

Huskers earn Big Eight, national honors

With offensive tackle Bob Newton leading the way, Nebraskans have been receiving football recognition in the Big Eight and the nation.



BOB NEWTON
All-American

Newton, a 6-4 248-pounder from LaMirada, Cal., has been named to five all-American teams to date including selection on the all-Big Eight team by the United Press International.

Cornhusker linebacker Jerry Murtaugh, named to four all-American teams, was selected the outstanding player in the Big Eight by UPI. Other Nebraskans receiving mention for the award included quarterback Jerry Tagge and Newton.

Newton was selected to the following all-American squads: Kodak (coaches all-American team), Football News, Look Magazine, Detroit Sports Extra and second team all-American by United Press International.

Murtaugh received all-

American honors from Football News, Detroit Sports Extra, pre-season by Playboy Magazine and second team all-American by United Press International.

Murtaugh holds every Nebraska tackle record. He has started 32 consecutive games for the Cornhuskers and has 160 unassisted tackles and 197 assists for a total of 357. That's a lot of head knocking.

Nebraska defensive tackle Dave Walline, whose crushing tackle sidelined Missouri's Joe Moore for the season, was also named to UPI's second-team all-American team.

Two Nebraska sophomores were also honored in the Big Eight. Defensive end Willie Harper, who missed the final two games with a hip injury, was named outstanding sophomore lineman in the conference. Flanker Johnny Rodgers placed second to Oklahoma's Joe Wylie for sophomore back honors in the league.

Husker kicking specialist Paul Rogers was tagged the

outstanding kicker in the conference.

Rogers holds the Big Eight record for most career field goals (24) and extra points (92). He has booted 48 extra points this season which also establishes a new league mark.

Others receiving all-American mention from Nebraska are middle guard Ed Periard and halfback Joe Orduna. Both were named to Detroit Sports Extra all-American team.



WILLIE HARPER
top soph

UPI tags Devaney

Nebraska coach Bob Devaney was an overwhelming choice by United Press International writers as coach of the year in the Big Eight.

Devaney was named on 17 of 20 ballots cast by sports writers and sportscasters. Chuck Fairbanks of Oklahoma, Johnny Majors of Iowa State and Pepper Rodgers of Kansas each received one vote.

Devaney's biggest job this season was rebuilding a defense which finished among the nation's best in 1969. He started with linebacker Jerry Murtaugh and defensive tackle Dave Walline and built around them.

And the defense managed to do better than break even. It finished the season with an allowance of only 16.1 points per game, best in the Big Eight.

"Our defensive group showed improvement as the season went along," said Devaney. "We don't picture ourselves as a great defensive team, but we did break the conference record for interceptions (30)."

Devaney's nine-year record at Nebraska is 78-18-1. In those nine years, he has won five Big Eight championships and tied for another. Prior to taking the Nebraska job, he spent 14 years in the Michigan high school system, three years as an assistant at Michigan State and five years as head coach at Wyoming.

His combined record at Wyoming and Nebraska is 113-28-1. That one tie is the only dark mark on the Huskers' slate this season — a 21-21 deadlock with Southern California.

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