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TODAY IN SPORTS

Running back could rejoin Nebraska team soon

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — Suspended running back Lawrence Phillips could return to practice with Nebraska as early as this week, coach Tom Osborne said yesterday.

But Phillips won't play for the next two weeks for the second-ranked Huskers, Osborne said. That means he would miss games Saturday against No. 8 Kansas State and Oct. 28 at No. 9 Colorado.

Osborne said when Phillips returns to practice depends on what school officials decide about whether Phillips will face university disciplinary action for an assault on his former girlfriend.

Phillips pleaded no contest to a misdemeanor as assault charge for hitting Kate McEwen, a Nebraska basketball player, and is scheduled to be sentenced Dec. 1. Osborne said the athletic department had paid for 24-hour protection for McEwen.

Israeli team signs forward Tom Chambers

LONDON (AP) — Former NBA star Tom Chambers will play for Maccabi Tel Aviv in this week's McDonald's Open.

Chambers, who played with Seattle, Phoenix and Utah, signed a one-year contract Tuesday with the Israeli club. The deal, worth a reported \$500,000, would make him the highest paid player in Israel.

Chambers was an unrestricted free agent after two seasons with the Utah Jazz. He averaged 6.2 points per game last season, the lowest total of his career.

Chambers was the MVP of the 1987 All-Star Game when he was playing for Seattle.

His first game for the Israeli club will be Thursday, when Maccabi plays the Italian champions Buckler Bologna.

Four other clubs are playing in the McDonald's Championship, including the NBA champion Houston Rockets.

Carlson finally hits her stride

■ **CROSS COUNTRY:** After enduring a frustrating redshirt season last year, senior Jenna Carlson has made her final year worth every second

By Pete Schneider
Sports Reporter

Everything is clicking for Jenna Carlson in the 1995 cross country season.

The fifth-year senior from Grants Pass, Ore., has led the Ducks in every meet this season and has placed either first or second individually in every race for Oregon this year. Practically no one has been able to touch Carlson in the Ducks' last three meets.

What is scary for Pacific-10 Conference runners is that Carlson seems to only be getting better as the season progresses. And her last two races have been her most impressive performances this year.

Two weeks ago in the high-altitudes of Colorado, Carlson shut down the competition by winning the extreme altitude race by 13 seconds. Last Saturday at the Drenth Memorial meet in Eugene, she lost by less than half a second to her sister Tara, who runs for Washington.

Carlson says her success this season is a result of her ability to stay healthy.

"Everything has just seemed to come together since this summer," she said. "Now that I'm finally healthy, I was able to get in a full summer of training, which made me able to step it up this year."

A nagging hamstring injury forced Carlson to redshirt the 1994 cross country season, which would have been her senior campaign. The injury was particularly frustrating for Carlson because she had shown so much potential in her first three years at Oregon.

"Last year was really hard because I would start training and then I'd be hurt again," Carlson said. "I was so up and down. I can't even count how many times I thought of bagging the whole thing because I kept getting hurt."

After spending the whole season watching from the sidelines, Carlson's hamstrings had healed to the point where she was ready to break through during the 1995 track season. She went into the season with an assortment of injuries and self doubt, but came out as an All-American.

Carlson received the All-American award by placing ninth in the 3,000-meter race at the NCAA Track and Field Championships. Carlson will admit that her performance last spring came as a bit of a surprise to even herself.

"I did a lot better than I'd ever thought I'd do last year," she said. "At the beginning of the season, my goal was just to make it to the Pac-10 meet because I didn't know if I had enough base to have a good track season. When I made it to nationals, my goal there was to be an All-American and I did just that."

Her success at the NCAA meet last year has given Carlson the confidence she needed to get back on track and run to her capabilities she showed earli-



Senior Jenna Carlson came back from an injury-plagued 1994 cross country season to shine both last spring in track and this fall in cross country.

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Golfers close fall season with strong third round

■ **GOLF:** The Ducks end a competitive season in a tournament that included some tough teams and some tough individuals

By Trevor Kearney
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The Oregon men's golf team wrapped up its fall schedule Tuesday with an 11th place showing at the Robertson Homes Intercollegiate in Stockton, Calif.

The Ducks, who were in 13th place after the first two rounds of play, upped their team position by two notches with a third-round score of 292. Oregon finished with a com-

bined score of 887 in the 54-hole tournament.

The individual competition could have been the stiffest the Ducks faced all season, as sophomore Jeff Barney went into Tuesday's action in fourth place, but fell to 12th place in the tough field. Barney shot a 75 in the final round to finish with a four-over par 217.

Florida State's John Bettencourt tied with San Jose State's Aaron Oberholser for a five-under par combined score of 208, but Bettencourt won the ensuing playoff. In all, five golfers at the tournament finished with even scores or better.

For Oregon, Barney was the only Duck close to notching an

even score, as sophomore Chris Cone and junior co-captain J.J. Astorquia both shot combined scores of 227. Redshirt freshman Derek Crockrey shot a 228, while redshirt freshman Adrian Burtner shot a 229. Barney and Cone have emerged as the Ducks' top two golfers this fall, though Crockrey and Astorquia have both shined at times as well.

In the team race, Fresno State fought off a third-round attempt from Pacific to take the tournament. The Bulldogs, who led going into Tuesday's action, finished with a combined score of 864 to grab the team win, while Pacific finished with a score of 871. The Tigers, however, out-

shot the Bulldogs in the final round by a seven-stroke margin.

The Ducks outshot San Francisco by two-strokes to move up in the final standings.

While the Ducks concluded their five tournament fall season, the team will practice for their spring season, which begins February 12 in Kona, Hawaii and concludes with the NCAA Championships in June.

The Oregon women, however, have two more tournaments this fall. The Ducks travel to Palo Alto, Calif., this Friday for the Stanford Invitational and then go to the Lady Cardinal Invitational in Beaumont, Texas, on Oct. 30.