

Big XII Notebook

Kansas (4-4, 2-3; lost 45-39 to Texas Tech; at Nebraska)

The Jayhawks lost a heartbreaker to the Red Raiders after KU was down by 21 in the third quarter and 17 in the final quarter.

Kansas battled back but was unable to pull out the win as a last-second pass was batted down in the end zone.

For its inspiring comeback performance, KU gets to come to Lincoln to face Nebraska for the third straight year after NU lost its first game of the season.

NU lost to Texas A&M in 1998 and then shutout KU 41-0. In 1999, the Huskers lost to Texas and then beat the Jayhawks 24-17 in Lawrence, Kan.

"It makes it that much more of a challenge," KU Coach Terry Allen said.

Oklahoma (7-0, 4-0; beat Nebraska 31-14; at Baylor)

For their performances against Nebraska on Saturday, quarterback Josh Heupel and linebacker Torrance Marshall were recognized as the Big 12 players of the week on their respective sides of the ball.

Heupel, who completed 20 of 34 passes for 300 yards, was honored with the award for the second game in a row. Marshall had 12 tackles and two sacks in helping OU hold the Huskers to 14 points in the game.

The Sooners took over the No. 1 ranking in the country in both major polls and in the BCS rankings after the win.

Oklahoma State (2-5, 0-4; lost 37-21 at Colorado; Texas A&M)

The Cowboys dropped their ninth game out of 10 to the Buffaloes. The lone bright spot in the game was quarterback Aso Pogi.

Pogi, a redshirt freshman who is playing for the injured Tony Lindsay, threw for 313 yards and brought the Cowboys back from a 21-0 deficit to come as close as 30-21.

"He is going to be one of the better quarterbacks in the league," said OSU Coach Bob Simmons.

Kansas State (7-2, 3-2; lost 26-10 at Texas A&M; Iowa State)

The Wildcats dropped out of the Top 10 in both major polls after suffering their second defeat in three games.

Kansas State is now No. 15 in the Coaches Poll and No. 19 in the Associated Press Poll.

KSU's national championship hopes have gone down the drain, but Bill Snyder's team can still make the Big 12 Championship game if it wins out and beats Nebraska on Nov. 11.

After having one of the more explosive offenses in the country before the Oklahoma game, KSU struggled on offense for the third straight game. The team was held scoreless in the first half for the first time in four years against the Aggies.

Missouri (2-6, 1-4; lost 39-20 at Iowa State; Colorado)

Missouri's loss in Ames, Iowa, guaranteed the Tigers a losing season with three games remaining.

MU Coach Larry Smith said his players might play loose with expectations low.

"There is no pressure of a winning season, and it just comes down to one game at a time," Smith said.

The Tigers might receive a lift by the return of quarterback Kirk Farmer from injury. Farmer broke his collarbone against Nebraska and has not seen action since.

Smith said he would make a game-time decision about whether to use Farmer.

Texas Tech (6-3, 2-3; beat Kansas 45-39; Texas)

Tech Coach Mike Leach said his team had its best offensive game of the season. The Red Raiders put up 45 points and 489 yards.

Quarterback Kliff Kingsbury said that outside of Tech's loss to Nebraska, the offense has been improving in conference play after adjusting to Leach's system.

"It's been a learning process and hasn't been all smooth, but we are peaking at the right time," he said.

Tech's Wes Welker was named the Big 12 Special Teams Player of the Week. Welker, a freshman running back, scored a rushing touchdown against KU and also had a 66-yard punt return touchdown to lead Tech.

Baylor (2-6, 0-5; lost 48-14 at Texas; Oklahoma)

The Bears found themselves in unfamiliar territory in Austin, Texas, as they jumped out to a 7-0 lead on the Longhorns.

The touchdown ended a three-week drought for Baylor's offense.

Baylor held the lead at 7-6 at the end of the first quarter, but UT poured it on from that point.

BU quarterbacks Kerry Dixon and Guy Tomcheck continue to struggle as the two combined for four interceptions and completed only nine of 33 passes against the Longhorns. Baylor was held to under 150 yards of offense for the second-straight game.

Iowa State (6-2, 3-2; beat Missouri 39-20; at Kansas State)

The Cyclones became eligible to go to a bowl for the first time since 1978 with their win over the Tigers.

ISU Coach Dan McCarney said his team's goal of gaining its sixth win has been reached, but he didn't expect any letdown for the remaining games on the team's slate.

"It will be easy to keep their attention after watching five minutes of Kansas State on film," McCarney said.

Texas (6-2, 4-1; beat Baylor 48-14; at Texas Tech)

Mack Brown, who had to play Nebraska twice in 1999, again reiterated his disapproval of the Big 12 Conference's current alignment.

Brown said in his current state, if Nebraska and Oklahoma were to win out, the Big 12 would have two teams in the BCS.

But because the two teams may face off

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Iowa State Coach Dan McCarney on his team's focusing after becoming bowl-eligible on Saturday

again in Kansas City, Mo., in the conference championship game, Brown said, the two schools and the league lose money. This is because unlike other conferences without a championship game, one of the two will drop out of the BCS, he said.

"Last year, the Big 10 was able to send Michigan to the Orange Bowl and Wisconsin to the Rose Bowl," Brown said.

Texas A&M (6-2, 4-1; beat Kansas State 26-10; at Oklahoma State)

Despite dropping Kansas State handily in College Station, Texas, A&M remained ranked lower than the Wildcats this week.

A&M is ranked No. 24 in the AP Poll and No. 25 in the Coaches Poll, while KSU remains in the Top 20 in both.

A&M controls its own destiny in the South division. If the Aggies win out, including a victory over Oklahoma in two weeks, they will be in the Big 12 championship game.

Texas A&M Coach R.C. Slocum said his team is starting to achieve the offensive balance that he has been looking for as the Aggies rushed for 171 yards and passed for 155 against KSU.

Colorado (2-6, 2-3; beat Oklahoma State 37-21; at Missouri)

Colorado will travel to Columbia, Mo., next Saturday to play for nothing more than pride.

One player not making the trip is true-freshman Marcus Houston. Houston, a promising running back, will most likely sit out the rest of the season and apply for a medical redshirt after suffering a hip injury against Washington on Sept. 16.

Houston hasn't played since the injury, and both he and Coach Gary Barnett agreed that it would be in his best interest not to play again in 2000, including a Nov. 24 matchup against Nebraska.

Nebraska (7-1, 4-1; lost 31-14 at Oklahoma; Kansas)

NU Coach Frank Solich said last year's team did not practice well coming off its loss at Texas.

The letdown may have had something to do with NU's lackluster performance against Kansas last season, a 24-17 Husker win.

Solich said he hoped that this year's squad would bounce back better from a loss with a good week of practice.

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NU looks to improve in final tournament

■ The women's golf team will try to better its seventh-place standing at Price's Invitational.

BY KRISTEN WATERS

The Nebraska women's golf team will be looking to improve its seventh-place finish after its first day of play at the 18-team Price's Invitational held at New Mexico State-Las Cruces.

The Huskers are one day away from wrapping up its fall season as it shoots its last round of play today at NMSU Golf Course.

NU started the day early with a first-round team score of 302, giving them a three-way tie for fourth place just 1 stroke behind Oklahoma State.

But the tough New Mexico State course had its way with the Huskers in the afternoon. The team shot a 306 in the final round of the day while other teams improved on their first-round scores.

The Huskers finished the day with a score of 608, leaving them in the middle of the pack

at seventh.

Nebraska finished 27 shots behind tournament-leader Texas Christian and only one stroke behind Oklahoma.

Junior Sarah Sasse led the team, following an opening-round 73 with a 77 for a 6-over-par score of 150. Sasse finished the day in a six-way tie for 15th place, nine shots behind leader Courtney Wood from TCU.

Junior Catha Fogelberg finished second on the team with a first-round score of 78 and a second round score of 73, for a 7-over-par total of 151 and a tie for 21st place.

Senior Amy Roux pulled in a third-place finish on the team with scores of 76 and 77 for a total score of 153 and a tie for 31st place. Amanda Sutcliffe, a junior, shot a 75 and 79 for a score of 154 and a tie for 37th place. Sophomore Stephanie Schafer finished the day with an 87th-place finish after shooting 87 and 86 for a total score of 173.

The Huskers will look to move up in the final round of play at the Price's Invitational tournament today. Teams tee off at 7:30 a.m.

Huskers' goals intact after loss to Sooners

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Miami and No. 3 Florida State plays host to Clemson, which suffered its first loss of the season last Saturday to Georgia Tech.

These four teams will go a long way in eliminating each other, with No. 6 Florida factoring in, as well. The Gators have a meeting with the Seminoles on Nov. 18, followed by the Southeastern Conference championship game.

TCU, along with the Hokies and Oklahoma, are the last of the unbeaten. But the Horned Frogs' schedule is by far the worst of the contenders, and they won't be able to gain a BCS bid with all eyes on Notre Dame for an at-large bid, should the Irish win out.

Much like last season, NU will need some help to reach its goal, but Davison said this is the way it should be.

"It has really come down to the way it should with all the top teams at the top playing each other the last few weeks of the season," Davison said. "Everybody at the top is good enough to beat anybody else on

any given day. That was proven on Saturday."

NU Notes: Nebraska's Nov. 11 game at Kansas State has been scheduled for 6 p.m. and will be televised by Fox Sports Net. ABC picked up the Texas A&M-Oklahoma game for its prime 12 p.m. time slot.

Defensive tackle Jeremy Slechta and offensive lineman Tonia Fonoti practiced in new gear on Monday. It was gear the two probably could do without as it consisted of a red cast for Fonoti and a black cast for Slechta. The two broke their hands against OU.

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Humble Rheem has 'touch' on field

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two players a great combination.

But if Walker had one gripe with Rheem, it would be that she doesn't shoot enough. In 18 games as a high school senior, the forward scored 19 goals. In nearly three years at NU, the junior has tallied just 23 goals.

Despite the low scoring totals, Walker said he is pleased with the forward's output.

"She shoots the ball well," Walker said. "I keep telling her to shoot. Just keep shooting."

She has taken 40 shots compared with Latham's 89, but Rheem said she was just playing to the team's strength.

"Shooting hasn't always

been my strong point - it still isn't," Rheem said. "But on the other hand, Latham and the other forwards have an awesome shot."

While Rheem said she knows she must shoot more, she's content with her role of "creating for the other players."

She's also content leaving the recognition to other players. She thrives in her relative obscurity.

Awards came in waves to Rheem at Arapahoe High School in Littleton, Colo., where she was a top scorer, earning NSCAA All-American honors, as well as being named a Parade Magazine All-American.

But even back then, the honors didn't mean much to Rheem,

she said.

"(Publicity) isn't something that I look at," Rheem said. "I don't really care about it."

"In high school, they try to make a big deal out of the awards, but I was more excited that we won state."

While awards and recognition don't excite Rheem, she gets pleasure outside the sport from helping others who are stricken with diabetes, which she was diagnosed with when she was 9-years-old.

The Juvenile Diabetes Foundation asked Rheem to speak to 500 people to help raise money for the program.

"It feels great to help the kids because I remember how I felt when I was that young," Rheem

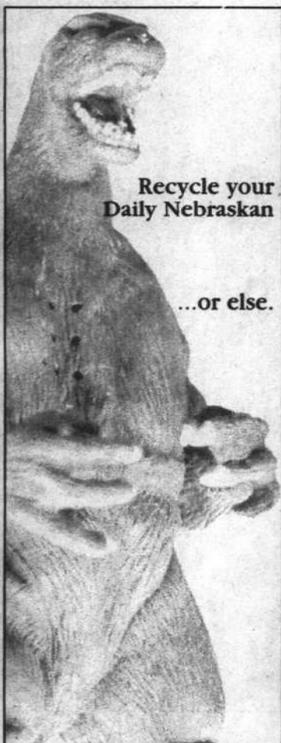
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Kelly Rheem
NU forward

said. "I let them know that it won't stop them from doing anything. It gives them hope."

And it didn't stop Rheem from becoming a Second Team All-Big 12 forward last season. She said the disease hasn't hindered her on the soccer field.

"It changed my daily routine, but I'm used to it," she said.



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