

## Huskers to battle Missouri

By Nick Hytrek  
Staff Reporter

The Nebraska baseball team will be playing a ranked opponent for the second straight week when the Missouri Tigers come to Lincoln this weekend.

The Tigers are ranked 20th by Baseball America.

"We're really anxious to get started with a Big Eight home series," Coach John Sanders said. "We haven't had a conference game at home yet."

Sanders said the team is in high spirits after winning two out of four games at No. 19 Oklahoma State last week. With that series, the Cornhuskers rose to 2-6 in the Big Eight, staying four games behind the Cowboys in the conference race. Nebraska is 25-13 overall.

"We certainly feel that we're right back in it," Sanders said. "There are still 16 games left in the conference and that's a lot of ballgames, so we're in good shape."

Missouri enters the series second in the Big Eight with an 8-4 record, 30-7 overall.

The series will likely be a pitching duel. The Tiger pitchers lead the Big Eight in team ERA at 3.42 and have pitched 11 complete games, including all four games against Iowa State earlier this season. Nebraska is second with a 3.94 ERA.

Sanders said Josh Bullock, 3-3, will start the 7 p.m. game at Buck Beltzer Field. Mike Zajeski, Trey Rutledge and Chris Eckley will start the other games, he said, but he wasn't sure in what order.

The two teams will play two seven-inning games Saturday, starting at 4 p.m. and one nine-inning game Sunday starting at 1 p.m.

## NU softball team to play ISU, MU

Nebraska softball coach Ron Wolforth is seeing two different versions of his team.

The first version he sees is practice. The other is in game situations.

"I see this team practice, and we're good. Our fielding stats rank near the top of the NCAA," Wolforth said. "But there's something missing when we play, and it's hard to put a finger on it."

The Cornhuskers, who are 14-13 after splitting a doubleheader with Wichita State Wednesday, will play two games each against Iowa State and Missouri Saturday and Sunday in Columbia, Mo. The doubleheader scheduled for tonight against Missouri-Kansas City has been rained out.

The Huskers are 0-2 in the Big Eight, with both losses coming to league co-leader Oklahoma State. Missouri is 4-0 in the Big Eight and Iowa State has a 3-1 conference record.

— John Adkisson



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Nebraska's Kevin Miller hurdles an obstacle during the steeplechase.

## Huskers hit the road

By Chuck Green  
Senior Reporter

Cornhusker track and field athletes will be scattered across the country this weekend, but Nebraska coach Gary Pepin is hoping their performances all come together.

Eighteen Huskers — men and women — will travel to Walnut, Calif., for the Mount San Antonio College Relays, while the rest of Nebraska's teams will compete at the Kansas Relays at Lawrence, Kan.

Hundreds of athletes from all over the world will compete at Mount SAC. The athletes are invited to compete in the event, which will be delay-televised by ABC.

"It's a chance for the athletes to compete in a national-class meet, in front of great crowds, at a great facility," Pepin said. "This is the largest group of athletes we've ever taken out there, and I believe you'll see some outstanding marks turned in by our athletes."

In past years, Nebraska has sent only three or four athletes to Mount SAC. This year is different, Pepin said, because the organizers of the meet are paying air fare for the athletes. Until this year, the schools had to pay the way for the athletes.

Three of the Huskers traveling to Mount SAC are California na-

tives. Two-time All-American discus thrower Jeff Hooper and sprinter Jerry Marsee from the men's team and women's hurdler Kwani Stewart will compete in front of their home-state crowds.

Despite the prestige of the Mount SAC meet, Pepin said the Kansas Relays shouldn't be overlooked.

"The Kansas Relays and its rich tradition is well-documented," he said. "The level of competition there will be very high."

Pepin said he wants to see improvement from athletes at both meets.

"The conference meet is still a month away, but it's important that we keep building on the progress we've made the last two weeks," he said. "We've got a lot of areas that we need to continue working in to be ready for the conference meet."

The main concern for Pepin is improving in the technical events, such as the jumps and throws. He said he would also like to see athletes who have a chance at qualifying for the NCAA outdoor championships to have good meets to build confidence and improve technique.

"Right now, it's all like a big puzzle, and we're trying to put the pieces together by a certain deadline. That deadline is the Big Eight and NCAA meets."

## Gymnast's new faith lifts her performance

By Erik Unger  
Staff Reporter

Lisa McCrady said she has had the best year of her gymnastics career this season because she is competing and walking along with someone.

"Last year, I wasn't walking with Christ yet," she said. "I didn't know the meaning of living for Christ."

She said she used to compete just for herself. Competing for herself, she didn't make the individual finals of last year's NCAA women's gymnastics championships, finishing 22nd.

"God taught me a lesson," she said. "Instead of feeling sorry for myself, it made me count on Him."

McCrady has returned to nationals and will compete tonight. She has had an all-around average of 38.77 this season, the highest of her career, and has hit 38.85 four times.

But she will be the only Cornhusker competitor this weekend at Tuscaloosa, Ala., a position she said can be difficult.

McCrady will be competing in the various events along with Alabama. The Crimson Tide has done a lot to make her feel welcome, she said, including sending her a telegram wishing good luck.

"I've got a lot going for me," McCrady said.

Alabama is one of the team favorites. McCrady and the Crimson Tide will end on the floor exercise, McCrady's best individual event. McCrady tied for first on the floor exercise in last season's Midwest Regional with a 9.8.

Nebraska coach Rick Walton said McCrady has had the best season of her career.

"She is more consistent than ever," Walton said. "Last year, there were four or five meets where she was on. This year, there was one meet she wasn't on."

McCrady said a lot of her success has come because she has remained injury-free her full career at Nebraska.

McCrady said she doesn't plan to make any drastic changes in her routines for the NCAAs. Walton said she is working on a double backflip on the final pass of her floor routine and a pike front that she would use on her

## Gymnastics team finishes 7th of 8

From Staff Reports

Plagued by a slow start Thursday night, the Nebraska men's gymnastics team finished seventh out of eight teams in the NCAA championships.

UCLA, Oklahoma and Penn State, the top three teams from Thursday's competition, will compete tonight for the NCAA championship.

"We ended with a respectable score after not doing well in the first half of the meet," Coach Francis Allen said. "Every time we needed something, we had a setback."

Despite the setbacks, the Huskers scored a season-high 282.2 points.

Freshman Dennis Harrison finished 12th in the all-around competition with a season-high 57 points and will advance to Saturday's all-around finals. Harrison will be joined by freshman Sumner Darling, who finished 18th with a season-high 56.3.

Harrison also tied for first in the vault and Brad Bryan tied for eighth in the floor exercise. Both will advance to Saturday night's individual event finals.

second vault.

McCrady said she plans to use her regular routine in the preliminaries, but if she finds herself in the finals, she will incorporate the new tricks.

She said she was going to have a good year even before the season started.

"This year I knew I was in better shape, was in a good position because of new tricks and faster progression, and was more confident.

"This year, I had a full life with Christ," McCrady said.

When she competes tonight, she said, she will have Philippians 4:13 in her head: "I can do anything through Him who gives me strength."

## SPORTS BRIEFS

### Men's tennis to take on struggling CU

The Nebraska men's tennis team is rooting for Colorado to stay in its slump.

"Colorado hasn't been scoring the points they should be," Nebraska coach Kerry McDermott said. "I hope they don't start this weekend."

Nebraska will play at Colorado on Saturday in the Cornhuskers' regular-season finale.

The Huskers' conference title hopes are probably over after a 7-2 loss to Kansas on Sunday.

— Jeff Singer

### Women's tennis eyes winning record

The Nebraska women's tennis team has a chance to end its season with a winning record with a win at Colorado on Saturday. Nebraska is 3-3 in the Big Eight and 6-6 overall.

"I think the match is going to be tough," Nebraska senior Nancy Tyggum said. "We've always struggled going to Colorado."

Tyggum said Nebraska can't play

the Lady Buffs like they played Kansas State on Monday. The Cornhuskers needed a doubles sweep to take a 5-4 victory.

"We sat back on our heels against Kansas State," Tyggum said. "We can't do that against Colorado."

The Huskers will play in the Big Eight championships April 27-28 in Oklahoma City, Okla.

— Jeff Singer

### Fight Night returns to state fairgrounds

Sigma Chi Fight Night will return to the 4-H Building on the state fairgrounds tonight at 7 p.m.

Tickets for Fight Night, which has been held since 1977, cost \$3.50 in advance or \$4 at the door.

## Rec Scoreboard

Results from Tuesday's and Wednesday's games.

### Cc-rec softball

### AB

Chi Phi by forfeit over Volleybatters; SPE/Alpha Omicron Pi 13, Volleybatters 1; FCA 9, Delta Tau Delta 4; LCA/Alpha Chi Omega 9, Pure Athletes 8; Sigma Nu #1 17, LCA and friends 2; SPE/Alpha Omicron Pi 15, Alpha Gamma Sigma/

AZD 0; Beta Sigma Psi 10, Chi Phi 3; Bad Habit 18, Prichard's dry riders 2; ATO/Alpha Phi 24, Jugheads 0; Law 44 11, DU/Kappa Delta 1; Gamma Phi Beta 11, Beta Sigma Psi 5; Alpha Gamma Sigma/AZD 7, Triangle 5; Abel 2 by forfeit over Wranglers; Mustangs by forfeit over Whitebread.

### BC

Goa's Gophers, Knite's Knights

double forfeit; The Trash Cans by forfeit over Beta Theta Pi #1; Goa's Gophers by forfeit over Beta Theta Pi #1; Goa's Gophers 8, Ambassadors 4; Selleck Just for Fun 14, Sigma Chi/Phi Mu 7; Slicers 18, The Dry Keg 2; Abel 8 by forfeit over Delta Upsilon/AOP; Ambassadors 12, Knite's Knights 2; Harper 5 by forfeit over S&D; Demon Bunnies 12, Bigsticks 5; Bruins 13, Bohuns & Babes 5; AgMen 14, Schramm II/BWA 10; Alpha Tau Omega by forfeit over Phi Delta Theta.