

# Petersen returns as shortstop

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As a freshman, Darin Petersen was selected to the 1992 Mizuno/Collegiate First-Team Freshman All-American squad as a shortstop.

Last year Petersen switched over to second base, and he didn't miss a beat, hitting .320 while committing only eight errors.

Now Petersen is back at shortstop anchoring the Nebraska defense, which has remained steady throughout the Cornhuskers' up-and-down season.

The junior shortstop from Lincoln Southeast has helped lead the Cornhusker defense, which has committed just 48 errors.

And Petersen has played a big part in the Husker defense for the past three seasons.

Petersen has started in every game but two for the last three seasons, surviving the switch from shortstop to second base last season.

"Basically it was a situation where we already had a shortstop, and we really needed someone to step over and play second," Petersen said. "I do like short better; there is a little more action, but it's also more difficult to play."

Petersen started all 58 games last season, with 53 starts coming at second base. Last season Petersen was named honorable mention All-Big Eight at the position.

The difference between shortstop and second base, Petersen said, is that he has to be ready at all times while playing shortstop.

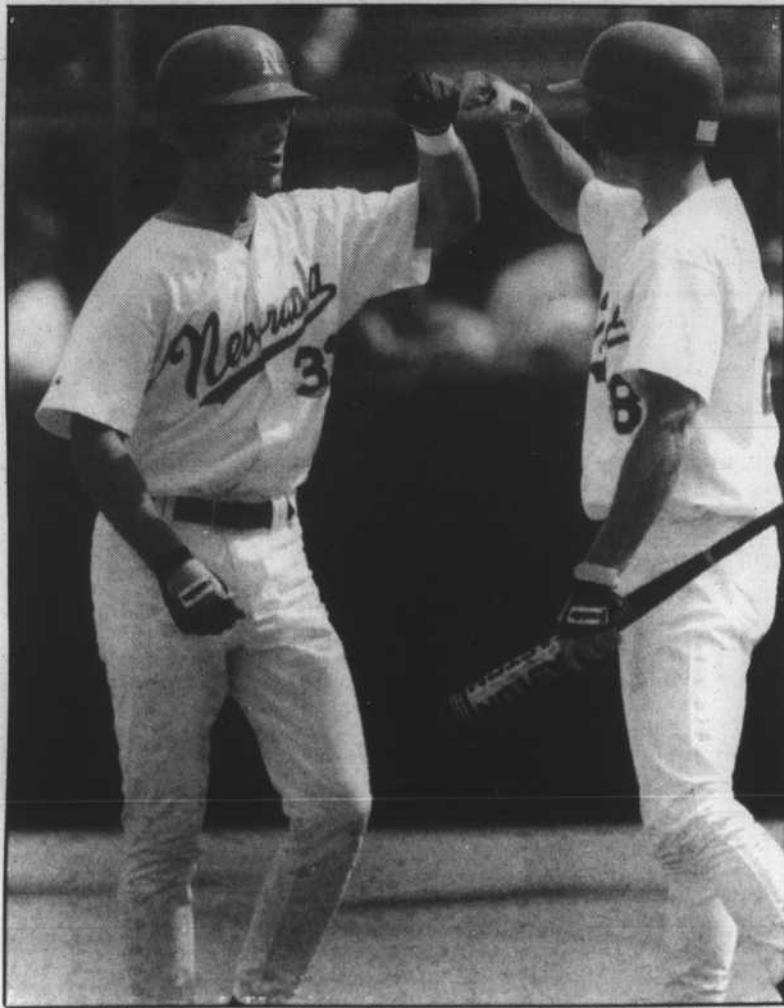
"It is a position where you get a large amount of ground balls towards you," Petersen said. "You just have to constantly be on the alert. There are a lot of shots that come out at you."

Most of those shots have been caught by Petersen. After committing 23 errors his freshman year, he cut that down to eight a year ago.

But Petersen said the decline in errors was partly because of the switch to second base.

Petersen said second base is a much easier position because you don't get as many hard hit balls as you do at shortstop.

Petersen's versatility—the skill of



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Nebraska shortstop Darin Peterson is congratulated by teammate Jed Dalton after hitting a home run during the Cornhuskers' loss to Kansas April 23.

playing three of the four infield positions — is definitely to the Huskers' advantage.

"I feel that I could play any position on the infield now, second or third or shortstop," he said. "It really doesn't matter where I play."

Consistent on the defensive side of the ball, Petersen has also contributed at the plate.

He has a career batting average of .323 and has racked up almost 200 hits in three seasons.

But this year, Petersen is hitting .276, 44 points below last year.

"Right now my average is below

what it usually is," Petersen said. "I think that is because I was a contact hitter before, and now I am trying to drive the ball more." But Petersen has been able to come through in the clutch for the 28-19 Huskers.

"I think that is because I have always been mentally tough," Petersen said. "In those type of situations, I feel it is easier to hit. All the pressure is on the pitcher, all I have to do is relax and drive the ball."

Off the baseball diamond, Petersen has also been able to come through in the clutch in the classroom.

# Baseball team to sit out finals week

By Jeff Griesch  
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After all the hard work the Nebraska baseball team did in April to overcome a dismal March, the Cornhuskers will start May with a week of rest before trying to make a run at an NCAA Regional bid.

The Huskers are 28-19 overall and 12-10 in the Big Eight after going 16-5 in April.

The Huskers are hoping the momentum they gained in April will continue through May after taking 10 days off for academic finals.

Nebraska coach John Sanders said the break should be good for the Huskers.

"Obviously we'd rather be playing this week rather than not playing," he said. "But the players will get focused on final exams, and the bumps and bruises can get fully healed."

The only slip the Huskers had during the month was a three-game sweep by Kansas at home April 22-24, but Nebraska recovered to take a doubleheader from Missouri on April 27.

The two wins against Missouri allowed the Huskers to end their best month on a winning note.

"Usually I would say that we want to keep playing," Sanders said after the Kansas series. "But I think the rest comes at a good time because I think we may be a little drained."

Nebraska pitcher Troy Brohawn said he had mixed feelings about not playing between April 27 and May 7.

"As a far as pitching goes, I think it will be good to have rest so our arms are fresh and rested," Brohawn said. "But as far as hitting goes, we were on a roll at the plate, and when you're hitting well you want to keep hitting."

Sanders said that since his team

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is playing well, he hoped the layoff didn't stop the Huskers' winning. "We're playing well," he said. "You hate to shut it down when you're doing well, so that's a possible negative."

But the Huskers will try to stay sharp by practicing this week before resuming regular-season play May 7 with a three-game weekend series at Oklahoma.

series with the Sooners with single games May 10 and 11 at Buck Beltzer Field. It ends the season with a three-game set at home against Iowa State starting May 14.

Brohawn said the Huskers planned to use their last eight games to build momentum for the conference tournament May 19-22 in Oklahoma City, Okla.

"We're just looking to get on a roll going into the Big Eight," Brohawn said. "We're hitting the ball well, and our top three pitchers have been throwing real well, and then Mike Bellows has been doing the job out of the pen."

"We just need to keep things rolling."

Brohawn said the best way for the Huskers to avoid being shut out of the regional tournament for the ninth straight year is to win the Big Eight tourney.

"The easiest way for us to earn a regional bid would be just to win the Big Eight tournament," Brohawn said.

# Nebraska women's golf team makes history — trip to regionals

From Staff Reports

The Nebraska women's golf team will be doing something that it has never done before on May 12.

The Cornhuskers will go to regionals.

For the first time, Coach Robin Krapfl's team has qualified for regionals at Albuquerque, N.M.

"We're terribly excited," Krapfl said. "Having never qualified before, it's a great accomplishment."

Although this season's team, which is ranked No. 34, has accomplished a great feat by qualifying, Krapfl said the Huskers had a tough task awaiting them.

Krapfl said the Huskers could be in the

toughest regional.

Ten teams from the region are ranked in the top 13, and there are only 10 regional spots available for nationals on May 25-28 in Eugene, Ore.

"It's definitely the toughest region out there," Krapfl said. "But I think this team is capable of playing up to that level."

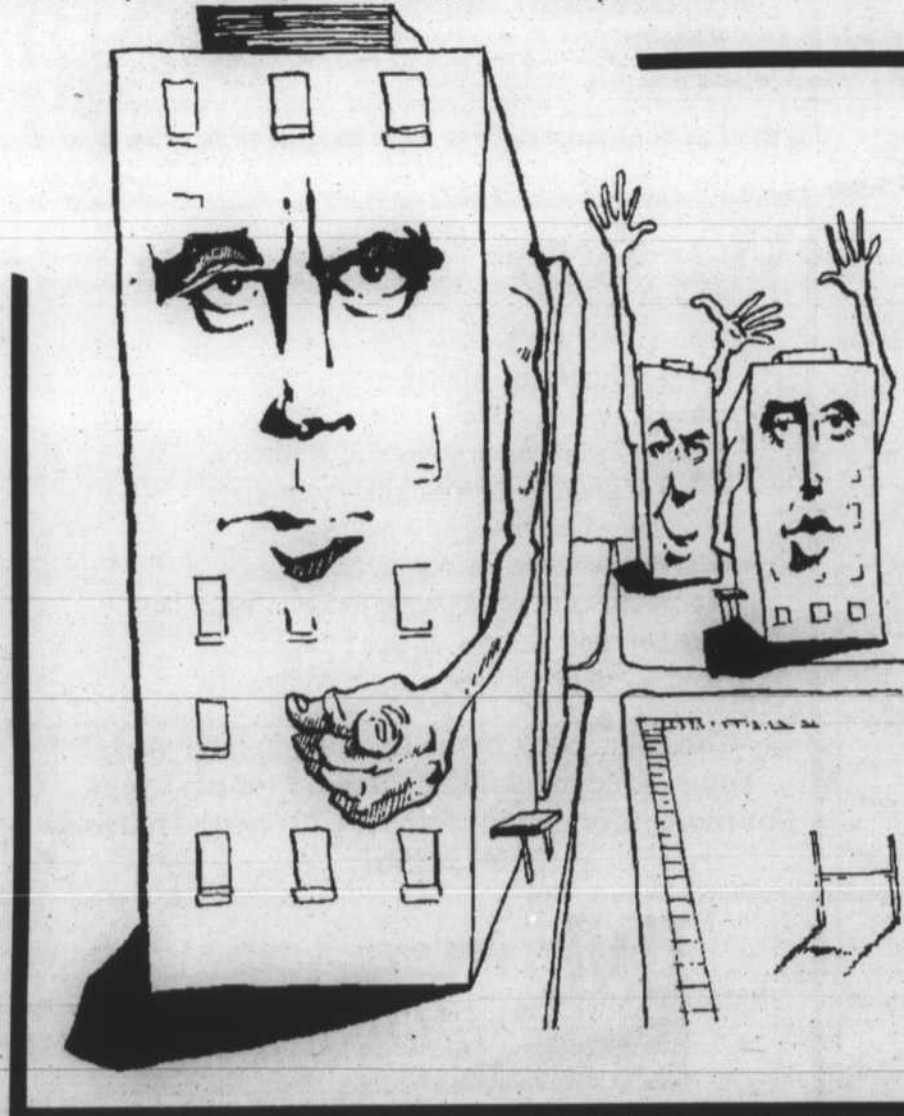
"I really believe that if we play to the level

we can play, we could qualify for nationals."

Krapfl said team depth could help this team qualify for nationals.

But no matter what the outcome is at regionals, Krapfl said, something positive would still come out of the trip.

"Even if we don't qualify, it's a great experience and it will help us for next year," she said.



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