

# Look at statistics, fair-weather fans

Anyone who thinks Tom Osborne should be fired and the Nebraska offense should devote itself to the passing game is advised to stop reading this column right now. Its con-

All season, everyone jumped on the bandwagon shouting "This will be the year Tom finally brings us a national championship," and "Bring on Colorado and Oklahoma, we'll kick their \*\*\*. And whoever we face in the Orange Bowl, we'll kick their \*\*\* too."

However, as the Colorado game came to a close on that rainy afternoon, I overheard many comments that were probably made by the same people who had said Nebraska would go all the way. Comments such as, "We'll be lucky to beat Kansas next week," and "Oklahoma will kill us," and, of course, "Who cares what bowl we go to? We'll just get blown out again anyway."

Ever since the loss to Colorado, the fair-weather fans have reappeared. Several have demanded for Osborne's resignation, secondary coach George Darlington's resignation, the devotion of the Husker offense to the pass and that they'll never cheer for Nebraska again until all of the above demands are met. Good.

Who wants a bunch of fair-weather fans backing the program? Sell your tickets to someone who isn't going to complain when Nebraska loses an occasional game.

My question is this: Why, after just one loss, is Osborne suddenly the worst coach in the history of college football? One loss does not a season make, or two for that matter.

And please can we kill the talk of switching to a passing offense? Colorado was the superior team and it wasn't the lack of passing that killed Nebraska, it was the inability to stop the Buffalo ground game in the fourth quarter after their mammoth offensive line had worn down the smaller Husker defensive line.

If I recall correctly, nobody was complaining at halftime and Mickey Joseph hadn't completed a pass yet. I also recall many times when Joseph dropped back to pass but had to scramble out of the pocket because of a good pass rush and excellent pass coverage downfield.

In his weekly press conference following the Colorado game, Coach Osborne presented some interesting facts.

He pointed out that in the 1970s, Nebraska started Vince Ferragamo, Dave Humm and Terry Luck, all excellent passers, but they all had one thing in common: They never beat Oklahoma, the measure of a success-

ful Nebraska season for as long as I can remember.

Year after year, Nebraska fans watched quick Sooner quarterbacks run circles around the Husker defense, and Osborne said the coaching staff decided to start recruiting the "running quarterback" and try to run at Oklahoma.

Enter Turner Gill, Steve Taylor and Gerry Gdowski. Nebraska's record against Oklahoma since a "running quarterback" is 5-4.

Further research shows that Nebraska's record from 1972 to 1979, when Nebraska started "passing quarterbacks" is 74-20-3, a 76 percent winning percentage. Nebraska lost to the likes of Missouri, Iowa State, Wisconsin, Washington State and tied Oklahoma State, and won 10 or more games only twice.

Since 1981, when Gill began his starting career, Nebraska's record is 83-18, an 82 percent winning percentage, no losses to the teams mentioned above and only twice did Nebraska fail to win 10 games or more.

I am in no way protecting Osborne's offensive tendencies. I'm not entirely satisfied with the Husker offense myself, but I'm not a coach so my opinion doesn't mean very much.

Just look at the numbers and draw your own conclusions. Next time Nebraska loses, remember those numbers before getting all bent out of shape.

And, most of all, remember that a 10-2 record is not mediocre, at least not to die-hard Husker fans.

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### Men's Flag Football

1. NROTC (9-1)
2. Alpha Tau Omega-B1 (9-0)
3. Phi Tappa Kegga (4-1)
4. Beta Theta Pi-A1 (8-1)
5. Pi Kappa Phi-B (8-1)
6. Sigma Phi Epsilon-A2 (5-1)
7. Alpha Tau Omega-A (6-2)
8. Harper 4-B (7-1)
9. Sigma Chi-A (7-3)
10. Cather 7 B1 (8-1)

### Co-rec Basketball

1. Boneheads (3-0)
2. Abel Bulldogs (4-0)
3. Delta Sigma Pi (4-0)
4. Triangle (2-0)
5. Guns-n-Roses (3-1)
6. The Dodgers (4-0)
7. Beta Sigma Psi (3-0)
8. The Quashers (3-0)
9. Redhouse (3-0)
10. Who Cares (3-1)

### Men's Volleyball

1. Fluff Monkeys (3-0)
2. Beta Sigma Psi-A (3-0)
3. Home Court Advantage (3-0)
4. Lambda Chi Alpha (3-0)
5. Phi Delta Theta-A (3-0)
6. Pi Kappa Phi-B (3-0)
7. Schramm 2-B (3-0)
8. Phi Delta Theta-A (3-0)
9. Seven Dwarves (2-0)
10. Acacia-B (3-0)

### Women's Volleyball

1. Big Thing (3-0)
2. Pi Beta Phi (1-0)
3. The RJ's (1-0)
4. Burr II West (3-0)
5. Gamma Phi Beta (2-0)
6. The Brew Crew (3-0)
7. Just Do It (2-0)
8. Platte River Posse (2-0)
9. Haven't Got A Clue (3-0)
10. Wailing Banshees (2-1)

### Co-rec Indoor Soccer

1. Lambda Chi Alpha (3-0)
2. NU Tennis (3-0)
3. Beta Sigma Psi (3-0)
4. Sigma Nu/Alpha Chi Omega (3-0)
5. We Play for Kicks (2-1)



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tents will probably be offensive to you.

Since the loss to Colorado, Nebraska football "fans" have once again shown how fickle they really are.

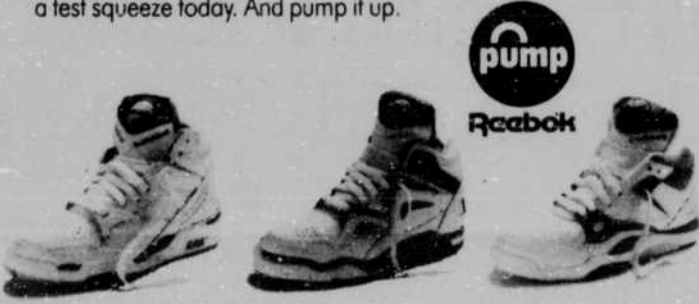
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You're performing a repetitive exercise for a lengthy period of time and you experience a burning sensation in your muscles. This stinging feeling indicates a buildup of lactic acid in the muscles. The burning sensation is a signal to slow down; not enough oxygen is getting to the working muscles. Consider reducing the number of repetitions you perform and give yourself plenty of time to cool down and stretch at the end of the exercise routine to help dissipate lactic acid buildup.

Shortness of breath means you are pushing yourself too hard. Slow down to lower the intensity and allow your body to get the oxygen it needs to perform the best. A good rule of thumb is that you should be able to carry on a conversation while you work out. With regular exercising, your cardiopulmonary capacity will improve and you'll be able to increase the length and intensity of your exercise routine accordingly.