

Owusu grabs silver at NCAA Championship

FROM STAFF REPORTS

For only the second time this season, Lesley Owusu didn't win the 400 meters.

The senior sprinter placed second to South Carolina's Demetria Washington with a time of 52.49 on March 10 at the NCAA Indoor Championships in Fayetteville, Ark.

Washington, who also defeated Owusu at the Tyson Invitational on February 10, won the event with a time of 52.37.

Nebraska Sprint Coach Steve Smith said he was pleased with Owusu's silver-medal finish.

"Anytime you come to this meet and place second, you're a great athlete," Smith said. "She fought hard in an adverse situation. It was a great tactical race."

Led by Owusu, Nebraska captured five All-American hon-

ors. Eric Eshbach placed fourth in the pole vault with a mark of 17-11 3/4.

Returning All-American Shaun Kologinczak was fifth in the high jump, leaping 7-2 1/2, and senior Chris Chandler placed 10th in the 60 meters, finishing the event in 6.71 seconds.

The NU women were bolstered by a fourth-place finish from Melissa Price in the 20-pound weight throw. In only her third competition for NU of the indoor season, Price threw the weight 65-3 1/2.

As a team, the Husker men finished tied for 26th while the women placed 18th.

The outdoor season kicks off March 24 when Nebraska visits Tuscon, Ariz. for a quadrangular with Arizona, Georgia and Oklahoma.

Two women's swimmers get All-American

BY KRISTEN WATERS

The Nebraska women's swimming and diving team broke the water at the NCAA Championships in Long Island, N.Y., over the weekend, ending the season with a 23rd-place finish.

"Of course we would have liked to have swam faster," senior Beth Karaisco said. "Everyone wants to swim faster. But we did a good job there."

The Huskers finished their first day of competition tied with Cincinnati in 29th place with 12 points. NU was able to rack up 26 points on Saturday, giving them 38 points for a 23rd-place finish.

"We always swim better on the second day of competition," Karacia said. "But we didn't worry about place because we don't have the numbers to compete with Stanford and Georgia and some of the other teams."

Sophomore Elvira Fischer led the way for the Huskers by earning two All-American honors, giving her a career-total of three, after she finished the 100-yard backstroke in 1:02.04 for eighth place on

Friday and placed fifth in the 200-yard backstroke with a time of 2:11.27 on Saturday.

Karacia finished strong in her final meet as a Husker as the All-American finished 44th in the 100-yard butterfly with a time of 56.97 and placed 19th in the 100-yard freestyle in 50.11. Karacia also helped NU's 200-yard medley relay team pull in a 20th-place finish in a time of 1:45.32.

"I wanted to swim faster, but I'm not too terribly disappointed, either," Karacia said.

The underclassmen proved to play a big role on the team despite their lack of experience at the NCAA championships.

"A lot of the underclassmen stepped up. It may have been intimidating for them, but they did good," Karacia said.

Freshman Rebecca Wolfe took home her first All-American honor with a seventh-place finish in the 200-yard butterfly and placed 32nd in the 400-yard IM.

Freshman Jacki Lobdell walked away with an 18th-place finish in the 1,600-yard freestyle and a 25th-place finish in the 200-

yard breaststroke, while sophomore Keri Hehn placed 26th and 24th in the 200- and 100-yard breaststroke.

Georgia finished first with a score of 389 followed by Stanford

and Texas. NU's has finished in the top 25 in nine consecutive years.

"It really went well," Karacia said. "It'll give the team more experience for the next time around."



DN File Photo
For the second year in a row, Eric Crouch will miss spring football while recovering from shoulder surgery. Other notable injured include projected starting center Jon Rutherford and projected starting fullback Judd Davies (back).

Davies injury casts cloud over NU spring football

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Loos, Kyle Kollmorgen and Jon Dawson, must emerge to fill the right-side line spots by committee.

Rush ends Demoiné Adams and Chris Kelsay must rebound from subpar 2000 seasons.

NU currently has no rover. Lannie Hopkins, moved from linebacker, and Josh Davis, moved from I-back, will get shots at the position.

The sophomore class, much hyped as a recruiting class, needs to start producing this spring. NU definitely could use the help of Hopkins at rover, T.J. Hollowell and Ira Cooper at linebacker and Benard Thomas at rush end.

As always, plenty of ques-

tions. Far be it for anyone to answer them now, predicting either ultimate glory or imminent doom.

Because the 2001 Huskers are currently unshaped, one big mystery comprised of many smaller questions.

Because Davies may heal, Crouch may not.

Because Thunder Collins just might be the next Johnny Rodgers ... just joking, or rather doing my part to ratchet hype levels further skyward, making them even harder to attain.

Because it's March 19, the opening of spring practice. Just the annual start point on the road to either answering, or failing to answer, those ever-present question marks.

Men's golf finishes 17th in Louisiana

FROM STAFF REPORTS

At this point, any improvement is welcome.

After the men's golf team finished in last place last week in the 15-team Louisiana Classic, NU dropped its score 18 strokes to finish 17th at the El Diablo Intercollegiate in Citrus Springs, Fla.

Jim Troy played a major part in the lower team score. The sophomore improved last weekend's score by 10 strokes with a 36-hole score of 147. Troy shot a second-round two-under 70 to end in 21st place and lead the team.

However, the rest of the Huskers couldn't match Troy's play, as sophomore Ryan Cooley fired NU's second-best score with a 153 and ended the tournament in 73rd place.

Junior Seth Porter and junior Blake Humbles shot two-round totals of 154 and 155 respectively. Toledo topped the 24-team field with a two-round score of 579.

While the men's team continued to struggle, the women's team fought for team recognition last week. The Huskers shot a season-low single-round score in the second round with a 294, to sit four strokes out of second place, but they were unable to replicate the score in the third round as they shot a 311.

NU finished sixth with a three-day total of 916 in the Betsy Rawls Longhorn Classic held in Austin, Texas.

Mirroring the team's performance was junior Sarah Sasse, who was tied for first entering the final round, only to stumble by shooting a six-over-par 78 to finish in fifth place.

Senior Amy Roux shot up the leader board during the final round with 73 to end in 29th place. Junior Amanda Sutcliffe tied for 32nd with a 235 score, and junior Catha Fogelberg was one stroke behind her, tied for 36th place.

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