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"Every time you have a close game, it's always a little thing that makes the big difference and usually in a crucial situation."

Nebraska now will have the week off for finals and then play Oklahoma in doubleheaders at Buck Beltzer Field on Saturday and Sunday.

**First game Friday**  
Iowa State . . . . . 000 001 000 — 1 8 1  
At Nebraska . . . . . 013 000 01x — 5 11 0  
WP—Bullock (5-3). LP—D. Wengert (6-3). N—Bullock and McKenna; IS—D. Wengert and J. Gonzalez. 2B—N Di-Grandi 2, Hagy.

**Second game Friday**  
Iowa State . . . . . 000 000 1 — 1 4 0

At Nebraska . . . . . 000 002 x — 2 5 0  
WP—Zajeski (6-1). LP—M. Petersen (5-4). IS—M. Petersen and J. Mahoney. N—Zajeski and Arntzen. 2B—IS C. Gronowski. N Anderson. 3B—N Stych. SB—IS E. Krogulski. N Arntzen.

**First game Saturday**  
Iowa State . . . . . 000 001 550 — 11 9 3  
At Nebraska . . . . . 200 010 000 — 3 8 5  
WP—J. Juelsgaard (3-0). LP—Rutledge (5-5). S—S. Nichol (2). IS—J. Juelsgaard, S. Nichol (7) and J. Mahoney, J. Gonzalez (7). N—Rutledge, Matranga (7) and McKenna. 2B—IS T. Vantiger, J. Camelin, C. Gronowski, N Rhein, Buchanan. SB—IS K. Monroe 2, E. Krogulski. N McArn.

**Second game Saturday**  
Iowa State . . . . . 010 001 1 — 3 5 2  
At Nebraska . . . . . 100 001 0 — 2 3 1  
WP—D. Turner (3-3). LP—Bullock (5-4). IS—M. Ruess, S. Nichol (5) D. Turner (6) and T. Mahoney, J. Gonzalez (6). N—Eckley, Bullock (6) and Arntzen. 2B—IS T. Mahoney, N Kulhanek. SB—N Anderson, Buchanan.

# Nebraska's baseball tournament berth depends on four wins against Sooners

By Nick Hytrek  
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This weekend won't be an easy one for the Cornhusker baseball team. Nebraska must win all four games of its series against Oklahoma to qualify for the Big Eight tournament. The top four teams in the standings advance to the tournament.

Nebraska is 8-12 and in sixth place in the seven-team race for the conference title. Should Nebraska fail to qualify, it will be the second time in three years the Huskers have not made it to Oklahoma City for the tournament.

To make matters worse, the Soon-

ers are 36-16 and No. 20 according to the Collegiate Baseball/ESPN ratings. "They have an outstanding club and it will be a tremendous challenge," Nebraska coach John Sanders said.

The Sooners have improved from last season, when they finished last in the Big Eight. But, Sanders said, Oklahoma's turnaround this year is nothing shocking.

"They just had the one bad year," he said. "They're Oklahoma. They've had the foundation for the program laid for years."

Sanders said it is possible for the Huskers to sweep the Sooners, but it will take some work.

The Huskers failed to do so against

Iowa State Saturday and Sunday. In an 11-3 loss on Saturday, Nebraska committed five errors and all of Iowa State's runs were unearned. In the final game of the series, a 3-2 win for Iowa State, an error on a routine ground ball led to the winning run for the Cyclones.

Sanders said it is important that his players don't go into the series looking at all four games at once.

"We'll take Oklahoma one pitch at a time," he said.

The two teams will play doubleheaders at Buck Beltzer Field on Saturday and Sunday, starting at 1 p.m. On Sunday, all mothers will be admitted free of charge for Mother's Day.

# Son, jockey, horse follow instructions

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP) — Nick Zito gave two sets of instructions before the Kentucky Derby — one to his son and one to his jockey.

"Whatever you do, don't watch the Mets, watch the Kentucky Derby," Zito, who trains Strike the Gold, told his 8-year-old son.

Alexander Zito had missed seeing the colt win the Blue Grass Stakes last month because he was watching the Mets play on television.

On Saturday, Alexander saw Chris Antley steer his father's colt six horses wide at the top of the stretch, then gun him home 1 3/4 lengths in front of Best Pal to win the Kentucky Derby.

"You've ridden so many races and won many big races," Zito told Antley before he climbed aboard the son of Ayldar. "You know how to do it. Save all the ground you can. Stay out of trouble. You've got the best horse."

Antley saved ground until he took Strike the Gold outside and out of trouble. "The horse with the good trip always wins this race," Ian Jory, Best Pal's trainer, said Sunday. "In the stretch (Best Pal) just couldn't get through. He couldn't accelerate until it was too late."

Mane Minister, a surprising third in the 16-horse Derby field, and Corporate Report, who was ninth, also are headed to the Preakness.

While Strike the Gold was among the favorites on Saturday, his victory temporarily silenced backers of the Dosage Index, which is based on a breeding-stamina formula. It had been 61 years since a horse with a rating higher than 4 had won the Derby. Strike the Gold was rated at 9, the numbers for a sprinter, not a Derby champion.

Zito was reluctant to talk about the Dosage Index, but Carl Nafzger, trainer of 1990 Derby winner Unbridled, wasn't.

"Nick and I agree on a lot of things, but on this we're dead certain," Nafzger said. "The Dosage Index doesn't work."

"I'll tell you one thing the Dosage Index is good for. If you've got some yo-yo who wants to buy a horse, and you've got some sorry son-of-a-gun of a horse you want to sell, then it works."

"You've got to have the horse," trainer Ron McAnally said. "Forget about the dosage and the figures. Strike the Gold deserved to win. He's an up-and-coming horse."

Strike the Gold earned 10 points toward the Triple Crown Challenge \$1 million bonus.

The winner of each Triple Crown race gets 10 points, with five points for second, three for third and one for fourth. A horse must run in all three races to be eligible.

Should Strike the Gold become the 12th Triple Crown winner and the first since Affirmed in 1978, he would earn \$5 million, which includes the purses from the three races.



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			Win	Place	Show
1 Strike the Gold	Chris Antley	—	\$11.60	\$6.20	\$5.40
2 Best Pal	Gary Stevens	1 3/4		\$6.40	\$5.40
3 Mane Minister	Alex Solis	2			\$25.60
4 Green Alligator	Corey Nakatani		Exacta: 4-10, \$73.40		
5 Fly So Free	Jose Santos		Total purse:		
6 Quintana	Angel Cordero Jr.		\$905,800		
7 Paulrus	Shane Sellers		Winner's share:		
8 Sea Cadet	Chris McCarron		\$655,800		
9 Corporate Report	Pat Day		Winning time: 2:03.0		
10 Hansel	Jerry Bailey		● Hansel became the 12th consecutive beaten Derby favorite, finishing 10th.		
11 Happy Jazz Band	Cash Asmussen		● 3.8 seconds off Derby record of 1:59.2 set by Secretariat with Ron Turcotte up in 1973		
12 Lost Mountain	Herb McCauley				
13 Another Review	Art Madrid Jr.				
14 Alydavid	Corey Black				
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