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### Trevor Parks Report card looking good for Huskers

Students here on campus have been busy taking tests and receiving grades, so it's time to do the same for a Nebraska football mid-term report.

We all know as students that grades at this point of the year don't mean very much, and there is a long way to go until the holiday break and a trip to Tempe, Ariz.

So here is a position-by-position breakdown after five games.

Let's start with the quarterback position. Tommie Frazier has proven again that he can run the ball, and he's made some nice passes. Normal Tommie. Brook Berringer looked great against Michigan State, but has since struggled and now is suffering from a knee injury. **GRADE: B+**

Now the running backs. At I-back, Ahman Green has made people say "Ahman Green for the Heisman!" He has been tremendous, rushing for more than 100 yards three straight games without a start. Damon Benning and Clinton Childs have had injuries and, once they heal, look out. The fullbacks have done well with some great blocks and big runs. **GRADE: A**

The wide receivers have done a good job. Great blocking by everyone and Reggie Baul has made some terrific catches, but again this is Nebraska and people get frightened to see a ball floating in the air because they think it's a fumble. **GRADE: B**

The offensive line has been incredible. They have put down more pancakes on opposing players than the International House of Pancakes makes in a day. These guys have allowed no sacks, have had no illegal procedure penalties and have had only one holding call. **GRADE: A+**

Now on defense, the defensive line has been effective. The Peter brothers have clogged up holes in the middle, and everyone in the country is afraid of rush ends Grant Wistrom and Jared Tomich. **GRADE: B+**

The linebacker corps has been impressive. There are no stars like Trev Alberts or Ed Stewart, just a bunch of guys doing their jobs. **GRADE: B**

The secondary has been the biggest hole on the team. Washington State's Chad Davis threw for 270 yards, and Arizona State made some big plays against the first-team secondary. Mike Minter is hurting, and Eric Stokes is struggling. **GRADE: C**

Special teams has gotten a lift from freshman kicker Kris Brown. Brown is six for eight on field goal attempts and may become the best placekicker in Nebraska history at his current rate. Jesse Kosch has had to punt only 11 times and is averaging 42.2 yards a kick. **GRADE: B+**

Overall the grade-point average for the Nebraska football team is 3.31, but there is still a long semester and season to go.

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## Colman tough for entire game

By Trevor Parks  
Senior Reporter

After Washington State tested the Nebraska football team for four quarters, Cornhusker linebacker Doug Colman was a little more tired than everybody else.

Colman, who usually splits playing time with Phil Ellis at MIKE linebacker, was forced to play almost the entire game because Ellis fractured his foot during practice Sept. 27.

The senior from Ventnor, N.J., said he was tired at times, but he didn't mind that feeling.

"On a couple of passes I was huffing and puffing down the field," Colman said. "It was one of those things where when you walk off the field you feel good about yourself."

Colman hasn't had that feeling of playing a full game for a while. Not since he played in his home state.

Colman was key in helping Nebraska trounce West Virginia last season, collecting a career-high eight tackles in the Kickoff Classic at East Rutherford, N.J.

This season Colman has had success as well. Colman is sixth on the team with 17 tackles, eight of which

were unassisted.

One of those tackles was for an 8-yard loss when he tackled Washington State's Chad Davis on a fourth-down-and-two quarterback sneak at the Cougar 42-yard line with 3:00 remaining in the fourth quarter.

The 6-foot-3 linebacker said the defensive call was for a blitz, and it came at the perfect time.

"The sack at the end of the game was a blitz called by Coach (Charlie) McBride, and it opened right up for

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## Starting again

NU linebacker Doug Colman's statistics through the first five games of 1995

| Opponent  | UT | AT | tackles for loss/yards |
|-----------|----|----|------------------------|
| Okla. St. | 0  | 1  | 0/0                    |
| Mich. St. | 0  | 2  | 0/0                    |
| Ariz. St. | 3  | 2  | 0/0                    |
| Pacific   | 3  | 0  | 0/0                    |
| Wash. St. | 2  | 4  | 1/8                    |

## Australian golfer has some g'days as Husker

By Antone Oseka  
Staff Reporter

Men's golfer Trent Morrison wasn't going to hit the ball very far back home. The golfer from Brisbane, Australia, had to come all the way to Nebraska to keep playing golf.

"You can't play golf back home, so I wrote away and received a scholarship," Morrison said. "I didn't know about Nebraska until they returned a letter with an offer. "You have to get used to it (Nebraska)."

And Morrison adjusted well during his freshman year.

During his freshman year, Morrison placed 12th at regionals and missed the national tournament by one stroke. This year, Morrison said he hoped to shave that one stroke and make the national tournament.

"My goals are to keep my average as low as I can, around 74, and make the national tournament," he said. "Hopefully we can make it as a team, but if not, I can make it as an individual."

Cornhusker coach Larry Romjue said Morrison had been a good player since coming to Nebraska during the spring semester two years ago.

"I'd like to see him shoot a little bit lower," he said, "but he's still our best player."

Romjue said that Morrison faced tough competition every week. Morrison had a good tour-

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**TRENT MORRISON**

Nebraska golfer

ament at Kansas, he said, shooting a final-round 77 and finishing in 15th place with a 6-over-par 222. As a team, the Huskers finished ninth.

Morrison struggled at his first tournament of the season at Air Force, though. Morrison shot a final-round 81 and finished in 72nd place with a 14-over-par 230. The Husker's finished third as a team.

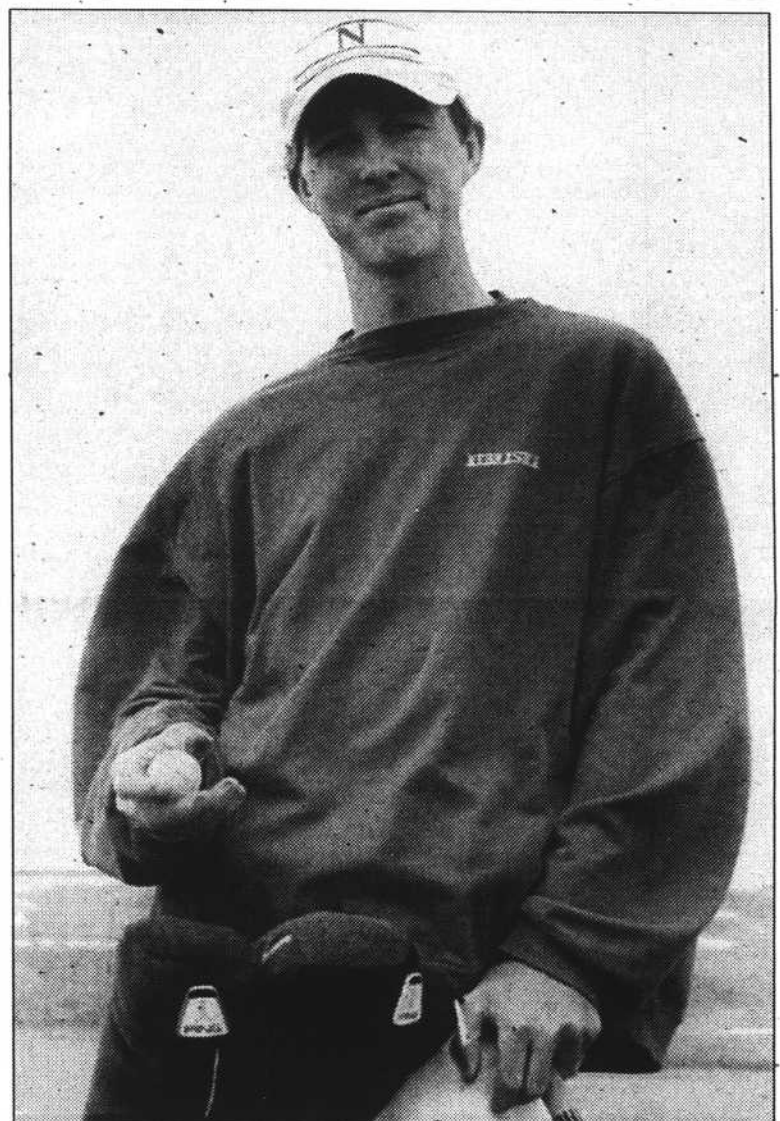
As a team, Romjue said that with three tournaments remaining, he felt the Huskers had a chance to win all of them.

"This is the best team we've had, as far as depth and quality," Romjue said. "I'm looking to win tournaments."

Romjue said he looked for Morrison to win a tournament this year. With a finish like that, Romjue said Morrison could gain All-American honors.

Morrison sees himself as the leader of the team — at least for this week.

"It's all pretty even. The best player that week leads," Morrison said. "I'm up there, I think."



Tanna Kinnaman/DN

Men's golfer Trent Morrison, a native of Australia, made the trip across the world and has emerged as one of the Huskers' best players.

## Huskers play tricks on Jayhawks

By Mitch Sherman  
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The Nebraska volleyball team did the expected Wednesday night by beating Kansas, but in the process, the Cornhuskers showed a few unexpected new tricks.

No. 1 Nebraska, in winning its 36th straight game and 12th consecutive match, improved to 13-1 overall and 3-0 in the Big Eight by drubbing the 5-11 Jayhawks 15-4, 15-6, 15-2 in one hour before a crowd of 2,756 fans at the NU Coliseum.

After bolting to a 5-1 lead in the first game, Nebraska coach Terry Pettit inserted middle blocker Jen McFadden into the lineup.

McFadden, who has been limited the entire season because of a lingering knee injury, replaced outside hitter Kate Crnich, not middle blocker Stacie Maser, who usually sits when McFadden enters the match.

Pettit said the unusual substitution allowed him to play All-American middle blocker Allison Weston

at the outside hitter position. Weston, who played outside hitter during the U.S. Olympic Festival last summer at Denver, led all players with 11 kills and hit .444, second to Maser's .455.

"Ultimately, we would like to have that potential," Pettit said. "If you can do that in a match for three or four times around, it allows Weston to go out there and bang some balls. She's a big-time player on the outside."

Pettit said he would have used Maser and McFadden in the middle at the same time earlier this season if not for McFadden's knee injury. The 6-foot-2 junior from Dubuque, Iowa, who did not play after registering three kills in game one, tore an anterior cruciate ligament last season in an Oct. 25 road win over Illinois.

"We have had difficulty working on this because Jen has not really practiced," Pettit said. "The only balls that she is hitting are balls in warmups and matches. We want to get our best six or seven players on the court, and we just need to get her healthy to be able to do that."

## Big Eight to be competitive

By Trevor Parks  
Senior Reporter

The final year of Big Eight volleyball could be the most competitive, according to five conference coaches.

After the first week of Big Eight play, two teams — 11-5 Iowa State and top-ranked 13-1 Nebraska — remain undefeated in conference play.

Kansas State lost its first conference match 3-2 to Iowa State at Manhattan, Kan., Wednesday night.

Pettit said he was not worried about McFadden's health keeping her out of the Huskers' post-season plans. The 1993 Big Eight newcomer of the year has played in only seven matches and 19 games this season.

"I would have hoped that she had

The Wildcats, 13-3, 1-1, certainly have transformed their program over the past two years.

In 1993, the Wildcats were 7-25 and didn't win a Big Eight match. Last season, new coach Jim Moore helped Kansas State to a 14-13 record, the Wildcats' first winning season since 1988.

This year, Kansas State's only losses have been to Long Beach State, Stephen F. Austin and Iowa State.

Moore said the schedule his

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no pain and had been here all the time," he said. "The doctor has reassured us that everything is good. She has had some swelling, but it isn't in the area where she had surgery. She

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