

# Sports

*Will compete in long jump*

## Husker takes aim on Olympics

By Jeff Korbek

If Angela Thacker would have competed at any school other than Nebraska, she would probably hold virtually every school record in the sprints and long jump, indoor and outdoor.

But as it is she came to Nebraska a year ago. A place already blessed with sprinters Merlene Ottey and Janet Burke, all three of whom will be making reservations in Los Angeles, June 16-24, for the 1984 Summer Olympic trials.

The sophomore from St. Louis has qualified for the 100, 200 meter, and the long jump. Her jump of 21-10 is currently second in the nation behind All-American Carol Lewis. Lewis has made a habit of going over 22 feet this season, a barrier Thacker hopes to surpass by the middle of the outdoor season.

"I'm planning on doing that," Thacker said.

She said she hopes her success will carry over into the trials.

"You can never tell," she said. "It should give me a pretty good chance, although most of the people didn't jump the indoor season."

### Old rivalry

Thacker faced Lewis during the NCAA indoor championships in Syracuse, N.Y. She defeated Lewis there helping Nebraska to its third consecutive indoor championship.

"Carol is not going to be the only one there; there is going to be a lot of other people," she added.

She will also be competing in the 100 but not the 200, and added that her chances in the 100 are not as good as her chances are in the long jump.

"I will possibly make it to the finals and anything can happen on that particular day," she said.

### Thacker leads Big Eight

Currently, Thacker leads the Big Eight in the 100, 200 and the long jump, and runs a leg on the 4 x 100 relay with Rhonda Blanford, Deb Powell, and Jennie Badami. In two weeks she will be competing in Lin-



Angela Thacker relaxes in her dormitory room.

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coln in the Big Eight Outdoor Championships and in one month she will be at the NCAA outdoor championships running in all but the 200. These two meets will be the only competition she will see before the trials.

At the trials she said she will probably compete for the club she runs for during the summer, Puma Energizers out of California. This will be her second season with the club, and she came into contact with them through Nebraska head coach Gary Pepin.

By competing with Puma during the summer and competing for the Huskers during the indoor and outdoor seasons she said she had no

trouble in preparing for the trials. The only time she doesn't see competition is between August and December.

Thacker is currently majoring in elementary education and plans on graduating in two or two and a half years. Although she will not be competing for Nebraska any more she said she plans on staying with track after college. At the time of the 1988 Olympics Thacker will be only 24 years old.

She has been at Nebraska two years now and has helped the Huskers to two indoor championships and a third place outdoor finish last season. She is happy she

made the choice in coming to Nebraska. And why did she choose Nebraska in the first place?

"That year they won the indoor nationals and I knew a couple people already here," she said.

As for her success she attributes it to her talent but added that talent doesn't always help because there are ups and downs in track.

Thacker will be looking for one of those ups when she competes at the end of June, and it is possible she may jump 22 feet and qualify all in one day.

"I think it's a dream of every child athlete," she said, referring to participating in the Olympics. "I don't think about it as much as I used to."

## Huskers sweep first game, weather sweeps the second

By Stu Pospisil

OMAHA — Mike Duncan and Paul Meyers combined for seven runs batted in Tuesday as Nebraska's baseball team defeated UNO 10-3 in the first game of a scheduled double-header at College World Series Park.

Rain caused the second game to be canceled.

The weather nearly wiped out Duncan's bases loaded, two RBI single that highlighted a four-run seventh inning, which was played in a steady rain.

Home plate umpire Fred Gerardi stopped the game in the Mavericks' half of the seventh inning, a move that was not well received by either team. After both coaches — Nebraska's John Sanders and UNO's Bob Gates — successfully argued in favor of the game's completion, Nebraska retook the field for the final two outs.

"If I were an umpire," Gates said, "I probably would have stopped the game also. I wanted us to get our bats in the inning, and I think John didn't want to lose those runs."

"We just wanted to finish the game," Sanders said. "We needed the work."

Meyers and Duncan have waged a season-long battle for team RBI leadership. Tuesday's game left the duo

tied with 54.

Meyers' bases loaded double down the left field line drove in three runs in the fourth inning and the Omaha West-side graduate also scored two runs.

Duncan had driven in Nebraska's first two runs with singles in the first and third innings off losing pitcher Joe Mancuso. The Husker first baseman also stole three bases.

Designated hitter Bill Hendricks, with a sacrifice fly in the seventh inning tied Steve Oakley and Bob Cerv for fifth place on the Huskers career RBI chart with 93.

Shortstop Jeff Carter went three for five and scored one run.

"We were disciplined at the plate," Sanders said. "We took bad pitches and helped ourselves. I think their pitchers doing a better job helped."

Nebraska stranded 12 runners, one more than the Mavericks.

Four Nebraska pitchers walked eight Mavericks, yet only allowed three hits. Jeff Anderson won his eighth game in 11 decisions, with a two-inning stint following starter Phil Harrison.

Gregg Larson scored all three Maverick runs as UNO dropped to 18-12 for the season.

Nebraska, now 42-15, is scheduled to play Kearney State today in a 1 p.m. double-header at Buck Beltzer Field.



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UNL pitcher Phil Harrison unloads a pitch in Monday's double-header against UNO at Buck Beltzer Field.