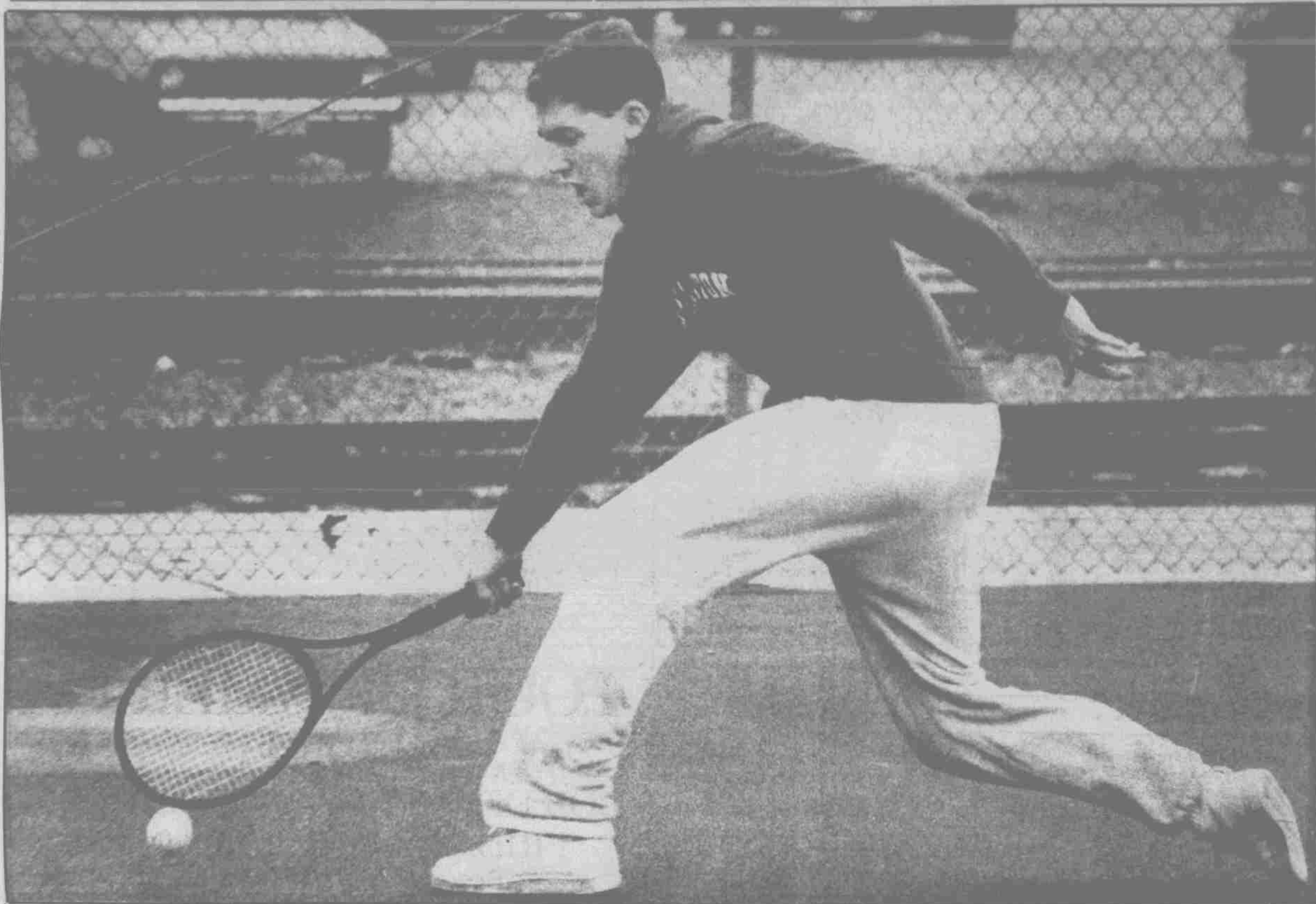


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Karl Haas reaches for a forehand groundstroke in the mixed-doubles finals in the African Tennis Tournament Tuesday at the Harper-Schramm-Smith courts.

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Redshirt golfer hopes wait brings benefits

By Scott Ahlstrand

Good things come to those who wait. At least that's what Nebraska golfer Mike Schuchart is hoping.

Schuchart, Nebraska's top returning golfer for the 1983-84 season, elected to be redshirted this year and will complete his athletic eligibility next season.

The move, originally suggested by Husker men's golf coach Larry Romjue, has two benefits for Schuchart.

"First of all redshirting allows me to catch up on some of my studies," Schuchart said. "It also gives me a chance to play with a more experienced Nebraska team next year."

The Huskers have no seniors on this year's squad and Schuchart said it should be competitive in the Big Eight Conference next year.

"We should be a pretty strong team," Schuchart said. "Oklahoma State, Oklahoma and Missouri lose some All-Americans, so we should be right up there with them."

Schuchart said that the team and he would not be satisfied with just a good Big Eight season.

"We've got a shot at qualifying for nationals and I think that's what everyone wants," the Lincoln native said.

In addition to the team's goals, Schuchart also hopes to lay claim as one of the conference's top golfers.

"It's hard to say who will be the best player in the Big Eight next year," Schuchart said. "I don't care how many All-Americans the conference loses, there are still a lot of good players out there. I'll have to work awful hard if I want to be one of them."

The Schuchart family has a strong background in golf. Mike's grandfather was a golf pro and Mike's father, Bob, is currently the club pro at Holmes Park Golf Course. Mike said he would like to follow in this family's footsteps.

"I'd like to give the PGA (Professional Golfers Association) a shot when I graduate. Ever since I've been old enough to know about the PGA, it's been a goal of mine to make it on the tour. It's something that I want and I'd like to give it my best shot."

If Schuchart does fail to qualify for the professional tour, he said that he'd like to be a golf pro at a pro shop.

It kind of runs in the family," Schuchart said.

Since Schuchart is not traveling with the team to

meets, he said that he's been devoting most of his time to his school work. A criminal justice major, Schuchart said it was a field that interested him and could be something to fall back on if he can't make golf a career.

Ali wants spot on Canadian team

By Kevin Warneke

Nicole Ali isn't greedy.

Like most track athletes, she'd like to win an Olympic medal, but knows she probably won't.

Nicole Ali just wants a chance to compete.

The Nebraska women's sprinter can win her Olympic gold only, if she makes the Canadian Olympic track team.

The Ontario, Canada, native is gearing up for the

Schuchart said he has no regrets with the decision he made to redshirt, and said he's anxious to rejoin the team next year.

"I think it's worked out for the best," he said. "I'm ready to hit the courses again."

Canadian Olympic trials in Winnipeg in June. She said she knows the competition will be stiff and she might not make it.

According to Ali, she is Canada's fifth best 400-meter hurdler. But even that may not be good enough, she said, because only three hurdlers will make the Canadian team.

Ali is only partially optimistic about her chances.

"I've had a good season and everything is going well," she said. "But even that might not be good enough."

But assistant Nebraska track coach Mark Devenney disagreed. According to Devenney, anything could happen.

"Well, I coach her," he said. "I think she has an excellent chance of making it."

But Ali and Devenney agreed that if Ali was an American, her chances would be even less.

Americans must play the numbers game, she said.

"The top three hurdlers in Canada may be as good as the top three in America, but they have better depth, she said. "We don't have the depth. They have so many more people to choose from."

"I couldn't really say if she would make the American team, but her age would work against her," he said. "Most American women hurdlers are 25." Ali is 19.

Still Ali doesn't think anyone from North America has a chance of winning a medal in the 400-meter hurdles in the Olympics. The top three women hurdlers are Russians, she said.

Ali said the plans to put her training at Nebraska to good use and hasn't regretted leaving Canada.

It's hard to compete in athletics and go to school at the same time, she said, because Canadian universities don't give scholarships.

"Most people have to get loans or work," she said, "and most people can't do both."



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