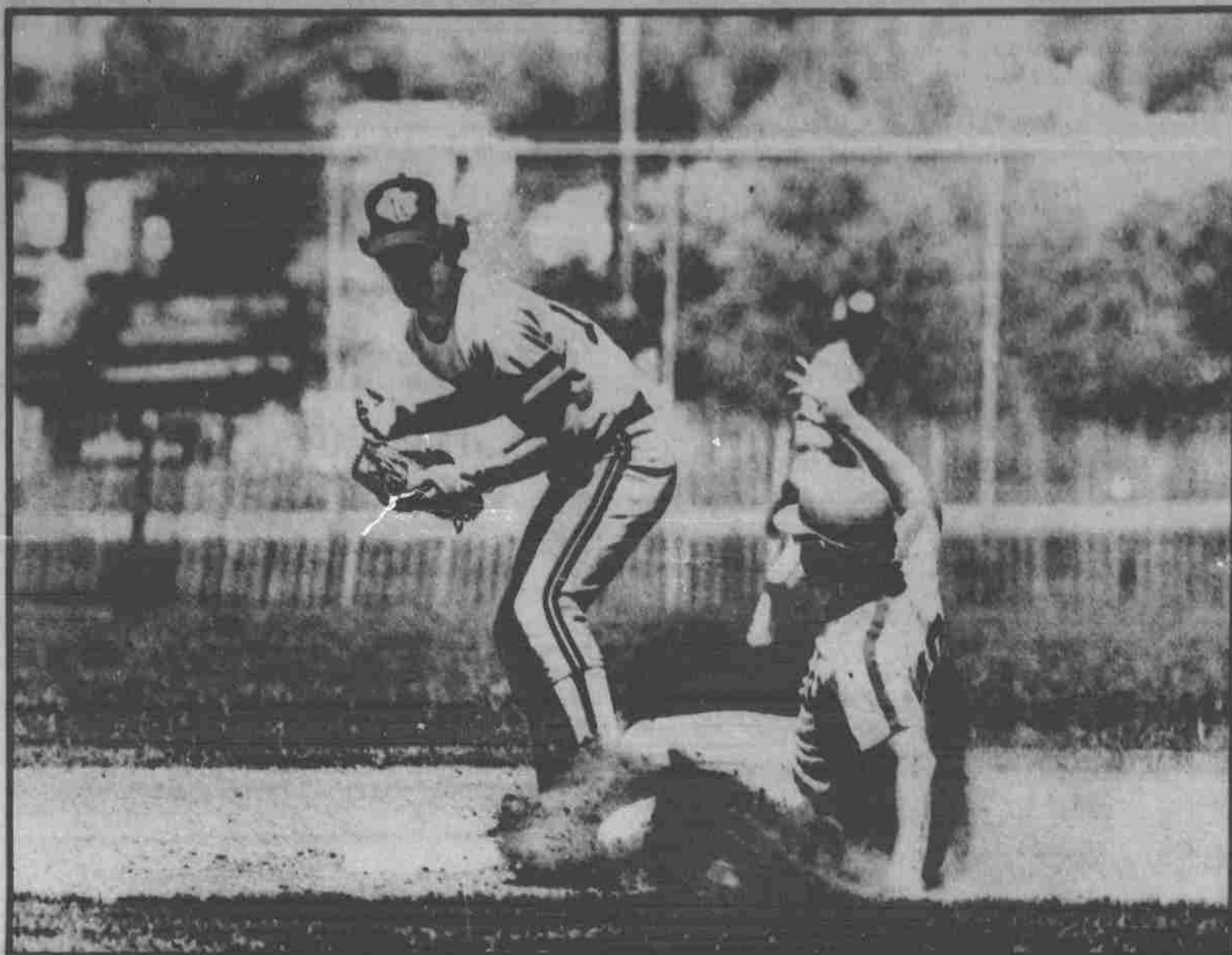


UNL wins doubleheader, Iowa State next opponent



A problem plaguing Missouri Western State University all day long Wednesday, was trying to make a play without the ball, as shown by this safe steal at second base by Husker leftfielder Joe Scherger. Photo by Ted Kirk

By Kevin Schnepf

The Husker baseball squad tuned up for its confrontation with Iowa State University (ISU) this weekend by cruising past Missouri Western State University (MWSU) in a doubleheader, 13-5 and 13-3.

The second game was called after five innings because of the ten run rule.

In the first game, MWSU reeled off four runs in the first inning and one run in the second inning but the Griffons were stopped by the relief pitching of freshman Jay Lenstrom.

Aiding Lenstrom's pitching, was the Husker's nine run outburst in the fifth inning to assure them of victory number 22.

MWSU started the second game with two runs in the first inning but the Huskers answered with six runs in the same inning. The victory gave the Huskers a 23-11 record for their four game series with Iowa State beginning this Friday.

Both ISU and the Huskers, who have 2-6 conference records, are in the cellar of the eastern division behind Kansas University (5-3) and Missouri University (7-1).

The top two teams of each division advance to the Big 8 playoffs in Oklahoma City, May 20-24.

Missouri is assured of a playoff spot and will play Kansas this weekend. If Missouri can win three of the four games from Kansas and the Huskers can win all four from ISU, the Huskers would qualify since they beat Kansas in the first game of their series, last weekend.

Friday's games will begin at 1:30 p.m. with pitchers Kirk Eymann and Jeff Costello going for the Huskers.

The Huskers committed only two errors in yesterday's doubleheader and belted out a total of 23 hits.

Husker designated hitter Steve McManaman hit a two run homer in the first game and a three run homer in the second. Freshman Joe Scherger hit a one run homer in the third inning of the first game.

Sharpe said that Lenstrom's relief job in the first game was well pitched.

Lenstrom relieved freshman Mike Hanson in the third inning and gave up only two hits which came in the last inning.

The winning pitcher in the second game for the Huskers was starter Steve Yingling with a 2-0 record. Yingling lasted three innings and was relieved by Steve Nagel.

Prior to yesterday's twin bill, the Huskers split a doubleheader in Omaha with UNO on Tuesday.

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Coach encourages battle for defensive line spots

By Mike McCarthy

A Husker football version of a buffalo stampede might result from 13 players fighting for three defensive line positions, but defensive line coach Charlie McBride said that is the way he coaches.

McBride coaches the middle guard position and the right and left tackles.

"I have a different philosophy than some coaches have," McBride said. "I try to play as many players that are qualified."

McBride said substituting players gives them a rest, and he might be able to do it.

"I hope we can, but it depends whether the players have enough ability." Although McBride said he doesn't put much stock in depth charts, he does have an idea who will start.

"They (depth charts) don't mean anything," he said. "Right now I'd start the game with Kerry Weinmaster."

Barney Cotton would start at left tackle and Bill Barnett would start at right tackle, he added.

"Those two are a pleasant surprise," McBride said. "Cotton hasn't played any defense until this year so he's really coming along."

Behind Cotton are sophomore Dan Pensick, junior Bill Bryant and sophomore Rod Horn.

McBride said Horn, from Fresno, Calif., is perhaps the strongest Husker at 6 ft., 5 in. and 259 lbs. However, an ankle injury has kept him from being evaluated.

"We know he has the tools, but with the ankle injury we don't know whether he would be fourth or first string," McBride said. "He's got a lot going for him. He has real good speed."

The Huskers' only returning starter from last year has been hindered by a shoulder and foot injury. Jeff Pullen, a senior middle guard from Central City has lost his spot to Weinmaster and shares the second position with sophomore Andy Cole.

Junior Kelvin Roehrs and sophomore Randy Florell are third and fourth string, respectively.

Behind Barnett at right tackle is 6 ft. 8 in., 255-lb. junior Randy Poeschel, from Fremont. Sophomores Gary England and Brian Hedrick back up Poeschel.

Throughout spring practice depth charts have been changed, McBride said.

"Sometimes it's a psychological move. We like to see how someone plays with the first string."

Sometimes a player plays a completely different game when they are promoted to first string, he added. McBride said he is more objective since this is his first year at UNL. McBride came here from the University of Wisconsin.

"I think that's the most important thing," he said. "When I first came here, I didn't look at any films of the players."

McBride said juggling depth charts instead of allowing last year's starters to step in to a starting spot helps other players.

It gives players who didn't think they got a fair evalua-

tion with other coaches new hope," McBride said.

The entire defensive line is "pretty beat up" he added.

"This is the best group of kids I've worked with and they know they have to play with bumps and bruises."

"We lack some experience and depth, but our speed

problem can be attributed to lack of experience. We'll be strong fundamentally.

"I haven't been riding their backs or putting a lot of pressure on them this Spring," McBride said. "But it's going to be different next fall."

Record setter Coffey to end career Saturday in rugby game in Omaha

By Rob Barney

Saturday's Napp Cup game against the Omaha Rugby Club, will mark the end of the UNL rugby season and also the end of Bill Coffey's five-year career for the club.

Coffey is the only five-year member on the UNL club and holds its records for most points in a game, in a season, and in a career.

"I didn't know they kept records. Just because I've stayed here the longest, I suppose I've had more chances to score," Coffey said.

The opportunity to hold all those records came about by accident, he said.

"When I was a freshman I was on the crew team. But I got fed up; it was too regimented. So I started playing rugby and it was a lot of fun."

Rugby is played with 15 players on a team. The object of the game is to kick or carry the ball across the opponents goal line. Defensive players can tackle offensive players, but offensive players cannot block.

Coffey said this continuous action attracted him to the game.

"There is constant movement. Action never stops for more than 30 seconds," he said.

"Rugby is not like football, where you either run or block. In Rugby you do both. Well, you're not allowed to block but there is a lot of muscling going on."

However, Coffey said players do not have to be "animals" to play the game.

"It takes all kinds of people to make a team. There are 30 people on the field at once and it takes team work and coordination. You have to know what's going on," he said.

"Look at a good team. They don't have the domineering 6-5, 230 pound, offensive tackle type. You have to have skill."

Coffey said interest in the sport has risen during his stay at UNL.

"The backing is a lot better," he said. "Not only the students, but local companies, like Schlitz Distributing, are getting behind us."

Uniform and equipment costs for the club are around \$300, according to Coffey. Schlitz sponsors the club's social events.

"It's a key part of the program. After a game we get a couple of kegs and get together with the opposing team and talk things over," Coffey said.

The Rugby Club's annual event, the Ruggers Ball, will

be May 7, but the place has not yet been determined, he said.

Coffey, a graduate student in the business college, will continue his studies in Omaha next year, either at Creighton University or the University of Nebraska at Omaha.

He said he will probably play rugby with the Omaha Rugby Club, one of the three rugby teams in the city.

"Interest in rugby in the Midwest is picking-up. It will never be a dynamic sport but I do think it will be a popular one," Coffey said.



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Bill Coffey's five-year rugby career at UNL will come to an end Saturday, against the Omaha Rugby Club. Coffey holds most of the club's records.