

# Kansas St. to challenge NU's winning streak

## Baseball record reminiscent of last year's team

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The Nebraska baseball team has won five straight games.

The only problem is, just one of those wins came against a Big Eight opponent.



Sanders

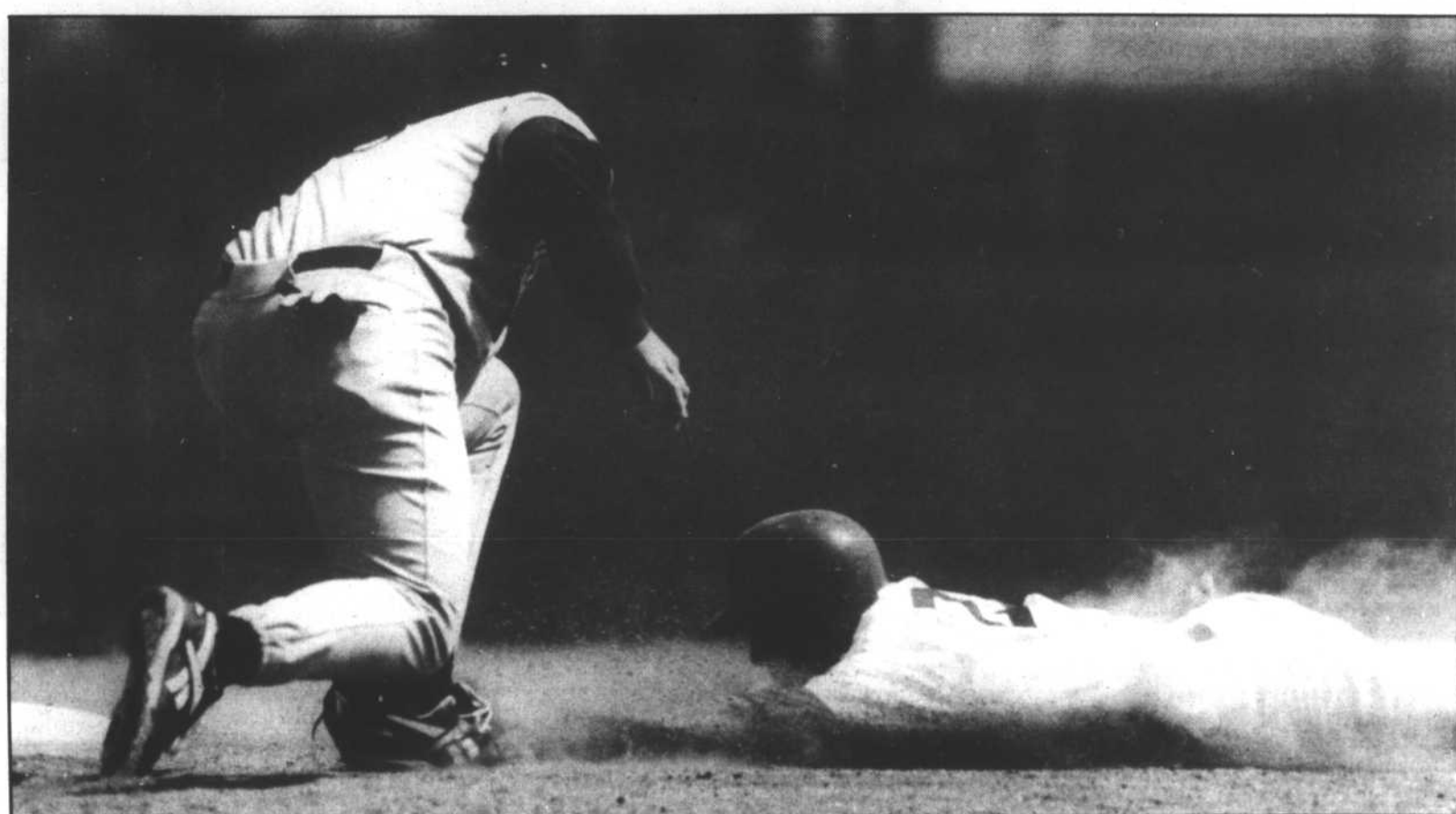
Nonetheless, Cornhusker baseball coach John Sanders said the Huskers' recent hot streak would help them when they play at Kansas State Tuesday at 7 p.m. and Wednesday at 2 p.m.

The Huskers' five-game winning streak started against Iowa State Wednesday and included wins over University of Nebraska at Kearney and a three-game sweep of Oral Roberts University Sunday.

"If we didn't play a high quality opponent at that point, it might have hurt, but I don't think it did," Sanders said. "Those games may have helped us."

Nebraska, which has won seven of their last eight games, used the weekend wins to improve to 19-16 on the season.

With the current streak, Nebraska appears to be on the same track as last year. The Huskers started off 12-15



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Nebraska's Jed Dalton slides into the tag of the Oral Roberts' shortstop Sunday during the Huskers' win. Dalton was ruled safe on the play.

and finished the season winning 23 of 31.

This year's Nebraska team started out 12-15 before its recent winning streak.

Sanders said the Huskers picked the right time to begin a turnaround.

"This is a good time to be doing what we're doing," he said. "If it were my choice, I would like to play well in the end and not at the start of the season."

The 11-23 Wildcats are in last place in the conference with a 2-9

record overall after getting swept by Missouri over the weekend.

Sanders said Tom Bergan would pitch Tuesday and Troy Brohawn, who returned to the mound Friday against Oral Roberts, would throw on Wednesday.

Sanders said his team was starting to prove that it could have a successful season.

"We've shown we can play," Sanders said. "Our wins are starting to reflect that."

### SPORTS BRIEFS

#### Men's tennis team sweeps Missouri

From Staff Reports

The Nebraska men's tennis team won its first Big Eight match Monday, downing Missouri 7-0 in Columbia, Mo.

The Huskers, 6-13 overall and 1-3 in the Big Eight, won all their matches in straight sets. Missouri fell to 6-14 and 0-3 in the Big

Eight.

The Huskers have won two of their last three. Nebraska shocked Wichita State, the No. 2 team in the region, Saturday before losing to Kansas, the top team in the region, Sunday.

Nebraska is next in action against Colorado and Iowa State in Ames, Iowa, this weekend.

#### NU women's tennis team aces K-State

From Staff Reports

The Nebraska women's tennis team rebounded from a loss Saturday to Kansas by beating Kansas State 9-0 on Sunday.

Nebraska, 8-7 overall and 1-3 in the Big Eight, won all its matches

against Kansas State.

The Huskers lost 7-2 to the fifth-ranked Jayhawks on Saturday. April Yarnus beat Kansas' Kim Rogers in No. 3 singles.

In No. 2 doubles, Annie Yang and Cathy Liptak beat Kansas' Amy Trytek and Bianca Kirchhof.

#### Double bill with Jays gets rained out

From Staff Reports

The Nebraska softball team's Monday doubleheader against Creighton was postponed by rain.

Thursday, NU plays the University of Missouri-Kansas City.

The two teams will play a doubleheader, with the first game beginning at 5 p.m.

## Juco's biggest big man still eyeing NU

From Staff Reports

The Nebraska men's basketball team appears to still be in the race for one of the nation's most sought-after junior college stars.

Ben Davis, a 6-foot-9-inch, 245-pound power forward from Hutchinson (Kan.) Junior College, is still considering Nebraska along with at least three other schools, Hutchinson assistant coach Phil Anderson said Monday.

Anderson said Davis—who was a high school All-American at Oak Hill (Va.) Mouth of Wilson Academy in

1991—visited Lincoln over the weekend. Davis, who played for Kansas two years ago, will take official visits to Arizona, California and Oklahoma State in the coming weeks, Anderson said.

The trip to Nebraska was Davis' first official recruiting visit. Athletes are limited to five official visits.

"He'll make his visits, and he won't sign until after he makes his visits," Anderson said.

The spring signing period begins Thursday and runs until May 15. Davis, who has two years of eligibility remaining, may not sign until the end

of the signing period, Anderson said.

The Huskers, who return only two players taller than 6 feet 7 inches, are reportedly looking at a few other big men.

Jermaine Thomas, a 6-foot-9-inch, 250-pound forward from John Tyler (Texas) High School, is reportedly considering Nebraska.

In addition, the Huskers appear to be in contention to sign Ray Poindexter, a 6-foot-11-inch, 230-pound center from Northeast Oklahoma A&M Junior College.

## Huskers avoid injury during cold workout

From Staff Reports

The Nebraska football team roughed it out for two hours in 40-degree temperatures and gusty winds Monday afternoon at Memorial Stadium.

Coach Tom Osborne described the practice as "reasonably good" but

"pretty cold."

No one was injured, Osborne said.

Third-string quarterback Matt Turman returned to practice after hurting his knee last Wednesday in a scrimmage. Osborne said Turman would scrimmage some Wednesday, but all four quarterbacks would continue to wear green jerseys, which

restrict them from contact.

No. 1 wingback Abdul Muhammad did not practice Monday. Muhammad is nursing sore ribs, which were aggravated when he was hit in the stomach in a practice earlier this month.

No. 2 left tackle Chris Dishman was held out of practice with a sore shoulder.

## No longer ballpark weenies, Huskers playing hardball

Big news, Nebraska baseball fans: The Big Red are undefeated.

The Cornhuskers got their season off to a perfect 3-0 start this weekend with a sweep of Oral Roberts University at Buck Beltzer Field.

All-American left hander Troy Brohawn showed why he is one of the best pitchers in the country by throwing a perfect game through six innings en route to Nebraska's 5-3 win Friday night.

Brohawn looked as if he were in mid-season form, striking out 12 batters and giving up only two hits in eight innings of work.

The All-Big Eight designated hitter also helped his own cause by collecting four hits.

And Brohawn wasn't the only Husker swinging a hot bat in the series.

Jed Dalton stroked his first home run of the season in game one and then went 4-for-4 with four RBIs in an 8-3 win Saturday.

In the three games, the Huskers rapped 34 hits and batted a blistering .337 as a team.

And a Nebraska pitching staff that was supposed to be a question mark coming into the season posted an impressive 2.67 ERA to open the season.

Huh? What? This wasn't Nebraska's first series of the year?

Sure, the Huskers started in February. But the original start of the season—against Oral Roberts in February—didn't go so well for the Huskers.

Nebraska had high hopes with a lot of talent and experience returning, and Brohawn was supposed to get the Huskers' 1994 campaign off to a flying start against the Golden Eagles.



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But the Golden Eagles sunk their talons into Brohawn early as Kit Pearson hit a two-run homer off the left-hander in the first inning to give ORU an early lead.

Brohawn's start went from bad to worse as his left foot snapped almost inexplicably while running the bases in the third inning.

Brohawn missed the next 25 games—and the Huskers stumbled to a 12-14 start—before he finally returned to the batting order on April 1, against Big Eight powerhouse Oklahoma

State.

So, Nebraska baseball coach John Sanders and Brohawn decided to make Brohawn's first start on the mound against the team that began Nebraska's early season troubles.

The Huskers went into the series 16-16, and Sanders told his team to use the series with ORU as a fresh start.

Along with being a new start for the Huskers, it was also a chance at revenge.

When Pearson homered off Brohawn to open the season the first time, the Golden Eagles' hitter let Brohawn know what he thought of him as he rounded the bases.

So when Pearson stepped into the box in the first inning on Friday, Brohawn greeted him with a fastball under the chin. Later in the count,

Brohawn threw a pitch behind Pearson.

With two strikes on Pearson, Brohawn brought the good stuff to the plate, and Pearson, who may have been thinking about the two he just missed, practically stumbled out of the box on his heels while waving weakly at strike three.

This was how the Huskers were supposed to start their season—playing "Hardball Husker Style," as the steaming brand on the baseball media guide calls it.

The only question is whether Nebraska's new season started soon enough or if it will again be too late to make a push for regionals and the College World Series.

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