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by JIM JOHNSTON **Associate Sports Editor**

Hummmmmm. That's the word at the Nebraska freshman football camp. But it's not an expression of uncertainity.

On the contrary. It's the one word which brings a smile to frosh coach Jim Ross' usually serious face.

"Dave Humm is a good leader and has confidence in himself," said Ross about his lefthanded signal caller from Las Vegas. "Those qualities are basic for a good quarterback. And he also throws the ball well."

The lefty completed 14 of 26 passes for 184 yards in leading the Husker freshman to a 23-14 win over Missouri last week. And he was passing under very slippery circumstances following Nebraska's first snow storm of the year.

"Our receivers as a whole caught the ball quits well," admitted Ross. "Playing under such slippery conditions is difficult, but they managed to hold on to Humm's throws."

Ross felt the opener against Missouri was a typical freshman football game. "We did some things well and others not so well," he explained.

The defensive squad received applause from the freshman coach. "The defense as a whole played pretty good," mentioned Ross. "Our offense put them in a spot in the first quarter (Nebraska fumbled early in the game), but they reacted in good shape.'

Ross singled out defensive tackle Dan Lynch, middle guard Chuck Tremain,

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linebacker Rich Sanger and defensive back Randy Borg.

"Our offensive line also did a great job in giving Humm plenty of protection," said Ross. The offensive protection is led by Jeff Class, Stan Hegener, Marvin Crensaw and Jeff Hill

The Huskers had trouble getting their running game established early, but came through strong in the final period. Nebraska ended the game with 204 yards rushing.

Saturday the young Huskers travel to McCook to meet McCook Junior College. Game time is 7:30 p.m.

It was in 1969 that a McCook team handed the Nebraska frosh their only loss of the season. "These kids (from McCook) always offer stiffer competition," explained Ross. "They're more mature and have already played five

But Ross and his squad are looking forward to the test. "If we discover that we can run against McCook, then we'll keep it on the ground," said Ross. "But we're still gonna throw the football."



Frosh quarterback Kansas may see double

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A one-two punch is a term usually used in baseball or boxing.

But at the University of Nebraska, where baseball and boxing are as far out of the picture as bobby socks, a onetwo punch refers to the Cornhusker football team.

And the Kansas Jayhawks could get a double dose of the Huskers' offensive punch in Lawrence Saturday.

The one-two punch at quarterback, with juniors Jerry Tagge and Van Brownson sharing duties, is in its second year. But Saturday's date with Kansas will be the first game this season where either signal caller could get the starting nod.

"We're still undecided as to who will start at quarterback," noted Nebraska coach Bob Devaney. "We probably won't make up our minds until just before game time. This gives us a great advantage because this leaves the opposing defense in doubt."

The second dose of the onetwo punch is at the I-back position where Jeff Kinney and Joe Orduna take turns. This combination has been enforced all season and has left the Huskers' first five foes with nightmares.

The two I-backs have spent equal time at their position, but Kinney didn't really enter the spotlight until the fourth game against Minnesota.

"At the first of the year I lacked confidence," pointed out Kinney. "I couldn't get used to the idea of sharing the job. I was kind of down on myself. But then I realized that we have a great team and now I

want to contribute as much as I can."

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And Kinney has contributed greatly this season as he did during the 1969 campaign while being named Sophomore of the Year in the Big Eight. The glue-fingred speedster has rushed for 342 yards this season with a 4.3 average per carry.

Kinney has carried 79 times while his partner, Orduna, has had the ball 80 times.

Orduna has also adjusted and likes the idea of sharing the position. "It gives me a chance to get a lot more rest and stay fresh," explained Orduna. "It takes part of the burden off to know there is someone like Jeff Kinney who can do the job if I can't. And it's the same way for Jeff. I can come in if he's not getting the job done.

"No, it doesn't bother me sharing the job. At the end of the game I've got more left than I used to, but that's not a problem."

Orduna has also had an impressive first five games in rushing 432 yards with a 5.3 average.

So how does the Nebraska coaching staff decide between the two I-backs? "We let it de-

pend upon what the kid has done previously in the game,' explained Husker backfield coach Mike Corgan. "After a long run, a kid is naturally out of breath. So if one takes us into scoring position the other one will get the call to take it in.'

Corgan admitted that it took time to learn how to use the two runners.

"We left Orduna in most of the way against Southern Cal," explained Corgan. "After he had carried the ball seven or eight times and we were inside the ten-yard line we might have been better off to go with Kin-

ney." Orduna fumbled on the first downs against USC series of downs against USC after the Huskers had drove deep into Trojan territory.

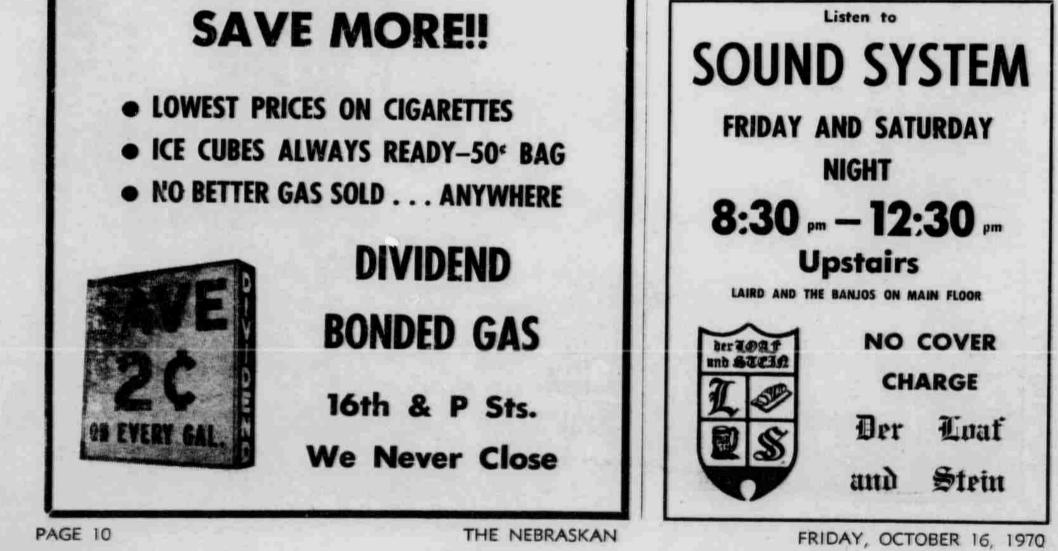
But experience has paid off and the Huskers now present one of the most powerful offenses in the naton. But who will get the call against Kansas Saturday? "We'll probably go with Orduna," explained Devaney, "because Jeff started the last game."

It's obvious that according to the NU coaching staff, Kinney and Orduna are considered equal.



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