



Lettermen Steve King and Dan Bahensky will lead Husker golfers in the season opening Galveston Island Invitational beginning Saturday in Galveston, Tex.

## sports shorts

Friday is the registration deadline for coed tennis and coed softball.

Tennis games will be played Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings on the

courts near Harper-Schramm-Smith Residence Halls. Players must furnish their own tennis balls and rackets. Matches will be posted by April 1; tournament play will begin April 2.

Softball games will start April 3 and will be played Monday through Thursday evenings. Teams consist of five men and five women. A representative from each team must attend an officials'

meeting April 2 at 6:30 p.m. in Women's Physical Education Bldg. 228.

For more information, contact the Recreation Dept., 472-3487.

Weather permitting, the UNL women's tennis team will open its season at 5 p.m. today against Concordia College on the courts west of the Women's Physical Education Bldg.

## Freshmen cagers made presence felt

The most frequently asked question prior to the 1973-74 basketball season was, can talent overcome inexperience?

Husker Coach Joe Cipriano, his 15-man roster including seven freshmen this past season, was confronted with many of the problems exclusively directed to freshmen coaches in the past.

This season marks the second year of NCAA policy changes which allow freshmen to compete on varsity athletic teams.

"Over the years, the freshman programs have stressed learning and defense while the varsity programs have stressed getting ready for games," Cipriano said.

## bob hill over the hill

"This year's squad spent much more time on fundamentals than in past years," he said. "We tried to emphasize team play and consistency."

Had this same crop of freshmen come to UNL in the old days of freshmen teams, the Midlands probably would have been impressed with the record they might have produced against other freshmen. However, because of the difference in competition, some of the athletes may not have appeared, on the surface, to have made much progress this season.

Freshmen on the Husker varsity roster this year included Ricky Harris, Bob Siegel, Mark Enright, Gary Fitzsimmons, Rick Siedel and Phil Chambers.

These freshmen played a significant role in UNL's elevation to the Big 8 first division. Excluding All-Conference mention Jerry Fort, Siegel with 26 points against Iowa State University had the best single game point production. Siegel recorded UNL's best single game field goal percentage of 85% (12-14).

On six separate occasions through the season, a freshman was the Huskers leading scorer. On nine instances a freshman either led or shared the lead in UNL's rebounding charts.

Cipriano and his staff seem to have done an adequate job of introducing collegiate ball to their freshmen.

## Cager title to 69ers

The Recreation Dept. has released the final rankings for the four major intramural basketball divisions. The 69ers won the All-University title by nipping the Bongs, 43-42, in an overtime thriller. Delta Upsilon won the Fraternity A Division championship; the top spot in the Dormitory A Division went to Abel 10.

Men's intramural coordinator Phil Sienna was pleased with the intramural basketball season.

"I think the leagues were 1000% better with the new eligibility rule," he commented. "More people played and the competition was closer."

The rankings:

### All-University Division

1. 69ers
2. Bongs
3. Delta Upsilon
4. Alpha Tau Omega
5. Abel 10

### Independent A Division

1. 69ers
2. Bongs
3. Two-fers
4. The Pack
5. Brown's Team

### Fraternity A Division

1. Delta Upsilon
2. Alpha Tau Omega
3. Sigma Phi Epsilon
4. Beta Sigma Psi
5. Theta Xi

### Dormitory A Division

1. Abel 10
2. Abel 8
3. Pershing
4. Harper 4
5. Glenn

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