

# Bufs' schedule only gets tougher

After two agonizing losses, Colorado faces an uphill battle in the next four games.

BY JOHN GASKINS

Monday morning was not a good morning to be Colorado Coach Gary Barnett.

First, Barnett had to watch the tape of his Buffaloes' agonizing 17-14 loss at No. 10 Southern California, one week after they took a 28-24 nose dive to Colorado State in Denver.

CU let the USC game slip through its hands, or more literally, its kicker's foot. Mike Mariscal missed four of five field goals, including a 41-yarder with 1:14 left that would have given the Buffs the lead.

USC then drove down the field for the game winner, and some young Buffs were flagged for several wasteful penalties.

"We went completely into the tank once again," Barnett said. "You don't know how tough it was to stand on that sideline knowing we should have won."

Then, Barnett had to face

questions in his weekly conference call to reporters about meltdown No. 2, an 0-2 start and the uphill climb that only gets steeper.

CU's next four games: No. 9 Washington (fresh off a 34-29 win over then-No. 4 Miami), Kansas State (who's beaten CU two of the last three contests), at Texas A&M (which hasn't lost at Kyle Field since 1996) and No. 5 Texas.

It's tough to figure what Barnett went to first before the conference: Tums or Advil.

"Those were awfully tough losses to take," Barnett said. "We knew the schedule was going to be hard, especially considering we have 10 to 12 new guys out there."

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let our kids get discouraged. We can't. We're just one-third of the way through this schedule."

Colorado had a tough slate in '99, starting 3-3 and finishing 6-5. Knowing a bumpy early road was ahead with CSU, USC and Washington on its slate, Barnett dropped his jaw when he first saw the conference schedule, which the Big 12 decides.

It's safe to say he doesn't like it.

"It takes its toll — the way the league schedules, at least for us, discourages playing good teams in the non-conference season," Barnett said. "They need to make better decisions."

"If they want us to play weaker teams and just mop them up, games which aren't great TV games, if that's what the league wants to do ... Well, that should change in my opinion."

Several Big 12 coaches on Monday agreed that CU is at a handicap, but they said they think such punishing early games will help them in the long run.

Having said that, teams such as Kansas State and Texas Tech,

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which have three laughers at home to open the season, are better off now.

"A schedule like (Colorado's) is not necessary," Nebraska Coach Frank Solich said. "I would not want to have a schedule that loaded. Every team should have their best chance to win the conference. You don't have to have an extremely tough non-conference schedule to get there. Your best bet is to go undefeated."

"But Colorado is a good football team, Gary Barnett is a good coach and they'll do a good job coming back from all this."

Said Barnett: "It could get better, or it could get worse."

# NU's Frisch wins singles at Shocker Classic

BY VINCE KUPPIG

The Nebraska women's tennis team served up a great start to its 2000 fall season.

Highlighting Nebraska's outing at the Wichita State Shocker Classic in Wichita, Kan., on Sept. 8-10 was the performance of junior Amy Frisch in the singles competition.

Frisch defeated Oklahoma City University's Anne Laure Leguennec in the championship match. Leguennec retired after trailing 3-0 in the first set because of an ankle injury.

Leguennec hurt her ankle and had it taped during the semifinals earlier in the day.

In the three-day tournament, Frisch went undefeated with five wins. Frisch met her toughest competition in the quarterfinals on Saturday where she won 0-6, 7-5, 7-6 (9-7).

"Even though I lost 0-6 in the first set, I felt like it was real close," Frisch said. "I kept a positive mentality."

Coach Scott Jacobson, in his 10th year at Nebraska, said the four-hour match was one of the most exciting and longest matches he

has seen in his career.

"The kids (on the team) learn from watching Amy play," Jacobson said. "She never thinks she's going to lose. After being down 6-0 (in the first set), she wasn't frustrated. ... She never gives up."

Frisch, a No. 6 singles player who went 14-2 on Nebraska's team last year, went through some tough competition to come out on top. Oklahoma City is the top NAAIA women's tennis team.

Jacobson said Oklahoma City would be a top-50 team in Division I.

"It was an amazing thing for Amy," Jacobson said. "If you work hard, as she does, it pays off."

Jacobson said he was also pleased with the play of junior Katarina Balan, who made it to the quarterfinals before losing to Leguennec.

In doubles action, Balan and freshman Rose Ketmayura made it to the semifinals before falling.

Also in doubles action, senior Ndali Ijomah and Frisch reached the consolation championship match before retiring because of Ijomah's sore knees.

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them continue and risk injury.

Overall, Jacobson said the tournament was "good for us to find out where everyone is on the team."

Now, Jacobson said, the team needs six weeks of solid practice in preparation for the regional tournament in Omaha on Nov. 1, its main tournament of the fall season.

The Huskers will be in action next on Oct. 7 at home when they play an intrasquad tournament at the Cather-Pound courts.

# Husker men in fifth place going into final round

After completing two rounds of the tournament, the golf team is only nine strokes behind first-place Missouri.

BY KRISTEN WATERS

High temperatures and wind generally do not make for an ideal day on the golf course. But the scorching sun and blowing winds, for the most part, didn't phase the Nebraska men's golf team on Monday.

The team completed its first two rounds of the 54-hole tournament at the Fairway Club Invitational held at Firethorn Golf Club, finishing the 36-hole day with a team score of 605, which was nine strokes behind top-dog Missouri.

"I thought we started out good, but we didn't end up as well as I had hoped," Coach Larry Romjue said.

In the first round of play, the Huskers managed a score of 298 which left them four points behind first-place Missouri and tied for fourth place.

However, the Huskers drifted in the second round with its score dropping to 307, leaving them in fifth place.

"It's a hard course," Romjue said. "And the wind was blowing heavy."

Nebraska currently trails Michigan State, which has a team score of 603.

The top finisher for the Huskers was junior Seth Porter, who shot a 73 in the first round and a 73 in the second round for a combined score of 146. Porter

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NU men's golf coach

ended the day in second place only three strokes behind first place Bryan Milberger of Kansas State.

"Seth is in good position to do well tomorrow," Romjue said. "It won't get any easier. It will just depend on the scores they shoot tomorrow."

Sophomore Blake Humbles finished second on the team after

firing a 73 in the first round and a 76 in the second round for a total of 149. He is tied for 14th place.

Humbles and Co. will begin action today as teams tee off at 8 a.m. for the final round of the Fairway Club Invitational.

"We've got a good shot to do well," Romjue said. "But we've got 12 teams here, and only one can win."

# Big XII Notebook

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second consecutive 2-0 start for the first time since the 1980 and 1981 seasons.

ISU now is preparing to travel to interstate rival Iowa on Saturday. The Cyclones are gunning for their third straight win over the Hawkeyes after a 15-year dry spell.

"It's going to be as wild and crazy as it gets in college football," ISU quarterback Sage Rosenfels said.

Missouri (1-1; lost 62-9 to No. 16 Clemson)

Talk about a quick death in Death Valley. The Tigers kept things close for most of the first half. The scoreboard read 14-9 in favor of Clemson until the 2:29 mark in the second quarter.

In the next 8:33, Clemson racked up 34-straight points to record the most points scored by Clemson in a game in over 18 years and ensure Mizzou's fifth-straight loss on the road.

"The game was a tremendous humiliation," said Missouri Coach Larry Smith, who must now prepare his troops for a Saturday home tilt with No. 22 Michigan State.

Texas A&M (1-1; beat Wyoming 51-3)

Two things were proved this weekend: 1. The Aggies' opening loss to Notre Dame doesn't seem so bad after the Irish nearly beat No. 1 Nebraska. 2. A&M does have a capable offense, amassing 490 total yards.

Mark Farris's 93-yard touchdown pass to Robert Ferguson in the second quarter was the second longest in school history.

A&M has not lost a non-conference home game since 1988.

Oklahoma (2-0; beat Arkansas State 45-7)

Senior quarterback Josh Heupel has taken just 13 regular season games to tie Cale Gundy for the school record for touchdown passes. It took Gundy 40 games to reach that feat.

Heupel threw for three touchdowns in the Sooners' seventh-consecutive home sellout.

Texas Tech (3-0; beat North Texas, 13-7)

This time the Red Raiders were gasping for air, narrowly defeating the third straight

cream puff on their early schedule. Quarterback Kliff Kingsbury broke his own record with 42 pass completions, while tying a record of 55 attempts.

Patsy No. 4, Louisiana-Lafayette, will limp into Lubbock, Texas, on Saturday, fresh off the heels of a 52-10 beating from Texas.

Oklahoma State (1-0; beat Tulsa 36-26)

A stale unit in 1999, the Cowboy offense came out blazing to open 2000, scoring 21 points in the first quarter and 30 in the first half. Junior tailback Reggie White ran for 187 yards on 25 carries in his first career start.

OSU stays home for No. 25 Southern Mississippi on Saturday.

Kansas State (2-0; was idle)

Ball State (0-2) comes rolling into town after losses at Florida (40-19) and at home to Western Illinois (24-14). The Wildcats have won 23 in a row at KSU Stadium.

Quarterback Jonathan Beasley is ranked 17th in the nation in passing efficiency.

Coach Bill Snyder said there is no controversy right now between Beasley and highly-touted freshman Ell Roberson.

Baylor (1-0; was idle)

If there is any chance for a breakthrough win in the second-year Coach Kevin Steele era, Saturday is the day. The Bears host '99 bowl team Minnesota, which is coming off a 23-17 upset loss to Ohio.

Despite the off-week, Baylor ran an extensive two-hour practice on Saturday.

"Where this program is at right now, there's really no time or space to sit back," Steele said.

Kansas (0-1; was idle)

Terry Allen's squad has had plenty of thinking to do after an embarrassing 31-17 season-opening loss to Southern Methodist University.

The Jayhawks will have a chance to take out their frustrations in Saturday night's home opener against Alabama.

The two teams played an NCAA-record four-overtime game two years ago, with KU winning 39-37 in Birmingham, Ala.

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