

### Tennis Crew Wins Another

#### Improvement Evident

Nebraska's tennis squad continued its trend toward improvement as it walloped Omaha University 7-0, Tuesday afternoon.

Most of the Husker netters weren't pressed in their contests as they coasted to easy wins.

Nebraska now stands 9-2 in dual competition. The next test comes Friday at Lawrence, Kansas in Big Eight Competition. Tuesday's results:

- SINGLES**
- Scott Nelson, Nebraska, def. Ron Grothe, 6-1, 4-6, 6-3.
  - Ted Sanklo, Nebraska, def. Mike Koblid, 6-0, 6-0.
  - Kyle Johnson, Nebraska, def. Jim Cooper, 6-2, 6-0.
  - Dean Beebe, Nebraska, def. Jerry Nares, 6-1, 6-1.
  - Tom Tipson, Nebraska, def. Jerry Giles, 6-1, 6-1.
- DOUBLES**
- Sanklo-Johnson, Nebraska, def. Grothe-Koblid, 6-0, 6-0.
  - Beebe-Nelson, Nebraska, def. Cooper-Giles, 6-3, 6-3.

### Iowa State Will Work In Platoons

"We accomplished what we had to do the first three days of spring football and now we settle down to the matter of polishing our platoon work."

That was Coach Clay Stapleton's summary of the three practice sessions held last week as Iowa State got spring football drills underway.

"We now have an idea of where to play each of our athletes," Stapleton said. "We have tried to arrive at a balanced division of the squad so that we will have no glaring weaknesses if we can help it. Last year we placed all our best men on defense and that hurt us in our efforts to move the ball. This year we feel that we have balanced things out, not robbing either group."

Stapleton has 17 drills left starting this week.

# Daily Nebraskan SPORTS

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## Balanced Squads Meet Saturday In Scrimmage

After Saturday's scrimmage, Coach Devaney had misgivings as to whether the first two teams were as good as he had thought, or whether the second two squads were better.

It seems quite obvious that the latter is the case. Rarely have so many looked so good so soon.

The lineups indicate another interesting fact. Even in the days of giants, there is still room in college football for the little man.

Butch Thorell, 170, Ted Vactor, 175, Larry Waccholz, 163, Bob Churchich, 175, and Frankie Solich, 158 are lightweighters who are all figuring prominently in Devaney's fall plans.

Devaney is hoping Saturday will be "Answer Day" in regard to evaluating the Nebraska Cornhuskers' spring football drills.

The Huskers will wind up spring practice with the annual All Sports Day intrasquad game, starting at 3 p.m. at Memorial Stadium. Nebraska's track team meets Missouri in a dual, starting at 12 noon.

"We hope to be able to come up with some definite ideas about who will be our best offensive and our best defensive players when we start fall practice," Devaney said Monday. "After the final spring

game, we will evaluate all of spring practice to determine who has done the best job—they'll start at the top next fall."

Devaney opined that "while we still have several problems to launch a crying jag.

"There have been more indications lately that we have some individuals who are on the way to improving," he said. "I was very pleased with the improvement shown last week, particularly by some of the younger players."

Getting specific, Devaney praised freshmen Jim McCord, Wayne Maylen, Dennis Richnafsky, Ben Gregory, Bob Taucher and Ernie Sigler. And for good measure, the Husker headmaster tossed a bouquet to some veterans.

"Ron Kirkland, at left half-back, improved last week, and one area where it looks like we might be improving is center where Kelly Petersen, Harry Tuthill and Duncan Drum are waging a hot scrap—and doing a better job."

Devaney isn't going to line up his squad to insure a cakewalk Saturday.

"The squad will probably be the most evenly divided we've ever had," Bob said. "We'll match the first offensive unit against the top defensive unit,

and the second offensive against the second defense.

"There has been a lot of interest this spring among the fans, the players and the coaches—so we're going to make it even more interesting Saturday," Devaney smiled.

And almost as an afterthought, Devaney interjected: "Now don't forget, when we evaluate the squad we'll be thinking of Frank Solich, too. Just because he's out for baseball, doesn't mean he's out of the football picture."

Looking ahead to fall, Devaney said the Huskers would assemble two offensive and two defensive units, and not work with a "swing team" a la 1964.

"We felt the third unit last year suffered at times because we asked them to go both ways, so we'll try double units both offensively and defensively," Devaney said.

"Actually, we've got four games before we have to worry about a 40-man squad limit (Kansas State at Manhattan on Oct. 16) so we can have some time to develop better depth."

And how do the Cornhuskers shape up going into the spring windup, compared to past years?

"We're about equal to past years at this time," Devaney said. "But we feel we should be a little stronger next fall, both offensively and defensively."

## Baseballers Journey South For Oklahoma State Series

History shows that this is the time of year that Nebraska's baseball team usually starts to play its best ball, and this year can be no exception if the Huskers wish to remain in title contention after last weekend's dismal series.

The climb back to the top will have to begin on the road against the Oklahoma State Cowboys, the second best hitting club in the loop. Those rattling bats will be doubly hard to contain as the Cowboys attempt to fire back after a weekend similar to the NU one.

Coach Tony Sharpe will send his top hurler, and the league's third best, Stan Bahlsen, at OSU in the first game of a Friday doubleheader in Stillwater.

Bob Hergenrader also among the league's top ten pitchers, will go in the second contest on Friday.

Saturday Sharpe has assigned Gary Neibauer to hurl. Neibauer looked impressive over the last three innings in Saturday's drubbing as he shut out Iowa State.

Leading the Husker hitters against OSU will be streaking Randy Harris. With his six

for nine showing in the ISU series, Harris moved into the top hitters list on the Big Eight statistics chart with a mark of .333.

Other notes on the state chart show that Nebraska has relinquished its number one spot in fielding percentage. Falling to second behind Kansas, Nebraska's total errors doubled during last week's games.

Nebraska will return home for their final home stand on May 14 and 15 against Oklahoma. The Huskers will close out the campaign the following weekend, May 21, 22, with a series at the University of Kansas.

### Big Eight News

Second basemen, by position, dominate the standings in the Big Eight Conference's batting race, but a converted second baseman, Bob Robben of Missouri, now ranks as the best of the leaders, after unseating the season-long pacesetter, Tony Stark of Oklahoma State.

Helping Missouri to a sweep over Kansas State—the three wins gave the Tigers their customary top spot in the Conference team race—Robbe

kept bob-bob-bobbin' along to the tune of 9 for 15, pushing his average to .523—23 hits in 44 trips.

For the second week in a row, Stark had trouble getting the bingles to drop in and fell all the way to fifth with his .415 average. Not easing off a bit in his challenge for the top spot is Kansas State's Stu Steele. Steele, rebounding from a slow start, matched Robben's pace, coming up with five for nine against Missouri, leaving him with an even .500 average.

Last year, Robben shared the second base job with Mike Strode at Missouri. This year, however, the St. Louis junior was moved to the left side of the infield for a shot at shortstop. Later, it was a trip to the outfield. Now he alternates between shortstop and right field.

Strode has taken over at second and is one of six second basemen listed this week among the top 16 hitters in the Big Eight. The list also includes Steve Best of Colorado, Jay Cronley of Oklahoma, Randy Harris of Nebraska, Gary Blumenschein of Iowa State, and Dick Ruggles of Kansas.

Keeping pace with his team, Robben also leads the Conference in slugging, with a hefty .386 mark—his 23 safeties include five doubles, a triple and three home runs. The RBI lead is also his—16, as is most hits and a share of the doubles (Iowa State's Jim Mahoney also has five).

After the 44-hit barrage against Kansas State, Missouri's m-batting average now stands at .320, some 35 points better than last week's leader, Oklahoma State. The Tigers' slugging percentage also slipped a few notches from last week, resting at .531 going into this weekend's pivotal trio of games with Kansas. As a unit, the Tigers have collected a league-leading 19 doubles, eight triples, and 13 homers. The 112 hits have accounted for 70 runs batted in and 80 runs, both Conference bests.

Iowa State continues to lead the team pitching parade with a fine staff 1.80 earned run average—only 16 earned tallies have come off of the Cyclone trio of Tim Van Galder, Scott Morton, and Bob Ziegler. Van Galder still ranks at the top of the individual pitching chase with his 0.90 ERA. Ziegler is fourth and Morton seventh.

Other individual leaders include: Triples, Steve McGreevey, Kansas; Jim Pace, Missouri; Ray Thorpe, Missouri; and Steele, 2 each; home runs, Carl Schreiner, Oklahoma, 5; stolen bases, Jack Price, Colorado, and Jerry Retzlaff Iowa State, 6; strike-out average, Steve Renko, Kansas, 1.5 per inning; and bases-on-balls average, Bob Ballard, Kansas State, 1.55.

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Opponents	11	212	37	62	26	8	3	1	1.99	11	4	243	107	31	918
KANSAS STATE	11	215	48	75	32	12	5	6	2.58	15	5	240	112	25	833
Opponents	11	227	77	101	58	13	6	8	3.09	17	10	235	93	29	920
OKLAHOMA ST.	12	347	99	50	47	16	0	1	1.06	11	3	242	122	23	940
Opponents	12	343	50	69	42	11	6	5	2.78	8	10	249	77	17	950
KANSAS	12	343	50	69	42	11	3	7	2.53	8	6	261	85	18	950
Opponents	12	344	46	67	41	15	1	2	2.03	13	8	264	116	20	950
MISSOURI	11	200	34	29	11	3	8	13	3.20	15	6	249	76	22	934
Opponents	11	217	52	68	32	15	3	7	2.53	8	6	261	85	18	950
NEBRASKA	10	249	41	53	28	7	1	4	2.13	6	9	240	101	21	841
Opponents	10	249	41	53	28	7	1	4	2.13	6	9	240	101	21	841
TEAM HITTING	11	303	61	78	51	10	3	3	2.54	17	3	240	75	21	829
TEAM PITCHING	11	201	61	78	51	10	3	3	2.54	17	3	240	75	21	829

TEAM HITTING	G	A	B	R	H	RBI	SB	HR	IP		ERA	BB	SO	
									W	L				
Missouri	11	350	112	320	Nebraska	10	62	27	15	139	36	63		
Oklahoma St.	12	347	99	285	Kansas	12	63	45	37	378	63	77		
Kansas State	12	343	50	69	42	11	3	7	2.53	8	6	261	85	18
Iowa State	11	320	78	244	Missouri	10	78	49	38	432	40	78		
Nebraska	11	315	75	238	Colorado	10	57	38	41	431	39	50		
Kansas	12	325	72	221	Oklahoma	10	102	61	48	477	97	71		
Oklahoma St.	10	249	53	213	Kansas St.	7	100	77	57	648	40	42		
Nebraska	11	303	61	198	Team Hitting	11	303	61	198	Team Pitching	11	201		

Player and School	Pos.	G	A	B	R	H	RBI	SB	HR	ERA	Conference	
											W	L
Bob Robben, Missouri	RF-SS	11	44	10	23	16	5	1	3	2.23	10	4
Stu Steele, Kansas State	1B	11	36	12	18	8	2	2	2	3.90	7	4
Steve McGreevey, Kansas	1B	12	41	10	19	8	4	2	1	4.63	6	6
Tony Sellari, Oklahoma State	C	12	46	9	29	6	1	0	0	4.53	9	7
Tony Stark, Oklahoma State	C	12	41	8	17	5	4	1	0	4.15	10	7
Jim Pace, Missouri	C	11	35	6	14	5	1	2	0	4.00	8	6
Steve Best, Colorado	2B	11	20	5	11	3	2	0	0	2.81	6	5
Dan Rodanovich, Missouri	CF	10	34	13	12	3	1	1	0	3.82	7	5
Gene Stephenson, Missouri	1B-RF	8	29	8	11	6	1	1	2	3.79	5	4
Frank Warrington, Okla. State	LF	12	23	2	8	2	1	0	0	3.48	4	3
Joe Beck, Kansas State	1B	11	30	8	12	2	1	0	0	3.33	3	3
Jay Cronley, Oklahoma	3B	12	42	4	14	5	0	0	0	3.33	3	3
Randy Harris, Nebraska	2B	10	29	6	10	7	1	0	0	3.33	3	3
Mike Strode, Missouri	2B	11	42	6	13	12	4	0	0	3.30	3	3
Gary Blumenschein, Iowa State	2B	11	30	7	9	3	0	0	0	3.00	3	3
Dick Ruggles, Kansas	2B	12	44	5	13	9	1	0	0	2.95	3	3

Hits—Bob Robben (M) 23, Tony Sellari (OS) 20, Steve McGreevey (K) 19, Stu Steele (KS) 18, Tony Stark (OS) 17, 3B—Jim Mahoney (IS) and Bob Robben (M) 5 each, Steve McGreevey (K), Tony Stark (OS) and Mike Strode (M) 4 each, 3B—Steve McGreevey (K), Jim Pace

(M), Stu Steele (KS), and Ray Thorpe (M) 2 each. HB—Carl Schreiner (O) 5, Joe Beck (KS) and Bob Robben (M) 3 each. RBI—Bob Robben (M) 16, Carl Schreiner (O) 15, Mike Strode (M) 12, SB—Jack Price (C) and Jerry Retzlaff (IS) 6 each, Ray Thorpe (M) 5.

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