

NU competes at NCAAs

By Tony West
Staff Reporter

The NCAA Outdoor Track and Field Championships brought disappointment to some Nebraska athletes, but they succeeded by competing, coach Gary Pepin said.

"We had some people who did really well there," Pepin said. "Most everybody who was there did well just by being there."

"If you just get to the meet, that's a major accomplishment."

After the women's team won the Big Eight championship and the men fell to Iowa State in the regular season, the men finished in a tie for 25th and the women tied for 14th at the NCAA championships.

The headliner for was Nebraska senior Fran ten Bensel. Running in her last collegiate meet, she placed in the top five of two different events. Ten Bensel placed fourth in the 1,500-meter run with a time of 4:21.95 and second in the 3,000 meters with a time of 9:07.39 to give her a second All-American honor.

Ten Bensel said her finishes weren't quite what she was hoping for.

"I was disappointed I didn't win a national championship," she said. "I

wanted to go out with a national championship, but I was pretty happy."

Ten Bensel said her last season as a Husker wasn't the best, but said she was satisfied with her career at Nebraska.

"This season wasn't the best for me," she said. "But, I guess I have to look at all my years here. I have really improved and I had a really great career."

Although her career at Nebraska is over, ten Bensel still has races to run.

She will be competing in the USA Track and Field National Championships in Eugene, Ore. this weekend, which is not limited to collegiate athletes. She will be accompanied by teammates Andy Meyer, Kevin Coleman and Theresa Stelling.

The women's 4x100 relay team also had cause for disappointment. The Huskers were prepping for the relay finals on Saturday night when an overturned disqualification of the UCLA relay team replaced them. The relay team still placed ninth with a time of 3:36.90.

On the men's side, freshman Robert Thomas placed 13th in the triple jump competition with a jump of 51 feet 4 1/2 inches and ninth in the long

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Nebraska junior Robert Perry attempts to put the tag on a Kansas player last season.

Nebraska denied from series, index to blame, coach says

By Tim Pearson
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For the first time ever, two Big Eight baseball teams — Kansas and Oklahoma State — made it to the College World Series this year.

The Nebraska Cornhuskers didn't get the chance to be a third, although Nebraska coach John Sanders said he thought they deserved it.

"We're very disappointed at not getting in," Sanders said. "We felt we were playing at regional level. We played well at the end, and our scores indicated that."

"We beat Kansas two of three at Kansas, and we beat Oklahoma in the tournament. We felt we were right there."

The Cornhuskers went 23-8 in the final month of the season, but that finish was not enough to earn them a regional berth to the NCAA playoffs.

Husker All-American center fielder Marc Sagmoen said he also

thought the Huskers deserved a chance to prove themselves with a regional berth.

"Now that we see Kansas and Oklahoma State in the College World Series, it makes us even more disappointed," he said. "They're both teams that we've beaten. We thought we'd have a good chance at winning the regional if we got in."

"I think we got robbed," he said. Sanders said one reason the Huskers did not get a regional berth was a weak power index rating.

The Ratings Percentage Index is a computer ranking of all Division I teams. The ranking is broken down into three parts, with 20 percent based on Division I winning percentage, 40 percent based on opponents' strength of schedule and 40 percent on opponents' winning percentage.

Nebraska was able to play only 15 of its 58 games against the top 50 teams in the RPI. Sanders said he had an excellent schedule set up, but the

Sophomore Troy Brohawn broke four single-season records in his first year pitching at Nebraska:

- Innings pitched (111)
- Wins (13)
- Complete games (9)
- Strikeouts (123)

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Golf shootout benefits camp

By Derek Samson
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With one swing of the golf club, you could become a millionaire.

The Woodmen Accident and Life Company is sponsoring a \$1 million shootout at North Forty Golf Course in Lincoln June 14-19.

The event was brought to Lincoln by coordinator Chuck Stetaneck of the American Lung Association of Nebraska.

"Recently, I was out in Albuquerque, N.M., where they had something similar," Stetaneck said. "It looked like it had quite a bit of potential and with golf's popularity I think it should be a big event."

The qualifying round will be held during the week of June 14-19. Each contestant that lands a

ball in a four-foot diameter circle from 100 yards qualifies for the semifinals.

On June 20, the semifinalists will have a shootout and the top 40 shots will qualify for the finals. Each finalist will then get one shot for a hole-in-one and the million dollars.

Closest to the pin prizes will also be awarded. The closest shot will receive two round-trip tickets anywhere in the continental United States. Second place will win a \$100 gift certificate from Nevada Bob's and all 40 finalists will get golf balls, shirts and prizes.

All proceeds will go to the American Lung Association.

"It will benefit all of our programs in Nebraska," Stetaneck said. "Principally, it will support our summer camp for children with asthma."

As Bulls edge closer to championship, nightmare begins

Not again.

Please, not again.

My worst nightmares are coming true as the Chicago Bulls edge closer and closer to another NBA championship.

One step closer to the screaming, bandwagon fans. One step closer to Michael Jordan on every TV commercial, billboard or magazine advertisement in the United States.

In case you haven't figured it out, I'm not one of the millions of adoring Bulls fans.

I can't claim objectivity in my feelings about Chicago. I've never liked them, but the straw that broke the camel's back was when they beat the Lakers in the Finals in 1991. I love the Lakers.

Unlike everyone else I've ever met — after the Bulls won their first championship — I do not love the Bulls.



Jeremy Fitzpatrick

It's probably hypocritical of me to hope the Bulls don't win a third championship. The Lakers won five titles in 10 years during the 1980s, and I'm sure there were plenty of people then who couldn't stand championship after championship going to Los Angeles.

It's just how the Bulls win. They whine, they complain, they cry. If they don't get a foul called every time someone brushes up against them, they hire a lawyer and sue the referee for damages.

If a foul gets called on Chicago — or if the world come to an end and one is called on Michael Jordan — watch out. The team should be called the untouchables instead of the Bulls.

Listening to the NBC announcers during a Chicago game doesn't help, either.

If a player other than Michael Jordan scores or makes a good play, announcer Marv Alberts will calmly say the player's name and the score of the game. But if Jordan does anything right, Alberts shouts, "YES! Jordan on the play!"

Only Alberts doesn't call him Jordan. It's Michael to his friend Marv.

If the Bulls win again, I'm going to have to put up with Bull-mania for another whole year.

I think I'm going to be all right, though. The Bulls are outmatched in their fight against

Phoenix, and the Suns have the home court advantage.

Chicago is quicker and can shoot better from outside. But the Suns are tough inside, and they will abuse Bull's center Bill Cartwright game in and game out.

The interior game will prove crucial, as will rebounding. Phoenix will own both.

If Charles Barkley can keep his mouth shut and concentrate on his play, the leagues Most Valuable Player — not Jordan — will decide the championship.

Chicago is probably the favorite in the series. But don't order your "three-peat" shirts just yet.

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