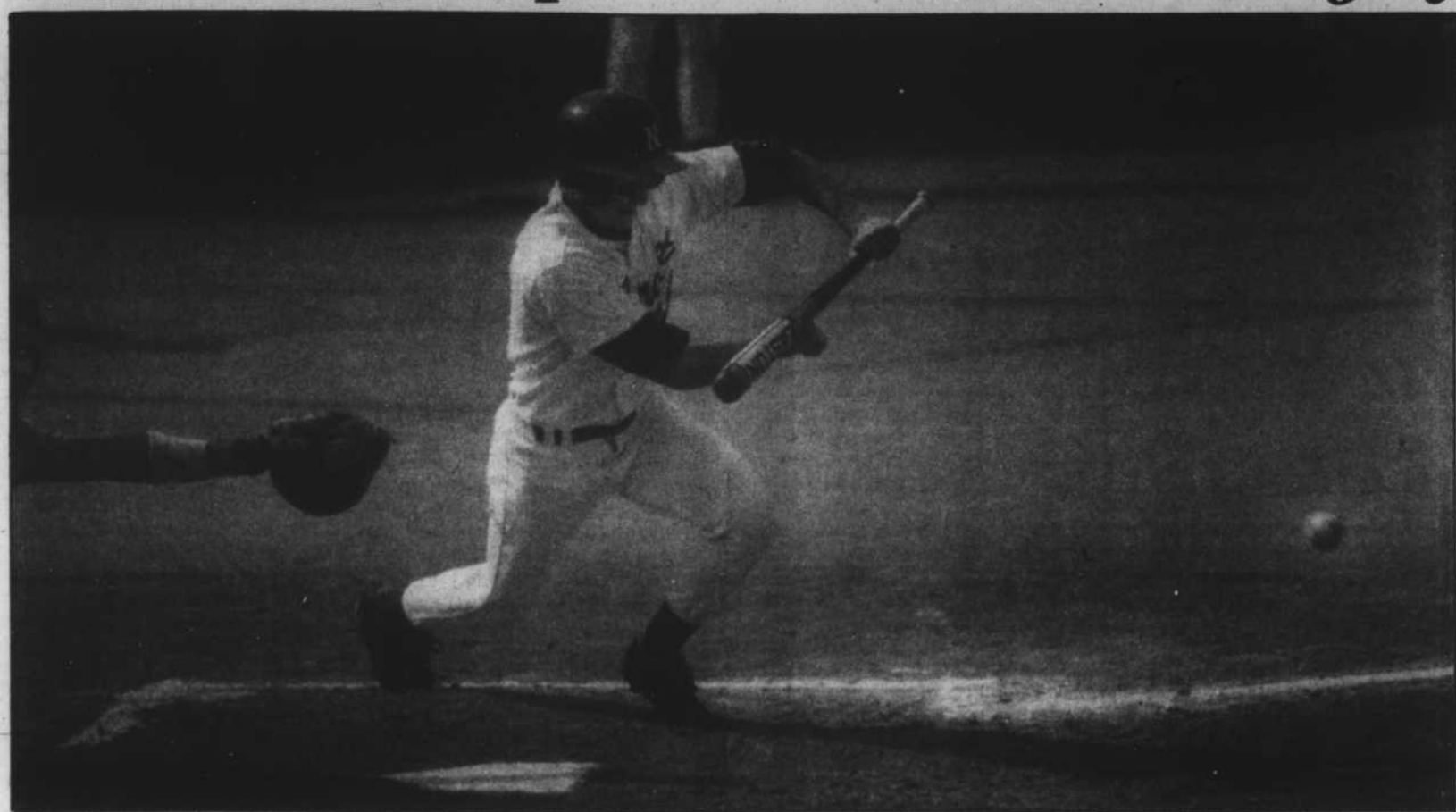


# NU to attempt reversal of Bluejay fortune



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Nebraska's Jed Dalton puts down a bunt against Washburn last week. The Cornhuskers will travel to Omaha today to play Creighton. The Bluejays won the first meeting between the two teams this season 19-1.

## Rhythm, scoring vital, coach says

By Peter Theoharis  
Staff Reporter

Nebraska's baseball team takes its show on the road for the first time since March when it travels to Omaha to play Creighton today at 3 p.m.

The last time the 24-13 Cornhuskers were on the road was March 16-21 when they played in the Pepsi/Johnny Quick Classic in Fresno, Calif.

Creighton is coming off a successful weekend in which it won two of three games from then-No. 1 Wichita State.

The Bluejays' success over the weekend has pushed them up 14 spots to No. 15 in this week's Collegiate Baseball ratings. The Bluejays are ranked 20th by Baseball America.

"They've won some big games," Husker coach John Sanders said. "They've done a good job recently."

Nebraska experienced some success of its own last weekend as it split a four-game series with Oklahoma State.

The showing against the Cowboys did not go without some deep scars being left on the Husker roster, though. Outfielder Korty Kulhanek injured

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## Tennis player's return ends set of problems

### Flannery competitive after dismal season

By Jeff Singer  
Staff Reporter

What a difference a year makes. That statement couldn't be any closer to the truth for Nebraska tennis player Ann Flannery.

Heading into the final weekend of Big Eight competition, Flannery is in contention for both a singles and doubles conference title.

It is a complete reversal of fortunes for Flannery.

Last season she competed at No. 2 singles for the Cornhuskers and finished the season with a 1-6 Big Eight record and a 6-18 mark overall. Flannery capped that season with a seventh-place finish at the Big Eight Championships, winning only one match to avoid ending the season in the conference basement.

"Last year, everything that could go wrong did go wrong," Flannery said. "It was embarrassing and humiliating coming off of the court each time."

Flannery said a combination of problems with last year's coach Bob Hampton and internal fighting among teammates led to her troubles on the court.

"Last year I couldn't handle all those problems and was mentally freaked out," Flannery said. "I was having major confidence problems and couldn't even remember how to hit the ball."

Another factor that helped add salt to Flannery's wounds came last August. When the Husker thought her problems were behind her, she tore four ligaments in her ankle. She was forced to sit out the majority of the fall season to recuperate.

But 1991 is a distant memory for both Flannery and her Nebraska teammates, Flannery said.

A new coach in Scott Jacobson, a more cohesive team and a healthy ankle have helped the junior from San Antonio to a 3-1 conference record to accompany her 8-2 overall mark at No. 3 singles.

"With the backing I've received from my teammates and coach, I've gotten more confidence and can forget last year's nightmare," Flannery said.

Flannery said her success this season had come from her ability to stay focused on the court.

"I've learned it doesn't matter what my opponents do, it just matters what goes on in my head," Flannery said. "As long as I'm not

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## Women golfers take third in invite

By Robert Birkeland  
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After leading for the first two rounds, the Nebraska women's golf team shot a disappointing final round and finished third in the Husker Invitational at Pioneers Golf Course.

The Cornhuskers went into Tuesday's final round with a three-shot lead but were edged out by one stroke by Memphis State.

The Tigers finished the 54-hole tournament with a score of 949, nipping Nebraska and Iowa State.

Iowa State and Nebraska tied at 950, but the Cyclones were awarded second place because of lower individual scores.

Northern Illinois finished in fourth at 959 and Wisconsin was fifth at 960. Missouri-Kansas City and Creighton also competed.

Nebraska coach Robin Scherer-Krapfl said she was disappointed in her team's showing.

"I thought we had the talent, and playing on your home course you would like to win," Krapfl said.

Northern Illinois' Kim Hodge was the medalist with a score of 228, two shots ahead of Erica Narowitz from Wisconsin and Memphis State's Stephanie Landers.

Ann Guiberson, a senior from Colorado Springs, was the Huskers' top finisher. Guiberson tied for fourth at 231.

Krapfl said Guiberson has had an excellent spring and has been the team leader the whole season.

Nebraska's Joanne Brooks, a senior from Tauranga, New Zealand, won the Husker Invitational last year but finished seventh this year with a score of 233. Stephanie Flood, who was in fourth place after the first two rounds, finished ninth with a 236.

Krapfl said she was pleased with Nebraska's play, and that the third-place finish wasn't necessarily due to poor play by the Huskers.

"It was a very competitive field," she said. "My team played really well."

The Huskers' showing should give them momentum for the rest of the season, especially for the Big Eight Championships April 27-28 in Manhattan, Kan., she said.

"I feel very positive going into the Big Eight meet," she said. "I think we have an excellent shot."



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Nebraska's Stephanie Hupp uses a little body English on a shot on the 12th hole Tuesday at the Husker Invitational at Pioneers Golf Course. Hupp finished the tournament tied for 24th. Memphis State won the 54-hole tournament and Nebraska finished third.

## NU softball team wins tourney

From Staff Reports

The Nebraska softball team defeated Creighton 3-1 Tuesday in Omaha to win the Creighton Invitational.

The tournament was run Saturday and Sunday but was halted Sunday because of cold weather.

Nebraska, 3-1 in the tournament and 15-20 overall, was led by Misti

Guenther who had two hits and one run batted in. It was Nebraska's seventh win in its past eight games.

Cornhusker freshman pitcher Emily Mannon picked up the win to improve her record to 5-7. Lisa Shandy pitched two innings of hitless relief to record her third save.

Huskers Kris Vucurevic and Shaq Sloan were named to the all-tournament team.