

Sports

Daigle says double-header wins important to UNL softball team

By Julie Bauer

UNL's women's softball team improved their record to 27-11 as they swept a double-header from the Creighton Bluejays Tuesday, on their home field.

Coach Wayne Daigle said his team played very well and that the victories over Creighton were very important to his team.

"We've now beaten Creighton three out of the four times we have met with them and they're seeded second in the midwest region for nationals," Daigle said. "Therefore it was important for us to take these two games if we are going to get a bid in the national tournament."

Nebraska won the first game, 4-0.

The Huskers were led by leftfielder Wendy Turner. Turner hit a double and a home run and scored two runs for the winning cause.

The Huskers got on the scoreboard in the bottom of the first inning when Ann Schroeder scored on a single by Denice Eckert.

They scored two more in the third when Turner and Eckert scored runs. Nebraska then went up 4-0 in the sixth on Turner's solo homerun.

Sandy Wolterman picked up the win for the Huskers, holding Creighton to just two hits.

Nebraska took the second game 1-0. The only scoring of the game came in the bottom of the second inning, when Eckert, the lead-off batter, hit one over the centerfield fence. The rest of the game was a battle of defenses. Junior pitcher Mori Emmons took the win.

Daigle contributed the low score of the second game to an emotional letdown after the first win.

"I think there is always a let down after a team wins the first game of a double-header," Daigle said. "We let down at the plate, but some credit has to go to Creighton's pitcher, Marcia Jacobsen. She's been pitching for Creighton four years now, and she's good."

The Huskers will conclude their regular season with a road trip to Iowa where they will take on Grand View College, Simpson College, and Kirkwood Community College. They will return home April 30 for a round robin tournament with Mount Marty College of Yankton S.D., and Kearney State.

May 5 the Huskers will travel to Bartlesville, Oklahoma for the Big Eight Tournament.

"I think we're going to be ready for the tournament. We're playing some good ball now and feel we will peak at the right time, which of course is tournament time," Daigle said.



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Nebraska Coach Wayne Daigle offers batting advice to the Huskers' Lori Richins in the first game of UNL's double-header sweep of Creighton Tuesday.



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Scott Hooper steals one of his Big Eight record 46 stolen bases. The UNL third baseman stole eight in Tuesday's double-header sweep of Northwestern (Iowa).

Sanders pleased as UNL burns Beltzer basepaths

By Scott Ahlstrand

Speed kills, and no one knows that better than the Red Raiders of Northwestern (Iowa).

Nebraska's baseball team racked up 18 steals in an afternoon double-header against the Red Raiders as they cruised to a 7-2, 16-0 sweep.

The Huskers increased their season record to 38-12 and drew praise from coach John Sanders.

"We need our speed on the basepaths to win games for us," Sanders said. "We tried to pick up the tempo today and I think we succeeded."

Third baseman Scott Hooper led the charge for the Huskers. Hooper recorded five thefts in the first game and came back to nab three in the second. The eight steals moved Hooper to 46 on the season, tying the Big Eight season mark set last year by Iowa State's Jim Walewander.

Sophomore Mark Honner backed Hooper's base path theaterics with a complete game pitching performance in the first game. The lefthander tallied 14 strikeouts, the most by a Husker pitcher this season, while recording his second shutout of the season.

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End sports nationalism, then exploitation

In yet another example of how closely related church and state really are, international sports officials, athletes and Roman Catholic churchmen recently signed a "sports manifesto," urging governments to protect the role of sports and defend it from political exploitation. Attempting to promote such a manifesto is both hypocritical and foolish. Political exploitation is as important a part of international competition as javelins, 100-yard jaunts, jumping and other "jive."



Matthew Stelly

According to the Reuter News Service, the manifesto was signed during a symposium in the Vatican at the start of a one-day International Jubilee for the sporting world, a part of the church's special Holy Year. With all of this ir

mind, let us take an analytic look at the four major elements of the "manifesto."

The first point talks of governments and sports organizations having "a duty to respect the autonomy and prerogatives of the sports movement." This is a contradiction in and of itself: how can sports be autonomous when, indeed, they are a reflection and reinforcement of the respective contexts to which they owe their existence? In other words, athletics on an international level are cultural and political of their respective nations. So any "autonomy" of the sports movement is nothing more than fantasy, in my view.

Furthermore, the very use of the term "prerogatives" shows, indeed that any autonomy is going to be relative, that is differing from nation to nation. The prerogatives of the Soviet Union in the "sports movement" are certainly different in kind than those of the United States. The former group relies on training, while the latter group goes to the ghetto, gets as many blacks as they

can find and then dubs us "Americans" during international competition. Differences in prerogatives and ideology will inevitably lead to differences in amounts of autonomy.

The second duty outlined in the statement is "to prevent discrimination of any kind, be it ethnic, ideological, economic or political. . . . Be serious! If sports are ideologically based — and I say that they are — then this means that a certain set of guidelines are used to promote "national harmony" or, in a word, nationalism. Nationalism, succinctly defined, is the belief that a particular people make up a cultural nation. Now when all of this comes together in sports competition, how can you have anything but discrimination?"

And the discrimination I speak of is not just external; what makes us think that other countries don't have the same kind of "ethnic antagonisms" that we have here in America? For instance, on our Olympic team there will be dis-

proportionate numbers of "minorities." Now do you think that this would be the case were it the "Olympics of the mind"? Although blacks will make up the bulk of the squad, it still is discrimination when you look at their backgrounds vis-a-vis their white teammates.

The third part of the manifesto talks of deterring "any attempts to take advantage of sports events for ulterior motives." Once again, a large gap between what is ideal and what is real.

Ulterior motives are an integral part of the game. What do you think all that national anthem stuff is all about? Why do you think there are so many people outside the stadiums selling goods? And furthermore, if this rule is to be taken seriously, then this would mean no television coverage of any form of international competition other than cable television, because the other forms sell products which, indeed, in another motive.

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