

Vering notches win

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"This is the perfect time to be peaking," Vering said. "I'm picking it up when I wanted to — and that's now."

With a 3-2 loss to Eggum on Jan. 9, Vering envisioned a close, low-scoring match at Sunday's dual. The first period passed without a score from either opponent. A 1-point escape in the second for Vering and another for Eggum in the third tied the score, sending the match into overtime.

After a scoreless extra period, the match went into double overtime. Eggum won the toss and chose down. Vering needed to ride Eggum for 30 seconds to get the win.

"When you're on the bottom all you have to do is worry about going crazy and getting out," Vering said. "On top, you've got to contain that and that's really hard to do."

Getting the tie-breaker victory was motivation for Vering, who lost in two similar overtime situations this season to Oklahoma State's Mark Munoz. Vering improved his record to 20-6 overall and 13-4 in the Big 12.

Like Vering, redshirt freshman Bryan Snyder found himself in an overtime match at 157 pounds with Minnesota's top-ranked Chad Kraft.

However, Kraft earned the first takedown of the extra period and secured the 4-2 win. While fifth-ranked Snyder showed his disappointment with his first loss since Jan. 3, both he and Neumann agreed that the defeat may have served a purpose.

"Snyder and I kind of joked that he needed one more loss before nationals," Neumann said. "He's a freshman who got beat by the No. 1 guy. Now, he can train uninhibited, and he can head into the Big 12

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BRAD VERING
NU wrestler

Tournament as the freshman who's looking to upset everybody again."

Just three NU wrestlers — Vering, Paul Gomez and Jose DeAnda — recorded wins over the Minnesota grapplers. Fifth-ranked Gomez earned a 7-5 decision against No. 7 Leroy Vega at 125 pounds, while No. 11 DeAnda defeated No. 14 Chad Erickson 5-3 at 141 pounds.

Baylor edges out Huskers in tennis

By JAKE BLEED
Staff writer

The men's tennis team met 15th-ranked Baylor Saturday at the Woods tennis complex and lost 5-2.

"We had some chances," NU Coach Kerry McDermott said. "We had big chances."

Last year's NU-Baylor match ended in Baylor's favor — a point that was driven home,

Baylor 5
Nebraska 2

leaving NU with a taste for revenge. This year, Baylor arrived in Lincoln on the heels of two wins over top-10 opponents. BU took the doubles point. Three singles matches ended after two sets: Baylor's David Hodge handed No. 2 Jorge Abos Sanchez his first singles lost of the sea-

son, 7-5, 6-3, and Baylor's Michalsky took No. 6 Andrew Wiese 7-5, 6-4. No. 5 Juan Hamdan struck back for NU with some high-flying, behind the back acrobatics, taking BU's Csongor Bibza 6-4, 6-2.

No. 1 Dinko Verzi fell to Johann Jooste in three sets 6-4, 2-6, 6-4. No. 2 Mills lost the third set after being overruled on a line call for the fourth time.

College men's tennis requires that the players themselves call when a ball has been hit out of play. Roving officials can overrule a player's call. After a player's third overrule, his opponent is awarded a point and after the fourth, he gives up the set. Mills' fourth came in the third set, ending the match, 6-4, 1-6, 6-3. No. 4 Kai Rieke won NU's second point, taking Jorge Aldrete after three sets, 4-6, 6-3, 6-1.

"I thought Juan and Kai really stepped it up," McDermott said.

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Throwers pace Huskers at track meet

From staff reports

Nebraska track and field athletes won 18 titles at the Nebraska-Iowa Athletic Conference meet at the Bob Devaney Sports Center. They were led by three throwers who all posted NCAA provisional marks.

Jack Melson threw the shot put 59'04.25 for his second provisional qualifying mark of the season. Joe Erdkamp's 35-pound weight throw of 65'05 was good enough for his fourth qualifying mark of the year. Melissa Price posted the last qualifying mark of the day with a 59'03 throw of the 20-pound weight.

The Huskers will compete next at the Big 12 Indoor Championships in Manhattan, Kan., this weekend.

Huskers split games with Lamar, LaTech

By ADAM KLINKER
Senior staff writer

The Nebraska baseball team was bitten again by the late-inning bug last weekend in the Bone and Joint Classic in Ruston,

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Nebraska 7

La. Though the Cornhuskers split the four-game series with two big wins over Louisiana Tech, NU lost big to Lamar and also fell just short in a tough one to the Cardinals late in their last game of the tournament.

Down early to Lamar on Sunday by a score of 6-1, and looking to avenge Saturday's 17-8 thrashing at the hands of the Cardinals, the Huskers fought back, scoring two in the fifth and four in

the sixth to pull ahead 7-6.

Lamar answered with a run in their half of the sixth to tie and added the go-ahead and eventual winning run in the bottom of the seventh.

But things weren't all downhill for NU. On Friday, the Huskers blasted Louisiana Tech in both ends of a doubleheader, winning 16-3 and 14-8.

In the first game, NU first baseman Ken Harvey and shortstop Brandt Vlieger hit back-to-back homers in the second and fifth innings.

Harvey and Vlieger were a combined 7 for 9 with eight runs scored and four RBI. NU designated hitter Jeff Hedman also added four RBI on a grand slam home run.

On the other end of the twin bill, Harvey again stole the show for NU, going 4 for 5 and slugging a grand slam in an eight-run Husker fifth inning.

Voss powers Nebraska to three wins in tournament

By BRANDON SCHULTE
Staff writer

The Nebraska softball team began its drive to return to the College World Series this weekend at the Fiesta Bowl Tournament in Phoenix.

NU picked up four wins against one setback at the tournament. Nebraska defeated Maryland 3-1, UNLV 9-5, No. 21 Florida State 4-1, and Utah State 9-0. Nebraska's lone defeat came at the hands of the host, No. 18 Arizona State, 8-1.

Nebraska used a four-hitter by All-American pitcher Jenny Voss to defeat Maryland in game one of the round-robin tournament.

In game two, the Cornhuskers used a nine-run outbreak on eight hits to top the Running Rebels in a laborious three hour and 20 minute affair. The teams combined for four home runs.

Saturday against the Seminoles, the Huskers once again rode Voss to the win. NU did their damage early with all four runs coming in the first.

In the nightcap, the No. 18 Sun Devils had the Huskers' number. ASU opened the game with five runs in the first four innings while NU could only muster one run off of the bat of junior Jennifer Lizama in the same time span.

In the last game, to no one's surprise, Voss picked up her third win on the young season with a four-hit shutout of Utah State.

Huskers survive ISU surge

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this one would help in the long run.

"I think you've got to win games through adversity," Nee said. "I thought we did the things necessary to win the game. No. 1, we took care of the basketball. We rebounded with what I think is one of the best rebounding teams around. We just battled them."

Nebraska almost didn't get the win. It led 51-41 with 6:19 remaining in the game before ISU clawed and fought its way back into the game. After a Clay Edwards basket cut the lead to 53-49 with 1:43 left, Michael Nurse stole the inbound pass only to miss the layup.

Cochran gave NU a 6-point lead on a layup with 37 seconds left. Nurse

answered with his third 3-point shot of the game, cutting the lead to 55-52. Two free throws by Chad Johnson and a basket by ISU's Paris Corner made it 57-54 with 12 seconds left.

Larry Florence was at the line. He missed the front end of the free throw, but Markowski tapped the ball back to Belcher, who was fouled.

Belcher made both free throws to make it a 5-point game. It made Nurse's 3-pointer at the buzzer for naught.

"I kind of winked at Chad (Johnson) and said if I had the opportunity, I was going to try keep it alive and tip it out there since they didn't put anybody back," Markowski said. "With that three going in at the buzzer, it was a bigger play than I thought it was."



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