

# Women's golf team to host Big Eight tourney next week

By Derek Samson  
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The Nebraska women's golf team is preparing to be the Big Eight golf tournament's host team for the first time since 1984, and Coach Robin Krapfl said she hoped it would give her team an advantage.

"It's a real thrill to be able to host it on your home course. It gives the parents and fans a chance to come out and watch," Krapfl said.

The tournament, which will be held at the Firethorn Golf Club Monday and Tuesday, will feature the sixth-ranked Oklahoma State Cowgirls.

Although Oklahoma State will be the favorite, Krapfl said other Big Eight teams have a chance.

"Iowa State has been doing very well lately and Oklahoma has somewhat of an emotional edge because this is the coach's last tournament," Krapfl said.

Oklahoma State is the returning champion and has won 11 crowns since 1976. Oklahoma is second with three and the Cornhuskers have two

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championships under their belt, with its last one coming in 1983. Kansas is the only other Big Eight team to claim a championship when it won its only title in 1990.

This year, Krapfl sees her team as the fourth seed going into the tournament.

"Realistically, we would like to finish in the top three," Krapfl said. "Anything worse than fourth will be a disappointment and anything better than fourth I'll feel like we have ac-

complished our goals." Another factor contributing to this year's wide-open competition is the difficulty of the Firethorn course, Krapfl said.

"On this golf course, anything can happen. It's a really challenging course," she said.

Krapfl said the other Big Eight teams should enjoy this year's opportunity.

"I think they're pleased to just have the opportunity to play on a golf course of this caliber," Krapfl said. "They appreciate playing a tough course."

Nebraska has six of its eight letterwinners returning to the tournament from last year's team that finished seventh.

"(This year) pretty much laid out like I expected it to. It's a rebuilding year," Krapfl said. "The further along the season got, the better we became and I think that's expected from a young team."

Stephanie Hupp, a two-year starter for Nebraska, is the only senior on this year's Husker squad.

# Cornhuskers hoping for a repeat of past successes in Des Moines

Meet will involve 5,000 participants

By Chris Hain  
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Drake is the destination; track is the reason.

The Nebraska men's and women's track and field teams will head to the 84th annual Drake Relays in Des Moines, Iowa, this weekend, hoping to extend their past successes there.

Drake officials are expecting their largest crowd ever, and NU coach

Gary Pepin said the good crowd, along with tough competition, made Drake one of the best meets in the country.

"There is always some outstanding open competition," Pepin said. "It's a great meet."

Pepin said NU teams had done well at the relays in the past, and that Husker women's teams had shone especially.

"Our women have won more individual and relay events there than any school in the country," Pepin said.

Pepin said the team hoped to make

another good showing again this year.

"We'll be going over to win championships or improve performances to get ready for the conference outdoor meet," Pepin said.

The Drake Relays is not a scored meet, but it will draw 5,000 high school and college athletes.

Because of the high standards needed to qualify for Drake, many Husker tracksters didn't qualify for the meet. Those athletes will be competing at the Nebraska Wesleyan Invitational in Lincoln on Sunday.

# Offense key to ending losing streak, softball coach says

By Tony West  
Staff Reporter

The Nebraska softball team is searching for answers to its recent problems.

With the team on a school-record eight-game losing skid, Cornhusker coach Rhonda Revelle has seen her team's record drop to 11-20 overall.

The Huskers haven't been losing by large margins; they dropped two games to Wichita State Wednesday by scores of 7-6 and 4-2. Nebraska led the first game 4-0 but was unable to hold on as Wichita State tied the game in the sixth and won in the seventh.

Revelle said the losses had been frustrating, and she could offer no quick solutions to put her team over the hump.

"I don't know if there's any one key thing we need to work on that we aren't working on now," she said. "Nothing is going neglected; we are just falling short."

Revelle said she had been pleased with her team's spirit.

"I tip my hat to the players — they are still sticking in there," she said. "We need a victory for morale more than anything else right now."

The Huskers will get their chance to break the skid when they face Iowa State in home doubleheaders Saturday at 1 p.m., and Sunday at 11 a.m.

Revelle said the games should be close. "We are pretty evenly matched," Revelle said. "And we are both offensive-oriented teams."

Revelle said offense may be able to put her team over the top. She said the Huskers had proven their offensive capability this season and that she was positive that her team would score runs against Iowa State.

"We need to focus on attacking and executing offensively," she said. "When we do that, we put runs on the board."

More than anything, Revelle said her team needed to execute to break out of its slump.

"We have to play tough and keep defense up," she said. "Hitters also have to come up to attack and execute."

# Surprise! Angels are on a roll

ANAHEIM, Calif. (AP)—California manager Buck Rodgers said at one point during spring training that even a .500 season by his Angels would be a good year.

The young, bargain-basement Angels have been the surprise of the AL West so far, battling for first place in the division.

J.T. Snow and Tim Salmon, both rookies, and Chad Curtis, Damion Easley and Gary DiSarcina, all young players, have led the Angels' surprising charge.

"I'm enjoying watching it, just like the fans," Rodgers said. "I think all good things come to those who hustle and the players on this club have been hustling their tails off."

The Angels moved ahead of the Texas Rangers to the top of the West by beating the Cleveland Indians Wednesday night. California has proven so far that they can be competitive despite having one of the youngest lineups

in the majors.

Snow, acquired in the deal that sent Jim Abbott to the New York Yankees, is hitting .372, with four homers and 14 RBIs; Salmon is hitting .278 with three homers and nine RBIs. Curtis is batting .349, with six RBIs and 10 steals; Easley is batting .293 with two homers and six RBIs; and DiSarcina is hitting .267, with one homer and four RBIs.

And those young players are real bargains, by major league pay standards: Snow is making \$110,000 this year, Salmon \$115,000, Easley \$112,500, Curtis \$220,000, and DiSarcina \$265,000.

"I'm still excited to be here," Snow said. "I still have adrenaline pumping before every game."

"I don't know what it is we're doing; we're just going out and having a good time and playing hard and having fun. I don't think we're intimidated or in awe of anyone."

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