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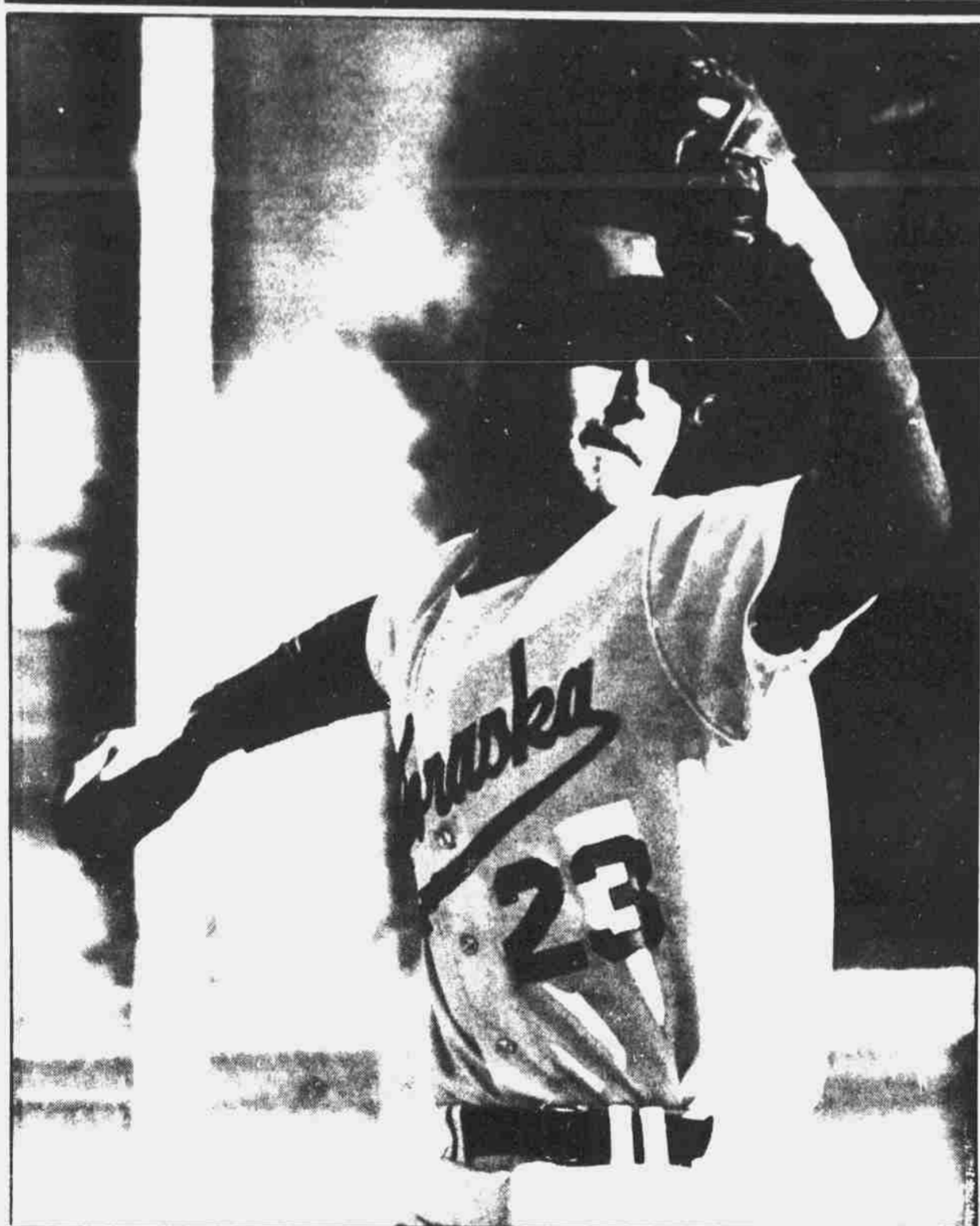


Photo by Mitch Hrdlicka

Nebraska's Mike Vojtesak gets ready to let loose a pitch in Wednesday's game with Benedictine. The Huskers swept the doubleheader, 10-6 and 8-4.

Hawaii tourney no vacation for Husker baseball team

By Jeff Goodwin

Many UNL students will spend their spring break writing that long-delayed term paper, skiing in Colorado, or making the long trek to south Florida to hit the beach. Nebraska's baseball team will be at the beach, too, but it will be Waikiki, not Daytona. The Huskers are entered in the Hawaii Easter Tournament for March 22 through 28. The Huskers open their road trip next Monday at Nevada-Las Vegas.

Husker Coach John Sanders said the competition should be the toughest the Huskers have faced all year.

"All of these teams are tough. Hawaii is always tough. They're rated nationally again. Cal State-Northridge is really tough," he said.

The other teams in the tournament are

Santa Clara and Nippon University of Japan. Nippon is the national collegiate champion of Japan.

Sanders said the tournament offered a good chance to test different lineups.

"We'll use a lot of different players. This gives us a chance to evaluate our players and see what they're capable of," he said.

Sanders added the games would give Nebraska a chance to solidify its pitching staff.

"We've got some good, young pitchers who really haven't been tested yet. This will be a good chance to pitch a lot of different people."

Sanders said he was generally pleased with the way the Huskers have played this year.

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Tom Vergith scored 19 points to pace Phi Delta Theta to a 53-41 victory over Mondello's in the finals of the All-University Intramural Basketball Tournament.

Phi Delta Theta, runner-up last year to SAC, finishes the season with an 11-1 record.

Mondello's, this year's Independent A champions, finish the season with an 11-1 record, losing for the first time.

The Phi Deltas took control early as they charged to a 12-2 lead. But Mondello's Bill Weddle started to find the range and

brought his team to within one at 12-11. However, the Phi Deltas ran off with the next eight points to lead 20-11.

Although Weddle scored 11 first half points, Jay Rodenberg for Mondello was limited to three as Phi Delta Theta built a 27-18 halftime advantage.

It was much the same in the second half and Mondello's trailed by as many as 17 points. Vergith scored 10 points and his last bucket put Phi Delta Theta up 49-32.

"Three of our starters are seniors so we won't be back next year," Copple said.

Old Globetrotter comedy part of new structure

By Pat Clark

Some comedy routines haven't changed in decades, but people still laugh at them. Henny Youngman still gets laughs with, "Take my wife, please." Rodney Dangerfield still doesn't get any respect. And the Harlem Globetrotters still heave a bucket of water at the audience.

"They (the routines) really haven't changed," said Joe Cunningham, a former Harlem Globetrotter who now works for the team in a public relations capacity. "One of the secrets of the traditional aspect of the Globetrotters is that we have gags as old as we are."

He cited the trick basketballs, the water bucket routine, and the baseball sequence as examples.

"These are things you can't take out of the show," Cunningham said.

While the on-court routines stay the same for the Globetrotters, the organization has been changing. The Harlem Globetrotters now have a players' association, something that was not in existence when Cunningham retired as a player in 1973.

"It (the players' association) has really

helped change conditions for team members. Salaries have definitely improved. That is something the Globetrotters of 1981 can feel good about," he said.

He said he was unsure what salaries specific players were making, but noted that the minimum salary for a Globetrotter is at or above the NBA minimum. Such a salary structure would put the minimum in the \$35,000 to \$40,000 range.

The personnel has changed recently also. With the retirement of Meadowlark Lemon (who later formed a team of his own) the team is starting to put other performers in the starring role.

"We share the role," Cunningham said. "That way, we can always make sure we have a top-notch showman."

Showmanship can be as important as basketball talent for a Globetrotter.

"In a Harlem Globetrotter uniform, you're not just a basketball player, you are an entertainer and an ambassador. That is one of the things that attracts players to us. You never get the same feeling with an NBA team," he said.

Cunningham pointed out that the Harlem Globetrotters now have players

who were drafted by NBA teams.

"We recruit players. We have an invitation-only rookie camp every year. College coaches make recommendations to our scouting office," he said.

Cunningham said the Globetrotters have always recruited for specific talents.

"I was recruited because of my jumping ability. They thought I could do all the fancy dunks that a 6-9 or 7-0 player would do, and look better at it. Or I could go out and play guard. I was one of the first 6-7

guards."

The Globetrotters rely heavily on on-the-job training for new players.

"There's no time to practice," Cunningham said. "We are playing seven days a week in most cases. We don't even have time to train the rookies. It's up to the individual how fast he becomes part of the routine."

"Everybody is recruited as a straight man, so to speak, and it's up to him to get the ballhandling and showmanship skills."

Husker trackmen travel to indoor championships

By Charles Vaughn

Men's track Coach Frank Sevine and an average number of qualifiers (nine) will be traveling to Detroit for the NCAA indoor championships today.

The nine Huskers include Randy Brooks, who qualified with a time of 7:35 in the 60-yard high hurdles two weeks ago at the Big Eight championship. Brooks also ran the opening leg for the mile relay team which qualified with a time of 3:12.5. Others on the relay team are Everton DaCosta, Charles Lawrence, Rodney Lewis, and Mike Cielocha.

DaCosta also qualified for the 600- and the 880-yard runs with times of 1:09.33 and 1:52.07, respectively. Brian Dunnigan qualified for the mile and broke his own school record in the process with a time of 4:04.84. He also qualified for the 1,000-yard run with a time of 2:09.60. Joe Staub, who owns every Husker shot put record, qualified with a throw of 63-0 while placing third at the Big Eight championship. Pole vaulters Mark Newton and Randy Raymond qualified with vaults of 17-6 and 17-2 1/4, respectively.

Both Raymond and Newton feel they have an advantage going into the championship—experience.

"I've been there the last two years,"

Raymond said, "and I know what it's like, but more importantly I think I feel more confident about my vaulting this year than I have in the past two years."

"I feel stronger, faster. I believe I can jump higher, whereas last year I really didn't know for sure. I jumped 17 once (last year) but this year I've been over 17 four times, so I feel more confident about my vaulting in general," he added.

Newton shares Raymond's confidence.

"With more experience I will jump well this year," Newton said. "I feel I can jump 17 feet plus pretty consistently. I just want to go in there and jump my best and try and place high."

Assistant Coach Dick Railsback, a former pole vaulter himself, said Raymond and Newton have the experience to prevent them from becoming "awe-struck."

"They are used to it (pressure). They've been jumping well and I think they will do well. They've been there before and know what they have to do. Right now, I think they are two of the best in the U.S.," Railsback said.

As a team, Sevine said it has the potential to place high if all of the qualifiers can score.

"It doesn't take many points to place high. If they score they have done very well," he said.

Men's tennis coach retiring

By Scott Ahlstrand

Jim Porter has divided his time between coaching and architecture. But after coaching the UNL men's tennis team for eight years, Porter has decided to retire at the end of this season.

"It's been a lot of fun," Porter said. "But I have an excellent assistant coach in Kerry McDermott, and I'm recommending that he be named head coach next year. I'm an addict when it comes to tennis, but compared to Kerry, I'm just a weekend player. I think he'll do a lot to help the program."

Porter said he is leaving McDermott an excellent corps of players.

"This is the best team I think we've ever had at UNL," he said. "No one has a very good chance at beating Oklahoma State for the Big Eight title, but I think we should be right up there for the second or third place."

After Oklahoma State, Porter said Ne-

braska's biggest competition for the remaining top spots will come from Oklahoma, Missouri and Colorado. All three teams and UNL have lost to Oral Roberts 5-4 this season. Porter said this is an indication of how tight the Big Eight season will be.

Although Porter's team has no senior members or any specific team leaders, he said the team is a tight unit.

"They're a very enthusiastic bunch of young men. They have a good team and their spirit and morale are very high," he said. "They're all quite talented and they've really been practicing well."

Despite the uncommonly warm weather this winter, the tennis team has practiced mostly indoors. Porter said the indoor courts in the Bob Devaney Sports Complex are the finest in the Big Eight.

"Our courts give us a definite advantage," he said. "It gives the team a chance to play all year long, and you can tell that it has really helped them by their performance so far this year."