

Women fall to ninth in final round

BY TOBY BURGER

Entering the final 18 holes of The Legends tournament, the NU women's team was in sixth place, within striking distance. When the day ended, though, the Huskers had fallen to a ninth-place finish, 24 shots behind first place Ohio State.

The slide to ninth is because of a slide by Husker golfer Amy Roux. After starting the day in a three-way tie for ninth, Roux faltered and shot a nine-over-par 81 to finish the tournament in 28th place.

In contrast to Roux's performance, junior Sarah Sasse jumped up from eighth place to a sixth. She once again led the Huskers for the day and the tournament. Sasse shot par for the day and finished the tournament one over par, five shots off the lead.

Ohio State claimed the team title with a three-round score of 880. Purdue finished second, one stroke behind. And third place went to Michigan State trailing Ohio State by three shots. Purdue's Kari Damron claimed the individual title carding a four under par for the final round and the tournament.

NU's Amanda Sutcliffe, a junior, also fell down the leader board from the day before. Monday, Sutcliffe sat in a three-way tie for 12th. Yet a 75 on Tuesday left her at +6 for the tournament. She finished in a tie for 14th.

The tournament woes for sophomore Stephanie Schaefer continued on Tuesday.

Monday, Schaefer had rounds of 84 and 85. Tuesday's 18 holes provided a struggle for Schaefer when she shot an 89. The results placed her in a tie for 86th, 46 shots behind the leader.

Junior Catha Fogelberg rounded out NU's day by shooting a 77 to finish in 64th place.

Men's golf experiences little success en route to last place

■ No Husker could place above 30th; the team was 43 shots behind first place.

BY KRISTEN WATERS

The Nebraska's men golf team finished in a lonely last place in the 15-team Purina Classic held in St. Louis, Missouri.

NU played its final round of the two-day, 54-hole tournament Tuesday at the Missouri Bluff Golf Course. Nebraska came into the day in last place, just one shot behind Illinois State University. But the Huskers failed to deliver on the last round, shooting a 298.

Nebraska finished the tournament with a total score of 896, 43 shots behind first place finisher Baylor and 10 shots behind second-to-last Illinois State.

Junior Seth Porter, who previously was in 33rd place, led the team with a final round score of 73, giving him a tournament total of 220 (+7) and a seven way tie for 30th place, three spots up

from Monday's play. Sophomore Andy McCabe came into Tuesday's final round in a six-way tie for 11th place. But McCabe shot a score of 79 in the final round of play, leaving him with a tournament total of 9 over par and a drop to 39th place.

Sophomore Blake Humbles finished 71st with a tournament score of +16, while sophomore Jim Troy finished with an individual tournament-low score of 71 and a 76th place finish.

Sophomore Kevin Bryson finished last among the Huskers with a final round score of 80 and tournament total of +21 for a 79th place finish. Eighty-four golfers participated in the tournament.

Marty Smith, also a sophomore, competed in the individual-only portion of the tournament and finished in a seven-way tie for 39th place after shooting a 77 in the final round of play, leaving him with a tournament total of 223.

Smith fell eleven places from his 28th place finish after Monday's 36-hole play.

Husker tennis player fights closer to tournament title

BY VINCE KUPPIG

Nebraska senior tennis player Jorge Abos Sanchez may be the only Husker left in the ITA All-American Championships in Stone Mountain, Ga., but he's seemingly comfortable carrying the Nebraska flag by himself.

Abos Sanchez, 5-0 at the tournament, has advanced to the final 32.

In the first round of the main draw on Tuesday, Abos Sanchez blasted sixth-seeded Eric Jackson of North Carolina State, 6-3, 6-1.

Today, he faces Cesar Obieta of New Mexico State at 9 a.m., with the winner of the match advancing to the round of 16 on Thursday. The tournament's championship match is set for Oct. 15.

Abos Sanchez is in familiar ground as he competed at the main draw of the 1998 tourna-

ment. The tournament, which began on Oct. 6, started with about 250 of the nation's top tennis players from nearly every team in the nation and is now down to just 32.

Also faring well for the Huskers was senior Adnan Hadzillac. Hadzillac won three matches in the pre-qualifying session before losing on Monday.

Despite going 3-1 and making it to the round of 32, he did not receive a "lucky loser" spot in the main draw, which consisted of 64 players to start.

In doubles action, the duo of Abos Sanchez and junior Lance Mills fell to Vanderbilt's Eddie Coates and Bobby Reynolds, 8-1 on Tuesday in the main draw round of 32.

The next action for the Huskers will be at the ITA Mid-American Championships in Tulsa, Okla. on Oct. 19-23.

Life could be a lot worse for NU fans

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And remember one other thing: This offense - the best rushing offense in the nation - can be NU's best defense. There's not much reason to believe it will be stopped.

Remember 1983's scoring explosion, the second-best best offense in school history (to 1995)? That team featured statistically the worst defense in school history. Absolute worst. Gave up 368 total yards per game. That team was one point away from a national championship.

Take your pick, Husker fans: No. 1, being 5-0, improving yet anticipating tough match-ups?

Or getting burned by clearly superior teams after coasting through patsies and feeling like crap to start the New Year - not because of the booze but because of the Blackshirt defense.

No, this isn't 1994, '95, '97 or '99. Not yet. But No. 1 ain't too shabby.

Things aren't that bad right now. We'll see in a month if they really are.

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