

# NU runner looks for at-large bid

BY TOBY BURGER

Two seconds—that's what separated Nebraska cross country runners Marcus Witter and Aaron Carrizales in Saturday's NCAA Midwest Regional meet.

That sliver of time was the difference between Carrizales' automatic bid to the NCAA Championships and the chance that Witter's season, and career, may be over.

Witter's seventh-place finish (30:42) at the regional meet didn't provide him an automatic spot in the NCAA Championships. He still may get an at-large bid to the meet.

Witter, a senior, entered the regional as NU's best runner and best hope for success at the championships.

That was the bad news. The good was that fellow NU senior Carrizales finished two seconds (30:40) better, placing sixth, and is headed to nationals on Nov. 20 in Ames, Iowa, for his first appearance in the championships. The result came as a surprise to Carrizales.

"I really didn't expect it at all," Carrizales said. "For this to happen is amazing."

Witter's fate lies in two spots available to the two runners in the nation with the fastest times who didn't automatically qualify for nationals.

All runners on the top-two teams in each region, and the top-four individual finishers in each region not on a qualifying team, automatically advance.

Coach Jay Dirksen said he has looked at the results from all other regional meets and said he thinks Witter will get one of the two at-large bids.

The men's and women's teams

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NU cross country runner

didn't fare as well as Carrizales or Witter. The men finished fifth and the women eighth.

Dirksen said he was disappointed that his team didn't finish higher in the standings, but he was pleased with the teams' performance.

"I thought both teams ran real hard and very well," Dirksen said. "I kind of have the feeling that we did about as well as we could do."

While Dirksen won't see his teams at the NCAA Championships, he said he is confident in both Carrizales' and Witter's chances.

"Witter has proven himself in some of his races this year," Dirksen said. "Carrizales has really come on a lot. The way Carrizales is running right now, and the way he is moving up towards the end of the race, he might be a surprise to people."

The men's individual winner was Iowa State senior Daniel Kinyua, finishing the 10,000-meter race in a time of 30:28. The team title went to Oklahoma State.

Amy Mortimer lead Kansas State to the team title with a 20:54 time in the women's 6,000-meter race.

Carrizales, and possibly Witter, will return to Iowa, as Iowa State hosts the NCAA Championships. The women's race begins at 11 a.m., followed by the men at 12:15 p.m.

# Husker wrestlers defeat Rider in dual

■ The Nebraska wrestling team won 23-16, taking six of 10 matches.

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The sixth-ranked Nebraska wrestling team improved to 2-0 with a 23-16 win over Rider (0-1) in Lawrenceville, N.J., on Saturday.

Senior Todd Beckerman, the 133-pounder ranked No. 2 in the nation, picked up his second consecutive pin of the year to start the day for the Corn-

huskers.

Rider bounced back with a decision and a fall at 141 pounds and 149 pounds, respectively.

With Rider up 9-6, two-time All-American Bryan Snyder put the Huskers back on top for good with an impressive 24-9 technical fall over R.J. Haynes.

Nebraska won its next two matches at 165 and 174 pounds to increase its lead to 16-9.

At 184 pounds, All-American and sixth-ranked Shawn Scannell of Rider defeated Matt Fletcher 10-1 to reduce Rider's deficit to three points. Fletcher,

normally at 174 pounds, was falling in for the injured Charles McTorry.

Defending NCAA champion Brad Vering won by a major decision over 13th-ranked Marc DeFrancesco of Rider.

Nebraska secured its victory with a double-overtime win from heavyweight Pat Miron to put NU up 23-13 heading into the final match of the meet.

At 125 pounds, 10th-ranked Jerold Limongelli defeated NU's redshirt freshman Jason Powell, 4-3.

Overall, the Huskers won six

of 10 matches to win 23-16.

On the NU's two-meet road stretch on the East Coast, the team defeated Drexel 35-12 on Thursday before its victory over Rider.

"Our guys wrestled really hard," NU Coach Mark Manning said. "We need to keep wrestling like we are as we grow and learn, especially when we are on the road."

Manning said the team is anxiously awaiting its first home meet of season against Wyoming on Friday, Nov. 17, at 7:30 p.m. at the NU Coliseum.

# Second-half surge helps NU advance to the third round

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don't think that's a great concern to them," said Richmond Coach Peter Albright.

While the amount of shots allowed didn't sit well with Walker, he said, he did like the mental toughness exhibited.

Walker said he was anxious to see how his team would react to being up only one goal at half-time. The results couldn't have been better.

"We've addressed that, actually, multiple times this year," Walker said. "In some ways, we just said, 'hey look, we're playing well, but we do need to do a better job of finishing and try to play with the same energy and pressure we played with in the first half.'"

It was also a day of redemption of sorts for Meghan Anderson. The forward missed a penalty kick in NU's 1-0 loss to Oklahoma—the Husker's only loss of the season and first-ever

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conference loss at Abbott Sports Complex.

When Big 12 Player of the Year Christine Latham was fouled in the penalty box, the forward was slow to get up. So when the penalty shot was called, the team looked to Anderson with the game tied with no score.

"They knew I needed to get one back," Anderson said.

And Anderson delivered with a blast that Spider goalkeeper Kristen Samuhel dove at and deflected off the right post

into the net.

While Walker said he was pleased with the way the team handled adversity, Albright said he was simply amazed by the Husker attack.

"They come at you from so many angles," Albright said.

NU will next face UConn in the Sweet 16 on Friday at 7 p.m. at the Abbott Sports Complex. The No. 13 Huskies defeated Wisconsin 1-0 Sunday.

Nebraska defeated UConn 2-0 on Sept. 17.

# K-State slips by the Huskers

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The turning point seemed to arrive in the second quarter on a third-and-24 from the Wildcats' 2 when Beasley found Morgan upfield for a 35-yard gain. K-State cut the lead to 14-10 on that drive, then took the lead 17-14 when Morgan took a Beasley screen pass at midfield and dashed 49 yards to the end zone near the close of the first half.

"Morgan's the best I've faced," said cornerback Craver. "He made all the plays, man."

The Wildcats were armed with several chances in the third quarter to extend their 17-14 lead, but only managed two Jamie Rheem field goals.

KSU Coach Bill Snyder's conservative, rushing game plan gave way to a bombs away passing fancy, none of which Beasley, who connected on only 12 of 36 passes, completed to his striding receivers. Aaron Lockett's punt return for a touchdown was called back, and a field goal fake ended in a fumble. Yet, considering NU's absent offense, K-State looked comfortable with 2:06 remaining in the third quarter.

Then, as inexplicably bad as Nebraska had been, it got inexplicably good.

After I-back Correll Buckhalter pounded out five yards on a fourth-and-1 from the KSU 44, the Huskers rolled gaining four, six, 10 and 19 yards on consecutive plays, the last of which ended in an Alexander touchdown. NU cut the lead to 23-21.

Then Nebraska did it again—all Alexander, all seven plays, all 74 yards, ending with a 45-yard jog to the end zone on a toss

right. Nebraska now led 28-23.

K-State, over the course of six minutes, didn't know what hit it.

"We just got back to basics," Alexander said, noting that "we tried some stuff in the second and third quarters, and it didn't work."

Said Solich of the turnaround: "I wish I had a good explanation for it. At times, we showed flashes where we could really move the ball, and at times, we didn't."

Nebraska guard Russ Hochstein didn't question Solich's play calling that preceded those two drives—the coach called several deep pass patterns—but did say "as an offensive lineman, I love it when we run the ball."

Both teams traded punts on ensuing drives, until Kansas State got what looked like its final shot—62 yards away, with 6:06 remaining. In a drive that would give the Wildcats the victory over its highest-ranked opponent in history, the key play was the first one, Defensive Coordinator Craig Bohl said.

Fullback Rock Cartwright took a draw handoff from Beasley, and was immediately met by NU middle linebacker Carlos Polk.

"I got through clean," Polk said. "It should have been an easy tackle."

But Cartwright wriggled away, then broke two more tackles en route to a 13 yard run that put K-State on the Huskers' side of the field.

"That turned the field over for them," Bohl said. "When that occurred, the game changed. They were in four down territory; their play selection grew."

After a NU holding penalty—one of 11 called against the Huskers—Beasley barreled 15 yards on a quarterback draw to the Huskers' 24, then another 9 yards two plays later to the NU 9. Running back Josh Scobey hit the line for 2 yards on first and goal.

Then, after a false start penalty against the Wildcats—one of 13 called against them—Beasley found Morgan wide open on a short crossing route, and the senior All-American walked into the end zone.

"Don't know who had him on that play," Craver said.

It was a play that K-State's Beasley had overlooked on a previous drive when he had Morgan open for a touchdown. But the maligned senior—who had a miserable 3-for-19 showing in Lincoln one year before—walked off a hero despite completing just 12 of 36 passes.

"I was really proud of Jonathan," Snyder said. "He's the guy who's lived with all the criticism throughout a year's period of time."

Nebraska's answer ended when Davison had the fourth-down pass jarred loose by cornerback Dyshod Carter. A few K-State players slid across the field like sleds, while another made a snow angel.

Nebraska players walked off, besieged by surging Wildcat fans. It was a bitter pill to swallow, especially for the offense, which was at one time considered one of the best in NU history. After 239 total yards, it'd be hard to claim that now.

"Sometimes," Crouch said, "you can't explain certain things."

# Morgan, KSU defense halt NU's title run

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He only completed 12 of 36 passes but was Mr. Clutch on KSU's last drive.

"It's one of those things you take with you the rest of your life—just knowing that your teammates are going to step it up with you and get things done," Beasley said of the game-winning touchdown march.

And of all things, Beasley drove it down as the snow fell. It was the first time the Arizona native ever played in snow.

"It was kind of cool seeing your footprints in the snow," Beasley said.

It would be doubtful that Crouch would say the same thing.

The Huskers called a time-out with 57 seconds remaining in the game, facing a fourth-and-five

play to keep their dreams and most of a state's dreams alive.

"It was just unbelievable—the atmosphere, with the noise of the fans and the snow coming down," Kansas State Defensive Coordinator Phil Bennett said.

Nebraska broke huddle. Crouch took the snap, his feet slipping slightly as he backpedaled into the pocket, cocking his arm and letting the ball go.

For a second, Nebraska split end Matt Davison seemed to be open, but the throw was slightly high, much like the 10 incompletions Crouch had already thrown that night.

The snow fell.

Davison seemed to have the catch for a moment, but KSU cornerback Dyshod Carter met Davison at the same time the ball did, knocking it to the frosted turf.

Davison sat dejectedly on the field as K-State players slid on the snow like fourth-graders, would after hearing that school was canceled for the day. Only this was better. They had beat Nebraska.

"I made a snow angel," Cooper said.

Beasley downed the ball and basked in his revenge. It was 1998 all over again in Manhattan, and fans celebrated just as hard as they did following that 40-30 victory.

"It was crazy trying to get to the locker room, everybody going for the goal posts," Beasley said.

Meanwhile, Nebraska fans scattered out of the stadium quickly, hearing the jeers from K-State fans.

A beautiful white snowflake never looked so black to all dressed in red.

# Big plays lead to Rams victory

■ Three turnovers and a 'complete' performance from special teams led to the win.

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. (AP)—Are the St. Louis Rams in trouble without Kurt Warner and Marshall Faulk? Ask the New York Giants.

Trent Green threw touchdown passes to four receivers and scrambled for another, and the Rams used three turnovers and a couple of big plays on special teams to beat the Giants 38-24 on Sunday.

"This just goes to show this is a complete team," said Warner, last season's regular-season and Super Bowl MVP who has been sidelined since Oct. 22 with a broken finger.

"This isn't about one or two guys," Warner added. "This is about a complete team, what we have from top to bottom. Our defense played great. Our offense played great. This is more the team we saw last year. This shows we're a great football team."

The loss ended a four-game winning streak for the error-prone Giants (7-3), who again showed they are not in the same class with the NFL's elite teams.

New York, also was outclassed in losing to Washington and Tennessee, is a half-game ahead of Philadelphia in the NFC East.

"We heard all the nay-sayers say we hadn't beaten anybody and is this team a first-place team?" Giants tackle Lomas Brown said. "We wanted to answer those questions and silence them. We didn't."

Green's touchdown passes

covered 1 yard to Roland Williams, 5 yards to Torry Holt, 8 yards to Bryce Proehl and 34 yards to Isaac Bruce. Warner's backup also scrambled 18 yards for a touchdown, a run that gave St. Louis a 28-7 halftime lead.

The four touchdown passes tied Green's single-game best, set while playing for Washington against Arizona in 1998. He finished 27-of-45 for 272 yards, and he also rushed for 54 yards on six carries on a day the Rams rushed for 141 yards against the Giants, the NFL's second-best rushing defense. They are ranked seventh overall.

"Any time we're able to put that many points on the board, I'm happy," said Green, who has started the last three games.

Faulk, who led the NFL in combined rushing-receiving yards, has missed the last two games with a knee injury.

Kerry Collins threw touchdown passes of 13 yards to Tiki Barber and 46 and 34 yards to Ike Hilliard. The longer one started a 10-point run by the Giants at the start of third quarter that closed New York to 28-17.

After Hilliard's long TD made it 28-14, Green was intercepted by linebacker Ryan Phillips on the next play from scrimmage, giving the Giants possession on the St. Louis 11. A run by Barber got the ball almost to the 1, but

# Losses turn KSU into rival

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lization are a perfect example. The signs they held read, "Losers turn right," in 1998, but now the signs read, "Non-winners turn right."

As easy as it would be to respond to individuals such as those with the age-old question "Where were you 10 years ago?" it has been overstated, and now we should look toward the future.

It is one that will contain many more good games and a few Husker blowouts like 1999 sprinkled about.

So if KSU doesn't stumble against Missouri next week, good luck to the Wildcats in the Big 12 championship against NU's first rival, Oklahoma.

Lincoln, and plenty of purple haters, will be waiting in 2001.

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St. Louis quarterback

Ron Dayne was stuffed on the next two plays, and New York settled for Brad Daluiso's field goal.

Green then drove the Rams for two scores, a 50-yard field goal by Jeff Hall and the touchdown pass to Bruce, which was set up by London Fletcher's interception.

The Rams used a fumble recovery, a favorable review, a big punt return, a fake field goal and interception to build a 28-7 halftime lead.

The play that ignited the Super Bowl champions came on the Giants' first series when Keith Lyle stripped the ball from Amani Toomer at the end of a 21-yard reception and Dexter McCleon picked up the ball and returned it to the New York 1.

After the Giants lost their challenge, Green hit Williams all alone after a play-action fake.

Az-Zahir Hakim helped stretch the lead to 14-0 late in the first quarter, returning a punt 39 yards to the 27. Green finished off the three-play drive with a 5-yard pass to Holt.


A 50-yard run by Dayne ignited a three-play, 66-yard drive that got the Giants on the scoreboard, with Barber scoring on a 13-yard swing pass.

The score seemed to get the of 78,174 back in the game, but the Rams didn't take long to take them out of it again.

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