

# Ref clarifies rules on fouls, ball possession

**Q: Team B, losing by 10 points with three minutes left, is using a pressure defense in an effort to gain control of the ball. What guidelines**

call -- the call must be based on whether the contact is designed or premeditated.

Intentional fouls usually occur when contact is made away from the ball or when contact occurs with no attempt to steal the ball.

**Q: Team A, winning by two points with 14 seconds left, throws the ball in after a time out. Team B applies full-court pressure in an attempt to gain control of the ball for a game-winning shot. A-1, who has used up his/her dribble, has the ball at the opposite free-throw lane in Team A's backcourt. After holding the ball for three seconds A-1 throws the ball against Team B's backboard to avoid a five-second count.**

**After hitting the backboard A-1 catches the ball and immediately throws it across the division line to A-2 in order to avoid a 10-second call. Is this legal?**

A: No -- this act by A-1 would be a double-dribble violation.

By throwing and catching the ball off the opponent's backboard, A-1 would be subject to a double-dribble call. The ball would go to Team B underneath Team A's basket.

**Q: A-1 is shooting a free throw with one second remaining and his/her team down by one point. B-1, in an attempt to distract the free-throw shooter, steps directly BACK away from the lane. How far, if at all, can B-1 step back?**

A: It depends.

If the free-throw try is successful, no violation is called. If the attempt misses the mark, a lane violation would be called against B-1 and A-1 would receive a retry.

It does not matter if a player falls into the lane or steps away from the lane -- any movement from either team is subject to a violation.

**Q: Team A is winning by three points with two minutes to go in the game. A-1 is holding the ball in the front court near the division line. B-1 is approximately eight feet away from A-1 waiting for Team A to start its offense. A-1 continues to hold the ball for six seconds when Team B asks the official to call a**

**five-second count on A-1. Why shouldn't the official make this call?**

A: The five-second count does not apply because B-1 is not within six feet of A-1.

In fact, Team B has the responsibility to cause the action. The official should warn Team B to get within six feet of A-1 or be subject to a delay of game violation.

Questions or comments should be sent to Jim Vranicar, a senior advertising major who has worked as an official for the Office of Campus Recreation for the last three years. Vranicar may be reached at the Daily Nebraskan, 1400 R St., 34 Nebraska Union, Lincoln, NE 68588-0488.



should an official use to judge whether a foul is intentional?

A: The severity of the contact is not the basis for an intentional foul

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Bentz and Huppert said they would be willing to implement the regulations on meet limits because both Nebraska teams have never competed in 20 meets during a season. They said they also could live with having to give their athletes one day off a week.

"Those things are not that drastic," Huppert said. "We never have that many meets, and I don't think either Cal or I train seven days a

week."

But Bentz and Huppert said they questioned the commission's proposal to reduce training because they have never had athletes confront them about being overburdened by their athletic and academic schedules. They said they also question the proposal because none of their athletes were included in the survey.

"I never gave a survey," Huppert said, "so I guess I'm wondering if it was a true representation."

Bentz said he has another reason to doubt the validity of the survey.

"It might be real easy for them to say, 'I'm working too hard,' if they're

answering a survey," he said, "but the bottom line is they might respond differently if they are asked in person."

Bentz and Huppert said swimming does not need new restrictions because it always has maintained a high team grade point average and a high graduation rate. Bentz pointed out that the Cornhusker men have had four academic All-America selections in the past 16 years, a feat which he said proves swimmers are serious student-athletes.

The Nebraska men who earned academic All-America honors include Chuck Rea in 1984, Wes Zimmer-

man in 1986 and '87, Kollin Kostboth in 1987 and Tom Stus in 1988. No Husker women have earned the honor.

In order to be named an academic All-America selection, an athlete must qualify for the NCAA championships, have a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.5 and have completed 24 semester hours at the representing institution during the current academic year.

Bentz said Nebraska's accomplishments in the classroom prove that sweeping changes in regards to academics don't need to be made.

"My feeling is that if you have a problem -- an academic problem --

maybe you need to do that," Bentz said. "In our sport, we have a good graduation rate, and we've had several academic All-Americans."

"You can always do better -- that's characteristic of swimming. But you need to really look at what you're doing before you institute changes."

Huppert said the Presidents Commission needs to be sure that its proposed change will not do more harm than good.

"Let's not do anything that will take things away from the kids," he said. "Let's realize that we're dealing with international and national athletes who train year round."

# A Team wins intramural crown in overtime championship game

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The Beta Theta Pi A-1 intramural basketball team lived by the three-point shot during the first half of Tuesday night's all-university championships, and died by it in the second.

After the A Team's 61-55 overtime victory before 48 fans, A Team captain Reggie McGaugh said the Betas hurt themselves in the second half by missing several three-point shots. The Betas nailed six three-pointers in the first half but were held to four in the second and overtime periods.

"In the first half they were firing the three's freely," McGaugh said. "They were falling out of the sky."

"But in the second half, they started missing. That's what I meant by living and dying by the three -- they used it to stay in the game in the first half, then died by it in the second."

The Betas didn't die easily, as they battled the A Team to a 55-55 tie at the end of regulation. But in the game's three-minute overtime period, the A Team shut out the Betas to claim this year's all-university title.

McGaugh said his team's win was a big one.

"It's definitely a satisfying way to end the season," he said.

Beta captain Brian Sattem was less pleased with his team's performance, as he joined a large contingent of fans from his fraternity who made a quick exit from the NU Coliseum following the loss. During a walking interview, Sattem did say he thought the Beta's should have won.

"We were on a roll in the second half," Sattem said. "We should have probably come out ahead."

Sattem said he was surprised the game went into overtime. The extra period was forced when the Beta's Todd Baird watched in agony while his two-foot shot rolled off the back of the rim as the second half expired.

"I didn't think there would be overtime," Sattem said. "I thought someone would come out on top at the end."

McGaugh said the overtime worked to the A Team's advantage because it guaranteed them control of the game's variables.

"With these clocks, you really can't tell how much time is left," he said.

"Plus, you don't know what the officials are going to call."

"We just wanted to make sure we were in control."

The A Team's Devin Williams definitely was in control, as he scored four of his eight points in overtime. Jessie Johnson, a 6-foot-5 senior who has a pet turtle named Wolf, led the A Team with 15 points, while Scott Sislo had 14 and Lamont White 12.

The Beta's Scott Jackson led all

scorers with 30 points, as he nailed seven three-point shots. Doug Henningson added 12 points for the Betas, while Mike Jorgenson had seven.

McGaugh praised the performance of Sislo, who tallied 12 of his points in the second half. The 6-6 senior also contributed a block in overtime that prevented the Betas from tying the score at 57-57.

"That was a big block," Sattem said.

McGaugh said Sislo picked things up in the second half.

"When the game is going, he just kind of goes with the flow," McGaugh said. "I told him in the second half that he had to pick things up -- I said he was going to have to play."

Sislo's antics helped the A Team overcome an eight-point deficit, after the Betas used two free throws by Baird to take a 28-20 lead midway through the first half. The two teams then battled on even terms throughout the second half, as the lead changed hands nine times.

But in the game's overtime period, the A Team used Williams' four points and two from Johnson to post the victory.

McGaugh said the win was hard fought.

"They were a good team," he said. "They played us tough."

Fans wishing to see the game can view it on the Office of Campus Recreation Network on Thursday. The game begins at 10 p.m. on channel 5.

# McDermott views tournament losses as preparation for Big Eight opener

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Nebraska men's tennis coach Kerry McDermott isn't looking at three losses in a Spring Break tournament as a missed opportunity for national recognition.

He's looking at them as preparation for this weekend's Big Eight opener.

The Cornhuskers lost to two ranked teams at the Blue-Gray Tournament in Birmingham, Ala., but McDermott said his team needs to look toward duals against lesser teams Missouri and Kansas on Saturday and Sunday.

"If we show ourselves nationally, it will be in the Big Eight," he said.

A Big Eight title, McDermott said, would ensure the Huskers a top-25 ranking. The title also would give

Nebraska another shot at those top teams in the NCAA tournament.

Nebraska found out where it stands in the first round of the tournament Thursday. Fourth-ranked Miami crushed the Huskers, 5-1.

"We didn't expect to really beat Miami," McDermott said, "but we wanted to be competitive with them."

Troy Larsen took a 7-6, 6-1 victory at No. 6 singles for the only Nebraska win.

On Friday, Nebraska fell behind 4-2 in the singles against No. 18 Arkansas. The Huskers won at No. 1 and No. 2 doubles, and were up 3-2 in the first set at No. 3 doubles. But Arkansas rallied to take that set from David Moyer and Anthony Kotarac in a tiebreaker.

"After that, they just steam-rolled us," McDermott said, and the Razor-

backs took a 5-4 victory.

The Huskers lost 5-4 to Michigan on Saturday, and McDermott said that loss was disappointing. The Wolverines, he said, weren't as good as Miami or Arkansas. In that match Nebraska held a 4-2 advantage after the singles, but lost all three doubles, including one match in a third-set tiebreaker. Kotarac missed that match with an injury, McDermott said.

He said the narrow loss to Arkansas gave him more confidence for the conference season. The Razorbacks beat Kansas earlier this semester, he said, showing the Huskers and Jayhawks almost are even.

Now, Nebraska must stay steady for the last six duals, McDermott said. "One bad day and we'll be shot," he said. "If we play consistently, we should be right up there at the conference tournament."

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