

Beau Reid takes a hit at baseball

By Nick Hytrek
Staff Reporter

Picture this:
It's the bottom of the ninth inning and Nebraska leads Oklahoma State by one run in the championship game of the Big Eight baseball tournament. There are two outs and Coach John Sanders motions to the bullpen for a right-handed reliever.

Beau Reid trots out to the mound. He glares down from the mound at the Cowboy batter and fires three fastballs by him for the final out and Nebraska wins the title.

Though it sounds like a dream, in reality Reid is giving baseball a try.

The former Nebraska basketball standout has been working out with the baseball team for the past week, trying to get his arm in shape to possibly pitch by the end of the season.

Sanders said Reid approached him last week and asked for a tryout.

"We're still evaluating the possibility of Beau playing this spring," he said. "Once he has gotten himself ready and we have evaluated him, we'll see what the possibility of his playing is."

Reid said he hasn't played baseball since he was a junior in high school, but has always wanted to give it a shot.

"I kind of wanted to do it after my sophomore year but I decided I was here to play basketball and my commitment was to Coach (Danny) Nee," Reid said. "But since I have a spring free before summer basketball, I thought I'd give it a try. I'm just curious to see how hard I can throw it."

Reid said some of his pitches were clocked at 85 mph in high school, "but that's when I was only 6-foot-4 and 180 pounds."

Reid is now 6-foot-8 and weighs 220 pounds.

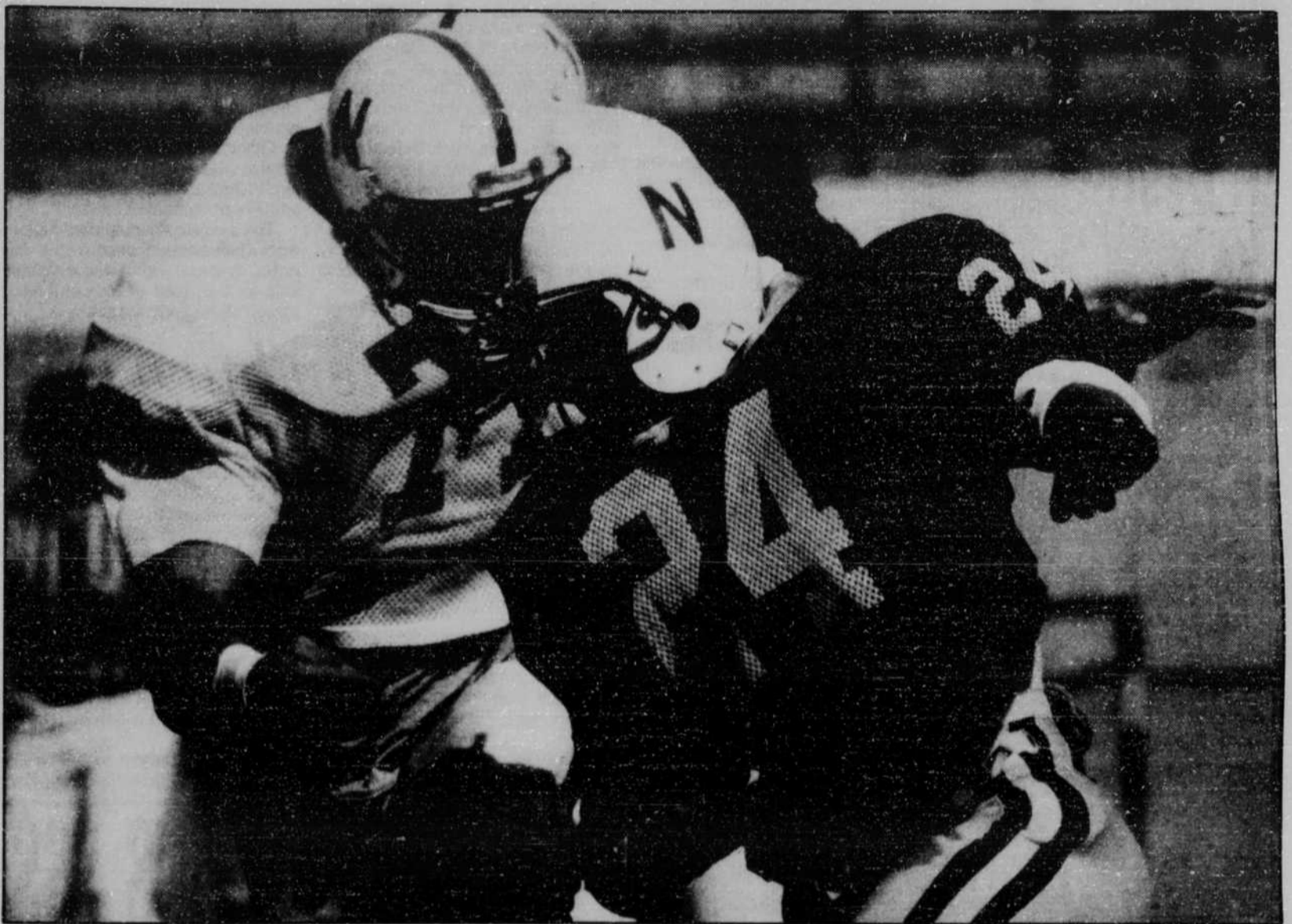
Because of the long absence from the game, Reid said he's a little rusty.

"I couldn't even remember how to hold the ball to throw a curveball," he said.

"He's got a lot of work to do," Sanders said. "But he appears to have good arm strength."

Reid said curiosity wasn't the only reason for his working out with the team.

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Cedric McDonald (24) cuts around the defense during Wednesday's scrimmage at Memorial Stadium.

Second scrimmage shows rough edges

By Todd Cooper
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Offense first, defense second. Although that wasn't the priority Coach Tom Osborne necessarily desired, it characterized Nebraska's second spring football scrimmage Wednesday.

"I thought offensively, we played pretty well the first part, and then we started having some turnovers and penalties," Osborne said. "I thought defensively, we did not play very well the first part, and then as the scrimmage went on they played very well."

"But with only three practices prior to this scrimmage, I suppose it's hard to look really smooth."

Nebraska's first team offense looked pretty smooth on the initial drive of

the 1 1/2 hour scrimmage. First-string quarterback Mickey Joseph scored from 22 yards out on the fourth play of the drive against the second-stringers. His 26-yard completion to junior college transfer Vincent Hawkins set up the score.

That accounted for half of Joseph's completions. The senior from Marrero, La. was two for seven Wednesday with three interceptions. Joseph was the second leading rusher in the scrimmage with 41 yards on four carries.

Senior Mike Grant threw a 10-yard pass for the second score of the scrimmage. Grant had 14 yards on two for five passing and had 39 yards on six carries.

Second-string quarterback Tom Haase threw for the third touchdown of the scrimmage — an eight-yard

toss to tight end Daryl Leise between two defenders at the back of the end zone. Haase finished with 38 yards and one touchdown on three for seven passing. Keithen McCant had 19 yards on three for five passing and had 22 yards rushing on three carries.

"I don't think anyone just jumped out and had a great day," Osborne said. "I think each one took his turn at doing some good things."

But Osborne said the quarterbacks weren't as stable as they could have been.

"A big part of being a quarterback is consistency — being able to go out there for 50 or 60 plays and not having more than one or two bad ones," Osborne said. "I think each one of them had a couple of bad plays in only 15 or 16 snaps."

"But then again, that's a function

of just starting out. I don't think anyone's really comfortable yet."

Osborne found the I-back position most comforting Wednesday.

Sophomore Derek Brown had 46 yards on five carries — including runs of nine and 13 yards — to lead the Husker I-backs. Freshman Calvin Jones was the third leading rusher with 38 yards on six carries.

"Derek had one or two really good runs," Osborne said. "Calvin's really going to be a good player — he did some great things."

Osborne said the Huskers' young offensive line held up well against a strong defensive front.

"We do have some talent out here," Osborne said. "The question is whether we can get it straightened out and smoothed out quickly enough."

NU's Mueller enigma, but talent talks

Home matches for the Nebraska tennis teams are about as rare as ROTC members at kiss-ins.

The two men's duals and the three women's duals this weekend at the Cather-Pound courts are the only Big Eight tennis action in Lincoln this spring.

It's the last chance to see senior Ildiko Guba and her smooth groundstrokes. It's the last chance to watch Nancy Tyggum, Meghan Quinn, Steve Barley and Scott Randolph, too.

It's one of the last chances to see junior Matthias Mueller, and those chances shouldn't be passed up.

Mueller came from Hamm, (West) Germany, in the spring of 1989 and won the Big Eight title at No. 3 singles. As Nebraska's No. 1 player the past two years he has bounced around the top 30 in the NCAA, currently holding the 26th spot.

And Mueller had to step into the lineup at the same time he was stepping into classrooms where he hardly knew the language.



Paul Domeier

Mueller followed tennis club pal Robert Sjolholm and childhood friend Kathrin Edelkotter to the Cornhuskers.

Edelkotter became the top player in the lineup for the Husker women in the fall. Mueller stayed behind until the spring, completing his West German military obligation.

At one of those rare home events, I met him. At the time, he had been in school for a month and already was winning at No. 3.

Mueller had been unfortunate enough to come to Nebraska without the linguistic expertise of an Ildiko Guba, the Hungarian who plays No. 1 singles for the women's team. Guba can, at latest count, speak between 40 and 50 languages fluently.*

(*slight exaggeration)

Mueller had to struggle with English. I interviewed him that February day. For questions requiring something other than a "yes" or a "no," he shrugged his shoulders. He wouldn't even talk after yes-no questions, shaking his head instead.

The story that Monday contained no quotes from Matthias Mueller.

A few months later, I was covering a women's dual in Lincoln, watching Edelkotter. Mueller was standing next to the stands near me.

Edelkotter misplayed a ball and barked a sharp, two-syllable word under her breath.

Seeing a chance to learn a German cuss word and to pull a sentence out of Mueller, I turned and said, "Matthias, what did she say?"

Mueller slowly turned, with a look of part confusion, part annoyance and part pity. Then he said what was at that time the longest sentence I had heard from his mouth.

"She said her name."

So she had. Here he is, having enough trouble with the language,

and I have to go asking stupid questions.

He has talked to me since then, despite the proof of my stupidity. He's friendly, personable, even talkative.

His initial hesitancy, his personality and his immense talent, though, have made him something of an enigma and something of an oddity on the court.

In college tennis, most matches don't have referees, and the competitors often argue calls. They debate a while, allow a little give-and-take throughout the match and decide on the call.

Mueller had no time for that his first year. When his opponent argued a point, he would react with a shocked look. How could he be wrong?

If his opponent kept protesting, Mueller would concede. He'd throw his arms down in disgust, shake his head and walk back to the baseline.

And he always would win the next point.

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Basketball team signs Nebraskan, but loses Texan

From Staff Reports

The Nebraska men's basketball team signed Jason Glock but lost out on junior college center Carroll Boudreaux on Wednesday, the first day this spring that teams could sign recruits to national letters-of-intent.

Glock followed up on his verbal commitment by signing.

"He comes from a high school winning tradition," Nebraska coach Danny Nee said in a press release. "He's a player that has a chance to become a good all-around player at Nebraska."

Glock not only comes from a high school winning tradition, he comes from the high school winning tradition in Nebraska. Wahoo won the Class B state championship each of his years and won the last 90 games of his career. For those four years, Wahoo went 101-1, and Glock didn't play in the loss.

Glock was the consensus Nebraska high school player of the year in 1990-91 and finished as the all-time state

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