

Brothers to battle for first time at Last Chance

By Susie Arth
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When he was only 7 years old, Andy Meyer was introduced to a new pastime. It's 15 years later, and he's become one of the best.

Meyer—who received All-American honors in the discus last season, finished first in the Big Eight in the discus last season and ranks second on the all-time Nebraska charts—started throwing from his own front yard.

He and his brother Rick, who was 16 at the time, built their discus ring together. They dumped the cement, waited for it to dry, painted the circle and drilled holes for a toe board. In blue paint, they wrote "Andy and

Rick" along the side. They used a telephone pole that stands 200 feet away to estimate the lengths of their throws.

Andy Meyer, a junior on the Cornhusker track team, said it was his brother who first got him interested in throwing the discus.

They'd practice together in the afternoons. Rick Meyer would show his younger brother the techniques, and Andy Meyer would watch his brother's throws with envy.

Since then, Andy Meyer has fallen in love with the discus. He's never considered giving it up.

In high school, Andy Meyer broke his brother's record.

He called Rick Meyer, who lives in

Houston, and they celebrated for a while on the phone.

"We were both pretty ecstatic," he said.



Meyers

enjoy it more."

He qualified for the Olympic Trials in the discus in 1992, but he elected not to go.

"I don't think I would have had the best chance of doing well," he said.

Now, he's got his heart set on the 1996 Olympics, a far cry from the home-made circle in the front yard.

But it must have been good enough, after all, both brothers are still competing.

They keep each other posted on all their latest successes. They frequently talk on the phone.

"It helps me a lot to have him around," he said. "He gives me a lot of advice—I can always use it."

On May 26, at the Nebraska Last

Chance meet in Lincoln, Andy and Rick Meyer will compete against each other for the first time.

"It's kind of weird now, because I'm getting to be close to his level," Andy Meyer said.

"There's never been any real heated competition between us," he said. "We'll be rooting for each other."

Maybe after the meet they will return to their parents' 350-acre farm outside Superior, and take a couple tosses on their old discus ring.

The elements have faded their names away, they can no longer see them, he said.

But their hearts are still smack dab in the middle.

Huskers hope to avoid upset over weekend

By Tim Pearson
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The Nebraska baseball team will take a weekend break from Big Eight action in hopes of avoiding an upset.

The 22-19 Cornhuskers will play five games in the next three days.

Nebraska will take on Peru State at 4 p.m. today in a doubleheader at Buck Beltzer Field. Mount Marty will come to Lincoln to play the Huskers in a single game at 3 p.m. on Saturday, and the Huskers will host Nebraska-Kearney in a doubleheader Sunday at 1:30 p.m.

Nebraska is coming off of a split against Missouri Wednesday night. The Huskers took the first game as sophomore Troy Brohawn kept his perfect record of 8-0 intact with a complete-game win over the Tigers.

The Tigers took the second game, scoring three runs in the bottom of the seventh to seal the 9-7 win.

Husker coach John Sanders said he was pleased with his team's play at Missouri.

"We played well, but not well enough to win both games," he said. "We hit the ball well and had solid defense for the most part."

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Nebraska is now fifth in the Big Eight with a 10-10 record behind front-runner Oklahoma State. The Huskers won't resume Big Eight action until next Saturday, when they host a three-game weekend series with Oklahoma.

Sanders said that Peru State, Mount Marty, and Nebraska-Kearney will all be hungry for a win against the Huskers this weekend.

"We don't know much about these teams, but I know they'll come in and

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compete like crazy," he said.

Nebraska faced Peru State earlier in the season and won all four times. In the first two games of the season, the Huskers defeated the Bobcats 15-0 in the first game and 14-13 in the second game. Last Monday, Nebraska swept Peru State again 21-9 and 12-3.

Sanders said he was hoping for two more wins against Peru State today, but he said it wouldn't be easy.

"We played Peru State earlier, and they played us very competitively," he said. "They battled us hard."

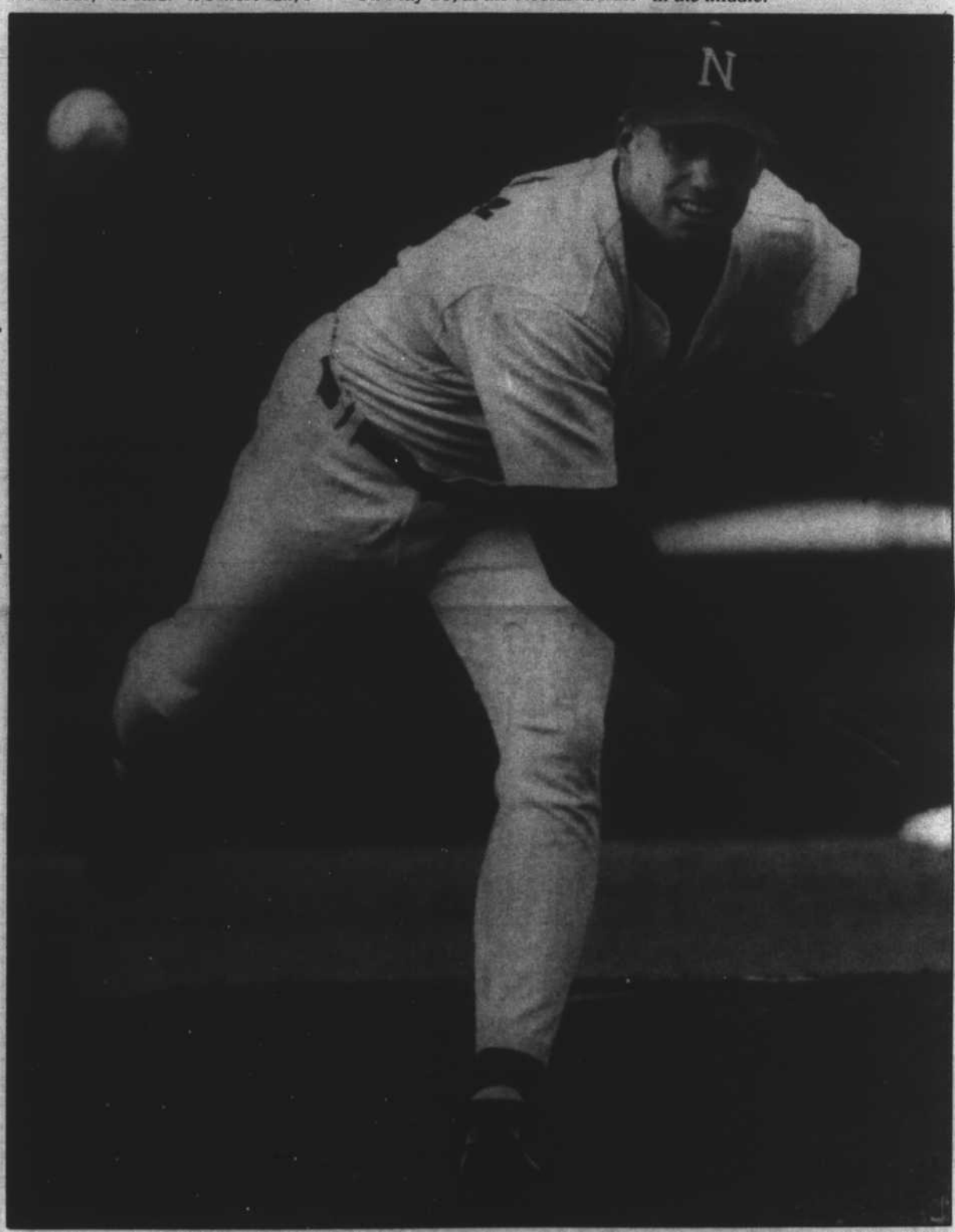
Mount Marty, an NAIA Division II school, comes into the single game Saturday with a 23-5 record. Nebraska-Kearney has posted a 15-16 record on the season.

Sanders said his team was aware that the Lancers and the Lopers would be coming in looking for an upset.

"I don't think our guys will overlook these games," Sanders said. "Our guys know that there are upsets out there waiting to happen."

Sanders said center fielder Jed Dalton, who has been out with an injured shoulder, might play this weekend.

"He's day-to-day right now," he said. "He's getting better. If he's ready, he'll probably see some action."



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Nebraska's Tom Bergan pitches in a game earlier this year against Kansas. The Cornhuskers will host games this weekend against Peru State, Mount Marty and Nebraska-Kearney.

McDermott 'restructures' tennis team, players say

Three expelled, others offered tryout chances

By Beau Finley
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The Nebraska men's tennis team has expelled three members of the team.

Five other players have been given the option to try out for the team next year, according to reports from three players. But even if the players are allowed to play, they said their scholarships will not be renewed.

According to three members of last year's team, only two of the current players, Andy Davis and An-

thony Kotarac, have retained their scholarships for next season.

McDermott, who is recruiting new players, was unavailable for comment Thursday night. Assistant Coach Ken Feuer would not comment on the changes.

Sophomore Mike Garcia, the Cornhuskers' No. 4 player, confirmed that he had been released from his athletic scholarship along with teammates Anthony Cunningham and Jan Frode Anderson.

Anderson was a Big Eight champion at No. 3 singles. Cunningham played the majority of the season at No. 6 singles and No. 2 doubles.

Garcia said the decision to release him was made by Coach Kerry McDermott so the coach could "restructure the team."

However, he said, the turmoil on

the team had been building since the start of the season.

"There has been a lack of communication from the beginning (of the season)," Garcia said. "And when we finally did communicate, it was too late."

After the season ended, McDermott informed the players of his restructuring decision.

Despite the shake up, at least one member of the team has decided to accept McDermott's option of requalifying for the team.

Sophomore Rick Stempson said he was upset about the decision, but would try to be a part of the team next season.

"I feel lucky to have a shot," Stempson said. "I had visions of myself going into the office and the

coach telling me I wasn't on the team anymore."

Stempson sat out from the team this year after transferring to UNL from the University of Nebraska at Kearney. However, junior Troy Bray, a reserve player this year, said McDermott's decision would end his career with the Huskers.

Jay Segrist, Christopher Nielsen and Adrian Maizey, the other players given the option, could not be reached for comment. Anderson and Cunningham also could not be reached.

Garcia said McDermott's selection of certain players was based on their personalities, not on their abilities. But Garcia said Anderson's dismissal might have been a result of his interest in transferring to another school.

"Jan's big mistake was telling Coach (McDermott) he was thinking about leaving," Garcia said. "Coach felt intimidated."

Garcia said his departure from the team wouldn't affect his relationship with his teammates.

"I get along with everyone fine. Things are a little confusing for me, but we're a close-knit team," he said.

Al Papik, assistant athletic director for administrative services, said he was unaware of McDermott's decision and that it was still unofficial.

Papik requires consultation with coaches before any scholarships can be revoked.

But Garcia is assuming the changes are for real.

"If I get a chance to play somewhere else, I'll take it," he said.