

Husker baseball team takes third in tourney

From Staff Reports

The Nebraska baseball team crushed Dartmouth 14-4 Sunday for third place in the Phoenix Thunderbirds Invitational.

The Cornhuskers, 3-2, also defeated Dartmouth 14-5 Saturday, after losing 5-2 to 16th-ranked Ohio State on Thursday and 8-5 to 13th-ranked Notre Dame on Friday.

Jeff Nollette (1-0) won in relief Sunday for the Huskers.

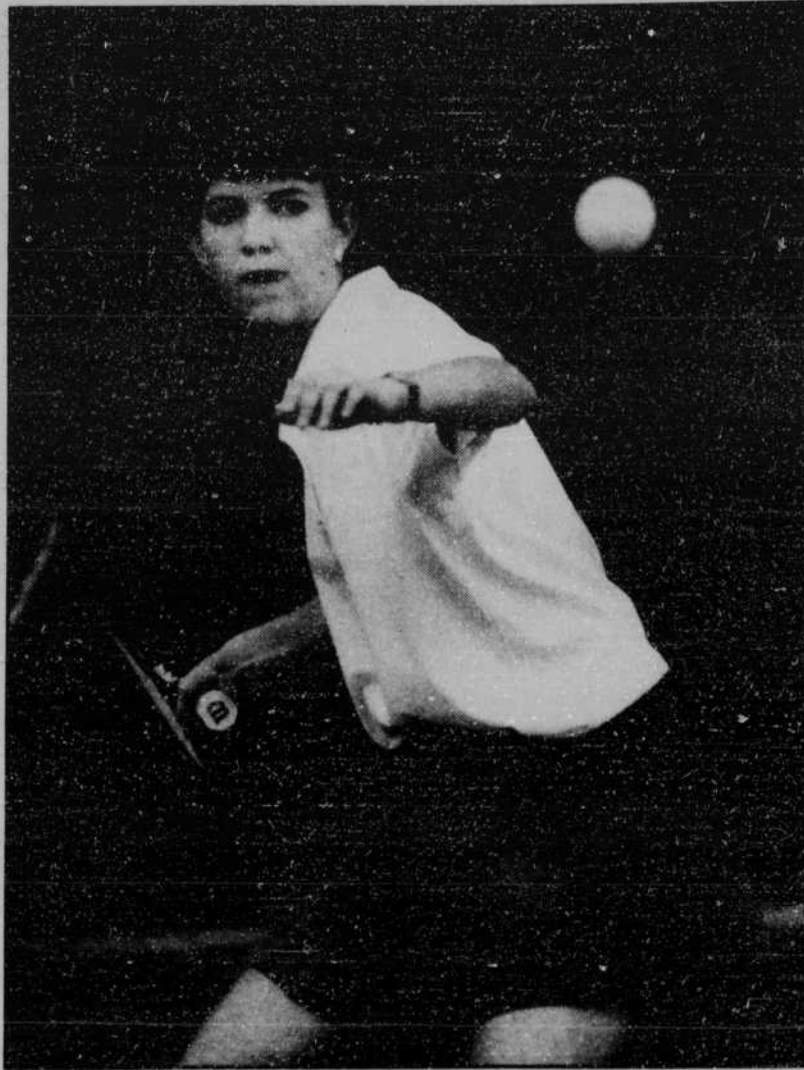
Nebraska trailed 3-2 entering the bottom of the fifth. Shawn Buchanan walked and Bill Vosik hit a double to drive in Buchanan to tie the game. Dirk Skillicorn and Vince Di Grandi walked and Jeff Rhein hit a sacrifice

fly. Brian McArn tripled for two more runs and the Huskers finished with five runs in the inning.

Leftfielder McArn, catcher Sean McKenna and starting pitcher Trey Rutledge made the all-tournament team for the Cornhuskers.

McArn went 6-for-17 with seven RBIs and three stolen bases. McKenna, playing three games at catcher, went 4-for-6 with four walks, threw out two runners trying to steal second and picked a runner off third. Rutledge beat Dartmouth on Saturday by pitching six innings without allowing an earned run.

Nebraska will play doubleheaders Saturday and Sunday against Western Illinois at Buck Beltzer Field.



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Ann Flannery swings back during Nebraska's dual meet with Creighton Saturday at Woods Park. Flannery defeated Creighton's Chris Kabine 6-1, 6-3 at No. 2 singles.

NU tennis team beats Drake in first dual

The Nebraska men's tennis team won 8-1 at Drake on Saturday in the Cornhuskers' first dual of the year.

Nebraska coach Kerry McDermott said he was not only pleased with the win, but also a bit surprised.

"I had no idea we would dominate them like we did," McDermott said. "Our depth won it for us."

The Huskers won five of the six singles matches and swept all three doubles matches from the Bulldogs.

"This match was good preparation for the Big Eight," McDermott said. "Even though we're a darkhorse, the whole team is optimistic that we can surprise anyone as we did on Saturday."

Nebraska will open its home season this weekend against Wichita State and Creighton.

— Jeff Singer

NU sweeps Creighton

By Jeff Singer
Staff Reporter

The Nebraska women's tennis team was near-perfect Saturday in defeating Creighton 9-0 at the Woods Park tennis center.

The Cornhuskers not only didn't lose a match, they didn't even surrender a set to the Bluejays. Nebraska's Nancy Tyggum at No. 3 singles and Meghan Quinn at No. 6 singles each swept matches 6-0, 6-0, and no Cornhusker lost more than four games to any Creighton player.

"This was our best performance so far," Nebraska coach Bob Hampton said. "If we play as well as we did today, we can play with anyone."

About a hundred fans attended the dual, Nebraska's last competition until April. Most of the Huskers said they see the month off as beneficial.

"The time off will give us time to work on things that need improvement," said Rachel Collins, who won her No. 4 singles match 6-1, 6-2 and teamed with Tyggum at No. 1 doubles for a 6-1, 6-1 victory.

"With this time off, we're going to have to make the best of practices," Hampton said. "We still have things to work on before the Big Eight starts."

Many of the Huskers said they need to improve before the Big Eight season begins.

"I played decent, but I'm not at the top of my game," said Ann Flannery, who won at No. 2 singles 6-1, 6-3, and paired with Ildiko Guba at No. 2 doubles for a 6-1, 6-2 triumph. Guba won 6-2, 6-2 at No. 1 singles.

Tina Coutretsis won at No. 5 singles 6-1, 6-1, after teaming with Heidi Junius to beat Creighton's No. 3 doubles tandem 6-3, 6-1.

"I was very impressed with our performance and confidence," Hampton said.

Nebraska next will play defending Big Eight champion Oklahoma State on April 6.

Sooner dream nightmare for Huskers

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Nebraska men's gymnastics coach Francis Allen's pre-meet nightmare came true Saturday night against Oklahoma.

Allen has said he was afraid that if Oklahoma seniors Jarrod Hanks, Brian Halstead and Jeff Lutz competed in the all-around, the Huskers would be in trouble.

The trio finished first, second and fourth, respectively, in the individual competition,

leading Oklahoma to a 284.80 to 280.25 victory over Nebraska. Iowa State scored 263 in the triangular at Norman, Okla.

The Huskers trailed by only .35 after two events but the Sooners — whom Allen labelled the best team in the nation before the meet — pulled away in the rings and in the vault.

Nebraska's Brad Bryan finished third in the all-around with a career-high 56.75. The Cornhuskers' total was their highest this year.

Wildcats

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down to the wire."

Nebraska's Beau Reid, who had a game-high 21 points and seven assists, canned four consecutive free throws to give the Huskers a 79-72 edge with 1:33 remaining. Free throws by Clifford Scales, Keith Moody and Eric Piatkowski and a dunk by Tony Farmer sealed the win.

Nee commended his team's competitiveness.

"We just kept fighting and playing, and we found a way to win," he said. "We gave a real good effort, and anything less than that and we would have got beat."

Nebraska had trouble getting the ball inside to 7-foot, 2-inch center Rich King, who scored nine points on 3-of-10 shooting from the field. King had averaged 23 points in the six previous games.

King said that although he was happy with the win, he was disappointed in the way the Huskers played.

"We made (the Wildcats) look better than they are," King said. "I think they're a decent team, but I don't think we played well at all."

Nee said that although his players may not have been pleased with the margin of victory, he still considers a win a win.

"Sometimes (the players) expect that they should win by 20, and they don't feel good

about winning by eight," Nee said. "But we were able to control our court and win at home."

The win raised Nebraska's Big Eight record to 8-4 and assured the Huskers of their first winning season in the conference since the 1985-86 team went 8-6.

Nebraska trails league-leaders Kansas and Oklahoma State by one game, but will play both teams next week and can claim at least a share of the conference title with victories in both games.

"The reality of it is, going into the last two games of the season, we can control our own destiny," Nee said. "We don't have to depend on anybody else, we can do it."

Kansas State 37 41 — 78
At Nebraska 45 40 — 85
Kansas State—Amerson 1-2 1-33, Brittain 4-6 0-0 8, Rettiger 0-1 4-5 4, Wires 5-11 2-2 12, Derouillere 6-15 8-12 20, D.King 6-11 0-4 12, Fritz 0-1 0-0 0, Sams 2-5 0-0 4, Ziegler 5-9 0-0 15. Totals 29-61 15-26 78.
Nebraska—Farmer 6-10 0-0 12, Hayes 4-10 1-1 9, R.King 3-10 3-6 9, Scales 3-6 1-2 7, Reid 4-8 11-13 21, Owens 3-3 2-5 8, Moody 3-3 3-4 9, Piatkowski 3-7 1-2 8, Ramos 1-1 0-0 2, Chubick 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 30-58 22-33 85.

3-point goals—Kansas State 5-13 (Ziegler 5-8, Derouillere 0-3, Amerson 0-1, Wires 0-1), Nebraska 3-7 (Reid 2-4, Piatkowski 1-3). **Rebounds**—Kansas State 36 (D.King 11), Nebraska 35 (R.King 9). **Assists**—Kansas State 17 (Wires, Derouillere 6), Nebraska 24 (Reid 7). **Turnovers**—Kansas State 18 (Wires 7), Nebraska 18 (three with 3). **Total fouls (dq)**—Kansas State 27 (Amerson), Nebraska 20 (Reid). A—14,557

Reid

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week when Nebraska faces Oklahoma State and Kansas, the two teams ahead of Nebraska in the Big Eight standings.

"The way we're looking at it is that it's a three-team race now for the title and we're in last place," he said. "We're the underdog again,

and we play both of those teams this week.

Reid said he welcomes the underdog status. "I hope no one thinks we'll win," he said. "It just makes our team hungry and we need to be hungry. We play so good when we're mad and feel like we have to prove something."

"I like it when it's you against the world. That's when we play our best and that's when I play my best," he said.

"We just play good when our back's to the wall. Coming this week it's to the wall again."

Rec Scoreboard

Results from Thursday's games.

Men's basketball

Fraternity C

Sigma Chi 62, Sigma Alpha Mu 45; Sigma Phi Epsilon C2 49, Phi Gamma Delta 47; Lambda Chi Alpha by forfeit over Sigma Nu C2; Alpha Tau Omega C2 61, Delta Tau Delta C2 49; Acacia 42, Ag Men III 32; Sigma Phi Epsilon C1, Sigma Nu C1 double forfeit.

Independent A

Beer Nuts 87, Delta Sigma Pi 61; Team 3, Dribblers 67 3OT; The Hoser's 121, TCOB 54.

Independent B

St. Andrews Slicers 88, Academic Probation 35; Lil Ed & 't Cruisers 64, Law 1 53; Establishment 109, Finkler's Boyz 63.

Independent C

Squid Row 72, S&D 59; Strange Brew 46, Lucky Draws 44; Just Do Me 77, Demolition 46.

Residence A

Abel 4 A1 71, Abel 11 A2 64 OT; Cather 3 82, Abel 4 A2 44; Abel 11 A1 69, Abel 6 66.

Co-rec volleyball

AB

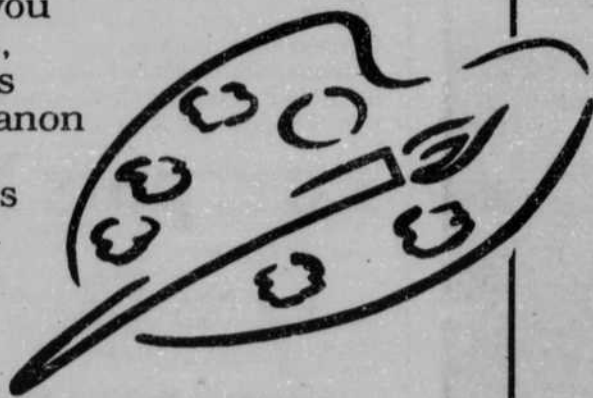
SA Spikers II by forfeit over Triangle; Pi Kappa Phi/KAT 2, Alpha Xi Delta/PDT 0.

BC

The Reprise by forfeit over UNMC-COD; Phi Beta Lambda 2 by forfeit over Joe's Team; FCA 2 2, Sharks & Minnows 1; Cornerstone 2, Pretzel Logic 0.

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