

# Sports



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Nebraska's Schnebel heaves the shot put during the Big Eight indoor competition.

## NU women outnumber men at upcoming track championship

Nebraska will send nine women and five men to compete in the NCAA Indoor Track and Field Championships in Oklahoma City this weekend.

The women will try to win their fourth national title in the last six years. Last year's team finished fourth after capturing the title three consecutive years. They won two NCAA championships, and in 1982 they won the AIAW championships, an equivalent.

The men placed 14th in last year's national meet. Their best finish ever was a tie for third in 1966. They finished tenth in 1981 and 1977.

All-American senior Angela Thacker will pace the Nebraska women. She will compete in the 55-meter dash and run a leg in the 4 x 400-meter relay. She is the U.S. record holder in the 300-yard dash, an event not run at the indoor championships.

Joining Thacker in the relay will be sophomore Michelle Milling, freshman Linetta Wilson and sophomore Vicky Johnson. Wilson also will compete in

the 500-meter run.

Nebraska also qualified the 4 x 800-meter relay team. Milling will run a leg on the team including freshman Heidi Christiansen, junior Jill Noel and senior Nicole Ali. Freshman Sammie Resh is the alternate.

The only other woman qualifier is Tammy Thurman in the high jump. Thurman qualified in the Cornhuskers' last meet, the Big Eight Indoor championships two weeks ago. Her jump of 6-0 1/2 broke the school record.

Four of the six qualified men will compete in field events. The Huskers will send two shotputters, a long jumper and a triple jumper.

Nebraska seniors Mike Schnebel and Mark Colligan have thrown the shotput more than 60 feet this year. Colligan also qualified in the Big Eight Indoor championships. Neither shotputter had ever thrown more than 60 feet before this year.

Junior Von Sheppard will represent the Huskers in the long jump and

freshman Edrick Floreal in the triple jump.

Sophomore Regis Humphrey will run in the 1,000-meter run and junior Jean Verster in the mile run. Verster is the only participating all-American. He earned his status for his performance in last year's distance medley relay.

## Hilltopper hooper likes NU football

By Bob Asmussen  
Sports Editor

Billy Gordon is a big Nebraska fan. That wouldn't be so unusual except that Gordon starts at guard for Western Kentucky, the Cornhuskers' opponent tonight in their first game of the NCAA tournament in Charlotte, N.C.

But Gordon is not a Nebraska basketball fan. His allegiance is to the Nebraska football team, which he has followed since high school.

"Personally, I've always liked the Nebraska football team," said Gordon, who is from Jackson, Miss. "I'm a big football fan. Over the years, they've had a real good offensive team. I love the style of offense they run. They just dominate people."

Gordon, whose brother Lancaster plays for the Los Angeles Clippers, said he hasn't had much exposure to Nebraska's basketball team.

"I saw them on some highlights and I only remember No. 30 (Bernard Day)," Gordon said. "Our coaches were telling us that if they can lose their big man and still come back, they have to be a good team."

Gordon said Nebraska basketball also earns credibility because it plays in the Big Eight. The Big Eight sent five teams to this year's NCAA tournament.

"The Big Eight is one of the top college basketball conferences in the country," he said.

Gordon leads Western Kentucky in scoring, averaging 14.2 points per game.

"I try to be a leader," Gordon said. "Coach (Clem Haskins) is looking for scoring."

Western Kentucky rebounded from a 14-14 record in 1984-85 to go 22-7 this year. The Hilltoppers rose to 19th in the national rankings before losing four of their last eight regular-season games. Still, Gordon said he is pleased with the general turnaround.

"I think the turning point for us this year was when we won our first conference road game," he said. "We had to prove to ourselves that we could play."

After last season, Gordon said, rumors flew that Haskins' job was jeopardized. That helped the team this season.

"Down here, they're basketball crazy," Gordon said. "People were used to winning and winning big. I guess we disappointed them last season, and that got some of the talk started."

"Coach Haskins teaches us a lot," Gordon said. "We were trying to win not only for him, but for ourselves, too."

If Western Kentucky beats Nebraska, it likely will play cross-state rival Kentucky on Sunday. The two teams have met only once, in the 1971 NCAA tournament. The Hilltoppers won that game, 107-83.

"We're not going to worry about Kentucky," Gordon said. "We have to play Nebraska in our first game, not Kentucky."

Still, Gordon's thoughts couldn't help but linger: "It would be great to play Kentucky. It's been a long time."

## Husker baseball team crushes Wayne State

By Todd Aron  
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Nebraska overcame early errors and cruised to a 19-4 win Thursday over Wayne State at Buck Beltzer field.

The win upped Nebraska's record to 5-0 while the Wildcats dropped to 1-12.

Wayne State jumped to an early 2-0 lead in the first inning, benefitting from three Nebraska errors.

Right fielder Todd Bunge dropped lead-off hitter John Strains' fly to right. Paul Calvert then hit a chopper back to the pitcher, John Lepley, who turned and fired the ball over the head of the second baseman Larry Mims. The third batter, Kurt Brosamle, singled to left to load the bases.

Nebraska looked as though it might escape the inning without any damage as Mike Hoffart hit into a double play, but another Nebraska error allowed Strain and Calvert to score.

Nebraska rebounded in the bottom of the inning with four runs. Mims reached first on an error. Bunge sent a Kevin Hoffart fastball over the right field fence to tie the score at two apiece.

Paul Meyers then reached first on a bunt down the third-base line and later stole second. Clean-up hitter Rich King singled to left advancing Meyers to third. King scored on Mark Kister's single.

After a scoreless top half of the second inning the Cornhuskers picked up where they left off. Mims singled and stole second and scored on Bunge's second homer of the game.

In the top of the third inning Nebraska's pitching quieted the Wildcats. Phil Leiberher relieved starting pitcher John Lepley and retired all six batters he faced.

Nebraska coach John Sanders said he had decided before the game to allow each pitcher only two innings of work so each would be ready for the upcoming west coast road trip. He said he plans to do the same for tomorrow's game.

Offensively, the Huskers picked up three more runs in the third to take a 9-2 lead.

Pitcher Phil Harrison came on in the fifth to replace Leiberher and also retired six straight batters.

In the sixth the Huskers added to their lead with King's first homerun of the year, a solo shot deep over the fence.

In the seventh Nebraska capitalized on three walks and four hits to score five more runs upping its lead, 15-2.

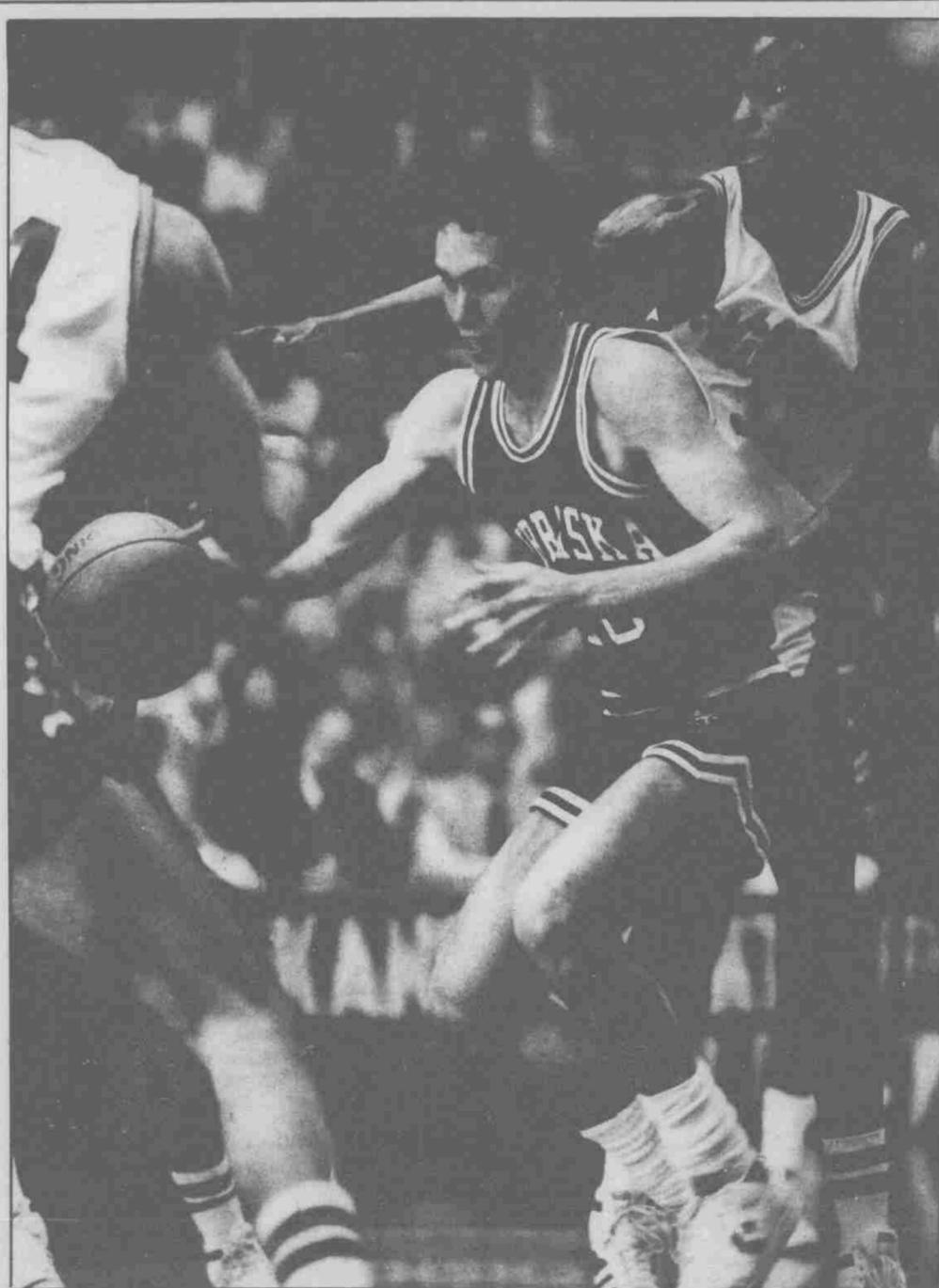
Wayne State added two runs in the top of the eighth after pitcher Mike Dobbs, who relieved Harrison in the seventh, walked two and gave up one hit.

Nebraska added four more runs in the bottom of the inning to close out its scoring.

Pitcher Stevens Spurgeon came on in the ninth to close out the victory.

Lepley was credited with the win, opening his record at 1-0.

The Huskers play Wayne State again tomorrow at 2 p.m. at Buck Beltzer field.



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### Three's a crowd

Nebraska guard Brian Carr weaves through Kansas State defenders in a game earlier this season. The Cornhuskers play Western Kentucky tonight in Charlotte, N.C., for NCAA tournament action.