

Former 'robot' now receives for Nebraska

by Jim Johnston

If you're looking for comparisons between No. 1-rated Southern California and No. 4 Nebraska, you might check with Bob Revelle. He's played football at both schools and was, in fact, the captain of the 1970 USC freshman team before transferring to Nebraska in 1971.

Revelle is now the starting split end for the Cornhuskers. He naturally says Nebraska is better than USC. His reasoning is based on the same thinking which influenced his decision to leave his home state and the Southern California campus.

"The coaches at Southern Cal make athletes feel like robots," Revelle said. "Coach (John) McKay tries to create a 'God image' of himself. I just couldn't fit into that type of situation. Southern Cal has a lot of good athletes, but the coaches just won't be able to keep them together. I'm sure they'll choke sometime this year."

Revelle's comments aren't on the "sour grapes" order. He has no reason to be vengeful. Southern Cal didn't ask him to leave. He had a successful career ahead of him at USC. He just couldn't fit into the football program's thinking. He wanted out.

Revelle was the starting split end on the 1970 freshman team and also played monster on defense. He was the leading candidate for Sam Dickerson's vacated split end spot on the varsity the following fall and had led all receivers in the spring intra-squad game.

Although Revelle was not happy at USC, he still planned to play football there in 1971. He started fall practice. But he lasted only one night.

"It just hit me after the first practice," Revelle said. "For some reason at that time I just finally decided I didn't want to stay there."

So Revelle informed McKay of his decision. Revelle's high school coach was notified and tried to change Revelle's plans. But it didn't work. Revelle notified Nebraska assistant coach Tom Osborne, who had recruited Revelle in high school.

"I had narrowed my decision between Nebraska and USC while I was in high school," Revelle said. "Coach Osborne told me if I was ever unhappy at Southern Cal to give him a call. So I did. He said Nebraska could use me."

Revelle, however, ran into further difficulties before transferring to Nebraska. He had completed 24 hours in his freshman year, but when he notified the administration that he was transferring, they said he had only 18 hours.

"I don't want to accuse anybody," Revelle said, "but I think someone did something on purpose. It



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didn't really bother me. I was just glad to be leaving."

But Nebraska couldn't place Revelle on scholarship during the 1971 season. He could not play because a transfer must sit-out a year before he is eligible.

So Revelle worked for two construction companies and also attended daily practice sessions. He had an outstanding spring and entered fall camp as a leading candidate for the starting split end spot.

But a freak accident early in August almost put him out of football for good.

Revelle slammed his finger in a garage door, leaving the tip of his finger in the door. He took the departed tip to the doctor to see if it could be restored. The doctor said that it couldn't.

"I figured everything was over," Revelle said. "It's a little difficult catching a football with part of your finger missing."

Revelle had the finger taped during fall practice.

But had trouble catching the football. Things looked bleak.

"Coach Devaney approached me about five days before the UCLA game and told me to get in gear or I wouldn't make the trip to UCLA," Revelle said. "So I took off the tape. It hurt bad, but I started catching the ball."

And Revelle hasn't stopped catching the football. He is now the second leading receiver on the team, trailing only all-American Johnny Rodgers. Revelle has caught 15 passes for 221 yards and one touchdown.

He doesn't fit into the Guy Ingles or Woody Cox type of split end. Revelle is big. He stands 6-2 and weighs 195 and has good speed.

He's the type of player that can make the difference between winning or losing. The type that can make the difference between being No. 4 and No. 1.

Pro Students defend crown

Three flag football teams—Phi Delta Phi, Phi Delta Theta and the Hawks—all have one thing in common. They're all looking forward to playing the Pro Students in the flag football playoffs which start tonight.

The Pro Students will defend their all-University crown tonight against Phi Zappa Krappa. They'll try to extend their two-year winning streak to 20 games.

Phi Delta Theta, regular season fraternity champions, and the Hawks, runner-up in All-University ratings, both say they have "a better than average" chance against the Pro Students. And now a third team, Phi Delta Phi, has proven by its record that it too may be a formidable foe.

Phi Delta Phi is comprised of students who are in law school. They have one of the biggest squads in the Independent League with a 23-man roster.

The Phi Delta Phi player-coach is Joe Armstrong, a former Nebraska player who was an all-American guard. Two other team members, Adrian Fiala and George Watson, also

played college football. Fiala is an ex-Husker and Watson was a small college all-American at Hastings College.

Armstrong has already scouted the Pro Students. "We've watched them a couple of times," he said. "They play well together and they are a seasoned team."

The Phi Delta Phi team, which was rated third in the Independent League, is anxious to meet the Pro Students.

"Everyone on our team feels we are ready for the Pro Students," said Armstrong. "Anybody that beats the Pro Students will win the All-University championship."

Phi Delta Phi and the Hawks are favored in the Independent League semi-finals with the winner getting a shot at the Pro Students.

Two key games in playoff action tonight include Phi Gamma Delta, whose only loss was to top-ranked Phi Delta Theta, against undefeated Phi Kappa Psi; and undefeated Sigma Phi Epsilon C against Beta Theta Pi B, whose only loss was to Undefeated Phi Gamma Delta B.

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