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Nebraska catcher Jeff Murphy whips his mask off to get the ball at Oklahoma State batter Lou Lucca's feet. The Cornhuskers will go on the road for the first time in their Big Eight schedule when they play Missouri this weekend.

## Oregon trail to lead NU to 'big' meet, coach says

By John Gardner  
Staff Reporter

The Nebraska track and field teams head to the rainy and moderate weather of the Pacific Northwest this weekend to compete in one of their toughest meets of the season.

The Cornhuskers will make their second appearance at the Pepsi Invitational at Hayward Field on the University of Oregon campus in Eugene, Ore.

The host of the meet is Oregon, a collegiate track and field power.

Other teams competing in the meet include Washington and Northern Arizona.

Coach Gary Pepin said he and his teams were excited about this meet — especially about the chance to compete against Oregon.

"Oregon always has one of the best teams in the nation," he said. "They have everything. They have one of the best facilities in the world. They have great athletes and excellent crowd support, some of the best in the country."

Pepin also said this meet would be extremely important for his teams.

"Outside of the conference meet, this may be our biggest meet of the season," Pepin said. "It will give us a chance to see athletes who are not in the Big Eight and are of national caliber."

And it's vital for his teams to be at their best, he said.

"We'll need to have real good, competitive efforts in a meet like this," Pepin said. "A lot of the kids will be doubling, tripling up, even running in four events. This meet will give us a real good idea of where we are at this point in the season, both at the conference and national levels."

Pepin said he had a pretty good idea of who would run what, but changes would still be made, he said.

"Right now, we have everyone fairly zeroed in on what events they will be in, but come conference time, some options still remain," he said. "We still have the problem with expenses and not having enough meets where there's good competition."

In addition to the crew traveling to Oregon, Nebraska sent two decathletes and one heptathlete to the Kansas Relays in Lawrence, Kan.

As of Thursday, Rick Schwiager had a large lead in the men's decathlon. Gene Paulsen also is competing in the decathlon and Michelle Shoemaker is entered in the heptathlon.

## Husker baseball team ready for catfight

By Peter Theoharis  
Staff Reporter

Missouri awaits the arrival of Nebraska's baseball team this weekend as the two Big Eight foes prepare to meet in Columbia, Mo.

The Tigers are 21-15 overall and 7-9 in the conference, having played twice as many conference games as the Cornhuskers.

Nebraska is third in the Big Eight with a 5-3 mark. The Huskers are 24-14 on the season.

Missouri and Nebraska's only common Big Eight opponent so far this season is Oklahoma State.

Nebraska split its four-game series with the league's first-place team last weekend, while the Tigers were swept at home by the Cowboys.

Husker coach John Sanders said his team must be prepared for a tough weekend.

"Missouri is a good, solid ball club," Sanders said. "They're playing well right now and we expect a real competitive weekend."

The Tigers lost to Oklahoma State to begin their conference schedule. Since then, Missouri has split with Iowa State, taken three games from

Kansas State and split with conference co-leader Oklahoma.

Missouri is fifth in this week's standings, behind Iowa State (6-6).

Nebraska won't set a goal of a series split or taking three of four games, Sanders said.

"We're looking to go every pitch at a time," Sanders said. "We're not trying to get into prognostication. (We'll) let the score take care of itself."

Sanders said the Husker pitching rotation for the weekend would be Mike Zajeski, Jason Beauchamp, John Izumi and Josh Bullock.

Missouri's scheduled rotation consists of John Dettmer (3-2 with a 4.60 earned run average), Chris Ebbs (2-3, 6.82), Mike Munro (2-4, 6.26) and Jason Meyhoff (3-0, 3.44).

The Huskers will counter the Missouri staff with the second-highest batting average in the Big Eight at .319. Meanwhile, Nebraska pitchers are holding the opposition to a .251 mark.

Dale Hagy is leading the Huskers with a .375 average and eight home runs. Hagy and Sean McKenna (.345) are tied for the team lead in runs

### Nebraska-Missouri Series Notes

**All-Time:** Missouri leads the series 101-76.

**Last season:** The two teams split a four-game series in Lincoln. Nebraska won 3-2 and 4-3, while Missouri won 4-3 and 2-0.

**This season:** This is Nebraska's first road trip in Big Eight play this season. The Cornhuskers are 5-3 and in third place in the conference standings, 24-14 overall. Missouri is in fifth place in the conference at 7-9, 21-15 overall.



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batted in with 30.

Missouri is batting .308 overall and .278 in conference play. The Tigers' leading hitter is Chopper Litrell at .368 with three home runs and 24 RBI. Grant Ingram is hitting .350 with six home runs and Jake Filip is batting .346.

Nebraska has battled health prob-

lems all season, but Sanders said the team looked good for this weekend.

Jed Dalton (back) and Korty Kulhanek (knee) missed action last weekend, but returned to the Husker lineup in Wednesday's 8-6 loss to Creighton.

"This is as healthy as our ballclub has been in a while," Sanders said. "We're really happy about that."

### Nebraska men's gym team signs Lincoln recruit

From Staff Reports

Nebraska men's gymnastics coach Francis Allen announced Wednesday the signing of Jason Christie to a letter of intent.

Christie, a Lincoln High senior, is a six-time USGF Nebraska all-around champion, a five-time Region V all-around champion and an eight-time member of the U.S. Junior National team.

Last summer, Christie earned a 15th-place finish at the U.S. Olympic Festival and he recently finished first at the 1992 USGF Junior National testing meet.

### Men's golf team shoots for NCAA tourney spot

From Staff Reports

The Nebraska men's golf team will try to secure a spot in next month's NCAA District V Tournament when it competes in the Opryland Music City Invitational in Nashville, Tenn., today through Sunday.

The Cornhuskers currently are battling Missouri, Kansas State, Wichita State and Southwest Missouri State for the last spot in the district tournament.

Missouri, Kansas State and Wichita State also will compete in the meet this weekend.

Nebraska coach Larry Romjue said the Huskers must play well to finish ahead of the schools in the region.

"This tournament and the Big Eight meet are big ones for us," he said. "If

we play well, we should be in good shape for regionals."

The 17-team field in the Opryland Invite will play three rounds at the Spring House Golf Club in Nashville.

Romjue said his team had not yet reached its peak this spring.

"Hopefully we are rounding into shape by now," Romjue said. "It's still early for us compared to some other teams, but we can't do anything about that. Either you produce or you don't, and it's time to produce."

Junior Craig Poet has developed into a consistent golfer, Romjue said.

"Craig has been our best player all spring," he said. "He's played well enough that if the team doesn't make it to regionals, he has a shot at qualifying as an individual."

## Scoreboard

### Sunday's Results

#### Soccer

Really 3, Schramm 10 2; Phi Delta Theta 6, Chi Phi 0; Chi Phi C wbf over Alpha Tau Omega C2; Beta Theta Pi 3, Theta Xi 0; Teutonic Celtic United 3, AGF 0; Phi Gamma Delta 5, Phi Kappa Psi 2; Sigma Phi Epsilon wbf over Kappa Sigma; Alpha Tau Omega C1 3, Triangle 2.

### Monday's Results

#### Soccer

Roscoe Pounders 3, Teutonic Celtics United 1; Machine 3, Nutmegs 1; I Phelta

Thi 4, Soccer Heads 3; NU Tennis 2, Really 0; W La Topa 6, Cosmos 1; BMR 3, China 1; FCA 5, Scorpions 4.

### Co-Rec Softball

Chi Phi Yaks 12, Pure Athletes 9; Beavers 10, Kappa Sigma/Phi Mu #1 0; Painful Extractors 18, Them One Guys 0; 69ers 6, Sigma Phi Epsilon/Alpha Omega Pi 3; 69ers 10, Really Rottens 0; Beta Sigma Psi 13, For the Heck of It 2; Beta Sigma Psi 15, Pound 8 & Co. 4; Slicers 11, BC Boys 7, Kappa Sigma/Phi Mu #2 wbf over Farmhouse C2; Sigma Alpha Epsilon/Delta Gamma 13, Political Science 5; Gabes Gang 12, Animal Science 2; SAM & The Grand Slams 11, DN Spirit 4; Selleck 8200 wbf over TOLFG.