



Clockwise from upper left: Arms jumble together as the UNL and the University of South Dakota's rugby teams fight for possession of the ball in a scrum. Nebraska winger Steve Thompson strips the ball from South Dakota's Bob Sykora. UNL celebrates after defeating South Dakota. Nebraska' Dwight Bender grimaces as South Dakota's Chad Krul tackles him.

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### UNL rugby team uses 2nd half surge in win

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The University of Nebraska-Lincoln Rugby Club used a 16-point 2nd half and three Ryan Menzee conversion kicks to defeat the University of South Dakota 22-6 Saturday at the East Campus softball fields.

The Cornhuskers' victory raised their record to 2-2 and guaranteed them a spot in the finals of the Great Plains Regional Tournament, which will be held this spring. Nebraska will play the winner of the South Dakota and Creighton game.

Nebraska took a 6-0 halftime lead before scoring three tries in the 2nd half. Robert Palmer scored the game's 1st points for the Huskers on a four-point try and Menzee was successful with the two-point conversion.

In the 2nd half, Nebraska's Brian Chaffin scored a try. Palmer missed the two-point conversion kick.

After South Dakota scored a try and was good on the conversion, Nebraska's Steve Thompson stripped South Dakota's try scorer again and was good on the conversion.

The Huskers' Dan Sykora scored a try and was good on the conversion.

