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OU puts up fight against NU Went stars in NU scrimmage

BY KRISTEN WATERS

The Nebraska volleyball team hit some major speed bumps on the road to maintaining its No. 1 status on Wednesday against a struggling Oklahoma team.

The Huskers improved their record to 22-0 (14-0 in conference play) in a challenging 15-6, 15-8, 15-12 win over the Sooners (6-15, 1-12), who haven't won a game since Sept. 27.

"I was a little disappointed on how we executed our fundamentals tonight," Coach John Cook said. "We worked hard the last couple of days on fundamentals, and I would have liked to seen some better results."

A pumped OU squad started the match with a quick 2-0 lead over a somewhat stunned Husker team in the first game at the OU Fieldhouse in Norman, Okla. Oklahoma was soon shot down as Nebraska returned the favor with a five-point run.

Oklahoma's 5-foot-8 setter was no match for NU's 6-foot-1 sophomore Laura Pilakowski. Pilakowski slammed down nine kills and one service ace in the first game. Sophomore Amber Holmquist added five kills and a block to help the Huskers bring in a first game victory, 15-6.

NU trailed OU 3-0 in game two. The Huskers snapped out of their slump, gaining momentum with a six-point run because of several OU hitting errors. Husker freshman Anna Schrad pounded down four kills and one block.

Pilakowski and outside hitter Angie Oxley both contributed four kills each as the Huskers rode to a 15-8 second game win.

Nebraska went on a 4-0 run in game three before Oklahoma fought back and gained momentum as the Huskers failed to produce an effective offense. This allowed the Sooners to take a 7-6 lead.

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Oklahoma	6	8	12	

The Huskers struggled to take control of the game as they consistently made poor passes and numerous hitting and service errors.

NU and OU battled it out until finally sophomore setter Greichaly Cepero stepped up and scored three-straight points on setter dumps, allowing the Husker's to squeak by Oklahoma 15-12.

"Cepero did a lot of nice things tonight," Cook said. "She made some good attacks and set Angie (Oxley) and the left side great.

The Huskers will look to improve their record this Saturday as they take on Colorado in a rare match held at the Devaney Center.

We need to come out mentally ready Saturday night, and I'll be looking for that preparation from seniors," Cook said.

BY DAVID DIEHL

Amanda Went may make fans forget that Nebraska women's basketball lost its two leading scorers from last season's team.

Went dropped a triple-double on the opposition as her Red team cruised past the White team 87-71 in the first ever Red-White intrasquad scrimmage.

"I felt good," said Went, who had 14 points, 12 assists and 10 rebounds. "We needed to get out here on the floor in front of some people and give players a chance to see what they can do."

The senior guard from Columbus was effective from 3point range as she hit three of four. But she said the 12 assists pleased her most.

"Getting the ball around, making my teammates better is what I was really big on tonight," she said

Went was just one of six players on the seven-member Red team to score in double figures.

Harvey's hot

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Monique Whitfield scored 15 points and had seven rebounds while two others scored 14.

The split-squad game started close, but after the 8:45 mark of the first half the Red team, behind its balanced scoring attack, never let the White team get closer than 12 points the rest of the game.

Not only Went impressed the sparse crowd at the Bob Devaney Sports Center in the 16-point drubbing. With three of five shooting from 3-point range, true fresh-man K.C. Cowgill led all scorers with 22 points for the White.

Went said Cowgill, a 1999 allstate selection from Grand Island Central Catholic, will continue to impres

"That's not a fluke," Went said. "Day in and day out, she comes in, and she shoots the ball."

Said Coach Paul Sanderford: "If she continues to shoot the ball,

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> **Amanda Went** NU guard

play hard and guard anybody, she's going to find a way to play.

Aside from the offensive explosion, eight players put in 12 or more points, Sanderford said he was glad to get the younger players on the floor and see them compete.

Newcomers Shannon Howell, Alexa Johnson, Katie Morse, Margaret Richards and Cowgill got good experience, Sanderford said.

"We play these games to get the jitters out and give those young kids a chance to play," Sanderford said.

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just spun in. I turned my head to the right and saw it barely go in." The Husker scoring was rounded out by

freshmen Christy Harms and Lindsey Greenwood. The goal was Greenwood's fifth of the season - each from the past six games. "My confidence is up," Greenwood said.

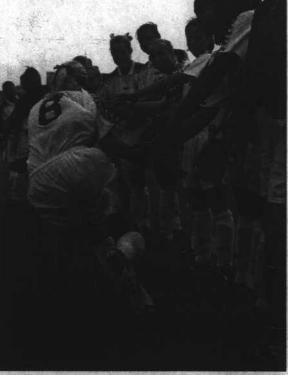
"Everything is just clicking." Next up for the No. 1 seeded Huskers is

Baylor, which beat Missouri 4-3 in overtime. The Bears boast goalkeeper Dawn Greathouse, who beat out NU goalie Karina

LeBlanc for first team All-Big 12 honors. Latham said after seeing that, she was hoping for a chance to face Baylor, which NU

beat 3-0 Sept. 22.

"I want to put up some goals on her for Karina," Latham said.



The soccer team is introduced before the first round of the Big 12 championship tournament on Wednesday morning in San Antonio.

FROM STAFF REPORTS The Nebraska women's tennis team is off to a good start at the ITA Central Championships in Omaha.

Freshman Leslie Harvey went 2-0 in Wednesday's qualifying session to lead the Cornhuskers.

In her first match, Harvey beat Oklahoma's Anette Bryntesson, 7-5, 6-0. Harvey then outlasted Boise State's Jemina Attard in her second match of the day, 4-6, 6-1, 1-0 (3).

The only other Husker competing in the qualifying session was Rebecca Harvey. She fell to Katarzyna Kolodynska of Oklahoma State, 6-3, 6-2.

With her two wins, Leslie Harvey joins senior Ndali Ijomah and juniors Katarina Balan and Amy Frisch as the Huskers competing in the singles main draw.



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