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Nebraska freshman midfielder Stephanie Vacek heads the ball away from Bellevue College's Kristin Epps during the Cornhuskers' 7-1 win over the Bruins Tuesday night.

## Women's soccer team kicks off first-ever season with victory

By Trevor Parks  
Staff Reporter

The Nebraska women's soccer team began its inaugural season by defeating Bellevue College 7-1 in an exhibition game at Whittier Field Tuesday night.

The Cornhuskers' first goal came 10 minutes into the game when freshman midfielder Tanya Wright put a shot past Bellevue goalkeeper Victoria Martin.

Two minutes later, freshman Danielle Boswell scored the first of her three goals on the night to give Nebraska a 2-0 lead.

Freshman striker Jamie Riley scored two of the Huskers' next three goals, scoring in the 25th and 45th minute, giving Nebraska a 5-0 halftime lead.

In between Riley's goals, freshman defender Kristina Ritterbush scored Nebraska's fourth goal in the 32nd minute.

Walker said with a new team playing an exhibition game, he didn't know how things were going to go.

"It's important to get a trial run under your belt," Walker said.

The Bruins got on the board when Kelli Orr scored on backup goalkeeper Gina Conyers seven minutes into the second half to end the Huskers' shot at a shutout.

The only Husker to score in the second half was Boswell.

Boswell scored in the 18th minute to give the Huskers a 6-1 lead.

In the 45th minute Boswell completed the hat trick, scoring when Martin dropped the ball in the goalie box. Boswell then knocked it home for the final score.

Walker said it was good to see production from other people instead of the team relying on Tanya Franck, a transfer from Arkansas-Little Rock, and Kim Ratliff from Marquette.

The Huskers have until Sept. 6 to get ready for the season opener against Creighton, and Walker said there still needs to be a lot of improvement.

"All of them did some good things, but there are still some things we need to work on too."

## Frazier wants championship, says Heisman talk premature

By Trevor Parks  
Staff Reporter

After the Kickoff Classic on Sunday, Nebraska coach Tom Osborne made sure Tommie Frazier got a few words in.

"I'm going to move aside so Tommie can make a speech now," Osborne said. "He's good at that."

Frazier not only was good at making a speech on Sunday but also was good on the football field.

Frazier was named Most Valuable Player for his performance in Nebraska's 31-0 win against West Virginia in East Rutherford, N.J.

Two other Cornhusker quarterbacks have been named MVP of the Kickoff Classic. In 1983 current Nebraska quarterback coach Turner Gill won the award, and in 1988 Steve Taylor did the same.

By rushing for three touchdowns and throwing for 100 yards and a touchdown, Frazier tossed his hat into the ring to become Nebraska's third Heisman trophy winner.

Former Huskers Johnny Rodgers and Mike Rozier earned Heisman trophies in 1972 and 1983, respectively.

However, Frazier isn't getting too excited about the possibility of being the nation's top collegiate football player.

"I never dreamed of it," said the junior from Bradenton, Fla.

Winning the Heisman may be a possibility, but Frazier knows that 11 games remain in the season.

"I'm not worried about the Heisman," Frazier said. "Right now I'm worried about winning week in and week out."

He said he would rather return to the Federal Express Orange Bowl and play for the national championship than win college football's most prestigious award.

"I always dreamed of playing in a college football championship," Frazier said. "Now my dream is to win one, and if that doesn't happen, that's fine too."

### Frazier vs. Ward

Ward				Frazier			
Passing							
Comp	Att	Yds	TD	Comp	Att	Yds	TD
16	26	194	0	8	16	100	1
Rushing							
Carries	Yds	TD	Carries	Yds	TD		
4	0	0	12	130	3		

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Although Frazier may be in the hunt for the Heisman now, he did throw two interceptions to hurt his early season cause.

"I had a couple of turnovers, but that is something I can iron out," he said.

Even with the two interceptions, Frazier was being compared to Major Harris, a former Mountaineer quarterback, and Gill, who almost led the Huskers to the national title in 1983.

Both quarterbacks played for the national title in their collegiate careers, and both came up short.

Frazier is hoping to outdo both Harris and Gill.

West Virginia coach Don Nehlen said there were some differences between Harris and Frazier.

"Major was a little bigger than Frazier, but Frazier is a little quicker."

But Osborne said wouldn't compare Frazier to any other quarterback.

"I don't like to compare quarterbacks," Osborne said. "Tommie is Tommie."

## Beck to emphasize leadership, team unity among young players

By Derek Samson  
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Nebraska women's basketball coach Angela Beck will be without a star player this season.

But for a coach who has seen such players as Karen Jennings, Meggan Yedsena and Nafecah Brown leave her program in the past two years, she is very optimistic.

"It seems like about 80 percent of the time, we have a first-team All-Big Eighter," she said. "Nobody sticks out this year. It'll be exciting to see who steps up."

What Beck has tried to instill in her young team is that the team needs to step up together.

"I know we were lacking in unity last year," she said. "I didn't realize it at the time. Nobody wants to admit that. We were individually motivated, and sometimes we set too many individual goals."

Nebraska finished 17-13 last season but was not invited to the NCAA tournament.

"We focused so much on winning that we lost sight of what it took to get to that point," Beck said. "We didn't focus as much time on team unity, and we didn't necessarily sacrifice for the good of all."

Beck said she studied former UCLA coach

See BECK on 11

## Rivalry could end as Sooners head south into Big 12

Where in the world is Barry Switzer? Oh yeah, please don't remind me. But as the Big Eight draws closer to its expansion into the Big 12 (less than two years), someone needs to speak up for Oklahoma.

The Sooners will be playing with the six bottom teams—I mean the six southern teams—and except for three nonconference games alternating schools every year, Oklahoma won't be seeing much of its old conference foes.

Neither will Oklahoma State, but who cares?

What matters is Oklahoma and Nebraska may meet only every other year beginning in 1996, which would put an end to one of the best rivalries in college football.

Everyone hates to see it happen—almost everyone, that is.

Sooner coach Gary Gibbs told the Big Eight Skywriters more than a week ago that he didn't mind the idea of the rivalry ending.

"When the Big 12 was created, we all knew it would be changed," he said. "You can't maintain the status quo forever."

I don't think we would ever hear Barry Switzer—who performed Sooner Magic to end Nebraska's hopes so many times during his reign at Oklahoma—say such a thing.

It was Switzer and his magic that made the rivalry a great one and made the scarce Nebraska wins over OU during that time so much sweeter.

Gibbs came into a program on probation, produced a 38-17-2 career record and should be commended for keeping that program's head above water.



Derek Samson

But Gibbs' record against the should-be rivals proves that his attitude about the rivalry differs from that of Switzer's.

The sixth-year coach is 2-12-1 against Nebraska, Texas and Colorado—only 1-8-1 against CU and NU.

No wonder he wants to see less of the North Division.

In his second year, it looked as if Gibbs would fill in just fine as the next hated Sooner coach in Nebraska.

Leading 42-10 over the Huskers,

Gibbs elected to kick a field goal late in the game to give OU a 45-10 victory instead.

"Yes," Nebraska fans thought. "That salt in the wound will be plenty for us to hate Oklahoma even more."

That's what the rivalry was about—hatred and respect.

But that was the extent of Gibbs spicing things up, and the signs of a heated rivalry are gone.

And since then, I've actually caught myself cheering for Oklahoma to beat Colorado and Texas A&M.

What have you done to us Husker fans, Gary?

We used to hate everything about Oklahoma, and now we don't even think about Oklahoma.

I even admitted last year that Oklahoma had cool uniforms, and I no longer go into convulsions anymore

when the OU band plays "Boomer Sooner."

It's obvious Gibbs is content with his new six-team mini-conference and doesn't mind not seeing Nebraska on his schedule the day after Thanksgiving every year.

It might not be until Nebraska and Oklahoma meet in the Big 12 championship game—if there even is one—that they rekindle a little of that old hatred and respect.

If not, we might finally have to make Colorado coach Al Bundy—a.k.a. Bill McCartney—happy and accept the Buffs as our rivals.

Please come back, Barry.

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