

Sports

Huskers meet OU in crucial series

By Stu Pospisil

Nebraska's baseball team will challenge third-rated Oklahoma for the lead in the Big Eight Conference in a four-game series at Norman, Okla., Saturday and Sunday.

The 11th-rated Huskers, 34-10 and 12-1 in the Big Eight, trail 33-5 Oklahoma, which is unbeaten in the

conference with an 8-0 record.

"I'd rather be where we are than where they (the other Big Eight teams) are," said Oklahoma Coach Enos Semore. "The only team we have to depend upon is ourselves."

Semore said he expected the Sooners to be a better ball team than last season, when Oklahoma finished 39-20.

"I have to say I'm happy with our progress," he said. "We've had consistent pitching, plus we've been pretty effective offensively. I thought we'd improve our defense, and we have."

"Oh, I might be surprised by our number three rating; I didn't think we'd be that high."

Oklahoma leads the Big Eight in batting, with eight of nine starters hitting above .300. The Sooners' pacesetter is outfielder Ron Leon, with a .427 average.

Pitchers Mike Santiago and Bobby Witt were first and third, respectively, in conference earned run average for all games played through April 9.

Semore said Nebraska's pitching staff is only a part of the Huskers' success.

"They're doing a lot of things to force the other team into mistakes, like bunting and stealing."

Nebraska Coach John Sanders said the Huskers have "a positive attitude" as they prepare for the series.

"We all know what the series means and how it fits in the scheme of things," Sanders said. "We like to be in tough situations and we've been on the road in some. We went to Hawaii, Southern Cal and Nevada-Las Vegas, and those are all tough places to play."

Semore said he is excited about the opportunity for two nationally ranked teams to play in Norman.

"I'm hoping for good weather and a packed house," Semore said. "This is a chance for us to play a good team four games in a row, and this should be a great matchup."

Nebraska has had little success playing at Oklahoma, winning only 14 of 56 games there. Since a split of a two-game series in 1980, Nebraska has not played Oklahoma on its new diamond, L. Dale Mitchell Field. In 1983 the teams were rained out of a four-game series.

Sanders said Jeff Anderson and Phil Harrison will be the starting pitchers for Saturday's double-header, with former Omaha Creighton Prep teammates Jeff Koenigsman and Chris Knust taking the mound on Sunday.



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Nebraska pitcher Jeff Anderson delivers a pitch in the Huskers' double-header sweep of Missouri Western Wednesday. UNL travels to Norman, Okla., for a four-game weekend series against the Sooners beginning Saturday.

Rec Scoreboard

(Sportsmanship ratings in parentheses)

Soccer

Independents

America's Team (4.0) 3, LXIXERS (3.7) 2
NUMSA I (4.0) 6, Sorry, My Fault (3.7) 0
NUMSA II (3.7) 2, Blue Mooses (3.2) 0
Tigers (3.3) 1, Nacional (1.0) 0 OT
Don Ho's (4.0) 2, Pi Phi Hashers (3.6) 1
Holysmokers def. Selleck 4000 by forfeit
D.C.'s (3.6) 5, Team Italia (4.3) 0

Residence Halls

Cather Twelve B def. Harper Two B by forfeit
Cather Eleven A (4.0) 3, Abel Six A (4.0) 1
Piper Four C (3.2) 3, Abel Eight A (2.5) 0
Abel Ten B (4.5) 3, Schramm Eight B (4.0) 2 OT

WOMEN

Gators (NR) 2, Hosketties (NR) 1

Softball

Co-Rec A

Norgas 9, Beta Sigma Psi 4
Abel Eight/Sandoz Four 16, Phi Gamma Delta/Chi Omega 3
The Birds 16, Ag Men 11
Sigma Chi/Phi Kappa Psi 16, Schramm Three/Four 13
Our Team 11, Delta Tau Delta/Little Sisters 9
America's Team 23, Heppner Two/Three 5
Sigma Phi Epsilon #1 16, Flex Crush II 7
Alpha Tau Omega 16, Bare Bodkins 6
Gummers 14, Phi Delta Theta/Kappa Alpha Theta 12
Revenge of the Mad Whackers 18, Alpha Delta Pi/Phi Delta
Theta 2
Flyswatters 16, Hosers 12
Ballers def. Delta Sigma Phi/Delta Delta Delta by forfeit
Sigma Nu/Little Sisters 16, Dolph Connection 12
Pi Phi & Company 16, Abel Eight/Sandoz Six 11
Sweets 12, Kappas/Beta Theta Pi 11
Sandbaggers 22, Burr Two East and West 14

Co-Rec B

Campus Red Cross 16, Sigma Nu/Little Sisters 15
Toby and the Riffraff 16, Guppies 15
Main Skins def. Nelhardt Staff by forfeit

Tae Kwon Do gains recognition, will be addition to 1988 Olympics

By Scott Ahlstrand

Tae Kwon Do is on the verge of name recognition. A demonstration sport in the 1984 Olympics, Tae Kwon Do will be an Olympic sport in 1988 at Seoul, South Korea.

Locally, Tae Kwon Do (Korean karate) is growing. An example of its popularity is the recently held second annual Midwest Open Tae Kwon Do Championships in Lincoln at the UNL Coliseum. Approximately 150 participants entered the competition. Sponsored by Lee's Tae Kwon Do and the UNL Martial Arts Club, the championships drew participants from the white belt rank up to the black belts. Entrants, who varied in age from six years on up, competed in both forms competition and in sparring. Dave Zierott, an assistant instructor at the UNL Martial Arts Club and a first degree black belt, said attendance was down at the tournament compared to last year's figures because of time constraints.

"Mr. (Joo) Lee returned from Korea just two weeks before the tournament. With a tournament of this size, it's difficult to get everything done in two weeks," Zierott said. "We had 200 people last year, but all in all, I'd have to say it was a good tournament."

Zierott said it would be a mistake to think of Tae Kwon Do only as a competitive sport.

"There's a lot more to Tae Kwon Do than just the competitive side," Zierott said. "A lot of people start Tae Kwon Do for the self-defense and competitive aspects of it. But once you've been in it awhile, you realize that there's much more to it."

"You learn to respect your opponent and yourself. You learn willpower and discipline. It's a lot more than just kicking and punching."

Zierott said Mr. Lee's school and the UNL Martial Arts Club both stress a togetherness among their members.

"We stress a family-type atmosphere at our clubs. We may go at each other hard in practice, but when the workout is over, we're smiling and ready to go out together for a cola or something," Zierott said. "It's a wonderful group feeling."

Zierott said this recent tournament provided an excellent example of the benefits of Tae Kwon Do.

In the tournament white belt, Ron Weaks participated for the first time. Zierott said Weaks appeared nervous in his match. Neither participant scored a point in the match so it went into overtime. Zierott said it was in the overtime period that Weaks' attitude changed.

"His opponent came at him and started knocking him backward, but all of the sudden you could see his face change," Zierott said. "He stopped being nervous and he started looking confident. He ended up throwing a near perfect punch to the rib cage to win the match. You could see that for that one moment, everything had come together perfectly for him."

While the benefits of Tae Kwon Do are numerous, Zierott said Tae Kwon Do may not be the right form of karate for everyone.

"Some schools claim they're the best, but I don't believe in saying that," Zierott said. "I think you should have respect for all of the schools. What's important is that the individual find the style of karate that is best suited for them."

Zierott said Tae Kwon do is a very fast style that emphasizes kicking.

"About 70 percent of our techniques are kicks," he said.

With the Olympics this summer, Zierott said he is sure that Tae Kwon Do will grow in popularity. The Korean national team will present Tae Kwon Do as a demonstration sport in Los Angeles. Then the sport will be officially contested in the 1988 Olympics in Seoul.

Zierott said Mr. Lee's club has a member who stands a chance at making the 1988 United States Olympic team.

"Mike Farrar has a definite chance at making it in 1988. He's a second degree black belt who studies under Mr. Lee and we'd really like to work with him and get him to the Olympics."

Farrar, 18, is a freshman at UNL. Zierott said Farrar's ability could generate some interest in Tae Kwon Do.

"I think if Mike did make it to the Olympics, we could really get a lot of people excited about Tae Kwon Do."