

Quarterback may be redshirted, lose eligibility

By Robert Richardson
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According to NU head football coach Tom Osborne, quarterback Mike Grant could be redshirted next year. This would make Grant ineligible for his senior season of play, he said.

Other quarterbacks that would be in contention for the starting nod are Mickey Joseph, Tom Haase and Keith McCant. All are redshirt seniors in their last year of eligibility — making Grant the only expendable player.

At home for summer break in Valrico, Fla., Grant said he realizes that he is the only expendable player, but remains optimistic about his chances for the upcoming season.

"Right now the decision is not definite for me," Grant said. "So I can still come back for fall camp and be head of the pack, and I can still be the starter."

Grant's Brandon High School coach, Larry Bass, talked to the quarterback in Florida recently and told Grant that if he decided to redshirt, Grant should be firm in his decision.

"The only advice I gave him was that before he does that, is if you're going to be redshirted, you're going to be redshirted," Bass said. "There's no going to be coming back in the middle of your senior year if a couple kids get hurt or a couple kids quit, etc."

"It's all or nothing. He needs to tell them (UNL coaches) that. That's the only advice I gave him."

Bass is not upset at the possibility to redshirt Grant — he said he wants the best for his former high school star and thinks a redshirt season would let Grant finish his college career on top.

"All the other guys are gone next year," Bass said. "He can use it (redshirting) towards his advantage, which is not a selfish thing in itself. I think they're asking a lot of him to redshirt his senior year and come back one more year."

But Bass stressed that he thinks Grant is in the right frame of mind about his decision, whatever it may be.

"He's going to make it work," Bass said. "He wants to go out a winner, and that makes me feel real good about him."

Having to work hard for that top quarterback spot goes with the territory. Grant has the confidence to step up to the challenge, but said he's not sure if Osborne has the confidence in him.

"I think that maybe he showed a lack of confidence in me, but that (confidence) is something you have to earn — it's not given," Grant said.

Regardless of confidence, Grant said he has a handle on what he has to do to impress the coaches in the fall.

"I need to work a lot on my passing this summer, work hard on my agility and just be healthy," he said. "I still feel confident that I can be the man for the job."

NU baseball signees keep family ties

From Staff Reports

The Nebraska baseball team has gone a familiar route to obtain one of its 1991 spring recruits — through the bloodlines.

Cornhusker coach John Sanders signed his son Craig, a first baseman and pitcher, to play for Nebraska next season. He is among seven new recruits the Huskers signed last week.

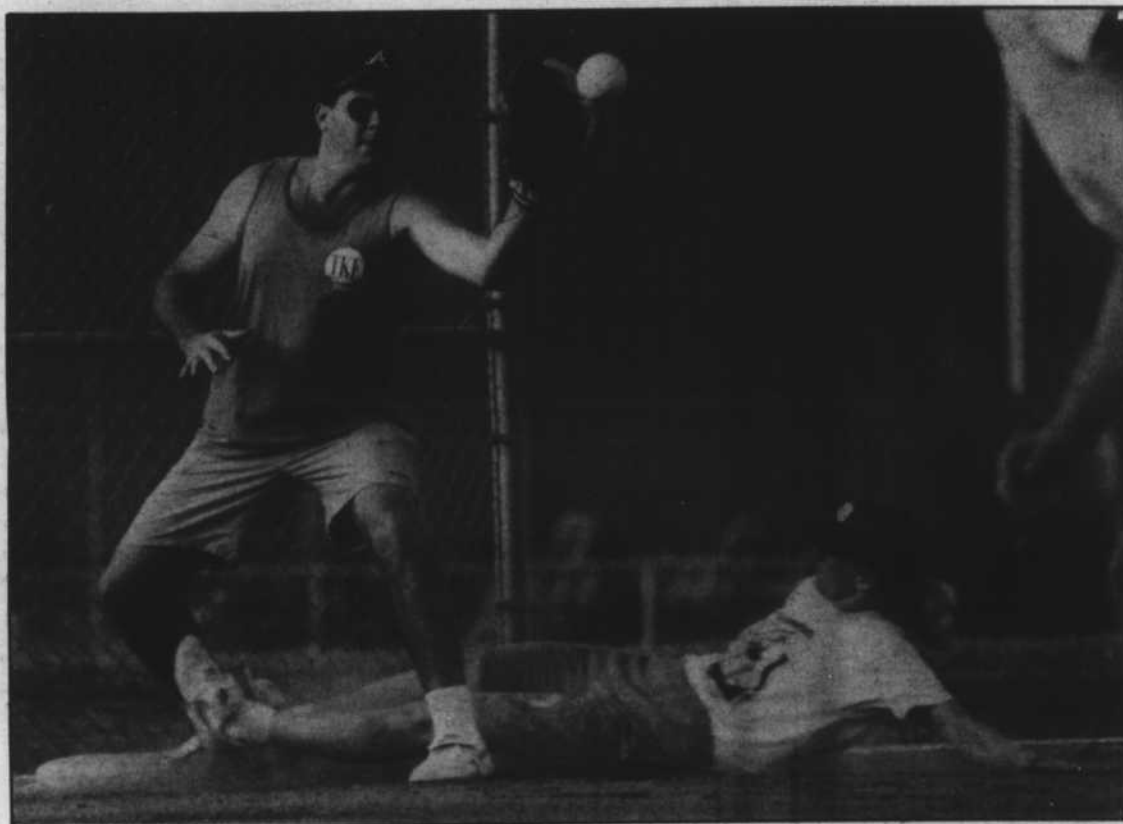
In the fall, Sanders made another familial connection, signing outfielder Rayme Benjamin from Columbus, Ohio. Benjamin's brother Bobby was an All-Big Eight first baseman who last played for Nebraska in 1990.

Last season at Lincoln Southeast High School, the younger Sanders hit .406 and earned All-City honors. He is playing for the Beatrice Bruins this summer and has pitched in six innings already, allowing only one run and striking out 13 batters.

Shortstop Darin Petersen, a high school teammate of Sanders, also signed with Nebraska.

Petersen, a shortstop from Firth, hit .526 last season, the highest average in the state. He was also all-state, all-conference, and was named Lincoln Player of the Year. He only

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Mike Mooney, playing for the Beavers, attempts to make an out during a game against the Animal Science Graduate Student Association team. Karen Wedekind slid safely into third base.

UNL athletes to compete in festival

By David Moyer
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Two of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln's top women's basketball players, Karen Jennings and Meggan Yedsena, will be playing with many of the nation's best players when they compete in the U.S. Olympic Sports Festival, July 13 through 15 in Los Angeles.

Jennings, a 6-2 junior who led the Cornhuskers in scoring last season with 20.5 points-per-game, will be making her third straight appearance in the festival, while sophomore point guard Yedsena is competing for the first time.

Jennings said she is looking forward to this year, especially because she will be joined by her Husker teammate Yedsena.

"I'm looking forward to it because Meggan is such a great player," she said. "It is always great to play with the best competition."

"Meggan and I have been around each other, and we know what each other does, so when you play with other players you have some feel for what is going to happen already."

Yedsena agreed it will be beneficial

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Most coaches don't give a damn

NCAA laws no problem for cooperative teams

Despite a seemingly endless stream of scandals, including one painfully close to home for Cornhusker fans, collegiate men's basketball is now a better sport.

Earlier this month, longtime University of Nevada-Las Vegas Coach Jerry Tarkanian announced that he would resign after the 1991-92 season.

Tark, one of the winningest basketball coaches of all time, led UNLV to a national championship two seasons ago, and almost took the Runnin' Rebels down the same path last season, before Duke derailed them in

the Final Four of the tournament.

But now, Tarkanian — sometimes affectionately known as "The Shark" by fans and adversaries — plans to hang it up at UNLV. His plans for the future remain uncertain, but probably hold more than a few professional coaching offers.

UNLV fans are sad to see him go. The rest of the country should be dancing in the streets. Possibly the most crooked coach of our time will soon be but a bad memory.

Kind of like jock itch. Throughout the years, the NCAA has all but set up a permanent office

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in Las Vegas, just to watch the UNLV program. The team has been in trouble as often as the NCAA tournament, and has certainly come away smelling like garbage more times than not.

Three weeks ago, the latest scandal occurred, and it was the straw that broke the Shark's back.

In that episode, photographs were published of three UNLV players

shown sitting in a hot tub, drinking beer, with convicted sports fixer Richard Perry. Other photos began to pop up of the players playing basketball with the gambler, and otherwise frolicking with him as if they were all the best of friends.

Tarkanian is the primary reason. Throughout his 18-year UNLV career, he has been harassed by the NCAA, which has investigated everything from grade fixing to cash offers to recruits to payments to players.

Tark has taken it all head-on, usually pointing his wrinkled finger back at the NCAA and blaming it for most

of the problems his program has suffered.

Last week, he and Louisiana State Coach Dale Brown took pot-shots at the NCAA before the House Subcommittee on Commerce, Consumer Protection and Competitiveness.

For more than an hour, the two lambasted the NCAA for what they called its "reign of terror."

"The biggest problem in college sports? The NCAA, period," Tarkanian said in an Associated Press story.

He cited various examples of the

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