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NU outfielder Rhonda Fhaller dives safely to second base as Wisconsin-Green Bay second baseman Linda Cohen tries to control the ball. NU won the doubleheader 3-1, 9-1.

Stolen bases lead to NU softball win

By John Adkisson
Staff Reporter

Joy Rishel has been on the run. The sophomore left fielder for the Cornhusker softball team stole three bases and helped lead Nebraska to a 3-1, 9-1 doubleheader sweep of Wisconsin-Green Bay on Tuesday at the NU Softball Complex.

Rishel has stolen 20 bases this year, already bettering her season output of 17 last season. She currently ranks sixth on the Husker all-time stolen base list.

"The stolen bases have really helped us," Rishel said. "They've pulled us through a lot of games."

Nebraska coach Ron Wolforth said the best is yet to come for Rishel.

"Joy is on the edge of becoming a great, great player," Wolforth said. "She's a devil if she gets on base."

Rishel's sister Jill, a senior, bats behind Joy in the Husker lineup. Wolforth said the Rishel duo is a definite advantage for Nebraska.

"They complement each other well," Wolforth said.

Rishel said Nebraska's running game distracts opponents.

"Our slap-and-run style messes up the other team, especially the catcher," Rishel said. "The best thing a team can have is a good running game."

Nebraska is now nearing the record for stolen bases in a season. With more than half the schedule remaining, the Huskers have stolen 72 bases. The record is 86, set last year.

And while Nebraska's speedsters are stealing the show, Husker pitching continues to get the job done.

In the first game on Tuesday, sophomore Marie Bowie limited Wisconsin-Green Bay to one run in seven innings to record her fourth win of the year. In the nightcap, Stephanie Skegas also held the Phoenix to a single run to up her record to 10-4.

"They both got wins, but our pitching has to continue to get better for us to be competitive," Wolforth said.

Wolforth also said that the Huskers need to improve at the plate.

"We can steal bases all day long, but we've got to work on our hitting," he said.

Nebraska returned home after playing its first 24 games on the road. Wolforth said he was glad to be back in the confines of the Nebraska Softball Complex.

"It was a long trip and we didn't play well," Wolforth said. "It feels great to be back in the friendly dirt." Nebraska will open its Big Eight campaign by playing at Kansas on Friday, and Rishel said that teamwork will be the key to the Huskers' success.

"We're going to have to work together every game that comes along down the road," Rishel said.

Wolforth agreed.

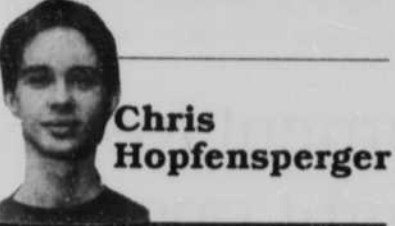
"Kansas has won 13-consecutive games," he said. "I know that they've got some runners, but we're going to hope our speed game takes over like it did today."

Surprise send-off provides relief for TV sports fans

It wasn't Tate George's miraculous last-second shot that finished off upset Clemson.

It wasn't 14th-seeded Northern Iowa's "shot that shocked the world," and crushed the third-seeded Missouri Tigers.

In fact, the most exciting moment in all of March Madness -- a.k.a. the NCAA tournament -- didn't even occur



Chris Hopfensperger

in March. It came on Sunday, April Fools' Day, a fitting send-off for Brent Musburger, who no longer works on... CBS.

Musburger, the reigning king of worthless sports commentary since ABC's send-off of Howard Cosell, was fired in a surprising but welcome move by CBS.

Officials of the network, intent on giving some of the new blood a chance to finally see some action calling a game, did the world a favor by ending Musburger's nearly 15-year reign of terror on the auditory senses of television sports fans everywhere.

Monday night's NCAA basketball championship between UNLV and Duke was Musburger's last assignment, and it could come none to soon as he was set to take over the reins of the CBS baseball coverage on April 14 and, most likely, to host the upcoming 1992 Winter Olympics.

Baseball was one of the few remaining sports left untouched by the insipidity and dryness of Musburger's commentary, which had managed in the last few years to call everything -- unfortunately.

Beginning with football, -- he has hosted CBS' "The NFL Today" since 1975 -- Musburger's job gradually swelled like a slow moving disease until he had control of CBS' coverage of the NCAA basketball tournament, the NBA finals, the Pan American Games and the U.S. Open. He even accomplished the impossible by making televised golf coverage more dreadful than it already was by anchoring the Masters.

Musburger made television sports boring with his moronic remarks, mistakes and oversimplifications. Yet, he worked his way into a contract making more money than most of the players, reportedly between \$1.6 and \$2 million a year.

That's a million dollars a year for a man whose most exciting moment was a Saturday Night Live impersonation by Kevin Nealon.

CBS, which has yet to announce Musburger's replacement for the baseball season, decided to simply let his contract to run out in July, after renegotiations broke off last week. The network now reportedly is seeking Al Michaels, the disgruntled broadcaster for ABC.

Apparently, Nealon was unavailable.

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Fanucchi

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at bad ones."

Fanucchi joined the Huskers in January from Canada College in California, the same junior

college of Nebraska second baseman Kevin Jordan. At Canada College, Fanucchi said, he started occasionally. He said he knew he would be pitching in some role for the Huskers.

"I didn't care if I was starting or not," he said.

WOMEN'S FINAL TOP TEN BASKETBALL by Craig Christensen

1. The Bumbles 9-0
2. Delta Sigma Pi 7-1
3. Atomic Fireballs 5-2
4. Untouchables 4-5
5. Delta Gamma 5-1
6. Just Kidding 6-2
7. Pound 6 5-2
8. NU Crew 3-5
9. Gamma Phi Beta 3-2
10. Celts 4-2

MEN'S FINAL TOP TEN BASKETBALL by Craig Christensen

1. A Team 11-2
2. Beta A-1 10-3
3. Beta A-2 9-2
4. ATO A-1 10-2
5. LAW I 12-1
6. SAE B 11-1
7. Jays 5-3
8. Sigma Nu 10-2
9. LAW II 10-3
10. Running Reptiles 7-4

BEST OF THE REST

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