

Improving Huskers aim for respectable finish

The Husker baseball team opened its 1972 season with a 13-game road trip against Oral Roberts, Houston and Oklahoma State. The Huskers limped back to Lincoln with a 4-9 record overall (0-3 in the Big Eight) and last year's leading hitter, Gene Stohs, came back with a .286 average.

Since then, the Huskers have shown steady improvement. The Huskers have won five and lost seven in Big Eight play and Stohs has raised his average to .421. In the last two series, the senior centerfielder from Grand Island had 15 hits in 25 trips to the plate for a .625 average.

Joining Stohs in the plus .400 level is right fielder Bob Munson. The Bradford, Vt., junior pushed his average to .411 with a seven for 12 performance against Colorado last week. Munson is also the leading fielder among Husker regulars with only one error in 101 chances for a .990 average.

The Huskers have a chance to continue their improvement this weekend with a three-game series at Kansas State. Husker coach Tony Sharpe will start Ryan Kurosaki (2-1), Dennis O'Doherty (1-1) and Glen Gilmore (1-3) against the Wildcats.

Even though the Husker's 5-7 conference record places them in seventh place, the Huskers are only three games behind Big Eight leader Oklahoma with nine games remaining.

Big Eight Baseball Standings

	Conference		Pct.	All Games		Pct.
	W	L		W	L	
Oklahoma	8	4	.667	27	12	.687
Colorado	9	6	.600	16	13	.608
Oklahoma State	7	5	.583	10	12	.454
Kansas	6	6	.500	13	7	.650
Iowa State	5	6	.455	10	13	.435
Kansas State	6	8	.428	14	16	.467
Nebraska	5	7	.417	9	13	.409
Missouri	4	8	.333	12	13	.480

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The UNL Recreation and Intramurals Department is sponsoring an archery tournament open to men and women. The tournament will be May 3 at 4:30 p.m. behind the Women's Physical Education Building. Entries are

due May 2. . . .

Dr. Norman C. Carlson of Lincoln, long time booster of the UNL Athletic Department, has been selected to receive the first annual Clarence E. Swanson Memorial Award.

The Swanson Award, inaugurated last year, is presented annually by the Nebraska Football Hall of Fame to a Nebraska alumnus or friend who serves the Cornhusker cause through dedicated service to the University athletic program and his fellow citizens.

Humm faces QB pressure

by Gary Seacrest

He hasn't played a single minute of college varsity football. But many Nebraskans expect him to lead the Huskers in their bid for an unprecedented third

straight national championship.

That's the situation that faces David Humm, a red-shirt sophomore quarterback from Las Vegas. However, Humm maintains he doesn't feel a great deal of pressure, being the heir apparent to the duo of Jerry Tagge and Van Brownson, who led the Huskers to a 33-2-1 record and a pair of national titles in their three years at Nebraska.

"So many people are expecting so much," Humm said. "I want to do the best I can. But the most important thing is to prove to the other guys that I can do the job."

Humm agrees with experts who say that it will be difficult to win a national title with a sophomore quarterback. But he is quick to note that a football team uses 21 other players.

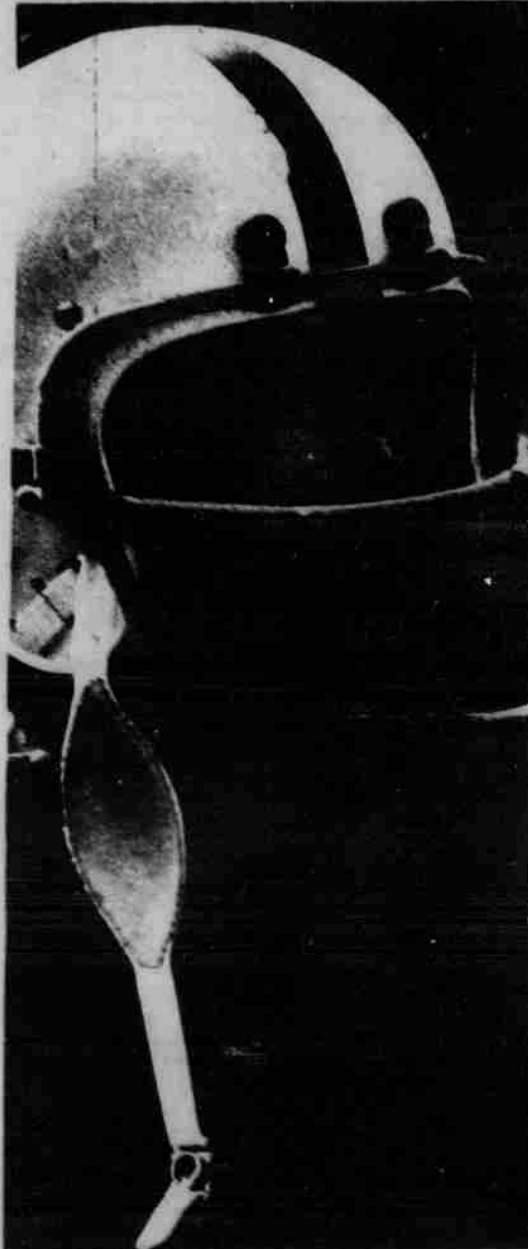
"Quarterback is an important position. But football is not just a one-man sport; it's a team sport. We have great football players on both offense and defense that compliment each other and play well together as a team."

Humm, who rewrote the freshmen record book in 1970, has been a standout during spring scrimmages. But he's still not pleased with his performance.

"I should be doing a lot better," he said. "I still make some rookie mistakes. The area I have to improve most on is my throwing. I am also going to have to improve on reading defenses so I don't throw the ball into three or four defenders."

Head Coach Bob Devaney also says Humm's spring performance has room for improvement. "Humm has not thrown as consistently as we'd like him to," Devaney said. "He's shown improvement, but he is still not using good judgement on all his throws."

Humm was redshirted last year and he admits sitting on the bench was disappointing. "I never got over the disappointment of not playing. But now that I look back at last season maybe I did myself an injustice feeling like that. I couldn't be in a better situation. The players are close and we have a good tradition and a good system."



Quarterback David Humm. . . "I still haven't earned a first-string position."

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