ing snub has Rams hungry

By Mike Kluck Senior Reporter

The disappointment still exists for

since Sunday

itle, had received

Williams

Williams said the NCAA selection committee let him down by not giving years ago, the Big Eight felt they were the Rams a higher seed, even though getting overlooked in the tournament." they finished the season with a 25-4 record.

"We were led to believe going into the ond game. WAC Tournament that our ratings seeding would be good.

The only worse seed than an eighth or ninth is the 16th seed because nobody is enthralled to play a No. 1 seed on its home court.'

The winner of Saturday's 9 p.m. game at Maples Pavilion in Stanford, per game. Calif., between 19-9 Nebraska and Colorado State will play either sec- team," Williams said. "They have a ond-ranked and top-seeded Stanford or 16th-seeded Grambling State on (Pyra) Aarden, and they have some Monday night at 9.

for the Rams was not a sign of disrespect for his team. It shows a lack of respect for the WAC, he said.

Three Big Eight teams received Colorado State coach Greg Williams, higher seeds in the NCAA Tournabut it has died down ment than the Rams. Big Eight conference champion Kansas and league tour-Williams was nament champion Colorado both relisgusted because ceived seedings in the top four and his Rams, who won homecourt advantages during the first the Western Ath- round of the NCAA Tournament. Oklaetic Conference homa State received a seventh seed.

"There's only a hairline difference the eighth seed in between an eighth and ninth seed,"
the NCAA Williams said. "I understand our con-Tournament's West ference has not done well each season, Region and would but each team should be individually play ninth-seeded Nebraska in the first evaluated on what they have done that

season.
"It's just ironic to me that a few

Williams said he was not complaining about being paired against Ne-"We are ready to start playing our braska. But he is upset about the poshand that was dealt," Williams said, sibility of playing Stanford in the sec-

Getting to that second game, Willpower index was very high, and our iams said, will be difficult because the nation's highest-scoring freshman, Rams first have to stop Nebraska's balanced scoring attack.

The Huskers have four players averaging 10 points or more per game in scoring, led by sophomore Anna DeForge, who averages 14.7 points

They really are a nice basketball good inside game with (McClain) and But Williams said an eighth seed Galligan and DeForge. Then add an record for points scored.

braska (19-9)		Ht.	Class	PPG	RPG
G	Kate Galligan	5-8	Sr.	11.9	3.9
3	Lis Brenden	5-6	Sr.	6.6	3.3
	Anna DeForge	5-11	So.	14.7	7.0
	Tina McClain	5-10	Jr.	13.9	6.7
	Pyra Aarden	6-4	Sr.	12.8	5.8

Sr.

6-0

experienced and a smart point guard and they really are a good team.

Dee Dee Dominguez

Katie Cronin

Teresa James

Zenarae Pieters

But the Rams also have scoring

Freshman Becky Hammon is the averaging 19.6 points per game. She also averages three 3-point field goals per game and has a 43.9 3-point shooting percentage.

Hammon has received many honors this season. She was the WAC freshman of the year and was named to the WAC all-conference team, all-newcomer team, all-tournament team and was named MVP of the postseason tournament. She also set six new WAC guards who can shoot the ball in (Kate) Tournament records, including the

"We just don't know how freshmen are going to react to the distractions of college," Williams said. "Some kids handle all those changes better than others, and that just leads to her cred-

2.7

6.1

5.3

8.3

3.8

15.9

Freshman Teresa James is the Rams' second-leading scorer, averaging 15.9 points per game.

Nebraska coach Angela Beck said she had not seen many teams win in the NCAA Tournament with two freshmen leading them in scoring.

But the lack of experience doesn't vorry Williams.

"Were not concerned about lack of NCAA experience," Williams said. "The WAC Tournament was a lot of pressure, and our whole team was able to handle the pressure."

Softball team to spend week on West Coast From Staff Reports

The Nebraska softball team will spend its spring break in California.

The first stop is in Sunnyvale, Calif., this weekend where the Cornhuskers open play against Purdue and Pacific.

Next Tuesday, the Huskers will take on No. 22 Cal-Poly San Luis Obispo. On March 21-24, the Huskers travel to Sacramento for the AT&T Capital

Nebraska again will face Cal-Poly San Luis Obispo, as well as Pacific, Harvard and Ohio State.

Tobin Echo-Hawk, who plays third base for the Huskers, enters this weekend aiming to break three school records. She needs two doubles, 12 runs batted in and six runs scored to break the three records.

Players shatter records

By David Wilson Staff Reporter

After winning two consecutive national championships, it would be hard to believe that the Nebraska football team could show up to spring practice on March 25 with more raw talent than the past two seasons.

According to the team's testing Wednesday, they will. "They're 10 pounds heavier than last year's team at this point and their test scores are the best we've ever had in every category in our history," said Boyd Epley, Nebraska's Director of Athletic Performance.

Team records were set in performance index, body weight, 10-yard dash, 40-yard dash, vertical jump and pro-agility run.

James Sims, a junior I-back next fall, set a performance index record of 3313 — the best score in Nebraska history. He broke Curtis Cotton's mark of 3227, which was set in 1991.

Sims ran a 4.42 40-yard dash, and his 41 inch vertical jump ranks second behind Trev Alberts mark of 41 1/2 inches set in 1994.

"There was more progress made this winter than any other time in our history," Epley said. "And that comes from the players' efforts. It's amazing how every year we sit here and they get bigger and faster.'

Sophomore Ahman Green, who had his tonsils removed two weeks ago and had blood drawn for a class Wednesday morning, placed third on the Nebraska alltime performance index chart with a mark of 3028.

Junior quarterback Scott Frost set the all-time performance index record for quarterbacks with a score of 2686. Frost broke his own record of 2597 points set last year.

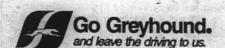
"There is an inner drive — a force working for us," Epley said. "They want to do their best and they showed that this winter. Nebraska is in the position to do what no team has ever done: win three straight national championships.

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