

"At the start of spring practice, five guys were in front of me," Kyros recalls. "My attitude was simple. Being No. 6, I didn't have too much to lose."

After three scrimmages, Kyros had managed to climb to the No. 3 spot. With only one week of practice left Kyros got his big chance.

"That Monday at practice, Coach (Warren) Powers told me to go in and get a black shirt," Kyros said. "At first I thought it was a big joke. But as soon as I got in the defensive huddle with the big guys, the joke was over."

"I remember I had to call the secondary defensive patterns in the huddle. The first day I was kinda scared and would call the signals out in a soft whisper. One of the linemen finally spoke out and said, 'That's all right George, there is nothing to be scared about.' I replied, 'Oh yeah.'"

Scared or not, Kyros' play earned the little safety a sought-after scholarship.

Kyros knew after spring practice that he didn't have his position wrapped up. When fall arrived, he faced two major problems. "Everybody else who started had the size and experience. I didn't have either. But just the same, they are equally dependent upon me to do my job. I didn't want to blow it for them."

Last Saturday night Kyros got the chance to prove himself as a blackshirt. But he saw his first game efforts as a Cornhusker turn into Nebraska's first defeat in 32 games.

"Right before that first game I was petrified. I was so afraid of blowing it. Now that I look back on the game, I could have played better, but then again I could have done worse. As a team we have to look ahead, not behind."

"The pressure will be different this Saturday. Instead of keeping alive the winning string, we have a different pressure—starting a new one. We haven't won a game this season and that is rather unusual. Myself, well, I'm still looking for my first win and I think it will come this Saturday."

Besides his size, Kyros is unique in other ways. He is one of the few athletes



Kyros . . . relaxes with Bill Partington (Left) and Mike Offner at Beta Theta Pi House.

who does not like to be interviewed. When it comes to impressions, he prefers for people to have no impression of him rather than the wrong impression.

"I try to do my best at everything I do—sometimes I don't succeed. But I must say my football experiences so far have helped me in life. However, I don't

want to concentrate too much on football because in a few years I won't be playing it."

But until then, George Kyros will keep on trying to do his best. He realizes he can't do much about his size, but he thinks he can do something about his 0-1 record as a Cornhusker.

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