

Humm scrambling for No. 1 QB job

Bob Devaney supplied information Saturday on what has been a no comment situation at the Nebraska spring football camp. Will David Humm be redshirted?

"If he's better than the other two quarterbacks then he'll be playing," said the Cornhusker head coach. "But if he's not better then we'll think about redshirting him. Right now he's scrambling for the No. 1 job."

HUMM IS presently directing the No. 2 offensive unit, but has shared time with veteran quarterback Jerry Tagge with the first team. Van Brownson suffered a dislocated left shoulder before Easter vacation and is out of the picture for the rest of the spring.

But Brownson's not out of the picture for next fall... not by any means. Van's injury to his left shoulder is not believed too serious and shouldn't hinder his throwing.

Should Tagge and Brownson both be healthy next fall, Nebraska's coaching staff may face the problem of redshirting Humm or possibly carrying him as a third string quarterback.

TWO QUESTIONS could enter the coaching staff's minds: Can Humm learn as much being redshirted as he would if he dressed for every game? Is it practical to have a quarterback with as much talent as Humm serve as a third stringer?

Offensive backfield coach Mike Corgan answered "yes" to the first question and "no" to the second.

"I think he could gain as much experience being redshirted as he would serving as a third stringer," said Corgan. "It would be foolish to waste one year of his eligibility if he wouldn't get much of a chance to play."

Humm, who has proved his passing ability all spring, proved another thing during Saturday's scrimmage. He can take his lumps.

THE LEFTHANDER from Las Vegas was hit hard several times behind the line of scrimmage when the No. 2 offense was working against the No. 1 defense. For that matter, Humm and Tagge were both dropped for losses against the Black Shirts.

But Devaney was quicker to compliment the work of the defensive line than inability of the offensive line.

We're having problems blocking Monte Johnson (middle guard), Larry Jacobson (tackle) and Rich Glover (tackle)," said Devaney. "Our offensive line hasn't quite caught up with our defensive line."

BUT WHILE pass protection was sometimes questionable, Nebraska's overall passing game showed improvement. Both Tagge and Humm improved their consistency and Johnny Rodgers and Bob Schmidt showed they can catch the football.

The Cornhuskers have scheduled workouts Monday and Friday, but will skip practice sessions Wednesday when the coaching staff will be working on national letters of intent.

The annual spring game is Saturday at Memorial Stadium.



Humm

Nebraska runners win at Boulder

Nebraska claimed its second dual track meet win over Colorado with an 85-60 win at Boulder Saturday. Colorado, which finished a surprising second in the Big Eight indoor meet, lost an indoor dual to Nebraska earlier at Lincoln.

Nebraska 85, Colorado 60
 440 relay — 1. Nebraska (Doug Marcy, Leighton Priestley, Jim Novak, Horace Levy), 4:29.
 Mile run — 1. Greg Carlberg, NU, 4:13.7. 2. Mike Stegner, CU, 4:14.9. 3. Lynn Hall, NU, 4:21.9.
 1200 high hurdles — 1. Gary Gressett, NU, 14.6. 2. Wayne Lockwood, CU, 15.0. 3. Duane Hannah, CU, 15.2.
 400 — 1. Bob Pierce, NU, 48.6. 2. John Mottley, NU, 49.1. 3. Leighton Priestley, NU, 50.3.
 100 — 1. Clifford Branch, CU, 9.5. 2. Larry Brunson, CU, 9.6. 3. Horace Levy, NU, 9.6.
 200 — 1. Tim Cronin, CU, 1:32.7. 2. Jim Hawkins, NU, 1:35.7. 3. Larry Clamoto, NU.
 400 hurdles — 1. Wes Leonard, NU, 54.4. 2. John Duckworth, CU, 54.7. 3. Wayne Lockwood, CU, 55.2.
 200 — 1. Cliff Branch, CU, 21.4. 2. Horace Levy, NU, 21.5. 3. Larry Brunson, CU, 21.5.
 Three mile — 1. Ted Castaneda, CU, 14:35.8. 2. Mike Fertig, NU, 14:47.9. 3. Dick Moritz, CU, 14:52.3.
 Mile relay — 1. Nebraska (Priestley, Leonard, Pierce, Mottley), 3:19.4.
 Shot put — 1. Larry Cherny, NU, 54.9. 2. John Vest, CU, 51.3. 3. Mike Hallock, CU, 50.5.
 Javelin — 1. John Vest, CU, 155.4. 2. Bryan Short, NU, 132.9. 3. Mike Hallock, CU, 103.4.
 Long jump — 1. Wes Leonard, NU, 21.9%. 2. Hopeton Gordon, NU, 21.3%. 3. Wayne Lockwood, CU, 34.2.
 Triple jump — 1. Hopeton Gordon, NU, 43-11. 2. Wes Leonard, NU, 41-1. 3. Wayne Lockwood, CU, 34.2.
 Discus — 1. John Vest, CU, 151-3. 2. Larry Cherny, NU, 118-3. 3. Mike Hallock, CU, 117-2.
 Pole vault — 1. Dave Busseberger, CU, 16-0 (ties meet record set by Mike Wedman, CU, 1976). 2. Duane Sullivan, NU, 14-4. 3. Mark Cooper, NU, 14-0.
 High jump — 1. Howard Burns, NU, 6-4. 2. Steve Eymann, NU, 6-4. 3. (tie) Mark Mounsey, CU, and Gary Webb, CU, 6-2.

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