

SPORTS BRIEFS

Jennings and Stigge named student-athletes of the year

From Staff Reports

Nebraska women's basketball player Karen Jennings and Cornhusker football player Mike Stigge were named male and female student-athletes of the year Sunday at the Nebraska student-athlete academic awards banquet.

The banquet honored upperclass athletes who had accumulated a 3.0 or higher grade point average.

Other finalists for the female award included swimmer Leane

Maruk, cross country and track athlete Fran ten Benschel and golfer Stephanie Hupp. Finalists for the men's award include gymnast Josh Saegert, golfer Travis Hopper and tennis player Matthias Mueller.

All Husker athletes attending the banquet received gold, silver or bronze medals in honor of their academic success.

The banquet's speaker was former Husker quarterback and academic All-American Vince Ferragamo, who spent 10 years with the Los Angeles Rams.

Women golfers place 12th at intercollegiate tournament

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Nebraska's women's golf team finished 12th at the Women's Southern Intercollegiate Championships this weekend at Athens, Ga.

The Huskers were paced by the performance of senior Stephanie Hupp, who fired a closing-round 77 to finish at 241 for the tournament and in a tie for 24th place.

Other golfers and their finishes for Nebraska included Stephanie Flood (249 for 45th

place), Kari Clesson (252 for a tie for 53rd), Kim Lefler (254 for a tie for 58th) and Michelle Patterson (263 for a tie for 83rd).

San Jose State was the team champion, posting a three-round 926. As a team, Nebraska finished 70 strokes behind the Aztecs with a 996.

The tournament closed out Nebraska's regular season. Nebraska will now prepare to host the 1993 Big Eight Conference Championship April 26-27 at Firethorn Golf Club in Lincoln.

Officials sought for tourney

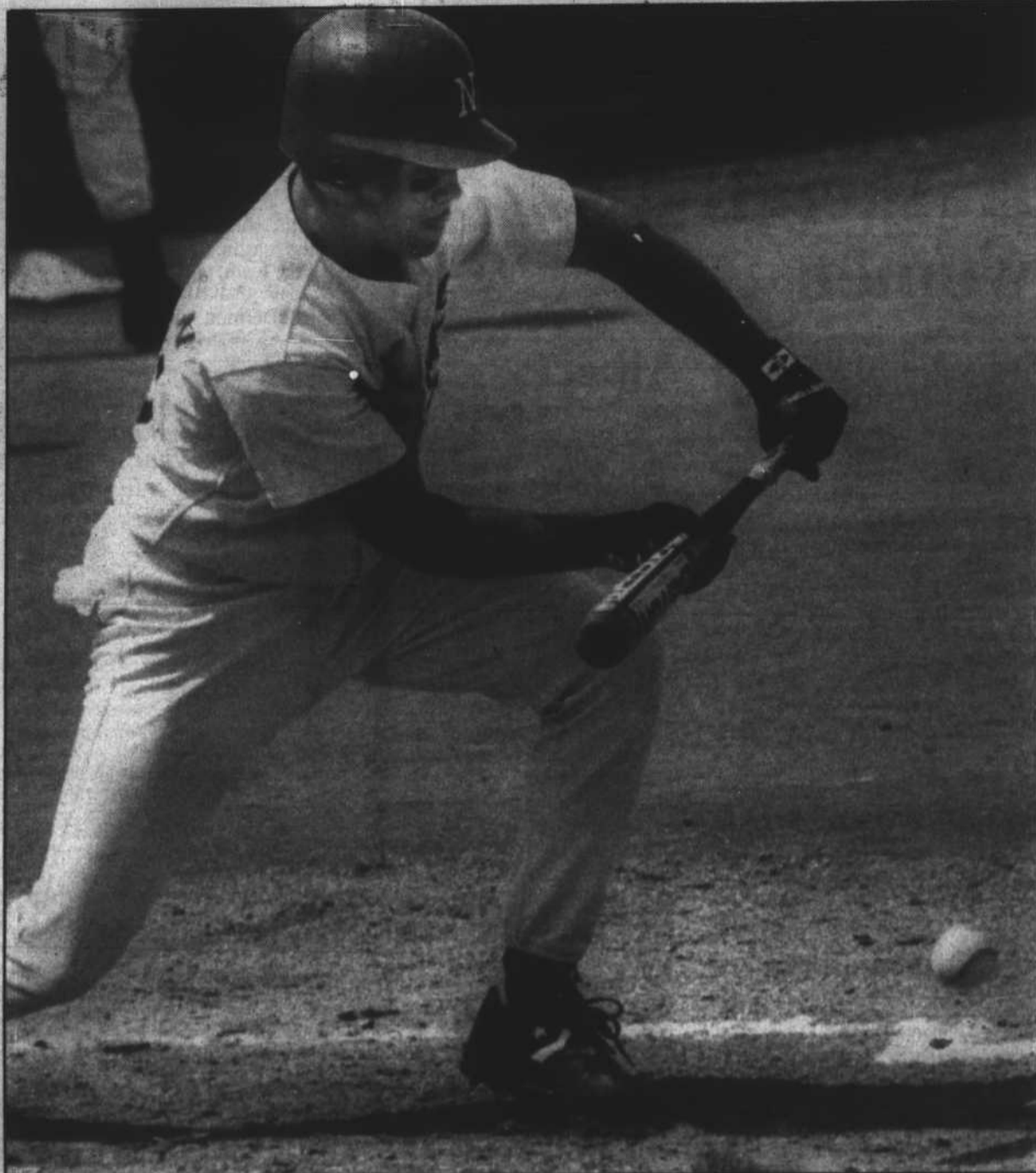
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The Special Olympics state basketball tournament is coming to Lincoln, and organizers of the event are looking for refereeing volunteers.

The tournament will be held on

May 1 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Bob Devaney Sports Center.

Anyone interested in refereeing the tournament or in keeping score should contact Brenda VanLengen at the Nebraska women's basketball office.



Kiley Timperley/DN

Nebraska's Darin Petersen lays down a bunt in a game against Missouri earlier this season. The Huskers will play Kansas at 7 p.m. today at Buck Beltzer Field.

Coach hopes NU will remain in driver's seat in KU series

By Tim Pearson
Staff Reporter

— “We’re in the driver’s seat right now. I think we can win our next five games.”

— Sanders
NU baseball coach

The Nebraska baseball team, with four wins in five games, appears to be returning to its early-season form, Coach John Sanders said Monday.

The Cornhuskers are hoping their success continues in a two-game series against Big Eight leader Kansas at Buck Beltzer Field. The two teams will play single games at 7 tonight and at 3 p.m. Wednesday.

Sanders said that the games against the Jayhawks would be crucial to his team's season.

“These games are very important,” Sanders said. “All of the Big Eight games are important.”

The Huskers stand in a tie for fourth with Missouri with a 6-7 conference record. Kansas stands alone in first with a 10-4 record in the Big Eight.

Sanders said that the Jayhawks, who are 29-8 on the season, would pose a big test for the Huskers.

“They are an outstanding team,” Sanders said. “They are a really good

ballclub. They have a lot of confidence right now. They’re a very balanced and experienced team.”

Nebraska is coming off two wins against Missouri. Sanders said that the hitting and the pitching were starting to come together well.

“We’ve played really well in spots,” Sanders said. “Our pitching is starting to come around now.”

Against Missouri, Nebraska’s starters pitched well, Sanders said.

Husker right-hander Brian Martin pitched a complete game victory in the first game of the series. Freshman

Alvie Shepherd turned in 9 1/3 innings in a 7-6 loss to the Tigers, and Troy Brohawn pitched a complete game in the 7-4 victory Sunday.

Nebraska pitchers may face a tough task against a Kansas team that has scored 203 more runs than its opponents. The Jayhawks are batting .334 as a team and .305 in the Big Eight.

Sanders said the Huskers could put themselves back in the league race with two wins over Kansas and three over Iowa State.

“We’re in the driver’s seat right now,” he said. “I think we can win our next five games.”

Junior first baseman Mau McKay, who went 3-4 with two RBIs in Sunday’s game against Missouri, agreed with Sanders.

“If we play as well as we can, I think we can win both games against Kansas,” McKay said.

Sanders said junior Tom Bergan, 2-5 on the season, will start tonight’s game and Martin, 5-2, will start Wednesday’s game.

Maturity leads KU, coach says

By Tim Pearson
Staff Reporter

If you looked at Kansas’ record last year, you wouldn’t expect them to be on top of the Big Eight this year.

But the Jayhawks are sitting on top of the Big Eight with a 10-4 mark after finishing last in the conference last year.

Kansas will try to hold on to first place against Nebraska tonight and Wednesday at Buck Beltzer Field.

The Jayhawks are 29-8, compared to last year’s 25-28 campaign.

Kansas coach Dave Bingham said the two-game series against the Cornhuskers was important for his team.

“Every game in the Big Eight conference is important,” Bingham said. “We’re in a good position, but there’s a long ways to go.”

Bingham said that last year’s team was better than its record showed.

“We had an outstanding club last year, but some unfortunate things took place,” he said. “Everything that could happen, as far as adversity, happened last year.”

All eight position starters returned from last year’s team, as well as four pitchers with starting experience. This year’s team is greatly improved from last year, Bingham said.

“We have the maturity and ability to handle things when they go wrong this year,” he said. “We have more depth and more maturity.”

Bingham said Nebraska would be tough to stop offensively.

“From what I’ve heard, Nebraska has some outstanding offensive people,” he said. “I think Marc Sagmoen is one of the premier Divi-

sion I hitters in the country. He was outstanding against us last year before he got hurt.”

Bingham said that the Jayhawk bats must come back to life in Big Eight play.

The Jayhawk offense is averaging 10 runs a game. In a four-game stretch in March, the Jayhawks outscored their opponents 98-5.

“Offensively, we’re not doing as well as we were early in the season,” Bingham said, “but our pitching has been solid all along, which has kept us in games.”

He said the Jayhawks would send senior right-hander David Sault, who is 5-1 with a 4.72 ERA, against the Huskers tonight. Chris Corn, who is 6-2 on the season, will pitch Wednesday.

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