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'Long weekend' ends; 7 Huskers drafted

By Derek Samson
Senior Reporter

With the 199th overall pick in the National Football League's draft on Sunday, the Pittsburgh Steelers ended the longest weekend of Nebraska cornerback Barron Miles' life.

Miles was the third Cornhusker selected by the Steelers, and it pushed the total number of drafted Nebraska players to seven.

Pittsburgh also took offensive guard Brenden Stai in the third round and outside linebacker Donta Jones in the fourth round.

"They have to find a different way to do this thing," Miles said by phone from his home in

Roselle, N.J. "This was the longest two days I've ever had to sit through. There is nothing in the world to explain it. It was a horrible wait. I'm just glad it's finally over.

"The funny thing was I started sweating the second I got the call from Pittsburgh. I didn't sweat the entire two days, but once I got the call, I couldn't stop sweating."

Zach Wiegert was the highest Husker chosen when he was selected by the St. Louis Rams in the second round as the 38th pick overall.

Wiegert, the 1994 Outland Trophy winner, said he was expecting to go higher.

"I was hoping to go a little earlier, but if there was a team worth waiting for, in the second

round, it was St. Louis," Wiegert said. "I like playing in the Midwest ... It seems like you get a lot of fan support."

Kansas City chose Troy Dumas in the third round, the New York Giants took Rob Zatechka in the fourth round and Detroit selected Cory Schlesinger with the 192nd pick.

Miles, who said he would report to Pittsburgh next week, said it would be nice to have Jones and Stai at the Steelers' rookie camp with him.

"Even though we might not see each other too much because we're at different positions, it will be a big help to have those guys there," he said. "It's going to be an eye opener once I get

there, and it will be nice to see some familiar faces."

If Miles sticks with his cornerback position, he will have one of the best teachers in the business — All-Pro defensive back Rod Woodson.

"They have a great secondary in Pittsburgh, especially with Woodson," Miles said. "He's a great athlete and a great player. I'll never be ashamed to ask him for advice."

After waiting for 198 picks to hear his name, Miles is ready to get to work.

"Now that the wait is over, it's time to prove myself," he said.

The Associated Press contributed to this story.

Softball team's rally falls short

By Trevor Parks
Staff Reporter

Iowa State pitcher Debbie Nease held an edge on Nebraska softball shortstop Ali Viola all day.

That advantage culminated with Viola grounding out to second base with the bases loaded and two outs in the top of the seventh of a 6-5 Nebraska loss in the second game of a doubleheader.

The 35-17 Cornhuskers won the first game 8-3 before falling in the crucial second game in front of a crowd of 286 at the NU Softball Complex Sunday.

But according to coach Rhonda Revelle that may not be enough.

Revelle said the loss might have hurt Nebraska's chances at winning its first Big Eight title since 1988.

"As far as the Big Eight Championship, we need some help to win it with five losses," Revelle said.

The Huskers rallied as they tried to avoid that fifth conference loss in the second game.

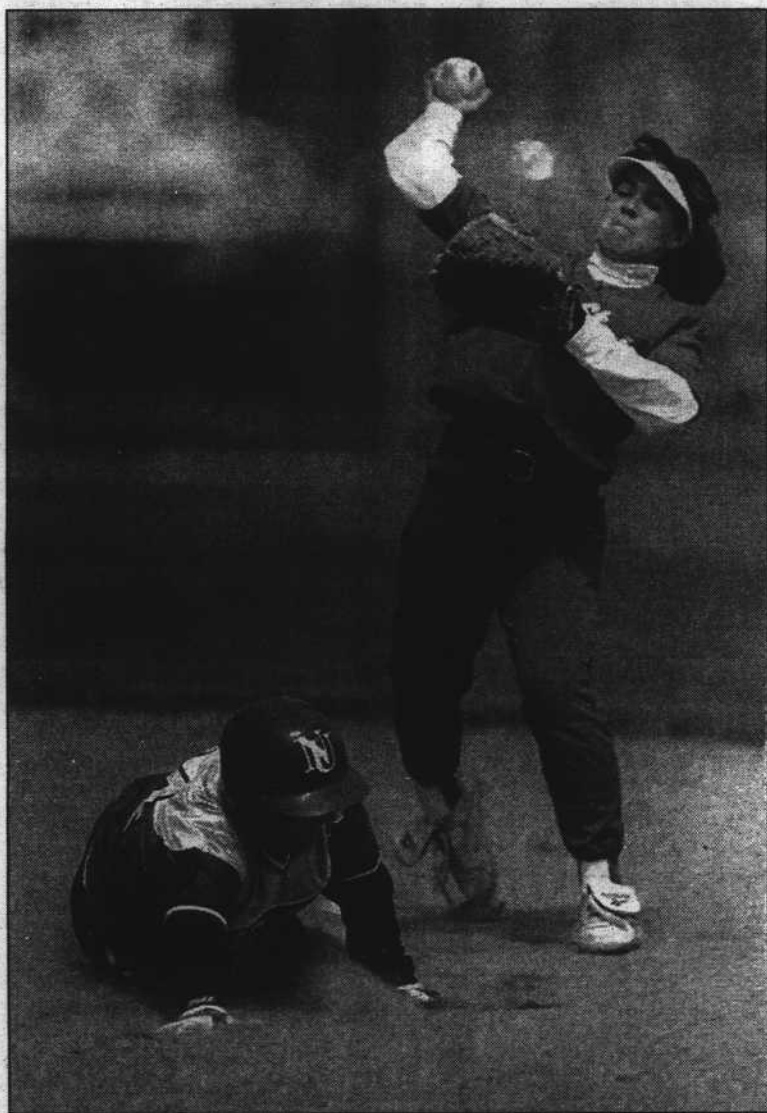
Nebraska trailed 6-1 after the 19-16-1 Cyclones rocked Husker starter Angela Blackwood for six runs in three innings.

The Huskers, without pitcher Stacie Stafford, looked to Melanie Raimondi to stop the bleeding.

Raimondi did just that allowing two hits in three innings.

Blackwood said Raimondi, who only made her fourth and fifth appearances of the season, did a great job.

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Travis Heying/DN
Nebraska softball player Rachel Dunham slides into second during the Huskers' 8-3 win over Iowa State Sunday. Dunham was called out.

Stanford wins title, Huskers take second

By Mitch Sherman
Senior Reporter

The Nebraska men's gymnastics team put forth its best effort of the season Friday night, but the Cornhuskers didn't have enough juice to overcome Stanford, which won its third national title in the last four years at the NCAA Championships in Columbus, Ohio.

The Cornhuskers, who placed first in Thursday's preliminary competition, scored a season-high 231.55 points Friday in the final round, losing to Stanford, which scored 232.4 points. Penn State placed third at 229.775.

"The way I see it," Nebraska coach Francis Allen said Sunday, "is that Stanford was about one-tenth better than us. I thought they got a few scores

here and there. But I'm sure they felt that way about us, too."

Senior Richard Grace defended his parallel bars title by winning the event for the second straight year with a 9.8 Saturday night in the individual finals. Grace also won the all-around championship on Thursday night.

Also on Saturday, senior Rick Kieffer captured the national title on the high bar with a 9.8375.

Nebraska, which has finished first or second at the NAAs in 15 of the last 17 years, won the national championship a year ago by defeating Stanford in Lincoln. The Cardinal won the title in 1992 and 1993.

Allen said he could not be happier with his team's performance, despite the second-place finish. All-arounders

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Top-notch pitching effort saves final game in weekend series

By Jeff Griesch
Senior Reporter

Cody Winget gave the Nebraska baseball team its best pitching performance of the season to lead the Cornhuskers to a 4-0 win over Iowa State at Buck Beltzer Stadium Sunday.

The senior right-hander from Murray, Utah, and Nebraska's No. 1 starter, entered the game with the team's highest ERA at 11.12.

With a complete game two-hit shut-out, Winget improved to 3-3, shaved his ERA to 8.07 and salvaged the final game of a three-game series for the Huskers.

The Huskers moved to 9-11 in the Big Eight and 27-18 overall. The

Cyclones moved to 19-15 and 10-9 in the conference.

Nebraska lost 7-1 Friday night and 13-3 Saturday. The Huskers also dropped a doubleheader to the Cyclones Wednesday to lose the season series.

Nebraska coach John Sanders said he was pleased with the way the Huskers bounced back Sunday.

"We were a little tired, a little fatigued and each player had to dig down and give a little extra to get up for this game," Sanders said. "I was proud of their effort."

But Nebraska third baseman Jed Dalton said the Huskers missed an opportunity to move up in the confer-

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Husker offense dominates record-breaking spring game

By Mitch Sherman
Senior Reporter

Twenty-five minutes into the 46th annual Red-White spring game Saturday afternoon at Memorial Stadium, only one Nebraska quarterback had made a dent in the Cornhusker defense.

And he isn't eligible to play for another 16 months.

Over the next 35 minutes, the Nebraska offense assaulted the defense, totalling 74 points and 1,055 yards, including 558 yards through the air.

Scott Frost, a sophomore transfer from Stanford, threw a 2-yard touchdown pass to tight end Tim Carpenter one minute into the second quarter, igniting a spring offensive explosion that ended in a 40-34 White team win.

Saturday's culmination of spring drills, the White squad's first victory since 1989, saw seven spring records broken or tied, all on the offensive side of the ball.

Coach Tom Osborne said with the exception of the spring game, the defense dominated the majority of the spring, which was a good sign.

"Ideally, you'd like to see your defense come out ahead a little bit," Osborne said. "If you just run up and down the field all spring, usually you

don't have a very good football team."

Some of Saturday's highlights:

● A record attendance of 39,771 one day after 40,278 packed Memorial Stadium for a national championship celebration on Friday night.

● Three Frost touchdown passes, including two to split end Riley Washington, who caught a spring-game record three scoring passes. Frost completed 10 of 17 passes for 158 yards.

● Tommie Frazier's 228 yards passing, which broke Frank Patrick's record of 216 yards, set in 1968.

● The surprise first-quarter appearance of Frazier as a punt returner. The senior quarterback returned one punt for five yards. "I'm a little uneasy about it," Osborne said.

● A spring game record 184 yards receiving from Reggie Baul. Baul scored two touchdowns, including an 80-yarder from Frazier.

No quarterback decision will be made until August, Osborne said. Frazier outgained Brook Berringer 242-105 Saturday.

Frazier said, "I don't see it as a quarterback competition. I am not worrying about what (Berringer) is doing, and hopefully he's not worrying about what I'm doing. The only thing we can control is the way we play."

I-back Todd Uhler, whose 89-yard fourth-quarter touchdown run broke a spring-game record, led all rushers with 114 yards on nine carries.

Brian Knuckles, a redshirt last season after transferring from Coffeyville (Kan.) Community College, led the Red squad with 99 yards on 15 carries.

NOTES:

● Redshirt freshman split end Kenny Cheatham, who caught four passes for 90 yards Saturday, is a Husker to watch next fall, receivers coach Ron Brown said. Brown said the 6-foot-3, 200-pounder had J.J. Stokes-type potential.

Cheatham, a three-sport star in high school, said last week that he would like to try basketball next fall. "I'll go out next year, talk to coach (Danny) Nee," he said. "But now I'm just concentrating on football. That's what I'm here for right now, to take care of business. Then after the season, we'll see."

● Washington, who led the white team with four catches for 103 yards, said he would like to translate spring improvement into fall success. "I want to be the go-to guy," the junior wingback said. "When its third-and-10, I want to be the

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Nebraska coach

man. I don't mind the pressure."

● Tight end Matt Shaw, a senior last season, was awarded the Tom Novak trophy on Saturday. Shaw, a former walk-on from Lincoln East, was a two-time Academic All-Big Eight selection and a 1994 first-team GTE Academic All-American.

● The Guy Chamberlain Trophy was awarded to defensive tackle Terry Connealy, also a senior last fall. Connealy, a defensive tackle from Hyannis, had 42 tackles and 7.5 sacks last season. Connealy is a two-time first-team GTE Academic All-American.