

# Pitchers, chilly winds blow Beavers off diamond

By Rob Barney

Part of the reason might have been the 40-degree weather with gusting winds. But the main reason Buena Vista College of Storm Lake, Iowa, lost a double header to UNL Saturday at the Husker Diamond was pitching.

Husker senior Steve McManaman scattered five hits and struck out 11 enroute to a 5-2 victory over the Beavers in the first game. In the second contest, freshman Cliff Faust allowed just two infield singles and struck out 10 as the Huskers won 6-0.

UNL jumped to a 1-0 lead after the first inning of the opening game. Senior centerfielder Paul Haas led off the game with a single, advanced to second on a passed ball and came around to score on a single by left fielder Joe Scherger.

The Huskers added another run in the third to lead 2-0. Scherger smashed a line single to center to knock in shortstop John Dingle, who led off the inning with a walk and advanced to third on two infield outs.

Buena Vista, 5-5 on the season, did not stop, however. They scored single runs in the fourth and fifth innings to tie the game.

The Huskers came back, scoring the deciding run in the bottom half of the fifth. With one down, Haas reached on error by Beaver third baseman Sonny Reasland and came around to score on a single by first baseman Larry Winum.

UNL closed out the scoring in the sixth when sophomore transfer Tim Carroll led off the inning with a triple and scored on an error by Reasland.

Faust got all the help he needed in the second game in the first inning.

The Huskers scored five of their six runs on three hits in the inning.

The two Husker pitchers allowed two walks (both by McManaman) for the entire doubleheader, and two Buena Vista pitchers surrendered five walks to UNL in the first inning.

Big hits for the Huskers in the first frame were a run-scoring triple by Scherger and a two-run single by third baseman Doug Miller.

Catcher Tom Beeson, the Big 8 Conference's leading hitter with a .400 average going into the game, and Haas forced in runs, walking with the bases loaded.

Scherger singled in the sixth and came around to score for the Husker's final score.

Faust, who was winless in one decision going into the game and had a 5.68 earned run average, said he was pleased with his performance.

UNL coach Tony Sharpe also said he was pleased with the team's defensive performance. The Huskers committed just one error in the doubleheader.

Scherger raised his batting average from .333 to .394 with a four for five day at the plate. He scored two runs while knocking in three. He also had four stolen bases,

and walked twice, one intentionally.

"I'm real pleased with Joe's performance," Sharpe said. "He always comes to play."

Coming to play this afternoon at the Husker Diamond is Wayne State College for a 1:30 double header. Sharpe said senior Kirk Eymann (1-1) and Jeff Costello (2-1) will pitch for UNL, now 9-4 for the season.

A scheduled make-up double header Sunday between Wayne State and UNL was postponed because of rain.

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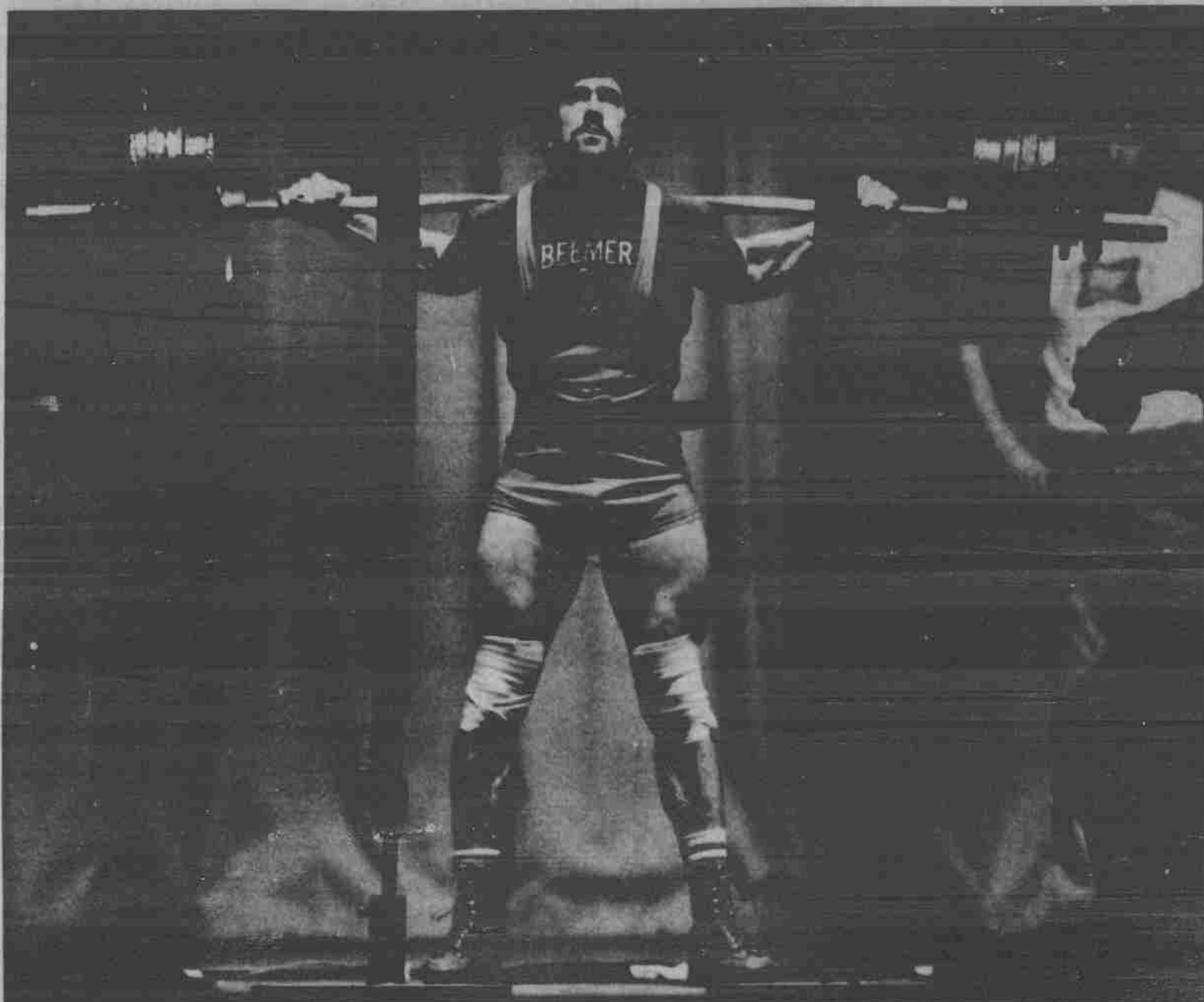


Photo by Ted Kirk

Ed Nellor of Beemer had an uplifting experience Saturday when he was named 165 lb. weight class champion at the Nebraska State Powerlifting Championships at the Coliseum. The event is the squat, and the weight on the bar is 535 lbs.

## Women tracksters defend relays title

By Jim Kay

The UNL women's track team swept to victory Friday in half of the 15 events while defending its championship in an 11-team field at the ninth annual Red Grovert relays at Southeast Fairbury Community College.

The Huskers, coached by Carol Frost, outscored runners-up Doane College of Crete and the University of Nebraska at Omaha 104-35.

"We really didn't have a good day to run because it was cold and the wind was blowing about 40 miles an hour," Frost said. "Only the short dashes on a straight track were easy to judge. We had a couple of good performances."

Frost had two of her sprinters qualify for the national meet, although she said it was still quite early in the season to be reaching qualifying times.

"Our sprint and hurdle times were the best," Frost said. Toni Midder ran 10.9 seconds in the 100-yard dash (a new meet record) and qualified for nationals. Pam Baker qualified in both the 100-yard dash and the 100-meter hurdles with 14.5 seconds.

Baker's hurdle time also was a new meet record. Frost also mentioned the 17 ft. 10 in. long jump effort of freshman Karen Frazee.

"This is the first year Karen has ever competed in the long jump," Frost said. "She was a sprinter in high school. Her jump Friday is only four inches short of the qualifying mark for nationals."

Other individual winners for UNL were freshman Cindy Vickers in the 880 and sophomore Pam Koontz in the discus. The Huskers' 880-yard medley relay and mile relay also won Friday.

Frost said the competition level was not high in Fairbury, but it still was a good confidence builder for her team.

"This gave us a chance to see what we could do without spending two or three days away from home," she said. "They asked us if we come back next year that we just bring freshmen and sophomores. But we were almost a junior college team this year because we only took one junior."

Frost added that the UNL women's track program has grown in the past few years.

"Our program has advanced to the point where it's probably better to compete against larger universities. But our program was not at that stage until this year," she said.

The team's next competition will be at the Oklahoma State University Invitational meet in Stillwater, April 15 and 16.

"This meet is a question mark to us," Frost said. "There will be schools from all over Oklahoma and some from Texas. OSU didn't do well in the Big 8 indoor track season (the University of) Oklahoma didn't even show up for the Big 8 meet."

"I don't know about the other Oklahoma schools but I do know that the Texas teams are well along in their programs," she added.

## Women's tennis team serves losses to three teams, betters record to 9-2

By Mike McCarthy

The Husker women's tennis team courted, then jilted, three teams Friday and Saturday in Missouri.

The Huskers returned with wins over Northwest Missouri State University, 9-0, William Jewell College, 9-0, and Stephens College, 7-2.

The three wins stretch UNL's record to 9-2 for the season.

Garnett said beating Stephens College was the biggest Husker win after UNL lost to Stephens, 7-2, last year.

"It was a good win for us," Garnett said. "I think we surprised them."

Garnett said Vicki Maseman, Kathy Hawkins and Dee Pavelka had fine performances. He added that he thinks "The whole team played well."

"I thought Maseman played the best she's ever played this spring," Garnett said. "Kathy Hawkins also is a strong point at three (UNL's third-ranked player). She's got a lot of experience playing three years at number one."

Garnett said the win over Stephens was gratifying since Stephens finished second in the Missouri Valley

Conference last year. One Husker who lost her match was McVicker, but Garnett said the cold, windy weather was affecting her serve.

Garnett said he tells the rest of the Huskers to worry only about their own matches and not be concerned when another Husker loses her match.

"I tell them everybody is just as important whether they're playing sixth or first," he said. "The girls farther down the ladder have an equal responsibility. Worrying about another person's match just hurts their concentration."

Garnett said the Husker's tennis trip to Louisiana during spring break helped give UNL more playing time and an edge over the Missouri teams. Northwest Missouri was "the weakest team we played," he added. Garnett also said if the weather had been clear and sunny, the Huskers also might have aced Stephens.

Garnett said the Huskers will have light workouts this week to catch up with their school work, then "hit it hard" in preparation for the April 15 and 16 Big 8 Tournament at Lincoln's Woods Park.

## Oral Roberts wins tennis invitational

Oral Roberts University topped UNL Saturday to win the Nebraska Invitational Tournament.

The Huskers, led by Phil Woog's strong performance, finished behind Oral Roberts and Gustavus Adolphus College.

Woog, a sophomore from Woodland Hills, Calif., won both of his singles matches Saturday and teamed up with Chris Wilcox to win a doubles match over Northwest Missouri State University.

Woog defeated George Okalidis of Oral Roberts, 7-5, but was the only winner for the Huskers against Oral Roberts. Woog also defeated Olayi Ogunrinde of Northwest Missouri, 6-4.

UNL head coach James Porter said Woog was one of the outstanding performers in the meet.

"Phil played very well, probably the best of anyone,"

Porter said. "We did better as a team but we still need some improvement."

The invitational meet, which began Friday at the Sports Center, was completed Saturday with Friday's winners competing at UNL and the four losers competing at the indoor courts of Doane College in Crete.

Northwest Missouri State finished fourth while Doane won the loser's bracket followed by Bethany College, Drake University and Wayne State College.

Porter said all of the teams played well, noting Oral Roberts' strong performance.

"I was hoping we'd do better, but Oral Roberts always has had a good team," he said.

The Husker tennis squad will travel to Colorado next weekend for matches against Colorado University and the Air Force Academy Saturday and matches against Colorado College and Southern Colorado Sunday.