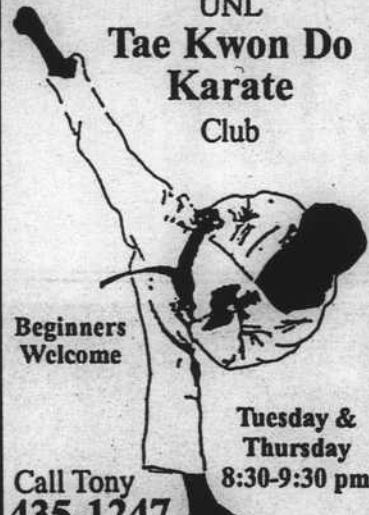


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Hard-luck Lady Huskers get a break

By Jeff Griesch
Senior Reporter

"We were already in trouble."

TINA MCCLAIN

NU women's guard

In a season dominated by bad news, the Nebraska women's basketball team finally heard a little good news Tuesday.

Tina McClain, who injured her left knee Sunday against Oklahoma State, found out she had only strained the medial collateral ligament and did not tear any ligaments.

The injury will keep McClain out of the lineup for a week to 10 days, but she was relieved it wasn't longer. "At first when I went down, I thought I had torn it," McClain said. "After the trainers started looking at it and moving it, I was thinking more positively that it wasn't a tear."

The sophomore guard's injury could not have come at a worse time for the Huskers.

Nebraska plays Missouri Friday and Colorado Sunday at the Bob Devaney Sports Center. Missouri won the Big Eight tournament, and Colorado won the regular-season title last season.

The Huskers are in desperate need of a win after stumbling to an 0-4 conference start.

Nebraska will miss McClain's 11 points and 7 rebounds per game, but

the Huskers have grown accustomed to playing shorthanded this season. Emily Thompson is out for the season with a knee injury.

Tanya Upthegrove has missed eight games because of a twice-injured groin and appendicitis. Lis Brenden and Roquayah Brown have been slowed by sprained ankles, and Chris Dillavou and Pyra Aarden also have suffered from shin splints and sprained ankles.

Along with the injuries, Dina Haselip quit school and Belinda Bynum left the team.

"We were already in trouble. With me out it is going to make it even harder on everybody else against Missouri and Colorado," McClain said. "But I have confidence in my teammates, and I know they will give it everything they have this weekend."

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St. Louis rams its way into the NFL

L.A. owners relieved of team and debt

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Seven years ago, St. Louis lost a bad NFL team. On Tuesday, the city got one back.

The Los Angeles Rams, 4-12 in 1994, made it official: They're leaving Southern California for St. Louis.

"I'm overwhelmed," Rams owner Georgia Frontiere said at a news conference to announce the move and the addition of Columbia, Mo., businessman Stan Kroenke as minority owner. "I don't think I've been this happy since the last game we won."

The expected announcement of the move was made in a news conference Tuesday by St. Louis Mayor Freeman Bosley Jr.

"Today is a great day for this community," Bosley said. "For the last nine months, we have been working around the clock trying to bring NFL football to St. Louis."

If the league approves, pro football will return to the city the Cardinals abandoned for Arizona in 1987.

"Today is the day that the dream of a team of our own is now a reality," Bosley said. "The St. Louis Rams — how sweet it is."

St. Louis is certainly hoping for better things this time. After enduring the pratfalls of Bill Bidwill's Cardinals for 28 seasons and zero playoff victories, they will get a team that historically has been a contender but hasn't fielded a winner in five seasons. In 1993, they were 5-11. The year before they were 6-10.

The cost for this also ran steep. St. Louis beat out Baltimore and a group from Anaheim, Calif., called "Save the Rams" because of a deal that could yield \$20 million in annual profits for the Rams.

For starters, the Rams will get a new \$260 million domed stadium,

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FREEMAN BOSLEY JR.

St. Louis Mayor

deemed the "most spectacular stadium on the planet Earth" by St. Louis County Executive Buzz Westfall.

They'll get to choose from three sites for a \$15 million practice facility, and their annual lease will be only \$250,000.

St. Louis is also retiring the Rams' \$30 million debt to Anaheim and paying \$15 million in assorted relocation fees.

"They always say money is a means to an end," Frontiere said. "This time, money is a means to a beginning."

The Rams had been projected to lose \$6 million this past season. Now there's so much money, the arrangement may have the appearance of a modern-day holdup.

Former Missouri Sen. Thomas Eagleton, who led the negotiations for the St. Louis civic group FANS Inc., thinks not.

"It's expensive to get a team," Eagleton said. "No team is going to say, 'Here we are,' for free."

As a cost analysis, Eagleton said Chicago was spending \$32 million to hold the Democratic National Convention in 1996 for one week, but St. Louis will be getting the Rams for at least 30 years — the length of the lease.

"I think a football team is the better bargain," Eagleton said.

Of course, the spending frenzy isn't over yet. For the capper, FANS Inc. will unveil details of its permanent seat license program Wednesday with which it hopes to raise \$60-\$70 million.

Those seats will go from \$250-\$4,500, depending on location, and must be purchased before buying season tickets that will sell for an average of \$25-\$45 a game. If St. Louis doesn't sell 40,000 permanent seats by March 10, two days before NFL owners meet in Phoenix to vote on the switch, the Rams can call the whole thing off.

Kroenke paid Frontiere about \$60 million for about 40 percent of the team. He said he was confident the fans would come through.

"I'd like to show the owners and the national media that this is a football town," Kroenke said.

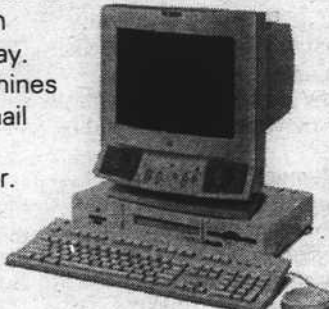
Bosley, Eagleton, who headed the FANS Inc. effort to lure the Rams, U.S. Rep. Richard Gephardt, D-Mo., and other officials then signed an oversized "relocation agreement."

"I have waited and wanted this day to happen for a long time," Gephardt said. This proves, he said, that "St. Louis is a big-league town."

"Let me tell you, we proved together the naysayers wrong. I am confident professional football is going to be a huge success in this town."

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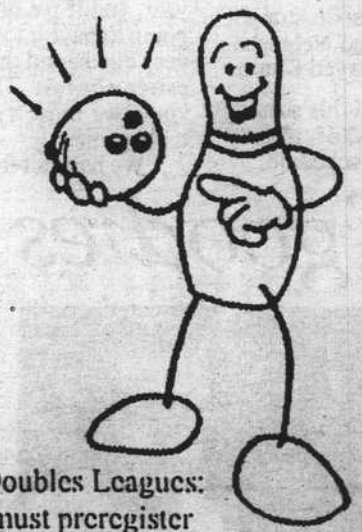
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of Alvie Shepherd and Cody Winget, the Huskers win the Midwest Regional, advancing to Omaha for the first time ever. Nebraska then loses to Creighton 12-0 in the NCAA title game. Husker coach John Sanders complains of rules violations by the Bluejays' program.

July 31 — Almost one full year after going on strike, Major League baseball players return, leaving hundreds of replacements players in disarray and unemployed. In a strange twist of fate, San Diego and Seattle appear headed toward the World Series, if only the real players can hold on.

August 19 — Tom Osborne, mired in a heated quarterback controversy, fakes a nervous breakdown, leaving the QB decision to assistant coach Turner Gill. Gill, who acts as the offensive coordinator for Nebraska's first two games, names Monte Christo the starting quarterback.

September 9 — Christo is pulled in favor of Tommie Frazier during the first quarter of the season opener at Michigan State. The Huskers win 42-3. After the

game, Jim Walden is quoted as saying that the Huskers could "kick the tar out of the San Francisco 49ers." Osborne has another breakdown. This time he's not faking.

October 28 — Osborne, in his second game back, reaches into his bag of tricks, playing Lawrence Phillips at quarterback and Frazier at I-back for two series in the second quarter. Freshman Ahman Green, who has moved up to No. 2 on the depth chart, rushes for 160 yards as Nebraska hands new Colorado coach Rick Neuheisel his first loss.

December 21 — The volleyball team travels to Cleveland (wow!) to play in its first Final Four since 1990. The Huskers defeat Penn State in the semifinals but run into a brick wall in the championship match against Stanford.

December 22 — The Husker football team leaves for Phoenix to play Florida in the Fiesta Bowl for the national title. The outcome of the game cannot be disclosed, because it doesn't take place in 1995. You'll have to wait until this time next year to find if the Huskers can repeat.

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