

# Colorado still no NU, OU, McCartney says

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Despite winning a national championship in 1990 and winning three Big Eight titles in the last five years, Colorado coach Bill McCartney said his football program still had not reached the success levels of Nebraska and Oklahoma.

McCartney said it would take time for the Buffalo program to achieve the success Nebraska and Oklahoma have enjoyed.

"They have been there for such a long time, and we are still emerging as a program," McCartney said Monday during the Big Eight coaches weekly teleconference.

"We have not played our best football yet, and we are going to get better."

The Buffaloes and Cornhuskers each have won three conference titles during the past five years, with the

two teams sharing the championship in 1991.

But the Sooners have been knocked out of the title hunt since 1989, when Barry Switzer left Oklahoma after allegations of NCAA rules violations.

Last year, the Sooners were 5-4-2 and rumors were flying that Oklahoma coach Gary Gibbs' job was in jeopardy after losses to traditional rivals Texas, Nebraska and Colorado.

After Oklahoma's win over Texas Saturday, the Sooners are 5-0 and will play host to Colorado this week for a chance to regain lost prominence.

Although Oklahoma has not been in the title hunt for five years, McCartney said he considered the Sooner program among the best in the nation.

"Everything is directed toward excellence at Oklahoma and they weren't really that far away at any time," McCartney said.

A key matchup will be the play of

each team's quarterback, McCartney said.

McCartney said Oklahoma's Cale Gundy was an established quarterback, while Colorado's Kordell Stewart had not yet reached his potential.

"Gundy is in his fourth year, he has great instincts, and you are not going to surprise him with anything you throw at him on defense," McCartney said. "Stewart is still emerging and he will only get better."

Gibbs said he hoped the Sooners' win over Texas would help Oklahoma prepare for Colorado.

"Any time you win you're in better shape," Gibbs said. "Before, we've had to go through the early part of the week trying to get over the Texas hangover."

"The excitement of winning that game is certainly a positive. The confidence can carry over for a few days and help our team."



## Round-up

Team	Conference Games				All Games			
	W	L	T	Pct.	W	L	T	Pct.
Kansas State	1	0	0	1.000	5	0	0	1.000
Nebraska	1	0	0	1.000	5	0	0	1.000
Oklahoma	1	0	0	1.000	5	0	0	1.000
Colorado	1	0	0	1.000	3	2	0	.600
Oklahoma State	0	1	0	.000	3	2	0	.600
Kansas	0	1	0	.000	2	4	0	.333
Missouri	0	1	0	.000	1	3	1	.375
Iowa State	0	1	0	.000	1	4	0	.200

### Saturday's Results

- Colorado 30, Missouri 18
- Oklahoma 38, Texas 17
- Kansas State 10, Kansas 9
- Nebraska 27, Oklahoma State 13



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## Two Huskers miss practice; Armstrong leaves after injury

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Nebraska practiced for two hours Monday in preparation for Saturday's game with undefeated Kansas State.

Two Cornhuskers — nose tackle Terry Connealy and I-back Clinton Childs — did not practice. Connealy was out with a sore shoulder, and Childs is still hampered by the sprained ankle he suffered during practice last week.

Coach Tom Osborne said tight end Gerald Armstrong left practice early,

but the injury wasn't serious.

Osborne also joked about the punishment defensive tackle Kevin Ramaekers would receive for dumping a water bucket on Osborne after the coach's 200th career victory at Oklahoma State Thursday night.

"(The punishment) will be something unexpected," Osborne said. "We'll give him no warning. I think he might have had a little help from others, but I think he organized it. He was the brains behind the plan."



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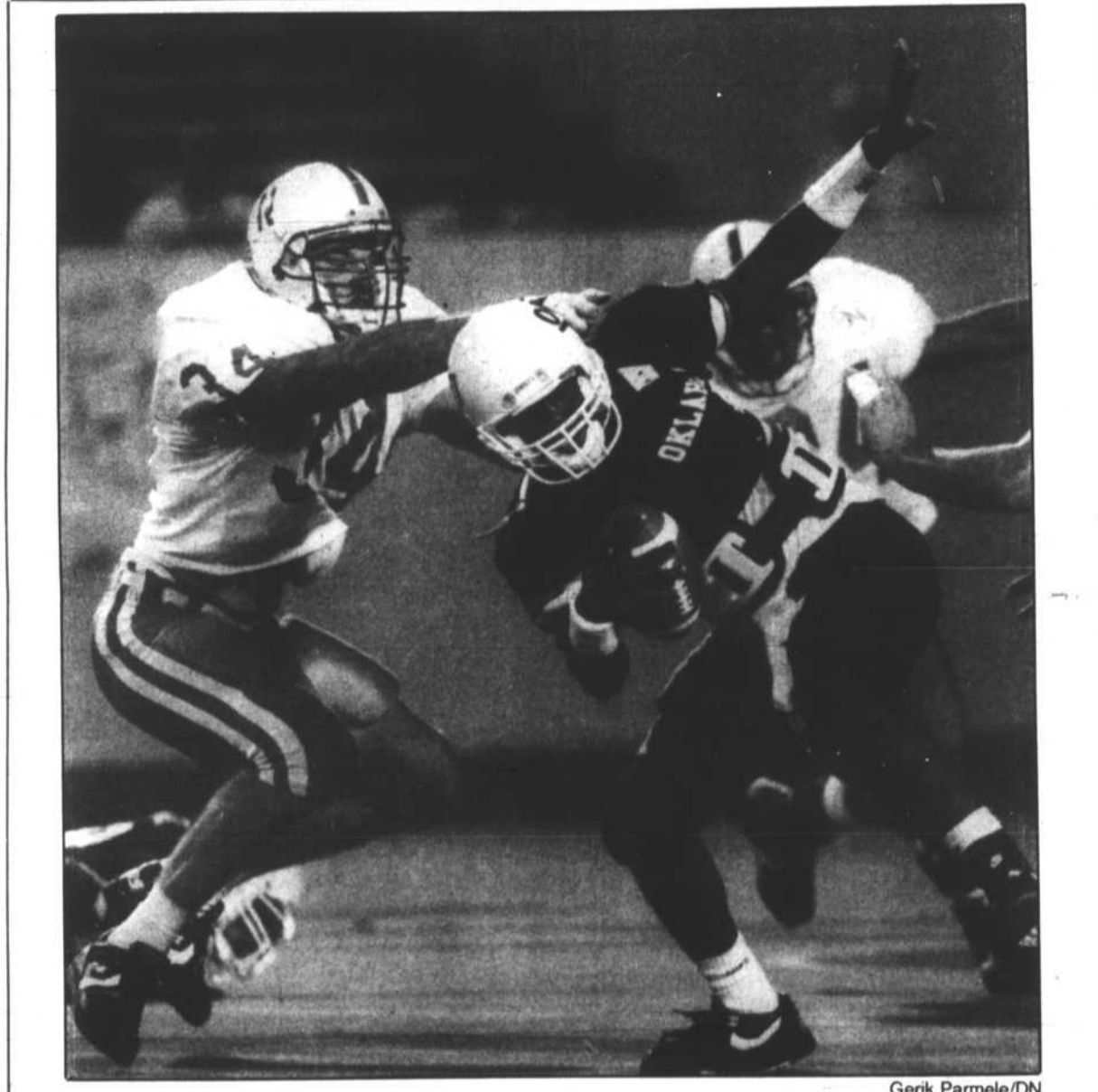
## Solich

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Barron Miles — who was named Big Eight defensive player of the week Monday. While the Blackshirts have come together, Solich said, the offense appears shaky.

"I don't think we were as smooth as we'd like to be offensively," Solich said. "I know our players are giving a great effort. I think we will smooth it out."

"We will have an offense that can be a dominating offense. I think it has to be that if we're going to reach the goals we want to reach."



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Nebraska outside linebacker Trev Alberts sacks Oklahoma State quarterback Tone Jones during the fourth quarter of the Cornhuskers' 27-13 win Thursday night. The sack — Alberts' 23 1/2 — broke Broderick Thomas' career position record.

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"My strong philosophical belief is that we want to try to return to the glory days when Merlin Olsen was the star, and we want to regain confidence in our program," Bell said. "In order to do that, we need to play teams home-and-away."

"If teams like Nebraska, Arizona and LSU would come to Logan, then we would play them."

Utah State coach Charlie

Weatherbie said he would much rather play Colorado State — the replacement for the Huskers on the Aggies' schedule — than Nebraska.

"If you'd ask me if I'd rather play Nebraska or Colorado State, then I'd definitely say I'd rather play Colorado State," he said. "We recruit from Colorado, and they're a natural rivalry for us."

As for Colorado State, the Rams' game against Nebraska in 1996 is in jeopardy, Byrne said. Colorado State has indicated it would like to get out of the game, but the cancellation was still being debated in Fort Collins,

Colorado. Teams like Utah State and Colorado State that break their contracts might face stiffer penalties in the future.

Utah State was required to pay \$25,000 to break its contract with Nebraska.

Nebraska now calls for a \$250,000 penalty if a school decides to break its contract, Byrne said.

However, Bell said, since the Aggies were able to find a replacement for Nebraska's schedule, Utah State would be exempt from paying its \$25,000 fine.

## Frazier

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"I just try to do something to help my team pick it up," he said. "When we're down, I try to find a way that I can ignite them and make them just go out there and run crazy."

And run crazy Nebraska has. The Huskers sport the Big Eight's top rushing offense, averaging more than 277 yards per game.

The ankle injury Frazier suffered on the first play of the season in the

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NU Quarterback



Huskers' 76-14 victory against North Texas hasn't affected his play, he said.

"I'm not going to put the blame on my ankle," Frazier said. "If I was to blame my ankle, I wouldn't be out there playing."

"But I was out there playing. When you play football, everything's mental, and whatever's physical is extra."

Frazier said he has tried just to play through the extra pain.

"I'm a little banged up right now, but it's nothing serious," he said. "It's just some bumps and bruises."

"If it's not broken, you try to shake it off and go back in there for the next play."