

Sports

Eleventh-ranked Huskers win Wednesday double-header

By Stu Pospisil

Phil Harrison earned his ninth consecutive victory, and Scott Hooper set another stolen base record Wednesday as Nebraska swept a baseball double-header from Missouri Western at Buck Beltzer Field.

After trailing 4-1 in the second game, the 11th-ranked Huskers rallied for a 6-4 victory. In the first game, starting pitcher Tom Holmes tossed six innings of one-hit ball as Nebraska won 8-2.

Harrison relieved starter Roger Webb in the second game, and allowed two walks and a single in the fifth inning. He treated those base runners like ducks at a shooting gallery, picking each one off first base with only one attempt. His nine victories tie Harrison with Cliff Faust for the single-season record.

"I've never seen that done before," said Nebraska Coach John Sanders. "Some were even shuffling off the base."

Hooper broke Chris Chavez's single-season record of 36 stolen bases with five steals in the two games. With 37 steals, Hooper is nine short of the Big Eight season record set last season by Iowa State's Jim Walewander.

"He can relax and go for another 36," Sanders said.

Sanders wasn't as jovial in analyzing the double-header. He said the Huskers could have been looking ahead to this weekend's series at third-ranked Oklahoma.

"We made some mistakes due to a

lack of concentration," Sanders said.

Fielding errors by Nebraska gave Missouri Western three of their four runs in the second game. Paul Meyers' two-base throwing error resulted in the Griffons scoring two runs in the second inning. First baseman Mike Duncan then bobbled a sharply-hit ball in the fourth inning that scored Missouri Western's final run.

Duncan atoned for the error with a fourth-inning triple, igniting a three-run rally, and a two-run homer in the fifth.

Kurt Eubanks followed Duncan's triple with a run-scoring single. Pinch-hitter Bill Hendricks scored Eubanks with a two-out single, and scored on a fly ball that was dropped by center-fielder Jay Essington.

In the first game, Nebraska scored five runs in the first three innings. The Huskers had 12 hits in 29 at-bats to end a recent slump.

Hooper went three-for-three hitting, including a double, while Bill McGuire and Duncan combined for five singles.

Aided by a McGuire balk, the Griffons scored two ninth-inning runs after two were out. Nebraska pitching Coach Mike Evans was so incensed by the balk call that he brought out a rule book to the umpires.

Nebraska, 34-10, will leave this afternoon for Norman, Okla. where the Huskers and the league-leading Sooners will play double-headers Saturday and Sunday.



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Missouri Western's Steve Zwaschka checks the call while the Huskers' David Turney looks for a second opinion. Turney was called out on this first game steal attempt of Wednesday's double header.

Wrestler takes two chances at Olympics

By Kevin Warneke

Gary Albright figures two chances are better than one.

UNL's heavyweight wrestler said he will compete in both the freestyle and Greco-Roman Olympic wrestling trials with the hope of making both the United States teams.

After two years of collegiate wrestling, Albright boasts a 60-11-2 record, which includes seventh- and second-place finishes in the National Collegiate Athletic Association championships.

Although most wrestlers usually compete in only one style of wrestling in the Olympic trials, Albright said he feels he can do both and possibly make both teams. Nebraska Coach

Bob Fehrs agreed.

"It's going to be tough, but I think I have a good chance to make it in both," Albright said.

"He's one of the better wrestlers in both styles," Fehrs said.

But both Albright and Fehrs agreed that Albright is a better Greco-Roman wrestler.

According to Albright, in Greco-Roman wrestling, contact cannot be made on the opponent's legs. Thus, upper-body strength is of great importance.

This works to Albright's advantage, Fehrs said, because smaller people like former Indiana State wrestler Bruce Baumgartner are quick enough to shoot at Albright's legs.

"For his size, Gary's quick," Fehrs

said. "But a 270-pound wrestler like Baumgartner is quick and strong enough to match Albright in upper-body strength and also shoot at his legs."

Albright said he has gained enough experience in Greco-Roman wrestling to match his freestyle experience, which is used in collegiate wrestling. He has been in international competition for several years.

The Olympic trials, which will be in Iowa May 18-20, are in two parts. Only six wrestlers will qualify for the second day of the trials. Albright said he expects to make it to the second day in both wrestling styles. Fehrs agrees.

"I would say he is in the top four in both categories," Fehrs said. "In the

Greco-Roman, he should be ranked second behind Pete Lee."

Lee, who wrestled for Ball State University, was named to the 1980 Olympic team, which the United States boycotted.

When Albright competes in Iowa, he will be just another wrestler in size. Albright said his 350-pound weight puts him in the middle scale of heavyweights, which ranges from 220 pounds to more than 400 pounds.

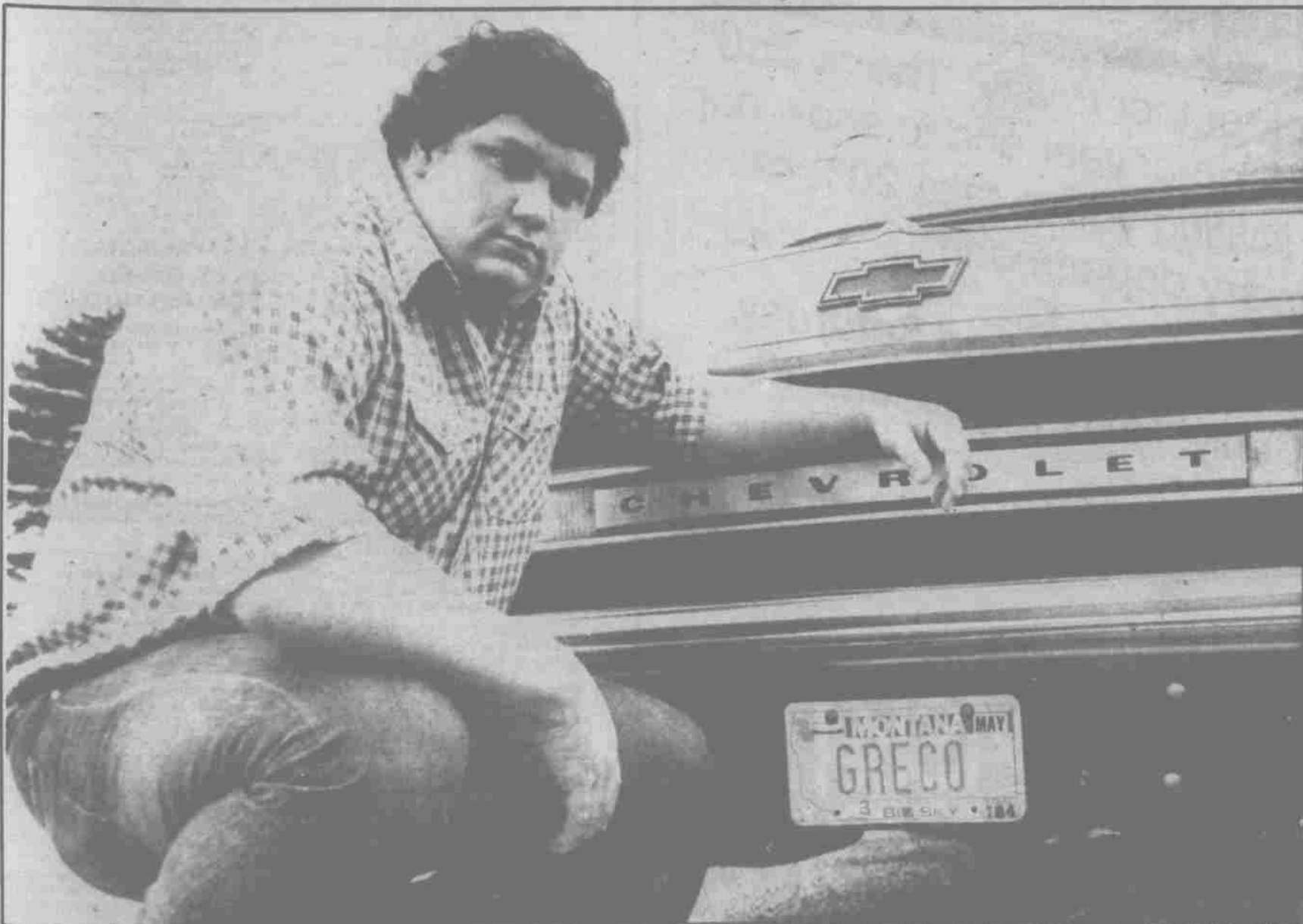
One of those 400-pound wrestlers Albright said he will compete against is North Carolina State's Tab Thacker. Thacker, who tips the scale at 450 pounds, defeated Albright in the finals of the NCAA championships this year. It won't be a grudge match, Albright said.

"That happened in collegiate wrestling, it's over," he said.

Albright said his chances of making the Olympic teams could be enhanced if former Nebraska teammates Jim and Bill Scherr do well.

"We've been wrestling together for a while and it helps me get pumped up by having them around," he said.

For now, Albright said he plans to train and lose weight in preparation for next year's collegiate season.



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Heavyweight wrestler Gary Albright in front of his heavyweight truck and its personalized license plate.

