

# Bennett calls place-kicking, punting a happy combination

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Senior Reporter

Nebraska's Byron Bennett originally was recruited by the Cornhuskers as a punter. Now, after three years as a starting kicker, Bennett finally is getting his chance as the starting punter at Nebraska. And Bennett doesn't mind it one bit. "That's what I was originally recruited for," Bennett said. "As far as my role increasing, you've got to be on your toes because you never know if you're going to punt or place-kick."

In the field goal department, Bennett has hit five of six this season. He only had 10 attempts all of last season.

Bennett hit seven of 10 field goals last year, but he missed two in the Orange Bowl loss to Florida State.

"I had a good year last year, but the Orange Bowl is what got me at the end," he said.

Although he place-kicked for the last two years, Bennett said, he still took time to practice his punting.

Mike Stigge, the Huskers' starting punter the last four years, worked with Bennett last

season, he said.

"Last year me and Stigs went half-and-half in practice, so I was ready to take it over when Stigs left," he said.

Bennett hasn't disappointed many with his punting so far, accumulating an average of 40.9 yards per punt.

He said his punting goal was to keep his average above 40 yards. And, he added, he wants to keep his net average — which subtracts the punt return — above 40.

"If I can stay on a roll like I am now, I'm going to have a good year," he said. "And I'm

planning on it because I'm a senior and hopefully if I do real well, I'll want to look for pro expectations — maybe a tryout for punting.

"I don't know if I want to place-kick in the pros, but it looks good when you can do both."

Bennett said he liked punting better than field goal kicking because there was not as much pressure involved.

"I think I like punting better because you know you're not scoring any points," he said. "Because when there are points involved, there is lots of pressure."

## Volleyball Monthly Top 20

School	Record
1. UCLA	12-0
2. Long Beach St.	14-1
3. Stanford	12-3
4. Texas	14-2
5. Pacific	9-4
6. Brigham Young	13-1
7. Southern Cal	11-3
8. Penn St.	14-2
9. UC Santa Barbara	14-1
10. Kentucky	17-1
11. Ohio St.	12-2
12. Nebraska	13-2
13. Georgia	16-1
14. Florida	14-2
15. Notre Dame	14-3
16. Colorado	12-4
17. Illinois	9-5
18. Florida St.	15-2
19. Arizona St.	10-4
20. Colorado St.	13-3

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## NU probable starters

Nebraska vs. Colorado  
Tonight 8:30 p.m.  
Boulder, Colorado

### Nebraska (13-2, 2-1)

- S Nikki Stricker 5-10 Sr.
- S Stephanie Clerc 5-6 Fr.
- OH Billie Winsett 5-11 So.
- OH Maria Hedbeck 5-10 Fr.
- OH Kelly Aspegren 5-11 Jr.
- MB Allison Weston 6-0 So.

### Colorado (12-4, 2-0)

- S Karrie Downey 5-10 Jr.
- MB Nicole Vranesh 5-8 Sr.
- OH Janine Zumerchik 6-2 Jr.
- OH Staci Wolfe 5-10 Jr.
- MB Leah Williams 6-0 So.
- OH Rachel Wacholder 5-9 Fr.

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## Pettit

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prepared. In preparation for Colorado, the Huskers will practice twice in Boulder.

"We'll have a tough practice the night before the match, and we'll have a tough practice the day of the match," he said. "Most teams have a walk-around the day of the match, but we'll have a full-blown practice."

Colorado comes into the match with a 12-4 record and a No. 16 ranking. They are also coming off a losing string. Last weekend, they lost two matches to No. 11 Pacific and third-ranked Texas.

Pettit said the Buffaloes were a totally different team than Oklahoma.

"Colorado likes to go quick," he said. "Oklahoma tries to physically overpower you. They are radically different."

"I think Colorado is a better team."

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body (at ESPN) would mention that he's not a member of a gang," he said. "It'd be nice if they would do it on the air."

Muhammad said he deserved to be treated more fairly in the report.

"This has been an embarrassment

to me and my family and is not fair to me or to others who are in my situation," he said. "My friends and family know my situation, and I just want the people of Nebraska to know it — that I am not a member of a gang and I have never been."

"I've worked very hard to be a positive role model, and I hope to continue to set a good example."

## Season stats

Nebraska's team leaders after five games.

OFFENSE	RUSHING				
	Games/Starting	ATT	Net yards	Yards/ATT	TD
Lawrence Phillips	4/0	57	299	5.3	3
Calvin Jones	3/3	37	260	7.0	3
Damon Benning	5/2	37	236	6.4	3
Tommie Frazier	5/5	47	199	4.2	3
Jeff Makovicka	5/0	15	137	9.1	2
Cory Schlesinger	5/3	19	78	4.1	0

OFFENSE	PASS RECEIVING				
	Games/Starting	No.	Yards	Longest	TDs
Corey Dixon	5/4	13	227	33	1
Abdul Muhammad	5/4	8	143	41	2
Reggie Baul	5/1	6	74	37	0
Trumane Bell	5/2	6	94	21	0
Gerald Armstrong	5/5	6	73	31	3

OFFENSE	PASSING				
	Games/Starting	Comp.-Att.	Comp.-Pct.	Int	Yds. TDs
Tommie Frazier	5/5	40/79	.506	1	539 4
Brook Berringer	5/0	12/17	.706	0	162 2

DEFENSE	TACKLES			
	Games/Starting	Unassisted	Assists	Total
Troy Alberts	5/5	25	21	46
Toby Wright	5/5	24	10	34
Ed Stewart	5/5	13	15	28
Mike Anderson	5/4	9	14	23
John Reece	5/5	12	8	20

DEFENSE	INTERCEPTIONS			
	Games	No.	Avg. Ret. yards	TD
Toby Wright	5	2	33.5	2
Kareem Moss	5	1	42	0
Eric Stokes	4	1	34	0

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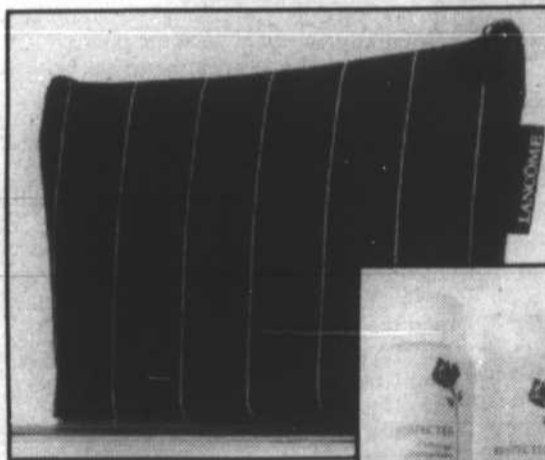
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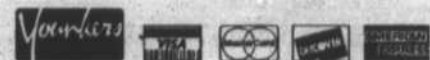
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# Big Eight athletic directors' vote ends Huskers' junior varsity team

From Staff Reports

The Nebraska junior varsity team has played its last game in Memorial Stadium.

Nebraska coach Tom Osborne said the Big Eight athletic directors voted 7-1 to eliminate junior varsity football starting next season. Cornhusker athletic director Bill Byrne cast the dissenting vote, Osborne said.

Nebraska received a request Tuesday morning for a junior varsity game with Northeastern Oklahoma later this season but had to decline because they couldn't schedule around players' classes, Osborne said.

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"I don't think we're going to be able to work that out because they want a game down there, and we can't take our players out of classes and practices another day," Osborne said.

"These two games will be the last jayvee football games played — unless the rule is changed — maybe ever."

One more jayvee game remains this season. On Nov. 12 in Colorado Springs, the Huskers will face the Air Force Academy Junior Varsity in a rematch of last Friday's game, which Nebraska won.

# Injury, sickness slow three players

From Staff Reports

Three Nebraska football players missed practice Tuesday.

Tight end Gerald Armstrong, who left practice early Monday, was held out of practice.

Cornhusker coach Tom Osborne said he hoped Armstrong would be ready for Saturday's game against Kansas State.

"Armstrong's better, but he didn't practice," he said.

Nose tackle Terry Connealy returned to practice after missing Monday's practice with a sore shoulder.

I-back Clinton Childs was held out for the sixth straight day because of the sprained ankle he suffered in practice last week.

Osborne said Childs was doubtful for Saturday's game against the 5-0 Wildcats.

Redshirt freshman I-back Damon Benning also missed practice for the second straight day with a throat infection, Osborne said.

Osborne said that despite the injuries, the Huskers practiced well.

"We had a good practice," he said. "We had a fair amount of contact."

"We'll probably ease up (Wednesday)."

## Stewart

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can always play better. I never want to be satisfied with the way I am playing because I can always improve."

Stewart is in his second year as a starting linebacker, but he came to Nebraska as a free safety.

Last season, Stewart started and finished the season fifth on the team in tackles with 64.

Despite his success at linebacker, Stewart said he thought he still could play free safety. That may be an option if he is selected in the NFL draft after his senior season.

"It is a possibility, but then again I may decide after next season that I don't want to play

football anymore," Stewart said. "Instead, I might want to get on with my life outside of football."

Stewart expects to graduate in May with a bachelor's degree in psychology. He said he planned to attend graduate school and eventually get his master's degree in social psychology.

After school, Stewart said he would like to do some kind of counseling work.

For now, though, Stewart is concerned with continuing to improve his play on the field.

"I am ready to turn my game up a lot and start making some big plays," Stewart said. "We can see if we can shut some teams down like we did against Oklahoma State in the second half."