

### Efficiency wastes time

Great minds think alike. Maybe not all minds, but at least two Lincoln sports columnists were operating on the same wave-length on Monday night. And the moral of the story? Procrastination can save a writer a lot of unnecessary work.



I usually write my Wednesday sports columns on Tuesday nights, much to the chagrin of my sports editor. You see, I hate writing for leisure. I need a deadline. Procrastination motivates me.

But this week I made an exception — and I made a mistake.

Instead of waiting until Tuesday to write my column (which has since been bumped back to Thursday), I spent two hours working on it Monday night. The column was about the success of Los Angeles sports teams this year, particularly the Dodgers, UCLA, USC and the Rams. It even included a few graphs about the Kings' success in the National Hockey League with the recently acquired Wayne Gretzky.

"I'm glad I got that done," I thought to myself as I trudged home Monday night. "Now the pressure's off for Tuesday."

But the pressure was back on the next morning as I sat down with my nutritious bowl of Cap'n Crunch (with Crunchberries) and a can of Dr Pepper. I picked up The Lincoln Star sports page and found a headline screaming over the top of Ken Hambleton's column: "Dodger accomplishments fit pattern in year of Los Angeles success."

Yep, great minds think alike. And I paid the price for trying to be efficient. In a tearful ceremony this morning, I nuked my Los Angeles column out of the computer system.

And with this in mind, I ventured off to find a new column idea.

Surprisingly, it was Hambleton who suggested I do a column about ideas that I won't write about. It was the best advice I've had since my parents told me never to lick a flagpole in the winter.

Some of these ideas are so disgusting that my stomach churns — or was that the Cap'n Crunch and Dr Pepper fighting to get out?

So Kenny, you're free to write about any of these topics and you won't be stepping on my toes:

• The Moe Iba years — the run-and-gun era of Nebraska basketball.

• Arena Football — America's sport.

• Why Mike Tyson shouldn't have married Robin Givens. Chuck Green took care of that one Monday.

• Why the pro sports teams in Lincoln — the Hawks notwithstanding.

• Why the Chicago Cubs lost to the St. Louis Cardinals in the World Series.

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## Soccer club to compete in tourney

By Jeremy Felker  
Staff Reporter

The University of Nebraska-Lincoln soccer club will travel to Overland Park, Kan., this weekend for what club vice-president Lane Kent says will be the highlight of its season — the 10th annual Chartrand Tournament.

"This is what we've been focusing on since day one of practice," Kent said.

The tournament is composed of two four-team brackets.

The Cornhuskers' bracket includes Missouri, Iowa State and Oklahoma State.

The second bracket includes Kan-

sas State, Kansas, Central Missouri State and the University of Nebraska-Omaha.

Kent said the two teams in each bracket with the most points will play teams from the opposing bracket in the semifinals.

The winning teams will then proceed to the championship match.

Kent said a win is worth two points and a tie is worth one.

Kent said Iowa State will be the toughest opponent in the Huskers' bracket, "besides us."

The tournament will give the Huskers a chance to show they can be a legitimate Big Eight soccer team, Kent said.

"This is our big chance to win a

tournament like this," he said. "A chance to prove ourselves as a power in the Big Eight."

Oklahoma State scheduled to begin at 3:30 p.m.

Semifinal-round play will begin Sunday at 10:30 a.m. with the championship match beginning at 1 p.m.

The Huskers will use the basic 4-2-4 offense, Kent said.

"If we can hold up with that, then we'll stick with it," Kent said. "Otherwise, we might shift to a 4-3-3 and see if we're more effective that way."

He said the Huskers know what to expect from the teams at the tournament.

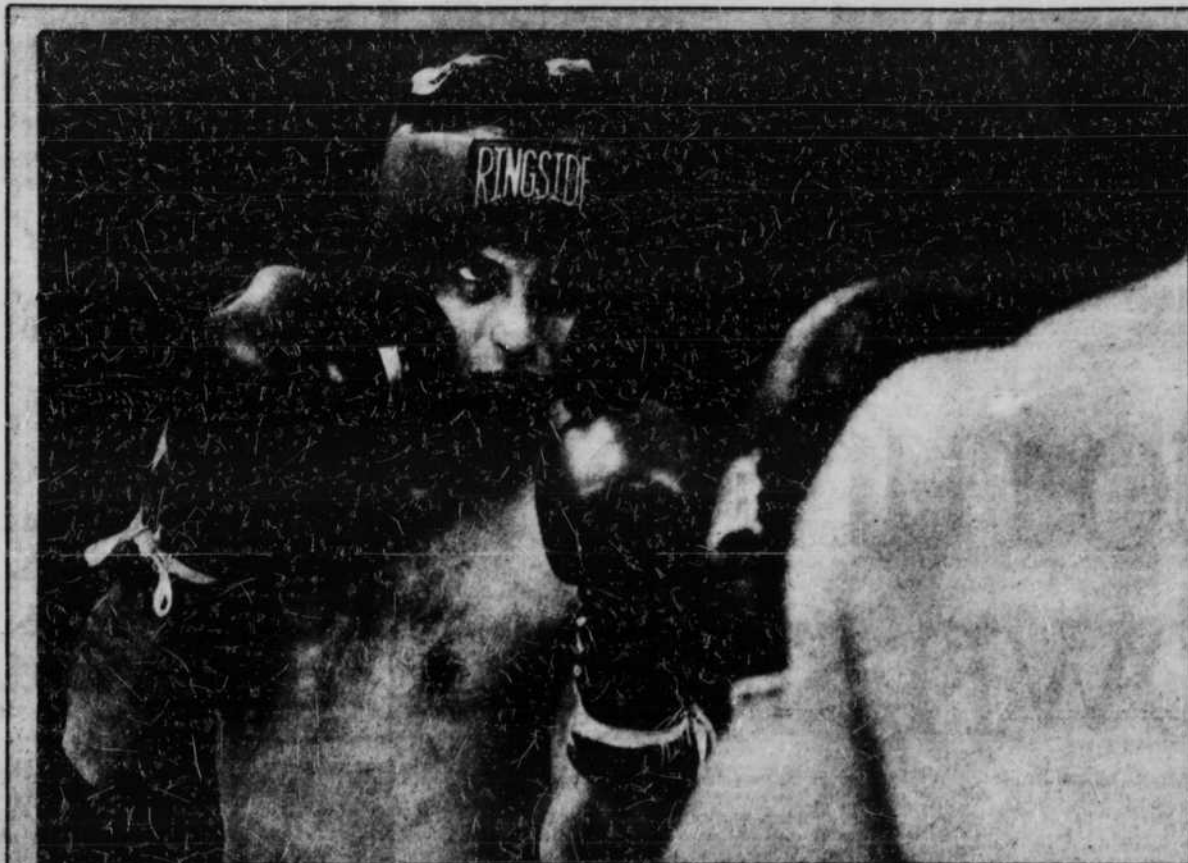
"Most of the teams we face use the 4-3-3, and that's what we've played basically against all year, except for UNO," he said. "They use the same offense we use."

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The Huskers will play Missouri Saturday at 9:30 a.m.

The Iowa State match will begin at 11 a.m. with the final game against



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Scott Cox, a University of Nebraska-Lincoln general studies major, eyes his sparring partner during boxing workouts Tuesday in the basement of the NU Coliseum. The UNL team faces an uncertain future unless it can obtain liability insurance for its fighters.

### Boxers must have liability insurance to guarantee university's recognition

By Jamie Pitts  
Staff Reporter

The University of Nebraska-Lincoln boxing club faces an uncertain future unless it can obtain liability insurance for its boxers, according to Kathy Shellog, activities coordinator for Campus Activities and Programs.

Shellog said that after the American Medical Association came out a year ago with a statement opposing boxing because of head traumas suffered during bouts, UNL had to look seriously at discontinuing the boxing club for liability reasons.

In order for UNL to recognize

the club, Shellog said, the club must obtain some kind of liability insurance that will cover members during practice and competition.

Cliff Walton, faculty adviser and coach of the boxing club, said the U.S. Amateur Boxing Federation has a blanket policy that the club is currently looking into. The UNL club, Walton said, would join as an official ABF team and pay extra fees for insurance.

"We're just waiting for the USA/ABF to send us an update of their policy," Walton said. "I know Greek Fight Night had ABF insurance. We had originally expected to have the information last week. Hopefully by the end of this

week I'll have it."

Roy Loudon, UNL administrator for personnel, insurance and risk management, said he was supposed to have the insurance information from the club 10 days ago.

"I think if they get the insurance it would certainly weigh in their favor," Loudon said.

Walton believes boxing at UNL will continue.

"It's just a matter of getting the paperwork more than anything else," Walton said.

For now, the club hasn't made any permanent plans to continue practices in the NU Coliseum, Walton said.

## Dodgers take 3-1 lead in Series

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) - Reliever Jay Howell got even by getting Mark McGwire with the bases loaded in the seventh inning Wednesday night, preserving the Los Angeles Dodgers' 4-3 victory over the Oakland Athletics and moving them within one game of the World Series championship.

The crippled Dodgers will try to win their sixth title and first since 1981 when ace Orel Hershiser faces Storm Davis in Game 5 Thursday night. Of the 35 teams that took a 3-1 lead in the Series, 30 went on to win.

Howell, victimized by McGwire's game-winning home run in the ninth inning a night earlier, got revenge this time. He relieved starter Tim Lincecum

with two outs in the seventh ahead 4-3, but a walk and error loaded the bases.

McGwire, just 1-for-13 in the Series, swung at a first-pitch fastball and popped it straight up to first baseman Tracy Woodson. Howell finished for a save in the same ballpark where fans constantly booed him last year when he pitched for the A's.

He ended it by striking out A's home run king Jose Canseco, who hit a grand slam in the first game, on a 3-2 pitch with the tying run on first and getting Dave Parker on a foul pop to third.

The Dodgers ended a streak of 13 consecutive victories by the home team in the World Series. They did it

the hard way, with top hitters Kirk Gibson and Mike Marshall unable to start because of injuries and catcher Mike Scioscia forced to leave with a twisted right knee in the fourth inning.

Oakland's starting lineup had out-homered Los Angeles 132-36 this season, but Belcher and Howell continued the Athletics' Series-long slump.

Belcher, just the third pitcher to start in the Series on his birthday - he turned 27 - went 6 2-3 innings and allowed three runs, two of them earned, on seven hits.

Neither team played particularly well. Oakland made two errors and Los Angeles one, although there were several other sloppy plays.

## Novak receives much attention

By Jeff Apel  
Senior Reporter

A top high school middle blocker, with Nebraska ties, is drawing heavy recruiting attention from volleyball programs across the country.

Sue Novak, a junior at H.L. Richards High School in Oak Lawn, Ill., who is the younger sister of Nebraska outside hitter Val Novak, has established herself as one of the premier prep players in the country, Richards High School volleyball coach Faralyn Jaquith said. She said Sue has received recruiting information from "countless" Division I and small colleges.

"She could walk onto any Division I court and start right now," Jaquith said. "She's definitely an impact player. She can play any position on the court."

Jaquith said she doesn't think Val's presence will influence Sue to become a Cornhusker. She said Sue has emphasized throughout her high school career that she doesn't want to be referred to as Val's sister.

"I would say she doesn't want to go to Nebraska just because her sister is there," Jaquith said. "She has changed her mind before, but I think that's her gut feeling."

Jaquith said Sue is a better player than Val was as a high school junior. She said Sue is an excellent all-around player who improved her only weakness this fall.

"Up until this season, she was like a freckle up to 11 o'clock because of her serving," Jaquith said. "But she has really improved her serving. She's a complete player now who is an awesome middle blocker in the front and back court."

Jaquith said Sue is talented enough to start for any Division I program. She said Sue is the key reason why Richards High School is ranked No. 1 with a 25-3 record this season.

Jaquith said Sue has become one of the most dominant players she has ever coached by maintaining a year-round commitment to volleyball. Sue has gained extensive experience by participating in the Second City Volleyball league and a junior program which caters to athletes who plan on participating beyond the high school level, she said.

NCAA rules prohibit Nebraska volleyball coach Terry Pettit from commenting on prospective recruits.

## Nee receives fine

COLUMBUS (AP) — Nebraska basketball coach Danny Nee, who was ticketed for speeding early this year and used a legal maneuver to keep from losing his driver's license, was ticketed for speeding in Platte County last month.

Platte County Court records show the Nebraska State Patrol stopped Nee on Sept. 6 for driving 84 mph in a 55 mph zone on U.S. Highway 81.

According to court records, Nee paid a \$100 fine for the violation and \$21 in court costs last Friday. The speed on the ticket was reduced to 70 mph.