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"We play well off each other," Shannon said. "She's the one that keeps me relaxed when I get tense and I do the same for her."

The 6-foot native of Elmhurst, Ill., said this year's Nebraska team was unified.

"It looks as strong as any team I've been on," Shannon said. "We have a lot of chemistry and we're a closer knit team than in past years."

Nebraska has compiled a 88-12 record during Shannon's previous three years. She helped the Huskers to a 27-5 record last season, including a trip to the NCAA Midwest Regional, in which Nebraska was beaten in four games by Big Ten champion Ohio State.

Before joining the Huskers in 1989, Shannon was a standout player for Immaculate Conception High School. She said there were several reasons why she came to Nebraska rather than playing for home state power Illinois.

"At the time, Illinois had older players and Nebraska had younger players like Val Novak and Janet Kruse," Shannon said. "Nebraska's program was a little stronger and I'd rather be on a strong team as a junior and senior than as a freshman and sophomore."

Shannon said that since she was one of three seniors on this year's team, she must be a leader to the younger players on the team, in the same way Novak and Kruse helped her when she was a young Husker player.

"Before I just had to think about me, but now I'm older so I try to help them out as much as

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I can," Shannon said.

Begor said Shannon's experience had not only helped Nebraska's younger players, but also her own play.

"She's a really competitive person who brings to the table a wealth of experience as a three-year starter," Begor said.

Shannon said her individual goals for this season were simple.

"I want to keep improving, be a better leader and become an All-American," she said.

As for the team, Shannon said that as long as things went well for the Huskers, Nebraska could be putting up a national championship banner in the NU Coliseum following December's NCAA Championships in Albuquerque, N.M.

"We need to play well the whole season and start to come together and all stay healthy and consistent — health is the majority of it."

In track and field, the rosters of both the men's and women's teams are dotted with national and world-class athletes.

Fran ten Benschel did well in the Olympic Trials this past summer. And Coleman was one of the top collegiate shot putters in the country last season.

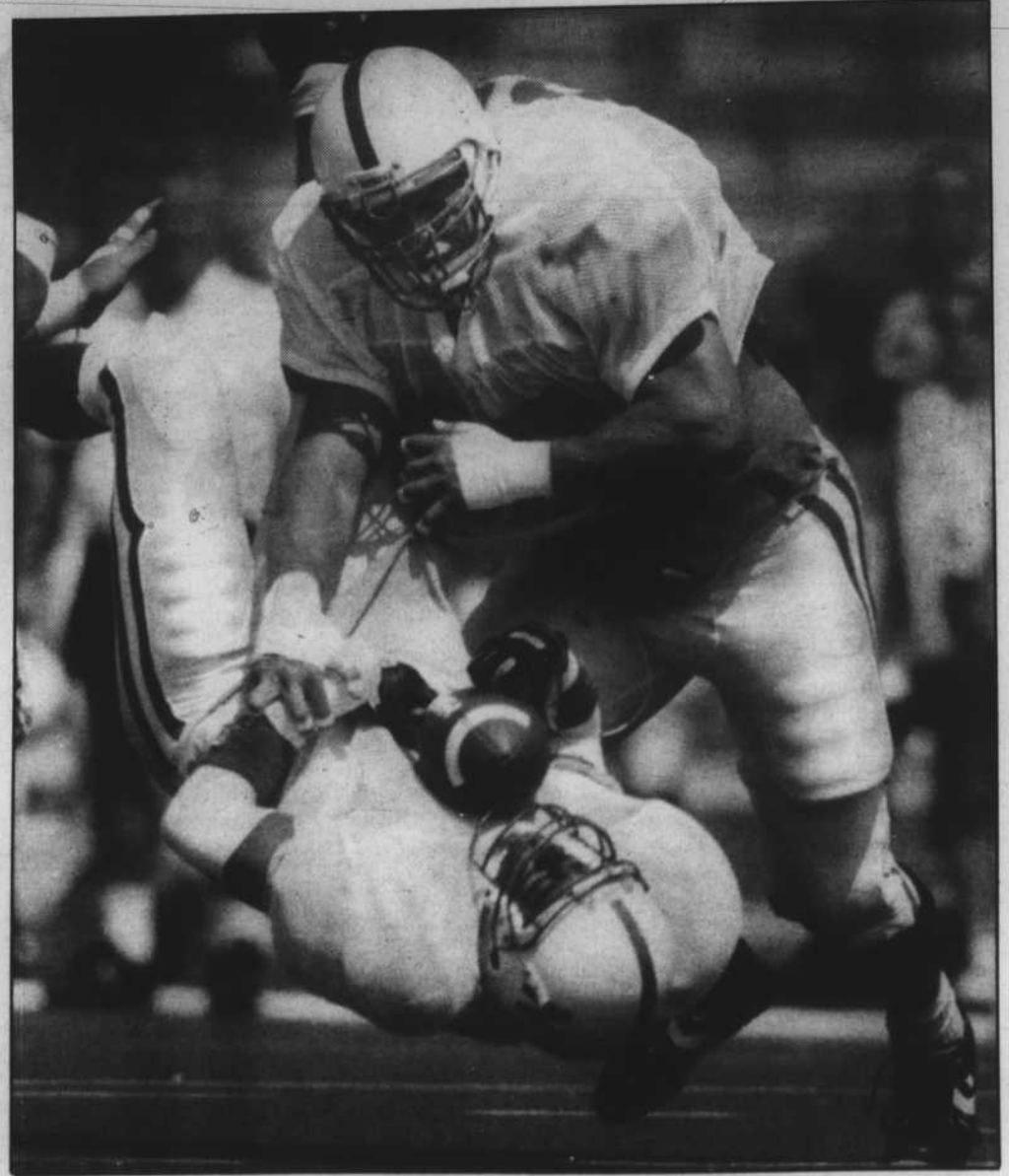
Of course these are just a few of the many sports at Nebraska. There's also baseball, softball, swimming and diving — the list goes on and on.

And if the opportunity to watch top competition isn't enough to draw you in, the fact that you can watch every sport except football and men's basketball for free should be. Yes, the only thing you need to get in the door is a student ID.

So now you know what to look forward to the rest of the year. Go out and watch a little bit of everything.

And don't forget to buy your football tickets.

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Cornerback Lorenzo Brinkley gets upended by defensive tackle Kevin Ramaekers in a scrimmage Saturday afternoon.

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watch the men's gymnastics team. Coach Francis Allen has coached his team to seven national titles. And with all of his gymnasts returning from a team that narrowly missed out on another last year, number eight could very well be on the way.

Allen has coached several athletes to success in the Olympics and other international meets, and he said Harrison and possibly more of his current gymnasts could be on the next Olympic team. Watching the Huskers could be an early glimpse at part of the 1996 Olympic team.

If you're a wrestling fan, you'll want to hang out at the Devaney Center this winter.

Under Tim Neumann, the wrestling program has gained national prominence and keeps getting better. The Huskers also compete against Iowa State and Oklahoma State, two of the top programs in the country.

Huskers suffer no new injuries

From Staff Reports

Hot, humid weather Monday greeted the Nebraska football team as it returned to its regular school practice schedule.

The Cornhuskers worked out in Memorial Stadium for about 2 1/2 hours and nobody sustained any new injuries.

Outside linebacker Trev Alberts left early, still bothered by a pulled hamstring. Cornerback Kenny Wilhite bruised his knee in Saturday's

scrimmage and did not practice Monday.

"Other than that, most everybody on the first team was out there," Coach Tom Osborne said.

Osborne said he was still evaluating quarterbacks to come up with a solid backup for Mike Grant.

"I thought Grant played fairly well," Osborne said. "The other quarterbacks had good plays and then they all took a turn or two at having a bad one. I think they'll all be OK, but we need to sort it out."

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