#### Tennis team, javelin tosser win over weekend The weekend's action brings

UNL javelin thrower Scott Sorchik is alive, well and still one of the top competitiors in his event.

Sorchik, the defending Big 8 javelin champ and record holder (with a toss of 243 ft., 7 in.), underwent surgery Nov. 15 to realign a nerve in his right elbow, injured a year ago in the NCAA championships.

Five months later, Sorchik, sophomore from Sussex, N.J., tossed the spear 239 ft. to win the event at the Kansas Relays Saturday.

Athletes place

"I feel as good as I did last year," Sorchik told the Lincoln Star. "A lot of people may think my arm is still sore because I wear a bandage, but I

do that just to keep the heat in. It helps me loosen it (the elbow) up a little faster."

Other Husker athletes placing at the relays in Lawrence were:

Zaloudek, -Dan sophomore transfer from North Platte, who placed fifth in the long jump with a 23 ft., 4 in. leap.

-the Husker mile relay team of Chuck Malito, Mike Thompson, Chris Grieb and Tom Dovel, which placed fifth because of Malito's :46.8 time as anchor man. The time was Malito's best.

Loss record broke

The UNL tennis team also broke a record of sorts Saturday by beating Iowa State 7-2. It was the team's first win over a conference opponent in

more than two years. The victory came after the Husker netters lost to Colorado 8-1 Friday afternoon and 9-0 to Oklahoma State Saturday morning.

three-game series at Colorado, but wet weather cancelled all three contests. UNL's next game is Tuesday against UNO. High winds and rough water

for the season.

UNL's

caused postponement of Saturday's crew regatta between UNL and Purdue. But both teams were up at sunrise Sunday to compete, since Purdue had an afternoon meet Kansas with Manhattan.

the Huskers dual record to 6-8

increased its hold on the

conference lead this weekend,

even though they did not play.

Sooners split a double header

to Oklahoma State Saturday,

giving the Huskers a two game

The Huskers were to play a

The second place Oklahoma

baseball

The early hours didn't hurt the Huskers any, as the team. won three of the five-races. The closest race, the varsity eight-oared shells, was won by, the Huskers by just five-tenths of a second. The Huskers also won in the men's junior varsity eight-oared shells and the women's eight-oared shells.

## sports

# Pitcher feels little of bench's warmt

By Becky Morgan

Boyd Batenhorst, a pitcher on the UNL baseball team, didn't throw a single pitch in competition last year.

He joined the team as a walk-on after transferring to Nebraska from Morehead State University in Kentucky.

This year with the season in its fourth week, Batenhorst probably has forgotten what its like to be a perpetual benchwarmer.

accomplishments include participation in eleven games (more than any other UNL pitcher), an undefeated pitching record and receiving the Big 8 player of the week

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for pro game contract

summer came one step closer to reality Saturday when the NU

Board of Regents approved contract negotiations with the

Devaney that the game could be played Aug. 16 in Memorial

the "contract now is in the hands of the Colts, who want to make

some minor revisions, but things should be set by the end of the

can make up for some of the \$80,000 debt projected for fiscal

profits will be split among the teams and the Husker athletic

distribution or pricing yet," Devaney told the Journal. "As soon as

we have a finalized contract with the two pro teams we will get

game once the college team begins practice-will be followed, as

the Huskers are expected to begin fall drills Aug. 18.

Olds. Atlanta has no former Nebraskans on their roster.

Stadium, but the main parrier would be the regents' approval.

The prospect of a pro football game being played in Lincoln this

It was announced Wednesday by UNL Athletic Director Bob

Devaney was quoted in the Lincoln Journal Sunday as saying

The game may be one means by which the athletic department

Expenses for the game are expected to run about \$40,000 and

"It would be premature for me to talk about ticket availability,

Big 8 rules-which prohibit a member university to host a pro

Baltimore features two former Huskers, John Dutton and Bill

Batenhorst received the pitching award for his in performances UNL-Oklahoma State University series. He pitched more than three innings of no-hit ball in crucial situations during the series.

"I've been pleased with my pitching so far this season," Batenhorst said. "But I've still got a long way to go. I need to work on my knuckle ball control and my overall consister t pitching."

The knuckle ball is Batenhorst's favorite pitch. He also throws a slider and curve

4.59 for fifteen and two-thirds innings. He has struck out 14 batters and walked seven.

Playing American Legion baseball in his hometown Neb.) inspired (Tilden, Batenhorst to try college baseball.

"I want out for baseball at Morehead State, but decided to transfer to UNL at the end of my freshman year," he said.

Batenhorst, a pre-med major

and a junior, is not on scholarship.

"If I pitch well, I hope I can

get one at the end of the year,'

The team's morale is higher this year than last, Batenhorst added.

"We're glad to be where we are (on top of the Big 8)," he said. "I think hopes of a Big 8 championship is in the back of everyone's mind."

### Osborne. Husker offense gaining; timing needs work ball. His earned run average is

Regents OK negotiation By Larry Stunkel

With what UNL football coach Tom Osborne called a more complete selection of plays, the Huskers' offense did a better job of moving the ball against the defense during a two and one-half hour scrimmage Sunday.

The offense managed four touchdowns and two field goals against the defense, and might have had more except for three turnovers within the 10-yard line.

Osborne said most of the fumbles were caused by bad timing that will improve as the offense gets more experience.

Improved offense

"Our offense has improved," Osborne said, "but we're still not to the point where we were a

"We've given the offense a few new things and will probably put three more things into it before we're through," he continued. "At least now the offense can't zero in as much as it could last week."

The quarterback position is still a battle, Osborne said, with senior Terry Luck the first unit quarterback. Sophomore Tom Sorley and junior Vince Ferragamo are listed on the second team, according to Friday's depth charts.

Luck, Ferragamo, Sorley and sophomore Ed Burns all worked with the second unit Sunday. Osborne said all four did some good things.

Fullback Davis Tony Davis still has a solid hold on the first unit fullback spot, but the battle for his back-up man is still shaded, as Dodie Donnell and Gary Higgs have both been out the past week.

Osborne said Kim Kujath also has been doing well at fullback, and expects that position to be solid when Donnell and Higgs return.

The return of Dave Gillespie at I-back made possible the shift of Curtis Craig to wingback. Osborne said he figures Gillespie, John O'Leary and Monte Anthony will continue to battle hard for the starting spot.

"We have three different kinds of football



Senior fullback Tony Davis remains one of the few players at that position that hasn't been injured during spring drills. Dodie Donnell and Gary Higgs, both top candidates for the back-up spot, have been sidelined.

players at I-back," Osborne said. "O'Leary is the best pass received, Anthony is the best straight ahead runner and Gillespie has a combination of speed and strength."

Other players on offense that received praise from Osborne were split end Bobby Thomas, Craig and tight end Rick Panneton. Thomas, according to Osborne, now is playing his best football since coming to Nebraska.

"He's improving on the little things," Osborne said. "Most of his problems have been lack of concentration, mental errors and blocking."

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