

# Softball coach quits

By Chuck Green  
Senior Reporter

Ron Wolforth, who has been coach of the Cornhusker softball team since 1987, announced his resignation Monday, Athletic Director Bob Devaney said.

Wolforth's resignation will take effect at the end of this season.

Devaney said the decision was based on Wolforth's desire to enter private business and not because of any resentment toward his team or the Nebraska Athletic Department.

Devaney said that as of Monday afternoon, he had not yet spoken personally with Wolforth. He said he had heard of his intentions to resign on Saturday from Barb Hibner, assistant athletic director in charge of women's athletics.

"I know that Ron had not been satisfied with what his softball team

has been doing this season, and that he blamed himself for it," Devaney said. "I know he wasn't having a great year, and he was a little low about that."

Wolforth said in a prepared statement that he had enjoyed his time as Nebraska's coach.

"I have thoroughly enjoyed every season here, including this season," the statement said. "I am not leaving frustrated or angry. I just believe that I have overstayed my purpose. I owe it to myself and my daughter, Samantha, to make more than \$26,000 a year and be gone six months out of the year."

"I love Coach Devaney and the University of Nebraska. They have been wonderful to me."

Wolforth is leaving Nebraska after compiling a 165-96 record in his first five seasons. His team is 10-19 so far this season.

During his interim season in 1987, Wolforth guided Nebraska to a Big Eight championship and an appearance in the NCAA College Softball World Series in Omaha where the Huskers finished third.

Nebraska earned a 41-11 record that season.

The next season, Wolforth again coached the Huskers to a conference championship, and Nebraska placed fifth in the World Series, finishing the year with a 39-20 record.

In 1989 and 1990, Wolforth's teams finished second in the Big Eight. Last season, the Huskers were fifth.

Wolforth served one year as an assistant coach before taking over the team. He graduated from Sam Houston State University in 1983 with honors in physical education.

He also played four years of baseball, including seasons at Nebraska and then Kearney State University.

Devaney said he had no immediate preference for a replacement, because he and Wolforth hadn't discussed the matter.

"Of course, I want to find a replacement with the least problems possible," Devaney said. "I want a good team here, and we've had them in the past. We need to find someone who can do that and not appoint a coach just for the sake of appointing a coach."

# NU softball team loses momentum on Sunday

By Susie Arth  
Staff Reporter

The Nebraska softball team stuck to its plans Friday and Saturday, but Sunday came and so did a loss.

The Huskers, who hoped to win six games this weekend to increase their winning streak to eight, lost to DePaul Sunday after a two-game sweep of Colorado State University Friday. They also defeated the University of Missouri at Kansas City and Notre Dame Saturday.

Coach Ron Wolforth said he was pleased with his team's play against Colorado State, but he said he thought it lacked intensity in the Creighton Tournament Saturday and Sunday.

"We played at a lower level this weekend than we did against Colorado State," Wolforth said. "We didn't do ourselves much of a favor

by playing the way we did."

Wolforth said he was disappointed in the Huskers' offensive output because the pitching they faced was not that tough.

"We hit mediocrity," he said, "and that's being kind."

Wolforth said freshman pitcher Lisa Shandy, who picked up the 5-2 loss against DePaul, had a difficult time Sunday.

"They hit her pretty hard," he said.

But Wolforth said he still was pleased that the Huskers were able to win six games in a row before the loss to DePaul, and he said he believed the Huskers were the better team.

"We won six in a row, which is nice," he said. "I thought we had something going. Now we have to rebuild and start over."



Wolforth



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## Da coach

Mike Ditka, head coach of the Chicago Bears, talks to the media Monday at South Stadium. Ditka was in Lincoln to speak at a Fellowship of Christian Athletes' function. Ditka spoke about his religious beliefs with young people.

# NU women golfers lead invitational

From Staff Reports

The Nebraska women's golf team leads a seven-team field in the 1992 Husker Women's Golf Invitational being held at Pioneers Golf Course.

The Cornhuskers lead Iowa State 636-639 after 36 holes. Memphis State is four shots off the team score with 640.

Wisconsin's Erica Narowetz leads the individual standings with a score of 152 after 36 holes.

Nebraska's Stephanie Flood is tied for second with Kim Hodge of Northern Illinois with a score of 153.

Husker Ann Guiberson's score of 156 is good enough for fifth place. Guiberson is being chased by teammate Joanne Brooks, who posted a 157.

Other Nebraska golfers include Stephanie Hupp, who is in a three-way tie for 16th place with a score of 171.

Husker Rochelle Brotsky rounded off the top five Nebraska scorers with a 175, which put her in a two-way tie for 19th.

The tournament, which also includes Missouri-Kansas City and Creighton will conclude with one 18 hole round that will be played today.

# Cornhusker 'Skid' dashing toward records, Olympics

By John Gardner  
Staff Reporter

The outdoor track and field season is but two weeks young, but Nebraska sprinter Travis Grant has set his sights on something really big.

Grant, just a sophomore, is eyeing the school records in both the 100- and 200-meter dashes. The record in the 100 is 10.35 seconds, achieved by Bill Trott in 1987. Grant ran a 10.37 last weekend in Fayetteville, Ark.

"I just barely missed the record last week, so I'm pretty sure it will fall this year," Grant said.

In the 200, Grant is merely tenths of a second away from former Nebraska standout Tamas Molnar's record of 20.64. Grant's personal best is 20.80.

He also hopes to grab the school record of 21.21 in the indoor 200, held by Bobby Jelks.

"I just missed Jelks' indoor record because the track I ran on was slightly oversized," he said. "I did beat his record, but it didn't count because times are converted on these types of tracks."

Grant was referring to the Big Eight Championship where he ran the 200 in 21.20 on Kansas' oversized track of 252 meters.

Grant has already played a part in two other school records, the indoor 1,600 relay and the outdoor 400 relay.

At a Last Chance Qualifier meet at Iowa State last month, Grant filled in for Molnar, who left school and the team to return to his native Hungary, in the 1,600 relay. He wasn't sure he belonged, though.

"Truthfully, I wasn't sure if I was capable of running a fast enough 400 split to get the guys where they needed to be," Grant said. "I was instantly

down on myself before we even ran the race. I knew this was the last chance for Mark (Jackson) and Ken (Waller) to gain All-American status because they were seniors.

"But coach (Dave) Harris got us together as a team and said there was no doubt in his mind that we could qualify and that we were one of the top three relays in the nation, which we were and didn't realize it."

Grant helped his team achieve an All-Time Big Eight Conference and Nebraska school-record time of 3:07.64 at Iowa State. The team eventually placed fifth at the NCAA Championships with a time of 3:09.42.

He said that experience changed his outlook on track.

"Situations like that make you aware of your abilities," Grant said. "I don't think you're ever truly aware of your abilities until you're forced into a situation where you have to do some-

thing. Now I expect more of myself because I know there's a lot more in me yet to come out.

"I think the coaches do as well."

Grant also ran the anchor leg on last season's record-setting relay team that ran a 39.65 — twice.

All this aside, Grant said, he wasn't really that fast in high school.

The main reason for that was his unusually young age as an athlete at Daniel High School in Clemson, S.C. Grant began school when he was four years old.

"I actually wasn't very well-developed in high school," Grant said. "I was only 15 years old my senior year of competition, basically just a little pipsqueak."

"But what captured the interests of all the schools was the fact I was competing against guys who were 18 or 19 years old when I was barely 15. They figured that with a little weight

training and natural maturity, I was going to blossom into something good."

Grant said that was the main reason former coach Glen Stone recruited him in the first place. Stone now coaches at Oklahoma Baptist University.

Grant chose Nebraska over hometown Clemson, North Carolina State, Georgia and Arizona. He said Clemson was not for him.

"Clemson was too close to home," he said. "Also, my high school coach didn't like the Clemson coach too much, so he didn't recommend going there."

Several factors led to Grant's final choice to come to Lincoln.

"When I came to Nebraska, I was really impressed with the academic side of it, with the Hewitt Center and the tutoring services," he said. "And

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