

# Golfers' fumbles gone as team goes to Drake

By Pete Wegman

Football and golf seem to have little in common to most people. UNL golf coach Larry Romjue is an exception.

When discussing the progress of his golf squad this spring, Romjue uses the analogy of a football team early in the season.

"Like football, you may fumble and make mistakes early, but as the season progresses, the mistakes are out," he said.

While Romjue does not have to worry about his golfers fumbling, he said he hopes they continue to show improvement when they play in the Drake Relays Invitational today and Friday in Des Moines.

The field for the Drake tournament includes defending champion Tulsa, Southern Illinois, Bradley, Drake and Iowa State Universities; the Universities of Iowa, Kansas, and Missouri, along with numerous smaller colleges, according to Romjue.

### Young team

"I don't know how we'll do," he said. "We've been pretty inconsistent, but that's a reflection of the fact that we're a pretty young team."

Golfers competing at Des Moines for the Huskers include freshmen Dave Donachie of Grand Island and Omahan Tony Pesavento, sophomore Doug Smith of Lincoln and juniors Craig Moyer from Wood River and Omahan Todd Thorson.

Smith and Moyer are UNL's No. 1 and 2 golfers,

according to Romjue, who added that the two could qualify for the NCAA meet.

Moyer, the squad's only two-year letterman, said his biggest problem this spring has been starting each tournament with a poor round.

### First round problems

"When you get to be a junior, you're expected not to have a bad round," he said. "Golf is pretty much a mental game. I think I've got the physical attributes to beat anybody, but right now it's my head and that first round that's stopping me."

Moyer said the format of the Drake tournament—

playing five golfers and counting the four best scores (instead of playing six and counting five) and playing 36 holes (instead of the normal 18 in one day)—will help the team prepare for the Big 8 Conference championships.

Iowa State will host the Big 8 meet May 14 and 15 in Ames. The Huskers will play in a small invitational tournament May 1 on Iowa State's course to help prepare for the Big 8 meet, Romjue said.

"Iowa State's course is tight. There's a lot of holes where you lay up (play short of the green)," he said. "The more you play a course, the more you learn about it."

## Coach: First-year women's golf team a prime contender for championship

UNL's women's golf team, in its first year, will compete in the first annual Big 8 Conference golf championship Friday and Saturday in Columbia, Mo.

Larry Romjue, who doubles as men's and women's golf coach, said he expects women's golf to parallel the path men's collegiate golf has followed.

"It'll probably follow the pattern of boy's golf," he said. "Eventually you'll see the southern schools dominate. Because of the weather, they're able to play longer. I assume they'll continue to develop."

Don't count UNL out, however, Romjue said.

"I think we can be competitive for quite a while yet," he said.

### UNL a top contender

Romjue said UNL, Iowa State University and the University of Kansas should be the main contenders for the conference championship.

"I think we've got an excellent chance to win it if the girls play up to their potential," he said. "I'd be disappointed if we got worse than third."

Romjue said he will travel with the women to Columbia, rather than go with the men to the Drake Relays Invitational today and Friday in Des Moines.

"I enjoy coaching the women. They're so unpredictable," he said. "I don't think the girls get quite as upset about a bad round as the men, but they play just as hard."

### Finished second

In the team's only matches, UNL defeated Creighton University in a dual and finished second in the eight-team University of Illinois Invitational last weekend.

Deb Benish, Norfolk senior, has posted the low Husker score in each match, including a first-place finish at Illinois.

"She had a real poor fall (season), so I didn't know what to expect of her," Romjue said of Benish. "She's been a real help to us and if we can get the other girls to improve as much as her, we'll have a good chance of winning it."

Other Husker golfers and their Illinois scores are sophomore Jane Deeter, of Lincoln, 182; freshman Omahans Sharon Slattery, 184; sophomore Nan Circo, 185; freshman Laurel Smedberg, of Suisun, Calif., 203 and junior Deb Denbeck, of O'Neill, 219. Benish's score was 171.

## sports quiz

### Summer Olympics

1. True or false: America's 51-50 loss to the Soviet Union in 1972 was the first American defeat in the 36 years of Olympic basketball.
2. Where were the first modern Olympic Games held?
3. How many gold medals did United States swimmer Mark Spitz win in the 1972 Olympics?
4. True or false: Gymnast Olga Korbut of the Soviet Union won the individual all-around in the 1972 Olympics.
5. True or false: Al Oerter of the United States won four straight gold medals in the discus.
6. How many gold medals did American sprinter Jessie Owens win in the 1936 Olympics? (a) 3 (b) 4 (c) 5 (d) 6
7. Who holds the world and Olympic record in the long jump?
8. Which American boxer won a gold medal in the 1972 Olympics?
9. True or false: Japan has won four straight mens' gymnastics titles in the Olympics.
10. How many times has the United States not won the gold medal in the pole vault?

### Answers

1. True.
2. Athens, Greece, 1896.
3. Seven.
4. False, teammate Ludmila Turischeva won with a score of 77.025.
5. True, 1956 through 1968.
6. (b) 4.
7. Bob Beamon of the United States, 29 ft. 2 1/2 inches in 1968.
8. Light-welterweight Ray Seales.
9. True, 1960 through 1972.
10. Twice, 1906 and 1972.

## sports shorts

In Wednesday's story on the football offensive line, a part dealing with the tackles was dropped inadvertently. Offensive line coach Cletus Fischer said returning senior starters Steve Hoins, Bellevue, and Bob Lingenfelter, Plainview, both have been playing well.

Other challengers for the starting tackle positions are sophomores Tom Ohrt, Millard; Steve Glenn, Pawnee City; Kelvin Clark, Odessa, Tex., and returning junior letterman Bob Hayes, Bakersfield, Calif.

The Husker men's tennis team, 11-8 before entering a match against Wichita State University Wednesday, travels

to Des Moines for the Drake Relays Invitational today and Friday.

The Husker women's tennis team travels to Lawrence, Kan., for the Missouri Valley Invitational today through Saturday. Several schools from Nebraska, Kansas, Iowa and Missouri will compete.

The second annual General Allgood Jolly Jogathon will be Saturday at Ed Weir Track starting at 9 a.m. There will be seven track and two field events, and any person 18-years-old or older may enter.

Entry fee is \$3, and all registrants will receive a General Allgood Jolly Jogathon T-shirt. Awards will go to the first four places in each event.

Entries are due today at the Lincoln Central YMCA, 139 N. 11th St. For more information, contact Bob Grenfell at the YMCA, 432-1251.



Sophomore pitcher Jan Bartels, left, and junior catcher Jean Vrbka form the battery for the first game of the Husker-Kansas State University doubleheader today. Games start at 2:30 p.m. at the Women's Physical Education Bldg. Field. The Huskers have been idle for a week and are now 5-7.

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