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# Nebraska Wins 1-0; Geier Tosses Gem

## Huskers Score Winning Run In Fifth Canto

By BOB SERR  
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Facing only the bare minimum of 27 batters, sophomore Pitcher Dick Geier of Lincoln pitched a no-hit, no-run game Tuesday afternoon against the Kansas Jayhawkers, winning 1-0. Geier possessed perfect control as he struck out ten men.

Don Augst, Jayhawk pitcher, who led off in the third inning was the only base runner. Augst lived when Husker Catcher Murray Backhaus let a third strike slip by him. Murray had a good opportunity to beat Augst to first with a good throw, but he threw wildly over First Baseman Ray Novak's head.

Geier settled down and retired the next 20 men in order. The big southpaw never seemed to tire, and the Jayhawkers didn't hit a ball that looked like a clean hit.

NEBRASKA SCORED their lone run in the fifth inning when Pitcher John Brose weakened and walked Backhaus, Geier and Dirkes Rolston after Jim Cederdahl collected the only solid hit of the game, a slashing double to left center.

Brose pitched an outstanding game also. Fred Seger and Virg Gottsch both lived on scratch singles in the infield for the only other hits. Both were caught off base.

The Nebraska outfield was

kept busy chasing flies. Bill Giles and Don Becker each pulled down three while Centerfielder Cederdahl garnered one in the eighth.

Geier fanned two men in the third, fourth, fifth and ninth innings. He set down Bill Heitholt and pinch-hitter Harold Hixon to end the game. Dick fanned one man in both the second and eighth innings.

THE JAYHAWKERS supported Brose well, playing errorless ball behind him. Besides the three straight passes that he allowed in the fifth, Brose walked only one other man. Giles received a free pass in the second inning.

Both teams completed a double play. Becker hit into a snappy killing in the second after Giles received his walk. Augst was caught off base in the third when Heitholt popped to Catcher Backhaus.

Geier's outstanding performance boosts him to a sure standing berth for the rest of the year. He should make up for the expected loss of Ray Novak from the hill due to a sore arm.

The game was one of the snappiest played on the Husker field in some time. It was played in well under two hours.

The Huskers now move to Oklahoma for a crucial series on Friday and Saturday.

Kansas	ab h o a	Nebraska	ab h o a
Pulliam 2b	3 0 0 3	Rolston ss	2 0 0 0
Hoglund ss	3 0 2 2	Coutal ss	1 0 0 0
Conn rf	3 0 2 0	Gottsch 3b	4 1 0 3
Allison cf	3 0 2 0	Seger 2b	3 0 1 0
Trombold 1b	3 0 2 1	Novak 1b	3 0 1 0
Perry lf	3 0 3 0	Giles lf	2 0 3 0
Augst c	3 0 3 1	Becker rf	3 0 3 0
Heitholt ss	3 0 1 3	Cederdahl cf	1 1 1 0
Brose p	2 0 1 3	Backhaus c	1 0 1 1
Hixon	1 0 0 0	Geier p	3 0 0 0

Totals 27 0 24 13  
Hixon struck out for Brose in 9th.  
Kansas.....000 000 000-0 0 0  
Nebraska.....000 010 000-1 2 1  
R-Cederdahl, E-Backhaus, RB1-Rolston, 2B-Gottsch, S-Backhaus, DP-Hoglund, Pulliam and Trombold, Backhaus to Novak, Left-Nebraska 4, BB-Brose 4, SO-Brose 3, Geier 10, HBP-Brose (Cederdahl), U-Hierger and Binger, T-142.

### Just About, But Not Quite

It almost proved disastrous for Don Augst of the Kansas baseball team, but the Jayhawk

catcher slid belly-first safely back to first base as Nebraska's first sacker, Ray Novak, at-

tempts to put the tag on the Kansan. The Huskers opened their Big Seven baseball cam-

paign by soundly whipping the visiting Jays 12-1 as lefty Fran Hofmaier scattered five hits.

### Huskers, Sooners Meet This Week

The Big Seven's crucial baseball series is coming up. On Friday and Saturday the two conference powers of last year, Oklahoma and Nebraska, meet in a highly-important two game series at Norman.

Both teams are conference favorites for the title this year thereby earning the right to enter college baseball's World Series in Omaha this June.

Last season the Sooners won the title with a 7-2 record while the Huskers finished second with a 10-3 mark. In their two meetings last season in Lincoln, the clubs split the series. Nebraska won the first game 3-2, but dropped the second tilt by a 9-5 count.

# 'Curve Ball Was Best Ever' States Grinning Dick Geier

## Big Sophomore Southpaw Fans Ten In No-Hit Gem

By GARY FRANSDEN  
Sports Editor

Sweat running off his brow and gasping precious air between words, southpaw Dick Geier, a hefty sophomore who had just tossed a brilliant no-run, no-hit 1-0 masterpiece against the pesky Kansas Jayhawkers, slowly walked to the Husker fieldhouse, tired, but happy, simply stating that "my curve ball was the best ever."

Just a few minutes earlier the

6-2, 210 lb. Lincoln lad had breezed a third strike past little Harold Hixon, a Kansas pinch-hitter who represented the last life for the visiting Jays in the snappy, well-played contest.

"Bear", as he is frequently called by his teammates and friends, exclaimed, "I didn't start thinking about the no-hitter until about the seventh or eighth inning, but then I knew I was close to the real thing." Geier used just three types of pitches in carving out his mastery over the Jays: fast ball, curve and change-up.

The final two innings were especially packed full of tension. The Husker twirler opened the eighth by pushing a called third strike past the dangerous Bob Allison after running the count to two balls and two strikes. After going the 3-2 limit on John Trombold, he got the Jay first sacker to lift to Bill Giles in left field.

Then up stepped John Perry, the Jays' leftfielder who pounded out eight homers and batted the ball at a 293 clip last spring. Again stretching the count to 3-2, the Kansas senior sent a curving liner into left-center that looked like it could be the one to bust open everything, but Giles hustled in and got there in plenty of time.

Geier was at his best in the ninth. Catcher Don August soared to Centerfielder Jim Cederdahl and Bill Heitholt, the Jay basketball player, fanned after taking two strikes and fouling off a third. Next came Hixon and history. The last nine pitches Geier threw were strikes.

There were other noticeable aspects about the magnificent performance of Geier. The 19-year old pitcher faced a minimum of 27 men. Only one man

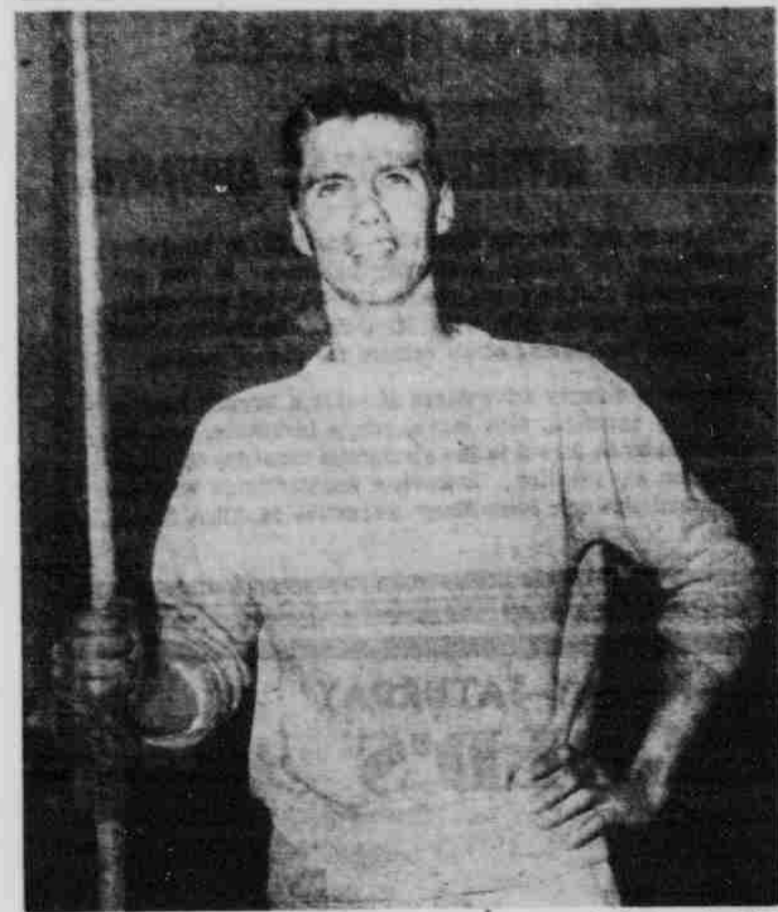
reached first base and he was quickly erased on a snappy Husker double play. That came in the third inning when Catcher Murray Backhaus overthrew first after fumbling the third strike on August, the first swatter in the third. After that 20 men went down in quick, mechanical order.

The Scarlet lefthander also fanned ten men during the contest. He struck out a pair in each the third, fourth, fifth and ninth frames and got one in each the second and eighth innings.

Not to be overlooked was the fine pitching performance of John Brose, Kansas' senior south paw. If the 6-2, 175 lb. Jay chucker hadn't run into control difficulties in the fifth the game might have gone well into extra innings. The Huskers could get only three hits off Brose, two of them on the shady variety.

The Tony Sharpe crew got their lone and winning tally after two were out in the third. Giles and Don Becker bounced out, but Cederdahl doubled and then came successive walks to Backhaus, Geier and Dirkes Rolston to force in the run.

It was a heartbreaker for Brose to lose. Any other time it would have probably have been a fine three-hit winning effort, but he was simply overshadowed by a better performance by Geier.



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### Javelin Ace

One of the mainstays on Coach Ed Weir's University of Nebraska track and field squad is Charlie Hunley, an athlete from Falls City, Hunley, a state high

school 440 champion, has the javelin event as his number one specialty at Nebraska. He placed in the Texas Relays this year.

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The department will furnish bats, the game ball and catcher's mask and glove. These may be checked out at the Physical Education Building cage.

All games will be six innings unless by mutual agreement the teams decide on a shorter contest.

Each team must furnish one competent umpire for each game. Two umpires will alternate between balls and strikes and bases each inning.

Any man in school is eligible for participation except all members of the varsity baseball squads and any men specifically barred by varsity coaches of any sport.

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### Southpaw Whiz

Nebraska's baseball team will probably see plenty of Mac Sanders, Oklahoma's ace lefty, when the two teams get together for their all-important

two-game series Friday and Saturday in Norman. Sanders had a 6-3 record with the defending Big Seven champs last year. This year's mound ace, Sanders is a 6-1, 180 lb. junior.

### ISC Spring Drill Games Scheduled

Vince Di Francesca, head football coach at Iowa State, today set dates for two "games" for spring drills.

The fifth annual Alumni game will be played May 8, Di Francesca said. He also announced that he planned on an intra-squad game to be played May 1.

Those will be the only Saturdays the Cyclones will work the rest of the grid time this spring. Di Francesca gave the squad a holiday last Saturday for Easter and will also wipe out drills April 24.

### Bob Cerv Looking For Initial Hit

Bob Cerv, former University of Nebraska flycatcher, is still looking for his first 1954 major league base hit with the New York Yankees. Hitting hard and frequent during the Grapefruit League season, Cerv has yet to get the initial hit of the regular campaign.

In the early Yankee games, Bob has been alternating with Gene Woodling in the left field. Cerv bats against lefthanders while Woodling gets the nod against the southpaw twirlers.

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