

# HUSKER RED'S POLL

Co-Rec Softball	10. Silent But Deadly	2-0
1. Why Ask Why	Men's Outdoor Soccer	
2. Delta Tau Delta/ Alpha Omicron Pi	1. WLATOPA II	4-0
3. Strike Zone	2. Delta Upsilon A	4-1
4. Alpha Tau Omega/ Alpha Phi	3. Phi Gamma Delta A	3-1
5. Delta Tau Delta/ Delta Delta Delta	4. Chi Phi Red A	3-1
6. Catastrophe	5. Lambda Chi Alpha A	2-1
7. Farmhouse 2	6. Alpha Tau Omega A	2-1
8. ASGSA	7. Farmhouse B	4-1
9. Chi Omega/ Alpha Gamma Sigma	8. Alpha Tau Omega B	2-1
	9. Roscoe Pounders	4-2
	10. Ars Kickers	3-2

## Football

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was one thing he needed improvement on this spring, it was his blocking.

"My biggest thing coming in was blocking; that was a big thing that I wanted to get accomplished," Jones said. "I did improve some, but I still have a ways to go."

He said focusing on the need to better his blocking abilities helped make spring practices more enjoy-

able. "The past two years it has been boring, but I took a different approach — to get something accomplished," Jones said.

On the defensive side, outside linebacker and second-team All-American Trev Alberts said he could have done better in spring practices, but that it is still some time before the Huskers open their season.

"I've struggled a little bit this spring — but it's spring ball and I'm going to work hard over the summer," Alberts said. "I'm not ready to throw in the towel yet."

# Freshman's solid hitting fuels NU softball team

By Tony West  
Staff Reporter

When Nebraska softball coach Rhonda Revelle said offense would key weekend wins, she probably didn't expect an explosion from freshman Tobin Echo-Hawk.

The Cornhusker softball team broke its 10-game losing streak Sunday afternoon by beating Iowa State 10-9 and 4-3 in a doubleheader at the Nebraska Softball Complex.

Echo-Hawk and Nebraska will try to keep their hot performances going tonight when the Huskers host Creighton for a 6 p.m. doubleheader at the Nebraska Softball Complex.

The Huskers received a boost in breaking the streak from Echo-Hawk, Nebraska's third baseman. She went 11-for-17 at the plate and had 4 RBI in the weekend series.

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NU third baseman

Echo-Hawk's performance pleased Revelle.

"This week (Echo-Hawk) really caught fire with the stick," coach Revelle said.

One reason for Echo-Hawk's production may have been the move from leadoff to second in the batting order. The move was made four games ear-

lier against Wichita State, and Echo-Hawk responded in that game with four hits.

"(The move) was pretty important," Echo-Hawk said. "It was all a mental thing. Before, I used to get all worried about batting first."

Despite the outburst at the plate, Echo-Hawk said she's been trying to concentrate on defense. She grabbed 11 putouts and 11 assists on the weekend.

"Defense comes first," Echo-Hawk said. "Defense is my favorite part. I seem to get more upset for not making a play than by not getting a hit."

Echo-Hawk said the most important statistic stemming from the weekend was the two wins.

"(Losing) was getting really frustrating," Echo-Hawk said. "Now, we can keep going from here."

# McRae deals reporters royal fit

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) - Managing the Kansas City Royals has never been easy for Hal McRae.

But McRae, a 47-year-old man who played 17 years in the big leagues, said he felt better Tuesday than at any time since taking the job after a violent tirade directed at the media and his players.

"I've got to do things my way," McRae said before the Royals played the Tigers. "I've been trying to blend in, fit in. I've got to be myself if I'm going to make it in this industry. As a player I felt I was in control. I need to feel that way now."

McRae became enraged Monday night over a question from a Kansas City radio reporter during his post-game meeting, triggering a tirade that stretched several minutes and left another beat reporter who has covered the Royals for years with a cut cheek from an object thrown by McRae.

McRae followed the radio reporter out of his office, shouting the whole way, and then gestured three times at the clubhouse where players were sit-

ting. McRae said his outrage was not directed at the reporter, but that he was tired of being second-guessed every night. He said he felt because he was an unproven manager that the media took advantage of his openness.

"I'm going to be myself. I don't know what that means, but I'm going to be myself," McRae said. "I should have to prove myself as a manager. That's part of the turf. Prove myself, yes. Defend myself each night, no."

McRae turned down the Royals job once because he wasn't guaranteed a full season. In his first full year last year, Kansas City started 1-7 and went 1-16.

The Royals went 1-7 to start this year.

The Royals have played better during the current homestand and were 7-12 after Monday night's game, managing to climb out of last place in the American League West.

A 5-3 loss to the Detroit Tigers was frustrating. Pitcher Mark Gubicza turned in a strong seven-inning per-

formance but was hurt by two errors. The Royals rallied in the ninth, but a base-running error killed their chances.

Afterwards, a seemingly innocuous question from KMBZ reporter John Doolittle sent McRae into a fury.

Doolittle asked McRae if he had considered using left-handed hitting George Brett as a pinch hitter when the Royals loaded the bases with two out in the seventh and right-handed hitter Keith Miller due up. The Tigers had right-hander David Haas on the mound.

"Don't ask me such stupid . . . questions," McRae said. "That's it. Everybody out. It's over."

"I've tried to be courteous every night to you guys and answer all these stupid . . . questions, and all you guys do is take advantage of it."

McRae then swept reporters' tape recorders and microphones off of his desk. He then started throwing things at the wall, inadvertently striking Alan Eskew of The Topcka Capital-Journal on the cheek, drawing blood. Eskew was treated in the Royals training room and was not seriously hurt.

## SPORTS BRIEFS

# AD announces new staff titles

Nebraska athletic director Bill Byrne announced Wednesday a staff reorganizational plan for the NU athletic department scheduled to be put into place May 1.

Byrne announced that Al Papik would become the senior associate athletic director and Don Bryant would be promoted to associate athletic director for community relations. Both men have been serving as assistant athletic directors.

Other changes within the department include:

- Promotion of Barbara Hibner, women's athletic director, to associate athletic director and senior women's administrator.
- Promotion of Chris Peterson, director of athletic development, to associate athletic director for external operation.
- Promotion of Joe Selig, ticket manager, to assistant athletic director for facilities and events.
- Promotion of George Sullivan, head trainer, to assistant athletic

director for athletic medicine.

●Promotion of Roger Grooters, director of academic programs, to assistant athletic director for academic and student services.

Byrne said the changes were made in conjunction with a study undertaken by The Andrus Group, a Houston consulting group.

"These changes reflect national organizational models, which have provided excellent athletic administrations with successful programs throughout America," Byrne said.

# ISU takes women's golf crown

Iowa State won the team title and Nebraska moved from fifth to fourth on the final day of the Big Eight Women's Golf Championships at Firethorn Golf Club in Lincoln.

The Cyclones, picked to finish in the middle of the tournament field, coasted after posting an opening-day 21-stroke lead over favored Oklahoma State.

Iowa State's Shelley Finnestad also won the individual title, firing a closing 77 and ending with a three-round total of 232.

The Cyclones beat the second-place Cowgirls by 11 strokes and third-place Oklahoma by 28 strokes. Nebraska finished fourth with a team total of 1,007, 10 strokes ahead of Missouri and Kan-

sas. The Cornhuskers' top finisher was Stephanie Hupp, who placed 16th by closing with a 79 and finishing with a 248. Other Nebraska finishers and their places included Stephanie Flood (20th with a 251), Michelle Patterson (22nd with a 257), Melissa Odell (25th with a 259) and Kim Lester (25th with a 259).

## Recruiting

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Chowan coach Bob Burke said. "Our policy is to finish things up here before looking on to the next stage," he said. "We're just making sure everything is OK academically, and then he'll make a decision."

Brooks, a 6-foot-8, 230-pound forward, averaged 15 points and 7.3 rebounds for Chowan.

Burke said he'd bet Brooks would decide to come to Nebraska.

"The way I see it, he's leaning to go out your way," he said.

●A second possibility is guard Jeff Massey of Owens Ohio Technical College in Toledo.

Massey apparently would be the replacement for Woolridge.

Jim Welling, Massey's coach, said he expected Massey to make his decision next Wednesday.

"Jeff has got some tough choices to make," he said. "Next Wednesday will be a very big day for him."

Massey, who averaged 24.9 points and 6.2 assists and six rebounds per game, was named the NCAA Divi-

sion II Player of the Year last season. Welling said he had no idea where Massey would go.

"We've evaluated his choices very carefully," Welling said. "I think whichever school he chooses will be the best one for Jeff Massey."

●The third possibility is a 6-foot-10 center from a Spanish junior club team, but Barga said he could not comment on the status of the player. Barga said he was not terribly concerned with the lack of commitments.

"We've got good players coming back," he said.

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