

# Iba mediocrity...

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Iba could do some things to make the program a success, but it's unlikely he would. The first, is to run.

● **Running is absolutely mandatory.** The crowd at the games is falling asleep. Who could forget the brilliant offensive play in last year's 41-39 Kansas State victory against Nebraska? With a running game, you can draw a caliber of player above what Nebraska has now.

● **Be willing to adjust your thinking:** This isn't the 1950s and this isn't Oklahoma A&M. Sometimes it seems that Iba is trying to copy the style of his dad, the legendary Hank Iba. Hank Iba coached before a lot of things existed, such as high-jumping centers and 6-8 point guards. Moe has decided that he will use a man-to-man defense. He has used a zone defense some this year, but it's obvious his heart isn't in it.

● **Stop letting players leave the state to play basketball:** I'm not just talking Trotter and Kellogg, I'm talking players like Alex Stivins, Derek Sailors and Mike McGee. No matter what it takes, a team like Nebraska has to be able to out-recruit other schools for its in-state players. When a Trotter or Kellogg comes long, you have to know that the player will give your school consideration. Neither of those player gave Nebraska much thought because they left and went to other schools.

● **Establish a reputation as a place**

from where National Basketball Association players come. No former UNL players are currently in the NBA. Last year the NBA drafted North Dakota State's Lance Berwald, who had transferred from Nebraska, and Doane's Steve Bartek, who Nebraska had asked to walk-on but would not give a scholarship to. Kellogg looks like a certain early-round NBA pick in 1986. McGee was a first-round pick by the Los Angeles Lakers a few years back.

If Iba can't, or won't, do these things, many other top coaches would.

I realize these suggestions will fall on deaf ears. It's apparent that the administration is satisfied with mediocrity. Satisfied with 15-13 and the N.I.T. In all other sports, Nebraska has tried, and in most cases succeeded, to build national power caliber teams. Track, gymnastics, softball, volleyball — you name it, but don't name basketball.

## NU baseball team to play Wayne State

The Nebraska baseball team gets ready for its annual spring trip with a double-header against Wayne State today at Buck Beltzer Field.

Nebraska Coach John Sanders said the games with Wayne State are the last chance the team will have for game experience before Friday's games with New Mexico at Albuquerque. The Cornhuskers will play 16 games in 12 days.

"We want to play so a fly ball won't be a new experience for us in Albuquerque," Sanders said.

Sanders said the team needs to play as many games as possible before the Big Eight season begins. Sanders said Wayne State has played several games on a trip through the south.

"A fly ball won't be a new experience to them," Sanders said. "They'll come in definitely ready to play."

The 5-1 Huskers own two wins against Kearney State and three wins and a loss at Oklahoma City.

"Oklahoma City was a good opponent," Sanders said. "They'd played some good teams before we'd got down there."

Roger Webb will start the nine-inning game, which begins at 12:30 p.m. Jeff Mayes will pitch the nightcap.

### Summer jobs...

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players in Lincoln are the fast food restaurants and detasseling companies.

La Luz, executive director of Lincoln's Opportunity Industrialization Center, agreed that fastfood chains hire the most people during the summer, but he said the detasseling jobs may decrease this summer because of the failing farm economy.

A City Parks and Recreation Department spokesperson said applications still are being accepted for summer positions as playground programs assistants, grounds workers and Wilderness Park day camp counselors.

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