

Coaches find ways to tackle the heat

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better practices because of it. It's just one of those things where it took the athletic world a long time to figure out what was going on."

So the methods of surviving adverse conditions had certainly changed when the dog-day heat indexes of 100 degrees or higher raged all over Big 12 Conference country last week.

The emphasis isn't on punishment but on protection, both of players and coaches.

Case in point: Of the six coaches interviewed, each one said water was key to beating the heat. Drinking it, spraying it, even going so far to set up "mist tents" are ways to make mid-afternoon practices a bit more bearable.

It's Bob Simmons who has the mist tents at OSU. The makeshift structures serve as an oasis whenever the team needs a break, usually once or twice a day.

"I'll take a 10-minute break and get them in the mist," Simmons said. "We just try and

push through it. Sometimes, I'll even join them in there."

Nebraska has water tanks set up for players to lounge in afterward, as does Missouri. Besides water, a few coaches mentioned energy drinks such as Gatorade to replenish fluids lost during a practice.

At Oklahoma, Coach Bob Stoops maneuvered around the heat by scheduling practices earlier in the morning and later in the afternoon, after the largest concentration of heat has ended.

The result, Stoops said, is a mostly happy team, with few problems because of dehydration. This is a direct contrast to the Sooner horror story of 1995 when then-coach Howard Schnellenberger worked OU to point of vomiting and exhaustion during two-a-days.

"We managed pretty well," Stoops said. "We really didn't make a big deal about it. The extra time between practices to recover helped, as well as staying out of the major part of the heat."

Yet despite all precautions, nobody mistakes blinding heat for the optimal practice environment provided by crisp autumn air. Coaches listed their precautions, but they also said the heat slowed them down.

Kansas State got the worst of it, going through 12 days of double practices. The team weathered dangerous heat levels in Saturday's 27-7 win over Iowa.

While the field at Arrowhead Stadium reached temps of 120 degrees, KSU Coach Bill Snyder recognized a significant fatigue setting in with his Wildcats, as well as less-than-perfect footfalls.

The fatigue and the footfalls hampered the "average" performance of quarterback Jonathan Beasley, who threw two interceptions to Hawkeye defenders in the second half.

"Perspiration on the ball was my major concern. It is so hard to eliminate because it comes (through) the center - some big offensive lineman that's going to perspire heavily and certainly

Jonathan, as well," Snyder said.

The relief doesn't look to be in sight for some teams. Just Sunday, the nation's high was in Lawrence, Kan.

Extended forecasts show hot temperatures mixed with thunderstorms, adding muggy humidity as an oppressive practice companion.

With night classes, practices still begin with the brunt of the heat bearing down.

At the very least, coping with it has advanced beyond the grin-and-bear-it stage. NU Coach Frank Solich, who played in the early 1960s like Smith, has noticed a difference, and he has championed it.

But for Solich, the best offense in combating heat exhaustion is simple: Have a good defense.

"We've made sure that our players were in great shape coming into fall camp," Solich said.

"That was the most important thing. Then, you don't have to work them in shape during fall camp."

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Iowa, Dan McCarney is planning against it.

"We're not going to take any short cuts; we're not going to make any excuses," McCarney said.

Texas

Coach Mack Brown said about half of his recruiting class will play this fall to develop depth. Depth has been a key word for Brown so far, as the Longhorns lost its starting tight end Bo Scaife last week.

On the quarterback front, Brown said, both Chris Simms and Major Applewhite have performed well this fall. In fact, Brown said Applewhite, coming off a serious knee injury, has performed beyond expectations so far.

"He's one of the toughest young people I've ever been around," Brown said. "To be honest with you, I didn't think we'd have a quarterback situation because of that injury. But Major's been amazing."

Texas A&M

Former Aggie running back Surr Parker will be the subject of a television movie sometime next year, A&M Coach R.C. Sloucum said. Permission was asked of the school to use the name of logo of the program.

Sloucum said the story will focus on Parker's turbulent youth and have some focus on his years at A&M. Sloucum did not know what actor would portray him.

Colorado

Who said a spring practice finalizes things? While Bobby Pesavento came out of spring workouts as the No. 1 quarterback, he was beaten out by sophomore Zac Colvin.

According to Coach Gary Barnett, Colvin "simply had more points than Bobby did."

"Zac was really sharp on Friday," Barnett said. "He made some really big plays all over the place. It was close. But Zac's the guy."

Soccer team looks for 3-0 start

After two shutout wins, Walker expects third contest to be a little tougher.

BY JAMIE SUHR

Despite playing its third game in five days, the Nebraska soccer team will enter tonight's game against Southwest Missouri State well rested.

The starters for the undefeated Cornhuskers sat out for the final 35 minutes of the team's 11-0 victory over Arkansas-Little Rock.

However, resting the starters wasn't Coach John Walker's chief concern.

"The most important thing was playing the younger play-

ers," Coach John Walker said.

The players' fatigue didn't enter Walker's mind because of the way Sunday's game was played.

NU dominated the ball Sunday, allowing the Trojans a meager one shot.

"Running was cut in half because we had the ball in their territory most of the game," he said.

Midfielder Shannon Tanaka was pleased with Walker's decision to sit the starters.

"We're just getting into the season now. We want to be rested as much as we can for every game," Tanaka said.

The Huskers weren't able to escape injury free however. Midfielder/Forward Brooke

Jones is questionable for tonight's match after leaving Sunday's game with a Charlie Horse and deep muscle bruise in her leg.

After cruising to easy wins over Minnesota and Arkansas-Little Rock, Walker is expecting his team to be tested by the Bears.

SMSU finished last season with a 14-7-1 record, earning them a fourth-place finish in the Missouri Valley Conference.

"They're extremely well organized and well coached," Walker said.

The game was originally scheduled for Friday, but Walker and SMSU Coach Rob Brewer agreed to move the game up because of scheduling conflicts.

Sooners looking for more in 2000

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turnovers."

Which all contributes to the idea of controlling field position and momentum with a short-range, unnering passing game. OU averaged 11.1 yards per completion. By contrast, Texas averaged 12.2, Colorado 12.9, Nebraska 16.1 and Kansas State 18.1. Heupel heard that comparison and smiled again. It only proved his point.

"Kinda like a point guard," Heupel said. "I have to put our team in the best position to win the game. And we think we can win every game we play this year. But it isn't just the arm. Our offense is just a little bit different." Added Stoops: "Around here, our guys have to think."

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Offense	Defense
QB: 7 Eric Crouch, Jr., Omaha, Neb. (11 starts in 1999)	LRE: 98 Demonie Adams, So., Pine Bluff, Ark.
10 Jammal Lord, Fr., Bayonne, N.J.	57 Chris Kelsay, So., Auburn, Neb. (1)
-or- 11 Joe Chrisman, So., Longmont, Colo.	-or- 92 Justin Smith, So., Sherman, Texas
RB: 38 Dan Alexander, Sr., Wentzville, Mo. (10)	NT: 70 Jason Lohr, Jr., Tulsa, Okla.
-or- 36 Correll Buckhalter, Sr., Collins, Miss. (1)	55 Jon Clanton, So., Glendale, Ariz.
30 Dahrnan Diedrick, So., Scarborough, Ontario	85 Casey Nelson, Jr., Newman Grove, Neb.
FB: 15 Willie Miller, Sr., Omaha, Neb. (9)	DT: 91 Loran Kaiser, Sr., Farwell, Neb. (13)
4 Judd Davies, Fr., Omaha, Neb.	56 Jeremy Slechta, Jr., La Vista, Neb.
37 Paul Kastl, So., Lincoln, Neb.	94 Patrick Kabongo, Fr., Montreal, Quebec
-or- 21 Robin Miller, Fr., Kent, Wash.	RRE: 83 Kyle Vanden Bosch, Sr., Larchwood, Iowa (12)
SE: 3 Matt Davison, Sr., Tecumseh, Neb. (12)	95 J.P. Wichmann, Jr., Shawnee, Kan.
9 Wilson Thomas, So., Omaha, Neb. (2)	86 Kyle Ringenberg, So., Elkhorn, Neb.
20 Tom Beveridge, Sr., Sutherland, Neb.	SLB: 43 Scott Shanley, So., St. Edward, Neb.
WB: 12 Bobby Newcombe, Sr., Albuquerque, N.M. (4)	41 Rod Baker, Sr., Hastings, Neb.
8 John Gibson, Sr., Papillion, Neb.	17 T.J. Hollowell, Fr., Copperas Grove, Texas
89 Troy Hassenback, So., Lincoln, Neb. (1)	MLB: 13 Carlos Polk, Sr., Rockford, Ill. (13)
TE: 87 Tracey Wistrom, Jr., Webb City, Mo. (3)	48 Jamie Burrow, Jr., Ames, Iowa
99 Aaron Golliday, So., York, Neb. (4)	90 Tony Tata, So., Honolulu, Hawaii
84 Jon Bowling, So., Lincoln, Neb. (1)	WLB: 34 Randy Stella, Jr., Omaha, Neb.
-or- 88 Trevor Johnson, Fr., Lincoln, Neb.	23 Blanchard Johnson, Fr., Omaha, Neb.
LT: 58 Dave Volk, Jr., Battle Creek, Neb. (13)	44 Jon Penny, Jr., Lawrence, Kan.
76 Chris Loos, Fr., Lincoln, Neb.	LCB: 3 Keyou Craver, Jr., Harleton, Texas (13)
67 Nate Kolterman, So., Seward, Neb.	28 Pat Ricketts, Fr., Omaha, Neb.
LG: 77 Toniui Fonoti, So., Hauula, Hawaii	33 Dwayne McClary, Sr., Rochester, N.Y.
66 Jon Rutherford, Jr., Midwest City, Okla.	FS: 14 Dion Booker, Jr., Oceanside, Calif. (5)
79 Chris Saalfeld, Sr., North Bend, Neb.	-or- 19 Clint Finley, Sr., Cuero, Texas (8)
C: 54 Dominic Raiola, Jr., Honolulu, Hawaii (13)	42 Troy Watchorn, Sr., Columbus, Neb.
66 Jon Rutherford, Jr., Midwest City, Okla.	Row: 25 Joe Walker, Sr., Arlington, Texas
53 Matt Shook, So., Medina, Ohio	-or- 19 Clint Finley, Sr., Cuero, Texas (8)
RG: 55 Russ Hochstein, Sr., Hartington, Neb. (13)	20 Wes Woodward, Jr., Omaha, Neb.
60 Jon Rutherford, Jr., Midwest City, Okla.	RCB: 16 Erwin Swiney, Jr., Lincoln, Neb. (13 in 1998)
50 Jan Dawson, Fr., Cheyenne, Wyo.	-or- 5 DeJuan Groce, So., Garfield Heights, Ohio
RT: 65 Jason Schwab, Sr., Egan Minn. (13 in 1998)	18 Jeff Hemje, Jr., Grand Island, Neb.
75 Kyle Kollmorgen, Jr., Lincoln, Neb.	Punter/Place Kicker: Josh Brown, So., Foyil, Okla.
68 Dan Waldrop, Fr., Wilmington, Calif.	Kickoffs: Jamie Long, Sr., Wahoo, Neb.

Hardaway may head to Pacers

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Honolulu - Upset at being the only unsigned Olympian and growing ever more impatient, Tim Hardaway now says there's a 50-50 chance he'll leave the Miami Heat and play elsewhere next season.

The Indiana Pacers wasted no time Monday seeing if Hardaway was bluffing, placing a call to his agent.

"I'm dead serious. I'll go play for a contending team like the Pacers," Hardaway said. "I'll go somewhere where they appreciate me. I think (Indiana coach) Isiah (Thomas) appreciates me, and right now I'm getting no love from the Miami Heat."

Hardaway, an unrestricted free agent, is seeking a three-year contract from the Heat. But he says he will consider signing a one-year deal with Indiana for the midlevel salary cap exception of \$2.5 million.

The Heat can pay him much more, but Miami president Pat Riley and Hardaway's agent, Henry Thomas, have made little progress toward an agreement. With three months having passed since the Heat was eliminated from the playoffs, Hardaway has lost his patience.

"I deserve a lot more respect than I'm getting," Hardaway said. "I took less money to stay there. (Riley) said he'd take care of me, and it hasn't happened yet. I want to be there, but I've got to look out for Tim Hardaway and Tim Hardaway's family."

Donnie Walsh, president of the Pacers, placed a call to Thomas after hearing of Hardaway's dissatisfaction over the weekend.

Indiana plans to move Jalen Rose to the point-guard position after losing Mark Jackson to Toronto on the free-agent market, but the opportunity to sign Hardaway could alter those plans.

"I'm looking into it to see if he's for real," Walsh said. "I'm sure there's a place for Tim Hardaway somewhere."

Hardaway also said he would consider signing with the Chicago Bulls, who have enough cap room to outbid the Pacers.

Hardaway is from Chicago and played for Bulls coach Tim Floyd at Texas-El Paso.

Dutton up for national honor

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Husker senior Janet Dutton, an All-American pentathlete for the Cornhusker track team, has been chosen as Nebraska's representative for NCAA Woman of the Year.

Dutton set the collegiate pentathlon record in 1996, and she won Big 12 indoor pentathlon titles in 1996 and 1997.

In the classroom, she graduated in August with a 4.0 grade point average in business administration.

Dutton, a Hershey, Neb., native, also took two years off to serve as a missionary in Spain.

The NCAA Woman of the Year award honors outstanding female student-athletes who have excelled in academics, athletics and community leadership.

The Husker trackster is one of 51 nominees nationwide. The national winner will be announced at the 2000 NCAA Woman of the Year dinner on Oct. 15.

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