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## Big 12 Notebook

For the fourth straight year, the Nebraska women's golf team has qualified for the NCAA West Regional.

The Cornhuskers, who finished third at the Big 12 Tournament, join four other Big 12 schools in the regional. Texas, Texas A&M, Oklahoma State and Texas Tech will also compete in the tournament which starts May 8 at Tucson, Ariz.

NU is the eighth seed and the top 11 finishers in the regional make the NCAA Championships. The Huskers have missed the NCAAs by one stroke the past two years.

The brackets are set for the Big 12 Conference Softball Tournament this weekend in Oklahoma City.

Friday morning, No. 8-seed Baylor (37-20 and 4-8) plays No. 9 Texas Tech (34-18-1 and 1-13) and seventh-seed Texas (27-22 and 6-10) plays No. 10 Iowa State (15-21 and 1-11). The winner of the Bears-Tech game plays No. 1 seed Missouri (43-11 and 15-3) later Friday, while the winner of the Cyclones-Longhorns game plays No. 2-seed Oklahoma State (34-15 and 14-4).

In other opening-round action, No. 4 Nebraska (26-20 and 10-6) plays No. 5 Oklahoma State (34-18 and 10-7) and third-seed Kansas (33-18 and 11-6) plays No. 6 Texas A&M (35-26 and 7-9) in the double-elimination tournament.

Texas started off the Big 12 Conference tennis era with a title sweep. Both the Longhorn men and women — the regular season conference champs — won the league tournament titles two weekends ago.

On the men's side, top-seed UT upended second-seed Kansas 4-1 as the Longhorns won the doubles point and three of four singles matches to win the title. As for the women, Texas edged third-seed Texas A&M 5-4.

With two weeks left in the conference baseball season, four teams have clinched spots in the league tournament.

Baylor, Texas Tech, Oklahoma and Oklahoma State all have clinched berths in the league tournament which starts May 15 in Oklahoma City.

Senior wide receiver Andre Anderson was dismissed from the Kansas State football team last week by KSU Coach Bill Snyder.

Anderson, who lost his scholarship before the spring because of disciplinary reasons, was listed as No. 1 on the depth chart and was to replace NFL draftee Kevin Lockett. The native of West Palm Beach, Fla., caught 23 passes and five touchdowns for the Wildcats last season.

Snyder said Anderson cannot return to the field under any circumstances.

Big 12 Notebook compiled by staff reporter Vince D'Adamo.

## NU wins first road game

### Sawyers and Harvey each blast home runs against the Bluejays.

By DAVID WILSON  
Staff Reporter

OMAHA — The Creighton baseball team can't beat Steve Fish.

For the third time this season, the senior right-hander earned a complete-game win over the Bluejays as Nebraska rolled to a 4-1 victory Tuesday at Rosenblatt Stadium. The Cornhuskers improved to 24-30 and earned their first win on the road.

Fish, who earned his team-high

eight win for NU, was throwing on just three days of rest.

"He's a three-day rest guy," NU Coach John Sanders said, "and he sometimes pitches better on three-days rest because he doesn't try to over-throw. He took a little while to get into a rhythm, but once he got into a groove, he was pretty much sailing."

NU catcher Andrew Sawyers put the Huskers ahead 2-0 in the top of the second with a two-run line shot over the left center field fence. But the Bluejays (24-22) struck right back.

Fish issued his only walk of the game to right fielder Mike Haynes in the bottom half of the inning. Third baseman Ryan Gripp followed with a single to right, which NU right fielder

Gabe Garcia lost in the lights.

Designated hitter Andy Vosik then beat out a double-play ball to put runners on the corners for left fielder John Bichelmeyer with one out. Bichelmeyer knocked Haynes in with a sacrifice fly to center, closing the Huskers' lead to one.

Creighton touched Fish for six hits, while four Bluejay pitchers combined to allow eight. CU Coach Jack Dahm said he was pleased with his team's effort.

"We made probably three or four mistakes the entire game," Dahm said. "We had a great approach at the plate and we had some great swings."

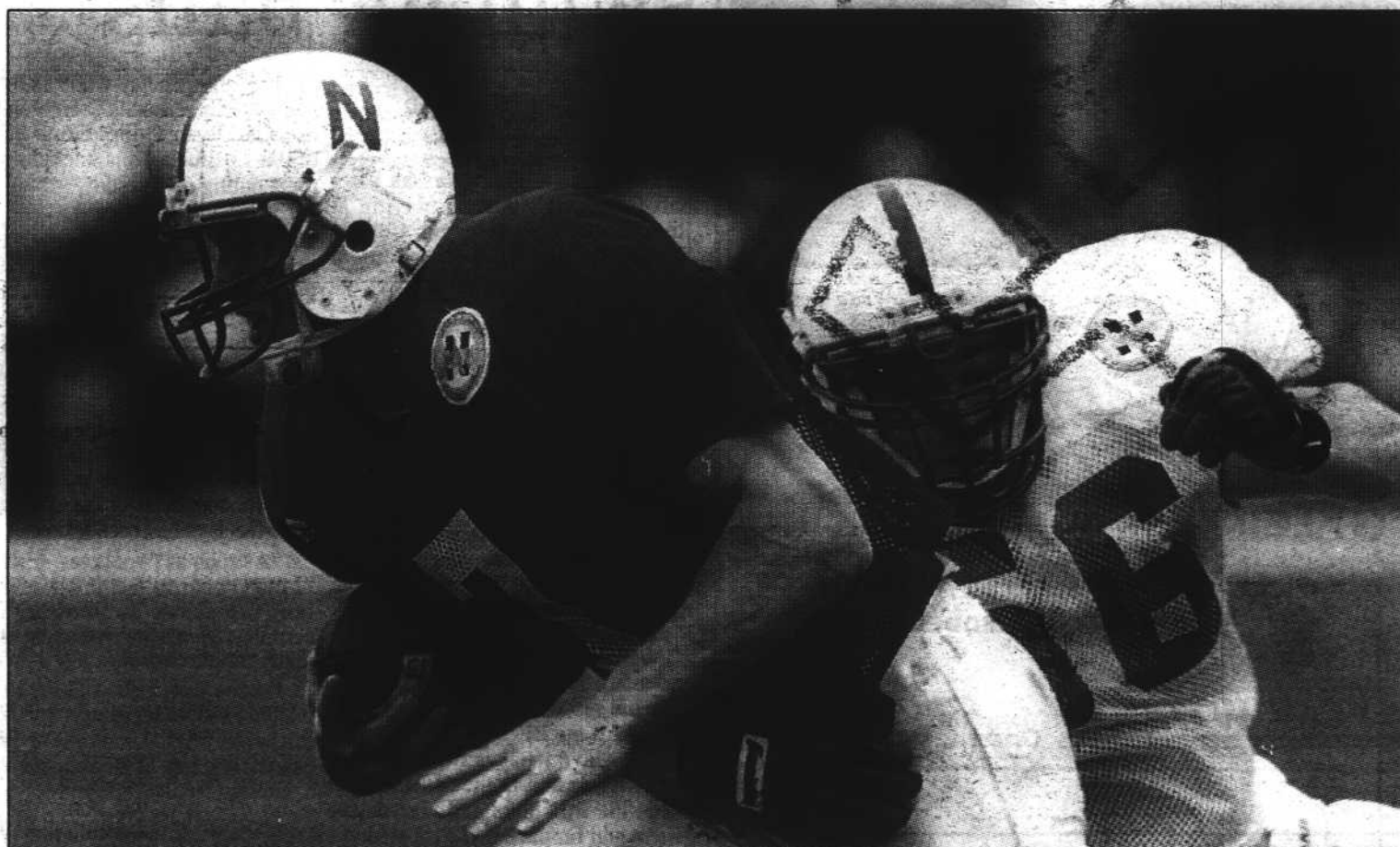
"We hit (Fish) hard all night long. But to his credit, when there were guys

"We just want to finish up hard."

KEN HARVEY  
NU third baseman

in scoring position, he came up with the big pitches. That's the sign of a very good pitcher. He's beaten us three times and that's pretty tough to do. We don't have a bad offensive ball club." The Bluejays reached base in all

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SCOTT BRUHN/DN

NU QUARTERBACK SCOTT FROST is wrapped up by Noland Urban in the Red-White Game. Frost had a dismal spring, completing less than 30 percent of his passes.

## Spring ball answers many questions

By MITCH SHERMAN  
Senior Reporter

Days before spring football practice began March 31, Jason Peter watched a videotape of Nebraska's 17-12 win over Colorado last season in an attempt to gain motivation entering a month of tireless workouts.

When the Cornhuskers search for a motivational videotape next year, they hope to watch clips of a meaningful bowl game in January — preferably a national championship victory in the 1998 Orange Bowl — not a regular-season win in November.

It's that type of thinking that propelled NU through spring ball this month, a time when many

young players on both sides of the ball emerged and made the task of replacing 14 starters appear much less daunting.

"I was a little nervous coming in," Peter said, "but the young guys are playing at a level where they're ready to be starters at Nebraska."

Major strides on defense and nagging injuries across the depth chart characterize the spring of 1997. But only two Huskers — reserve linebacker Casey Macken and reserve fullback Ben Kingston, both of whom tore knee ligaments — figure to remain off the field in August.

Here's a position-by-position look at NU's prospects for next fall:

### Quarterback

Senior Scott Frost looks to have a solid hold on the top job, despite completing less than 30 percent of his passes this spring without a touchdown. "My improvement has come in the option game," Frost said. "I've improved running the option key, making the good pitch and being more aggressive."

Sophomore Frankie London earned the No. 2 spot this spring, but behind him, junior Monte Christo and sophomore Jeff Perino seemed interchangeable. And star recruits Eric Crouch and Bobby Newcombe possess the physical tools to make an immediate impact.

### Running Back

Freshman Dan Alexander grabbed the most attention this spring, doing his best imitation of a diesel-run, 18-wheeler semi-truck from both the I-back and fullback spots. But Alexander must wait his turn behind a slew of veterans at both positions.

Junior I-back Ahman Green has lost the excess weight that slowed him last fall and owns the No. 1 spot on the depth chart. "Ahman was really disappointed in the season he had last year," rush end Grant Wistrom said. "He's ready for a breakout season."

Coaches expect sophomore DeAngelo Evans, who missed the entire spring with a groin injury, to run soon and enter fall camp healthy. Evans backs up Green, followed by senior Jay Sims. Junior Joel Makovicka starts at fullback, and juniors Billy Legate and Josh Cobb will bid for time. Freshman Willie Miller also looked impressive at fullback this month.

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"I think we exceeded everybody's expectations."

JAY FOREMAN  
NU Mike linebacker