

UNL soccer players put their heads together

by Kim Ball

The soccer club will be shooting for its second and third wins of the season when it hosts Offut Air Force Base Saturday and the Omaha Huskers Sunday at the 17th and Vine Streets field. Both contests will start at 1 p.m.

UNL defeated the Omaha Huskers, a junior amateur team, two weeks ago at Carter Lake, Iowa.

But regular season games are not important, according to UNL soccer club president Ron Wheeler.

"These games are just like practice sessions for the Big Eight tournament," Wheeler said. "The tournament is what we're worried about. Our goal for the season is to do well in the Big Eight tournament." Nebraska will host the second annual Big Eight Soccer Championships on April 28 and 29. All of the Big Eight schools are entered, including defending champion Kansas. UNL finished seventh last year.

The UNL team has an international flavor, Wheeler said. It has players from Peru, Turkey, France and Nigeria. The coach, Dr. Eric Davies, hails from England.

Erwin Eberhard, a senior from Peru, has been playing soccer for about 11 years. He and one of his UNL teammates, Abel Alvarez, also were teammates on their high school soccer team in Peru.

"Soccer in Peru is just like playing football here," Eberhard said. "Just about everyone in Peru plays or watches soccer."

Wheeler, a freshman from Omaha and last year's Omaha Soccer Association president, has been playing the sport for three years.

"Soccer is really growing on the high school level," Wheeler said. "Everybody in every country except the United States plays soccer."



photo by Ted Kirk

UNL soccer team members...will meet both Omaha Huskers and Offut Air Base this weekend.

Olympic tracksters meet again at Kansas

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When Frank Sevigne's track squad enters the Kansas Relays this weekend, he might feel like checking a few of the local landmarks to make sure they are in Lawrence, Kan., and not Munich, West Germany.

This year's meet features many of the athletes who performed in last summer's Olympic games in Munich and one might expect to hear national anthems being played during the award ceremonies.

Gold medalist Rod Milburn and Dave Wottle head the list of Olympic entrants competing in the 48th annual relays.

Milburn, a senior at Southern University in Baton Rouge, La., holds the world record of 13 seconds in the 120-yard high hurdles.

Eastern New Mexico University will bring several foreign athletes to the meet which begins Friday.

Athletes from Kenya, the Fiji Islands, Australia, Santo Domingo, Ghana, New Zealand and Trinidad dot the Greyhound's roster, and three were Olympic performers.

Olympic shot putters George Woods and Al Feuerbach also will be on hand to add to the shot put competition. Woods is a two-time Olympic silver medalist and Feuerbach is ranked fifth in the world.

The huge meet will also include several women's events. Once again, Munich veterans have indicated they will come to Lawrence.

Pam Greene of Denver, Colo., represented the United States at Munich in the 200-meter dash while Wendy Koenig of Estes Park, Colo., ran the 800-meter event in Germany.

Another event which will attract much fan interest will be the pole vault. World ranked vaulters Kjell Isaksson, Dave Roberts, Jan Johnson and Steve Smith have all entered the open pole vault event. All of the vaulters have been over 18-feet.

But the top attraction of the meet has to be Wottle. The Bowling Green University senior will bring his gold cap and famous finishing kick to the meet as part of Bowling Green's four-mile relay team.

Wottle captured the fancy of thousands of Americans when he stormed out of the pack to nip Russia's Evgeni Arzhanov by three-hundredths of a second in the Olympic 800-meter finals.

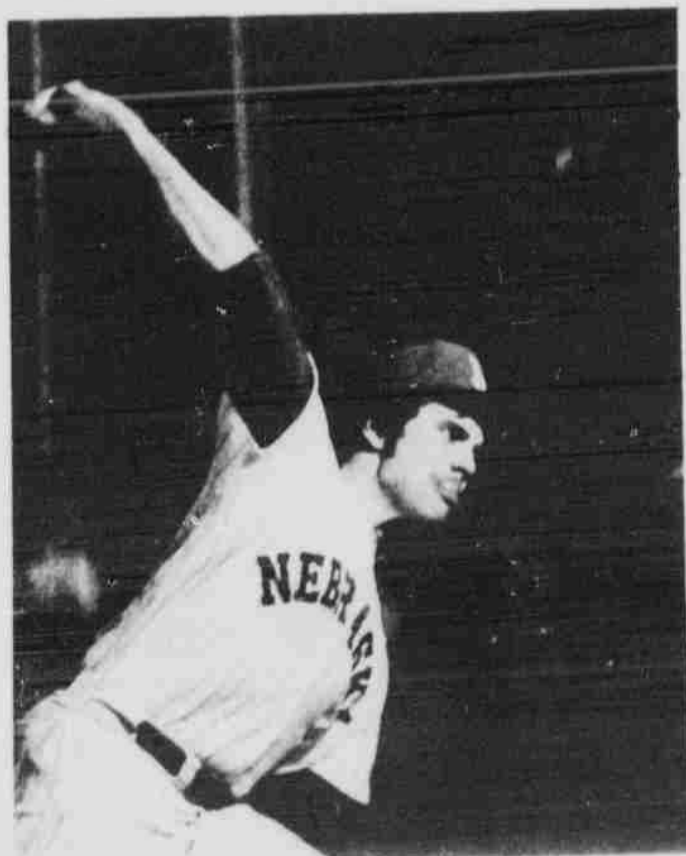
Wottle also captured the hearts of many Americans when he tearfully apologized on national television for not removing his golf hat during the playing of the Star Spangled Banner after he was awarded a gold medal.

In the Kansas Relays he will anchor the four-mile relay team and will run in either the sprint or distance medley relay.

Bob Timmons, Kansas track coach and relay director, should be complemented for putting together one of the most talent-rich meets in Midwestern track history.

With the new professional track program grabbing almost every track star around, it's even more amazing that Timmons has so many stars.

While Munich's Olympics turned out to be a violent nightmare, Kansas' "mini-Olympics" should prove to be exciting and interesting.



Dave Buehrer...pitched over three innings of shutouts.

Sluggers wallop Mavericks

UNL broke open a close game by scoring eight runs in the third inning as the Huskers went on to post a 12-3 win over UNO in the second game of a doubleheader, Tuesday afternoon at the UNL baseball diamond.

The Huskers also took the first game 9-0, behind the two-hit pitching of Dennis O'Doherty and Ryan Kurosaki. O'Doherty got the win, his first of the season.

Thirteen Huskers went to bat during the eight-run third inning. The big blow of the inning was O'Doherty's two-run double.

Dave Buehrer pitched three and two-thirds innings of shut-out ball in relief of UNL starter Terry Redler, to pick up the win. Buehrer, with three wins and no losses, leads the team in victories.

Right fielder Bob Munson had three singles and a double in four trips to pace the UNL hitters in the second game. Munson also had a single in the opening

game to raise his batting average to .465.

Munson had five runs batted-in in the two games. O'Doherty and Kurosaki baffled the UNO hitters in the first game. They combined to strike six Mavericks out while walking just one.

Kurosaki hit his first homerun of the season in the fourth inning. Husker Jim Smith also hit a homerun in the fifth inning.

The Huskers collected 23 hits in the two games. In addition to Munson's five hits, Dick Anderson had four safeties and Smith and O'Doherty each collected three. O'Doherty's three hits lifted his batting average to .407.

Coach Tony Sharpe said he was "very pleased with the hitting and with the pitching except for the performance of one individual."

The Huskers will return to the conference schedule this weekend when they travel to Boulder to play a three-game series with Colorado.