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Humm . . . wants chance to play

Sophomore standout QB Humm faces year on Husker sidelines

by Jim Johnston

David Humm is to modest to admit it, but he's qualified to quarterback the defending national champions as a sophomore. If humm gets a chance to show his stuff, however, is a different matter.

The highly touted sophomore from Las Vegas has attracted much national publicity, but he may be forced to sit out the season as a red-shirt behind seniors Jerry Tagge and Van Brownson.

"We're not going to put him in a game if we have a big lead just to show him off," said Cornhusker head coach Bob Devaney, "but then again we're not going to lose a ball game just to save Humm's eligibility for an extra year."

A **PLAYER CAN** play at most one game of the first five games and still be considered a red-shirt unless a hardship case is pleaded later in the season because of an injury.

Humm, one of the most highly recruited high school athletes in 1970, realized the quarterback situation when he decided to attend Nebraska.

"VAN (Brownson) was my

host when I visited Lincoln," remembers Dave. "I was well aware of the quarterback situation and the coaches didn't try to hide anything from me."

Why then did Humm still decide on Nebraska?

"I just wanted to play ball at Nebraska," said Dave. "The coaching staff and the fans seemed so great and it's just a tremendous football atmosphere."

HUM RECEIVED several visits from national figures including New York Jet quarterback Joe Namath who tried to sell Alabama to the lefthanded quarterback. Alabama coach Bear Bryant also made trips to Las Vegas and one assistant coach stayed in Las Vegas for 21 striahg days.

"Meeting Namath was impressive allright," said Dave. "But I realized that Joe was just doing a public relations job and he wouldn't be at Alabama."

Humm, a soft-spoken athlete who lives in Schramm Hall, has adjusted to the pressures of being in the limelight. But he has been placed in a rather awkward situation. Humm is attracting national attention, but may be used as a red-shirt.

"**PUBLICITY IS** just part of the game," says Humm. "I always get teased because I get my name in a national magazine and may be just a red-shirt, but it doesn't really bother me."

Humm would like a chance to quarterback the Cornhuskers this fall, but

would rather be red-shirted if he doesn't get a chance to play.

"It's tough to say that you want to be red-shirted," says Dave. "I naturally don't want to be red-shirted. I want to play. But I realize that it would be better for me to be red-shirted and learn and then have three more years to play."

PRACTICE NOTES: Cornhusker head coach Bob Devaney, feeling that the team is still tired from a two-a-day workouts, will cut Friday's drills to one and a half hours and workout in shorts.

"Our practices haven't been stearling," said Devaney. "Right now we're blaming it on tiredness, but if that keeps up then we'll have to get a new excuse."

Devaney said that Rich Sanger and Dryl White are the leading contenders to fill the shoes of place kicker Paul Rogers.

The Cornhuskers will have a game-type scrimmage at Memorial Stadium Saturday behind closed doors.

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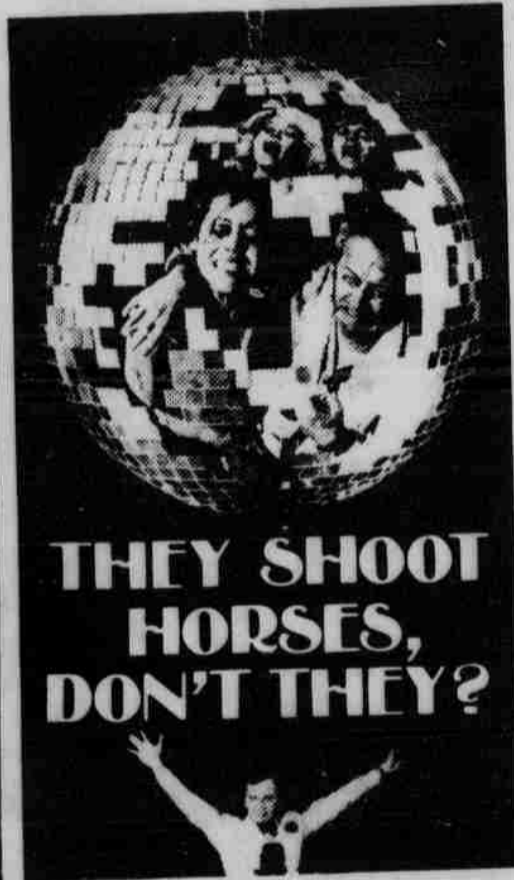
Intramurals

An intramural football managers' meeting will be held Tuesday, at 6 p.m. in the gymnasium at University High (Henzlik Hall). Those interested in being flag football officials. Should meet at the same location Wednesday at 6 p.m.

Deadline for flag football entry fee (which must include \$20) will be Sept. 10. Entries must be returned to the Intramurals Office at 1740 Vine St.

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