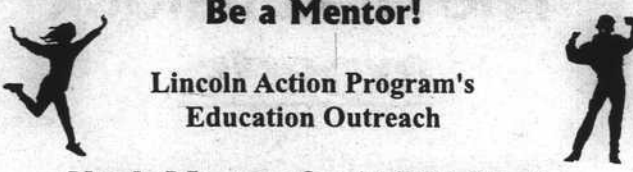


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# With a year under its belt, soccer team still evolving

By Trevor Parks  
Senior Reporter

John Walker can finally stop using the Band-Aid approach for the Nebraska soccer program.

Walker said at times the Cornhuskers just wanted to get through their first season. Now, the team is looking forward to judging its development.

"We're a lot further ahead this year than last year," Walker said. "Last year was brand new for everybody, and they didn't know what to expect."

But the Huskers still managed to finish 14-4.

Walker said this year's team was still young, but at least half the squad had played together.

One senior, three juniors, 11 sophomores and 10 freshmen fill the roster.

The team has 25 members, but Walker said the roster would be cut to 21 or 22 after this weekend.

"We're still an extremely young team," Walker said, "but from a personnel standpoint, we are much further ahead."

Walker said freshmen Heather Brown, Erica De Vitis, Michelle Denomme, Kristen Gay, Becky Hogan and Sandy Smith could all make valuable contributions.

Kari Uppinghouse, a transfer from George Mason, played in the NCAA championship game as a freshman and should see playing time, Walker said.

To make room for the newcomers, seven members from last season's squad were replaced by scholarship players.

Nebraska played with nine scholarships in 1994, but that number has grown to 16.

Walker said he was sorry those players had to leave the team.

"It's the natural evolution of an ambitious program," Walker said. "We just have to move forward, and some

## Nebraska soccer schedule

Aug. 24	Queen's University (Exhibition)	7 p.m.
Aug. 27	@ Vanderbilt (Exhibition)	Noon
Sept. 3	Creighton	7 p.m.
Sept. 8	Arizona	7 p.m.
Sept. 10	Loyola (Ill.) University	1 p.m.
Sept. 16	@ Portland Adidas Invitational	
	Duke vs. Washington	2 p.m.
	Nebraska vs. Portland	4:15 p.m.
Sept. 17	@ Portland Adidas Invitational	
	Nebraska vs. Washington	Noon
	Portland vs. Duke	2:15 p.m.
Sept. 22	Kansas	7 p.m.
Sept. 24	Wyoming	1 p.m.
Sept. 29	@ Oral Roberts	4 p.m.
Oct. 1	@ Arkansas	1 p.m.
Oct. 6	Iowa State	7 p.m.
Oct. 8	Florida State	1 p.m.
Oct. 13	Northwestern	7 p.m.
Oct. 15	Southern Methodist	1 p.m.
Oct. 18	@ Texas A&M	4 p.m.
Oct. 20	Brigham Young	7 p.m.
Oct. 22	Texas	1 p.m.
Oct. 27	@ Southern California	4 p.m.
Oct. 30	@ UCLA	2 p.m.

of those players would not have made the team this year."

Despite the changes, Walker said Nebraska would not change its physical style of play.

"We'll be extremely physical, we'll be extremely fit, we'll be a team that puts a lot of pressure on other teams," Walker said. "From an offensive standpoint, we'll be a little more refined."

On offense, Jamie Riley, Stephanie Vacek and Tara Herbrick return at the striker position. Gay and another freshman, Andi Bigham, may also play striker.

At the midfield spot, Katrena Bevins, Stephanie Brennan, Dixie Wehrman and Tanya Wright return. Uppinghouse, De Vitis, Hogan and

Smith should see action.

On defense Nebraska is loaded with experience. Kristina Ritterbush, Brenda Sieczkowski and Kim Ratliff return after defending in every game last year. Brown also may see time on defense.

The biggest change could come at goalkeeper. Alison Dudley, who started all 18 games last year, left the team and should be replaced by freshman Michelle Denomme.

Walker said last year's experience would help the Huskers.

"I don't think we have to start from quite a basic level as last year because the players who had been here a year, almost all of them played a lot of minutes," Walker said.

# Cross country men and women will face differing questions

By Tony West  
Staff Reporter

While the 1995 Nebraska women's cross country team will be almost identical to last year's team, the men will have a new look.

The women have become a perennial top 20 team and return six letter winners with NCAA Championship experience.

Despite their experience, the women return just one senior. Team captain Sherri Bonsall (formerly Sherri Sutter) and juniors Christina Blackmer, Sheri Elwood, Sandy Fein and Lindsey Miller should be the core of the Cornhuskers.

Nebraska coach Jay Dirksen said the big difference between this year's team and last year's team was the added depth of two sophomores and eight talented freshmen.

"We have a lot of depth and a lot of experience," Dirksen said. "We're a good solid team all the way through the lineup."

Dirksen said his biggest concern was finding a front runner to lead them to their seventh NCAA Championship appearance in eight years.

"I think there's a group of people who can all move up," Dirksen said. "We could have a great team and still not win the conference."

In 1994, the women were the Big Eight and NCAA District 5 runner-up. They finished 16th at the NCAA Championships.

Colorado is the reigning women's Big Eight cross country champion and is projected to repeat.

The Nebraska men lost four seniors, including an academic All-American and NCAA qualifier, Kevin

*"If the men are going to be competitive, they have to raise their standards in the conference."*

**JAY DIRKSEN**  
Nebraska cross country coach

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Team captain Brady Bonsall is the lone senior. Bonsall finished 128th at the 1994 NCAA Championships after finishes of 16th in the conference and 10th in the NCAA District 5 Championships.

The return of sophomore Banti Iteffa, who redshirted last season with an injury, could give the Huskers a boost.

As a freshman, Iteffa finished 39th at the 1993 Big Eight Championships.

"I think he'll have a good year—by watching him run lately," Dirksen said.

The men's team is filled with question marks after the top three runners (Bonsall, Iteffa, and Balazs Tolgyesi). But Dirksen said he liked the team's makeup.

"We don't have much experience once you get past the first three," Dirksen said. "However, we have a good nucleus, and I think we have a lot of people who could be factors."

The Big Eight should be strong again this year, which could make the season tougher for the Huskers. Colorado, Oklahoma State and returning conference champion Iowa State are among the top 10 teams in the country.

The Huskers finished fifth in the conference and fourth at the NCAA District 5 Championships last season.

"If the men are going to be competitive," Dirksen said, "they have to raise their standards in the conference."

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