

Sports

Huskers split double-header

By Stu Pospisil

OMAHA — Nebraska made the most of one run against Creighton Thursday as the two nationally ranked softball teams split a double-header before 200 spectators at the Bluejays field.

Although out-hit 4-3 in the first game, 13th ranked Nebraska used two fourth-inning singles to score the game's only run in a 1-0 victory.

In the nightcap, 17th ranked Creighton shutout the Huskers 4-0 despite hitting just two singles.

"The girls are trying," Nebraska Coach Wayne Daigle said, "but we're not quite there yet — and you can underline quite."

Denise Eckert's single scored Stacy Sunny with Nebraska's decisive run in the first game. Sunny, a freshman, led off the fourth with a single and advanced to second on Denise Feldhaus' sacrifice.

Daigle said he was astonished that the Bluejays elected to pitch to Eckert with first base open.

"Why didn't they walk her?" Daigle asked. "That's exactly how we beat Creighton last fall at Iowa State; they pitching to Denise."

A base-running mistake cost Nebraska a first-inning run in the second game.

With Sunny at third and one out, Eckert lofted a fly ball to left field,

apparently scoring Sunny on a sacrifice. Sunny, however, was declared out for leaving the base before the ball was caught.

Bobbi Carmichael's single scored Florence Mannix in the second inning with the only run Creighton would need.

The Bluejays, 14-9, added a fourth inning run off losing pitcher Sandy Wolterman, 4-3. They scored twice in the sixth aided by two Nebraska errors and two walks by Mori Emmons.

"We're not hitting very well as a team," Daigle said. "The hits just weren't falling and then we get a couple errors in the sixth inning."

Daigle said Nebraska's pitching corps has been reduced to one healthy player, Emmons. Sophomore Shelby Mertins was left in Lincoln because of illness and Wolterman's effectiveness was limited because of an injury.

The Huskers, now 15-9, travel to Oklahoma this weekend for games with Iowa State and Oklahoma.

Daigle said he scheduled Creighton deliberately as a warm-up for the weekend games.

"We wanted to play some tough competition before we went down there," he said, "and beating Creighton is as important to us as winning in the Big Eight. We'll be disappointed if we don't win three of the four games."

UNL softball team to start Big Eight play in Norman

By Julie Bauer

UNL's women's softball team will begin its Big Eight season this weekend. The Huskers travel to Norman, Okla. for two games each with Oklahoma and Iowa State.

Nebraska comes off a 10-day road trip which included a third place finish in the Baylor Invitational. Coach Wayne Daigle said the trip was successful for his ball club.

"We played very good and we had the chance to play in good weather. We played a lot of games and that gave me a chance to determine my starting lineup, which I had been doubtful about up until now," Daigle said.

"The only disappointing part of the trip was losing to last year national champions, Texas A & M, 3-2 after being up 2-0 in the seventh inning, and losing to Baylor 3-2 in our final game of the tournament," he said.

The Huskers led Baylor 2-0 in the sixth inning and pitcher Mori Emmons was working on a no-hitter. Baylor then pounded two singles and a home run to go up 3-2 and eventually win.

"It was just one of those freak

things," Daigle said. "There weren't so many fielding errors as there was just a lot of mental mistakes."

This weekend's starting lineup will include some changes. Senior catcher Denise Feldhaus will move to first base while freshman Stacy Sunny will take over behind the plate.

"I've been unsure about first base all season and though we're putting in a freshman catcher, both Feldhaus and Sunny are working-out well at their new positions," Daigle said.

Daigle said he'll need top performances from his key players in order to be successful this season. Players like senior pitcher Sandy Wolterman and Mori Emmons will be important factors in this year's team.

"Wolterman is one of our best pitchers and Emmons is 9-2 right now. If she keeps it up, our pitching will be a major strength."

Daigle also needs good play from Wendy Turner and Denise Eckert, especially at the plate, he said.

"I think we're ready to play and just hope the team can become competitive for the Big Eight season," Daigle said.

USFL must fight NFL, baseball

The United States Football league is now in its second season and I'll tell you why it's going to take a long time before it's accepted by the majority of sports fans.

First of all, the USFL is obviously competing with the National Football League. Top stars such as Herschel Walker, Mike Rozier and Brian Sipe



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have been lured into the new league's training camps and there's no reason to believe that more top stars won't follow, especially with high salaries being dealt out right and left.

Underclassmen are taken in the USFL — Walker first, and now the world's best known college dropout millionaire, Marcus Dupree. The NFL won't take underclassmen, and thus are at a major recruiting and signing disadvantage.

The USFL is out of season. I think if the USFL season were held in the fall and winter, right along side the NFL's, the league would have a bet-

ter chance. As it is, the USFL competes with baseball...in the summer.

Summer is lazy. Good times are stretched out and let dry in the sun. They last. They don't come in a rush, but slowly build up to be remembered — not in brief quick episodes, but as a whole drawn-out feeling.

Like baseball. Baseball has no time. Baseball is coming home late at night from a drive by the lake, where the hot wind blew through your car windows and dried the sweat on your brow, turning on the TV to find a re-broadcast of a game played earlier that day. Baseball is sitting in front of the TV watching that game, opening a beer that you never finish and falling asleep, knowing you don't have to work the next day.

Baseball is sitting in the bleachers with no shirt on, watching your little brother coming up to bat and then taking him out for a malt afterward to celebrate his victory or console his loss.

Baseball is looking through the paper every day to follow your team. It's there every day along with the sun, or the warm rain, or work. It follows you around every hour like the sun-

shine on John Denver's shoulder.

Baseball is summer. Autumn means things are colder. You have to move faster. You remember events. Homecoming. The first day of school. Thanksgiving. And the big football game against whoever.

Football is sitting in the bleachers wrapped cuddling inside a blanket, sipping schnapps and tensing at every snap of the ball. Football is the excitement of the long run, the tenseness of the field goal attempt — enjoying every second for as long as you can because you know tomorrow will be another cold day.

Football is cold and cruel, like the harshness of its season.

Where baseball and summer are lazy, football and autumn are active.

The USFL is invading our summer. The long days of summer aren't meant for the short excitement of football.

The USFL, because of money, is competing with the NFL for players. But to make money they have to compete with the NFL for fans. To get fans, they have to fight tradition, and they have to fight the summer.

I think it's going to be hard for most of us to incorporate summer football into our lifestyles.

Rec Scoreboard

Bowling

East Union, Strikes and Spares

High men's game and series —

Jim Barton, Pinheads 194, 424

High women's game —

Kathy Harbaugh, Pinheads 155

High women's series —

Becky Bock, Dieguttaperchers 439

East Union, Night Owls

High men's game —

Jay Marshall, Strike Force 210

High men's series —

Steve Johnson, Strike Force 508

High women's game —

Chris Campbell, Strike Force 169

High women's series —

Peggy McGinty, Space Tracers 434

The Office of Campus Recreation announced Thursday that the deadline for the outdoor photography contest has been extended to April 27. Anyone wishing more information on how to enter the contest should call the office at 472-3467 or stop by 1704 Vine Street.

Winning entries will be displayed in the Nebraska Union April 30 through May 4.

Nebraska, Iowa should be good double-header match-up

By Stu Pospisil

Nebraska's baseball team, 25-9 and unbeaten in the Big Eight travels to Ames, Iowa for two weekend double-headers against Iowa State.

Last season, the Cyclones surprised Nebraska sweeping a doubleheader in Lincoln. The two losses snapped Nebraska's 26-game winning streak and the Huskers then struggled to a 8-10 Big Eight record.

"We've got to get good pitching, but we can beat Nebraska," said Iowa State graduate assistant Coach John Schaly. "We feel we can play with them."

Iowa State is 3-5 in the conference after winning three of four games at Kansas. Schaly said the games were typified by solid pitching and defense.

The Cyclones have yet to find the batting eye, hitting .252 as a team. Freshman first baseman Walt Delp leads with a .375 average.

Freshman Jeff Breeling, from Omaha

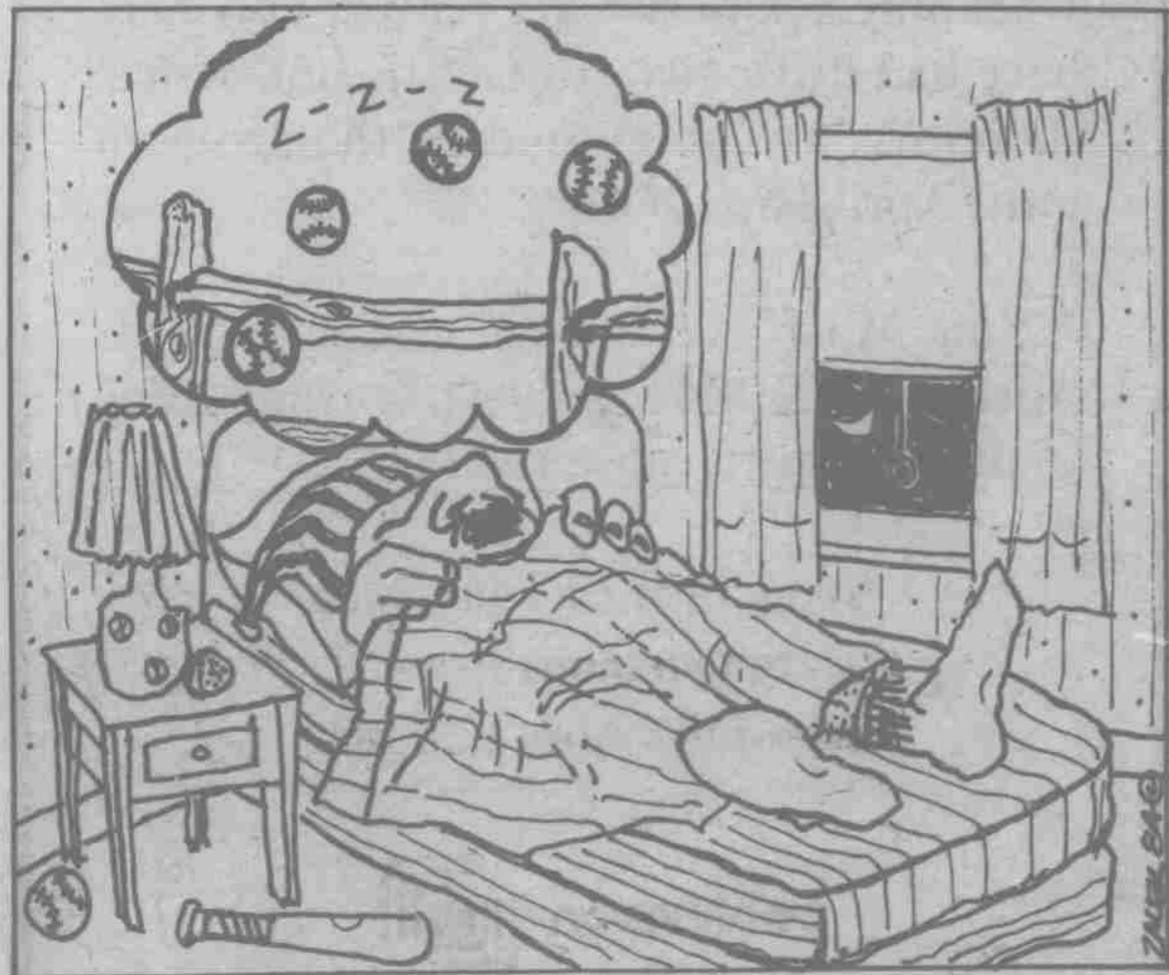
Northwest High School, has replaced Jim Walewander as Iowa State's second baseman. Walewander, all All-Big Eight selection, was drafted by the Detroit Tigers.

Schaly said pitchers Steve Lampkin and Troy Evers will probably start in Saturday's double-header, with freshmen Gary Day and Jerry Meyers slated for Sunday.

Nebraska Coach John Sanders said Wednesday he was unsure of his pitching rotation, except that Jeff Anderson would start Saturday's first game and freshman Phil Harrison in Sunday's opener.

"We had some breakdowns and some other things happen to us against Creighton," Sanders said. "If we learn from those, the series with Iowa State should be good games for us."

Saturday's second game will be broadcast by Lincoln radio station KECK (1530), beginning at approximately 2:30 p.m.



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