

# NU teams enjoying fall of unparalleled success

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Since then, Coach John Walker has taken the program from nowhere to the doorstep of the No. 1 ranking. Following soccer powerhouse North Carolina's loss last week, Nebraska moved to within 14 points of the top spot, behind Notre Dame and Clemson.

"I think John Walker is the best coach in the country," Byrne said. "Of course, the same can be said for (football Coach) Frank Solich and (volleyball Coach) John Cook."

The coaching staffs of the three sports are a reason for NU's success, according to Byrne. The only thing the team's combined record of 19-0 isn't because of is luck, he said.

"This is no coincidence," Byrne said. "We have great coaches, athletes, facilities and support systems. It is a combination of all those that makes the programs as good as they are."

Despite the three squads' success, it won't bring NU a Sears Director's Cup, a ranking of all a Division I school's sports teams, Byrne said. NU doesn't have enough sports to compete with the likes of Stanford, which has owned the all-sports competition. Nebraska's highest finish in the competition is fourth.

While being crowned the best athletic program in the country isn't possible, the football and volleyball teams holding on to the No. 1 rankings, and soccer moving to the top spot is, Byrne said.

Three national championships in one autumn?

It can happen, NU's athletic director said.

"I think it's a realistic goal to win all three," he said. "I know that it's the opinion of all three coaches that (a national championship) should happen."

"We fully intend to win every time we take the field." So far, so good.

## National Rankings

### USA Today/AVCA Women's Volleyball Top 25

Rank	School	Record	Points	Prev. Rank
1	Nebraska (48)	9-0	1,486	1
2	Hawaii (11)	8-0	1,441	2
3	Penn State	11-1	1,335	3
4	Colorado St.	11-1	1,288	4
5	USC (1)	7-0	1,232	6
6	Long Beach St.	8-1	1,197	5
7	UCLA	7-3	1,118	7
8	Pepperdine	9-0	1,117	8
9	Minnesota	11-0	1,087	9
10	Arizona	8-1	942	13
11	Stanford	7-2	830	11
12	Florida	6-3	796	12
13	UC Santa Barbara	6-3	714	14
14	Wisconsin	10-1	691	15
15	BYU	7-3	686	10
16	Pacific	7-2	598	16
17	Michigan St.	7-2	543	17
18	Utah	8-1	454	18
19	Santa Clara	9-1	449	21
20	Kansas St.	8-2	316	22
21	Michigan	8-1	247	23
22	Loyola	8-1	230	20
23	Marymount			
24	Texas A&M	5-3	175	19
25	Notre Dame	5-3	140	25
25	Ohio State	10-0	119	NR

### NSCAA Division 1 Soccer

Rank	School	Record	Points	Prev. Rank
1	Notre Dame	7-0-0	295	2
2	Clemson	8-0-0	285	4
3	Nebraska	8-0-0	281	3
4	No. Carolina	8-1-0	264	1
5	Stanford	5-1-0	252	6
6	UCLA	6-1-0	237	5
7	Penn State	5-2-1	224	8t
8	Duke	6-0-0	213	7
9	Hartford	5-1-0	192	10
10	Texas A&M	5-3-0	185	8t
11	Cal-Berkeley	7-0-0	182	25
12	Kentucky	7-1-0	176	12
13	Virginia	4-3-0	155	15
14	Portland	7-1-0	132	NR
15	Washington	7-1-0	123	11
16	Harvard	2-1-0	108	16
17	So. Methodist	5-2-0	89	14
18	Florida St.	5-4-0	88	21
19	Santa Clara	4-3-0	86	19
20	Wake Forest	5-2-0	49	14
21	Maryland	4-4-0	48	23
22	Boston College	6-2-0	47	NR
23	So. California	6-1-0	38	13
24	Michigan	3-3-0	34	NR
25	Arizona St.	7-0-0	22	17
25	Connecticut	3-3-1	22	20

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# NU focuses on special teams

■ The debacle against Notre Dame forces Huskers to revamp the special teams for the Iowa game.

BY DAVE BRANDON

Being the No. 1 football team in the country means clicking on all cylinders. Or, so they claim.

After Nebraska gave up 317 return yards and two touchdowns to Notre Dame in its 27-24 overtime win, the special teams obviously were one cylinder in dire need of repair.

So during the two weeks between the Notre Dame special-teams debacle and the coming Saturday's contest with Iowa, Frank Solich and his staff have taken a look under the hood and tinkered a little.

The changes to NU's special teams will be subtle, Solich said.

"We've made changes on both our punting game and kickoff coverage," Solich said. "These are moves that most people wouldn't notice though, as most eyes are focused on

the returnees."

The changes being administered by the Huskers include looking at different personnel and making subtle changes to the formations and blocking schemes used by NU in the past.

Solich noted that while the off-week gave the coaching staff ample time to look at different bodies and strategy, kicking is the ultimate concern.

"It comes down to where the ball is placed as much as coverage," he said.

Senior punter and kickoff specialist Dan Hadenfeldt is the man with the brunt of those responsibilities. Hadenfeldt missed the opener against San Jose State but made his 2000 debut against Notre Dame, booting seven punts for 292 yards (41.7 yards per kick).

Hadenfeldt said the bottom line to improvement is execution by all 11 players.

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Dan Hadenfeldt  
NU senior punter

Perfection may not be necessary against the 0-3 Hawkeyes, but they do employ good return teams, led by junior wide receiver Kahlil Hill.

Hill has returned seven kickoffs for 181 yards thus far (25.9 yards per return).

The Huskers are aware of Hill and Iowa's return game. However, it's nothing NU hasn't faced before.

"They have some outstanding athletes," Hadenfeldt said. "But the threats we see from Iowa are the same ones we see every week from our opponents. If we take care of our jobs, we'll get the job done."

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in Coach Mack Brown's words, "We rushed their quarterback all the time, but he was still able to throw the three touchdowns."

It added up to a loss that threw the two voters putting Texas No. 1 into a tizzy.

Texas A&M (2-1; beat UTEP 45-17)

Looks can be deceiving.

Texas A&M Coach R.C. Slocum wasn't particularly pleased with his team's performance against Texas-El Paso on Saturday, specifically in the first half. But the final score, Slocum said, reflected strong adjustments he and his staff made at half-

time.

"I thought UTEP could come in here and make some things happen," Slocum said. "And we didn't respond always like we needed to."

Colorado (0-3; lost to Washington 17-14)

The little numbers account for the three Colorado losses so far. CU Coach Gary Barnett said penalties - 22 in the last two games - along with foolish errors in special teams have hurt the Buffs in two three-point losses.

But while Barnett said his team is "frustrated" by coming so close to winning, yet staying on the periph-

ery of victory, he's not undaunted.

"The spirit of the kids is great," Barnett said. "We're not down on ourselves, just frustrated. Frustrated would be the right word."

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# Myerscough watches Olympics

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But, according to the IAAF, the evidence against Myerscough still stands, at least for now, Colligan said.

"The IAAF maintains that UK Athletics are justifiable evidence against him," Colligan said.

With all the mystery surrounding the results, Myerscough said he didn't believe the sample was even his and requested a DNA test from an independent company to compare with the IAAF's results.

However, the IAAF refused, telling Myerscough that DNA tests weren't recognized procedure, Myerscough said.

In addition the IAAF won't reveal the test results to Myerscough, only letting him know that he tested positive for steroids and a high testosterone level, he said.

"(DNA tests) are good enough to send someone to prison, but it's not good enough for me," Myerscough said. "With all the mistakes the IAAF has made, they don't have to answer to anyone."

For Myerscough to prove his innocence, he must go through a lengthy appeals process, but Myerscough said he doesn't have the money to tackle the IAAF.

Charles Green, Myerscough's ombudsman and member of the 1997 U.S. Track and Field Drug and

Contamination Review Board, said the appeals process could cost up to six figures.

Despite the controversy surrounding the test results, Myerscough could have participated in the British Olympic Trials if he had filed an injunction on the test's findings.

But, if he were to compete for his native England, Colligan said the IAAF may come down hard on Myerscough for not complying with its suspension.

When the shot-putter was first suspended, no one thought about Myerscough and the Olympics. The 2000 Games were still more than a year in the future.

But many factors have prevented the IAAF from making a ruling on the Myerscough case.

The IAAF cannot determine a penalty for Myerscough until the internal investigation into the UK Athletics has been completed.

Now, with the Olympics in full tilt, most of the attention from the UK Athletics and the IAAF is in Sydney.

Although it is still unclear when the case will be decided, Colligan and Myerscough said it is fairly clear what punishment looms ahead.

Barring any change by the IAAF, one of two things will happen. Myerscough will either receive a two-year ban from competition, or he will receive a lifetime ban.

Colligan said the IAAF has

*"It'll be painful when I watch the Olympics because I know I should be there. I'm very bitter about the whole thing, and I won't forgive them for that."*

Carl Myerscough  
 NU shot-putter and former Olympic hopeful

hinted that Myerscough will be penalized with the two-year ban.

Myerscough is still eligible to compete in the NCAA, but in March, NU Athletic Director Bill Byrne withheld the shot-putter from the competition.

Myerscough said Byrne would allow him to compete this season, but he will sit out the season anyway to preserve his future eligibility.

"The NCAA is happy for me to compete, and the university will let me compete, but I'd only be hurting myself," Myerscough said.

If Myerscough doesn't appeal his case and is given a two-year suspension, he'll be slated to become eligible again Feb. 12, 2002.

If Myerscough were to compete in a meet, the probable two-year ban would start over.

Myerscough said he was resigned to not compete again until 2002, leaving him with three years of eligibility.

# Ex-NU swimmer wins bronze medal

BY GABRIEL STOVALL

The going got tougher this time around for a former Husker standout swimmer and defending Olympic champion.

But all things considered, her outing wasn't all bad.

Penny Heyns added to her collection of Olympic awards by winning the bronze medal in the women's 100-meter breaststroke Sunday at the Olympics in Sydney, Australia.

Megan Quann of Puyallup, Wash., made good of her prediction to dethrone Heyns when she took home the gold medal with a

time of 1:06.52.

Heyns wouldn't give up her title easily though.

She was first off the blocks and led the pack until the final 25 meters when Quann overtook her.

Although Heyns, 25, had a leg up on Quann in terms of experience, Heyns had nothing but good things to say about the new 16-year-old champion.

"She has a lot of talent," Heyns said. "I really respect the way she's carried her successes. Unfortunately you don't always say that about your competitors."

Heyns, a native of South

Africa, attended NU from 1992-96 and was the first Husker swimmer to win a national championship.

She was a 10-time first team, and five-time honorable mention All-American. She also held 14 Big Eight Conference titles and, in 1996, posted an NCAA record in the 200-meter breaststroke.

In the 1996 Olympics in Atlanta, she became the first woman ever to sweep both the 100 and 200 breaststroke events.

Australian Leisel Jones won the silver medal, posting a time of 1:07.49

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