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All-Sports Day offers 3 for the price of 1

Husker athletic fans will see a dream come true Saturday-three sports offerings all for a total of \$1 That's the price of a student ticket for All-Sports Day, which includes baseball, football and track from a.m. until sometime that evening. 11

The 11 a.m. basebail game is the conclusion of a 3-game series against Kansas University which begins with a 1:30 p.m. doubleheader today. The Huskers must sweep this series if they entertain any hopes of escaping the Big 8 cellar.

At 1:30 p.m. Saturday comes the conclusion of spring football practice with the annual Red-White game.

Colorado State University will provide the opposition for Husker trackmen with field events starting at 3 p.m. and running events at 4 p.m. on the 2-year-old tartan track.

Husker weightmen have been impressive so far this spring, so it might pay to leave the football game early and see them in action. Jerry Hannan and Steve Jepsen have both qualified for the NCAA championships in June with throws of over 175 ft. in the discus. Hannan's toss of 185 ft, 2 in, broke the school record and leads the Big 8.

Wayne Ritchie and freshman Scott Sorchik ooth placed in the Drake Relays in the javelin last weekend and rank high in the Big 8.

The 4-mile relay of Roger Chadwick, Dan Speck, Lynn Hall and Bob Unger turned in the top running performance of the spring for the Huskers when they set the school record in finishing second at the Kansas Relays. They should be among the trackmen to watch

as they return to their individual events Saturday.

For those who might be in Omaha this weekend, there is the college women's state softball tournament today through Sunday at Dill Field.

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Eleven teams are entered in the double elimination tournament including UNL, which is seeded third behind Wayne State College and the University of Nebraska at Omaha. A split of a doubleheader with Wayne State earlier this season is one of the reasons UNL Coach Myreen Loveless has hopes for a Husker championship.

"If we can really put it together, we can take the tournament," she said. "The spirit is high."

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Defensively, the team has done well, she said, "but offensively we're going to have to do more place hitting." She gave as an example the loss to Concordia College Monday when the team hit the ball often but right at the Concordia players.

The team's hitting doesn't leave a whole lot to be desired, however, as evidenced by the fact that nine of the 16 players have batting averages over .400.

"I'll use the strongest players," she said. "It's time

to play top-notch ball."

The winner of the state tournament advances to the Women's College World Series, also at Dill May 17-19.

UNL's first game in its attempt to qualify for that 18-state tournament is today at 6:30 p.m. against the winner of the Kearney State College-Creighton University game. UNL has played at Dill earlier this month, which could give the Huskers a slight advantage over some of the other teams, Loveless said.

"This is the best team I've ever coached," the six-year mentor concluded.

Another weekend Husker fans might want to mark on their calendars is May 17-18. Two Big 8 championships, golf and track and field, will be in Lincoln those days.

Husker golfers are expected to battle Oklahoma State University for the title in the meet at Hillcrest Country Club.

Although Husker chances for the track and field championship are slim, many of the best athletes in the nation will display their talents on the UNL track.

With the coming of spring is the coming of baseball, and for me that has always meant the Los Angeles Dodgers. As I have since I was nine years old, I predict the Dodgers to win the National League pennant and the World Series. I will go out on a very shaky limb in the American League and pick the Detroit Tigers.



The UNL crew will race against Washburn University Saturday at Branched Oak Lake. Race time is 1:30 p.m.

There will be fencing competition Saturday at 1 p.m. at the Men's Physical

Education Bldg. Prizes will be given to the winners. Anyone is welcome.

The UNL golf team travels to Ames, lowa to compete in the lowa State Invitational this

weekend. W SHOWING

with annual intrasquad clash University of Southern California football

Spring football practice ends

Coach John McKay once said something to the effect that spring football practice is a waste of time and isn't really needed.

But UNL football Coach Tom Osborne called that statement "foolish." Osborne's team will close spring drills Saturday with the annual intrasquad spring game at Memorial Stadium at 1:30 p.m.

"I'd say it was worthwhile," Osborne said. "We made some progress, and avoiding any serious injuries to key players, we accomplished most of what we wanted to."

According to Osborne, the two main objectives of spring drills are to find the best personnel for the right positions and to introduce the basic defensive and offensive formations in order to save time in the fall.

been as intense as any spring ball since I've been here," he said. "The kids are really hustling, which is what we want to see."

Despite the fact there is still concern over the right tackle and middle guard positions of the defensive line, Kiffin credits colleague Warren Powers with rebuilding a defensive secondary that "seems quite sound," and expects the linebacking core to be the strong point of the unit next fall.

Overall, Kiffin said, "I think we'll have a good defense next fall. Whether it's as good as we've ever had is too early to say, but I've never been around a bad defense, and I don't intend to start next year. As long as we have kids who want to hustle and hit, our defense will never embarrass us."



The Hed-White game is the final practice, and after 20 practices, you like to give the players something to look forward to, and the fans something to come see," Osborne said. "It helps the younger players play under actual game conditions and settle the butterflies before next fall. And of course, We're still looking at personnel."

Defensive Coordinator Monte Kiffin said "There will probably be more scoring than on. some 'Saturdays because the spring game is when you want to put some points on the board. People like to see scoring and not 0-0 shutouts."

Defensively, Kiffin said he was pleased with the progress of the defense. "The hitting has

Osborne seems pleased with the offense as a whole. He praised the offensive line and expressed satisfaction with the individual play of I-backs Jeff Moran and John O'Leary, Tony Davis at fullback, Dave Humm at quarterback, Ritch Bahe at wingback and tight end Larry Mushinskie. Mushinskie, according to Osborne, has "played as well as a tight end has in four or five years."

Three players who advanced to the second and first teams from fourth team spots this spring were Ron Nitzel who is now behind Dave Shamblin at split end; Jeff Pullen, who was practicing at first team middle guard; and sophomore fullback Lindsay Kucera, who moved up this week to roserve fullback.

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