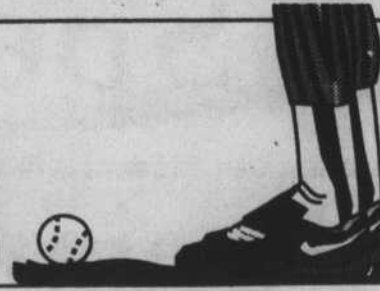


BASEBALL STANDINGS



AMERICAN

| | W | L | Pct | GB | L10 |
|-------------------|---|---|-------|-------|-----|
| New York Yankees | 6 | 0 | 1.000 | - | 6-0 |
| Toronto Blue Jays | 6 | 1 | .857 | 1/2 | 6-1 |
| Baltimore Orioles | 3 | 4 | .429 | 3 1/2 | 3-4 |
| Boston Red Sox | 2 | 4 | .333 | 4 | 2-4 |
| Milwaukee Brewers | 2 | 4 | .333 | 4 | 2-4 |
| Cleveland Indians | 2 | 5 | .289 | 4 1/2 | 2-5 |
| Detroit Tigers | 1 | 6 | .143 | 5 1/2 | 1-6 |

NATIONAL

| | W | L | Pct | GB | L10 |
|--------------------|---|---|------|-------|-----|
| Oakland Athletics | 6 | 1 | .857 | - | 6-1 |
| Texas Rangers | 6 | 2 | .750 | 1/2 | 6-2 |
| Chicago White Sox | 5 | 2 | .714 | 1 | 5-1 |
| Minnesota Twins | 3 | 3 | .500 | 2 1/2 | 3-3 |
| California Angels | 3 | 4 | .429 | 3 | 3-4 |
| Seattle Mariners | 3 | 5 | .375 | 3 1/2 | 3-5 |
| Kansas City Royals | 0 | 7 | .000 | 6 | 0-7 |

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Early results 'could' mislead

The major league baseball season might only be one week old, but some very interesting things have happened. And, as a lot of people seem to think, these are major developments upon which the rest of the season will hinge.

It could just be the excitement of a new season that makes people lose their minds when their favorite team wins three games in a row, thinking they're on the way to the pennant. They fail to realize that a three-game lead at the end of April doesn't translate into a 15-game lead in August.

A lot of fans fall into the trap of getting too excited during the first month of the season. They lose sight of the fact that the season is 162 games long and that what happens in April may have little bearing on what happens in September.

One can look at the events of the first week and wonder just what they mean, or if they mean anything at all. Is it fair to speculate that the developments of this first week will mean anything after say, the third week?

Throughout the history of baseball, fans spend a major portion of the first part of the season thinking "What if?", "Will they be able to keep it going?" and my personal favorite — the "ifs" and "coulds" you always hear from some overzealous baseball statistics freak who thinks those inflated numbers of the first week will last throughout the entire season.

So, for those of you who get too caught up in April's action, here are a few "ifs" and "coulds" for you.

If the Kansas City Royals keep up their present pace, they will get the first pick in the draft, providing they

didn't trade that to the Mets along with Bret Saberhagen.

Is it safe to assume Bucky Showalter will be the American League manager of the year if the New York Yankees keep winning at this unbelievable rate?

If the Yankees stop winning and

If the Mets don't climb out of the cellar in the National League East, their fans will be more than a little angry.

The Chicago Cubs could have a chance to play in the World Series this season, but then again, they do every year at this time.

You could hear thousands of baseball purists swear that there shouldn't be night baseball at Wrigley Field.

If the Baltimore Orioles win the pennant this year, some people could say Baltimore's new ballpark had something to do with it.

Nolan Ryan could pitch another no-hitter this season.

Jeff Johnson could, too. Wade Boggs could win the American League batting title again.

If the Detroit Tigers had a better pitching staff, they wouldn't have to rely on Cecil Fielder to hit more than 40 home runs every year.

If some team of losers suddenly starts winning, you could see a lot of fans jumping on the bandwagon, claiming to be a lifetime fan of that team.

A big-name player could be traded in the middle of the season for a pitcher you've never heard of and a player to be named later.

Some player who is making \$2 million a year will whine that he is underpaid and unappreciated.

Any one of 26 teams could win the world series this year if they win enough games.

It could be a great season to watch major league baseball if people stopped making idiotic speculations in April.

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start losing, could we also assume Showalter will be fired?

Any team with a losing record could see its manager get the axe. You could even see teams with winning records fire their managers.

Oakland's Mark McGwire has hit five home runs in his first seven games. If he keeps up that pace he'll hit 115 this season, easily breaking Roger Maris' record of 61.

Will Clark of San Francisco is hitting .476. Even if his batting performance drops off a little, he could become the first person to finish the season with a batting average higher than .400 since Ted Williams hit .406 in 1941.

Seven National League pitchers have 2-0 records or better. Six American League pitchers are 2-0. If this keeps up, we could see the closest race for the Cy Young Award in years.

If Deion Sanders continues to hit .433 and hit a triple every other game (he has four already), he could tell the Atlanta Falcons to retire his football helmet and stick with playing baseball for the Braves.

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his knee in a play at third base on Saturday. His injury, along with fellow outfielder Jed Dalton's back injury, has left a hole in the Husker lineup.

Catcher Jeff Lesniewicz played in the outfield for the remainder of the series, but Sanders said he expected Kulhanek and Dalton to return soon.

"Jed is a little better, and I think he has shown improvement," Sanders said. "Korty is fine, too. Both will be available, if 100 percent (recovered).

"Our trainer Kerry Mullinax should get the Red Badge of Courage for his work."

Besides injuries to Kulhanek and Dalton, the Huskers have also lost Marc Sagmoen for the season with a broken wrist.

The last time the Huskers and 22-10-1 Bluejays met, Nebraska took it on the chin in a 19-1 loss in Lincoln.

Since that time, Creighton has won six of eight games, while the Huskers are 6-4 over that period.

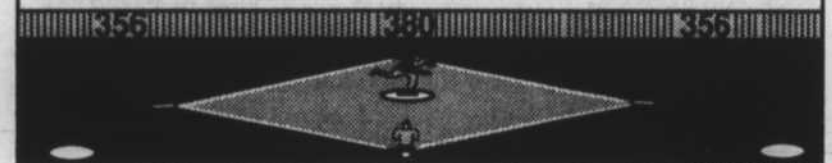
An improved offense may lead to better fortunes for the Huskers, Sanders said.

Nebraska-Creighton Series Notes

All-Time: Nebraska leads 37-24-1

This season: Creighton won 19-1 April 1 in Lincoln. Mike Zajeski took the loss for the Huskers.

Last weekend: Nebraska split a four-game series with nationally-ranked Oklahoma State while Creighton won two of three games against No. 2 Wichita State.



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"We need to score more runs this time," Sanders said. "We also need to get into a good playing rhythm.

"This is a situation where we need to really get after it."

Sanders said the Huskers would use several pitchers against a Creighton team that is batting .292 collectively.

Chad McConnell is the top offensive threat for the Bluejays. The jun-

ior outfielder is batting .418 with nine home runs and 43 runs batted in. McConnell also has stolen 17 bases, while being caught once.

Bob Langer's .352 mark is the next highest for Creighton.

On the defensive side, the Bluejay pitching staff has a 3.77 earned run average, while limiting opponents to a .253 batting average.

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Reception to follow Sheldon Sculpture Garden

Complimentary tickets, required for admission, will be available beginning April 15 at the Lied Center Box Office.

Flannery

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thinking, I play good tennis."

Flannery has also excelled in doubles, as she has teamed with the Huskers' top doubles player Rachel Collins to make up Nebraska's No. 1 tandem. The pair is 3-1 in Big Eight play and is the frontrunner for the conference title to be competed for in Kansas City, Mo., later this month.

Collins said Flannery deserved a lot of credit for the twosome's success so far.

"She's (Flannery) got a lot of strengths and is a good person to play with," Collins said. "She's helped me to become a better tennis player."

Flannery's turnaround has contributed to Nebraska's success on the court this year.

The Huskers are 5-5 overall this season, and after last weekend's 5-4 upset over Oklahoma — in which Flannery won 6-0, 6-3 at singles —

Nebraska's Big Eight team title hopes remained alive.

Jacobson said a successful Big Eight season would be a distant memory without Flannery.

"We're not the same team without her," Jacobson said. "She's had to overcome a lot of adversity, which makes her strides more remarkable."

Flannery's remarkable strides aren't limited to the court. The speech communications major has a 3.90 grade-point average and is a first-team academic All-Big Eight selection.

Last Sunday, Flannery also received the Highest Honors Award given to selected Nebraska student-athletes for their contributions on and off the playing surfaces.

Flannery said she felt successful when things were going well on the court and in the classroom.

"I'm happy when I'm being the best tennis player I can be and learning the most that I can," she said.

"So far, it's been great."



Co-Rec Softball

1. Kappa Sigma/Phi Mu #1 (6-0)
2. Painful Extractors (4-0)
3. Sigma Phi Epsilon/Alpha Omicron Pi (4-1)
4. Beavers (5-1)
5. Them One Guys (4-1)
6. Slicers (5-1)
7. Pound 8 & Co. (5-1)
8. Pure Athletes (4-1)
9. 69ers (4-2)
10. Bluejays (5-2)

Indoor Soccer

1. NU Tennis (4-0)
 2. Delta Upsilon-A (4-0)
 3. Alpha Tau Omega-A (5-0)
 4. Piper 2 (6-0)
 5. W La Topa (5-1)
 6. The Machine (3-1)
 7. Roscoe Pounders (3-1)
 8. Sigma Alpha Epsilon-A (4-1)
 9. Farmhouse-B (5-1)
 10. Alpha Tau Omega-B (5-0)
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