

Stadium addition won't cover ticket requests

by Gary Seacrest

After two straight national championships the demand for tickets to Nebraska football games is running at an all-time high. So high, in fact, that a new addition to Memorial Stadium (bringing the capacity to over 76,000) will still not take care of all the requests for tickets, according to University ticket Manager Jim Pittenger.

Construction is now underway to install 9,400 seats to the south end zone by the start of the 1972 season--Memorial Stadium's 50th year. However, Pittenger said the University has not decided how the new seats will be distributed.

In the wake of the increased demand for tickets, Pittenger is studying the current ticket priority system for possible revisions. He has conferred with the Board of Regents on the matter, but no final decision has been made.

One of Pittenger's main concerns is to insure that every student who wants a ticket can get one. Last season several hundred students could not get tickets for the first

three home games because of an unexpected enrollment increase.

"We want to do everything possible to rectify what happened last season," Pittenger said. "We hope to put enough tickets away for next fall so we have an adequate supply for students."

Last season about 87 per cent of the UNL students purchased tickets, the highest percentage in the nation.

Once a Big Red fan obtains a ticket in the new addition he might also need to buy binoculars. When the addition is completed, the last row (the 98th row) of the south end zone will be 69 yards away from the nearest goal line. That's only three yards shorter than Johnny Rodgers' 72-yard punt return against Oklahoma last season.

Besides the 9,400 seats, the new addition to the stadium will include dressing rooms, concession facilities and ticket and administrative offices under the stands. The Athletic Department is to pay for the construction, which will exceed \$700,000.

The stadium was completed in time for the 1923 season with a capacity of 32,000. The construction was financed by Athletic Department funds and donations—a precedent that has been followed in all five additions to the complex.

Here are the improvements:

1964. South end zone addition with 16,000 seats. Capacity: 48,000.

1965. Start of north end zone section with 8,000 seats. Capacity: 53,000.

1966. Wings on the north end zone section with 12,000 seats. Capacity: 65,000.

1967. Press box with guest section for 2,000. Capacity: 66,200.

1972. Addition of 9,400 to the south end zone. Capacity: 76,400.

Last year the Huskers averaged 67,621 fans. The new addition will make the stadium the nation's ninth largest on a college campus.



More Big Red seats... construction is proceeding rapidly on the addition of 9,400 seats to the south end zone of Memorial Stadium.

Injuries hamper drills; rookies please Devaney

Nebraska Coach Bob Devaney was worried about injuries, but was pleased about the play of new players as the Huskers began their second week of spring practice Monday.

"Nagging injuries have really slowed down our opportunity to look at all our players," Devaney remarked. "Right now we're studying and grading the film (of Saturday's scrimmage) and there are some young players that are coming around."

Devaney was especially concerned with injuries to All-American flanker Johnny Rodgers, who is recovering from hand surgery, and sophomore quarterback Terry Luck, who is sidelined after injuring a knee last week.

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Jura bargains for top pro bid

Chuck Jura will soon get a lesson in labor negotiations.

The 6-10 Nebraska center was selected Monday by the Chicago Bulls in the third round of the National Basketball Association draft, but last month he was drafted by Salt Lake City of the rival American Basketball Association. Jura now hopes to take advantage of the current bidding war between the NBA and the newer ABA.

"I'm not picking one league over another," he said Tuesday. "I'll go with the league that gives me the most money and the best deal."

Jura will have help in his hopes of obtaining

a multi-year, no-cut contract. He has retained an agent from Chicago to aid him in the negotiating.

Although he has been invited to try out for the U.S. Olympic basketball team, Jura said, "I don't think right now that I'll try out. I think I'll go ahead and try to negotiate a contract."

The All-Big Eight performer noted his chances of playing for Chicago and Salt Lake City are good since both clubs are in need of big men.

Jura's basketball credentials received a boost recently when he was designated as one of the top college basketball players in the nation by a scouting service for 11 ABA and 10 NBA teams. The scouting report said, "Would someone please give Jura a real good shot because he could be the surprise of the entire draft."

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Nebraska's Al Nissen is among 15 senior basketball players who have been awarded \$1,000 postgraduate scholarships by the National Collegiate Athletic Association.

Nissen, a three-year letterman and two-year starter at guard and forward, is Nebraska's first basketball player to receive the award. The scholarship program is designed to honor student-athletes who excel in both sports and academic work.

The 6-4 Husker senior has a 3.193 average as a pre-med major and has been accepted to the University of Nebraska College of Medicine. Nissen in his senior year averaged 12 points a game, second only to

Chuck Jura among the Huskers.

Entries for the men's intramural track and field meet are due by April 25. Only three entries from any organization will be accepted for a running event with unlimited entries allowed in the field events.

The meet will be at the new UNL outdoor track beginning April 27. For further information, contact the Recreation and Intramurals Office.