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# Iowa State's pitching lineup biggest question in conference

By Jeff Griesch  
Senior Reporter

The departures of three of the best pitchers in the Big Eight have left Iowa State baseball coach Bobby Randall searching for a new pitching staff this season.

Matt Wagner, Mike Maurer and Brian Binversier were drafted in the top 17 rounds of the professional draft last summer and headed for the majors after their junior seasons.

Although Randall has lost the core of his pitching staff, he hasn't lost his sense of humor.

"Those guys are irreplaceable," Randall said. "To give you some idea of how valuable they were to us, their combined signing bonuses added up to more than our entire baseball budget."

To replace the losses, Randall has a young staff with strong arms but little experience.

"If having 11 freshman pitchers doesn't wake you up at 3 o'clock in the morning looking for some Maalox, then I don't know what will," Randall said. "It definitely makes you think about selling insurance when you have

a bunch of freshmen trying to get Oklahoma State and Oklahoma hitters out."

Although the Cyclones lost three of their top pitchers, the ace of Iowa State's staff, Jeff Sebring, returns.

Sebring, last season's freshman of the year in the Big Eight, went 6-2 with a 3.76 ERA and 50 strikeouts in 67 1/3 innings.

"Jeff is really going to have to carry the load until our young pitchers figure out what they have to do to win," Randall said. "Our pitching staff is such a big question mark that I don't know how good or bad we're going to be."

Despite having one of the most talented pitching staffs in the country last season, the Cyclones were both good and bad.

Iowa State's pitching staff struggled, and the hitters struggled even more as the Cyclones stumbled to an 11-23 start.

But Iowa State's season turned around as the entire staff got into a groove and the Cyclones went 19-5 down the stretch to finish 15-14 in fourth place in the conference and 30-

28 overall.

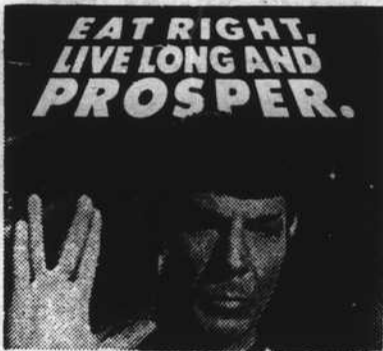
"We were horrendous last year at the start of the season, but then we turned it around and played way above our ability down the stretch," Randall said. "I don't really have any explanation for our bad start. I just know it wasn't the coaching. And to be honest, I think our strong finish was a direct result of great coaching."

Along with a new pitching staff, Randall will also have to replace two of his top run producers in first baseman Brad Mangler, who hit .269 with 40 RBI, and second baseman Mark Elsinger, who hit .288 with 41 RBI.

The Cyclones also lost leadoff hitter and centerfielder Chad Ponegalek.

The good news is that team MVP Pat Pethel returns. Pethel, a senior outfielder, hit .278 with seven home runs, 45 RBI, 45 runs scored and 16 stolen bases.

"We are the biggest question mark in the league," Randall said. "I hate to use the word rebuilding, but we are young and unproven. We are going to take some lumps, but I know that we are going to play hard."



## Sapp fails NFL drug test

PHOENIX (AP) — Warren Sapp, projected as a possible No. 1 pick in next month's NFL draft, failed drug tests at the league's scouting combine in February, sources said.

The New York Times, citing several unidentified club executives, reported Tuesday that Sapp failed cocaine and marijuana tests in Indianapolis. ESPN, citing two league executives, said Sapp tested positive for marijuana.

Several club and league executives, who asked not to be identified, told The Associated Press at the NFL

meetings on Monday night that Sapp and up to seven players failed marijuana tests.

Sapp, who declared himself eligible for the draft after his junior year at Miami, was an All-America defensive tackle. He won the Lombardi Award as the nation's best lineman.

ESPN said Sapp was one of seven players who tested positive for marijuana. The Times reported that running back James Stewart, Sapp's teammate at Miami and also a potential first-round pick, failed a marijuana test.

## NIT

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Tournament.

Nebraska has lost five straight post-season games going back to an 85-74 loss at Ohio State in the 1989 NIT.

Nee said his team could have gone 2-2 in those four NCAA games, but things just didn't work out.

In 1991, Nee said his team had too many off-court distractions with Tony Farmer and Jose Ramos. Being in the NCAA for the first time since 1986 was also new for his team.

The next year against Connecticut, Nee said his team ran into a bad seed. The Huskies were a lot better than most people thought, he said.

In 1993, the Huskies trailed 42-39 at halftime against New Mexico State,

but eventually lost 93-79.

Last year, Nebraska was coming off the Big Eight Tournament Championship and struggled, losing 90-80 against Pennsylvania.

Nee said going 2-2 over that stretch would have been reasonable.

Now the Huskers look to end that streak of post-season woes.

If Nebraska beats the Bulldogs, the Huskers would play the winner of the Miami-Penn State game.

Right now, Nee said that was the least of his worries.

"If you think I'm past 7 o'clock on Thursday, you're crazy," Nee said. "The days of dreaming are over; I'm Mr. Reality this week."


"I just pray that our fans now come out and give us a home-court advantage," Nee said. "It will be a big-time quality atmosphere."

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