



David Hansen/Daily Nebraskan  
Nebraska baseball coach John Sanders discusses a call with Wichita State coach Gene Stephenson. Sanders' Huskers defeated Stephenson's Shockers 4-2 earlier this season.

# Coach: Past successes should help at regional

By Chuck Green  
Senior Reporter

This weekend's NCAA men's gymnastics regional will be filled with teams the Cornhuskers have beaten earlier this season.

But that isn't of much comfort to Nebraska coach Francis Allen.

The No. 1-ranked Huskers will try to improve their 20-0-1 record Saturday in Norman, Okla., at the NCAA West Regional. Ten of Nebraska's wins this season were against teams in the West Regional. One of the teams is ninth-ranked Oklahoma, which the Huskers have beaten four times this year.

Nebraska is the top seed, but Allen said he knows the meet won't be easy.

"It should be a good meet," he said. "I just hope we don't make it close, and can just sit back and watch the fight for second, third and fourth (place)."

Allen said the Huskers' past successes against teams competing in the regional should be helpful to Nebraska.

"I think we have the advantage as the top-ranked team and having beaten many of these same teams earlier," he said. "We've been looking forward to this type of meet."

Allen said he is looking for something else, too.

"Besides winning and heading into the nationals unbeaten, we really hope to break the 284 (-point team score) barrier," he said. "This team has the potential, but it's just a matter of pulling it all together on the same night."

This is the first year since 1979

that the NCAA has used regional meets to determine qualifiers for the national meet. The top 10 teams from the East and West regions, based on season averages, will be matched in head-to-head competition.

The top four teams from each region will then qualify for the NCAA championships.

Allen said the regional competition won't benefit the Huskers, but that it will give teams like Oklahoma another chance to show that they are deserving of a championship-meet berth.

"It'll be different having a regional this year, but we just look at it as another meet," Allen said. "It's not a do-or-die situation for us like it is for others."

# Nebraska baseball team to face Sooners

By Jeff Apel  
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On the outside, the Nebraska baseball team's split against Kansas appears to add importance to the Cornhuskers' series against Oklahoma.

But on the inside, Nebraska coach John Sanders said, the Oklahoma series is no more important than any other Big Eight competition that the Huskers will face this season.

Sanders said Nebraska cannot afford to place any extra emphasis on the Oklahoma series because it could cause the Huskers to suffer a mental letdown later this season. The Huskers will try to avoid any type of letdown when they open their series by facing the Sooners in a single, nine-inning game tonight at 7 p.m.

Nebraska and Oklahoma will also square off in a pair of seven-inning games that begin at 5 p.m. Saturday, and will meet in a nine-inning contest at 2 p.m. Sunday. All four games will be played at L. Dale Mitchell Park in Norman, Okla.

The Oklahoma series will be Nebraska's second Big Eight test of the year. The Huskers opened their conference season last weekend in Lincoln by splitting a four-game series against Kansas.

Sanders said he is concerned entering the contests because the 22-11 Huskers have been hit hard by injuries. Among the Nebraska players who are being slowed by injuries are pitchers Mike Zajeski and Jerry Madison, both with sore arms, and outfielder Brian McArn, with a broken finger.

Sanders admitted that the injuries have taken their toll.

Sanders said the injuries to Zajeski and Madison have taken their toll on the Nebraska pitching staff.

"It makes us really stretch our pitching," Sanders said. "Our people have to pitch smart to make up for their absences."

**Notes:**

● Nebraska's leading hitter is now second baseman Kevin Jordan, who went two-for-four during the Huskers' 6-0 loss to Creighton on Wednesday to raise his batting average to .361. That mark is 12 points higher than the .349 mark posted by McArn and 15 better than the .346 average compiled by infielder Bill Vosik.

● The Huskers' leading pitcher is junior Dave "The Snake" Matranga, who has a 5-1 record and a team-best 1.85 earned run average. Matranga is also tied with Armondo Garza, Josh Bullock and Doug Tegtmeier for the

team lead in saves with one each.

● The major league scouts on hand for Nebraska's loss to Creighton weren't only watching Bluejay pitcher Dan Smith. They also were keeping an eye on Vosik, whose quick bat and swift fielding has made the junior from Kearney big-league material.

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# Former Cornhusker works to stop drugs

By John Adkisson  
Staff Reporter

Neil Smith will return to Lincoln this weekend, but he won't be in a football uniform.

The Kansas City Chief lineman, who completed his collegiate eligibility in 1987, will take part in a basketball game that will match Chief players against seniors from the 1989-90 Nebraska football team.

The game, which will be played at Lincoln Southeast High School at 7 p.m. Saturday, is being held for the benefit of the Battle Against Drugs Foundation (BAD), an organization started by former Husker All-America selection Broderick Thomas. The organization strives to aid children under the influence of drugs.

Smith said he has a good reason for being involved in the organization.

"I figured that I'm in a position now where I can help kids who aren't as fortunate as I was," he said Thursday from his home in Kansas City, Mo.

Smith said that by using his star status as a National Football League lineman, he can reach youngsters others might not be able to.

"When you're a professional foot-

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