

# NU eyes NCAA Tournament

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In its third year of existence, the Nebraska soccer team is poised to challenge for a bid to its first-ever NCAA Tournament.



Uppinghouse

The nucleus of last year's squad is solidly in place. Six of the top seven point scorers return, and Coach John Walker's team enters the season ranked 18th in the nation by

College Sports Magazine.

"We've come a long way in just a short time, but we understand pre-season rankings don't mean a lot," Walker said. "The returning players have come back in great shape. This will be the fastest team since I've been here."

Midfielder Kari Uppinghouse leads the way. Strikers Becky Hogan and Kristen Gay, midfielders Tanya Wright and Sandy Smith, along with defenders Heather Brown and co-captain Kim Ratliff figure to lend support.

"I'm excited about this year," Uppinghouse said. "It makes it more comforting knowing the people off the bench can do just as good a job."

Uppinghouse is not hiding the team's objectives.

"One of our goals is to win the Big 12 championship," she said.

Walker said it's a relief to know what the team has in place instead of wondering what to expect.

"Training camp is so much different," he said. "My first year, I had 40 players and didn't know any of them. We don't have to start from scratch."

Midfielders Stephanie Vacek and Tanya Franck, who is also an NU co-captain, missed last season with knee injuries. Both are back and at full strength. Walker said their return should give the team a lift.

While experience is a strength, youth is a bonus, too. Lindsay Eddleman, the 1996 Colorado high school player of the year, and Canadian national team member Isabelle Morneau lead Walker's strongest group of recruits.

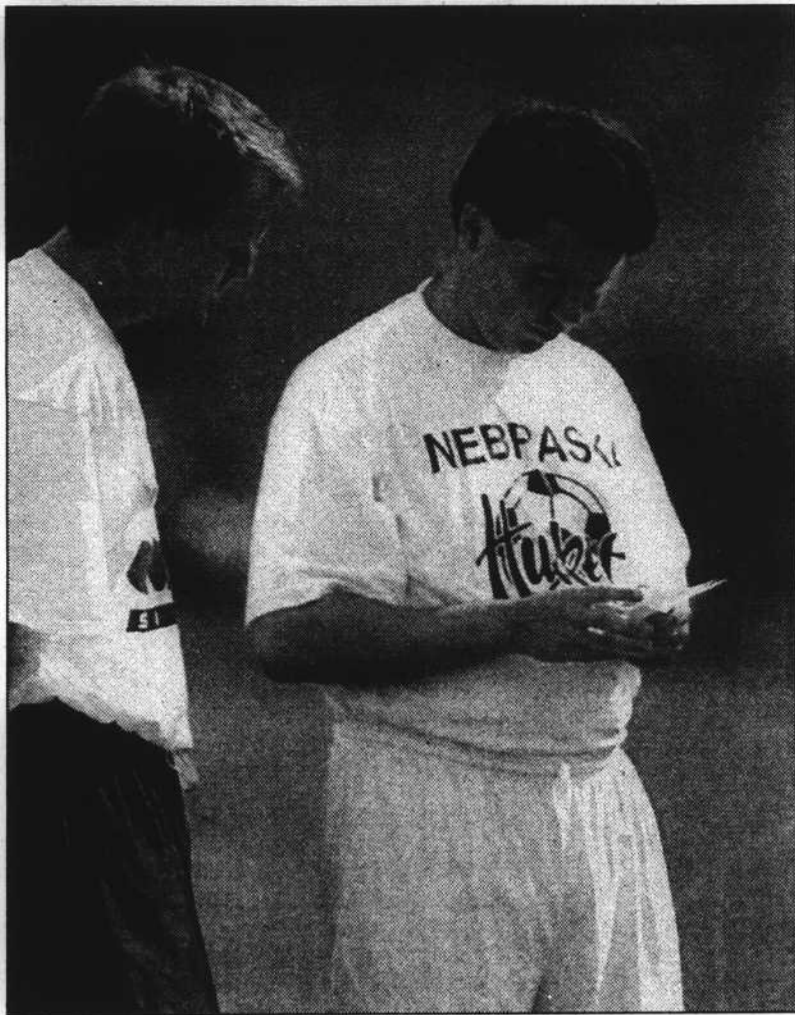
Jenny Benson, the California Inter-scholastic Federation defensive player of the year last year; 1996 All-California midfielder Jill Nelsen; five-time British Columbia provincial all-star Sharolta Nonen; and all-state goal keeper Jackie Erdkamp from Papillion-La Vista round out NU's imposing group of newcomers.

The Huskers open their season Aug. 30 against Oklahoma at the Abbott Sports Complex in northeast Lincoln. They will then play road games at Iowa State on Sept. 1, at North Carolina State on Sept. 6, and at Duke on Sept. 8.

## Nebraska 1996 Soccer Schedule

Below is the 1996 Nebraska soccer schedule, listing the date and time of the games and the opponents.

Date	Opponent	Time
Aug. 30	Oklahoma	7 p.m.
Sept. 1	at Iowa St.	2 p.m.
Sept. 6	at N.C. St.	3:30 p.m.
Sept. 8	at Duke	2 p.m.
Sept. 13	Oral Roberts	7 p.m.
Sept. 15	Loyola Marymount	1 p.m.
Sept. 20	Colorado College	7 p.m.
Sept. 22	Vanderbilt	1 p.m.
Sept. 27	Texas	7 p.m.
Sept. 29	Texas A&M	1 p.m.
Oct. 4	Tulsa	7 p.m.
Oct. 6	Alabama	1 p.m.
Oct. 11	Oklahoma St.	7 p.m.
Oct. 13	Colorado	1 p.m.
Oct. 18	at Missouri	3 p.m.
Oct. 20	at Kansas	1 p.m.
Oct. 25	at Baylor	3 p.m.
Oct. 27	at Texas Tech	1 p.m.
Nov. 2-3	SMU Puma Classic	
Nov. 2	TCU	1 p.m.
Nov. 3	SMU	3 p.m.
Nov. 8-11	Big 12 Tournament	
Dec. 7-9	NCAA Final Four	



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JOHN WALKER is entering his third year as Nebraska's soccer coach. This fall, he hopes to elevate his program to a new level by qualifying for the NCAA Tournament.

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