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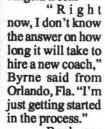
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Byrne: No rush for replacement

MIKE KLUCK Senior Reporter

Nebraska Athletic Director Bill Byrne said he has not set a timetable for hiring a new women's basketball

coach to replace Angela Beck.



Beck acsistant general manager of the San Jose in her three years at Iowa State. Lasers of the American Basketball League and leaves NU as the Huskers' winningest coach in school history with a 191-128 record.

Since the Cornhuskers have filled their scholarships for next season, Byrne said there is no urgency in hir-

ing a head coach quickly.

Byrne, who has been an athletic director for 13 years, said hiring coaches is part of the job. In his four a student-driven athletic program," he years at NU, Byrne has hired only two coaches - Women's Gymnastics one that comes to the future of those Coach Dan Kendig and Soccer Coach young women. They certainly should Jon Walker.

Byrne, who's working with an NCAA committee in Orlando this week on the certification of bowl games, said the first thing he plans to do when he returns to Lincoln is to talk with Chancellor James Moeser

"I want to visit with the chancellor and let him know what my thoughts are," Byrne said. "We won't hire people from the newspaper. We will use the normal personnel route, where we evaluate and get input on people. We also want to take a look at the current staff and get input from them."

One of the first people Byrne said just getting started he wants to consider is Nebraska Assistant Head Coach Theresa Becker. Byrne said he is not bothered by cepted a job as the head coach and as- Becker's 18-63 head coaching record

> "People can learn from those experiences," Byrne said. "If nobody in this world ever got a second chance it would be a pretty sad world."

> Byrne said he also wants to meet with the members of the team before making a decision.

> "I've always considered Nebraska said. "This is an important decision and have some input.'

Players happy for Beck

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wouldn't get offers like that. It is great cause our head coach leaves we're not timing for her in the world of basket-ball." going to fall apart," Kubik said. The departure of Beck also leaves

basketball players the opportunity to take over for Beck. remain in the United States and con-

tinue their playing careers.

to next season. All said they plan to replacement."

"Everybody is staying because we waited until we sucked, then she want to prove next year that just be-

Beck joins the nine-team profes- the speculation on whom the players sional basketball league, which will want to lead them next season. All the begin its second season of competition players said they would like to see in October. The ABL gives women's Assistant Head Coach Theresa Becker

"I definitely think she would be very good for the position," DeForge The loss of Beck has not stopped said. "If we don't want to go through a current NU players from looking ahead big transition, she would be the best

Alexander lifter of year

From Staff Reports

Nebraska redshirt freshman fullback Dan Alexander was voted 1997 lifter of the year by his Cornhusker teammates.

The 5-foot-11, 249-pounder from Wentzville, Mo., has gained 10 pounds of muscle this season.

NU Coach Tom Osborne said it is unusual for a freshman to win lifter-of-the-year honors.

"He's an amazing guy in terms of strength and speed," Osborne said. "He has some unusual abilities."

Alexander beat out seniors Jason Peter, Freddy Pollack, Grant Wistrom and Jon Zatechka, as well as junior Chad Kelsay for the lifterof-the-year award.

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From Staff Reports

The Nebraska softball team rallied from four runs down in the second game to beat Northern Iowa 6-4 and complete a sweep of a doubleheader at the UNI-Dome in Cedar

NU (22-18) won the first game 6-5 before making its comeback in the second game. Freshman pitcher Jenny Voss earned the win in both games to improve to 19-13.

In the first game, the Comhuskers jumped out to a 3-0 after the first two innings before the Panthers cut the NU lead to 3-2. NU added two runs in the top of the fifth when Alice Brewer singled home Rachel Dunham and Jamie Bleazard.

Northern Iowa forced extra innings in the bottom of the seventh with three runs.

In the eighth, Kelly Pinkepank knocked in Jennifer Lizama for the

London finally gets chance to play

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position coach, the once-heralded recruit from Lake Charles, La., chose to stay on board at Nebraska.

"I came to the reality that I had to stick it out," he said. "Everybody has to get out there and play, and they have to work for it. I had to put all the things in my mind that were negative aside.'

London's negative thoughts centered around his lack of progress dur- preparing for the Dec. 31 Orange Bowl high school stars Eric Crouch and neered the Huskers to the first of two said, London demonstrated the skills straight national championships, Lon- coaches saw on tape two years ago, don entered the Nebraska program with when he ran for 800 yards and threw large shoes to fill. And he never got for 1,500 as a senior at LaGrange High the chance to fit in.

After shoulder surgery in 1995, London dropped to 167 pounds and proved too fragile to direct the NU offense last spring, injuring his hamstring and falling to fifth on the depth chart.

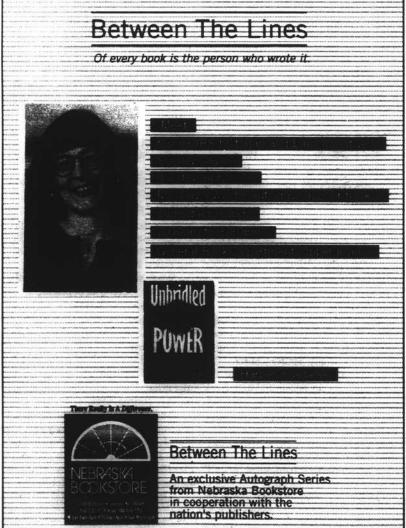
'We knew he had some talent," Gill said, "but you can't do it physically at that weight. And mentally, he just didn't know our offense that well."

Turman, Jeff Perino and Monte Christo as a redshirt freshman, London found little motivation last fall and participated in just four games, rushing the ball three times for six yards.

"I got down on myself for a while," he said. "All through the season at No. 5, I really didn't have that much to look forward to, I was using it as an excuse to sit back and not work. A good player would have stepped up and showed the coaches what he could do, which I 6-foot-1 frame since January, and he's didn't."

As far as quarterbacks go, he's as talented as anybody we've got on our team."

> TURNER GILL NU quarterbacks coach



ing his first two seasons as a Husker. against Virginia Tech, London took his B Recruited by NU coaches as Tommie game to another level. In pre-bowl stable of signal callers. London said he Frazier and Brook Berringer engi- workouts in Lincoln and Miami, Gill doesn't plan to surrender his spot.

But still, London wasn't satisfied. "That was somewhat of a good thing," he said. "It was probably the best I've practiced since I've been here, but I didn't really have much of a chance to get out there and play."

So London seriously considered leaving Nebraska. And although he Playing behind Scott Frost, Matt didn't contact any other schools, he immediately brought his concerns to Osborne and Gill.

"We explained to him what the situation was," Gill said, "and he's done the rest. He's a competitor, and any guy who's down on the depth chart is frustrated and disappointed. But they've got to take it upon themselves to make a change and do something."

London has added 15 pounds to his moved past Christo and Perino on the About the time the Huskers began depth chart. Next fall, highly-touted

"When the coaches told me that I had a chance to really do something this year, work my way up to No. 2 and go from there, that's what sparked me,"

"Now I want to get to the point where Coach Osborne has the same feeling with me that he had with Tommie and Brook.'

In Saturday's Red-White Game and entering fall workouts, Gill said, Frost owns an advantage over the rest of the quarterbacks because of his experience. But one bad step in Nebraska's run-oriented offense can shelve a quarterback for weeks, and Gill said he expects London to be prepared to take over at any moment.

"As far as quarterbacks go," Gill said, "he's as talented as anybody we've got on our team. The question is can you put it all together on the football field. I feel very confident that you'll be hearing of him pretty soon, whether it's this year or next year. He'll be somebody to be reckoned with in our program."