

## Sports

# Husker thieves steal four from KU

By Stu Pospisil

They may not be as numerous as Ali Baba's band of 40, but Nebraska's baseball thieves are just as skilled.

In sweeping a four-game weekend series with Kansas, Nebraska baserunners stole 21 bases in 25 attempts. The Huskers won 5-2 and 5-0 Saturday, and 4-1 and 3-1 Sunday.

"We've had some excellent games running," Nebraska Coach John Sanders said, "but this might be the best series ever for running."

Scott Hooper, with six stolen bases, broke Bob Cerv's career stolen base record of 61, hiking his total to 62.

Paul Meyers accomplished a rare perfecta, stealing every base in scoring a run during the eighth inning of Sunday's first game.

Nine of 11 Nebraska fielders had at least one stolen base during the series sweep, which raised Nebraska's record to 32-10 and 12-1 in the Big Eight conference.

The Huskers needed success on the basepaths to make up for a hitting slump. In 99 at-bats, Nebraska collected only 22 hits, a .222 average.

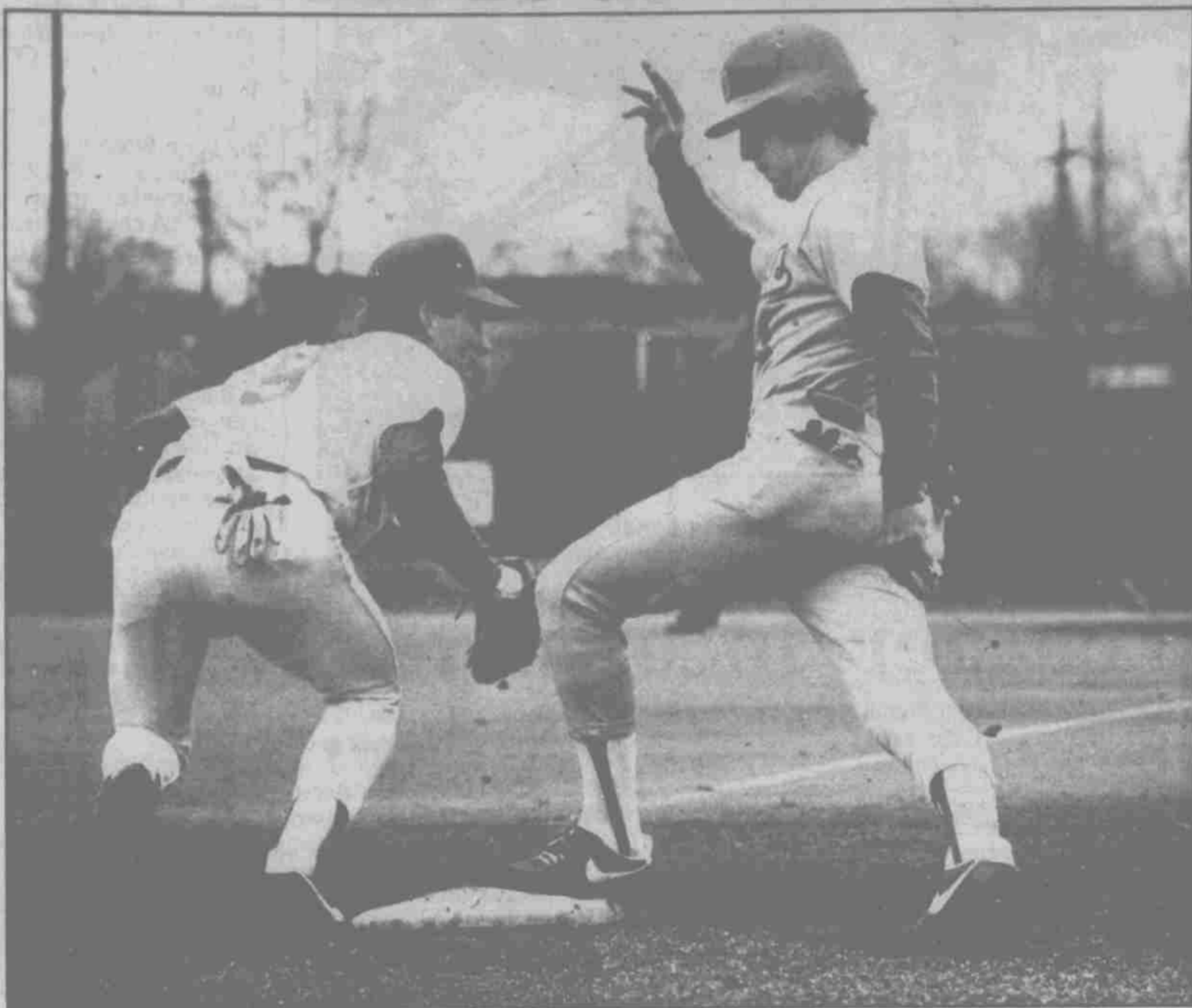
"We found ways to win two games with only eight hits," Sanders said after Sunday's games. "That's positive. Chances are we wouldn't get only eight hits in 14 innings of hitting again."

Sanders said Nebraska was able to overcome a lack of punch by creating pressure on the Jayhawk fielders.

Nebraska scored its first run in Sunday's opener as a direct result of a Kansas throwing error. Hooper had reached base on an error, then drew four consecutive throws from Jayhawk pitcher Kevin Kroeker.

Kroeker's fifth pick-off attempt bounced away from first baseman Dan Christie, and Hooper scooted to third. He then scored on Meyers' ground-out.

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Kansas' Bill Yelton makes it back to first base safely as Jeff Anderson's pick-off attempt rolls by first baseman Mike Duncan in the first game of Saturday's double-header with the Jayhawks. The 13th-ranked Huskers swept four games from the Jayhawks in the weekend series at Beltzer Field.

## UNL is Jekyll and Hyde in Sunday split

By Julie Bauer

UNL women's softball team hosted a four-team Big Eight round-robin Sunday at Memorial Stadium and the Huskers came away with one win and one loss. Nebraska defeated Missouri 5-2 the first game and lost to Kansas 2-1 in the second.

According to Coach Wayne Daigle, Nebraska played one of its best games against Missouri. The Huskers jumped out to an early 2-0 lead in the second inning.

Denise Eckert scored from second after a single by Cindi Aerni. Aerni then came around to score on a sacrifice by Denise Feldhaus.

Nebraska picked up three more runs in the fourth inning. Wendy Turner, Eckert and Shelby Mertins all scored after hitting singles.

Missouri finally scored in the fifth inning when Gayle Korn and Alicia Lawlor pounded singles to bring Donna Sanitate home. The only other score came in the bottom of the seventh when Sanitate scored on a single by Lawlor.

The second game against Kansas was a complete turn-around for Nebraska, Daigle said.

"It was just a poor performance, all the way around," he said. "It was a real disappointment."

Kansas had just come off an upset victory over Oklahoma State, ranked fifth in the country, in the previous game.

The Jayhawks came out swinging against Nebraska. Kansas had nine hits to Nebraska's three.

All of Kansas' scoring came in the third inning of play when Kim Cobb singled to score Patty Reagan after she doubled to get on base. Cobb later scored

on a single by Kelli May.

Nebraska was frustrated at the plate the whole game but finally scored when Eckert got on base with a single and then scored on sacrifices by Aerni and Mertins. Anne Schroeder had both the other hits as she singled twice in the game.

Sandy Wolterman picked up the win against Missouri and Mori Emmons had the save. Emmons took the loss against Kansas.

In other action at Memorial Stadium Sunday, Oklahoma State defeated Missouri 1-0 and Kansas upset Oklahoma State 2-1.

Nebraska hopes to bounce back from their loss as they travel to Kearney April 18 to take on the Lopers at Kearney State.

They go to Manhattan, Kansas for a round-robin tournament with Oklahoma State and Kansas State April 21-22.



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Nebraska's softball team had room for 76,000 Sunday as they played a conference round-robin in Memorial Stadium. Only about 76 fans showed up, though, as the Huskers split two games. The games were played at Memorial Stadium because the field behind Mabel Lee Hall was too muddy.



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Pitcher Mori Emmons unleashes a fast ball in the Huskers' 2-1 loss to Kansas Sunday at Memorial Stadium.