

## Sports

# Huskers squeeze by Minnesota 18-17

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New York Yankee manager Yogi Berra used to say "It ain't over 'till it's over."

Tuesday at Buck Beltzer Field Nebraska baseball coach John Sanders put that philosophy into practice as his Cornhuskers rode the strength of a dramatic eight run rally to defeat Minnesota 18-17.

"We showed the same type of poise we have shown all season," Sanders said about his team's dramatic rally. "We just never quit."

The Golden Gophers' Pat Pohl started the contest that featured a total of 35 runs, 36 hits, and 52 baserunners.

Nebraska, however, quickly recovered from Pohl's shot which easily cleared the 330-foot right field wall as they sent no fewer than 11 men to the plate in the bottom of the inning, enroute to scoring six unanswered runs on only four hits. Rightfielder Jeff Carter sparked the explosion by drawing a leadoff walk off Minnesota's Darren Knight, who was roughed up for seven runs on six hits and four walks in 1 1/2 innings of work. Carter then stole second base — the ninety-first swipe of his career — which sets a new Cornhusker and NCAA record.

The Golden Gophers, however, weren't finished as they rallied from an early 10-3 deficit that Nebraska had built by collecting a single run in the second inning followed by three more in the third to score six unanswered runs off freshman John Lepley, who had entered the game in the fifth in relief of Dobbs, to tie the score at 10-10.

Things continued to get worse for the Cornhuskers as Minnesota pounded the Husker's Bill Mulligan for seven more runs on eight hits and three walks enroute to taking a commanding 17-10 lead after six and one-half innings.

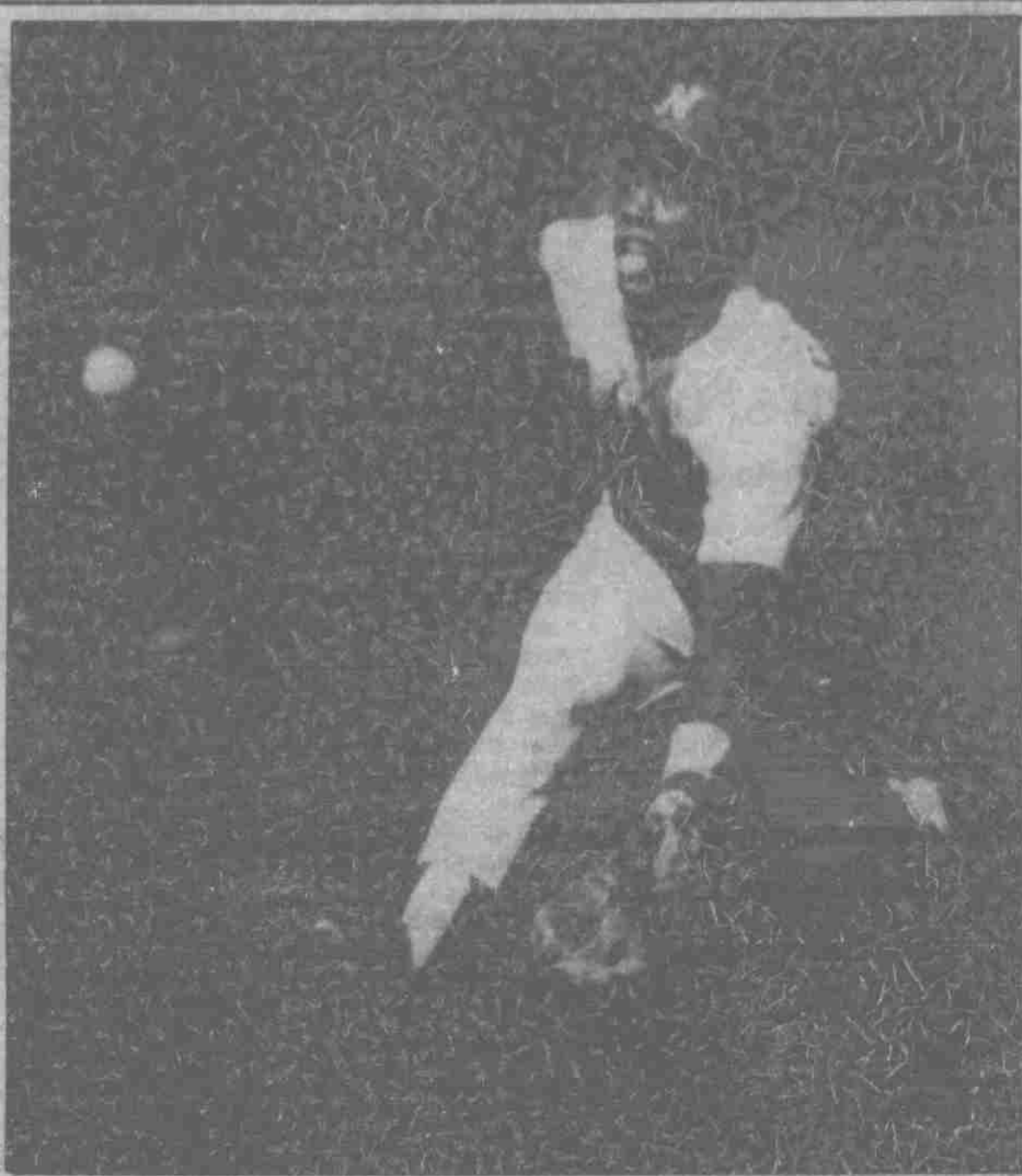
In the bottom of the seventh, however, Nebraska sent 13 men to the plate enroute to scoring eight runs in the last inning.

"Seeing Nebraska score eight runs in their last at bats really did hurt us mentally," Minnesota coach John Anderson said. "But this team showed good moral just like they have all season in bouncing back."



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What leaves Roger Cobb's right hand above ends up in Jeff Carter's glove later in action at Buck Beltzer Field Tuesday afternoon. The Huskers' defeated Minnesota 18-17 in game one of a double header. Nebraska will host third-ranked Wichita State today at 12:30 p.m.



In the nightcap, the same group of Golden Gophers, after botching an apparent easy win,

came back to play like the Minnesota Twins enroute to salvaging a split with the 15th rated Cornhuskers by posting a 6-3 victory.

Minnesota displayed major league hitting as they jumped all over the Husker's Brent Frieauf and Brett Beede by pounding the tandem for all six of their runs of five hits and three walks in

only one inning.

Nebraska's Bill McGuire then came on to check the 16-18 Gophers on only two hits over the remaining six innings, but the damage had already been done as the Cornhuskers could get no closer than the final 6-3 outcome.

"I never lost my confidence as far as thinking we could come back (from the loss)," Anderson said. "The only thing that worried me was our pitching, and that was because we didn't have

any left after playing fifteen games in ten days like we did."

The Huskers will play at Wichita State today at 12:30 p.m. The Shockers own an 11-game winning streak in the Missouri Valley Conference and have been ranked in the nation's top 10 since the beginning of the season. The Shockers are currently ranked third. Nebraska will resume Big Eight play this weekend against Oklahoma at Buck Beltzer Field.

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## Rugby team to rebound at regionals

By Brian Keenan  
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After its worst defeat in nine years, the Nebraska men's rugby team hopes

to rebound this weekend at the regional championships in Lawrence, Kan.

The Huskers, 4-3, lost to Kansas State 46-0. Before the match, Coach Vince Powers thought the team had

been shaping up.

"Despite the injuries, I thought we had a chance to beat them," Powers said.

The injuries included five starters who were forced to miss the match entirely. A sixth, Scott Johnson, was injured early in the match.

"Everything went wrong. Th injuries may have been part of it, but we should have played better. We just forgot how to play," Powers said.

In the regional first round game, Nebraska takes on Colorado. Last year, on the way to a second-place finish in the national tournament, Colorado beat Nebraska in the regional. Colorado is led by two Scottish players. The two were members of the junior national team and are tremendous players, Powers said.

"We'll find out this weekend if last Saturday was a fluke," Powers said. "We can play with them though."

The final match of the season is against the Omaha Goats in Omaha April 28. The final home game against Grand Island is on April 27. This will be the final home match for seniors Chris Burbach, Drew Lyons and Jeff Epperson.

"They should be really motivated for their final home match," Powers said.

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