

Jayhawks stop Huskers' bid for baseball sweep

By Peter Theoharis
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Kansas burst out of a three-game offensive slump as the Jayhawks rolled over Nebraska 10-3 to win the fourth game of the four-game Big Eight Conference series between the two teams.

The 18-8, 3-1 Cornhuskers were able to take the first three games of the series, and they could have jumped out to a 4-0 conference mark to avenge what the Jayhawks had done to Nebraska last year. Kansas swept the 1991 series in Lawrence, Kan.

But Jayhawks Darryl Monroe, Kent Mahon and John Wuycheck greeted Nebraska starter Jason Beauchamp with three hits to start the game. The first five Jayhawks reached base as Kansas grabbed a 3-0 lead after one inning.

Beauchamp was relieved in the second inning for the Huskers as Kansas went on to score four runs in the same inning and two in the third.

The Jayhawks improved to 16-11 overall and 2-6 in the conference.

Nebraska Coach John Sanders said Beauchamp was ready for Monday's start despite picking up the win in Friday's game.

"(Beauchamp) said he is better with two days rest than three or four," Sanders said. "Sinker and slider guys are usually better with two days rest."

The sinker and slider pitches that Beauchamp uses make him very similar to Kansas starter Curtis Schmidt, Sanders said. The right-hander Schmidt, 4-2, pitched a complete game nine hitter.

"(Schmidt) is a below the bats guy," Sanders said. "He lives and dies with the sinker. He gives his fielders chances to make routine plays. They bounced back from three games and he gave them a chance to do that."

John Wuycheck provided the big bat for Kansas. The first baseman went 3-for-5 with five RBI in keeping Nebraska from completing the four-game sweep, which Sanders said was in the back of his team's mind.

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"(You) look and say 3-1, that's not bad, but that's not what we are looking for. The point gets down to when you have a three-game run you are looking at a one-game series and (the loss) is disappointing."

With Kansas leading 9-0 going into the bottom of the third inning, Nebraska got started with two runs.

Jed Dalton and Dale Hagy both scored in the inning with Hagy's single, which was the only hit the Huskers had.

Kansas went on to add a run in the seventh, which Nebraska answered with a run of its own as Dalton scored on an error by Jayhawk second baseman David Soult.

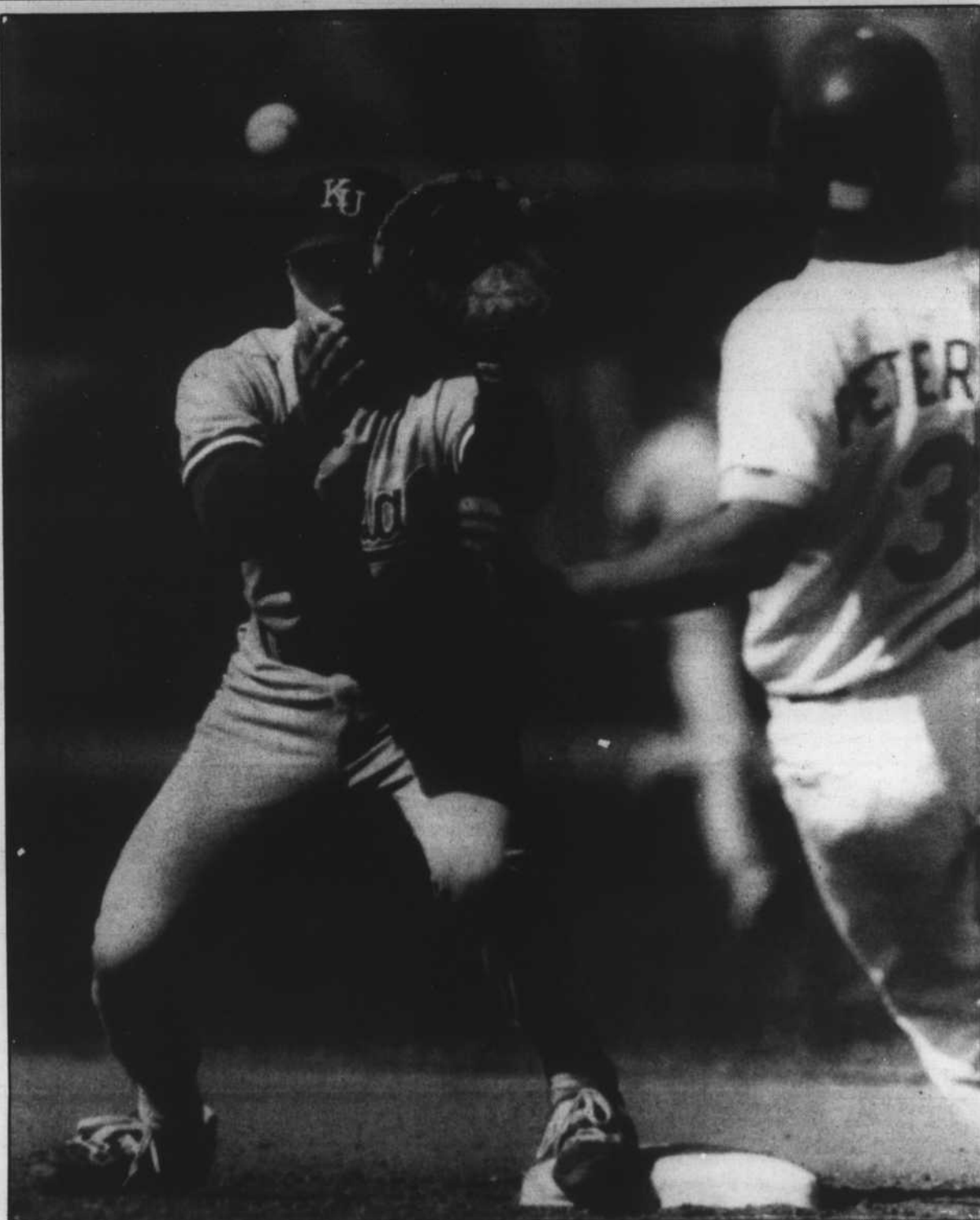
Schmidt went on to set the Huskers down quietly in the eight and ninth innings.

The loss kept the Huskers from tying Oklahoma State atop the Big Eight standings. The Cowboys started off their conference schedule by sweeping Missouri March 20-22.

"We were so close to jumping on top," Sanders said.

Sanders said he believes the conference race will be wide open this season.

"(It) looks like parity again," Sanders said. "The fact that Kansas State can get a game won (over Oklahoma), proves that."



Nebraska shortstop Darin Petersen attempts to advance to second base, but Kansas shortstop Arturo Ayala tags him out. Nebraska's record fell to 18-8, and 3-1 in the Big Eight with the loss to the Jayhawks.

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UNL women's tennis team shines through rain to win 2 out of 3 duals in 'sunny' California

By Jeff Singer
Staff Reporter

FULLERTON, Calif. — Rain dampened the courts but not the spirits of the Nebraska women's tennis team as the Cornhuskers won two of the three duals they played over Spring Break in unusually wet weather in Southern California.

Nebraska opened its week in the Golden State with a 9-0 loss to the University of California at Irvine, but rebounded the following day to defeat both Oregon and Cal-State Fullerton. The Huskers scheduled match against Long Beach State was canceled due to rain.

Nebraska was supposed to open its week against Oregon in Los Angeles, but California's answer to its drought delayed the Huskers' match against the Ducks for two days.

NU men's tennis team places 15th in tournament

By Jeff Singer
From Staff Reports

IRVINE, Calif. — The Nebraska men's tennis team gave Brown University all it could handle over Spring Break, but that was all the Cornhuskers could accomplish during competition in California.

After defeating Wichita State 5-4 in a pre-Break match in Wic-

Nebraska was forced to play Oregon in the morning and follow that with a 30-mile drive to a dual against Cal-State Fullerton that afternoon.

The Huskers defeated the Ducks 5-4 and went on to beat the Titans 7-2, ending their Spring Break with a winning record.

Nebraska coach Scott Jacobson said he was impressed with his team's effort in netting the wins.

"Having to play two matches in the same day is difficult and a lot of tennis," Jacobson said. "I was impressed that the team still had a lot of fight in them against Fullerton."

The Huskers split their singles matches with Oregon, as No. 1 player Zarina Galvan, No. 3 Ann Flannery and No. 5 Heidi Junius all came away with victories. Doubles

wins by No. 1 tandem Flannery and Rachel Collins and No. 2 pair Galvan and Frauke Hachtmann clinched the Nebraska victory.

Junius said she didn't know if she would be able to be competitive later in the day against Cal-State Fullerton following her matches against Oregon.

"My feet were hurting and I had blisters and thought I didn't want to do this," Junius said. "But it was weird, I got my second wind and didn't think it was that bad."

Junius and her teammates proved the only thing that was bad was the Titans' play, as the Huskers won the bottom four singles matches with Flannery, Collins, Junius and Tina Coutretsis, as well as sweeping all three doubles matches for the victory.

Flannery and Collins again won at No. 1 doubles, as did Nebraska's

new doubles teams of No. 2 Galvan and Junius and No. 3 Hachtmann and Jane Startin.

Jacobson said the duals over Spring Break were vital for his team for the rest of the season.

"These matches were essential," Jacobson said. "Hopefully we now have more confidence and less nervous tension and that will be helpful in preparing us for Big Eight."

The Husker coach said the weather was disappointing, but it still was better than playing in Nebraska.

"The weather for California was as bad as it gets for out there, but the important thing was we still got to play outside," Jacobson said.

Nebraska, 3-2, will open its Big Eight season this weekend when it plays host to conference rivals Iowa State and Colorado.

hita, Kan., the Huskers traveled to California to split their dual matches and finish 15th in the 16-team UC-Irvine Team Tournament.

Nebraska lost to Dartmouth 5-2 and followed that effort with a 5-4 win over the Brown Bears before playing in the tourney.

The Huskers opened the tournament by getting blanked 9-0 by the host Anteaters and followed that

effort with a 5-0 loss to Big Eight rival Colorado and a 2-5 loss to the University of Nevada at Las Vegas.

Nebraska rebounded from the losses to once again defeat Brown, this time 5-1, and salvage 15th place in the tourney.

Nebraska coach Kerry McDermott said many positives came out of the Huskers' trip.

"I said if we win three matches

it would be a good trip for us, so we reached our goal there," McDermott said. "The guys are used to outdoors now, so it was good experience in preparation for this weekend."

The 6-7 Huskers will open their Big Eight season this weekend, as they host Iowa State on Friday and will try to avenge last week's loss to Colorado when they play the Buffaloes on Saturday.

Men's swimming, diving team takes 27th in tourney

From Staff Reports

The Nebraska men's swimming and diving team finished 27th in the NCAA Championships, which took place last Thursday through Saturday.

Cornhusker coach Cal Bentz said he was pleased with the team's scoring.

"We scored twice as many points as we did a year ago with half as many people," Bentz said.

William Campbell finished his career at Nebraska with two All-America honors.

Campbell placed 11th in the 400-meter individual medley with a time of 3:52.09, and 12th in the 200 breaststroke with a time of 1:59.97, which set a new Husker and Big Eight record.

Bentz said he was impressed with Campbell's effort.

"He swam his personal best in the preliminaries, and bettered his place in the final," Bentz said.

Diver Kevin McMahon placed 10th in the 1-meter event with a score of 467.5 points in his first NCAA competition.

McMahon's performance also gave him All-America honors in the event. He then competed in the 3-meter diving event and finished 27th with 426.30 points.

Husker diver John Arcaroli also competed in the 3-meter event and finished 34th with 373.90 points.

Nebraska swimmer Seddon Keyter competed and placed 18th in the 50 freestyle (20.26), and 24 in the 100 freestyle (44.61), but did not score any points.