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Three women swimmers dive off the team's roster

Today's news concerns several developments in UNL's women athletics.

The swim team was dealt a blow to the chops when three members—two of them national competitors—decided to hang up their suits for next season.

Ellen Hollander, Jana Frymire and Sue Lewis told coach Ray Huppert that they will not return to compete. All three plan to remain at UNL next fall.

Huppert said Lewis will be a student assistant next year and will not have enough time for swimming.

Frymire, a freshman and a member of the 200-medley relay that went to the Association of Intercollegiate Athletics for Women nationals, dropped swimming for more study time.

An occupational therapy major, Frymire must maintain "very, very high grades," Huppert added.

Huppert's biggest loss was junior Hollander, a school record holder in several events and a member of the 200- and 400-yard medley relays that went to nationals.

Huppert, however, is trying to change her mind.

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"Why she left is still a question mark," Huppert said. "I'm hoping she'll sit back and re-evaluate her three years and look at the awards she has attained."

"I'm hoping it's just spring fever," Huppert added. "I think she feels she put a lot of hours in the pool and wants a dif-

ferent atmosphere for next year.

"She's in a sorority and feels she's missing out quite a bit on the social end," he said. "But right now, her decision is made."

Hollander was unavailable Tuesday afternoon for comment.

A few women gymnasts, who did not want their names revealed, were somewhat disgruntled with the past season—apparently for good reason.

In one incident, some team members were left home when the men and women gymnastic squads went to the Rocky Mountain Open in Colorado Springs last December. Allegedly, there was not enough room to allow the teams' non-competitors to make the trip.

But there was enough room for one of the women gymnast's relatives to make the

trip—an action that justifies a grievance. It would seem an active member of a gymnastics squad should be given priority over persons who have no official relationship with UNL gymnastics.

About 13 high school seniors will audition Saturday for the UNL women's basketball team.

George Stryker, interim women's basketball coach, said college students can participate in the audition which is designed to determine winners of three remaining full scholarships at UNL.

Stryker added that Lincoln East star Kerry Karst apparently is headed to play for the University of Wisconsin next year.

A decision on the head coaching job is expected April 15. Stryker said he has applied for the job. An Australian also has applied for the head post.

Seventh inning rallies lift UNL to double-header sweep

By Jim Hunt

The UNL baseball team, now 22-13, rallied twice in the bottom of the seventh to sweep the Creighton Bluejays at the UNL diamond, Tuesday.

Junior Tim Carroll slammed a pinch-hit double to center field driving in two runs in the bottom of the seventh inning to give the UNL a 6-5 come-from-behind win over the Bluejays in the first game.

In the second game, Creighton jumped out to a 7-1 lead after two innings, but the Huskers rallied in the bottom of the seventh to win the second game 11-10 on a double by John Russo with two outs.

In the first game UNL jumped to an early 3-0 lead after three innings. In the second inning, left fielder Joe Scherger opened the inning with a single and scored on a double by Dan Dixon.

UNL netted two more runs in the third when catcher Jon Henne was hit by a pitch and moved to second on a sacrifice by designated hitter Bob Gebler. Henne went to third via a balk charged to Creighton pitcher Lou Halamek and scored on a wild pitch also charged to Halamek.

The other Husker run in the third was scored by outfielder John Russo, who walked and stole second and scored on a single by first baseman Pete O'Brien.

However, the Bluejays took the lead in the fifth inning when they pounced on Husker starting pitcher Tim Pettit (2-4) for four runs.

Creighton's shortstop hit a two-run homer with two men out to move the Jays back into the game. After Schwartz's blast to center field, Chuck Marques and Dennis

Rasmussen singled and came home on a single by Denis Novacek. The Creighton fifth inning rally was aided by two Cornhusker errors charged to Val Primante and Dixon.

The Huskers missed two chances to take the lead in the sixth inning. After loading the bases with one out, two fielder's choices to the pitcher took UNL out of the inning.

The Bluejays scored one more run in the seventh before the Huskers made their final rally.

Primante opened the Husker seventh by hitting a pop fly to second, but was awarded first base after the umpire ruled catcher's interference on Steve Forrester. Primante was fouled by Joe Scherger who bounced an infield hit to third and O'Brien who reached first on a bunt single.

Creighton pitcher Jerry North struck out Dixon and second baseman Steve Oakley brought in Primante on a fielder's choice. Carroll, who has been injured the last two games, proceeded to line North's curve ball to center field, driving in the winning runs.

Sophomore reliever Gary Nolting picked up his third victory against two losses for UNL in the first game.



Photo by Mark Billingsley

Catcher Jon Heene slides safely into home plate in the third inning of the first game of Tuesday's doubleheader between Creighton University and UNL. UNL won the first game 6-5 and took the second game 11-10.

Tennis coach Porter emphasizes strategy, not basics

By Mike Schmoltd

Jim Porter, UNL's men's tennis coach, brought his 50 years of tennis experience to UNL four years ago and has used it to compete with his team as well as to coach it.

But, Porter admits that competition with his players was closer four years ago than it is today.

"When I started, I could beat most of the varsity players, but they're all out of my depth now," the 58-year-old said.

The reason behind this change is "a combination of a great improvement in the caliber of our varsity and a little bit in the deterioration of the coach," Porter said.

Porter played for the University of Michigan during his college career and said

he has won between 30 and 40 tournaments here in Nebraska—including seniors competition in the 45- and 55-and-over age brackets. Porter has been ranked the number one seniors player in Nebraska for about 10 years.

Porter spends 10 to 12 hours a week in UNL practices plus weekends on the road or at tournaments in Lincoln.

Porter also teaches architecture full time, but said he has not had any problems dividing his time between teaching and coaching. Porter said he likes teaching better, but enjoys both jobs.

Porter said he stresses consistency with this year's varsity which has been a problem this season.

Disappointed in UNL's third-place finish in the Nebraska Invitational last weekend, Porter said, "play was inconsis-

ent, erratic. I was hoping we could have played a little better."

Tennis can be frustrating when a player does not play up to his capability, and he said he hopes everyone on the team reaches his peak during the Big Eight Conference championships.

Porter said most of his coaching is comments on matters of strategy, not basics.

"All of them have sound strokes," he said of the team members. "It's a matter of keeping that ball in play and watching for an opening. Then put it away. Most of the younger players want to put it away too fast."

He said smart tennis players do not rely on a power game, but look for weaknesses in an opponent and ways of wearing

him down.

UNL's number one singles player, Dan Sloboth, said Porter assumes players have enough technical skill and common sense to know when they are doing something wrong.

Most of Porter's advice is from a psychological point of view, not a technical one, Sloboth said.

"What's really good is that he doesn't put a lot of pressure on you," Sloboth said. "A lot of the help is supportive, motivational. He'll say, 'Let's really bear down and get this next game' instead of 'You're hitting your backhand too high'."

In the future, Porter says he may go out of Nebraska more often in recruiting tennis players for UNL. He added, however, that one or two top junior players in Nebraska also are being recruited.