

# List — Devaney's best tight end

by Dave McBride

Jerry List is regarded as the finest tight end Nebraska's Bob Devaney era has produced.

He was considered by many to be the finest tight end in the Big Eight Conference last year at the conclusion of this sophomore season.

**HE HAS CAUGHT** 33 passes for over 400 yards in his career and is currently the second leading receiver on the 1971 squad.

But Jerry List, already being mentioned as an All-American candidate, is still looking for his first touchdown with the Big Red.

One of his best opportunities to score was

during the Utah State game when List found himself wide open on a deep pattern, but he had the ball slip through his fingers.

"I probably just wasn't concentrating enough," the six-foot, 210-pounder said. "I know I wasn't thinking about scoring a touchdown. It'll come. I'm not worried about it."

An all-conference and third team all-state selection at T. L. Hardy High in Bay City, Mich., List explained that the major factors influencing his decision to attend Nebraska were "the winning attitude they had here and the coaching staff."

**HE NOTED** that former Husker standout Wayne

Meylan, who is also a graduate of Hardy High, played a part in the Husker's recruiting.

List was a quarterback for two years in high school before being switched to halfback during his senior year, and says that Nebraska initially recruited him as a running back. He was a running back on the 1969 freshman team and wasn't converted to the tight end spot until spring ball of 1970.

He said he believes it was his experience in the backfield that led the coaching staff to install an end-around play last year with him carrying the ball.

**THE FIRST TIME** the play was used, List gained 27 yards.

"It's possible that you might see it again, although the coaching staff hasn't said anything about it," he said. "It's one of those deals they put in all of a sudden to surprise a team. It worked pretty well against Missouri, but against Iowa State, they were kind of looking for it."

Another change List noted in his role as a tight end is his increasing role as a deep receiver.

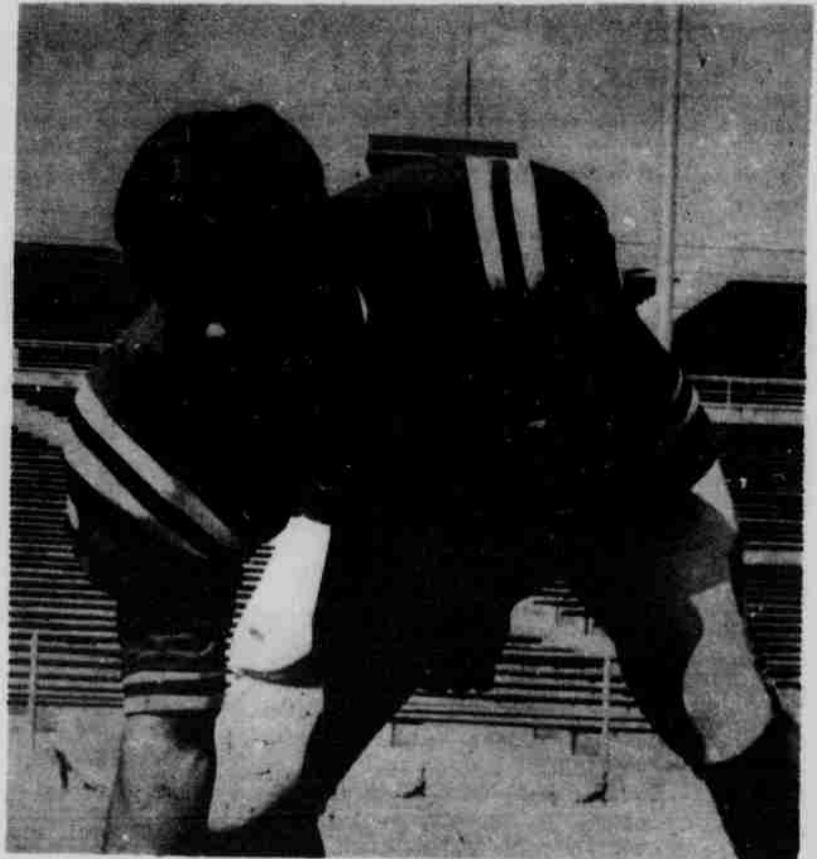
"Towards the end of last year, they started throwing to me more than before, and with the success we had, they just thought they'd keep coming to me," he said.

He noted that with the talented wide receivers the Huskers have, the use of the tight end as an additional deep threat helps take some of the defensive pressure off the other receivers like Johnny Rodgers and Woody Cox.

**LIST**, a management major in business administration, and his wife Suzie, who were married two years ago, have a son and daughter, but List said he has no plans yet for his son to follow his football career.

Although he called the game "really enjoyable" for himself, List said of his son Matthew, "I'm going to let him grow up first and then let him decide what he wants to do. If he wants to play football, that's fine with me."

Matthew List might have a tough reputation to live up to, though, if he decides to take up football. If his father keeps up the success he's having now, it could be a hard act to follow.



List...eyeing first touchdown



Jim Johnston

**NEBRASKA 35, Kansas 10.** . . The Jayhawks will leave Memorial Stadium with one consolation: They'll score more points against Nebraska than any team so far this year.

**OKLAHOMA 42, Colorado 28.** . . This is the fourth time I've gone against the Buffs, and they haven't lost a game yet.

**OKLAHOMA STATE 21, Missouri 14.** . . The Tigers are still wondering where Joe Moore, James Harrison and Mel Gray went.

**IOWA STATE 21, Kansas State 17.** . . The Cyclones could finish in the upper division of the Big Eight this year.

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## Red-Shirting

As Notre Dame continues to drop out of the nation's top ten, Notre Dame athletic director Edward (Moose) Krause has challenged the red-shirt rule which is practised in the Big Eight Conference. The rule allows a college athlete to spread his eligibility over five years by remaining out of competition one year.

"It's very expensive to have 20 or 30 athletes hanging around your campus waiting for another year of athletics," charged Krause. "Today we have student athletes and all of our athletes graduate. When you have 20 or 30 red-shirts on a team, like Nebraska, of course you're going to be strong. But I assume young men go to school for an education."

Okay, Mr. Krause, let's ask two of Nebraska's five-year players on this year's Nebraska team about their opinions of the red shirt rule.

Jim Anderson, defensive back: "I don't know of any players complaining about being red-shirted. There are so many guys that don't graduate after four years that it actually helps most of them. I have no complaints about spending five years in college. It definitely helped me."

Bob Terrio, linebacker: "At first, most guys aren't pleased about being red-shirted. It's kind of a hassle to practice and not play, but I'm glad it happened to me now. I have no regrets."

Let's face it, it's tough to get through college in four years if your interests go farther than just a book. It might take me six years and I'm not even an athlete.

## Tagge vs. Sixkiller

Let's bring the Sonny Sixkiller image back to earth. Sixkiller, Washington's highly touted Indian quarterback, has been gaining national publicity with his passing. He has passed for 1,131 yards in his first five games and ranks second in the nation in passing yardage.

Now let's talk about Nebraska quarterback Jerry Tagge. Tagge is seventh in the nation in passing yardage with 911 yards in five games. But Tagge's statistics are actually more impressive than those of Sixkiller.

Sixkiller has completed 66 or 152 passes for a 43 per cent completion mark. Tagge has completed 63 of 99 passes for 63 per cent. Sixkiller has had 10 passes intercepted while only one Tagge pass has been intercepted.

Tagge's 63 per cent completion accuracy is the best in the nation. The Husker quarterback ranks fourth in total offense with 222 yards average per game.

This week's NCAA statistics sheet also shows that Oregon's Bobby Moore, who was held to just 54 yards against Nebraska, is sixth in the nation in rushing with a 141-yard average. Nebraska safety Bill Kosch's 116 yards in return yardage on intercepted passes against Texas A & M is the best single game performance in the country this year.

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