

# NU's track season ends

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Nebraska ended its track and field season last weekend at the NCAA Outdoor Track and Field Championships in Boise, Idaho, with the Husker women just missing their preseason goal.

The Nebraska women finished 16th, while the men checked in tied for 48th with Texas A&M. LSU won the women's competition and Arkansas took the men's title.

Coach Gary Pepin said the women were close to meeting expectations set before the season started. "Our goal from the beginning of the season was to finish in the top 10 in both the men's and women's (competition)," he said. "On the women's side, it was a very realistic goal. We were hit by some injuries and then had some subpar performances there (at Boise).

The brightest spot for the Huskers was Nicola Martial, who won the triple jump with a jump of 44-11 3/4.

Pepin said Martial's jump was the highlight of the season.

"It is definitely the best colle-

giate jump of the year," Pepin said. "It was one of the best triple jumps ever in the women's NCAA (Championships). The good thing is she's only a sophomore."

Martial was the first Husker woman to win an individual outdoor title since Ximena Restripo won the 400-meter dash in 1991.

Sophomore Paulette Mitchell placed fifth in the shot put with a throw of 53-6 1/2 and freshman Angee Henry finished eighth in the long jump by leaping 20-8 1/2.

Andy Meyer was the only Husker to finish in the top six for the men's team when his throw of 188-9 was good enough for a fourth place finish in the discus. It was the second straight year that the senior placed fourth at the outdoor meet.

"We got a real strong performance out of Andy," Pepin said. "He had been sick and injured all spring and it seemed like he was just starting to get going again. We wished he could have went without the injury and sickness, then he would've been at this level in the beginning and could have kept improving."

# Husker hitting duo honored again

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Nebraska baseball players Derek Dukart and Darin Erstad were again honored by being named to the All-Midwest Regional Team.

Dukart, a senior third basemen, was selected to the first team, while Erstad, a sophomore outfielder, was chosen for the second team.

Coach John Sanders said the duo provided leadership both on and off the field.

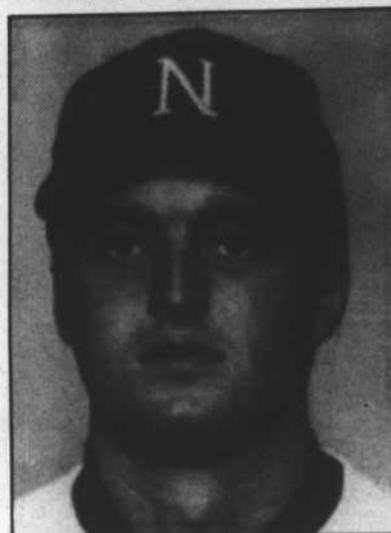
"They were very effective for us all season," Sanders said. "They were players that were first good students. They put up good numbers both in the classroom and on the field. They're good examples of what leaders should be."

The tandem of Dukart and Erstad provided the 32-28 Huskers with most of their offensive firepower.

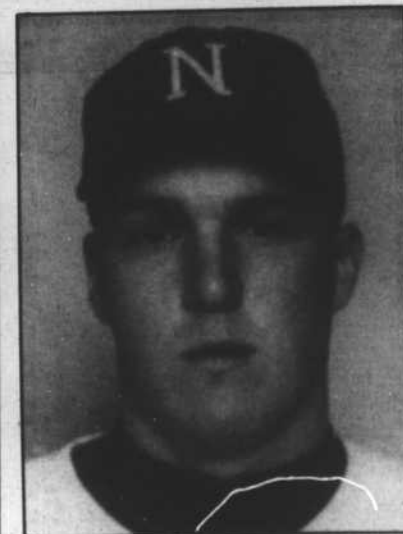
Dukart and Erstad led the Huskers in hitting, with respective batting averages of .361 and .317 and RBI totals of 55 and 52.

"I'd say they're right up there with one of the best (duos) in the Big Eight," Sanders said. "The statistics bear that out. Now they're getting the honors for it and I think it is well-deserved."

Sanders said the pair helped the



Dukart



Erstad

Huskers get past some of the rougher spots during the season.

"They provided this team with stability," he said. "We were able to count on them in tough times. They're both very consistent. Anytime you can get two or three players who are consistent, they'll help you through those tough times."

Both players were named First-Team All-Big Eight and were also chosen earlier in the season to the

Pepsi/Johnny Quik Classic All-Tournament Team in Fresno, Ca.

Sanders said he was now searching for a replacement for Dukart, the third basemen from Milwaukie, Ore.

"He will be missed considerably, but it's not like we're going to shut down the program," he said. "He was someone that showed he can get it done from all aspects. We have some pretty good prospects now and I hope they can do the job."

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