

Sports

Husker softball team finishes third; players prepare for 13-game trip

By Jeff Apel
Staff Reporter

Nebraska softball coach Wayne Daigle never takes a loss lightly.

That's probably why Daigle, who coached Sam Houston State University to the NAIA national championship in 1981 and the Division II national championship in 1982, appeared so dissatisfied after his Huskers finished third out of 24 teams in the Sooner Invitational, a tournament he had described as "the strongest in the Midwest."

"Finishing third wasn't at all what I had expected," he said.

"I expected us to win it all."

For the first four games of the Sooner Invitational, Nebraska was in contention for the title. The strong pitching of senior Mori Emmons and freshmen Donna Desardoff and Lori Sippel, as well as the clutch hitting of second baseman Lori Richins, shortstop Denise Eckert, and outfielder Wendy Turner

helped the Huskers post three straight shutouts, by the scores of 8-0, 7-0 and 5-0, over Wichita State, Illinois State and Texas Tech, as well as a 2-1 victory over Arizona State.

In the semifinals, however, the Huskers were defeated by Big Eight rival Missouri 2-1, shattering their hopes for the tournament championship.

"I really don't know what happened in the Missouri game," Daigle said. "Up to that time, we had been playing pretty well."

The Cornhuskers will have little time to absorb their loss as they must now prepare for an eight-day, 13-game trip, which will match them with some of the top teams in the nation.

Nebraska will open the trip March 20, playing both California-Fullerton and Utah at Fullerton.

Utah is 7-0, while Cal-Fullerton is "ranked second or third" in the nation," Daigle said.

The Huskers then will travel to Northridge, Calif., for a double-header with

California State-Northridge, the winners of the Division II national championship the last three years in a row, followed by a trip back to Fullerton to compete in the powerful Pony Invitational.

"That (the Pony Invitational) is a stronger tournament than the Sooner Invitational," Daigle said. "It's one of the toughest tournaments in the United States."

Following the three-day Pony Invitational, the Cornhuskers will travel to Orange, Calif., for a double-header with Chapman College, another Division II powerhouse, before wrapping up the trip in Las Vegas with a pair of double-headers against Nevada-Las Vegas and California-Riverside, another Division II team.

"People have to realize that, in California, Division II schools are 80 percent as good as the Division I schools," Daigle said. "Therefore, we're not going to have any breaks at all on the trip. It's going to be tough all the way."

Former student's fictitious magazine earns spot in Baseball Hall of Fame

By Jeff Korbellek
Staff Reporter

A magazine project done for self-satisfaction has already earned a lifetime pass to the Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, Ohio, for a former UNL student. The project may have also opened the doors to a job.

Brent Cobb, a UNL broadcasting major, put together a 180-page fictitious magazine for the popular baseball game, Stratomatic, in his spare time.

Stratomatic is a baseball game designed for one or two players. The game contains charts, dice and baseball cards and rosters of major league baseball teams.

The object of the game is to pit two teams against each other and determine the outcome of the game from the dice and the charts. A new set of baseball cards are produced each year with each players' performance recorded from the previous year. Cobb said the game can pit teams from different years against each other.

While doing research for his magazine, Cobb met the director of the

research department of the Hall of Fame. The Hall of Fame liked Cobb's publication and asked for a copy. They also interviewed him for a job in public relations or research, but Cobb said no positions were open yet.

The Hall of Fame will place Cobb's magazine in its library and use it as reference material. The Hall of Fame offered to pay Cobb for his publishing costs, but, Cobb said, he had no way to determine them. For his work, the Hall of Fame offered him a lifetime pass to the museum.

Cobb's magazine contains articles, advertisements, player interviews and game analysis of a fictional baseball league Cobb created in 1979.

"I was getting bored with the ordinary Stratomatic schedule and I decided to put together a magazine," Cobb said. "I had done 20 pages and showed it to a few people and they liked it, so I decided to go all out for one."

The articles in the magazine deal with the replay of the games in Cobb's league, Cobb said. Each story covers a doubleheader and its written in newspaper fashion, Cobb said.

"The quotes I used fit the situa-

tions," Cobb said. "People close to baseball may recognize some of them."

Cobb's league contains 24 teams from different years in major league baseball. His oldest team is the 1906 Chicago Cubs and his most recent is the 1977 New York Yankees. The league also contains the 1975 Cincinnati Reds, 1927 Yankees and the 1954 Cleveland Indians.

"The 1927 Yankees are considered to be the greatest team of all time, but they're not doing so well in my league," Cobb said.

Cobb said his magazine is a "one-time thing."

"It was a lot of busy work at the end and it was kind of frustrating to do all the work to get the magazine done," he said.

Cobb said he spent two to three weeks in the summer working on the magazine. He worked on it sparingly in the fall and finished it in January. He did a smaller issue about a year ago.

The magazine is black and white and is filled with baseball pictures Cobb found while doing his research.

"I did the best I could do with the limited resources," he said.

Softball entries due

Entry deadlines for women's and co-rec slow pitch softball and men's and women's soccer are today at 5 p.m. in the Campus Recreation Office at 1740 Vine St. The finals of the all-university basketball tournament are tonight at 7:50 at the Coliseum.

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Forward John Matzke reaches for a rebound against Canisins last Wednesday. The Huskers meet UCLA in a second round National Invitation Tournament game tonight at 9:30.

Huskers meet Bruins in second-round NIT

By Bob Asmussen
Staff Reporter

Gathering information about the Nebraska basketball team has been no easy task for UCLA Coach Walt Hazzard.

The Bruins entertain the Cornhuskers tonight at Pauley Pavilion in second-round action of the National Invitation Tournament. Tip-off is set for 9:30 Central Time.

Hazzard had hoped to get a videotape of the Huskers from Evansville but was unable to. He then tried Santa Clara but had no luck with them either.

"We've tried to talk to as many people that we could that have played them," Hazzard said. "I'm familiar with the coaching of Henry Iba and Don Haskens who Nebraska Coach Moe Iba assisted at University of Texas-El Paso

and there are some certain tendencies there."

One thing Hazzard does know is that to beat Nebraska, a team has to stop Dave Hoppen. Hazzard said he has not seen Hoppen play but he said he has heard many things about the junior center.

"He shot 65 percent from the field in the Big Eight which is tremendous," Hazzard said. "I hear he's one helluva ball player."

Hazzard said he had also heard of Brian Carr, Curtis Moore and Bill Jackman. He said he knows the Huskers have a good team from the way they played late in the season, in two losses to Kansas and a three-point loss to Oklahoma.

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APPLICATIONS FOR THE SUMMER NEBRASKAN

The Daily Nebraskan is now taking applications for the following positions for the summer 1985 publication. The Summer Nebraskan. Deadline for applications is 2 p.m. Thursday, March 21.

- News Editor
- Associate News Editor
- Arts and Entertainment Editor
- Sports Editor
- Wire Editor
- Copy Desk Supervisor
- Night News Editor
- Photo Chief
- Artist
- Editorial Columnist

Interviews will be Monday, March 18 to Thursday, March 21. The sign-up sheet is posted at the Daily Nebraskan office, Room 34, Nebraska Union. Applicants must be students at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln during the summer, have been students during the spring '85 semester or are enrolled for the fall '85 semester.

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