

## Huskers hope victories help to build steam

By Tim Pearson  
Senior Reporter

The Nebraska baseball team is hoping that five wins over the weekend — including a doubleheader sweep of Nebraska-Kearney on Sunday — will help build momentum going into the final three weeks of the regular season.

The Cornhuskers swept the Lopers 2-1 and 7-1 at Buck Beltzer Field Sunday to improve their record to 27-19.

Husker coach John Sanders said his team might be playing its best right now.

"We're playing our best baseball of the season in all phases of the game," he said. "We got solid pitching and some good hitting over the weekend. This was what Big Eight play will be like."

"Out of the five games we played this weekend, two were very beneficial because they were close."

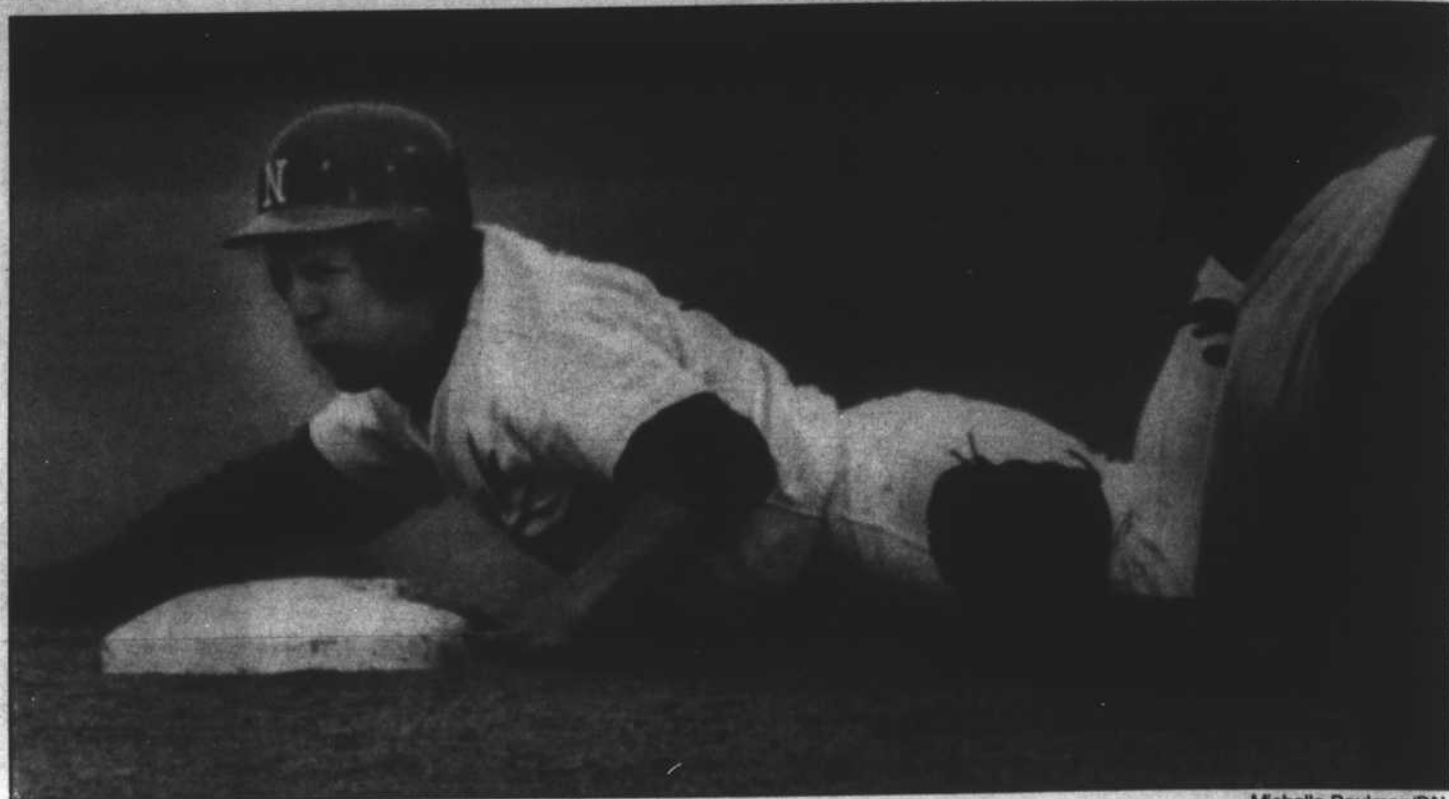
The Huskers swept Peru State 7-6 and 14-4 Friday and got a scare from NAIA Division II Mount Marty Saturday, winning 4-3 in 10 innings.

In the first game Sunday against the Lopers, which was a seven-inning contest, the Huskers enjoyed another complete game performance from sophomore Troy Brohawn, who improved his record to a perfect 9-0.

Brohawn pitched no-hit baseball for the first four innings. But UNK tied up the game at one in the fifth with a double by right fielder Scott Fellers to knock in catcher Tony Murray.

In the seventh inning, Husker first baseman Matt McKay started out the seventh with a single to left field. Jed Dalton came in to run for McKay and stole second base.

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Nebraska's Darin Erstad tries to steal second under the tag of University of Nebraska at Kearney shortstop Mark Burton during the first game of a doubleheader Sunday. Erstad was out on the play.

## Pitcher hurtling toward history book

By Tony West  
Staff Reporter

For a player who wasn't sure what path he would be taking this season, Troy Brohawn has paved his way toward the Nebraska baseball record books in more ways than one.

The sophomore pitcher from Woolford, Maryland, wasn't sure if he would start or come in for relief at the beginning of this season.

So he had no pitching goals for the year. "I had nothing to shoot for at the beginning," Brohawn said. "because I wasn't sure what I'd be doing yet."

However, Brohawn has established himself as a prolific pitcher for the Cornhuskers this season. After holding the University of Nebraska at Kearney to two hits in Nebraska's 2-1 victory at Buck Beltzer Field Sunday afternoon, Brohawn is now 9-0 overall and 5-0 in the Big Eight. And he may be on his way to Nebraska's baseball record books. After Sunday's performance, he has a chance to set single-season records for victories, strikeouts and complete games.

He is tied for fourth on Nebraska's all-time charts for victories in a single season with nine. Three players share the top spot with 10 wins.

Brohawn is only one strikeout away from tying the single-season strikeout record of 98 set by Phil Harrison in 1986. He is also tied for third all-time for complete games with seven. The record is eight.

Although Brohawn is close to establishing those Husker records, he said he's not worried about them.

"I just go out there and do my best," he said.

And if he keeps working hard, he said, the records might come his way.

"I'm throwing well," Brohawn said. "Lately, I'm throwing harder. But I still have to work on my change-up."

## Husker softball team turns season around

By Derek Samson  
Staff Reporter

After winning three of its four games with Missouri over the weekend, Nebraska softball players have coach Rhonda Revelle believing she is seeing a different team.

In a different season. "It's just amazing because it feels like two separate seasons," Revelle said. "After we lost to Creighton 14-1 (April 20th), it seems like we turned it around."

The Cornhuskers swept Sunday's doubleheader, winning 3-1 and 4-1. The teams split Saturday's doubleheader. Nebraska won the first contest 2-1 and then lost 2-0.

Nebraska has now won seven of its last eight games after going on a 10-game losing streak in mid-April.

"I'm real pleased with this," Revelle said. "I thought we could have got four out of four, but anytime you play a game like this and beat a team like Missouri, you have to be happy."

The Huskers went up 2-0 in the second inning of the first game Sunday when Denise McMillan and Gloria

Von Rentzell scored after reaching base on back-to-back hits.

Nebraska added another run in the fifth inning when Shae Sloan knocked in Tobin Echo-Hawk with a single. The Tigers then scored their sole run in the sixth inning, as Husker pitcher Cody Dusenberry earned the win by tossing a five-hit complete game.

In the second game, the Huskers again struck early by scoring two runs in the second inning and adding another in the third on their way to a 4-1 victory.

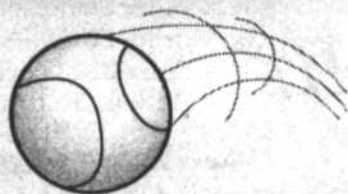
Shae Sloan doubled to left field and scored when Jody Splichal followed with another double. Splichal then reached home after Sandra Brown singled.

Amy Offenbacher hit a home run in the third inning to give the Cornhuskers a 3-0 lead.

After the Tigers scored in the fourth, Nebraska added an insurance run in the seventh inning when Sloan hit her 21st career double to score Echo-Hawk. Sloan's double moved her into third on Nebraska's all-time career doubles chart.

Splichal, 10-10, earned the win with a complete game.

### Big Eight conference softball standings



	win	loss	win %
Oklahoma St.	14	2	.875
Kansas	14	6	.700
Iowa St.	8	8	.500
Missouri	9	11	.450
Nebraska	5	11	.313
Oklahoma	2	14	.125

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Revelle said she was pleased with the way her pitchers, Dusenberry and Splichal, have responded lately.

Nebraska improved to 18-23 and will travel to Oklahoma for four games with the Sooners next weekend.

"I feel like if we play the way we did this weekend we should win all four," Revelle said.

## NU tennis player says dismissal reports false

### Andersen may leave to explore different options

By Beau Finley  
Staff Reporter

Reports that Jan Frode Andersen, a freshman on the Nebraska men's tennis team, had been expelled from the team were incorrect, Andersen said Sunday.

Andersen did acknowledge that the team is being restructured but said he was given an option to remain with the squad.

Several players' comments Thursday indicated that coach Kerry McDermott had removed three players — Mike Garcia, Anthony Cunningham and Andersen — from the team, and gave five other members the option to try out for non-scholarship positions.

Andersen said he had considered leaving the team and had asked

McDermott to be released from his scholarship in order to explore his options at other schools.

Andersen said McDermott gave him the release after the season.

Later, McDermott announced to the team that only two players — Andy Davis and Anthony Kotarac — would return on scholarship for the next season, Andersen said.

McDermott went on to remove Mike Garcia and Anthony Cunningham from the team, Garcia said Thursday.

Andersen said he was excluded from the team because McDermott assumed he would seek a transfer.

Andersen said he is still considering his options but should have a decision made within the next two weeks.

"I don't know what I'm going to do yet," Andersen said. "(McDermott) made it a lot easier for me, however, by getting rid of two good friends of mine."

There had been much turmoil during the season, Andersen said, but the decision to expel Garcia and Cunningham was undeserved.

## NU player's departure opens up volleyball scholarship

### Setter Johnson also planning on redshirting in fall

By Tim Pearson  
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With setter Christy Johnson planning on redshirting next season, Nebraska volleyball coach Terry Pettit is hoping last week's signing of Stephanie Clerc will shore up the Cornhuskers at the setting position.

"Clerc's a very highly competitive player," Pettit said. "We have four

freshmen coming in, and we're hoping that two or three will contribute right away. I think Stephanie can do that."

Pettit said he couldn't comment on reports that Clerc, a two-time Super-State setter in high school at Bellevue West, had originally planned to walk on at Nebraska.

However, middle blocker Rachel Errthum, who redshirted last year because of major knee surgery, left the team to open up a scholarship for Clerc.

Pettit said Errthum's departure was because of a combination of things.

"She had been recovering from her knee injury," Pettit said. "Her knee is healthy now. She just made the decision that she didn't want to play collegiate volleyball. College athletics takes up a lot of time."

The redshirting of Johnson, who backed up setter Nikki Stricker last year, will give Clerc a chance at the back-up setting role, Pettit said.

"Clerc will give us some depth at the setting position. Christy's been planning on redshirting since after the season," Pettit said. "We have two exceptional players at setter in Nikki and Christy. This will give us three

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volleyball coach

years of good setting instead of two. "There's no sense in wasting

Christy's setting ability. It makes sense to take advantage of both Nikki and Christy's abilities," he said.

Pettit said it was Johnson's decision to redshirt, and he said that he thought the decision was in the best interests of Johnson.

Pettit said the departure of Errthum will leave the Huskers short at the middle blocking position next season.

"We'll be inexperienced at middle blocker," he said. Middle blocker Kim Tonniges and outside hitter Laura Luther are recovering from shoulder injuries but Pettit said both should be ready for next season.