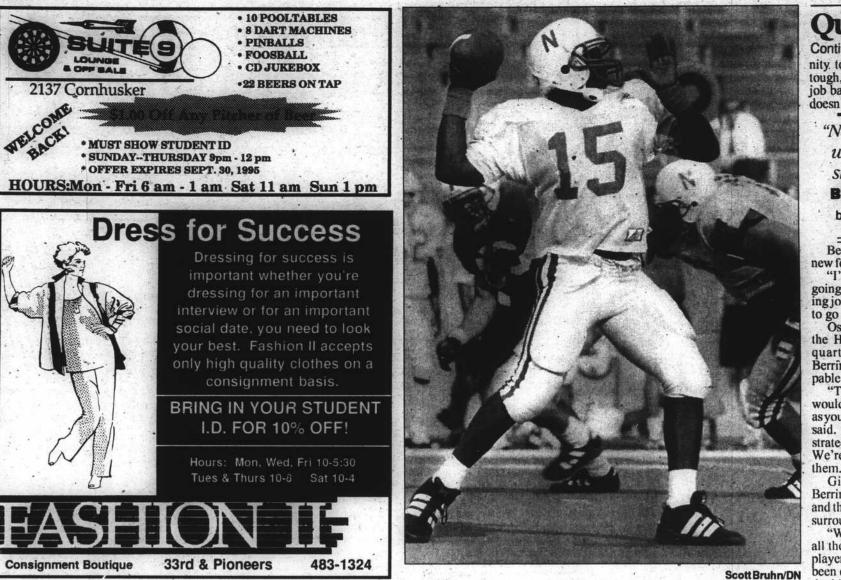
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Tommie Frazier drops back to pass during Nebraska's football scrimmage Wednesday. Frazier will start at quarterback against Oklahoma State.

## Quarterbacks

Continued from Page 11 nity to play in games when they're tough," Osborne said, "If he wins the job back, then he wins it back. If he doesn't - he doesn't."

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backup NU quarterback

Berringer said he would have a new focus in every game and practice. "I'm fine," he said. "Now, I'm going to be working to win the start-

ing job back ... I'm just going to have to go out and play my game." Osborne, who jokingly announced the Huskers would start third-team quarterback Matt Turman, said Berringer proved that he was a ca-

pable quarterback last season. There are a lot of years that you would love to have Brook Berringer as your starting quarterback," Osborne said. "That was pretty well demon-strated last year. He's a great player. We're just blessed to have both of

Gill said the players' knew Berringer was a capable quarterback, and they weren't affected by the hype

surrounding the decision. "We've been relaxed, and I think all the players feel confident in both players," Gill said. "I think it has all been exaggerated in the media about the big deal in who is going to start.

It's not that big of a deal. "We can win with either of them. We're going to go ahead and play our hardest with either one."



## **Phillips waits for NCAA ruling**

## By Mike Kluck Staff Reporter

Nebraska I-back Lawrence Phillips' status for the Cornhuskers' opening game on Aug. 31 against Oklahoma State remains undecided.

Phillips, Nebraska's top I-back, is still waiting for an NCAA decision about his relationship with a sports agent and a recruiter.

Phillips has admitted to taking a ride to lunch with Jack Verner, a recruiter for a sports agent, in November and allowing Verner to pay for the meal. The ride and the meal could be violations of the NCAA's rule against athletes accepting extra benefits. The organization could suspend Phillips or take no action in the case

Associate Athletic Director Al Papik said Phillips had reimbursed Verner for the food. Papik, who handles the university's compliance with NCAA regulations, said additional information on Phillips' case

was sent Wednesday to the Legislative Services office of the NCAA.

Papik said he had hoped the issue would have been resolved earlier this summer, but now hoped the NCAA would make its decision before the season opener.

Nebraska coach Tom Osborne said he intended to know if Phillips would be eligible before the Huskers play Thursday night.

"I think if there was any question, we would certainly get on the phone and find out," Osborne said. "We're not going to stick a guy out there if there's duration about the teicht there's a question about his eligibility. We won't play a player if we're in doubt to what his status is."

The university sent an initial reort on the incident to the NCAA on Aug. 10. Papik said the first report was sent to the NCAA offices that handle eligibility and enforcement.

That's not actually how it always works in the Big 10 Conference."

Rose said he would like to have a little more experience, but this team had great potential.

"The eligibility office then asked for an interpretation from legislative services, so we went to them with some additional information," Papik said. "I see this as pretty routine.

"Certainly it is our expectation that they (the NCAA) will deliver their decision prior to the first competition.'

Osborne said the football and athletic administration staff were coop-erating fully with the NCAA investigation.

Every question they have asked we have had a satisfactory answer;" Osborne said. "From what we heard talking to them on the phone they seem to be satisfied, but you never say never, I guess, when you're dealing with situations like this.

The Associated Press contributed to this report.

anyone right now, no less than playing Nebraska.

"In my 17 years at Penn State," Rose said, "this team has the greatest potential for growth, It's going to be

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