

Remarks

by Mark Gordon
Sports Editor

A glance at Nebraska's baseball statistics would have you believe the Huskers are 3-0 in league play rather than 0-3.

Coach Tony Sharpe's crew is hitting .213 collectively as a team while opponents are swinging (?) back with a .194 batting average and also lead in six of seven hitting categories. While none of the batting figures are impressive, they indicate NU's batting isn't quite as pathetic as many followers think.

TWO PLAYERS, catcher Adrian Flala, who also performs linebacking duties on coach Bob Devaney's football squad during the fall, and third baseman Tom Tidball are hitting in the .300 level. Flala is swatting a hefty .370 while Tidball is at a .300.

When in pitching statistics, which was supposedly the Husker's weakest position with a freshman-dominated staff, NU is allowing 2.40 earned runs per game compared to 3.13 for the opposition. Although Nebraska only stands at a subpar 3-6 overall record, the staff has hurled five complete games.

NU pitchers have walked 37 men and struckout 68, which is a respectable ratio. So the question arises — Why are the Huskers in last place?

MAINLY A LACK of the right hit at the right time and the great defensive play at the two-out stage in a tight situation. These are faults which Sharpe has been working on all week and hopefully can be prevented against Kansas in a three game series opening Friday with a doubleheader at Lawrence and concluding Saturday with a single game.

When we first saw Sharpe earlier in the week he grinningly asked us not to discuss hitting with him. But

the Husker mentor did say NU would be more relaxed when batting against Kansas this weekend in quest of its first Big Eight triumph.

If Nebraska can continue its strong pitching it will win the series against the Jayhawks.

WAA ELECTIONS — All girls who have participated in at least one Women's Athletic Association sport this year can vote at the same places and times as the Friday AWS elections for WAA officers.

Presidential candidates are Marg Crandell and Mary Clementson, secretarial foes are Sharry Wilson and Barb Knapp, while Chris Kress and Mary Ann Watkins are competing for treasurer.

The WAA board, one of the most vital sports organizations on this campus, plans sports and recreation activities for all University coeds. Vote Friday — it's a worthwhile group.

WE'LL TRY THIS again — after space limitations and other problems prevented us earlier, we now congratulate the Aquaquettes for their excellent swimming performance before spring vacation.

SPORT MAGAZINE reports that Southern California basketball coach Bob Boyd feels national champion UCLA should not be ranked higher than fourth.

"I really don't believe the Bruins deserve to be rated higher than fourth," he says, "right behind the Baltimore Bullets, the Los Angeles Lakers and the Boston Celtics."

FUNNY COMMENT, yet after the Bruins dominated the collegiate game for the three years that All-American Lew Alcindor was with the team, that has won national titles five of the last six years, it is better for the sport that Big Lew graduates.

When one team overshadows others to the extent that coach John Wooden's squad did, it is better if the team is somewhat disbanded.

NEBRASKA FOOTBALL coach Bob Devaney's staff has been revamped since 1968. The new lineup: offensive backs — Mike Corgan; offensive line — Carl Selmer; offensive centers and kickers — Cletus Fischer; offensive ends — Tom Osborn; defensive line — Monte Kiffin; linebackers — John Melton; defensive backs — Warren Powers; freshman coach and defensive backs — Jim Ross, offensive backs — Bill Thornton.

LAST WORDS — Four new divisions, four new expansion squads and eight new managers may have been added to major league baseball, but the game remains basically the same — not enough action.

Nebraska tracksters enter 44th annual Kansas meet

Frank Sevigne and Tony Sharpe may be at extreme ends of the record scale but they both have the same objective this Friday and Saturday in Lawrence, Kan.

While track coach Sevigne has seen his Huskers win three straight outdoor meets, baseball coach Sharpe has witnessed his crew drop its first three starts in league play. But both coaches hope to win this weekend as NU tracksters enter the 44th annual Kansas Relays and Nebraska's baseball team meets Kansas in a Friday afternoon doubleheader and a Saturday single contest.

"THE KANSAS Relays and next week's Drake Relays will probably be our toughest meets," Sevigne said, adding that no team points are kept at the Kansas event.

Although Nebraska suffered the usual minor injuries in winning a quadrangular at Arizona State, a triangular at Arizona and a dual with the Air Force in Lincoln. Sevigne said the 20-man squad will be in "pretty good shape for Kansas."

Poverty conference will meet Thursday

There will be a meeting Thursday night at 9:30 of all students interested in attending a western United States student conference on poverty, April 25-27.

Those interested should meet in the Daily Nebraskan office, room 51, Nebraska Union. AWS has provided \$300 for University students to attend.

The conference will feature national speakers, workshops and seminars on poverty.

While Sevigne said he will enter four relays, he was uncertain of his sprint medley lineup and may not choose the team until Friday morning when the preliminaries are held.

While the tracksters can't win or lose at Lawrence, the baseball team can and Sharpe is hoping for NU's first league win after three straight Lincoln losses to league-leading Oklahoma.

"NEBRASKA and Kansas are similar in that both have good pitching," he said. "In fact we both have two left-handed and one right-handed starters."

Like NU, Kansas also has displayed erratic hitting in winning one of three games against the 5-1 Oklahomans. NU is 5-6 overall and Kansas is 2-4 in Big Eight play.

Sharpe has tabbed Grand Island left-handers Al Furby and Gene Stohs against the Jayhawks and Omaha freshman right-hander Paul Marek in Saturday's single game.

WHILE NU has received strong pitching, the hitting has been relatively weak, but Sharpe claims NU should be more relaxed in batting against the Kansas.

"We should not be as scared when batting now since we have played 11 games," he said.

Last year Nebraska won two of three games from the Jayhawks, allowing the southerners an average of two runs per match and held the Kansans scoreless in one game. But Nebraska was blanked 5-0 by the Lawrencemen in last year's series finale.

Campus Calendar

FRIDAY, APRIL 18
(All events in the Nebraska Union, unless otherwise indicated.)

12 p.m. Graduate School of Social Work
1:30 p.m. A. P. H. A. Teachers College Centennial Conference — Business Teachers Conference

2 p.m. Teachers College Centennial Conference — Ed. Administration Conference
2:30 p.m. Uni. Housing Policy Committee
3:30 p.m. Snack Bar Managers Meeting
6:30 p.m. RAM — April Foolishness Rehearsal Teachers College Centennial Conference — Banquet

7 p.m. Inter Varsity Christian Fellowship
7:30 p.m. India Association
8 p.m. Turkish Student Association
8:30 p.m. Delta Pi Epsilon

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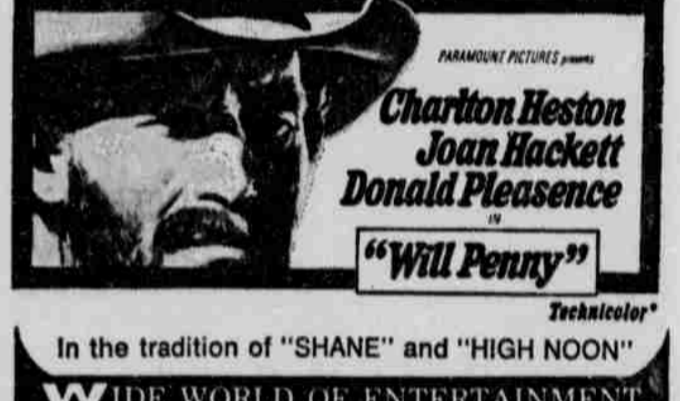
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NU car club plans rallye

The first annual University of Nebraska Sports Car Club rallye-picnic will be held Saturday at 2:30 p.m., according to Wayne Farris, rallye master.

Registration will begin at 2:30 at the north door of the Nebraska Union and the first car will leave at 3:30, Farris said. Anyone interested may compete, he added. A registration fee of \$1 for club members or \$2 for non-members will include the cost of refreshments.

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Stuart: 'Charly', (M) 1:00, 3:00, 5:00, 7:05, 9:05.
Nebraska: 'Morgan', 1:00, 3:05, 5:00, 7:00, 9:40.
State: 'Swiss Family Robinson', (G) 1:00, 3:42, 6:24, 9:06.
Varsity: 'Support Your Local Sheriff', (G) 1:25, 3:25, 5:25, 7:25, 9:25.
Joyce: 'Yellow Submarine', 7:25, 9:25.
84th & O: 'A Fist Full of Dollars', (M) 7:30. For A Few Dollars More', (M) 9:16. Last complete show, 11:00.
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