

Baseball team earns third in Big Eight tournament

By Todd Cooper
Staff Reporter

The Nebraska baseball team closed out its season May 18 with a 42-26 record and a third place finish in the Big Eight tournament in Oklahoma City.

Nebraska, after a year absence from the tourney, qualified as one of the four teams to make the tournament by winning three of four must-win games at Iowa State to end the regular season.

Those three victories carried Nebraska to a third seed in the tournament, where they played No. 2 seed Kansas State in the first round, winning the game 7-5. Doug Tegtmeyer, 7-2, pitched the win, while Dave Matranga earned the save.

Against top-seed Oklahoma State in the second round, Nebraska was one of few teams in postseason play to give the Cowboys all they could handle in a 3-2 defeat.

With two outs in the bottom of the ninth inning and Gary Tackett on second, junior third baseman Bill Vosik singled to left field. Tackett was waved home by Cornhusker coach John Sanders on the hit but was thrown out at the plate to end the game.

Freshman pitcher Josh Bullock, 5-4, gave up five hits to the Cowboys, who went on to win the tournament and advanced to the College World Series at Omaha's Rosenblatt Stadium where they lost to Georgia in the national championship game.

Iowa State revenge the Huskers at the Big Eight tournament by eliminating them with a 16-3 major deci-

sion.

Vosik was the only Husker named to the All-Tournament team. But, first baseman Bobby Benjamin, second baseman Kevin Jordan and relief pitcher Matranga were All-Big Eight selections. Vosik and Shawn Buchanan were named to the second team, while Brian McArn was named honorable mention.

Jordan also was named third team All-American by Baseball America Magazine.

McArn led the team in hitting this season with a batting average of .354, while Benjamin led the team in home runs with 18, runs batted in with 73, walks with 66 and a .652 slugging percentage.

Matranga, a left-handed junior reliever, led the team with an ERA of 2.16.

Nebraska loses only two seniors this year in pitcher Dale Kistaitis, 1-0, and third baseman Kevin French, who hit .328 this season.

NU tennis player comes up short

At the NCAA men's tennis championships May 18 to 27 in Palm Springs, Calif., Nebraska sophomore Matthias Mueller lost to the eventual singles runner-up. In addition, Mueller, in teaming with senior Ken Feuer, lost to the eventual doubles champions.

Mueller was beat in singles competition by UCLA's Jason Netter, 4-6, 6-2, 6-3. In doubles competition, Mueller and Feuer were ousted by California's Doug Eisenman and Matt Lucena, 6-2, 6-4.

NU golfer receives student-athlete award

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Nebraska sophomore Joanne Brooks was named this year's recipient of the Edith Munson Award, which recognizes the nation's top student-athlete golfer, by the National Golf Coaches Association.

Brooks, who was one of 10 individuals selected to participate in the NCAA golf championships May 23-26 at the Arthur Hills Course in Hilton Head Island, S.C., also earned first-team NGCA Wilson All-Academic and Wilson honorable mention All-America honors.

Teammate Ann Guiberson, a junior, earned her second consecutive Coaches All-Academic award after being the first Nebraska golfer to earn the honor last year.

"It just shows that, by combining the two... you can be an athlete and a student and be successful in both," said Robin Scherer, Cornhusker women's golf coach.

At the NCAA Championships, Brooks, the Huskers' first women's golfer to play in the national champi-

onship tournament since 1982, finished 47th with a score of 314.

"She shot 75 the first day and was 11th, but from there she had a little trouble," Scherer said. Brooks followed with rounds of 81, 79 and 79.

"It was a good experience for her," the third-year coach said. "She probably didn't play up to her potential but she played well."

"When you play in a tournament of that level you have to have a great tournament to win. She just didn't play steady golf. She played average that week."

Scherer said Brooks' success this year does not raise her expectations of the Tauranga, New Zealand native and two-time All-Big Eight performer come next season.

"I already expected her to be one of the top players in the country," she said.

But with Brooks and Guiberson both finishing the season ranked among the nation's top 85 golfers and returning, Scherer said, Nebraska will have a "really good team next year."

"We'll definitely be better next year," she said. "I'm really excited."



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Renee Hawley of Linda's Lounge Lizards tries to tag Randy Ogata of the College of Denistry team at second base during a recent UNL summer co-recreational softball game.

Summer intramural sports deadline approaches; outdoor trips planned

University of Nebraska-Lincoln students interested in intramural sand volleyball, outdoor three-on-three basketball and singles tennis need to sign-up by Wednesday for competition to start June 18.

The next fitness class also begins June 18.

Intramural volleyball will be co-recreational, while basketball and tennis will have men's and women's

divisions.

To register a volleyball team costs \$30, with half of that refunded if the team does not forfeit a game. Cost of basketball is a refundable \$15 forfeit fee. Tennis is free.

The team sports will last longer than the first five-week summer session, while tennis should conclude before that time.

In other campus recreation news and for those needing extra cash, umpires are needed for co-recreational softball games and instructors are needed for swimming lessons.

Several outdoor trips also have been planned for this summer. For more information about campus recreation's summer activities call the campus recreation office.

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