

# Sports

## Big weekend battle brews on campus — Bruce vs. Huskers

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What does it take to keep hundreds of Big Red fans away from Memorial Stadium on football Saturdays? If you ask the people mobbed around the Nebraska Union, you'll hear one answer — Bruce Springsteen.

Tickets for the Springsteen concert go on sale Sunday at 7:30 a.m. in the union. The Springsteen fans say they will not leave the ticket line unless they have someone to hold their place — not even for the Cornhuskers.

Daryl Swanson, director of the Nebraska Union, said Thursday that the ticket line is and will continue to be managed by members of the University Program Council.

He said the line may have to be split in places Saturday so that football fans can get through.

"I hope the two groups are compatible," Swanson said.

Frank Kuhn, assistant director of operations in the Nebraska Union, said he did not think the line would create any major traffic problems on Saturday. The biggest problem motorists have on football Saturdays is parking, he said, and the line will not effect that.

The ticket line is not allowed inside the union while the building is open, Kuhn said, except along one wall in the entrance. This is to prevent a fire hazard, he explained. About six people can fit along the wall.

So the Springsteen fans must wait outside — through the rain, cold, wind and Cornhusker game. Is Bruce worth it? Ask just about anyone in the line. They'll say, "yes."



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Nebraska linebacker Marc Munford hammers Missouri's George Shorthose in the Huskers' win two weeks ago. Saturday the Huskers take on Kansas State and Bruce Springsteen to find out who's The Boss.

## Hunting seasons shortened

Analysis by Brent Cobb  
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Nebraska's hunters will have to deal with changes this year, including one significant legal change: shorter seasons for some game, use of steel shot rather than lead and a less than favorable pheasant and quail forecast. By a unanimous vote of the Nebraska Game and Parks Commissioners, the state passed a resolution requiring the use of steel shot — bullets made of steel rather than lead — for all waterfowl hunting across the state, beginning with the 1985 fall duck and goose seasons.

This season the number of areas where hunters will be required to use steel shot has increased. These areas will be posted as "Steel Shot Only."

Nebraska is the first state in the nation to make the move to total steel-shot conversion for waterfowl hunting. Studies have revealed that an estimated 3 million ducks and geese die annually from lead poisoning, and in Nebraska about 3 to 5 percent of the waterfowl sampled have ingested lead shot.

The main source is fired lead shot, which is deposited in marshes and fields where the

birds gather. Once ingested, the lead is ground up in the bird's gizzard and even if the effect isn't deadly, the bird may have a lower resistance to disease or suffer rapid weight loss. Ingestion of a single pellet is 70 percent to 100 percent fatal in waterfowl.

The commission recognized this problem and in 1982 began to increase the number of steel-shot areas.

Hunters have had some valid concerns about steel — gun damages, crippling rates and the cost of shells. When steel shot first appeared on the market, the quality of the shells did not compare with those now available. The state of the art in manufacturing steel shells has progressed and many of the prior problems have been eliminated. However, the steel shot is currently about twice as expensive as lead and the steel shot produces a much tighter pattern so the hunter has to learn to make some major technique adjustments.

Apart from the steel shot controversy, duck hunting opened in the low plains' late season zones last weekend and hunters had a variety of duck species available to them. The daily limit will be 100+ points with the possession limit two legal daily bags. The late zone

season will continue through Dec. 18.

For hunters in Eastern Nebraska, goose season has been open for several weeks, but for those anxious hunters west of U.S. 183, Neb. 2 and U.S. 281 (excluding the Panhandle area), a goose season officially opened Sunday with an optimistic forecast for both whitefront and Canada geese.

A severe winter followed by a wet spring kept the pheasant population down and as a result the commission reduced the daily bag limit to three and the possession limit to 9. In addition, the commission shortened the pheasant season, which doesn't begin until Nov. 3 and lasts through Dec. 31.

The quail population was hit hard by the bad weather since they are smaller and more delicate birds. Because of this the commission also reduced the limits for quail. Hunters are limited to four birds this year compared to six last year and the possession limit drops from 18 to 12. Quail season opens Nov. 3 and closes Dec. 16.

Big game hunting in Nebraska is very comparable to last year with turkey, deer and antelope population in good condition. Shotgun turkey hunters had their first chance at a bird on Saturday morning and biologists predict good numbers in all of the management units again this year. The number of permits this year is up slightly over last year when 53 percent of the 5,274 hunters killed birds.

Firearm applications for deer hunters are up 14 percent so the outlook for deer hunters is good. The firearm dates are Nov. 10 to Nov. 18, with archery dates Sept. 15 to Nov. 9 and Nov. 19 to Dec. 31.

Annual small-game hunting permits can be bought at 1,100 stores, including sporting-goods and hardware stores, most county clerks, banks, game commission headquarters, district offices and state parks.

## Wildcats face Huskers without key performers

By Stu Pospisil

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As Stan Weber goes, so go the Kansas State Wildcats.

Weber is the Wildcats' senior quarterback who last year engineered a 20-point explosion against Nebraska in his first start. Weber brought K-State to within 38-25 midway through the fourth quarter before losing 51-25.

Unfortunately for the 2-5 Wildcats, Weber won't go onto the Memorial Stadium artificial turf Saturday — except for the pregame coin toss.

Weber suffered a partially collapsed lung in a 24-7 Homecoming victory over Kansas two weeks ago. KSU sports information director Mike Scott said Weber will suit up against the Huskers, but will not play.

"When you go from a fifth-year senior to a freshman at quarterback," Scott said, "your offense is going to suffer, be it Nebraska's or Kansas State's."

Freshman redshirt Randy Williams apparently will start Saturday's game, although Wildcat coach Jim Dickey has not announced his starter yet.

Williams relieved junior Donnie Campbell in last Saturday's 61-21 blowout by Missouri. He completed 7 of 14 passes for 187 yards and a touchdown.

Williams will operate Kansas State's new wishbone offense, which Dickey installed in a 49-17 loss at South Carolina. The switch was made, Scott said, to use Weber's running ability.

"He's an option-type quarterback, and the coaches thought they could better use his talents," Scott said. "Also, we just have the overall team personnel to run the wishbone. They can block better, and we get more out of our running backs."

Dickey was an assistant coach at Oklahoma in 1970 when then-Sooner coach Chuck Fairbanks also switched to the wishbone offense in mid-season and Oklahoma won five of its last six games.

Scott said he didn't know if that influenced Dickey's decision, but offensive coordinator Jerry Boyce used the wishbone while coaching at a Kansas community college.

"Both were familiar with it," Scott said. "They started thinking about switching during the summer, then put it into practices before the Oklahoma game."

Kansas State ran from the I-formation in a 24-16 loss at Oklahoma, then switched to the wishbone.

Weber is just one of 19 first- or second-stringers out with injuries. Among the casualties out for the season are fullback Charlie Crawford, strong safety Scott Wentzel and linebacker Stu Peters.

"It's the worst I've ever seen in my 22 years of coaching," Dickey said. "Not only are we getting a lot of injuries, but they are happening to most of our key players."

"We're not that deep to begin with, but with all of these injuries to our key people, it is hurting us even more."

Scott said the injuries have been constant since fall workouts began.

"You compare this year to 1982, when we went to the Independence Bowl. We only had one top-line player injured. This season's just been a nightmare."

He said Wildcat fans are "disappointed like everybody else, but there's no one more disappointed than Jim Dickey and his staff. They thought they had a chance to be pretty good."

Nebraska's own woes with injuries improved after Thursday's practice.

Middle guard John Reinhardt, offensive tackle Mark Behning, offensive guard Greg Orton and I-back Jeff Smith all returned to practice Thursday after missing all or part of Wednesday's workout.

Smith and Behning are the only question marks for Saturday's game. The Nebraska coaching staff will wait until game time to decide whether to play the two.



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