

Rugby—best of both worlds

By Kim Ball

Can you imagine participating in a sport that is nearly as rough as football but has no protective equipment for its players?

Thirty students are playing rugby, a sport which is a combination of soccer and football in a uniform consisting of a jersey, gym shorts, knee socks and soccer shoes.

Those 30 students are members of the UNL Rugby Club started last month by Chuck Snell. Snell, a graduate assistant in chemistry, played rugby for four years at Westminster (Mo.) College.

"Our school was pretty small and didn't have football," Snell said, "so everybody who would have played football, played rugby."

Rugby is played on a field the same size as a football field with goalposts on each end. The object of the game is to score a touchdown by running the ball between goalposts. A touchdown is worth three points.

A conversion kick is attempted after a touchdown. If it is successful it is worth two points. Penalty kicks are good for a point.

The ball is advanced up field by kicking, laterally backward or running. Play is stopped when the ball-carrier is tackled or a penalty is called.

Nearly all the rugby club members have played football, including Dave Walline, former Husker all-Big Eight defensive tackle.

Bart Kolste, who played freshman football at the University of Wyoming, said he likes rugby because it



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is a contact sport.

"The actual playing is a lot of fun", Kolste said. "It takes coordination and teamwork."

The first and only rugby match the UNL Rugby Club will play will be this weekend against Creighton. Creighton, which is a member of the Heart of America Rugby Union, thumped Iowa State last

weekend, 7-0.

Time and location for the match has not yet been set.

"I saw Creighton play and they're really good," Snell said. "It's not as if we're going to run away with the match. But being in existence a year, we've come a long way."

Devaney restores a holiday

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Wives, mothers and lovers of Big Red football fans may have just moved Bob Devaney and the ABC television network into first place in their personal popularity polls.

Devaney's announcement that Nebraska's traditional Thanksgiving day football battle with Oklahoma has been moved back a day, must make the Husker athletic director No. 1 in the hearts of red-blooded American women.

Officially, the contest has been moved to Nov. 23, to accommodate television. According to Devaney, the network is checking fan interest at times other than traditional days.

But women couldn't care less about the reason. They are overjoyed with the prospects of restoring some of the tradition Thanksgiving held before it was pre-empted by college football.

The past few Thanksgivings have been marked by scenes of Cornhusker fans holding a drum stick in one hand and a television guide in the other.

In many cases, the traditional turkey dinner was postponed until after the post-game show or forgotten.

If the game was in Lincoln, many of the 76,000 fans who filled Memorial Stadium, celebrated their Thanksgiving with a bottle of beer and a bowl of chili before rushing off to find a parking space.

While women will again have a table full of hungry people come Nov. 22, Thanksgiving isn't going to seem the same to thousands of fans. Fans who used to sleep in front of their TVs the night before to insure a good seat for the game that usually decided the Big Eight championship.

I, for one, am going to miss the annual congregation around the tube which included father telling tales of past Husker football glories and two brothers who could make as much noise as 76,000 fans.

For many people, it will mean listening to the game on radio because they will be at work Nov. 23. And asking a Cornhusker fan to listen to a game on the radio when it's being televised is pure torture.

Nebraska fans upset with the Thanksgiving day switch, may be soled by the fact that Nebraska's first game has been moved up a week.

In the schedule shake-up, Devaney announced the UCLA game will be played in Lincoln Sept. 8 instead of Sept. 15. The reason, again, is so that it could be televised nationally.

The 3:50 p.m. kickoff for the UCLA contest is the latest game ever in Memorial Stadium. With the extra time to prime, Cornhusker fans should be on the brink of hysterics by the time the two teams hit the artificial turf.

One only has to think back to what happened when Nebraska played UCLA in Los Angeles last September and thoughts of revenge race through the mind, even if the kickoff is 151 days away.

If you want to get an indication of how the Huskers will fare next fall, stop by the stadium this afternoon. Tom Osborne will send his gridders through their first scrimmage of spring football practice, with starting time around 4 p.m.

sports shorts

The Big Eight Indoor Rifle Championships will be in the Military and Naval Science building April 13, 14 and 15.

Nebraska won individual and team honors last weekend in the Cornhusker golf tournament at Holmes park.

The Huskers won by 30 strokes over runner-up South Dakota in the six-team field. NU's Steve King shot a par 72 to win the individual medal honors over teammate Dan Bahensky. Bahensky led the first round with a 74 and shot a 77 on Friday for 151. King finished with a winning 149 total.

The Recreation Department is accepting applications for co-recreational golf and tennis. Deadline for registration is April 16.

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