

Bush bounces first pitch as baseball season opens

By the Associated Press

Yes, it's opening day! President Bush made his pitch on the East Coast and Nolan Ryan started his 26th campaign out West. Jack Morris and the Minnesota Twins picked up where they left off, and a bunch of new players were in new places. So were the Baltimore Orioles.

Baseball began the season Monday at 1:09 p.m. EDT in Tiger Stadium, where Devon White fouled off the first pitch from Bill Gullickson. Four minutes later, the first run scored when 40-year-old Dave Winfield singled.

In sold-out stadiums all over, there was bunting — the red, white and blue kind in the upper decks, the suicide-squeeze style on the field — and there was plenty of optimism.

A crowd of 44,568, including President Bush, showed up in Baltimore to see the Oriole Park at Camden Yards, which is the newest stadium in the major leagues.

The ballpark blends modern-day amenities with old-time flavor, featuring the city skyline beyond center

field, a bricked, 94-year-old warehouse beyond right and a 25-foot scoreboard built into the right-field wall.

"This Camden Yards, it is beautiful," Bush said. "It was great, it was a great day and a wonderful, friendly crowd and a magnificent tribute to Baltimore."

Bush began the day by bouncing the ceremonial first pitch.

"I wanted to keep it away. Down and out as they say," Bush said.

The president also spent some of the afternoon in the television booth, doing a little play-by-play as Billy Ripken grounded out to shortstop.

"What do we got. One-and-one. Here comes the pitch ... gettin' ready ... here it comes ... and he's down there to the shortstop, and out he goes. Six-to-three. Easy play," Bush said.

Rick Sutcliffe was the real star of the day in Baltimore, pitching a 2-0 shutout in his first game with the Orioles. Sutcliffe was one of several top names to switch teams in an off-season.

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catcher Jeff Murphy scored Test to make the score 3-2.

Izumi retired the next two Wildcat batters to end the Wayne State third, which proved to be the visitor's only threat of the game.

The Huskers added two insurance runs in the fourth inning as Petersen singled with one out. After Garcia flied out to center, McGuire and Hagy hit back-to-back doubles to give Nebraska a 5-2 lead.

The Huskers added single runs in the fifth and sixth and two more in the seventh to complete the scoring.

Jeff Bjerke suffered the pitching loss for the Wildcats as Wayne State's record dropped to 15-11 on the season.

The Huskers improved their season mark to 21-11 with the win.

After the game, Husker Coach John Sanders was pleased with his team's performance.

"We played good, solid aggressive baseball for 9 innings," Sanders said.

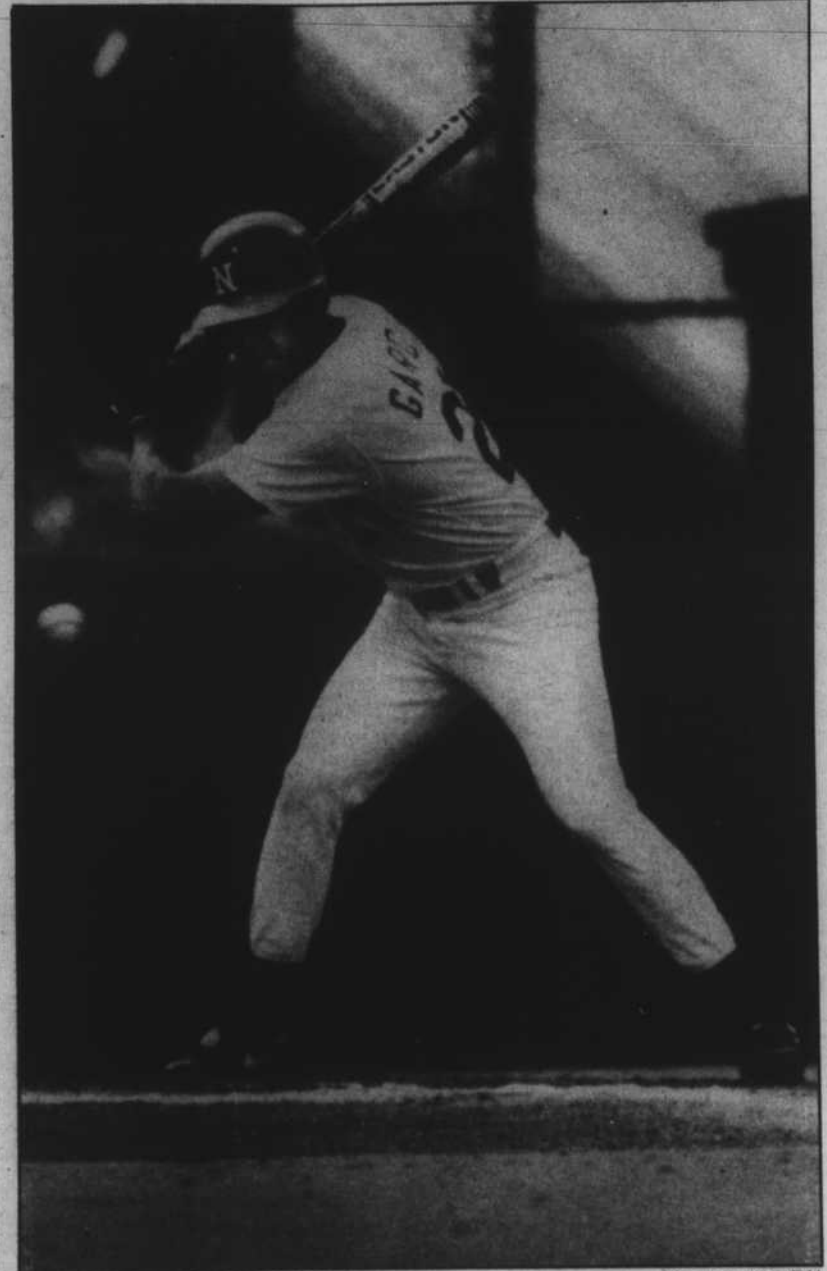
The Huskers were also able to get some players more playing time with a comfortable lead, which pleased Sanders.

"It's good to get a lot of people involved in the game, and it's only going to make us better," Sanders said.

The Huskers will continue their current home stand with one game against Washburn on Wednesday before returning to Big Eight play against Oklahoma State at Buck Beltzer this weekend.

Coach Sanders said that the Huskers are looking forward to getting back to Big Eight play this weekend and hope they can return to conference play with some momentum.

"It's Big Eight time again after the game Wednesday and we're looking forward to playing Oklahoma State here," Sanders said.



Staci McKee/DN

Nebraska center fielder James Garcia lets a ball pass over home plate during the game against Wayne State College. Garcia, who replaced the injured Marc Sagmoen, scored the first run of the game.

Football lottery to be this week

From Staff Reports

The 1992 Student Season Football Ticket spring lottery will take place this week, Assistant Ticket Manager Cindy Bell said.

Applications may be turned in each day from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the South Stadium Ticket Office.

Only full-time students are eligible to apply, but student identification is not needed. All students, regardless of registration status, are eligible to

apply for tickets after Friday until Aug. 25.

If applying for group seating, the ticket office will require all groups of 20 or more to register their affiliation with the office at the time of registration. This requirement was decided upon too late to include on posters and applications.

The price for the six-game package is \$48 for regular student tickets and \$128 for spouse tickets.

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Cornhusker tournament guest thwarted by Sooners, Kansas

By Susie Arth
 Staff Reporter

The Nebraska softball team came home from the Big Eight Round Robin in Stillwater, Okla., empty-handed.

The Cornhuskers, who lost twice to both Oklahoma and Kansas, dropped to 8-19 on the season and 0-4 in conference play.

Nebraska coach Ron Wolforth said in an interview last week that he had hoped the Huskers could have come home with a split, and an 0-4 weekend would be disappointing.

Wolforth said the losses did not create a must-win situation for his team, but he hoped the losses would call the team to action.

The Huskers started the weekend off with a 6-2 loss to Oklahoma Saturday. Emily Mannon picked up the loss and fell to 3-7 on the season.

The Huskers then lost to Kansas 3-2 in their second game of the tournament. The Jayhawks scored two runs off Nebraska's Lisa Shandy in the first inning, and added another run in the fourth.

The Huskers rallied in the fifth inning by scoring two runs off RBI hits by Amy Erlenbusch and Khara Trenka. But the Sooners held their 3-2 lead for the rest of the game.

The Huskers' misfortunes continued into Sunday's play when they lost both games by one run each.

In the opening game, Jayhawk pitcher Dayna Garcia allowed only one Husker hit.

Shandy, who allowed only one run, picked up the loss as the Jayhawks scored the only run of the game in the second inning.

Against the Sooners, Husker Ann Halsne collected three of the team's six hits, but the Huskers could manage only one run. Oklahoma defeated the Huskers by scoring two runs off Shandy.

Shandy's record fell to 5-11 after her three losses in the tournament.

The Huskers' next game will be Wednesday at 5 p.m. against Wichita State at the NU Softball Complex.

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Sunday Results

Co-Rec Softball

DN Spirit 6, Raging Hippers 3; Political Science 10, DN Spirit 8; AZD/Phi Gamma Delta wbf over Acacia; Tau Kappa Epsilon wbf over Farmhouse C2; Abel 10 10, Abel 8 0; Sigma Phi Epsilon/Alpha Omega Pi 22, Kappa Delta/Sigma Nu 2; UNMC College of Dentistry 16, Political Science 6; For the Heck of It 18, Raging Hippers 9; Farmhouse C1 wbf over Chi Phi; Theta Xi/Alpha Delta Pi 11, Alpha Gamma Rho #2 5; Burr Beer Nuts wbf over SAM & The Grand Slams; Demon Bunnies 19, For the Heck of It 15; Demon Bunnies 18, UNMC College of Dentistry 15; Alpha Gamma Rho 1 21, Beta Sigma Psi 11; Kappa Sigma/Phi Mu #1 15, AGS & Some Girls B2 0; Slicers 9, Kappa Sigma/Phi Mu #2 8;

Alpha Gamma Sigma/Delta Gamma B1 11, Talent on Loan From Gwd 1; Who's On First 12, Alpha Gamma Sigma/Delta Gamma B1 10; Alpha Chi Omega/LCA 8, Gabe's Gang 6; Them One Guys wbf over Chicks & Sticks; Triangle 13, The Players 10; Pretzel Logic 9, Delta Sigma Pi 6; BC Boys 14, Kappa Sigma/Phi Mu #2 9; Slicers 9, Tri Delta/Delta Tau Delta 7; Who's on First 9, Block & Bridle 1; Talent on Loan From God 8, Magnum PR 3 2; Alpha Phi/Alpha Tau Omega wbf over Abel 6; Goat Breath 8, Really Rot-tens 1; Schramm 4 10, Sigma Alpha Epsilon/Delta Gamma 6; Babes & Brawn 10, CD Crew 7; Rolling Thunder wbf over Alcoholics; The Ambassadors 5, Sandoz 3 3; The Beavers 13, Selleck 8200 3; Bluejays 14, Magnum PR3 13; Block & Bridle 5, Bluejays 3; Sigma Phi Epsilon/Dappa Alpha Theta wbf over Delta Tau Delta/Chi Omega; Alpha Phi/Alpha Tau Omega 15, WBB/SA 10.

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