

Coach Offers Apology

Jennings Gives Apology To People of Nebraska

Nebraska football coach Bill Jennings Tuesday "apologized" to the people of Nebraska for remarks he made at the Omaha Grid-iron Luncheon Monday.

Jennings issued the following statement at a Tuesday afternoon press conference:

"My intention was to say that we could do better in football if the whole state would work together and I had no intention of saying anything else.

"If I said or implied anything else then I apologize to the people of Nebraska.

"If I left the impression that Nebraska could never be great in anything whatsoever, I was wrong because I am not qualified to say."

Jennings explained his

Omaha remarks to reporters:

"It is difficult to speak at a gathering of that type, because your remarks are extemporaneous and it is hard to know just what you say. I'll have to be more careful and more exact from now on."

In reply to a question about his statement, during the showing of the Missouri game movies, about NU quarterback Dennis Claridge, in which he said, "If we're not here, someone else will have a good quarterback for three years," Jennings answered:

"It was just an off-the-cuff remark. I have no intentions of resigning. It was just one of those things. The movies were being shown, I answered the question and was just trying to be humorous."

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JENNINGS APOLOGIZES

Bill Jennings offered an apology to the fans of the state Tuesday after blaming the fans and the press for the Husker football troubles Monday at an Omaha Grid-iron luncheon.

Freshman Cross Country Runners Defeat Colorado

By Janet Sack

Nebraska's freshman cross country team packed five runners in the top seven to defeat Colorado in a postal meet, 19-38.

John Portee led the Nebraska victory over the two-mile course in 9:33. This time lowers the unofficial record of 9:34.8 set by Portee against Kansas earlier this year.

Tony Cruz finished second for the Huskers in 9:51. He was followed closely by Husker Stuart Tucker with a 9:54.

Colorado edged in two men for fourth and fifth places. Bob Griffith turned in a 9:54.5 and Steve McBrain posted a 9:57.1.

Huskers Woody Moore and Jim Lewis placed sixth and seventh in 10:03 and 10:03.7 respectively.

Andy Steele placed ninth for Nebraska with a 10:10 and Tom Sisztman was 14th with an 11:17.

Phi Psi, Selleck Win Grid Games

Phi Kappa Psi intramural football team defeated the Alpha Tau Omega team 18-12 and Selleck tripped Benton 39-13 in the semi-final round of tournament play last night.

The Phi Psi's go against Selleck at 5:05 p.m. today on the city fields to decide the fraternity - resident champion. Winner of tonight's game will play the independent title-holder Friday to decide the All-University championship.



DEFENSIVE STANDOUT

Don Purcell, this week's Star of the Week, is the top Husker choice for an all-conference berth in the Big Eight. The Husker right end is a standout defensively, but has had little chance to show his offensive skills.

Purcell Receives Star Award Second Time

Nebraska right end Don Purcell earns the Daily Nebraskan Star of the Week award for the second time this season.

Purcell, who is a standout in each Nebraska game, was largely responsible for stopping the Missouri end sweeps Saturday when the Huskers managed to stop the Tigers.

Missouri head coach Dan Devine tabbed Purcell as all-conference material after Saturday's contest. "Purcell is a great end and should be on the all-conference team," Devine said.

Missouri's all-American end candidate Danny LaRose called Purcell, "real good."

The Omaha junior has had few opportunities to show what he can do offensively, but he has been a threat to enemy ball carriers and passers all season.

Purcell has fielded only three passes, gaining 39 yards, an average of 13 yards per catch. He has been in on one kickoff return, carrying one back for 11 yards against Iowa State.

He was named Daily Nebraskan Star of the Week after the Cyclone fray. An indication of Purcell's desire came in the Colorado game when he made a diving catch of a pass on the last play of the game.

The Huskers were trailing, 19-6, and he could easily have let the pass fall incomplete, but with a never-say-die effort the Husker end grabbed the ball.

The pass was the first completed to him this season.

Gus I Thinclads Win Two Events

Tom Saunders, Gus I, won the finals of the intramural fall track-100 yd. dash in a time of 10.0 seconds.

The mile run was won by William Wittman also of Gus I in 5:00.8.

Finals in the 440-yd. dash will be held tonight on the Stadium track at 5:00 p.m. The high and low hurdles will be run Thursday at 5:00 p.m.

Double Attractions Set

A double attraction is scheduled for the evening of November 21 at the Nebraska Coliseum.

The annual varsity-freshman basketball game will be held along with a freshman-varsity wrestling dual meet. Coaches Jerry Bush and

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