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Nebraska catcher Jeff Murphy beats the throw back to first against Kansas State last Saturday. The Cornhuskers will play Peru State tonight at 7 p.m. at Buck Beltzer Field to make up for last week's game against Nebraska-Kearney which was canceled because of the weather.

NU softball team wins 4 over ISU, Northern Iowa

By Jeff Griesch
Staff Reporter

Nebraska softball coach Ron Wolforth had mixed emotions after winning four of six games last weekend.

During the weekend the Nebraska softball team played four games in Big Eight round-robin competition at Ames, Iowa.

On Saturday, the Cornhuskers were defeated 11-0 by 14th-ranked Missouri. In the second game, Nebraska downed Iowa State 5-4.

Sunday, the Huskers lost again to Missouri 5-2 and defeated Iowa State 3-2. The Huskers finished the Big Eight regular season 2-6.

On Monday, Nebraska ended its stay in Iowa with a doubleheader sweep of Northern Iowa. The wins pushed the Huskers' final regular season mark to 22-28.

Wolforth said he was pleased that the Huskers were able to pick up the wins but was also concerned with the team's defense and pitching.

"The last four games I think we've

made 10 errors and you can't do that and expect to win too many games against the quality of competition we are playing," Wolforth said.

Wolforth credited the wins to the top of the Husker batting order.

"Our top five hitters have just been exceptional this season," Wolforth said. "This could be the top offensive ball club in the history of the University of Nebraska."

Pitcher Lisa Shandy picked up her 14th win against Northern Iowa, putting her at the .500 mark for the first time this season.

"Lisa has continued to improve her pitching, and we seem to be playing with an air of confidence behind her," Wolforth said. "Now we need someone else to step forward and help carry the pitching load."

The Huskers' next game will be Friday against Missouri at the Big Eight Conference Tournament at Hall of Fame Stadium in Stillwater, Okla.

"We've been looking forward to the conference tournament since the season began and we're anxious to play," Wolforth said.

Late rally lifts Wildcats past NU

From Staff Reports

Kansas State scored with two outs in the bottom of the ninth inning as the Wildcats beat Nebraska 6-5 Tuesday night in Big Eight baseball action at Manhattan, Kan.

The game does not count toward conference standings.

With one out in the ninth and the score tied 5-5, Kansas State's Jamey Stellino walked and moved to second on a groundout. Cornhusker second baseman Dale Hagy attempted to tag Stellino and throw to first for the double play, but Stellino was called safe.

Chris Wolf followed with a single to drive in Stellino, who avoided a

play at the plate and scored the winning run.

Jason Pflughaupt started on the mound for the 28-19 Huskers, giving up five runs on 10 hits. He was relieved in the eighth inning by Steve Boyd, who took the loss to fall to 3-4. Kevin Sander picked up the win for the 27-23 Wildcats to improve his record to 3-0.

Kansas State opened the scoring in the second inning, pushing two runs across on a double by Terry Hipp.

In the third, Darin Petersen drew a one-out walk. One out later, Jed Dalton hit his fifth home run of the season to tie the score at 2-2.

The Wildcats responded in the sixth inning when Craig Wilson hit a two-

run home run to give Kansas State a 4-2 lead.

Nebraska came back in the seventh. With the bases loaded and no outs, Tim Seaton singled, driving in one run and chasing Wildcat starter Brett Bock. The Huskers scored two more runs in the inning to take a 5-4 lead.

Kansas State tied the game in the eighth when Jay Kopriva doubled in Wilson.

Seaton singled in the top of the ninth for the Huskers, but was stranded on base.

Nebraska will now play Peru State tonight at 7 p.m. The game was scheduled to take the place of the April 21 contest against Nebraska-Kearney which was snowed out.

NU assistant coach takes job at ISU

By Nick Hytrek
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When Nebraska and Iowa State play in women's basketball next season, Cornhusker coach Angela Beck will see a familiar face at the other end of the court.

Husker assistant coach Theresa Becker was introduced Tuesday as the new head coach at Iowa State.

"I think she'll bring excitement back to the program," said Dave Starr, Iowa State sports information director and member of the selection committee. "We thought she had an outstanding personality and she was a quality individual."

Beck said she couldn't blame Becker for taking the job.

"I don't think she could turn down the offer," Beck said. "After nine years as an assistant, she was ready to make the move."

Both Beck and Starr said Becker's strength as a recruiter made her a strong candidate.

"She's done an excellent job recruiting, especially getting players out of Iowa," Starr said. "We hope she can get those players to come to Ames, Iowa, instead of Lincoln, Nebraska."

Beck said the Husker program would miss Becker's recruiting efforts.

"She's one of the top recruiters in the country," Beck said. "That will make her hard to replace."

Becker accompanied Beck to Nebraska six years ago when Beck was named as the Huskers' coach. She was Beck's assistant the three previous years at Bradley.

Beck said Becker would be missed and Iowa State's program would benefit from the choice.

"You don't replace someone who's been in the program for six years," Beck said. "Iowa State couldn't have found a better coach. This is what she deserves."

"I think she's going to be a great coach."

Next football season promises more of same

It's hibernation time in Nebraska. Nothing to do until football two-a-days.

Spring practice for the Cornhuskers is over. You can almost feel the depression come sweepin' down the plains, can't you? Sniffle, sniffle.

In case you missed it, the Red team, made up of the top offensive unit and the No. 2 defense, beat the White team 33-21.

In other words, Nebraska's top defensive players gave up 33 points to the offensive players they practice against every day.

For many fans, the spring game's offensive fireworks will be taken as the usual cue to start talking about an undefeated, national championship season for the Huskers, a trip to the Orange Bowl to kick the, uh... sand out of Miami (ha ha haaaa!) and a Heisman Trophy for Calvin Jones or Derek Brown.... After all, the media can pick which one as the season goes on.

Optimism runs high in this state this time every year. And, of course, there is good rea-

son. This time is no exception.

Quarterback Tony Veland looked great in the game, completing 4 of 9 passes for 49 yards, and rushing 10 times for 55. He showed incredible poise and leadership for a redshirt freshman, and might keep doing the same well into next winter.

Another quarterback, Matt Jones, passed for 163 yards.

The running game looked strong, as Brown



Chuck Green

and Jones tore up and down the field throughout the afternoon, gaining 31 and 35 yards, respectively, on fewer than 10 carries each.

Receivers caught 33 passes in the scrimmage.

The offense looked good. Husker fans at the game got a glimpse of what to expect next season, and were introduced to a few new names to look for in the Sunday sports pages.

The offense looks good. Nebraska's back. There's gonna be some serious yardage gained next season, and the scoreboard operator will have sore fingers by Homecoming.

Sound familiar? Can you hear the thunder rumbling in the distance?

Nebraska has forever had offenses that have made coaches across the country drool. Defense, though, as anyone at Miami, Notre Dame or anywhere else will tell you, wins championships, of the conference and national variety.

Defense. Defense. Defense. DEFENSE!! The Husker defense is the key to Husker success. It's that simple.

Nebraska will score its 150 points in its first two games, and put an immediate chokehold on the NCAA rushing and scoring statistics, just like every year. And then the bubble will burst by Washington quarterback Billy Joe

Hobert's 300-plus yards of passing against the Huskers in Seattle.

And then there will be Oklahoma's Cale Gundy. And Colorado's Vance Joseph, or some new freshman signal-caller, like Ty Detmer's younger brother, to run the Buffaloes' new pro-style, one-back set passing offense.

And then, the bowl season will be upon us. Where Nebraska will go is uncertain, but with two or three losses during the regular season, the Huskers will no doubt be matched up with some up-and-coming Cinderella team with a pro prospect under center who has lit the offense all year, and won't be stopped against Nebraska.

And then, the calendar will change. And another round of spring practice will come, followed by a long wait by the fans to do it all over again.

Only 110 days til two-a-days. Mark your calendar.

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BASEBALL STANDINGS

AMERICAN	W	L	Pct	GB	L10
	Toronto Blue Jays	15	5	.750	-
New York Yankees	13	6	.684	1 1/2	7-3
Baltimore Orioles	11	8	.579	3 1/2	7-3
Boston Red Sox	8	8	.500	5	6-4
Milwaukee Brewers	7	9	.438	6	5-5
Cleveland Indians	7	13	.350	8	4-6
Detroit Tigers	6	13	.316	8 1/2	4-6
Oakland Athletics	12	7	.632	-	5-5
Chicago White Sox	10	6	.625	1/2	6-4
Texas Rangers	11	10	.524	2	4-6
Seattle Mariners	10	10	.500	2 1/2	6-4
California Angels	9	9	.500	2 1/2	5-5
Minnesota Twins	9	10	.474	3	5-5
Kansas City Royals	2	16	.111	9 1/2	1-9

NATIONAL	W	L	Pct	GB	L10
	Pittsburgh Pirates	14	4	.778	-
New York Mets	10	9	.526	4 1/2	7-3
St. Louis Cardinals	9	10	.474	5 1/2	6-4
Philadelphia Phillies	9	11	.450	6	5-5
Montreal Expos	8	12	.400	7	3-7
Chicago Cubs	7	11	.389	7	4-6
Houston Astros	10	8	.556	-	7-3
Cincinnati Reds	10	9	.526	1/2	5-5
San Francisco Giants	9	9	.526	1/2	6-4
San Diego Padres	10	10	.500	1	2-8
Atlanta Braves	9	11	.450	2	4-6
Los Angeles Dodgers	9	11	.450	2	5-5

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