

Injured Tagge rejoins practice

by Jim Johnston

Former Nebraska quarterback Jerry Tagge returned to the Green Bay Packer practice field Tuesday for the first time in three weeks.

Tagge, a first round Packer draft choice in 1972, has been sidelined with a bruised left thigh suffered in an exhibition game with the Chicago Bears.

"I was scrambling and started to go upfield when I got hit from both sides," Tagge said in a telephone conversation Monday night. "I wasn't expecting it, and I guess I tightened up."

Although Tagge was told he didn't have to attend practices, he continued to attend daily drills. At one practice a quarterback was needed for a non-contact drill, so Tagge volunteered his services.

But there was a missed assignment in the backfield on the first play. Tagge was involved in a collision, re-injuring his thigh.

"This time the coaches told me not to even show up at the practice field until the trainers gave me approval," Tagge said. "I learned the hard way. I cost myself some vital time in pre-season games."

Although Tagge said he was not in contention for the No. 1 quarterback position at the time of his injury, he said it still was extremely disappointing because he felt he was adjusting well to professional football.

Tagge completed three of four passes for 22 yards in the second half against Miami when the Packers defeated the Dolphins, 14-13.

"Things had been looking good for me," Tagge said. "I came into pro football open-minded. I wasn't going to try and do things the college way if that wasn't the way it was supposed to be done in the pros. But it's really the same principle here as it was at Nebraska. The Nebraska coaches prepared me well in the basic principles of quarterbacking."

Tagge, however, admits he has lost ground the past three weeks.

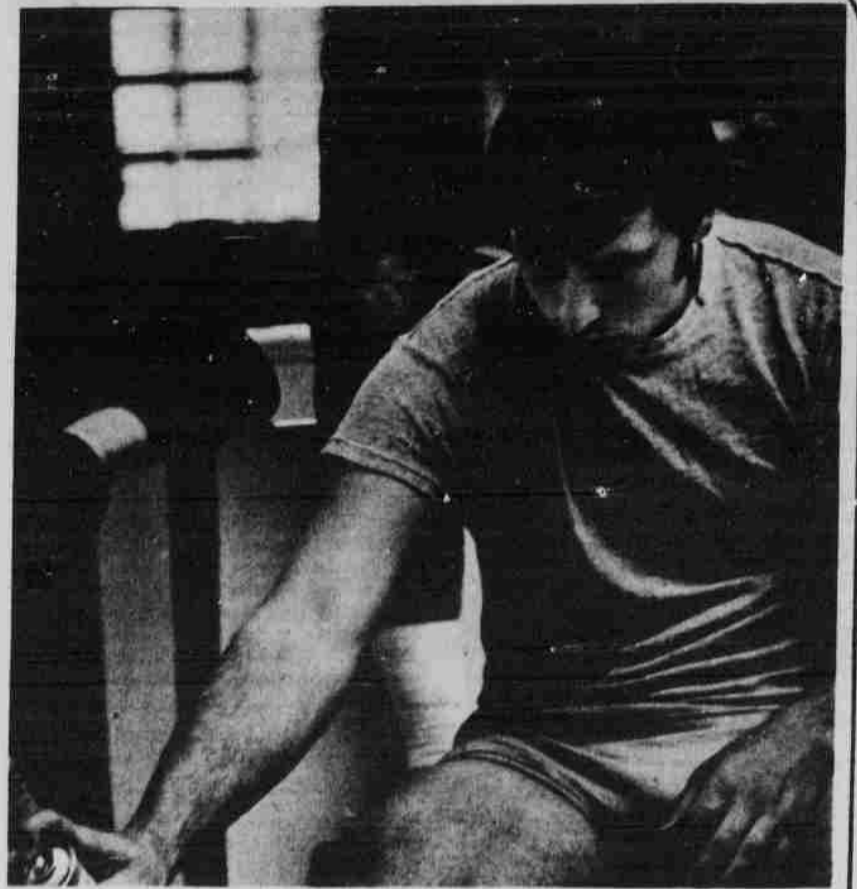
"I'm in terrible shape," Tagge said. "My chances of playing in the near future probably aren't very good. The coaches don't want to take chances and experiment during regular season games."

Scott Hunter, a second year pro from Alabama, has filled the Packers' No. 1 quarterback spot since Bart Starr announced his retirement last summer.

"Hunter has been exceptional," Tagge said. "I'm sure I won't get in a game in the near future unless Scott gets hurt or has a bad day."

Tagge and former Nebraskan Frank Patrick now are battling for the backup position. Patrick, who was switched to tight end at Nebraska when Tagge and Van Brownson joined the varsity in 1969, was drafted by the Packers and served as a backup to Starr and Hunter.

Tagge credits Starr (now an assistant coach with the



Tagge . . . returns after thigh injury.

Packers) for helping him adjust to pro football.

"I was shocked when Starr announced his retirement," Tagge said. "It didn't seem like the Packers could survive without him. But I admire Bart for his decision because he did it in the best interest of the team."

"He's so valuable to a group of young quarterbacks. The little hints he gives you are unbelievable."

Although the Packers aren't expected to win the National Central Division, Tagge remains optimistic.

"We're a young team capable of making the upset but since we're young we're also capable of making some drastic mistakes which could blow a game," Tagge said. "But it's exciting to be with a team on its way up."

The Packers enjoyed a 4-2 pre-season record and defeated Cleveland in the season opener Sunday.

Nebraska's Keith Wortman, who the Packers also drafted after the 1971 season, is listed on the second team behind offensive right guard Malcolm Snider.

"Keith and I can't complain about the way things have gone," Tagge said. "We've had a fair chance. Now we have to keep proving ourselves."



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Devaney eyes 'spirited' Army

Nebraska football coach Bob Devaney said a win against Army at West Point Saturday would put the Cornhuskers "over the hill" in their comeback efforts.

"If we win Saturday we should have built up some momentum," Devaney said. "We return home the next week against Minnesota and then Missouri and Oklahoma State. We should be able to win those games, and that will put us in good shape before we enter that tough stretch with Iowa State and

Colorado."

Despite noting that Army is not blessed "with great speed or elusive running backs like UCLA," the Cornhusker coach talked cautiously about playing at West Point.

"Army is always a very spirited team and is usually two touchdowns better when they play at Michie Stadium," Devaney said.

Army presents a different problem for Nebraska's defense. The Cadets do not run the Wishbone as did UCLA and Texas A & M.

"This will definitely be a big test for our defensive secondary," Devaney said. "It will also be interesting to see how we do on a pass rush for the first time this season."

Century Club offers physical involvement

by Kim Ball

Don't be surprised if you see one of your professors or a classmate trotting past you, because those huffing and puffing people are on the jogging kick.

The recreation department, in an effort to provide programs of interest to students and faculty, has started a physical fitness program called Century Club. Phil Sienna, men's intramural coordinator, got the idea from a national intramural convention and developed a format for the club.

Sienna says Century Club is "a physical fitness club for people who work out or want to work out. If you're working out you may as well apply it to the Century Club."

The club will recognize individuals who meet certain club goals. These standards include either running 100 miles, swimming 25 miles, bicycling 400 miles or walking 100 hours (which must be done continuously for at least one hour).

After exercising, the distance is recorded on mileage cards available at various places on campus. As an incentive, participants will receive a club T-shirt for meeting one of the standards within a semester.

Chuck Sayward and Bob Brown are two avid joggers who have developed a special interest in Century Club.

Sayward, a UNL philosophy professor, runs 60 to 70 miles a week.

"It's a good program. Any program is good that encourages jogging or anything good for the heart. It's a good way of motivating people to run or jog," Sayward said.

Brown, director of the UNL counseling center, jogs about 50-60 miles a week. "The club is a great idea," Brown said. "Everyone can be involved. It gives you a target, something to shoot for."

Both men indicated they have noticed new faces on the university's all-weather track since the formation of Century Club. Both encourage everyone to join the young program.

Brown even said, "I'm an addict and a believer, and I'll try to convert anybody to jogging."

Faculty members and students interested in joining may do so at the Recreation Office, 1740 Vine Street.