

# Team has worst season in 30 years

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**Tight ends:** He said Garret and and Lohmeier "have a chance to contribute."

"They're both big kids with good athletic ability. They catch the ball really well, and they're both smart players," Thorell said.

Thorell said Lohmeier might not be ready when practice resumes next spring because of his knee injury. Garret now is practicing with the varsity.

**Offensive line:** Thorell said tackles Brian Boerboom and Eric Wiegert could be ready for varsity action next year. He said, "Both players have good size, and both work hard and are

smart."

**Defensive backs:** Thorell said in addition to Lewis and Cooper, walk-on strong safety Freeman White could play varsity next year. But, he said, White needs to work on his speed.

**Linebackers:** Thorell said most of the linebackers won't be ready for varsity action next season. He said Daryl Leise played linebacker for the first time and "really improved." Andy Zacharias and Bill Liska also played well during the season, he said.

**Defensive line:** Thorell said this is the position where the varsity will

need the most help because tackles Lee Jones, Tim Rother and Neil Smith are seniors. He said Le Andre

Anderson, Joe Sims and middle guard Pat Engelbert have a chance to contribute next season.

**Defensive ends:** Thorell said he didn't think the freshmen would have a defensive end ready for varsity action next year. He said Kylin Camp "did a good job for us. He just needs to get bigger, and that will take some time."

**Kickers and punters:** Thorell said kickers Lane Reed and Mark McDonald both played well. Reed connected on three of six field goals, and McDonald hit a 28-yard attempt.

## Huskers stride to championship meet

By Richard Cooper  
Staff Reporter

Luck was with the Nebraska men's cross country team Saturday at the Region Five NCAA qualifying meet in Columbia, Mo.

Nebraska cross country coach Jay Dirksen said that with a half mile to go in the 10,000-meter men's race, Iowa State's John Nuttall dropped out because of heat exhaustion. He said that allowed the Cornhuskers to finish second and earn their second consecutive trip to the NCAA Cross Country Championships in Charlottesville, Va., on Nov. 23.

Dirksen said if Nuttall had finished the race, Iowa State would have won the meet by 30 points.

Instead, he said, the Cyclones will go back to Ames, Iowa, and prepare for the indoor track season because they finished third at the meet. The top two teams in the region earn a trip to the NCAA Championships.

Dirksen said he feels lucky that Nebraska will be able to continue its season. The Huskers finished second with 82 points, and Colorado won with 80. Iowa State finished third with 84 points.

Dirksen said Nebraska ran its worst race of the season. He said Iowa State, the 1987 men's cross country champions, deserves to make the trip to the NCAA Championships.

"I'm happy we're going to the NCAA's, but I don't know if we deserve to go," Dirksen said. "Iowa State ran a great race, and I feel bad about what happened to them because I think they're the best team in the region."

"Our guys ran very poorly, and to tell you the truth I don't think we should go to the NCAA's because we didn't run to our potential."

Nebraska placed three runners in the top 20. Senior Jean Verster finished third behind Colorado's Andy Dunn and Iowa State's Bar-

naba Korir.

Nebraska freshmen Joe Kirby finished 12th and Bryan Clark finished 17th.

In the women's competition, Nebraska's Sam Resh led the Cornhuskers to a third-place team finish by finishing second to Oklahoma State's Jackie Goodman. The top three individuals whose teams don't qualify for the NCAA meet are invited to run at the championships.

Colorado won the women's title with 52 points. Kansas State finished second with 71 points, and Nebraska was third with 75.

Dirksen said he is proud of the women's team because it has improved so much since the beginning of the season.

"We have a young team and I really admire what they have done this season," Dirksen said. "This team has come a long way since the beginning of the season, and I'm looking forward to next year."

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