

# Charges heat up NU-CU rivalry

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If the rivalry between the Creighton and Nebraska baseball teams wasn't hot enough before, it is now.

According to published reports Saturday, Nebraska athletic director Bill Byrne requested the NCAA to investigate possible NCAA violations in the Creighton baseball program.

That fanned the flames even further.

Creighton coach Todd Wenberg said he thought the timing of the accusations was a ploy to distract his team from the four-game series with Nebraska.

"My perspective is that it was timed to take our focus off the game, but it backfired big time," he said. "It just

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made our kids even more ready to play."

The Bluejays won the first three games against the Cornhuskers this weekend and improved their record to 12-8.

In fact, Wenberg said the timing couldn't have been better.

"It was great for our team," he said. "It definitely fired the whole team up."

Wenberg said he was uncertain if Creighton would conduct an internal investigation.

Nebraska coach John Sanders said he didn't think the accusations affected either team's play.

Husker pitcher Jeff Nollette said the Nebraska players just tried to forget about all the added hype.

"There's tension anyway," he said. "It probably affected the crowds more

than the players."

But Nebraska pitcher Brian Martin, who improved his record to 3-1 in Sunday's 3-2 victory over Creighton at Buck Beltzer Field, said he thought the accusations added tension to the game.

"All the bullshit we've been hearing in the papers ... I felt like I wanted to shove it up their asses," Martin said.

Sanders said he believed Byrne did the correct thing by filing the accusations with the NCAA.

"We try to run an honest, clean program, and we try to do things by the book," he said. "We expect our competitors to do the same thing."

"Now it is in the hands of a third party."

## Michigan, Tar Heels advance to Final Four

From the Associated Press

Michigan, perhaps the best team in the country at playing half a game, is going back to the Final Four after a show of brute power and raw talent overcame a big deficit against Temple on Sunday.

Meanwhile, a dunk didn't do the trick in regulation so North Carolina went to the 3-pointer in overtime and advanced to the Final Four for the ninth time under Coach Dean Smith.

The Wolverines danced on the court and donned Final Four shirts at the end of their 77-72 victory Sunday, looking ahead to a meeting with Kentucky in New Orleans.

For the third straight game, Michigan played one dismal half and one superb half. Fortunately for the Wolverines, they put together their best play in the second half against the Owls, coming back after trailing by 10 points.

Jalen Rose led Michigan with 17 points, 13 in the second half, as he took control of the offense along with off-guard Jimmy King, who had 14 points. Chris Webber, who survived a beating under the boards, had 13 points and 12 rebounds.

Michigan (30-4) was aided in the final minutes by a technical call against

Temple coach John Chaney. The Owls trailed only 67-62 with 1:49 left when Chaney complained about a call.

The top-seeded Tar Heels (32-4) had a chance to beat second-seeded Cincinnati (27-5) at the regulation buzzer Sunday, but Brian Reese missed a dunk after taking an inbounds pass with .8 seconds to play.

Once the overtime started, Donald Williams took care of things from beyond 19 feet 9 inches, making consecutive 3-pointers as North Carolina beat the Bearcats 75-68 and kept them from returning to the Final Four.

North Carolina will meet Kansas, the Midwest's second seed that beat

top-ranked Indiana 83-77 Saturday, in the national semifinals next Saturday in New Orleans. That is a rematch of the 1991 semifinals when Roy Williams, Smith's longtime assistant beat the Tar Heels when Smith was ejected late in the game.

The Tar Heels were in trouble in the first half when Cincinnati guard Nick Van Exel snapped out of a tournament-long shooting slump with 21 points, all but three on 3-point field goals. The Bearcats led by as many as 15 points in the opening 20 minutes. But the Tar Heels rallied to take a lead late in the half and then clamped down on Van Exel, holding him to two points after halftime.

## Byrd

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pleased that he's on the road to recovery," Darlington said. "He has a deep faith in God that will be paramount to help him overcome this situation; I think he'll overcome this."

Alberts, who teamed with Byrd to help the Huskers become the Big Eight's best scoring defense in 1992, said his teammate will be able to overcome this tragedy.

"Tyrone is a tough kid — he'll be all right, he'll bounce back," Alberts said.

Byrd earned All-Big Eight honors last season at free safety and was expected to compete for a job in the National Football League this summer.

Darlington said the accident would probably delay Byrd's entrance into the NFL for at least a year.

"If his neck is in a brace, any thoughts of playing in the NFL would

not be realistic at this time," he said.

Byrd was expected to get his sociology degree in May, and Osborne said he hoped he could still accomplish this goal.

"It might be tough for him to play pro ball next year; hopefully, he'll get his education taken care of," Osborne said.

Alberts said he thought Byrd's accident would be on some of the players' minds during the spring season.

## NU swimmers, divers place 20th at finals

From Staff Reports

The Nebraska men's swimming and diving teams finished 20th at the NCAA Championships held this weekend in Minneapolis.

The Cornhuskers' score of 57 points placed them just ten points behind Big Eight rival Kansas, which finished 18th.

The Huskers were led by Alan Kelsey, who earned his third All-American award of his two-year career by finishing seventh in the 100-yard freestyle with a time of 43.94 seconds.

Kelsey's time moved him into second on the Husker all-time bests list behind Peter Williams.

Overall, Nebraska ended the meet with two All-American relay teams and three All-American individual performers. The Huskers' 800 freestyle relay team finished 11th with a time of 6:32.66.

Nebraska's Justin Finney finished 12th in the 100-yard butterfly with a time of 48:39.

Diver Kevin McMahon was the highest individual Husker finisher, collecting a third place in the 3-meter diving competition with a score of 587.40.

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and catch the ball at the same time."

Husker second baseman Darin Petersen grounded out to first, but drove in Garcia.

With two outs and Dalton on third base, O'Brien could not find the strike zone.

O'Brien walked four consecutive batters and threw a wild pitch which allowed Marc Sagmoen to score the winning run.

O'Brien was able to get out of the third without any further damage as Derek Dukart flew out to center to end the inning.

Dukart narrowly missed a grand slam for the Huskers before flying out, as he blasted O'Brien's 1-1 pitch foul down the right field line.

Troy Schulte relieved O'Brien in the fourth inning after O'Brien walked Perry to leadoff the inning.

Schulte did not allow a hit over five innings and walked only one Husker batter.

Creighton drew first blood with a run in the top of the first inning and threatened again in the fourth before Sagmoen threw out Bluejay second baseman Jon Dunlop at the plate from right field to end the inning.

The Bluejays scored again in the seventh on a two-out RBI double by center fielder Kimera Bartee.

The Huskers needed some luck to get out of the seventh as Bill Hahn followed Bartee's double with a line drive off Martin's foot. Martin recovered to throw out Hahn to end the inning and prevent the tying run from scoring.

Martin was able to stop a final Creighton rally in the ninth inning as Hahn flew out to center with runners on first and second to end the game.

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said.

The Women of Troy were led by Jualeah Wood's 16 points and 12 rebounds, but four USC players, including All-America candidate Lisa Leslie, scored in double digits.

The game marked Nebraska's second appearance in the NCAA Tournament and the first time the Huskers advanced past the first round. But those marks were not enough to satisfy the team, Beck said.

"Nebraska is Nebraska, and we're a heck of a ball team. We're not just happy about being here.

"We're looking forward to the future."



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