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Sophomore Terrance Badgett plays defense in a game against Kent State last season.

# Huskars dominate on every field, court

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If you like college football, the University of Nebraska-Lincoln is the place to be.

But last year's success of traditionally less-celebrated sports showed UNL's athletics is not just about football Saturdays.

In addition to Nebraska's football success, the men's and women's basketball, volleyball and men's gymnastics teams all earned NCAA tournament bids.

The biggest headlines still belonged to football, however, as the Cornhuskers won the Big Eight title and earned a trip to the Orange Bowl for the second-straight year. The Huskers lost the game to Florida State 27-14.

Football coach Tom Osborne said a strong effort helped the Cornhuskers have a successful year.

"I think we played very well on several occasions. In the Colorado, Kansas and Oklahoma games we played quite well," Osborne said. "Even in the bowl game, we made some mistakes, but the effort was there."

The Cornhuskers celebrated homecoming by beating Colorado 52-7, snapping the Buffalo's 25-game Big Eight unbeaten streak. Entering the game, both teams were tied for the eighth spot in the nation and the Husker's victory was their first against Colorado since 1988.

The Huskers stumbled when they were upset by Iowa State 19-10 on Nov. 14, but ended the year with victories over Oklahoma and Kansas State.

"That (recovering from the Iowa State loss) was big from the standpoint of the Big Eight championship," Osborne said. "We needed to win the rest of our games if we wanted to win it and it's always a major goal to win the Big Eight championship."

Looking ahead to the fall, Osborne will have the luxury of 13 returning starters, including the 1992 Big Eight leading rusher, Calvin Jones.

"We think we'll have a very good team. We'll have a good, strong line and we have excellent speed at the receiver positions," Osborne said. "The backfield gets somewhat thin,

but with experience returning at quarterback with (sophomore) Tommie Frazier, we should be a lot stronger at the quarterback position."

Osborne said going undefeated in 1993 isn't an unreachable goal, but said Nebraska must take it one game at a time.

"There is always the possibility of going undefeated," he said. "We try to recruit players to put us in that position. Of course, having good enough players to do it and then actually doing it are totally different."

The Nebraska men's basketball team, second to football in success and interest, earned a third-straight NCAA tournament bid last season and continued to cement its position as a winning program.

The Cornhuskers finished second in the Big Eight, their highest finish since 1980-81. The third-straight NCAA tournament bid was a school record.

Nebraska will lose only two players from last year's squad. Starting center Derrick Chandler finished his eligibility and reserve guard Andre Woolridge transferred to Iowa.

Basketball Coach Danny Nee said he had high hopes for the Cornhuskers next season.

"I'm very optimistic. We have a really fine nucleus back. Our senior class have been starters for a long time and are proven quality players," Nee said. "We have quality players in our younger guys, too."

"We have some quality players in (sophomores) Eric Strickland, Terrance Badgett and Jaron Boone, plus Jason Glock, who redshirted last year."

Badgett is a returning starter along with seniors Bruce Chubick, Jamar Johnson and first team All-Big Eight selection Eric Piatkowski.

"I'd really like to see our seniors do well," Nee said. "The last time we had this type of nucleus coming back was three years ago with Rich King, Beau Reid and those guys."

The 1990-1991 Huskers went 26-8, including a 14-1 home record. But Nee said the two teams shouldn't be compared.

"This team will not have a domi-

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# Students benefit from working out at campus recreation

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Students looking for activities other than lifting weights need not stay away from the UNL Campus Recreation Center, an official said.

Bill Goa Jr., associate director for facilities management, said the goal of the rec center was to offer activities for all students.

"The goal is to offer something for everyone," Goa said. "We are getting there, however, I don't think you can ever 100 percent accomplish that."

Last August, the University of Nebraska-Lincoln finished final construction on the rec center. The project took six years to complete, and cost \$14.9 million. The first phase of construction was the Cook Pavilion, an indoor full-length football field and

track.

The second phase, the Lee and Helene Sapp Recreation facility, was designed with courts for volleyball, basketball, badminton, racquetball and squash. The Lee and Helene Sapp facility is also home to the second largest weight room among Big Eight schools, a lounge, first aid and training room and a shopping area.

The third phase of construction was the coliseum renovation, which added a sauna in both men's and women's locker rooms, a fitness/aerobics room, the court for Women's Intercollegiate Volleyball and four more basketball and volleyball courts and six more badminton courts.

Campus recreation also has facilities located on East Campus, Mabel Lee Hall and the Military and Naval Science building.

The rec center has been a popular attraction for students since final construction was completed, Goa said.

"We have seen a dramatic increase in participation," he said. "This last year over a half million people came into the indoor facility."

From playing intramural sports to going on outdoor expeditions or being employed part-time, the recreation center has an activity and place for everyone, he said.

The recreation center not only offers a place for students to go but also offers an intramural sports program with over 150 activities. The activities range from table tennis to basketball for men's, women's and co-recreational teams.

"The idea behind the intramural program is to provide activities for students," Linda Beacom, intramural

sports coordinator, said. "Basically, we just give them an opportunity to enjoy themselves with other people."

Students looking for activities outside can also utilize the rec center through its outdoors program.

Jim Fullerton, outdoor recreation coordinator, said the outdoor program had come a long way since it began.

Only about two or three trips were made a semester in the 1970s, he said, but now the outdoor adventures program offered two or three trips on weekends.

"For some people (the outdoor program) is a tremendous offering," he said. "Campus Recreation offers a variety of things and outdoor adventures are a small part of it, but I feel we are an important part."

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**City campus Recreation Center summer hours**

**Weekdays**  
6:30 a.m. - 10 p.m.

**Saturday**  
9 a.m. - 10 p.m.

**Sunday**  
9 a.m. - 10 p.m.

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