

# Sports

## 10th Sigma Chi Fight Night helps charity, provides action

By Brian Keenan  
Staff Reporter

Thomas Hearns and Marvelous Marvin Hagler won't be there, but Sigma Chi Fight Night promises just as much action tonight at 7:30 p.m. at the State Fairgrounds Ag Hall.

Proceeds will go to the Wallace Village for disabled children.

"There should be lots of good fights and lots of action," said Mike Wallesen, coordinator of the fight night.

Wallesen said the 10th anniversary of fight night should be exciting with 13 matches and a possible exhibition between a past Sigma Chi Fight Night fighter and a Golden Gloves fighter. Two returning fighters are also on the

card.

"It's hard to tell who will win," Wallesen said, "because there are so many inexperienced fighters."

The fighters are solicited from all the fraternities on campus. Wallesen said. The fraternities are notified early in the semester and volunteers are asked to compete. There is also a later notice to double-check all the entries. After all the entries have been checked the fighters are paired according to height, weight and experience.

"Experience is a key factor," Wallesen said. "We don't want any bad mismatches."

To protect the boxers from injuries, headgear is required. The matches last three rounds of two minutes

each. The fights are state sanctioned. State referees and judges are used to ensure maximum fighter protection.

"The referees and judges are experienced and they will stop the fight before anyone is seriously injured."

The fighters are all covered by insurance, and the worst injury happened two years ago when a boxer broke his hand.

Sigma Chi expects more than 1,200 people, Wallesen said. Last year, between 1,100 and 1,200 people saw fight night.

"I remember what a ref said to me once," Wallesen said. "You hate to see anyone lose at these matches because anyone who has enough guts to get up and fight in front of all of these people isn't a loser."

## Softball coach hopes team continues streak

By Rich Cooper  
Staff Reporter

When you're hot, you're hot. At least that's what Nebraska women's softball Coach Wayne Daigle says about his team. The Huskers have won their last 10 of 11 games.

The Cornhuskers, 7-1 in Big Eight play and 24-8 overall are ranked ninth in the country. They are currently in first place in the Big Eight by two games. They lead Iowa State, 5-3 and Kansas 5-3. Daigle said his team is starting to feel the pressure of being in first place.

"It's us against the rest of the Big Eight," Daigle said.

The Huskers will travel to Ames, Iowa, this weekend to face Iowa State and Oklahoma. Daigle said the key to his team's success this year is that Nebraska is "murdering" the ball. Nebraska has a league-high team batting average of .260.

According to Daigle, Denise Eckert is having a banner year. The senior from South Williamsport, Pa., is batting over .400. Against Creighton Wednesday, she had a triple and hit her seventh home run of the season. According to Daigle, Eckert isn't the only one hitting the ball well. Ginger Cannon and Stacy Sunny are batting over .300. Against Creighton,

Sunny doubled, tripled, hit a home run and scored three times.

Daigle said the games this weekend will be tough because Iowa State is one of the hottest teams in the Big Eight. Last weekend, the Cyclones swept Kansas State and split two games with Kansas.

Daigle said his team wants to beat Oklahoma particularly bad because the Sooners were one of three teams to beat the Huskers last fall.

"Iowa State is playing really good ball right now, and we are going to have to play awfully well to beat them," Daigle said. "And Oklahoma always plays us tough."

Daigle said opposing teams are having a hard time scoring runs on the Huskers. The Husker pitching staff has allowed 20 earned runs this season and 36 total. The three-person staff has a combined earned run average of .063. Freshman Lori Sipple has 133 strikeouts this spring. Her fall and spring combined mark of 216 is close to Jeanne Wagner's single-season record of 231. The Huskers are outscoring their opponents at a 3-1 rate.

"We are really playing good softball right now," Daigle said. "If anybody wants to beat us, they are going to have to be playing really well."

## Women's tennis team to end season

By Ward W. Triplett III  
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The Nebraska women's tennis team will carry the key to its own future when it opens its final regular season series this morning at the Varsity Courts.

The Huskers were beaten 9-0 by Oklahoma State in Stillwater last weekend, but lost to Oklahoma 5-4. Since the Big Eight adds season series to determine rankings for the tournament, each win is crucial. Today's meet against

last-place Kansas State and Saturday's meet against Kansas will finalize Nebraska's season position.

Husker Coach Kathy Hawkins said all three doubles teams and singles players Liz Mooney and Cari Groce could reach the No. 2 seeding with victories this weekend.

The No. 2 seed is important, Hawkins said, because it would place that Nebraska player in the opposite bracket from the Oklahoma State entry. Without an Oklahoma State player to contend with, any Nebraska player could

have a good chance to reach the tournament finals, Hawkins said.

"We have to go in and get every single point," Hawkins said. "I believe we'll be up for this weekend since it is our last home meet."

Hawkins said she was not disappointed with the weekend's losses in Oklahoma. Her squad is still "a little intimidated" by the Cowgirls, whom Hawkins admitted have the league's strongest players at each of the nine collegiate competition divisions.

But in Norman, Hawkins said, some Nebraska players dominated their opponents, and losing 4-5 in conference play doesn't effect the final seedings as much as a 7-2 or 8-1 loss would.

"With hindsight, you always look back and see where you could have won," she said. "But we felt good about the way we played in Oklahoma."

Kansas defeated Nebraska 5-4 last season while Nebraska waltzed past Kansas State 9-0. Hawkins said the Huskers are stronger per position than Kansas State, but the Kansas unit is stronger than they were last season.

"It's important to win (today's) match to build momentum for the match Saturday and on into Tuesday."

The Big Eight tournament will begin in Kansas City Tuesday morning.

## Struggling OU baseball team frustrates coach after hot start

By Jeff Apel  
Staff Reporter

Oklahoma Coach Enos Semore thinks his Sooners, who got off to a 22-1 start, and play Nebraska this weekend at Buck Beltzer field, are the best team in the Midwest.

"Earlier this season, we were one of the best, if not the best, team in the Midwest," Semore said. "We were getting excellent pitching along with some phenomenal swinging of the bats and sound defense in that 23 game stretch."

In the course of Oklahoma's next 19 games, however, the Sooners cooled off and managed only a 13-6 record, including a 5-3 record in Big Eight conference play.

"Lately we just haven't been doing the things that we were doing earlier in the year," Semore said. "We've really been struggling in all the aspects of our game, which has been really frustrating to us."

The Sooner-Husker doubleheaders begin at 12:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

The series, which is expected to draw one of the largest crowds for Nebraska baseball this year, is crucial to both Oklahoma and Nebraska. Nebraska leads the conference with a 9-1 record while the Sooners have lost three of their last four conference games.

"Nebraska might be in the drivers seat, but the race for the Big Eight championship is far from over," Semore said. "If we get back to our old form and get that clutch hitting and good pitching back, we could be right back in it."

Sooner pitchers Bobby Witt and Steve Peters lead the Oklahoma pitching staff. Witt, a pre-season All American who competed for the United States Olympic team, is 5-1 with a 2.94 E.R.A., while striking out 70 in just 55 innings.

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