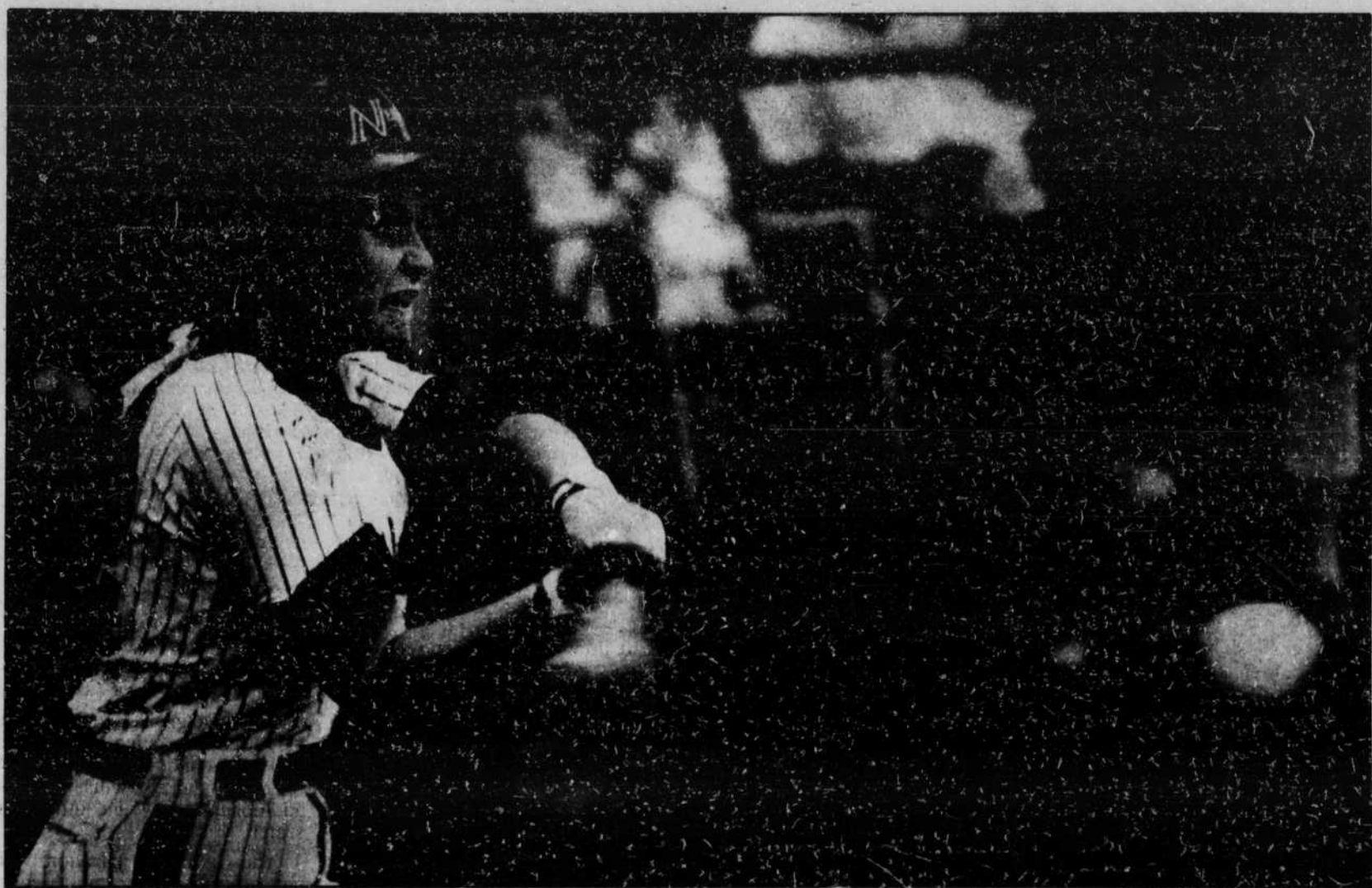


Kremer's three home runs power Nebraska



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Nebraska's Ruth Chatwin takes aim in the third inning against Creighton. The Huskers won the game 3-2.

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When Nebraska shortstop Jane Kremer steps to the plate, all she is looking for is a hit.

This weekend at the Husker Invitational the senior from La Motte, Iowa was surprised at a hitting spree that included three home runs to help lead the Cornhuskers.

Nebraska finished the tournament with a 3-1 record, which was the best record in an eight-team field. The Huskers defeated Iowa State 3-1 Friday night, Northern Iowa 4-0 Saturday afternoon and Creighton 3-2 Sunday night. Also on Saturday night, Nebraska lost to Illinois State 3-2.

Kremer had home runs against Iowa State, Illinois State and Creighton. Her home run against Iowa State came on the first pitch thrown to her this season. The home run against Creighton gave the Huskers the winning run.

Kremer had a .345 batting average last season and now has 20 career home runs. She trails Nebraska record-holder Denise Eckert by 13.

"When I step up I just want a hit," Kremer said. "I can't be satisfied because the next time I come up to bat the hit may be just as important as the last." Nebraska coach Ron Wolforth said Kremer's hitting is important, but there are other tools in her game plan.

"It is immeasurable what Jane

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Thorell: Win won't lead to complacency

By Kyle Schurman
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After posting a record-setting victory against the St. Thomas (Minn.) junior varsity, it would be easy for the Nebraska junior varsity football team to be overconfident entering today's game against the Bethany (Kan.) junior varsity.

But Nebraska coach Shane Thorell said complacency won't be a problem because the 1-0 Cornhuskers made some mistakes while routing St.

Thomas 84-3. He said Nebraska knows it has some things to work on.

Thorell said Nebraska committed too many penalties and missed some blocking assignments against St. Thomas. The Huskers were penalized 13 times for 144 yards against the Tommies, but also set junior varsity records for scoring and margin of victory.

"(The mistakes) were mainly technical things," Thorell said. "We need to be more mentally into the game." Thorell said Nebraska didn't work

on many of its offenses and defenses against St. Thomas because the score was so lopsided. But, he said, the game still helped Nebraska because almost everyone got a chance to play.

"Everyone got to play quite a bit, which was good," Thorell said. "It was the first game and everyone was pretty excited. It was a positive experience for them."

Thorell said Bethany, which dropped a 62-0 decision to Nebraska last season, runs offenses and defenses which are similar to the Hus-

kers. He said he expects a much closer game against Bethany than the Huskers had against St. Thomas.

"It'd be nice if we could go through the season winning like we did," Thorell said, "but I don't think that will happen. No matter what the score is, I just hope they play hard."

Thorell said Nebraska's talented offensive backfield should continue to lead the Huskers. He said he has a lot of confidence in quarterback Mike Grant, who rushed for 67 yards, threw for 81 yards and was involved in four

of Nebraska's 12 touchdowns against St. Thomas.

Running backs Andre McDuffy, who rushed for 68 yards against St. Thomas, Scott Baldwin (58 yards) and Jerry Kleidosty (58 yards) also played well against the Tommies, Thorell said.

Thorell said starting left cornerback Jim Mullen has been slowed by an ankle injury, but should be ready for Monday's game.

Kickoff is scheduled for at 1:30 p.m. at Memorial Stadium.

Cross country teams win meet, overcome course, warm weather

From Staff Reports

A tough course and some warm weather didn't stop the Nebraska men's and women's cross country teams from turning in some hot performances during the Nebraska Invitational Saturday at Pioneers Park.

Nebraska cross country coach Jay Dirksen said he was pleased with the Cornhusker's season-opening performance because they overcame a difficult course that was plagued by recent rainstorms and warm temperatures en route to capturing their respective titles.

The Nebraska men won their portion of the meet by tallying 15 points while Kearney State finished 2nd with 77, Midland College of Fremont was 3rd with 83 points, while Northwest Missouri was 4th with 86 and Tarkio College of Bellevue was 5th with 88.

The Nebraska women captured their title by placing five runners among the top 10 finishers to defeat Iowa State 27-51. Kearney State finished 3rd with 92 points, Midland was 4th with 97 and the University of Nebraska at Omaha and Northwest Missouri rounded out the six-team field by scoring 106 and 153.

Dirksen said he was pleased with the performance of the women's team

— especially with Sammie Resh and Tracy Smith.

Resh won the women's individual title by recording an 18:14.2 clocking in the 5000-meter competition and Smith, a freshman from Milton, Ontario, finished 6th as the Husker's No. 3 runner. Nebraska's Juliet Prowse finished 3rd and Michele Marthaler and Dawn Gale finished 8th and 9th.

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— Dirksen

"I think we have a pretty good team this year," Dirksen said. "Sam Resh has established herself as one of the top runners in the nation and with Tracy Smith, Juliet (Prowse) and Michele (Marthaler) we have a pretty good nucleus. And if Dawn Gale can stay healthy, we could win the Big

Eight championship this year."

Resh said she was surprised by her performance.

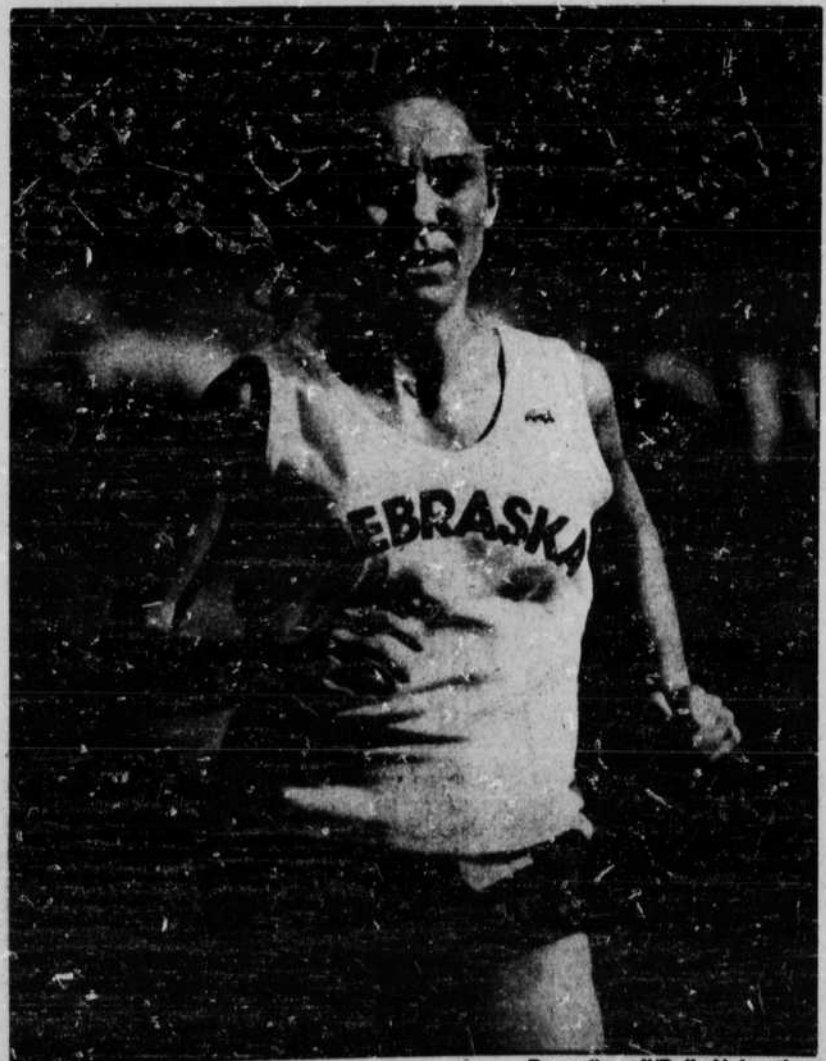
"This was a hard race because the course is hard and the heat just made it tougher," Resh said. "We haven't been doing any interval training yet so this was the fastest I had run since last June."

Dirksen said he was also pleased with the performances of the Husker freshmen who ran unattached. Freshman Sylvia Veit finished 14th, Fran tenBensel was 16th and Kimball's Angie Lippold finished 18th.

The Husker men were led by Jacques van Rensburg, who won the 10,000-meter competition by finishing in 32:47.1. Sophomores Joe Kirby and Leston Blackburn added 2nd and 3rd-place finishes, while redshirt freshman Pat Day and Tom Banks finished 4th and 6th.

Dirksen said the Nebraska men need to gain experience before they compete in the Big Eight championships Oct. 29 in Stillwater, Okla.

"I think we have a good team but we don't have as much depth as we did last year," Dirksen said. "But as the season progresses, this team will get a lot better."



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Nebraska cross country runner Sammie Resh blazes to a 1st-place finish in Saturday's Nebraska Invitational at Pioneers Park. Resh completed the 5,000-meter course in 18:14.2.