

KRNU to broadcast new pre-game show

By Jeff Apel
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A new pre-game show, covering a wide variety of topics, will air prior to Nebraska's game against Northern Illinois on Saturday. Rick Alloway, a broadcasting instructor in the College of Journalism, said Thursday that the program, which is titled Turf Talk, is unique because it will provide listeners with scores and features in addition to previewing Nebraska's upcoming opponents. The hour-long program will make its season debut Saturday at 12:35 p.m. on KRNU, located at 90.3 FM.

Alloway said Turf Talk is different than any other pre-game program presented by KRNU because of its comprehensiveness. He said the program will strive to keep listeners aware of a wide variety of topics, including high school

college and National Football League scores, player and team updates, and occasionally will feature areas of interest on the University of Nebraska-Lincoln campus.

Alloway said the program also is unique because it will air on home and away football Saturdays. He said previous programs did not air when Nebraska was playing an away football game.

The program is the brainchild of Tim Washburn, a senior broadcasting major who is KRNU's sports coordinator. Washburn will be assisted by three fellow broadcasting majors -- seniors Shawn McInay, David Korpi and Joe Swift.

Alloway said he does not know how many listeners the new program will draw.

"Unfortunately, we don't have any way of rating the station," he said. "We don't have any way of telling how many people are listen-

ing."

Alloway said the program will have one advantage because it is associated with KRNU's new format. He said the station has had a significant increase in telephone calls since it scrapped its top-40 format and adopted an alternative format this year.

"Hopefully, a few of those listeners will stick around and listen," Alloway said. "We're hoping the show develops its own following."

Alloway said he and Washburn are toying with the idea of developing several additional sports shows. He said the shows include a monthly program that would allow listeners to call in to talk to media members, and a sports calendar which would keep listeners informed about all other Nebraska sporting events.

Alloway said all the programs may not be aired because Washburn and his staff have

other commitments. He said the KRNU sports staff has a commitment to fulfill its instructional air time, and also must provide audio service for the Husker Hotline. The Husker Hotline is a free service which provides taped comments from Nebraska players and coaches for media members.

"Their schedules are already pretty full," Alloway said, "so anything else they do is on their own time."

Alloway said he does not view any of the programs as competition. He said the programs are not aimed at drawing listeners away from KFAB, an Omaha-based station which also broadcasts Nebraska football games.

"First and foremost, we're here for an educational experience," Alloway said. "The more people we have listening the more beneficial it is, but we're certainly not in a competitive station."

NU to compete in Runza Invitational

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Being consistently ranked among the nation's top teams is a tough reputation to uphold for the Nebraska volleyball team, coach Terry Pettit said.

Pettit, whose Cornhuskers are ranked seventh in the American Volleyball Coaches Association poll, said his team's strong reputation means the Huskers can expect a strong challenge from Houston in this weekend's Runza Invitational.

"Against good teams, we're always in a situation where somebody's trying like heck to beat us," Pettit said. "When you are consistently in the top six or seven in the country, like we are, there's a few teams that are in a position to gain more by beating you than you are by beating them. It's to their advantage."

In addition to Houston, Bowling Green and Kansas State will visit the NU Coliseum this weekend to compete in the tournament.

Nebraska will face Bowling Green at 8 p.m. tonight and will square off against Houston at 5:15 p.m. Satur-

day.

Tonight's competition also includes a Houston-Kansas State match at 6 p.m. Houston and Bowling Green will face each other at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, and Bowling Green and Kansas State will follow at 3 p.m. Nebraska will not play Big Eight foe Kansas State.

Pettit said Houston is not the only good team in the tournament. He said the first meeting between Nebraska and Bowling Green, which competes in a different conference, also will be good.

"It gives us the opportunity to play against teams we don't normally see," he said.

The series between Houston and Nebraska is even at 2-2. Both teams will enter the match with identical 2-0 records.

"They are in a situation to gain the most from coming here," Pettit said, "but anybody playing Nebraska can gain from winning the match. You can become nationally ranked if you win."

Houston coach Bill Walton said the Cougars play nationally ranked teams 80 percent of the time.

"We were ranked in the top 20

two or three times," he said. "We're pretty confident about our ability and I don't think we can worry about our recognition."

Walton, whose team finished second in the Southwest Conference last season behind national champion Texas, said the best way to get recognition is to be a team on the West Coast.

He said unlike teams in the Big Eight and Southwest conferences, West Coast teams don't have to win their conferences to get recognition.

"If you lose here it's like, 'Well you're not a very good team,'" he said. "So it doesn't matter unless you change conferences."

Walton said Houston has a chance to challenge Texas for the conference crown this year. He said he plans on "experimenting" this weekend by giving several players the opportunity to play.

"We're not going to plan on losing," he said, "but we're not going to jeopardize our chances of challenging for the Southwest conference just for the sake of winning one or two this weekend."

Walton said Houston's 11-player roster has depth.

"Our strength is that we think we are fairly deep and we can go into that 11 pretty confidently," he said.

Freshman setter Susan Rice of Frankston, Australia, who was captain of the junior national team, was impressive in her first two collegiate starts, Walton said. Rice has totaled 33 assists and seven kills for Houston.

Walton said injured starters Julie Gates and Karen Bell are listed as probable for this weekend.

Gates, a senior middle blocker, is hampered by a bad back and Bell, a sophomore outside hitter, is slowed by a sprained ankle.

Bowling Green coach Denise Van De Walle said the Falcons never have played a team with Nebraska's caliber.

"It'll probably be one of the toughest matches we've ever played," she said. "We've basically played the toughest teams in the Midwest, excluding Nebraska."

Bowling Green finished 16-12 last season and is 2-3 this year.

"We really have an inexperienced squad," she said. "It's probably one of the youngest ones we've ever put out on the floor."

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home runs (33), runs batted in (150) and total bases (469).

Richens, who is now an assistant coach at Nebraska, had a .252 career batting average. The 94 runs she scored are the third highest in Nebraska history, and the 274 total bases she amassed are the fifth highest.

Wolforth said Nebraska will not face a tougher pitcher than Sippel.

Wolforth said two Husker players will not play. He said Kristin Vucurevic, Nebraska's only catcher, is out for three weeks with a quadracep pull and center fielder Kristin Davidson has a broken hand.

Wolforth said he is trying out sophomore first baseman Khara Trenka and sophomore utility player Misti Guenther at catcher. He said he wants to find a position for Guenther "because she probably is our best player offensively."

The Husker alumni team will feature members of last year's team that finished 32-28 and second in the Big Eight.

Those players include catcher Katy Wolda, third baseman Ruth Chatwin, left fielder Janelle Frese and shortstop Jane Kremer.

Also playing for the Husker alumni team are Cheryl Morrow, 1978 to 1980, Mori Emmons, 1981 to 1985, Cindy Aerni, 1980 to 1984, Shelby Mertins, 1982 to 1986, Danita Leidigh, 1980 to 1984, Heidi Schla-bach, 1984 to 1986, Deanne Carr, 1979 to 1982, Julie Dewing, 1975, Jan Svoboda-Cheney, 1971, Ann Schroeder, 1981 to 1985, Ann Weg-mann, 1981 to 1983 and Deb Ellison, 1980 to 1982.

In addition, Leanna Miles, 1984 to 1988, Linda McCrea, 1977 to 1981, Peggy Tilgner, 1971, Laura Lowe, 1977 to 1980, Kathy Foley, 1977 to 1980, Connie Gonyea, 1977 to 1980 and Denice Feldhaus, 1981 to 1985, will play.

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Pro teams waive former Cornhuskers

Five former Nebraska football players, now members of professional teams, were waived recently, including one who started throughout last season.

The Cleveland Browns announced Thursday that they had waived safety Brian Washington. Washington, who completed his eligibility at Nebraska two years ago, started for Cleveland throughout last season.

Cleveland's move is believed to be the result of a new National Football League rule which requires players who were placed on the disabled list before the season begins to spend the entire year on it or clear waivers before they can begin playing. Washington was placed on the disabled list earlier this week with a thumb injury.

The remaining former Nebraska players who were waived included defensive tackle Willie Griffin by the Tampa Bay Buccaneers and linebacker LeRoy Etienne by the New York Giants. Running back Jeff Smith and quarterback Bruce Mathison also were waived by the Green Bay Packers.

NETV will air UNL softball Sept. 15

The Nebraska Educational Television Network announced Thursday that it will televise the Nebraska softball team's game against Kearney State on Sept. 15. The 90-minute program will air at 9 p.m. on channel 12.