

NU win biggest since '97

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when his coach approached him about starting Wortmann.

"They played their whole career to make one last impression, and I met with a couple of the guys before the game, and they say you never get another chance to make a first impression but you never get a second chance to make a last impression," he said.

"I think the impression they left tonight was obviously a great one."

NU's margin of victory, 28, was its biggest since 1997 when the Huskers beat Western Illinois by 29, 86-57.

The win left the Huskers at 14-14 and 7-8 in the conference heading into Saturday's matchup with Iowa State on the Cyclone's senior day in Ames, Iowa.

Ffriend, who has still had a bad taste in his mouth from NU's home loss to ISU, said don't count out the Huskers.

"We are capable of beating anybody," Ffriend said. "I can't say anymore than that."



Scott McClung/DN

Nebraska forward Steffon Bradford dunks the ball on a fast break against Texas A&M on Wednesday evening at the Bob Devaney Sports Center.

Huskers impress NFL scouts

Kyle Vanden Bosch, Correll Buckhalter, among others, raise eyebrows at the NFL Combine.

BY JEFF SHELDON

In the stock market environment of the eminent NFL Draft, several former Huskers became hot commodities at the NFL Scouting Combine this weekend in Indianapolis.

Nebraska's Kyle Vanden Bosch, Dominic Raiola, Correll Buckhalter, Dan Alexander and Dan Hadenfeldt performed well enough to catch the attention of a few pro scouts. The NFL Draft will be held April 21-22 in New York.

Vanden Bosch, a rush end, impressed several scouts and draft experts with his tremendous 4.5 second time in the 40-yard dash, the fastest time recorded by a defensive lineman, as well as his relentless work ethic.

"In the shuttle run, he looked as quick and nimble as many of the receivers we wit-

nessed later in the day," reported TFY Draft Preview, an Internet scouting site. "As the drills started, Vanden Bosch never went less than 100 miles per hour and showed great foot quickness."

Raiola may well have justified his decision to forgo his senior year of eligibility at Nebraska. He timed in at 5.1 seconds in the 40-yard dash, impressive considering he weighed in at 307 pounds. He also recorded the quickest lineman's 10-yard dash time at 1.65 seconds, a workout scouts use to determine quickness off the ball.

After the combine, both ESPN.com and TFY Draft Preview tabbed Raiola as the top prospect available at center.

At the running back spot, Buckhalter and Alexander both earned favorable reviews from scouts.

Alexander is now projected by NFL.com to be one of the first picks at fullback after recording a 4.48 second 40-yard dash.

"Nebraska fullback Dan Alexander showed a tremen-

dous size-speed combination," said scout Gil Brandt, although he did mention that Alexander could raise his draft status by improving his pass-catching ability.

Buckhalter appealed to teams with his diversified talents. Not only did he run a very respectable 4.55 seconds in the 40-yard dash, he exhibited outstanding overall athleticism by landing the second longest broad jump among running backs at 10 feet 4 inches.

"Another back who looked smooth and fluid as well as explosive was Correll Buckhalter of Nebraska," draft guru Tony Pauline said. "He caught the ball well and showed a burst of speed through the hole."

Pauline also urged NFL teams looking for specialists to consider Hadenfeldt at punter.

"For our money, Dan Hadenfeldt was the best (punter) on the turf. Hadenfeldt showed distance, hang time and consistency with his punts," Pauline said. "He was the best directional punter on the field."

Pepin, Owusu nab honors

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Big 12 track and field coaches honored Nebraska Coach Gary Pepin and senior Leslie Owusu on Wednesday.

Pepin was honored as being the indoor men's and women's track coach of the year and Owusu was honored as women's indoor performer of the year.

Pepin, coach for both Nebraska women's and men's track and field, led his teams to Big 12 indoor titles last weekend, sweeping the conference championships for the second season in a row.

Pepin received the award for

the second-straight year, and it was the 13th women's conference coaching honor he has earned in his career.

Owusu, a three-time All-American, claimed conference titles in the 200 and 400 meters at this year's Big 12 indoor meet in the Bob Devaney Sports Center.

The senior from South, Berkshire, England, ran the nation's fastest 400 time of 52.37 seconds on the banked curves of NU's track. That time also established a Devaney and Big 12 record.

Owusu was also a member of the third place 4x400 meter

relay team.

Owusu scored a meet-high 21.5 points at the meet and qualified for the NCAA indoor championships held in Fayetteville, Ark., in the 200 and 400 meters.

Texas A&M sprinter Brandon Evans was named top male performer. Iowa State jumper Daniel Kaczmarczyk and Colorado distance runner Sara Gorton were selected for freshman of the year honors.

The NU track and field squads return to action in the Last Chance meet on March 2 in Lincoln. The NCAA indoor championships are March 9-10.

18 named Academic All-Big 12

FROM STAFF REPORTS

The Big 12 Conference announced Academic All-Conference teams in several sports on Wednesday and Nebraska placed 18 athletes on the first and second teams.

The women's basketball team placed three players on the first team. Sophomore general studies majors Paige Sutton and Steph Jones joined freshman Greichaly Cepero, an international business major on the first team.

Shahidrah Roberts, a general studies major from Overland Park, Kan., made the second team.

On the men's side of basketball, senior Craig Wortmann was the lone Husker honored. The finance major from Hartington was named to the second team.

The wrestling team had three wrestlers receive recognition.

Todd Beckerman, a senior family and consumer sciences major and Bryan Snyder, a junior sociology major, made the

first team. Brad Vering, a diversified agricultural studies major, was listed on the second team.

The men's swimming and diving team landed the most athletes on the team. Five Nebraska swimmers were honored on the first team and four made the second team.

Sophomore mechanical engineering major Raymond Brush, senior Peter Fry, a mechanical engineering major, Jon Hahn, a junior mechanical engineering major, Pedram Nabegh, a junior criminal jus-

tice major, and Congo Tognetti, a sophomore general studies major, all were listed on the first team.

On the second team were Javier Botellom, a junior business administration major, sophomore psychology major Lucas Brown, junior finance major Anthony Rogis and Erik Wiken, a sophomore biological sciences major.

Athletes must have a 3.2 or higher GPA to be named to the first team and a 3.0-3.19 GPA to make the second team.



Sport Clubs

WATER POLO

The NU Water Polo club finished 2-2 in the Iowa State Tournament held Feb. 3 - 4. The club tied for 3rd place in an 8 team field.

Nebraska was lead in scoring by Tom Butler, Tim Daniel and Matt Turner and on defense by goalkeeper Jeff Markey.

RIFLE

Local results from the National Rifle Association Collegiate Sectionals held Feb. 17 - 18 at UNL.

Smallbore NU Team 2nd place

Becky Latimer	3rd
Jared Jochum	4th
Laura Johnson	6th
Tom Krause	8th
Carrie Anderson	9th
Dan Fricke	10th

Air Rifle NU Team 1st place

Becky Latimer	1st
Jared Jochum	2nd
Laura Johnson	3rd
Andy DeLong	9th
Bryan Campbell	10th

HANDBALL

The NU Handball club placed 4th out of 30 teams in the Collegiate Handball Tournament held in Minnesota. The women placed 3rd overall, with the men taking 5th. Individual results are as follows:

Ben Johnson - Finalist Men's B
 Travis Kulwicki - Winner Men's C
 Katee Wolf - Winner Women's A
 Heather McPherson - Finalist Women's A, Semi Finalist Women's Open Doubles
 Emily McPherson - Quarter Finals Women's Open, Semi Finalist Women's Open Doubles
 Mike Karlin - Quarter Finals Men's Novice
 Jason Meisner - Quarter Finals Men's Open
 Christian Knapp - Quarter Finals Men's B
 Jacob Knapp - Quarter Finals Men's B

TAE KWON DO

Three members competed in the American Taekwondo & Hapkido Academy of Lincoln 1st Annual Regional Taekwondo tournament Feb. 24.

Michelle Yarmer

Adult Women's Beginners Division
 1st place in sparring
 2nd place in forms

Josh Carmean

Adult 1st/2nd degree Men's Black Belt Division
 2nd place in forms
 3rd place in sparring

Daniel Barnes

Adult 3rd/4th degree Men's Black Belt Division
 1st place in sparring
 2nd place in forms

CREW

Notable results from the Kansas Open Indoor Race held Feb. 24 include:

2nd Mike Baker	Varsity Lightweight Men
2nd Ryan Klatt	Coxswain Race
4th Nadia Dahab	500m Invitational Sprint

Spring Schedule

March 18	Heart of Texas	Austin TX
March 31	Nebraska/Wichita/Colorado	Wichita, KS
April 21	Midwest Rowing Championship	Madison, WI

Crew Coach Needed

Require graduate student with background in Exercise Science or coaching endorsement. Previous coaching experience preferred but not required. Applicants should demonstrate athletic ambition and have the ability to motivate college students. Previous rowing experience not required. Contact: Dustin Lewis dlewis@cse.unl.edu if interested.



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