

# Utah football player recalls first catch

By Jeremy Fitzpatrick  
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The Nebraska-Utah football game this Saturday will be a homecoming of sorts for Ute wide receiver Bryan Rowley.

He both started and scored for the first time as a freshman when the Utes came to Memorial Stadium in 1989. Utah played the Huskers close during the first half of the game — trailing 21-16 at halftime — but lost 42-30.

Rowley said he can still remember the catch.

"I caught it in the back left corner of the end zone and slid into a fence that was real close," he said. "It was the first touchdown I caught in college."

Rowley earned first team All-WAC honors last season, and enters his senior year with more than 2,000 yards receiving. This year, he is listed in Utah's press guide as an All-American candidate.

Rowley said he is excited about his return to Lincoln.

## Rowley's Numbers

Utah wide receiver Bryan Rowley caught 60 passes for 1,011 yards last season. A look at Rowley's top five games in 1991:

DATE	OPPONENT	CATCHES	YARDS	TOUCHDOWNS
11/2/91	Hawaii	8	200	3
10/26/91	San Diego State	7	157	1
11/23/91	BYU	5	121	2
9/14/91	Air Force	7	92	0
9/21/91	Oregon	5	82	2



Scott Maurer/DN

"I like playing in big games," he said, "so it's going to be fun to come back and play again."

Although Rowley has had great success in college catching passes, in high school he was throwing and intercepting them.

He played quarterback and defensive back for Orem High School in

Utah, and led the team to a state championship his junior year and to the state finals his senior year. Rowley intercepted 21 passes in his final two years of at Orem.

He was also captain of Orem's basketball team and placed fourth in the long jump at the Utah state track meet his senior year.

Rowley said he was recruited in high school by Stanford, Arizona State, Air Force, Brigham Young and Arizona — to continue to play quarterback or defensive back.

But Rowley decided to switch to receiver in college. Only Utah would let him make the change, he said, and that was the primary factor in decid-

ing which college he would attend.

Rowley said he made the change because he thought his college — and possibly National Football League — career would last longer at receiver than at quarterback.

"Everyone dreams of playing as a professional," he said. "I'd enjoy it, I'd love to play in the NFL... and I thought my best chance would be as a receiver."

Rowley will get a chance to display his talents in front of more than 76,000 fans in Memorial Stadium Saturday.

The game is probably the toughest one Utah will play this year, Rowley said, but he said he isn't worried about the pressure or Nebraska's screaming fans.

"It's just fun to play against a good team," he said. "I like playing in front of big crowds."

"(The Cornhuskers) are a good team, they've got a lot of talented players, so we're just going to play hard and wherever the chips fall, they fall."



Michelle Paulman/DN

Assistant volleyball coach Cathy Noth and 1985 alumna Sharon (Kramer) Abel miss a block during the Nebraska alumnae match at the NU Coliseum on Tuesday night.

## Post-college benefits continue for Kruse

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Janet Kruse's days of playing for Nebraska are over, but the benefits her volleyball career gave her will keep the experience locked in her mind.

The three-time All-American graduated last spring, received a graduate scholarship from the NCAA, and attends school this fall at the University of Nebraska Medical Center.

Kruse graduated with a 3.93 grade point average, and as a result, she was named Academic All-American of the Year for

1990-91.

The Fort Calhoun native said it was an honor to receive such accolades for her off-court achievements.

"It was great to go through a strong program and do what I did," Kruse said.

Kruse said that the NCAA scholarship was for one year, and she was not sure what area she will pursue.

"I am thinking about pediatrics, but I don't know what that all entails," she said.

The practiced skill that took Kruse to her high level of play during her college years may not have been there Tuesday night.

Kruse said she felt "a bit rusty" during the Nebraska alumnae match.

"I came down and worked camps and played some staff matches, but that's about it," Kruse said.

The current Nebraska team beat the alumnae in five straight games, winning the second game 15-0.

Kruse said it was difficult to play in a volleyball game and know that there wasn't another game or practice the next day.

"It's hard to come back," she said. "It's hard not to be on the other side of the net. But it's great to come back and support them."

## UNL delays announcing radio rights

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Sparks are flying between rival Omaha radio stations KFAB and KKAR in their battle to win broadcasting rights to Nebraska Cornhusker football and basketball games.

KFAB and KKAR are in a two-way race to win the broadcasting rights that KFAB has held since 1983. Another Omaha station, WOW, fell out of contention Tuesday when its bid did not meet the minimum requirements requested by the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

UNL has requested \$800,000 annually over three years, the broadcast of women's volleyball or basketball games, free public service

“It's really questionable whether we ought to be discussing our strengths and weaknesses in the press... but it seems KFAB is going out of their way to make a big issue that someone else is being considered.”

—John C. Mitchell  
KKAR owner and president

radio spots, an intern program for UNL students, and bumper stickers and schedule cards for the contract.

Both KFAB and KKAR met those requirements in their offers. KKAR increased its bid to \$850,000 for the first year and \$1 million for the last year of a five-year contract.

UNL is continuing negotiations with the two stations and will announce a contract winner Sep. 21.

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# Winning tradition will prevail for the "Big Two"

There are few things more solemn in college football than the Big Eight standings.

With the exception of a few fluke years by Colorado, the Big Eight has historically been dominated by the Cornhuskers and Sooners, inspiring the conference to be known as the "Big Two and Little Six."

There are few things in the college football world that can parallel the foregone conclusion of a 1-2 Nebraska-Oklahoma finish. Clemson's players touching their infamous magical rock before each home game, Texas A&M's student body, a.k.a. "The 12th Man," making a ruckus at

games in College Station, and Miami breaking NCAA rules are examples of traditions that parallel the infamous 1-2 Big Eight finish.

So here's a look at how the Big Two and Little Six will do this season:

**1. Nebraska:** The Huskers have the best players at the skill positions necessary to bring home a conference title. With Mike "The General" Grant leading the charge at quarterback and the best I-back combination in college football, Derek Brown and Calvin Jones, Nebraska has too much firepower for the rest of the Big Eight. Also, having a less dominant and more balanced conference doesn't hurt.

**2. Oklahoma:** The Sooners should be back to their competitive form as they have recovered from a recent NCAA probation. Quarterback Cale



Jeff Singer

Gundy is blossoming into one of Oklahoma's best-ever signal callers, and Oklahoma Coach Gary Gibbs

needs at least a second-place finish this season. If not, the Norman lynch mob — also known as the Sooner booster club — will be bringing a noose to Gibbs' office during the off-season.

**3. Colorado:** A lack of experienced talent at quarterback will put the Buffaloes back on top of the Little Six standings. After three years at the top of the conference, Colorado will be back where it belongs, battling with Kansas for a third-place finish.

**4. Kansas:** Speaking of the Jayhawks, Kansas is for real and will prove it with a winning season. Lucky for the Jayhawks, the Big Eight is

about to sign a contract with the Freedom Bowl to send the conference's fourth-place team to Anaheim, Calif. Kansas will be spending Christmas this year with Mickey Mouse.

**5. Missouri:** Yes, you read this right. The Tigers will be the surprise team of the conference with a fifth-place finish, led by the nation's most underrated quarterback, Phil Johnson. Also, Missouri coach Bob Stull is impressive entering his fourth year at the helm.

**6. Kansas State:** A recent Sports Illustrated cover read "Kansas State is

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