

NCAA

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make it past the second round because it has to play North Carolina. Tarheel coach Dean Smith is a much better coach than Billy Tubbs and will have a plan to shut down the Sooners.

North Carolina's doom will occur in the third round, where Arkansas' quickness will prove to be too much.

Second-seeded Purdue will meet third-seeded Georgetown in the third round and Purdue will win. Purdue is the only team in the regional that can match up inside with Georgetown.

Arkansas will beat Purdue to advance to the Final Four. The Razorbacks have a roster of fast athletes who can all play tough defense -- another necessity for tournament success.

The dark horse is North Carolina because of its tradition, excellent

coaching and great players. Upset special: Kansas State over Xavier in the first round.

Now, the Final Four predictions. Louisville will beat Georgia Tech. Louisville has a long history of saving its best games for the NCAA tournament and this year will add only to that history.

Kansas will beat Arkansas for the other spot in the championship game. All the running Arkansas does during games will take its toll by the time it faces the deep Jayhawk bench.

I still hold to my prediction that Kansas will take the championship. It has the most balance of any team in the tournament and, once again, a deep bench.

On April 2, everyone get ready to hear endless hours of "Rock Chalk Jayhawk" because Kansas will reign supreme.

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in brief

SPORTS

Nebraska baseball games canceled

The Nebraska baseball team's doubleheader against Tarkio (Mo.) College that was scheduled for today has been canceled. Renee Brinkmann, the secretary for the baseball office, said the Tarkio games will be made up as part of a weekend series that also includes Briar Cliff College of Sioux City, Iowa. The Cornhuskers will face Briar Cliff on Saturday at noon at Buck Beltzer Field, and will face Tarkio in a second doubleheader at 12:30 p.m. Sunday. Brinkmann also announced that a single game against Wayne State that was scheduled for Tuesday has been canceled.

Rugby team opens season with win

The Nebraska men's rugby team, which opened its season last weekend by crushing Lincoln City, will face the Omaha Goats on Saturday. The Huskers, 1-0, will square off against the Goats at 1:30 p.m. Saturday in Omaha. The game will be tough, Nebraska's Jim Wiggs said. "We've got our work cut out for us," Wiggs said. Nebraska wasted little time disposing of Lincoln City last weekend, as it used 15 points from Mark Palmer and eight from Brian Chaffin to post the victory. Palmer converted two tries, two conversions and a penalty kick, while Chaffin added two tries. Tries are worth four points in rugby, while penalty kicks are worth three. Conversions are worth two points.

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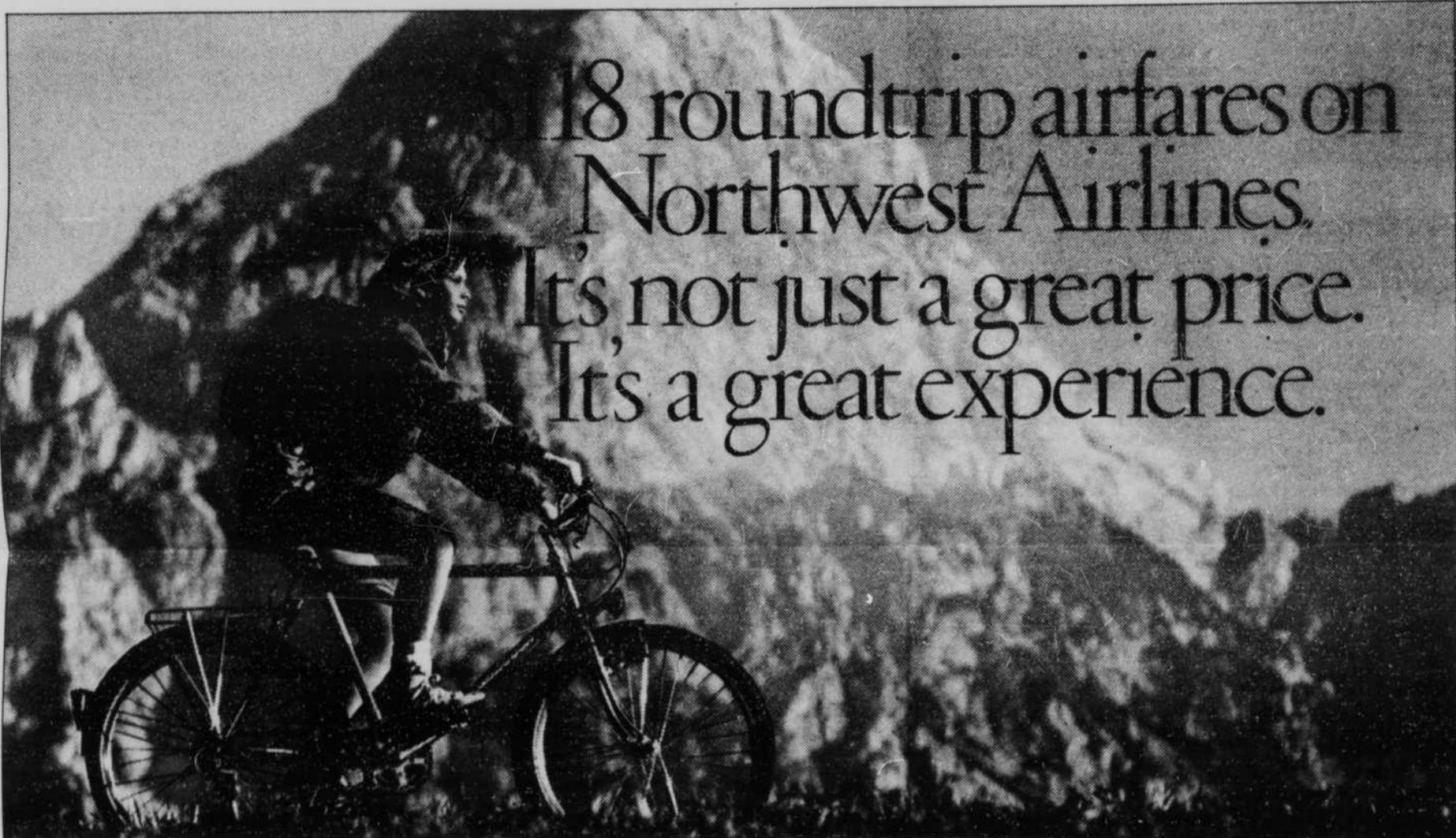
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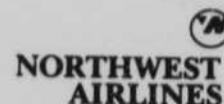
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