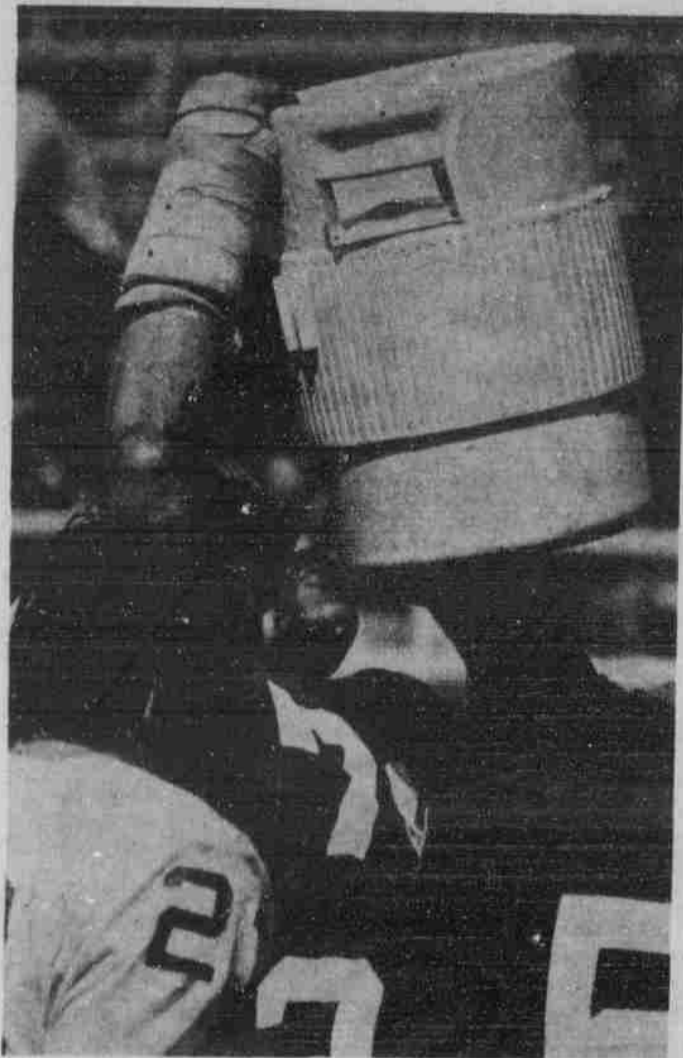


'Comeback year' worth serious consideration



The water can was a popular spot Saturday when temperatures reached the 60s during the Husker football scrimmage.

When the slogan "Year of the Comeback" appeared on the 1975 UNL baseball press guide, the first tendency was to laugh.

Maybe it's time to take it seriously.

Despite a 2-8 record after the first 10 games, the Huskers won two of a three game series with Missouri during the weekend and are in sole possession of the Big 8 lead. Not bad for a team picked to finish last by conference coaches.

Friday, the Huskers rallied twice to sweep a double header from the Tigers 7-4 and 8-6, but six errors and poor Husker pitching accounted for Saturday's 9-6 loss.

However, the team's hitting remained strong, as the Huskers collected 26 hits during the series, including two home runs by Norm Glisman.

With Oklahoma's two losses to Iowa State this weekend, the Huskers lead the conference with a 5-1 mark and are 7-9 overall. Oklahoma is second with a 4-2 record, but are 29-4 for the season.

Of course, it's much too early to predict whether the Huskers can maintain this pace. The next Big 8 outing for the team will be Friday and Saturday against Colorado.

If the Huskers come up with more consistent pitching and fielding, while maintaining their hitting, the May 13 thru 14 three game series against Oklahoma could be for the conference championship.

In other weekend action, the UNL track team split a double dual in El Paso, Tex., Saturday, beating Arizona 68-53, but losing to the University of Texas El Paso 99-37.

The only Husker win was recorded by senior Steve Jepson in the shot put with a 51 ft. 10 1/4 in. toss.

Seconds were won by Jepson in the discus, junior Chuck Malito in the 440-yard hurdles, freshman

Harold Stelzer in the mile, Scott Sorchik in the javelin, John Tinkham in the 120-yard hurdles, Dan Zaloudek in the triple jump and Dean Herzog in the high jump.

UNL's tennis team raised its season record to 4-6 Saturday with a 7-0 shutout of UNO in Lincoln, while in Wichita, Kan., the Husker golfers finished fourth in the Great Plains Invitational Friday. Steve King was the leading Husker individual, tying for fifth with a score of 154.

Upping its record to 3-2, the UNL women's tennis team blanked Concordia Teacher's College of Seward 9-0 Thursday.

Once again, the defense dominated a Husker football scrimmage as the offense only scored once during the two-and-one-half hour session Saturday.

Husker Coach Tom Osborne called it the toughest day the offense has had in two or three years, crediting the defensive play but chiding the offense's execution and blocking.

Larry Stunkel on record

The only touchdown came when fifth teamer Ed Burns quarterbacked the team 60 yards downfield before scoring from two yards out.

Osborne's praises went to each aspect of the defense, while expressing concern with the development of the offensive line and the injury situation at wingback.

Rodeo club loses at own game, barrel racer gets only club win

By Pete Wegman

Nine years ago, Cheryl White began barrel racing in rodeos. Four years ago she purchased an eight-year-old horse named Chip.

Saturday night at the eighth annual University of Nebraska Intercollegiate Rodeo held at the State Fairgrounds Coliseum, White's nine years of barrel racing and four years of riding with Chip paid off.

The nineteen-year old freshman journalism major from Atkinson, Neb., won the barrel racing competition at the UNL rodeo, her first intercollegiate competition.

Not that White's win was a fluke, however.

Only win

She was the Nebraska high school barrel racing champion in 1973 and runner-up in 1974, while finishing fifth in the nation both years in the same event.

White, the only member of Nebraska's rodeo club to win Saturday, said she was worried before the rodeo about her horse's performance because he flipped last time he raced.

"I didn't think he would want to handle the ground as well as he did," she said.

According to White, the most important factor in barrel racing is mental attitude.

"You have to know you're good," she said. "You also have to have a good horse and be able to ride. You definitely need someone to teach you."

White's victory helped the UNL women's team capture a third place finish behind the University of Wisconsin at River Falls and South Dakota State University at Brookings, first and second, respectively.

Men lose out

The Nebraska men's team didn't fare quite as well in the two day rodeo. A fourth place finish by Andy Applegarth and Bob Huffman in team roping was the best the men could manage.

Dickinson State College of North Dakota edged the National College of Business in Rapid City, 330 points to 320, to claim the men's championship.

Outside of some technical problems the rodeo, which attracted over 150 participants from 21 schools, turned out very well, according to Steve Lauer, UNL rodeo club president.

"We had some technical problems at the Friday night session but everything went pretty smoothly on Saturday," he said.

"Our team (UNL) could have done a little better," Lauer said, "but we've got a lot of inexperienced people."

Next weekend, UNL will send six men and three women to participate in the University of Nebraska Technical School Rodeo at Curtis.

Following the Curtis rodeo, four remain before the national finals in Bosman, Mont. in mid-June.



Three "cowboys" prepare to ride their "wild bull" during this weekend's rodeo at the State Fairgrounds.

sports shorts

The UNL women's softball team travels to Midland college in Fremont for a 6 p.m. Tuesday contest.

Schedule for Intramural Soccer

Monday, April 14-6 p.m.-Phi Gamma Delta A vs. Abel 11, 7 p.m. Beta Sigma Psi vs. Life Science, 8 p.m.-Harper 7 vs. Pandas, 9 p.m. Dental College vs. Delta Sigma Phi.
Wednesday April 16-6 p.m.-Abel 11 vs. Ag Men, 7 p.m.-Beta Theta Pi vs. Cornhusker Co-op, 8 p.m.-Rugby Club vs. Shot Kickers, 9 p.m.-Life Sciences vs. International House.

Saturday Capital Beach dual

UNL crew paddles by Notre Dame

After finally getting good weather Saturday, UNL's crew responded by winning five of eight races in a dual against Notre Dame at Capitol Beach.

A scattered audience watched from roof tops, patios, boats and the shore while temperatures reached the mid-60s.

Posting wins were the varsity men's eight- and four-oared shells, freshmen and junior varsity men's eight-oared shells and the varsity women's four-oared shells.

"I was pleased our varsity boats won," said Coach Ron Rusthoven. "We were far from our best, but we couldn't ask for any better. We still have a long way to go because of our lack of water time."

Ice finally cleared

Rusthoven said the team has had more time on the water than past weeks as the ice that lingered on Capitol Beach Lake into April has finally cleared.

It was the crew's first regatta at Capitol Beach Lake.

The weather has hurt the crew so far this season as poor showings at the San Diego (by the men's varsity eight-oared shell, and Wichita men's and women's freshmen and junior varsity teams) would indicate.

"At San Diego we gambled with a high stroke rate per minute to make up for our lack of water time and our smaller size," Rusthoven said. "It worked all right in the first heat against Wisconsin, Washington and California at Berkeley where we finished fourth of six teams. But it didn't work at all in the second heat (the crew finished last)."

Women did well

Rusthoven said the women's four-oared shell, which finished fourth among six teams did real well, and might

have won if able to get more time on the water.

Coming up this week is a Tuesday meet at Washburn University at Topeka, Kan., and a Saturday regatta at Capitol Beach Lake against Purdue.

Rusthoven said the team will be christening three new shells this week.

"We'll call the new varsity eight-oared shell the 'Cornhusker', in honor of the people of the state who have supported us," Rusthoven said. "The new varsity four-oared shell will be named the 'Jack Thompson', who is the president of the Cooper foundation and the new junior varsity eight-oared shell will be named the 'Cooper' in honor of the Cooper foundation."

Thompson and the Cooper foundation made a \$5,000 contribution to the crew last October, and challenged the rest of the state to match it.