.

"We were more concerned about finishing the spring on a strong note," Walker said. "The thing we talked about was that it was not good enough to tie Florida and North Carolina. These are teams we have to beat."

And beat the Irish they did.

NU scored its first goal at the 19:31 mark of the first half on a penalty shot by Meghan Anderson after a handball in Notre Dame's box.

It would be NU's only goal of the

<b>HUSKERS</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>IRISH</b>	<b>0</b>

half — one in which the Huskers out-shot the Irish 13-4 and did not see the Irish get a shot on goal.

Walker said his team should have gotten more out of its opportunities and capitalized on the wind more.

"By halftime, we should be up several goals," Walker said. "And maybe the face of the game changes a little bit."

But Nebraska scored quickly out of the gate in the second half: a goal by Najah Williams at the 47:03 mark pleased Walker and gave NU some breathing room. Williams' goal, which was assisted by Christine Latham, was against a brisk, cold wind that NU used to its advantage the entire first half. Notre Dame tried to capitalize on that same wind in the second but could not put one in the net, despite out-shooting NU 14-7.

The Irish did fail to convert those shots into shots-on-goal. Husker goalkeeper Karina LeBlanc made only three saves in the game, all in the second half.

All in all, the game marked the end to spring drills for Nebraska, the first in which the Huskers did not lose to a college team.

"To be honest, this has been our most productive spring," said Walker.

Walker said he knew 20 minutes into NU's first exhibition game against Florida that he was going to have a very good team.

## Three former Huskers picked in NFL draft



Mike Warren/DN

**MIKE BROWN**, a rover while at Nebraska, was picked in the second round and was the 39<sup>th</sup> pick overall by the Chicago Bears in the NFL Draft on Saturday.

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ed in the draft, said the Bears are looking for him to play the free safety position and special teams in his rookie season. NU's highest pick received rave reviews for his work ethic from the critics.

"He is on the shorter side for a safety, but he makes up for this with outstanding instincts and tackling ability," said Tom Donahoe, a former player personnel director for the Pittsburgh Steelers on ESPN.com. "The Bears probably felt that he fit better than some of the other safeties."

Warren, who played defensive line for the Huskers, sat in his Springfield, Mo. home and wondered when his name was going to pop up.

It popped up, but it was further down the list than he thought it would be. Green Bay drafted Warren with the 74th pick in the third round. Warren said Thursday he believed he would be drafted between Nos. 20 and 60, possibly an outside first-round pick.

"I was real nervous and just ready

for it to get over with last night," he said. "It was a very long day."

Warren said the Packers told him they were thin at his position, and he might get a chance to start next season.

Saturday's three rounds ended without Ralph Brown's name being called, but Ralph Brown, who watched his best friend Mike Brown get drafted, said he took it all in stride.

"My family was more stressed out than me," he said. "The only thing that was tough was when Mel Kiper had me rated as, like, the No. 2 defensive back in the second round, and there were 14 other defensive backs taken before me."

Ralph Brown received the good news Sunday morning when the New York Giants took him as the 140th pick in the fifth round. Brown said it went pretty fast, considering he was sleeping when the Giants called to tell him he was about to get drafted.

"I was sleeping, and my mom woke me up and told me New York was on the phone," he said from his home near Los Angeles.

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