

Big 12 Notebook

After years of debate, the NCAA ruled last week that scholarship collegiate athletes will be able to hold part-time jobs. The ruling will take effect this August. Over the last few years, this has been a highly debated topic. Last year, this ruling was postponed to this year's meeting of university and college presidents.

Those in favor of the ruling say that the NCAA is looking out for the welfare of the student athlete. But those who oppose the ruling see potential problems with cheating and slumping grades.

"It's going to be a disaster," said Tom Asbury, Kansas State men's basketball coach.

It was a banner weekend for the Texas A&M Aggies. The A&M women's golf team started off the weekend by capturing the Big 12 championships.

A&M posted a team score of 919. Two Aggie golfers led the way in the individual competition. Isabelle Rosberg posted a four-day score of 225, winning the conference individual race by two strokes. Jaime Hullett, also from A&M, tied for second with two other golfers, with a score of 227.

In addition to the women's golf title, Texas A&M captured the men's tennis conference championship. The Aggies upset Texas 4-0 in the finals, which were held in Lincoln this past weekend. In the last dual match of the regular season, A&M lost to Texas 4-3.

A&M's baseball team moved into first place in the Big 12 with a three-game sweep of Kansas this weekend. A&M is two games ahead of second-place Baylor.

The conference championship in women's tennis was once again captured by the Texas Longhorns. For the 11th consecutive year (nine in the defunct Southwestern Conference) the Longhorns won the conference championship. Texas swept through the four-day competition, beating Colorado 5-0 in Sunday's final.

The Big 12 was well represented at this weekend's Drake Relays. Nebraska's Tressa Thompson broke her own collegiate shot put record on Saturday. Baylor's 4x200-yard relay team posted the spring's third-fastest time with a time of 1 minute, 22.36 seconds. Kansas State also had a successful relay in the 4x800-yard race. The Wildcats posted the third-fastest time of the spring, winning the race with a time of 7:24.88.

Big 12 Notebook compiled by Assignment Reporter Jay Saunders

NU comes back twice to sweep

By SAM MCKEWON
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There was no letdown Monday night for the Nebraska women's softball team after winning the Big 12 Conference regular season title.

A crowd of 279 at the NU Softball Complex saw sophomore pitcher Jenny Voss shut down Wichita State as the Cornhuskers swept the Shockers in an evening doubleheader 4-1 and 3-1.

With the win, NU finished its season at 40-10, setting a team record for wins and winning percentage.

NU Coach Rhonda Revelle said the Huskers were guarded against WSU (26-27).

"I was on the team pretty strong all night," Revelle said. "We wanted to finish strong on our home field, and we wanted to finish on a strong note for the regular season."

In both games, the Huskers had to come back against the Shockers to notch victories.

In game one, NU broke a 1-1 tie in the bottom of the fourth when center fielder Jessica Draemel singled to right field to score Cindy Rothemeyer. Nebraska scored another run in the fourth and one in the sixth as Voss picked up the win. Trudi Maosi (12-13) took the loss for the Shockers.

NU fell behind 1-0 again in game two, although Voss (32-7) got out of a one-out, bases-loaded jam in the top of the third relatively unscathed, giving up only one run in the inning.

"That was important," said Voss, who leads the NCAA in wins. "Anytime you get out of that, it shifts momentum to your dugout."

The Huskers came back in the bottom of the third, as Jennifer Lizama



NU SECOND BASEMAN Jennifer Lizama attempts to turn a double play Monday night against Wichita State. The Huskers took both games of a doubleheader from the Shockers. DAN LUEDERT/DN

sliced the first pitch from WSU pitcher Lisa Grimsley down the right-field line for a triple, scoring Rothemeyer. Lizama scored on the same play after a throwing error from the first baseman.

"I normally never, ever swing at the first pitch," Lizama said. "But I went after it, and I got it down the right-field line."

Two batters later, shortstop Ali Viola hit her 18th homer to give NU a 3-1 lead. It was her 49th homer of her career, good for fourth in NCAA history. It was the team's 54th homer of the season, tied for fifth in NCAA history.

"Ali's been a tough out all year," Revelle said. "Her last time up, Wichita State essentially gave her an intentional

walk."

Nebraska travels to play in the Big 12 Tournament against the winner of the Iowa State-Missouri game Friday at 10 a.m. in Oklahoma City.

Revelle said Nebraska hasn't peaked yet this season and said the Huskers want to play well in the tourney in order to host an NCAA Regional.

NU QB decision delayed

From Staff Reports

A question that has lingered all spring in the minds of Cornhusker football fans and players will likely be answered today.

After Saturday's Red-White Spring Game, which brought spring practice to an end, Nebraska Coach Frank Solich and Quarterbacks Coach Turner Gill said they would review tapes of all the spring scrimmages before naming a starting quarterback

early this week.

Nebraska Assistant Sports Information Director Keith Mann said Monday that the depth chart likely will be released today.

The three signal callers in contention for the starting spot are junior Frankie London, sophomore Bobby Newcombe and red-shirt freshman Eric Crouch.

Newcombe took his first rushing attempt in Saturday's spring game 91 yards for a touchdown — the longest run in an NU spring

game. He ran for a game-high 175 yards on 13 carries while completing 4 of 9 passes for 64 yards and one touchdown.

London carried the ball 17 times for 68 yards and a touchdown and completed 3 of 7 passes for 28 yards in the spring game.

Crouch, who finished as the spring's leading passer with 157 yards in three full scrimmages, had 16 carries for 48 yards while completing 3 of 6 passes for 52 yards Saturday.

Huskers to meet Creighton tonight

By ANDREW STERNAD
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Two in-state rivals renew acquaintances this week on the diamond as the Nebraska and Creighton baseball teams meet for the 76th time tonight.

The two teams will begin a home-and-home series tonight at Buck Beltzer Field. The first pitch is scheduled for 7 p.m. Wednesday night's game at Rosenblatt Stadium in Omaha also will begin at 7.

The Huskers (21-17 overall and 7-10 in the Big 12 Conference) return home after dropping two games at then-18th ranked Oklahoma State.

Now NU steps out of conference play before traveling to Austin, Texas, to play a crucial

three-game series against the Longhorns.

"You have to play these games to keep people sharp," NU Head Coach Dave Van Horn said. "We feel they're important for that reason because we still want to get into the Big 12 Tournament."

Nebraska's hopes of qualifying for the conference tournament were severely damaged last weekend, but they are still alive.

Because the Huskers are currently in seventh place in the league, Van Horn said he planned to conserve the arms of his pitching staff by limiting the pitchers' work based on a predetermined pitch count.

"We're trying to get prepared for Texas, so you're not going to see Matt Schuldt out there at all," Van Horn said.

Schuldt (4-0, 2.40) was sched-

uled to start game three for NU against Oklahoma State last Sunday, but it was canceled because of rain after four innings.

Instead, Van Horn will start sophomore Chad Wiles (3-3) tonight, but will remove him after only two or three innings and use pitchers "by committee."

Creighton (23-21-1 and 7-14-1) will counter with senior righthander Christian Sterling (5-6).

The Bluejays, winners of six straight are currently in eighth place in the Missouri Valley Conference and, like the Huskers, are fighting to earn a spot in their respective conference tournament.

In the series, Nebraska has a 44-29-2 edge over the Bluejays, and the Huskers haven't lost to their Omaha rival inside the state line since March 27, 1993.

Golfers 10th at Big 12s after one day

From Staff Reports

The Nebraska men's golf team finished the first day of competition at the Big 12 Championships in Hutchinson, Kan., in 10th place.

Texas leads after the first two rounds with a team score of 606, while Oklahoma State finished just a point behind the Longhorns with a 607. The Cornhuskers ended the day with 642 strokes.

The Huskers, who NU Coach Larry Romjue said were a legitimate contender for the Big 12 title, were paced by Steve Friesen. The junior from Lincoln shot rounds of 75 and 80 on the par-70 Prairie Dunes Country Club. Friesen finished in a six-way tie for 14th.

Sophomore Peter Smith put rounds of 81 and 79 together for a 160 series, which ranked 31st.

Junior Josh Madden finished the first day in 38th place with a 163 series comprised of rounds of 87 and 76.

Jamie Rogers, who is the NU team stroke average leader, ended the day in a tie for 51st with teammate Scott Gutschewski.

Rogers and Gutschewski finished the two-round series with scores of 168.

The competition will come to a close today.