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**Nathan McKinney**

### Anglers expect feeding frenzy for fall fishing

During the fall, people traditionally abandon their fishing rods in favor of other sports such as hunting, bowling leagues and weekend television.

However, the fall can be a great time for those who are looking for limits of aggressive fish.

Shorter daylight hours and cooler temperatures will trigger nearly all warm-water fish species into a feeding frenzy to gain weight in preparation for the approaching long winter.

Along with more active fish, fall fishermen will also have the added bonus of less competition.

While cabin fever can cause droves of fishermen to seek the lakes in the spring, by this time of year, many outdoor enthusiasts have found different forms of recreation and covered their boats for the winter.

Nonetheless, according to Quinton Fish of Fish Tackle and Supply, the fall can actually be the best time of year in terms of the number of fish caught per fisherman.

He also said that fishing tactics do not need to be altered when fall arrives. It's simply a matter of fishermen making it to the lake.

As testimonials to the success of fall fishermen, Dean Kline of Pawnee Lake Marina said that the white bass at Pawnee are biting heavily every evening with some large walleye included in the catch.

Kline said that he uses white jigs and road-runner lures, which work great for the fish in shallow-water feeding on Pawnee's abundant shad population.

Don Baker of Branched Oak Marina further verified fall fishing success by reporting that Branched Oak is producing walleye in the six-pound range on a daily basis. Catfishing, Baker said, has also been terrific with around-the-clock action nearly every day.

Other area lakes that should not be overlooked are Stagecoach Lake, which has a reputation for big bluegill and significant numbers of largemouth bass. Wildwood, which is a 100 percent catch, is also worth a stop. Reports said Wildwood continues to hold high numbers of fish for sport anglers.

Once water temperatures drop enough to support a trout population, Holmes Lake will again be stocked with rainbows, which can provide excellent fishing within 15 minutes of downtown Lincoln.

This year the magic temperatures will probably be reached during the second half of October.

Don't pack your fishing rod too far away, because a lazy afternoon at one of the area lakes can be as much fun and even more rewarding in the fall than in the summer.

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## Frazier, Childs to start Saturday

By Derek Samson  
Senior Reporter

Despite earlier reports that quarterbacks coach Turner Gill said Brook Berringer would start Saturday when Nebraska plays host to Arizona State at 1 p.m., Saturday, Coach Tom Osborne announced Thursday that Tommie



**Frazier**

Frazier would be the starter.

Frazier, who suffered a deep thigh bruise last week against Michigan State, returned to practice Tuesday, but left Wednesday's practice early. Osborne said Frazier practiced well on Thursday.

Now, it is up to the team to answer some questions.

Osborne said Saturday's home-opener would be a character check for the Cornhuskers after the recent troubles surrounding the football team, especially the indefinite suspension of I-back Lawrence Phillips.

"This will be somewhat of a turning point for us to see how our people respond," Osborne said. "They can either pull together or fall apart. We'll just wait and see what happens. I expect them to play well."

Arizona State, 1-1, pulled a near-upset at No. 18 Washington in its season opener. The Sun Devils fell 23-20 late in the game to the Huskies.

"I expect a very tough game, a very physical game and we'll have to be ready to play," Osborne said. "The critical thing will be the attitude. I think the attitude on our football team

has been very good."

Arizona State bounced from its loss to Washington last week with a 45-20 rout of Texas-El Paso.

Osborne said the 25-point margin wasn't representative of the Sun Devils' domination.

"They have a very good football team," he said. "I was very impressed with the way they played the University of Washington. I was impressed with the UTEP game. Texas-El Paso scored a couple times late in the

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Jeff Haller/DN

Quarterback Brook Berringer throws a pass in last week's win over Michigan State. Berringer will back up Tommie Frazier Saturday against Arizona State.

## Sun Devils gearing up for Huskers

By Trevor Parks  
Senior Reporter

Just because Nebraska will be without its top I-back this week, don't expect Arizona State coach Bruce Snyder to change his game plan.

Even though Lawrence Phillips will not be on the field, Snyder said Nebraska still had plenty of talent on both sides of the ball to cause his team problems.

"It will not change their play calling and his loss will not change our defensive game plan," Snyder said. "I don't think they will change anything."

Snyder said Damon Benning and Clinton Childs should step in and replace Phillips adequately.

"Each team has to play with the best players they can play with," Snyder said. "Our biggest challenge will be when our defense is on the field when their offense is on the field."

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## Schaap examines football program

By Mitch Sherman  
Senior Editor

ABC doesn't send Dick Schaap to Lincoln for just any story.

It has to be big. And it has to be of national importance.

Apparently, Tom Osborne's removal of Lawrence Phillips from the Nebraska football team meets those criteria. Wednesday morning, Schaap, a long-time television sports reporter and commentator, arrived on campus to document the recent problems surrounding the Cornhusker football team.

Osborne announced earlier this week that Phillips, one of the nation's leading Heisman Trophy contenders, was thrown off the football team after being accused of assaulting his ex-girlfriend early Sunday morning.

Schaap said the "squeaky clean" image of Nebraska football and Osborne would suffer as a result of the Phillips case, which is the latest in a string of Huskers accused of crimes over the past several months.

"Nebraska has a very favorable image, and fairly or unfairly, this is definitely going to hurt it," said Schaap, who is the host of ESPN's The Sports Reporters, a weekly roundtable discussion featuring prominent sports journalists.

The price of winning a national championship, Schaap said, is always accompanied by added media scrutiny.

"One of the reasons incidents like this at Nebraska get attention is because Nebraska has been like a college football version of paradise," Schaap said.

One year ago, Schaap was in Lincoln to report on a story about Osborne's quest for a first national title. In retrospect, he said he was not surprised that negative media coverage soon followed after Nebraska's win over Miami in the Orange Bowl on Jan. 1 produced that championship.

Tuesday at his weekly press conference, Osborne was asked by a reporter whether violent players were needed in order to build a championship football team. Osborne said he was offended by the question.

Schaap said he thought the reporter's question was legitimate.

"Violence breeds violence," Schaap said. "Football is a violent sport. Whether violence becomes a way of life — it may for some people. It certainly doesn't for all."

The recent problems of the Nebraska football team, he said, should not be blamed on Osborne, nor should the blame fall completely on the shoulders of the athletes.

Twenty-year-old students playing amateur football should not be subjected to the amount of negative — or positive — coverage they receive, he said.

"I think college football is ridiculously out of control," Schaap said. "The pressure to win is huge, and incidents like this are going to be caused as long as that atmosphere persists. I would make college football as important as college tennis. And I like college tennis. But college football tends to teach a lot of false values."

## Pettit closes on 600-win mark

By Mitch Sherman  
Senior Editor

Christy Johnson knows the time is coming.

It may not happen this weekend, she said, or next weekend, but down the road somewhere, the Nebraska volleyball team will reach that crucial point in the season.

"You always get to that point where some teams go downhill and some teams get better," said Johnson, the Cornhuskers' senior captain and setter.

When this Nebraska team reaches its defining moment, she said, the

Huskies shouldn't have a problem taking the next step.

"This team has so much potential," Johnson said, "and we've got a good attitude. But we aren't anywhere near that potential."

This weekend in Laramie, Wyo., 5-1 Nebraska, ranked No. 1 in the nation, will participate in the Wyoming Invitational.

The Huskers, shooting for their third tournament title in as many weeks, face 1-7 Gonzaga on Friday at 6 p.m. Saturday, Nebraska will play No. 24 Georgia at 1 p.m. and tournament-host Wyoming at 8:30 p.m.

With a victory Friday night, Nebraska coach Terry Pettit would join

an elite group of college volleyball coaches. In 22 seasons as a head coach, including 19 at Nebraska, Pettit has accumulated 599 wins. With one more victory, he will become only the sixth coach ever to win 600 matches.

"I'm sure Coach Pettit didn't even know about it until he read the paper," said seventh-year assistant coach Cathy Noth, who was a two-time All-American while playing under Pettit from 1981-84.

"That goes to show you that the tradition continues not only now in 1995, but it started when I played. He

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## Volleyball Starters

at Laramie, Wyo.  
Friday 4 p.m.

Nebraska			
MB	Allison Weston	Sr.	6-0
OH	Billie Winsett	Sr.	5-11
OH	Lisa Rettsina	So.	6-4
Setter	Christy Johnson	Sr.	5-8
OH	Kate Crinch	Sr.	5-11
MB	Jen McFadden	Jr.	6-2
Gonzaga			
MB	Wendy Wilson	Sr.	5-11
OH	Jeniffer Kubista	Jr.	5-11
OH	Hedy Safranski	Sr.	5-9
Setter	Nicole LaMoure	Fr.	6-0
OH	Nora Grasham	So.	6-2
MB	Christy Kubista	Jr.	6-0