

## Neighbors miss best of baseball

There's a salt-in-the-wound slogan fit to bring out the ear plugs in anyone.

"Baseball Fever — Catch it."

OK, but how? Nebraska couldn't catch baseball fever if it hung sticky fly paper from the rafters of the State Capitol.

The football schedule caused the sudden cynicism. The UCLA game, though it lives in infamy, is old news.

And most sports fans will shave 11 more times before the Arizona State game kicks off.

For most, what lies ahead is an "open weekend." For baseball backers, it's a weekend to pout. Nothing better.

For this is the weekend that fans, unable to find Nebraska football, turn to major league baseball.

Then they realize we ain't got any. Tough times . . . in baseball wasteland.

Steve Thomas



On typical fall weekends, Nebraskans point their noses skyward. They should. Their state capital moonlights as the nation's hub of college football.

But this weekend is different. Those looking for baseball best cuddle up to a hanky and sulk. Rent a VCR. Use the library card.

The only time a major league team is in the area is when the Chicago Cubs fly over McCook on their way to play the San Diego Padres.

No doubt about it, we're removed from baseball. Beyond left field.

Who's to blame the guy in Gretna who thinks the "senior circuit" is the switch that controls his toaster?

And why ridicule the Custer County woman who thinks a "twin bill" is an accounting error made by the phone company?

Some say Kansas City is the cure for baseball withdrawal. Just hours down I-29, Kansas City's ball park has a multi-colored fountain, artificial turf and a scoreboard with its own zip code.

It's clean and safe. Mr. Rogers would have a season ticket if he'd ever skip the neighborhood.

But the Royals Stadium is more like a shopping mall with bases than it is a ball park.

After Kansas City, it's slim pickings. Teams atop their respective divisions this year are 1,500 miles and a time zone or two away.

And because of it all, we miss plenty.

These days of mid-to-late September are precious in some cities.

There's the crack of a wooden bat. If the sound were any crispier, Colonel Sanders would stuff it in a 10-piece bucket.

The 162-game schedule is coming to a close. It's been a six-month roller coaster ride, full of winning streaks and tailspins.

There's been talk of trading the slumping veteran, talk of firing the skipper.

Come September, there are no more trades, no more talkin'. There's a pennant to be won.

Those flash-in-the-pan teams

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# Fatigue, Aztecs doom Nebraska

By Jeff Apel  
Senior Reporter

A challenging schedule that forced the Nebraska volleyball team to play five matches in three days took its toll during the California State-Fullerton Titan Invitational this weekend in Fullerton, Calif.

Nebraska coach Terry Pettit said the Cornhuskers were fatigued when they dropped a 6-15, 17-19, 5-15 decision to San Diego State in the tournament's semifinal round on Saturday. He said strong early competition and the tournament's tough format created a tired feeling.

But Pettit said that's no excuse for the performance Nebraska, which entered the tournament ranked 3rd by the American Volleyball Coaches Association, delivered against the unranked Aztecs. He said the Huskers need to improve their ball handling and defense if they're going to im-

prove.

Nebraska earned a spot in the 16-team tournament's championship bracket by defeating New Mexico State 15-9, 14-16, 15-4, 15-10, Santa Clara 15-10, 15-10, 15-4 and Washington State 15-8, 15-10, 15-13. The Huskers then defeated Cal-Santa Barbara 15-6, 15-13, 15-6 prior to losing to San Diego State.

Oregon won the tournament by defeating San Diego State 15-13, 15-12, 15-7.

"I thought we looked fatigued against San Diego State," Pettit said. "We just weren't as fresh."

Pettit said Nebraska can't use a virus which struck junior middle blocker Carla Baker as an excuse. He said Baker, who struggled through the Huskers' early matches while battling a high temperature and a nauseating feeling, performed well against San Diego State.

Baker was replaced by freshman

Janet Kruse, who finished the tournament with 26 kills, six blocking assists and three solo blocks while recording a .316 hitting percentage.

"We took 13 people to the tournament and all 13 played," Pettit said. "The whole team played."

Pettit said Nebraska's performance didn't leave him feeling frustrated even though the 7-1 Huskers didn't "play as a team" against New Mexico State, Santa Clara and Washington State.

Pettit said there's little he can do to make sure Nebraska plays as a team. "It's not going to be all the time (that we do)," he said.

Pettit said the bright spots for Nebraska were the Huskers play against Cal-Santa Barbara and the emergence of several young players. He said Nebraska turned in a team effort against Cal-Santa Barbara, while sophomore outside hitter Sue Hesch and freshman middle blocker

Cris Hall gained needed playing time.

"It was a good tournament," Pettit said. "I'd be concerned if our athletes were the type that weren't concerned about improving, but I know they are."

Junior middle blocker Virginia Stahr led Nebraska throughout the tournament by compiling 64 kills, 39 digs, 16 blocking assists, 10 solo blocks and four service aces. Stahr compiled a .383 hitting percentage.

Sophomore middle blocker Linda Barsness added 23 kills against New Mexico State, which narrowly missed the Husker record of 25 set by Kathi DeBoer in 1987.

Nebraska's next match is on Friday, when the Huskers travel to Champaign, Ill., to face Northwestern. The winner of the Nebraska-Northwestern match will face the winner of Friday's match between Illinois and Louisiana State on Saturday.

## Tennis is all in the family to Husker's Jung brothers

By Jeff Apel  
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When Nebraska's Steve and Stuart Jung encounter problems in their tennis game, they turn to two sources for answers — each other and their sister, Pam.

The Jungs said their 13-year tennis careers have been aided by strong family influence and each others presence. They began playing tennis at age 10 on the advice of their father, Eugene, and have used the accomplishments of their older sister as an inspiration.

Pam Jung was a two-time All-America selection at Pepperdine University in Malibu, Calif., and is currently ranked No. 200 on the professional tennis tour.

"Our dad taught us both," Stuart said. "Then (Pam) competed in some tournaments. That really helped because we knew what to expect — she had already gone through competing and sending out letters to colleges."

Steve said he and his brother didn't intend to choose the same college when they were recruited out of Hacienda Heights, Calif. He said he originally wanted to attend an East Coast school, while Stuart wasn't interested in going East to attend college.

The Jungs said they're glad they decided to attend Nebraska together. Steve said their college choice was "just a coincidence" because both brothers received a number of scholarship offers that were open to either or both of them.

The Jungs share their knowledge about each other's tennis game — an advantage they wouldn't have if they had attended different colleges. They said they can usually tell what the problem is if either player runs into difficulties.

"I usually know what's wrong with Stuart's game," Steve said. "It's just like having a 2nd coach."

Nebraska men's tennis coach Kerry McDermott said the Jungs will often turn to each other before they ask for his assistance. He said the Jungs will also "stick up" for each other if they get into a discussion about a controversial call.

"They keep an eye on each other," McDermott said. "They get each other pumped up."

**'We used to fight all the time when we were little. Now we just concentrate.'**  
— Stuart Jung

McDermott said the Jungs employ vastly different tennis styles. He said Stuart is a hard-charging player who uses a tough serve and an aggressive net game to overcome opponents, while Steve stays further behind the net and builds his arsenal around an offensive lob.

"They're pretty different," McDermott said. "We'd like to have Stuart serve and volley more, but his style works."

Stuart said he adopted his aggressive style from playing his brother. He said his brother's strong baseline game and variety of offensive weapons forced him to the net.

"He's such a good player," Stuart said. "I'll burn him once in a while, but if I don't attack the net, I don't stand a chance."

Stuart said he isn't frustrated even though his brother has always been

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Nebraska tennis-playing twins Steve (left) and Stuart Jung before the start of a recent tennis practice. Husker coach Kerry McDermott said the twins often turn to each other for assistance before they do him.

# Memorial Stadium to be renovated

By Lori Griffin  
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If all goes as planned, Nebraska athletes will see artificial turf, new weight machines, a classroom and a women's locker room next spring when an approximately \$1 million addition is built onto Memorial Stadium.

The study hall area will be extended to the North Stadium and the weight room to the South Stadium, Athletic Director Bob Devaney said.

The decision to renovate the stadium was made about a year ago and approved by the NU Board of Regents three months ago, Devaney said.

Boyd Epley, Nebraska's strength and conditioning coach, said the

addition will provide women athletes with some privacy and a place to shower.

Epley said the Astroturf will be approximately 40 feet by 15 feet and provide a place for the athletes to work on agility drills with a supervisor present. Currently the athletes must meet in Schulte Field House and perform the drills with no supervisor present, Epley said.

With the addition of the artificial turf, athletes will be better able to work on sled-and-harness drills and gain more strength, Epley said.

"We will be able to do things we aren't able to do in a limited amount of space," Epley said.

The new classroom will seat 60 as opposed to 20, Epley said.

"It was tough to have meetings in the classroom," Epley said. "With the addition, we can provide better instruction and a wide variety of other activities."

Epley said most of the current equipment is in good shape with the exception of items used to build back muscles.

"We work on three main areas," Epley said. "And the chest and the legs are pretty well taken care of."

Epley said lifting platforms will be added to help aid in the development of back muscles. Epley said \$150,000 has been allotted for new supplies and equipment, including the new weight machines.

"The addition will provide more services to the athletes," Epley said.

"It will help the athletes develop to their full potential."

"It will add to the development of agility, speed, power and reaction time. We will be able to develop more areas which are important to the athlete."

In addition to the work being done inside Memorial Stadium, construction has been done on the outside as well, said Gary Fouraker, business manager for the athletic department.

The balconies are being repaired and waterproofed, Fouraker said. He said the cost for the project will be between \$125-150,000, depending on the materials and methods used. The waterproofing has caused some of the bleacher seats to be removed, adding to the cost, he said.