

Crew readies for 'Rose Bowl of rowing'

Last year when the University of Nebraska's rowing crew competed in the Head of the Charles Regatta at Cambridge, Mass., they were a little brash. They've learned their lesson.

"We entered the Elite division a year ago," said advisor Art Thompson, "and we had to row against Harvard, the Naval Academy and Cornell, all of whom have been national champion."

Nebraska's right-oared shell finished last of 23, but its time would have beaten most teams in the intermediate division. This year the team entered the intermediate division and is hoping for better results.

"We know we're not going to beat Harvard," Thompson said, "but we won't finish last, either. We'll beat some people."

The Head of the Charles, often referred to as the

Rose Bowl of rowing, will be Nebraska's toughest competition of the year. There are 250 teams entered in Sunday's regatta.

The Nebraska crew rowed its first race in April 1971, but coach Allan Maybee doesn't feel inexperience will be a factor.

"We're as good as any crew in the country," he said. "The only difference between our crew and those of the Ivy League schools is equipment. Our crew practices in shells 42 years old, when we're not repairing them. Eastern schools have new equipment."

Maybee said the crew has University approval but no direct financing. The Athletic Dept. cannot fund them because crew is not a Big Eight sport.

What Thompson terms "skin of the teeth funding" includes recreation department funding—\$300 last year to help build a dock, \$200 matched by Corn Cobs and \$600 this year to help buy a shell.

Since a new eight-oared shell costs \$3,400, the crew is looking for a newer used one.

To supplement this income, crew members sell shares in the new boat to football fans on game days. This has brought in another \$400.

"In order to be successful we need one eight-oared

shell that won't need repairing every day," Thompson said. "After a while this gets to the crew's morale."

Nebraska's squad of eight will leave Wednesday afternoon, driving straight through to Cambridge on Friday. Three of the eight—Pete Zanberger, Joe Mahaffey and Jeff Dodge—made the trip to the Head of the Charles Regatta last year.

"The oarsmen put in their own money for these trips," Thompson said. "They're each putting in about \$15 of their own for this trip, and in addition to that, they buy their own uniforms. There is a tradition in rowing that the losing team must give their shirts to the winners, so that can run into a lot of money, too."

On the way back the crew will be looking at a used shell that the Naval Academy is selling. Thompson said that because there are so many more used shells for sale in the East than the Midwest, a large part of the price of a shell is transportation to the Midwest.

There were 20 returning varsity members at the first crew practice this fall, along with 40 freshmen and sophomore candidates. The team has been running five miles a day and sprinting up and down the football stadium steps 20-30 times a day for conditioning.

Injuries jinx Jayhawk offense

David Jaynes, the strong-armed junior quarterback behind Kansas' pass oriented offense, will probably not play against Nebraska in Lawrence Saturday.

Jaynes suffered a deep bruise in his right shoulder when he was stopped short of the goal on a two-point conversion attempt late in the third quarter in Kansas' 20-19 loss to Kansas State last week.

But the Jayhawks' quarterback problem goes farther than Jaynes.

KU head coach Don Fambrough indicated Monday he will not start junior Rich Jones who had a poor showing in the fourth quarter against K-State. Jones is the only healthy quarterback at Kansas.

Both freshman quarterbacks were injured in a frosh game last week, precluding the possibility of moving one of them up to the varsity for the Nebraska game.

Bob Bruegging, who was about even with Jaynes last spring, will resume practice this week after missing early drills with a back injury. It is doubtful that he will be completely healthy, either.

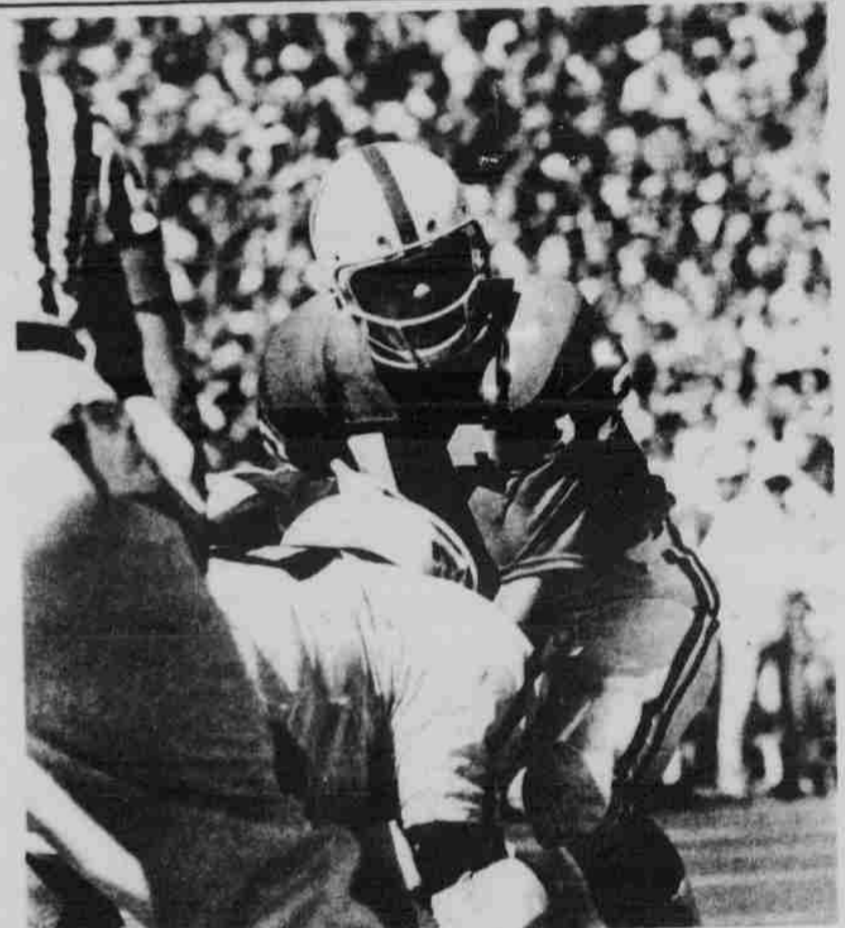
As a result, Fambrough is working with starting flanker Bruce Adams at quarterback. Adams, who leads Kansas' pass receivers with 23 catches for 471 yards and six touchdowns, was a high school quarterback and quarterbacked Kansas' freshman team.

Nebraska coach Bob Devaney says the situation won't cause major changes in the Cornhuskers' preparation for Kansas.

"We've got to figure that Kansas can't make a drastic offensive change in a week," Devaney said. "We'll probably have to work a little more against their running game this week, but we can't assume that they won't be throwing the football."

Nebraska may also be short-handed in its offensive backfield Saturday.

I-back Gary Dixon, who suffered a fractured jaw against Missouri, was also treated for a bruised knee Tuesday and was listed by Devaney as "possibly a doubtful" for the Kansas game. Fullback Bill Olds, who has a fractured bone in his hand, didn't play against Missouri but is expected to see action Saturday.



Nebraska sophomore quarterback Dave Humm, who hit 15 of 22 passes for 267 yards against Missouri Saturday, was a unanimous choice as Big Eight offensive player of the week. Humm threw three touchdown passes in the 62-0 win over the Tigers, tying the Cornhusker record held jointly by Bob Churchich and Jerry Tagge.

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