

# Women's softball looking to be NCAA champs

By Mary Sue Hergert

Besides the goal of making it to the NCAA Championships next spring, the Nebraska women's softball team can look forward to playing on a new softball diamond. The diamond, which is under construction behind Mabel Lee Hall, will hopefully be finished next spring, according to Assistant Coach Peg Conradt.

"The new infield will be the second best facility in the Big Eight," Conradt said. "Oklahoma State and Iowa State are the only Big Eight schools that have their own facilities."

With the reality of a new diamond, six

returning lettermen and six new scholarship athletes, Conradt looks for a stronger team this year. Returning pitchers include junior Rhonda Revelle and sophomore Sandy Wolterman. Other returning standouts are junior Kelly Erisman and junior Deanne Carr.

Conradt said she was not sure who would catch for the Huskers, but newcomer Ann Wegmann, a transfer athlete from Ellsworth Community College in Iowa, could be a possibility.

The Husker schedule is different from past year's, in that more tournaments will be played rather than double-headers. The Huskers will open Sept. 11 through 12 at

the Oklahoma Tournament in Norman. From there, they play in the Iowa State Tournament Sept. 18 through 19, the Husker Invitational Sept. 25 through 27 at Ballard Field, the University of Minnesota Tournament Oct. 2 through 3, and will finish the fall season at the Creighton Tournament Oct. 10 through 11.

Conradt looks at Creighton, Iowa State,

Kansas, and Missouri as the teams to beat for a go at the NCAA Championships in the spring.

This will be the first year that any Nebraska women's teams will have the chance to participate in the NCAA Championships. In the past, they have been a member of the Association for Intercollegiate Athletics for Women.

# Letters of intent signed by nine women athletes

Nebraska women's swimming coach Ray Huppert has announced the signing of nine athletes to letters of intent for the 1981-82 season at UNL.

"The newly recruited talent added to last year's outstanding individuals will provide the strength and balance we need to finish high in our conference and continue scoring in national competition," Huppert said.

"I am pleased with the out-of-state recruits and excited about working with the Nebraska walk-ons," he said.

UNL's recruits are:

**Elisabeth Brudvik**, a scholarship athlete from Hamar, Norway. Brudvik will compete in the distance freestyle races. She is a Norwegian record holder in the 800-meter freestyle with a time of 9:04.1 and the 1500-meter freestyle with a time of 17:18.2.

**Patty DiBiase**, a walk-on from Omaha Westside High School. She will compete in the butterfly and the individual medley events.

**Kellie Keown**, a scholarship winner from Omaha Burke High School. She was voted the outstanding female swimmer at the 1980 state high school meet and was a high school honorable mention All-American in the 100-meter butterfly. Keown will compete in the butterfly and freestyle events at Nebraska.

**Karla Langemeire**, a walk-on from O'Neill, Neb. She will compete for the Huskers in the freestyle.

**Jane Meier**, a scholarship athlete from Billings, Mont. Meier was named the outstanding athlete at the Montana state championships last season and was a high school All-American in 1978. She will compete in the freestyle, butterfly and individual medley.

**Lori Pike**, a scholarship winner from Cherry Hill, N.J. Pike qualified for the junior nationals in the breaststroke last year and was a member of New Jersey's state championship teams in 1978 and 1980. The honorable mention All-American will participate in the breaststroke and freestyle events.

**Tamara Sullivan**, a scholarship winner from Cedar Falls, Iowa. She will compete in the backstroke, individual medley and freestyle events. She is the sister of Renee Sullivan, a junior on the Husker team, and is the holder of Iowa's all-time high school record in the 200-meter individual medley and the 100-meter backstroke. Sullivan also won those two events at the Iowa state meet in 1978, 1979 and 1980.

**Wendy Ward**, a walk-on from Sunnyvale, Calif. She will compete in the distance freestyle events.

**Vicky Wilcox**, a walk-on from Omaha Tech High School who will participate in the backstroke and individual medley.

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