

# Offensive styles differ in intramural final

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Tonight's all-university intramural basketball tournament final will resemble the fable about the tortoise vs. the hare.

The A Team will meet Beta Theta Pi A-1 in the championship game, which begins at 6 p.m. in the Lee & Helene Sapp Recreation Facility.

Brian Sattem, captain of the Beta team, said the game will be an interesting one because it matches his team's slow-paced, half-court offense against

a quick attack that is described by A Team captain Reggie McLaugh as "disciplined punishment."

All University of Nebraska-Lincoln students who present their student ID cards at the door will be admitted free.

Sattem said the No. 7-ranked Betas have used a slow-paced tempo to their advantage, as they opened their year winning the preseason intramural tournament and then rolled to a 10-2 record. One of Beta A-1's losses was to Beta A-2, which claimed the regular-season fraternity A champi-

onship. "We've been playing slow the whole year," Sattem said. "The A Team is quick, but we think we can pretty much handle anybody."

Sattem said the Betas are not in awe of the A Team, which finished the regular season ranked No. 4 with an identical 10-2 record. One of the A Team's losses was by forfeit, and the other occurred against the Running Reptiles in the finals of the independent A championships.

The Running Reptiles finished the regular season ranked No. 1, but were

upset in the tournament.

Sattem said the Betas are entering tonight's contest with a lot of confidence.

"If we play like we usually play, we can come out on top," he said.

McLaugh said the Betas will have to handle the A Team's pressure defense if they are going to claim the title. He said the A Team pressures opponents defensively, hoping to create an up-tempo game.

McLaugh said the press is well-controlled and disciplined. He said

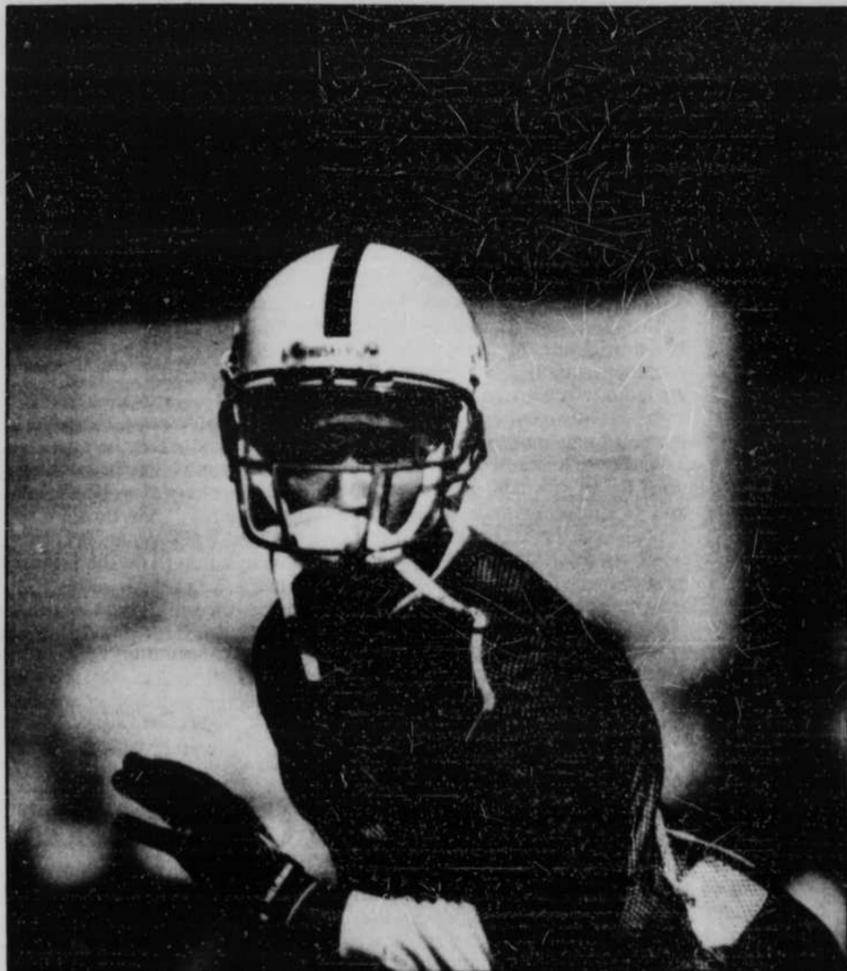
expects the Betas to try and slow the tempo down.

"Almost all the teams we've played this season have tried to slow it down," McLaugh said.

McLaugh said the loss to the Running Reptiles has been beneficial to his team.

"It made some of our guys realize they needed to do more," he said. "It made everyone give more of a commitment and made everybody more focused."

"It made us start doing things we weren't doing in the past."



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Nebraska I-back Terry Rodgers eyes a pitch-out Monday during the first day of spring practice at Ed Weir Field.

## Cornhusker football team kicks off spring practice

By Paul Domeier  
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March was a nice break, Tom Osborne said, but it's nice to get back to football.

The Nebraska head football coach put his team through the first of 20 spring practice sessions Monday. The Cornhuskers used the opening day as one of the five days they must work without pads. Osborne said his players will scrimmage Wednesday and Saturday.

He said he has been relaxing, compared to his fall schedule, since recruiting ended in February. Now it's back to the practice field.

"We just got organized today," he said. "We'll get the pads out tomorrow and find out more about them."

Finding out means figuring out who will play for the Huskers next fall. Osborne pinpointed the areas of emphasis for the spring of 1990.

"Offensively, I can't remember a spring when we had only two starters returning," he said. "Defensively, we need to stabilize the defensive line."

Instead of starting in Memorial Stadium, the Huskers practiced on the grass in the track infield and javelin area.

"We'd like to come out here more," Osborne said. "It gives us more room to throw the ball."

Ah, yes, throwing the ball. Neither of the returning starters on offense plays quarter-

back, and Mickey Joseph and Mike Grant are sharing first-team status in the high-profile fight to replace quarterback Gerry Gdowski.

Osborne repeated Grant's and Joseph's different strengths: Joseph's speed and quickness, Grant's size and throwing ability. And second-teamers Tom Haase and Jerry Dunlap are also contending.

"Tom Haase is coming along well," Osborne said. "At the end of last season we thought he was turning into a pretty good quarterback."

Decisions won't be final until 6:30 p.m. on Sept. 1, when the Huskers open the 1990 season at home against Baylor (officially moved from Sept. 15 to be televised by ESPN), and Osborne said he likes the relaxed pace of spring ball, when the coaches can take more time with each player.

The first day of workouts had the normal assortment of absentees, too. Osborne said William Washington missed because of a pulled hamstring, Steve Carmer missed with a bruised heel and Terry Rodgers left early with a pulled groin. Lance Lewis, coming off a redshirt season to recover from a pinched nerve in his neck, did not participate in drills.

"I don't think they're going to let him do much this spring," Osborne said.

Keithen McCant and Tyrone Hughes are out with academic problems, he said, and four or five others are out for a week for disciplinary reasons.

## NU softball coach anxious to showcase team's speed

By Darran Fowler  
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Twenty-four games and 60 stolen bases into the spring season, Nebraska's softball team finally is bringing its high-speed act home.

In the season's home-opener, the 13-11 Cornhuskers will play Wisconsin-Green Bay today in a doubleheader at the Nebraska Softball Complex.

The first game starts at 3 p.m. Nebraska coach Ron Wolforth said the games finally will give him the opportunity to showcase his team's speed to the home fans.

"We're 13-11, and that in itself is not too exciting," Wolforth said. "But I think we do play an exciting brand of softball. I have a fun time coaching the bases with this bunch."

Wolforth, who is in his fourth season at Nebraska, said utilizing team speed fits his coaching style and the type of players he recruits. That style has the Huskers on course to fulfilling their goal of 100 stolen bases this season.

"We've been giving teams a lot of problems this year, and I'm encouraged by that," Wolforth said. "Against the best people, we've

been able to push across runs, and that's important."

The school record for stolen bases is 86, and was set last year in 60 games.

"We create opportunities for our offense with aggressive play and I think you're going to see that (today)," Wolforth said. "We do put a lot of pressure on people."

He said the Huskers could place further pressure on opponents by improving their hitting.

"Our hitting is starting to look better," he said. "It's slowly coming around but our defense has not followed suit. We've been kicking the ball around too much lately."

The Huskers have showed their potential this season in victories over ranked Texas A&M and Oklahoma State. Conversely, Wolforth said, against teams Nebraska should beat, youth and inconsistency has emerged.

Wolforth said he does not want a repeat of that against Wisconsin-Green Bay.

"I hope the players don't take this team lightly, because I'm not," he said. "We should beat those people."

"But we have lost to some teams this year that we shouldn't have."

## Track teams warm up to Florida

By Sara Bauder  
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The Nebraska track teams got their outdoor season off to a good start in some good weather, winning four events during the Florida Relays.

Twenty-one Cornhuskers made the trip to Gainesville, Fla., for the March 30-31 relays. Nebraska assistant coach Dave Harris said many of them ran personal best times or came close to it. No team scores were kept at the meet.

Harris said the meet was important because it allowed the Huskers to start off the season in warm weather.

"With the weather like it is up here, you can never be guaranteed a good day," Harris said. "By going south, we can be sure of a little better weather."

Warm weather helps almost all track athletes perform better, Harris said, with the exception of distance runners who can have trouble adjusting if the weather is too hot.

The performance of Dieudonne Kwizera, who is just recovering from an injury, was a pleasant surprise for Harris. Kwizera won the 1,500-meter run in 3:44.64 minutes. Harris said he also ran a strong anchor leg of the sprint relay.

"We know he is capable of running those

kinds of times, but because of his injury I was not really expecting it," he said.

The Huskers had to scratch their 1,600 relay team because of a foot injury to Tamas Molnar, Harris said. He said the coaches did not want to take any chances by running Molnar when he was hurt.

Heidi Helm won the shotput with a throw of 45-feet-10 3/4, and placed fifth in the discus. Sprinter Kim Walker finished second in the 200-meter dash with a time of 23.75 seconds and fourth in 100 dash. In addition, high jumper Meredy Porter finished fourth with a jump of 5-10.

In the men's competition, Jeff Hooper won the discus with a throw of 183-9 and finished fifth in the shotput. Kevin Coleman placed second in the shot at 57-5 3/4 and fifth in the discus at 171-11.

Harald Graham won the 5,000-meter steeplechase in 8:51.72. The men's 800 relay of James Cobb, Mark Perry, Bob Jelks and Molnar took second place in 1:24.16. Stephen Golding was fifth in the 110-meter hurdles with a time of 14.62. Anthony Adkison was sixth in the 100 dash in 10.87. Jacques van Rensburg was third in the 1,500 run in 3:45.81 and the 400 relay team (Adkison, Jelks, Cobb and Perry) was fifth in 40.21.

## in brief SPORTS

### Women's golf team wins Hawkeye Invitational

The Nebraska women's golf team won the Hawkeye Invitational last weekend at Rio Rico, Ariz., by finishing with a 925 team total.

The Cornhuskers were led by Susan Dougherty, who placed third in the individual standings with a 227 total. Teammate Joanne Brooks finished fourth with a 229 total, while Ann Guiberson was fifth with a 230 total.

Minnesota finished second in the team standings with a 951 mark, followed by Iowa, Missouri, Washington State, Iowa State, Pepperdine, Michigan and California State Long Beach.

### NU baseball team competes in doubleheader today

The Nebraska baseball team will face Northern Iowa in a pair of games today at Buck Beltzer Field.

The Cornhuskers, 20-10, opened their Big Eight season by splitting a four-game series against Kansas last weekend. The doubleheader against Northern Iowa, which is free to all University of Nebraska Lincoln students who present their student ID cards, begins at 4 p.m.