



Weather puts UNL golf practices behind

By Pete Wegman

Ask a golf coach about April snows and most assuredly his reply will be quick and to the point.

"What can you say? It really puts us behind," said UNL golf coach Larry Romjue Tuesday after a blanket of snow fell on the Lincoln area.

According to Romjue, the snow, coupled with possible continued cold weather, could force cancellation of a triangular meet Friday afternoon with UNO and South Dakota at the Holmes course in Lincoln.

He said that wet grounds and cold temperatures have kept the team off the Holmes Park course this year.

Despite weather problems, Romjue remained optimistic about his team's chances should the triangular meet be held.

"I would expect we could beat both teams. I don't think either school has played outside yet this year," he said, adding that Nebraska has benefitted from three trips south this season.

Last weekend, the Huskers participated with seven other schools in the Galveston Island Invitational at Galveston, Tex. The team placed third behind tournament favorites Texas Tech and Oral Roberts, in what Romjue described as a "very encouraging performance."

"The kids played real well at Galveston," he said. "We showed some potential, I'm much more optimistic about things now than I was earlier in the year."

Nebraska's medalist at Galveston was freshman Doug Smith from Lincoln who placed third individually in the tournament. Romjue said Smith, who has the team's number one position, has improved more than any Husker golfer since the season opened last fall.

"He's played exceptionally well, better than one can expect from a freshman," he said.

Smith is followed by sophomore Craig Moyer, senior Bob Meyer and senior Steve King, in the second, third and fourth positions respectively. Sophomore Gary Stieneke and junior Dave Pauley are battling for the team's fifth position.

The team is scheduled to compete in five tournaments during April in preparation for the conference meet in mid-May at Norman, Okla.

"The month of April will tell the story for us," Romjue said. "The kids have the ability; they showed it at Galveston. It's just a matter of practice now."

The Huskers, third in the Big 8 last season, are gradually seeing their chances of repeating the third place finish diminish with the continued bad weather, however, according to Romjue.

He said that while his Huskers remain indoors, conference favorites Oklahoma State, who Romjue says may be the nation's best team, and Oklahoma play outdoors daily, widening the already disproportionate gap between them and the conference's other six teams.

Baseball opener rescheduled

UNL's baseball team, scheduled to open its home season Tuesday, received an April fools delay from Mother Nature. It snowed.

The doubleheader with Morningside College of Sioux City, Iowa, was canceled and the Huskers will open play at home Friday with a twinbill against Oklahoma State if weather permits.

Friday's games will be

UNL's first Big 8 baseball competition. They were to have opened Big 8 play last weekend at Lawrence, Kan., but the three game series with KU was canceled because of wet ground.

On its southern wing last week the Huskers beat Oral Roberts University (ORU) 3-2 and Arkansas 5-4 but lost its remaining games with both

colleges—five at ORU and three at Arkansas.

Despite the losing record, Coach Tony Sharpe was pleased with some aspects of the Huskers' performance:

"As the games progressed, we made good progress with our hitting," he said. "In our victory over Arkansas, we knocked their number one pitcher around pretty good."

"Our fielding is also coming along, the more games we play," he said. "During our last two games with the Razorbacks, we only had one error."

Game time for Friday's doubleheader is 1 p.m.

Gymnasts to compete for championship title

Nebraska's gymnastics team will be one of eight teams competing for the NCAA title Thursday thru Saturday in Terre Haute, Ind.

The Huskers finished second to two-time national champion Iowa State in the Big 8 meet two weeks ago. Usually only the winners of eight conferences qualify for the national meet, but Nebraska and Southern Illinois won berths in the meet when two other conference winners failed to score 400 points.

They were selected from the highest scoring second place teams. Nebraska scored 413.60 points in the conference meet to Iowa State's winning total of 422.85.

Coach Francis Allen said compulsories will be Thursday and optionals Friday. The top three teams will then compete Saturday night for the national crown.

Allen said junior Stew Dickie, in the side horse; Pete Studenski, a senior, in the still rings; and senior Jim Unger, in the vault, have the best chances to win individual titles.

Should Nebraska win the championship, it would be the end of a long maturing process for some of the Huskers. Nebraska's roster is composed solely of Omaha and Lincoln natives, many of whom received little training in high school.

Studenski, one of the squad's two seniors, is a prime example. Studenski was seventh in the still rings at the state meet as a senior at Omaha Burke High School.

The eight teams in the meet will be Iowa State, Michigan, Louisiana State, Arizona State, California-Berkeley, Indiana State, Southern Illinois and Nebraska.

Allen said the best all-rounders for Southern Illinois and California-Berkeley are injured and will not compete.

Outdoor season to begin this weekend

Husker track coach optimistic

By Scott Jones

Nebraska's track team will begin its outdoor season at the Texas Relays Friday and Saturday.

Husker coach Frank Sevigne said he will enter a mile and two-mile relay team in addition to Steven Jepsen in the discus, Scott Sorchik in the javelin and Dean Herzog in the high jump. Sevigne was unsure Monday who would fill the relay positions.

Nebraska finished last in the Big 8 indoor meet Feb. 28 through March 1 with only three points. Referring to the outdoor season, Sevigne's only comment was, "We hope to be better."

The addition of the discus and javelin, not indoor events, should help the Huskers. Sophomore Sorchik won the javelin in the Big 8 meet last year with a UNL record toss of 243 ft. 7 in. and was sixth in the NCAA meet. Jepsen, the team's only senior, was second in the discus in the conference meet with a 171 ft. 5 in. heave.

John Korke, assistant coach in charge of field events, said Jepsen has "looked very, very good in practice," consistently throwing in the 180 foot range. Jepsen's best 1974 effort was 185 ft. 10 in.

Korke also was optimistic about freshman Herzog.

"He has had some great jumps in practice—seven feet or better—but he's been inconsistent," he said. The Lansing Kan., native set a new national high school high jump record of 7 ft. 1 3/4 in. last year, but Korke said his next best jump was 6 ft. 9 in.

Korke is optimistic because he said Herzog cleared 6 ft. 9 3/4 in. easily in practice recently.

Two Husker field event performers who scored in the Big 8 meet last year won't compete outdoors. Steve Millard, fourth in the shot-put as a freshman last year, contracted chicken pox during the indoor season and is still weak.

Jerry Hannan quit school after his sophomore year when he set a new Husker record of 189 ft.

2 in. in the discus and finished third in that event in the conference meet.

David Green, a freshman from Jamaica, also will be missing. He pulled a groin muscle in the Big 8 indoor meet where he triple-jumped 49 ft. 6 1/2 in., third best in the Husker all-time charts.

"If we use him too early we could lose him for the season," Korke said. "Hopefully he'll be back by the Kansas Relays."

Quarter-miler Chuck Malito and sprinter Mike Thompson will stay with the team for the outdoor season instead of joining spring football drills.

The Kansas Relays will follow a meet in El Paso Tex., next Friday against the University of Texas—El Paso (UTEP) and Arizona.

Korke left UTEP two years ago to come to Nebraska. UTEP has won the last two NCAA indoor titles.

"Naturally I'd like to be with a winning team wherever I'm at," he said. "We've had some tough breaks here but I do get some satisfaction from the individual performances, Sorchik and Jepsen for example."

At UTEP, Korke recruited and coached Hans Høglund and Peter Farmer both seniors this year. Høglund, from Sweden, has since won three NCAA shot-put titles and Farmer, also a NCAA titlist, is one of the best hammer-throwers in the nation, Korke said.

Korke also coached three shot-putters who exceeded 60 feet in 1971, only the third such accomplishment in NCAA history.

Korke, who is originally from Bronx, N.Y., came to Nebraska to work on his doctorate in zoology and become a full-time assistant coach.

UTEP doesn't offer a Ph.D in zoology and Korke was not a full-time coach there.

He said he should complete work on his doctorate sometime next year. He may then have to decide between track or teaching zoology.

"I'd like to do both but that's all on the horizon," he said.

sports shorts

In addition to postponing golf and baseball meets this week, the weather cancelled football practice Wednesday.

Freshman crew coach Jerry Huber said the weather has also hampered the rowing team's preparation for a JV, women's and freshmen meet in Wichita, Kan., Saturday.

The varsity Crew left early in the week for San Diego, Calif., to get some extra practice before rowing in a 12-team meet there Saturday.

Entries are due today for Co-rec golf, archery and women's archery. Contact the intramural office, 472-3467.