

Huskers Sweep Wichita; Cyclones Here For Two

By Bill Mundell
Nebraska's baseball Cornhuskers swept to their seventh victory in nine starts Friday and Saturday by sweeping their scheduled two games from the University of Wichita by scores of 6-3 and 4-2.



RAY MLADOVICH . . . Husker first-baseman, broke out of his batting slump in the Wichita series to lead the Cyclones to four hits.

It was the fourth straight Wichita loss at the hands of the Huskers who had previously copped two in Kansas. The only two defeats suffered by the Nebraskans this year to date were the second contest with Buena Vista and the first game at the University of Kansas.

Erratic Wichita fielding and fine Nebraska pitching gave the two contests to the Huskers. Seven glaring errors by the visitors in the first game overcame a fine pitching job by Shocker hurler Randy Barron, who pitched a good five-hitter.

Bunson Effective
The second contest was won on the pitching arm of Dale Bunson and the slightly irregular, but effective hurling of reliever Al Benjamin. The Husker bats came into their own in this second contest, also, slamming out nine safeties.

Only two Husker runs were earned in the first game Friday. The Scarlet picked up two runs in the first inning on two errors, a wild pitch and a steal of home by Bobby Reynolds—his third of the season.

They added two more in the sixth on a single by Bob Diers and error, Jerry Dunn's high fly to leftfield and a double by Ray Mladovich.

Another Error
The lone tally in the third frame was the result of another error. Reynolds collected a two-down single, stole second and then rode home when the Shocker center-fielder dropped Diers' high fly.

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All the Way
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Del Kopf went all the way for Nebraska in registering his second win of the year against no defeats. He was tagged with nine hits, but kept them well spread except for the fifth frame.

Reynolds doubled home Johnny Rego who had walked in the first inning of the Saturday clash to get the Huskers off to a flying start in the second game. Rego's run knotted the count at one-all and Reynolds put the Scarlet in front for good a moment later, scoring on a wild throw by Shocker first-sacker John Waler.

The Kansans had grabbed the lead in their half of the initial stanza on an error by shortstop Bill Jensen and a wild pitch by chucker Bunson.

The Huskers tallied another in the second inning after singles by Bunson and Rego and an error on Wichita catcher Herb Eddington.

Fourth Center
The fourth Nebraska center was registered in the fifth on a single by Bill Fitzgerald, walks to Jensen and Bob Lohrborg and a fielders choice blow by pinch-hitter Ron Clark.

Husker coach Tony Sharpe removed pitcher Tibbets after the fifth in favor of Benjamin. Bunson was never in trouble and hurled effectively against the Shockers. Sharpe, evidently thinking that the game was pretty well sewed up, gave Bunson a rest to save him for the coming conference contests with Iowa State Monday and Tuesday.

It appeared very poor strategy as Benjamin took over in the sixth. He bounced a pitch off leadoff man Tibbets and walked the number two man, Kuhn.

Double-Play
Shortstop Dick Sanders singled to load the bases and then Benjamin walked in a run by issuing a free pass to Waler. The Huskers got off cheap, however, as Benjamin sent Friederford down swinging and Jorging pinch-hitter Ed Ziegler to ground into a double play.

Benjamin kept out of trouble until the ninth. After retiring the first two men, pinch-hitter Ross Bartholomew singled and Kriviel and Tibbets drew bases on balls to load the sacks. The Huskers triumphed, however, when heavy-hitter Kuhn lined out to the pitcher.

John Rego, Ray Mladovich and Bob Reynolds led the nine-hit Husker batting attack in the second game with two hits apiece. Reynolds had a perfect day at the plate as he walked twice and was hit by a pitched ball in his other times at bat.

Mladovich Stars
Mladovich was the batting star of the series with two singles and two doubles in eight times at the plate. Going into the series, his batting average hung on the .133 mark. He increased that considerably.

The Huskers return to conference action Monday and Tuesday of this week. Nebraska plays host to the Cyclones of Iowa State in a two-game series. Both games are slated to start at 3 p.m.

Nebraska has won two and lost one in loop play to date. They were dropped by the Kansas Jays 9-5 in the Big Seven opener. They bounced back the next day to trounce the Jayhawks 21-7 and then returned home to blank the Kansas State Wildcats, 5-0.

Oklahoma is currently out in front in loop play with a 4-0 record.

Coach Sharpe will pitch Silver Creek's Dick McCormick in the series opener on Monday and follow with Del Kopf on Tuesday.

McCormick has won two and lost one this season. The curveballing control artist turned in a four-hit shutout against Kansas State for his best performance of the season.

Midget Coaches Still Wanted
Head Baseball coach Tony Sharpe announced his second call for university men to coach American Legion Midget baseball teams in Lincoln this summer.

There are still several positions open and Coach Sharpe would like to fill them as soon as possible. All interested men are asked to contact Sharpe immediately.

Ag Union Offers 'Atomic' Series
The Ag Union is featuring a series of three discussions on "Some Social Implications of Atomic Energy" by members of the physics department.

The first discussion is today at 4:30 p. m. in the Ag Union. Willard Goedert and Herbert Jehle will discuss "Industrial Uses of Atomic Power."

The next atomic talk will be Wednesday, May 2, by Herbert Jehle and Richard Sill on "Genetics."

The final discussion will be May 7 by Richard Sill and Arthur Robertson on "Alternatives to Present Policies."



GRABBED BY PROS . . . Bob Pierce, star center on the Huskers' cage team of this year, was nabbed by Indianapolis, as the ten clubs in the National Basketball Association conducted their annual draft of talent. Bob established a new Nebraska all-time scoring record for one year last season. He will play for the Husker Alumni in the annual

Husker Golfers Drop Shockers

The University golf team under the coaching of Marv "Preacher" Franklin turned in their fourth victory by walloping Wichita university, victory of the season Thursday 15-3 at the Hillcrest Country Club greens.

The golfers have dropped only one decision to date, that one in the mud at Manhattan, Kans.

Husker Doug Dale was the medalist in Thursday's win with a 73 over the par 72 course. Joe Majores of Wichita shot a 76, low for the visitors.

The win over the Shockers made the loss to Kansas State seem even more impossible. The Shockers crushed the Wildcats last week by a similar 15-3 score.

Thursday's results:
Joe Gifford (N) defeated Dan Smith (W), 2-1.
Doug Dale (N) defeated Joe Majores (W), 3-0.
Dick Spangler (N) defeated Maurice Bower (W), 3-0.
Ery Peterson (N) defeated Dick Adkison (W), 2-1.
Gifford and Dale defeated Smith and Majores, 3-0.
Spangler and Peterson defeated Bower and Adkison, 2-1.

All men still in intramural tennis competition are asked to keep watch of the bulletin board in the Physical Education Building. In case of rain, only the rained-out games will change playing times, all others will be played as scheduled. Failure to appear for any reason will force the participant to forfeit his match.

Reorgaized I-M Softball Play Begins Tourney Action Today

The reorganized intramural softball program will try to get under way today, weather permitting. Twelve of the 51 teams in competition will try their hand at first round action in the three single-elimination tourneys starting at 5:15 p.m.

The softball play, held up by six days of rain and wind, was in danger of being abandoned although last week until the I-M Department hit upon the idea of a tourney in place of the original league round robin play. All the teams that entered the spring sport have been put into the tourneys and it will be dog-eat-dog from now on out.

At a softball managers' meeting Thursday night, the situation was explained and found agreeable with all concerned. At that time the pairings for the three tourneys were set up. All berths were assigned by lottery, no teams being seeded.

Fraternity Play Monday
The Fraternity tourney will inaugurate play Monday. Two games are scheduled for 5:15 p.m. on the College grounds, three at Ag College at 5:30 p.m. and the sixth back on the city campus at 6:15 p.m.

Monday's schedule at Ag College, all games beginning at 5:30 p.m. is Sigma Alpha Epsilon vs. Phi Delta Theta on field No. 2, Delta Upsilon vs. Sigma Nu on field No. 3 and Delta Tau Delta vs. Alpha Gamma Rho on field No. 4.

The contests slated for the city campus are Phi Kappa Phi vs. Farm House on field No. 1, Brown Palace vs. Sigma Alpha Mu on field No. 2 with both games starting at 5:15 p.m. and Zeta Beta Tau vs. Pioneer House on field No. 3 at 6:15 p.m.

Independent play will get underway Wednesday, May 2 while the Interdenominational competition gets started Friday, May 4. Seven teams are in the battle for Denom honors, 16 in the fight for the Independent title and a total of 29 outfits battling for the fraternity championship.

Seven-Inning Games
The regulation length of each game has been changed to allow for a longer season in that department, at least. All games are to be played seven innings if time permits. However in case of rain, darkness or other weather conditions, five innings will constitute a regulation game—four and a one-half innings if the team ahead at that time has not yet batted in the last of the fifth inning.

Official rules pertaining to calling of the games will hold. A game must be called after the last full inning of play or inning and a half if the lead team is batting last and the score reverts to what it was at that time.

The Daily Nebraskan will keep abreast with the results of the tourney and will print the schedules in advance when it is possible but all teams in competition are urged to keep watch on the bulletin board in the P.E. Building at all times to see when they are scheduled to play. Each manager is asked to carefully note the time and the place of all scheduled games.

Plea For Competent Scorers
The Daily Nebraskan sports staff is again asking all teams to be sure competent score-keepers are on hand at all games. The scoring of the games during the abbreviated league play was on the average very bad. On the average, there was only one out of ten that was an excellent job of scoring, two out of ten that were good, five out of ten that were poor and two out of ten that were unreadable. Again let us urge you to make sure the scoring is done well.

In the pairings, four teams drew byes and are idle during first round action. These teams were Delta Sigma Phi, Cornhusker Co-op and Delta Sigma Pi in the fraternity tourney and Inter-Varsity in the Denominational tournament.

The remainder of the first round schedule is as follows:
Tuesday, May 1.
5:15 p.m.—Coliseum 1, Kappa Sigma vs. Sigma Chi.
5:15 p.m.—Coliseum 2, Beta Theta Pi vs. Phi Sigma Psi.
5:30 p.m.—Ag Col. 2, North House vs. Acadia.
5:30 p.m.—Ag Col. 3, Phi Gamma Delta vs. Alpha Tau Omega.
5:30 p.m.—Ag Col. 4, Beta Sigma Psi vs. Sigma Phi Epsilon.
5:15 p.m.—Coliseum 3, Theta Xi vs. Tau Kappa Epsilon.

Wednesday, May 2.
5:15 p.m.—Coliseum 1, Delta Chi vs. Theta Chi.
5:15 p.m.—Coliseum 2, Warriors vs. Phi Delta Phi.
5:15 p.m.—Coliseum 3, Ag Men's Club vs. Alpha Kappa Psi.

Thursday, May 3.
5:15 p.m.—Coliseum 1, Pi Omars vs. Men's Dorm.
5:15 p.m.—Coliseum 2, Lites vs. Student Union.
5:15 p.m.—Coliseum 3, Ag YMCA vs. Dental Frosh.

Friday, May 4.
5 p.m.—Ag Col. 2, Lutheran House vs. Baptist House.
5 p.m.—Ag Col. 3, University YMCA vs. Newman Club.
5 p.m.—Ag Col. 4, Preby House vs. Methodist House.
5 p.m.—Coliseum 1, Navy ROTC vs. Delta Theta Phi.
5 p.m.—Coliseum 2, Phi Alpha Delta vs. Practical Art.
5 p.m.—Coliseum 3, Sigma Gamma Epsilon vs. Geologists.

Injuries Hit in Kansas State Spring Drills

A football coach expects injuries to his players—especially during the first few weeks of practice. But at Kansas State, Head Coach Bill Meek is beginning to think he doesn't live right.

Not only does the new Wildcat mentor have ten top men out with injuries as spring drills go into the fourth week, but he also has two men sidelined with children's diseases. Tackle Don Muder, a 220 pound freshman was out for a week with a sprained knee and then came down with the mumps, and Gerald Kingsley, a freshman end, has the measles.

That old K-State bugaboo, injured knees, is beginning to rear its ugly head. Two top ends, letterman Francis Starns and Ken Barr missed work last week because of knee trouble. Starns should be ready to do with a few more days of rest, but Barr may have to undergo an operation to correct cartilage difficulty.

Senior letterman Oscar Claiborn, who has been shifted from tackle to center, also has been bothered by a sprained knee.

More Injuries
Others injured include: full-back Duane Putnam Charlie horse; guard Wayne Broughton, broken rib; left halfback Bernie Dudley, pulled leg muscle; half-back Gerald Cashman, groin bruise; left halfback Bernie Haberlein, sprained shoulder; and guard J. Van Gaudren, concussion.

After a sorry scrimmage showing Saturday, Meek and staff returned their charges to more tackling work. Attention also is being paid this week to defense on offense the first three weeks.

Cooper, Laz Share Drake Honors at 14-6

Husker Don Cooper and Illini Don Laz shared top pole vault honors at the Drake Relays, it was announced late Saturday. Both men tied for first place after breaking the old record. They cleared 14 feet, six inches.

Alum-Varsity Game Ready At Iowa State

When asked about their battle plans for their annual game with the Iowa State varsity May 5, alumni heads allowed that they'd likely "pass a little."

The presence of all-American Jim Doran and All-Big Seven Bill Weeks would lend some credence to that forecast. That duo, along with Sy Wilhelm, was just about the passing-out outfit ever to hit the Big Seven gridirons. Doran and Weeks hold most of the conference passing marks and especially those listed under "prolific" headings. They threw the most, caught the most, ran the most yardage.

At present some 28 names are on the alumni roster. The bulk of the names are men still in school but a large number of actual graduates are planning to take part.

Roger Watts, president of the I-club which is directing the game, has continued to stress an open invitation to all former players interested in playing. Lack of a direct invitation, he pointed out, is no bar to participation.

Colorado Buffs Whitewash Cornhusker Netmen, 7-0

The University of Colorado tennis team was as hot as the weather as it whitewashed the Husker tennis team 7-0 Saturday afternoon on the local courts.

Walt Weaver had the best fate in the singles. He won the second set of his match, 6-4.

Bob Radin, number one man on the Nebraska squad, displayed a sharp brand of tennis, but Ascell had too much all-around know how for him.

Radin's slams and sharp curves were his chief weapons. He showed a definite improvement over last year.

Jamie Curran, number two player, is the only outsider on the team. He lost his match in two straight sets by identical scores of 6-3.

Curran ordinarily possesses a sharp service. But in the Saturday meet his services were often out of bounds or else did not get over the net.

He seemed to tire during the early part of the second set and could not keep up the pace which Smith maintained. Curran tightened up as the match proceeded and had a tendency to be erratic.

Weaver was exceptionally cool under fire. Only a sophomore, he could provide a spark which Nebraska tennis has been lacking during the past two years.

He has a fast, curving service and is effective in the defensive department.

Veteran Jeff Delton also lost his match in two straight sets by 6-3 scores. On occasions he was the aggressor, but those occasions were not frequent enough.

Andy Bunten played a good first set as he held Shiffman to a 6-4 count. But the Cheyenne, Wyo., man cooled off in the second set and lost 6-1. He has shown little improvement during the current season. Last year he occupied the number three berth on the team but has slipped to number five this season.

Nebraska also dropped both of its doubles matches. Ascell and Hilgers defeated Radin and Weaver by a 6-2, 7-5 score.

The Husker twosome worked well together and forced the Colorado team all the way before losing the second set. Here again too much experience and savvy proved to be their downfall.

Curran and Bunten did not fare as well, losing the first set by a 6-1 score and being shut out in the second. Both men appeared completely worn out from their singles matches.

But the Huskers were playing what may well be the 1951 Big Seven champions. Colorado had previously defeated defending champion Oklahoma and its team could be in a position to repeat the defeat when the conference meet rolls around.

Gophers Well Below Big-Ten Standards in Spring Football

Wes Fesler's appraisal of his first University of Minnesota football squad after reaching the halfway mark in spring practice (three weeks) falls into the following general categories:

NATURAL ABILITY—well below the Big 10 average.

FITNESS & JOLISH—well below the Big 10 average.

DEPTH OF SQUAD—well below the Big 10 average. Very difficult to find enough capable men for complete outfit.

OUTSTANDING INDIVIDUALS—none by Big 10 standards.

QUAD SPEED—well below Big 10 average.

ADAPTABILITY—three or four individuals show promise in developing into good, average Big 10 players.

In the absence of the speed and over-all maneuverability that Fesler likes in his squads to ably execute his combined T and single-wing offense, he plans to throw the ball a great deal next fall. This intent has been plainly evident in his every-day practice sessions which ordinarily include a lengthy scrimmage.

18 Lettermen
While the 18 lettermen available to Wes and his aides for spring practice have been very much in evidence, a number of reserves have found a "new lease on life" under the new regime and have moved up into contention for varsity positions. Added to these are six newcomers up from the 1950 freshman squad. They are Max Engh, 6 foot, 180 pound right halfback; Paul Giel, back; Mel Holme, 5 foot 10 inch, 200 pound fullback; Dick Hugin, 6 foot, 200 pound offensive guard; Del May, 6 foot 2 inch, 195 pound end, and Willis Wood, 6 foot 1 inch, 200 pound center.

Of this group Giel, is the only one who at the moment shows promise of becoming a varsity regular next fall. The yearling who played at left halfback in last fall's freshman practices is the ONLY man on the entire spring practice roster who has shown Coach Fesler what he is looking for in a good quarterback—poise, savvy, adaptability, ball-handling ability, ball-carrying ability, and effectiveness as a passer.

Sewed Up
Giel has his position more thoroughly "sewed up" than any other man on the squad, includ-

ing Captain Wayne Robinson who is being pressed at center by Scott Prescott, 1950 letterman, and Willis Wood, a freshman. This should be the strongest spot in the Minnesota lineup.

The biggest headache so far for Fesler and his aides has been the lack of team speed. He has yet to find pullout guards and tackles who anywhere near measure up to the desired standards. Most impressive of the linemen to date has been Harry Coates, 195 pound guard from Yankton, South Dakota. Harry was a defensive regular the last half of the 1950 season after performing as an offensive guard through the first five games. Coats appears to be a cinch at left guard, just as John Carlson, 220 pound senior is at right tackle—at least so far.

Veterans
Two-time lettermen—Dick Gregory at left half, and Ron Engel at fullback—have the bulge so far in the competition for their respective positions. These vets rank one - two on the squad in respect to speed—the much-desired quality that is so painfully absent in the Gopher camp. Gregory is the top sprinter on the Maroon and Gold track squad, but works out an hour or so each day with the gridders—sans uniforms. He will not take part in scrimmages or the spring game Saturday, May 19.

The big emphasis in the Missouri spring drills so far have been on (1) SPEED, SPEED, and more SPEED, with the entire squad doing a great deal of running each day, and (2) THROW, THROW, THROW. Forward passes fill the air for at least a half hour of each workout.

Wes Fesler, somewhat startled at the outset of spring practice because of the lack of natural ability and speed that was so evident in his 1950 Ohio State outfit, takes a decreasingly dim view of Minnesota's prospects as he notes with some satisfaction the sincerity and willingness of his new proteges. "It's going to be a long, slow uphill haul," says Wes, "but as long as these boys retain their eagerness and desire, we will make progress and some day become a good team."

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