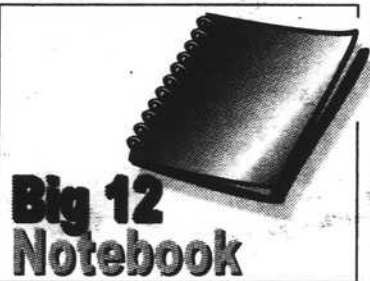


# Sports

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**Big 12  
Notebook**

Texas Tech has jumped not only to the top of Big 12 Conference baseball standings, but to the top of the college ranks as well. The Red Raiders (32-5 overall and 14-4 in the Big 12), who were fourth last week, knocked top-ranked Louisiana State (34-6) out of the No. 1 spot in the latest Collegiate Baseball poll.

Other Big 12 teams ranked in the poll are Oklahoma State (28-11 and 12-6) at No. 15 and No. 20 Oklahoma (26-10 and 11-4). After Nebraska's doubleheader with Peru State today, NU plays eight straight games against those three teams.

Big 12 baseball suffered numerous postponements and cancellations last week because of the weather. Of the 13 games scheduled for last Wednesday through Friday, 10 were canceled or postponed. The Texas-Iowa State series, which was set for Ames, Iowa, became the first Big 12 series to not be played this season.

The Houston Chronicle reported in its Monday editions that Texas Tech did not report several athletes who had made illegal long-distance phone calls. Tech is already in hot water with the news that star running back Byron Hanspard posted a 0.00 grade point average in the fall semester.

By not reporting the latest incidents, the Red Raiders could break major NCAA violations. The calls made from an athletic conference room were linked to members of the men's basketball and football teams.

Colorado Women's Basketball Coach Ceal Barry was offered the position as top coach of the USA Basketball women's program for the 2000 Summer Olympics. The job, which calls for a four-year commitment, was not appealing enough to Barry, who was an assistant on the gold-medal winning team in the 1996 Atlanta Games.

"There were definitely some attractive things, but I have a long and happy relationship with Colorado," Barry said.

Texas Tech Coach Marsha Sharp has cut down her duties at the school. Sharp, who has been at Tech for 16 seasons, will remain as basketball coach but has dropped her job as the Red Raiders' senior women's administrator.

Marcia Mounsey, a freshman on the Colorado women's track and field team, died at Children's Hospital in Boulder, Colo., on Monday from acute respiratory arrest, school officials said.

Mounsey suffered a reaction from antibiotics that damaged her lungs in December, and she had been on a respirator for four months.

Big 12 Notebook compiled by staff reporter Peter Marhofer.

## Huskers romp past Broncos

**NU scores 28 runs, allows five hits in doubleheader sweep.**

By DAVID WILSON  
Staff Reporter

Last week's snow didn't help the Nebraska baseball team.

The Cornhuskers, who were swept in three games at Texas A&M last weekend, got back into the swing of things Tuesday at Buck Beltzer Field, sweeping a doubleheader from Hastings College.

Sophomore right-hander Seth Wil-

liams (1-0) tossed a two-hitter in the first game en route to a 4-0 Nebraska win. In the nightcap, the Husker bats warmed up as NU clobbered Hastings 24-0.

Bad weather in Lincoln last week canceled two games against Oral Roberts, and forced the Huskers to practice indoors all week before they traveled to College Station, Texas.

"I firmly believe that being inside last week hurt us a lot," NU Coach John Sanders said. "We needed to get our

hitting rhythm back. At Kansas State we were hot and hitting the ball well. Then we had to go inside for a week. That really shut us down."

Nebraska will play host to Peru State today in a doubleheader beginning at 2:30 p.m. at Buck Beltzer Field. The Huskers are 10-0 against Division II teams this season.

In the second game on Tuesday, Nebraska pounded out 22 hits while five NU pitchers combined to keep the Broncos scoreless.

Freshman Ken Harvey led the Huskers going 4 for 5 with six RBIs. The 6-foot-2, 230-pound righty, also knocked his first career home run — a 342-foot opposite-field shot to right field. Harvey, who is hitting .303 this

season, had not batted in a game since NU's March 27 loss to Washington in Honolulu.

"John felt like today was my day," Harvey said. "So I came out to prove that I can hit the ball. It felt real nice. I was used to that in high school, but it's been pretty subject here. It was nice to break out."

With the help of NU Assistant Coach Mike Anderson, Harvey said he had recently changed his batting stance. Instead of "dipping" over the plate, Harvey said he now stands more upright.

Sanders said Harvey was due for a breakout game at the plate.

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## Support leads to success

By GREGG MADSEN  
Staff Reporter

A map will show that Shelly Bartlett is about 1,360 miles from her family in Spokane, Wash.

But in spirit, they're as close as a heartbeat.

The senior Nebraska women's gymnast hasn't let the miles come between her and her brother, two sisters and parents.

The support they have offered and the values Bartlett's parents instilled in her have enabled her to become one of the most successful Cornhusker gymnasts in school history.

Bartlett said her parents, Bob and Nina Bartlett, have been a source of strength and inspiration throughout her life — especially during her four years at NU.

"I can't imagine my life without both of them working together as a unit for me," Bartlett said. "I guess I've just grown up with a really strong family."

Bartlett said the values that her parents taught her helped her adjust to the demanding schedule of a Division I student-athlete.

"The kind of values that our whole family has grown up with, you hear people talk about a Midwestern hard-work ethic, I think that's why I fit in here in the Midwest so well because my parents raised me on the same value system of working hard and being goal-driven."

Bartlett said she calls home as many times as possible to hear the latest news about the rest of the family, including her sisters Maureen and Anne, and her younger brother Robert.

"Sometimes I call them every other day," she said. "Sometimes I don't talk to them for a week or so. A lot of times there's so much going on in my life that I just can't wait to call and tell them about it."

Bartlett, who was named the 1997 Nebraska female student-athlete of the year this week, has en-

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**TOP: SHELLY BARTLETT** has become one of the most popular and successful gymnasts in her four years at Nebraska. On Thursday at the NCAA Championships in Gainesville, Fla., Bartlett will compete in her last meet as a Cornhusker.



**LEFT: BARTLETT**, who competes here on the floor exercise, owns two school records — on the balance beam and all-around — and shares another on the uneven bars. She enters the NCAAs ranked as the nation's sixth-ranked all-arounder.

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