

Gameday Notebook

With the 22-point win over Iowa State, and mostly because of a Florida State loss to Miami, Nebraska regained the top spot in the Associated Press poll.

Kansas State, a Husker opponent on Nov. 11, is now No. 2 in the AP poll following a blowout win over Kansas. The Big 12 now has teams at No. 1 and 2 for the first time ever. The Big 8 last had two teams atop the polls in 1987 (Nebraska and Oklahoma.)

Oklahoma, who NU faces in three weeks, is No. 8 in the poll.

For the third straight game, Troy Watchorn was Johnny on the spot. His fourth quarter interception was his third in the past three games. Watchorn, a senior, hauled in Laine Danielson's wounded-duck after Danielson had gotten the ball on a lateral and tried to burn the NU defense on a trick play.

Defensive coordinator Craig Bohl said Carlos Polk, plagued by an ankle injury suffered vs. Missouri, was only "about 90 percent" for the game. Polk only had one tackle and one pass break-up vs. Iowa State.

Placekicker Josh Brown connected on only half of his field goal attempts Saturday. Brown made 40-yard and 24-yard field goals in the second quarter but misfired on two other attempts from 48 and 39 yards.

"Anytime you have wind that is that much of a factor," Solich said, "it makes special teams that much more important." A stiff 15-20 mph gale from the North plagued the kicking game for both teams as Iowa State missed an extra-point.

Second-string quarterback Jammal Lord scored his first career touchdown in the fourth quarter. His six-yard option-keeper with 1:01 left in the fourth quarter closed out the scoring for the game.

Former Omaha Central standout and Cyclone freshman JaMain Billups paired with J.J. Moses on kickoff returns. Billups returned one kick for 16 yards, giving him four returns for 51 yards on the season.

Nebraska's defense held Iowa State to a season-low 37 rushing yards - also an opponent low for NU this season. ISU's top back Ennis Hayward gained only 27 yards on 11 carries with a long rush of 15 yards.

Husker Dan Alexander carried the ball 13 times on NU's first three drives, which totaled 21 plays. Alexander gained 65 yards on the drives, with his big gain coming on a 28-yarder on the third drive. The senior finished with 96 yards on 21 attempts.

Tracey Wistrom totaled more than 100 yards receiving for the third time in his career. His four catches tied a career high, while the junior had 102 yards last year against California and 116 against Oklahoma State.

Nebraska beat Iowa State for the eighth straight time. The last time the Cyclones beat NU was 1992, when the Huskers were upset 19-10. NU has won 22 of the last 28 meetings.

Defensive tackle Loran Kaiser did not play due to a sprained foot, breaking his streak of 27 straight starts. Jeremy Slechta started for the first time in his career in Kaiser's place and had six tackles.

Compiled by Joshua Camenzind and David Diehl

Texas A&M soccer players react to Nebraska's come-from-behind win after the game clock expired. NU defeated the Aggies 2-1.



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Huskers prevail in nailbiter



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NU scores two late goals to sneak past Texas A&M

BY JAMIE SUHR

The Nebraska soccer team nearly stumbled during its weekend Texas two-step.

The No. 3 Cornhuskers knocked off Texas 4-0 and completed its home sweep with a 2-1 come-from-behind victory over No. 14 Texas A&M.

Down 1-0 for most of the game against A&M, NU was forced to score two goals in the final 12 minutes to fend off the Aggies' upset bid.

In the past 10 games between the Huskers and the Aggies, seven have been decided by one goal. "Sometimes in sports, you get two teams that bring out the best in each other," said NU Coach John Walker.

The Huskers trailed for the first time this season after the Aggies' Andrea Starns one-timed the ball just past goalkeeper Karina LeBlanc 20 minutes into the game.

The goal ended LeBlanc's scoreless streak at 710:21 - the 11th longest shutout streak in NCAA Division I history.

Despite an abundance of opportunities, the Huskers were unable to put a score past Aggie goalkeeper Esther Thompson.

The freshman made nine saves on the game and had a little luck with Nebraska miscues.

With 10 seconds remaining in the first half, forward Brooke Jones had a one-on-one breakaway with Thompson, but her right-footed shot went a foot wide of the far post.

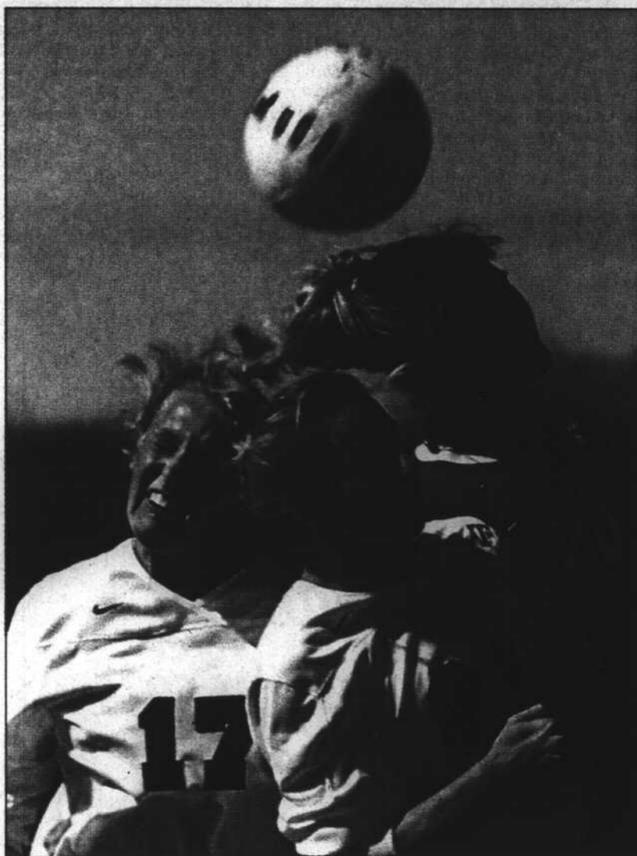
After halftime, the Huskers put a lot of pressure on the Aggie defense, but couldn't get the shots to fall.

NU midfielder Meghan Anderson sent a shot over the crossbar just 3 minutes into the second half. Forward Christine Latham shot a rocket directly at Thompson, but the freshman made the save to keep the shutout alive.

Nebraska	2
Texas A&M	1

Nebraska	4
Texas	0

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MIDDLE: Husker forwards Christine Latham, right, and Christy Harms celebrate Nebraska's first goal against Texas A&M during the second half. The goal evened the score at 1-1.

ABOVE: Nebraska sophomore defender Breanna Boyd wins a header over Texas A&M defenders Adrienne Dillard, 17, and Amber Reynolds, 21.

Nebraska	15	15	15
Iowa State	0	5	4

NU takes care of lowly Cyclones

Nebraska volleyball Coach John Cook rests starters Greichaly Cepero and Jenny Kropp in the easy win.

BY JOSHUA CAMENZIND

AMES, Iowa - Coming into his team's matchup against Iowa State, Nebraska Volleyball Coach John Cook knew his team could try some different things and still leave with a win.

Cook mixed up his starting lineup by holding starters Greichaly Cepero and Jenny Kropp out of all three games against the 2-13 Cyclones.

The Huskers, 15-0 and 7-0 in Big 12 Conference play, still dominated without the pair, winning in straight sets 15-0, 15-5 and 15-4 in front of 1,017 at ISU's Hilton Coliseum.

The match gave Cepero and Kropp some needed rest and their subs, Jill McWilliams and Pam Krejci, a chance to show their stuff in an entire three-game match against Big 12 competition.

It also gave McWilliams a chance to start a game in her home state.

With Cepero cheering and laughing throughout the match, the Des Moines, Iowa, native put on a setting exhibition for all those in attendance for the Cyclone Youth Clinic. McWilliams recorded 41 set assists.

Cook said he was pleased with McWilliams' overall play.

"Our offense was clicking today," said Cook, who said he saw no drop-off in the play of his defense without Cepero as well, holding the Cyclones to a .025 hitting percentage. "Jill's defense, her blocks, her serving and running our offense were exceptional."

McWilliams, who had requested about 40 passes for family and friends for the game, estimated she had even more of a fan base when her high school volleyball team showed up for the match.

The experience was refreshing for the senior, who started last year on NU's Big 12 Championship team, but now is mainly a defensive specialist.

"I've been ready to go all year and played a little against Creighton the other night, so that was a bit of a warm-up," said McWilliams, who was unaware she would be starting until right before the match. "It was good to get in."

The rest of the Huskers didn't do too shabby of a job at showing the youngsters who came for the clinic how it was done.

Amber Holmquist led the Huskers with 12 kills, and Kim Behrends and Laura Pilakowski added nine apiece. Angie Oxley chipped in with eight kills, and Krejci and Anna Schrad both had four.

While the game against the Cyclones provided NU with little challenge once the first point was scored, McWilliams and Cook said maintaining an even keel of competitiveness was

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Cross country teams win invitational

Nebraska's men's and women's squads both took first place in the Murray Keatinge meet, with the women capturing four of the five top individual spots.

FROM STAFF REPORTS

A trip cross country proved beneficial for the Nebraska cross country team as both the men and women captured the top spots at Saturday's meet in Orono, Maine.

The Murray Keatinge Invitational at the University of Maine was the stage for the teams' victory.

The Cornhusker women defeated five other teams to claim the title, while the men were the top finishers out of

seven teams.

The Husker women were fast enough to capture four of the five top spots in the 5,000 meter race, which featured 57 runners.

Sophomore Kathryn Handrup led the way, claiming the women's title with a time of 17:49.3.

Senior captain Amie Jorgensen crossed the line in third place, followed by freshman Ann Gaffigan and junior Jenna Lucas, in fourth and fifth places, respectively.

Senior Jaimie Kruger made the top 10, finishing ninth, and freshman Hillary Laird took 22nd in the race.

For the men, senior captain Marcus Witter was the first Husker to cross the finish line in second place with a time of 23:57.2.

Sophomore Mike Kamm finished right on Witter's heels, taking third place in the 8,000 meter race.

Senior Aaron Carrizales claimed seventh place and sophomores Jed Barta and Ian Gray took ninth and 10th places, respectively.

Freshman Kyle Wyatt placed 16th, sophomore James De Bruhl placed 20th and freshman Eric Rasmussen took 34th place in the 72-person race.

Nebraska outran teams from Maine, Vermont, New Hampshire, Central Connecticut and Holy Cross to claim the title.

The Michigan men's team, who have won the meet for the past three years, also competed in Saturday's race.

But this year, the 19th-ranked Wolverines were pushed back to second place by the unranked Husker men.

The Huskers' next challenge will be on Saturday in Ames, Iowa, at the Iowa State Memorial Classic.