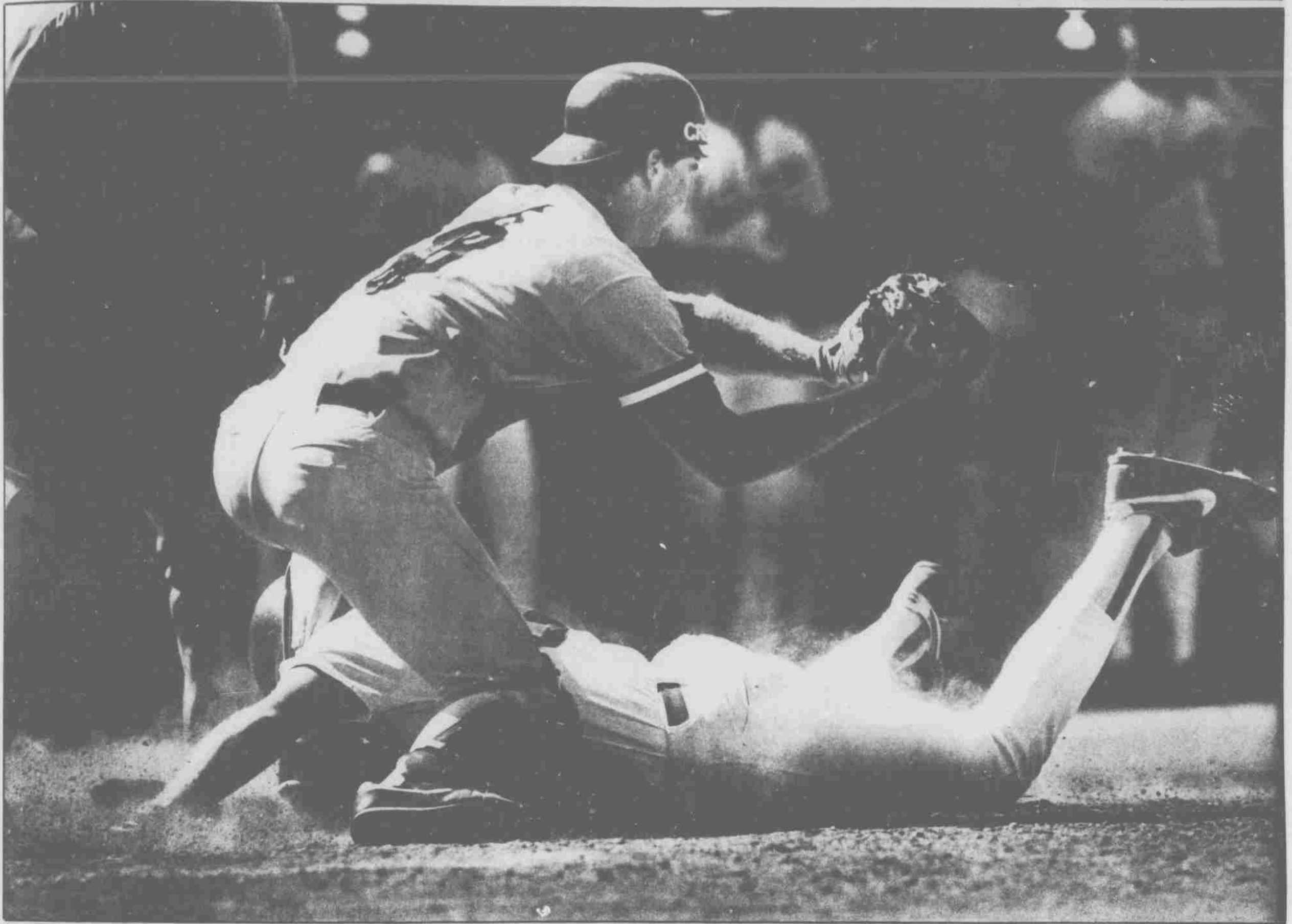


Sports



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Nebraska's Jeff Taylor slides under the tag of Creighton's Scott Servais Wednesday at Buck Beltzer Field. The Cornhuskers play Creighton again today at 2 p.m.

Mims lifts Huskers over Creighton

By Jeff Apel
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Nebraska's Larry Mims became an unlikely hero in the Huskers' 5-4 victory over Creighton Wednesday at Buck Beltzer field.

With one out in the bottom of the ninth, Mims belted an 0-1 pitch from Bluejay pitcher Dave Hartnett over the left field fence to hand Nebraska its first victory over Creighton this season. Mims, the Husker's lead-off hitter, had only hit one homerun all season.

"I wasn't even swinging for the homerun," Mims said. "I just wanted to hit it hard and it was a pitch up. So it went out."

"I didn't even realize what had happened until I got around third base," Mims said. "Then, it hit me because coach (Nebraska coach John Sanders) started to shake my hand."

The win improved Nebraska's overall record to 27-15, while Creighton fell to 27-20-1.

Sanders said he didn't expect Mims to hit a homerun.

Mims had been somewhat of a homerun threat during his two-year career at Indian Hills Junior College. But at Nebraska he had only five homeruns entering Wednesday's game in one and one half years.

"We tried to figure out ways to win," Sanders

said. "And that wasn't one of them."

Mims homerun allowed Nebraska to complete a comeback in the contest, rallying from a 4-2 deficit.

Creighton jumped out to a 1-0 lead in the fourth inning, scoring off Nebraska starting pitcher Phil Harrison.

Phil Meier walked, stole second and advanced to third when Harrison was called for a balk. Meier scored when Tim Osgood grounded out to shortstop Bruce Wobken.

Nebraska retaliated with two runs in the bottom of the inning when Mark Kister and Jeff Taylor drew walks off Creighton pitcher Paul Schmitz and scored on Richard King's double.

The Bluejays tallied two runs in the top of the sixth inning and a single run in the seventh, but Nebraska rallied in the bottom of the seventh inning to tie the score at 4-4.

Creighton coach Jim Hendry said he was surprised by Mims homerun, but not surprised about the game's outcome. Several of Creighton players were suffering from a campus-wide illness.

Three were left in Omaha and three more were playing sick, Hendry said. He said it might be food poisoning.

"Our guys did a good job of hanging in there," Hendry said. "They gave a real good effort."

Who do you hate?

Even April dislikes the Dodgers

QUOTE OF THE WEEK: "April is the cruelest month." T.S. Eliot in "The Wasteland."

Obviously, Eliot wasn't thinking about baseball when he wrote that line. For baseball fans, April is the month when the hopes and dreams of the winter come alive once more. For most of them, those dreams will be melted like so much ice cream by the hot summer sun. But now, at this moment in time, none of that matters. Baseball is back.

Goodwin's Bad Ones

T.S. Eliot could be the official team poet for the Los Angeles Dodgers this season — or at least this month. The Dodgers are currently in last place. They probably won't stay there long but while they do it's Christmas in April.

Someone asked me a couple of days ago why I hated the Dodgers. I really couldn't come up with a good reason. I guess it's just the fact that there are

certain evil forces in the universe and one of them is the Dodgers.

But to give the Buffoons in Blue their due, the Dodgers — or at least Pedro Guerrero — had possibly the funniest quote of the '80s a couple of years ago. Steve Sax was having his usual problems at second and someone asked Pedro, who was playing third at the time, what he thought about when he was playing in the field.

"The first thing I'm thinking is, 'I hope they don't hit the ball to me.' The second thing is, 'I hope they don't hit it to Sax.'" Good stuff, Pedro. Demand a trade when you get off the disabled list.

While the Dodgers are doing their best to look like the original Mets, the Windy City teams aren't far behind.

Between them, the White Sox and the Cubs have won a total of four world championships, the last being in 1917. To say they're overdue is like saying Michael Jordan is an average basketball player.

Based on their early season play, both clubs seem determined to maintain

their tradition of mediocrity. The Cubs' main problem — at the moment — is a lack of hitting. But you have the feeling that once the hits come, the pitching will go.

The problem with the White Sox is that they just aren't very good. They're the Hiroshima Carp of the American League West.

After these three, the competition falls off (or improves depending on your point of view). The teams that would usually go here — like the Rangers or the Indians — really haven't had a chance to sink to their true level yet. And, what's even more alarming, they actually have some good, young talent so they might be on their way out of the swamp. But, for you Indian fans out there, don't expect them to challenge for the pennant just because they have Phil Niekro. He's a good pitcher but he's no Bob Feller.

Lastly, there is the Kansas City Royals. They're the worst good team in baseball. What that means is they'll win their division by a comfortable

margin, but if they had to compete in the AL East — "The Beasts from the East" — they'd have serious problems. Essentially, it's the starting pitcher and George Brett against the other guys. That's fine for most of the year but it won't cut it in October.

And finally we'd like to have a little contest this year. Everyone has their

most hated team or player. The question is why? To solve this mystery send me a note, in care of the Daily Nebraskan, 34 Nebraska Union. Tell me who your most hated player is and why — But don't write a tome. I'll print the best ones, if in fact there are any responses. Come on folks, just pop it in campus mail. It won't cost you a thing.

Nee signs two recruits

Nebraska's basketball coach Danny Nee signed two Hutchinson (Kan.) Community College athletes to national letters-of-intent to attend the university next year.

He announced that Derrick Vick, a 6-6½ forward from Chicago, Ill., and Henry Buchanan, a 6-1 point guard from Muncie, Ind., will follow their coach Gary Barga to Nebraska. Nee named Barga as his third assistant.

Vick was the third-leading scorer (11.9 points per game) and the leading rebounder (7.5 per game) for a team that posted a 31-7 record last season

and finished third in the National Junior College Athletic Association Tournament.

Buchanan was an honorable-mention all-conference player at Hutchinson last season and received the Outstanding Small Player Award at the NJCAA Tournament. He averaged 9.1 points and 4 rebounds per game. He set school records in assists and steals.

Vick and Buchanan give Nee four recruits. Jeff Rekeweg of College of Southern Idaho and Beau Reid of Lancaster, Ohio, High School, both 6-7 forwards, signed earlier this month.