

## Freshmen nonstarters hope for first action

By Dave McBride

For some freshmen gridgers, last Friday brought the first taste of action in a Nebraska football jersey. The site was Manhattan, Kan., and the result was a 10-7 victory over the Kansas State junior varsity. This extended the Husker frosh winning streak to 15 games.

But for a few freshmen, action didn't come Friday.

They spent the first game of their Husker football careers on the bench. They still will be looking for the chance to uphold Nebraska's grid honor Oct. 12, when the yearlings travel to Columbia to play the Missouri frosh.

Loren Lippincott is one freshman who didn't play. Lippincott is a walk-on defensive back from Central City. He said he thought before the game that he had a good chance to play. But the game was close, and the first string offense and defense played

nearly the entire game.

He said sitting on the bench was perhaps easier at Nebraska because of its outstanding football program, but added, "Even though it is Nebraska, and we're the best in the nation, I'm just not used to sitting on the bench."

For Lippincott and others in his situation, he said that practice before the next game will simply mean more hard work.

"I still haven't hit anybody with a different jersey on, so I've just got to work to earn a better position," he said.

The task isn't as awesome as it first seems, he said.

"When you mingle with these other guys who are here for football, you find out there's no real difference. They're just regular guys, too."

Lippincott said the players probably were satisfied with the win over Kansas State despite the score, because the Wildcats' junior varsity

squad consisted of juniors and sophomores as well as freshmen.

The Nebraska offense scored only three points (the lone touchdown was scored by the defense on a blocked punt), and neither team scored in the second half, but Lippincott said he felt the Huskers showed their dominance over the Wildcats early and were just frustrated by first-game mistakes after halftime.

"I don't know what some of these guys from out of the state feel like, but being from Nebraska, I have a lot of pride in continuing the winning freshmen tradition here. And I realize from talking to guys from the varsity team that if we had lost that game, they would have been really down on us," he said.

Following the Missouri game, the Husker freshmen play a night game against the Oklahoma frosh in Norman Oct. 22 and then host Colorado Nov. 2 and Iowa State Nov. 9.

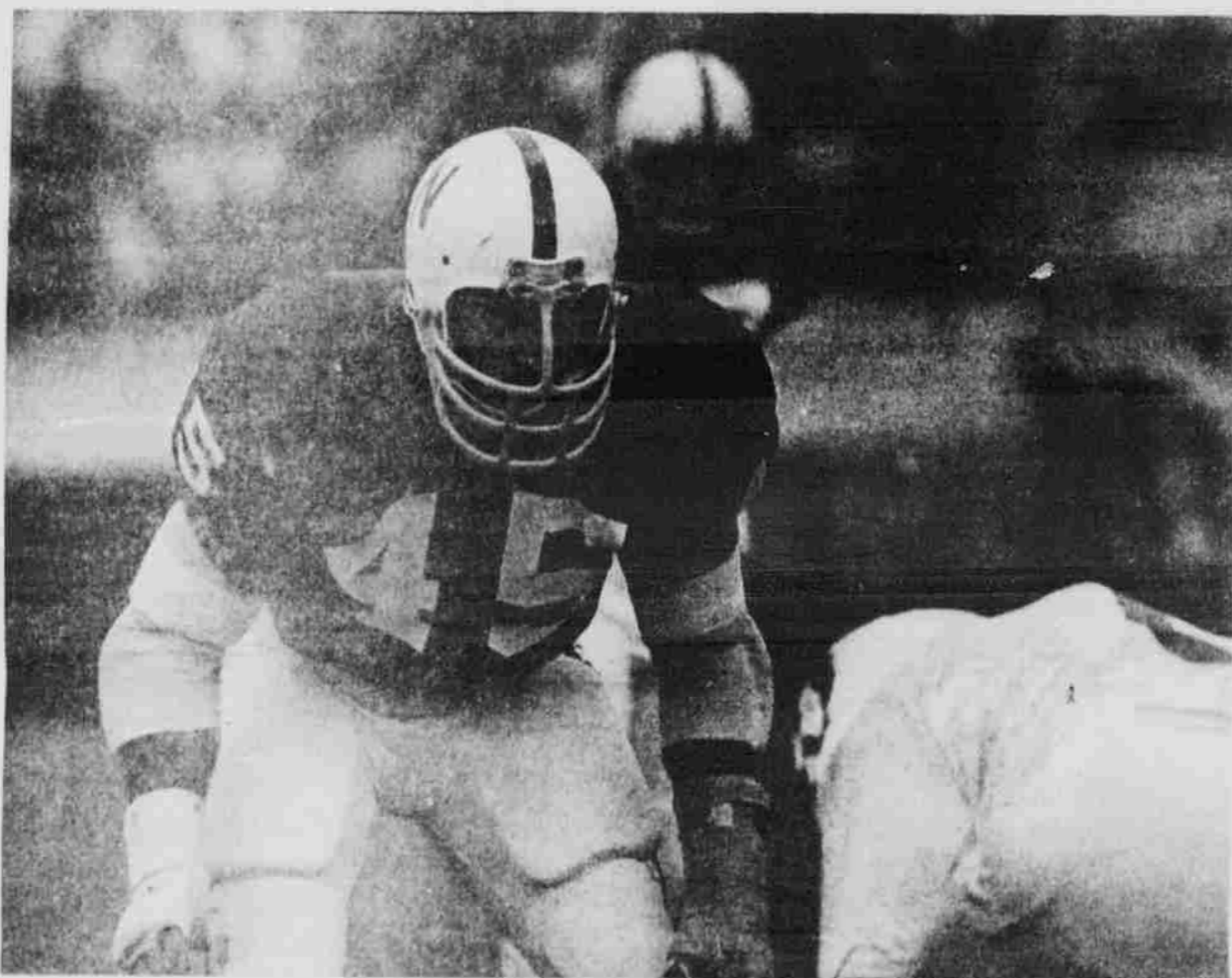
The frosh two-deep roster:

Offense:

Split end- Rocky Loken, Bob Folsom.  
Left tackle- Gary Herman, Dennis Clark.  
Left guard- John Minetti, Steve Markus.  
Center- Tom Davis, Mark Caha.  
Right Guard- Greg Jorgensen, Dan Miller.  
Right tackle- Bob Hayes, Larry Shupe.  
Tight end- Ken Spaeth, Bruce Maske.  
Quarterback- Randy Garcia, Ed Burns.  
I-back- Dave Gillespie, Jack Kelley.  
Wingback- Bob Folsom, Dale Zabrocki.  
Fullback- Jason Justice, Lindsay Kucera.

Defense:

Left end- Jim Wightman, Dave Timberley.  
Left tackle- Mike Fultz, Jeff Johnson.  
Middle guard- Jeff Pullen, Joe Coliura.  
Right tackle- Mike Clark, Gary Buttermore.  
Right end- Reg Gast, Tony Samuels.  
Linebacker- King Block, Ben Siebler.  
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Linebacker- Jeff Carpenter, Arty Semier.  
Monster- Larry Young, Tim Borg.  
Cornerback- Kent Smith, Brian Throlson.  
Cornerback- Kurt Stacey, Doug Forstrom.  
Safety- Rod Stovall, Larry Valasek.



Nebraska linebacker Tom Ruud concentrates on the next Wisconsin offensive play.

## Home ties make Gopher tilt important to UNL defenders

By Bill Bennet

For Nebraska starting linebackers Bob Nelson and Tom Ruud, Saturday's game against the Minnesota Gophers is not just another football contest. It's a vendetta.

Both men are from Minnesota. Nelson is from Stillwater and Ruud is from Bloomington.

"Because I am from Minnesota, it means I want to beat them all the more," said the 6 ft. 4 in., 233 lb. Nelson. After earning All-State honors at Stillwater High School, Nelson was heavily recruited by Minnesota and Nebraska.

He chose Nebraska and was a standout on the 1971 freshman team. Last year, as backup man to John Pitts, Nelson had 35 tackles, 17 of them unassisted. This year, after three games, Nelson has 16 tackles, eight of them unassisted.

Ruud's football career is similar to Nelson's. Ruud, 6 ft. 2 in., 216 lb., was an All-Stater at Jefferson High School and also was recruited by Minnesota and Nebraska.

As the starting fullback on the 1971 Husker freshmen squad, Ruud gained 86 yards on 15 carries and caught seven passes for 123 yards. He scored four touchdowns.

Last year, as backup man to Jim Branch, Ruud had 23 tackles, 17 of them unassisted. So far this year he has 19 tackles, 10 of them unassisted.

"I've been looking forward to playing

Minnesota for three years," Ruud said. "I know some of the guys on their team, and it's always nice to go up to Minneapolis and play before my parents."

Ruud said starting at linebacker for the first three games has been a learning experience.

"Every game I always pick up something new," he said. "Of course the most important thing is that we win as a team, not as individuals."

Linebacker coach Rick Duval said both men have "size, speed and dedication."

"The only thing they lack is experience," Duval said. "They didn't play as much last year as some persons think." Duval said that with the experience Nelson and Ruud get in the first four football games, they should be "pretty sound football players" when the Big Eight season starts. Nebraska's Big Eight opener is against Missouri Oct. 13.

Duval explained the difference between the strongside linebacker (Ruud) and the weakside linebacker (Nelson).

"The strongside linebacker must cover the curl area—the area inside the wide receiver," Duval said. "The weakside linebacker should be taller, because he has to be able to see over the offensive linemen to read the upcoming play."

Duval said both Nelson and Ruud could play either position because of their height and speed.

## Phi Delt strengthen hold on No. 1 rank

By Bob Hill

Phi Delta Theta, after crushing previously undefeated Alpha Tau Omega 47-18 Tuesday night, reaps Daily Nebraskan class A flag football team of the week honors.

Phi Delt quarterback Bill Hamick, after a tough first half with the ATOs, said his team "put everything together in the second half."

The Phi Delt scored 28 of the 34 second half points, solidifying their position as No. 1 in the weekly Daily Nebraskan poll of class A teams.

"Our game with the ATOs was the first time we really played together as a team this year," Hamick said. "If we are to repeat as All-University champions we must be much more consistent."

"Before we can think about All-University, however, we must win the fraternity championship, which is no easy task," he said.

Few games were played this week because of rainy weather, intramural coordinator Phil Sienna said.

Sienna said he hoped the weather would improve to avoid cutting the schedule short.

The complete top ten:

1. Phi Delta Theta (4-0)
2. Delta Upsilon (3-0)
3. Pro Students (3-0)
4. Harper IV (3-0)
5. Abel II (3-0)
6. Abel X (3-0)
7. Alpha Gamma Sigma (3-0)
8. Acacia (3-0)
9. Hawks (2-0)
10. Gus II (2-0)

Honorable mentions were earned by Schramm IV (2-0), Sigma Phi Epsilon (2-0), Raiders (2-0), Delta Tau Delta (2-0) and Alpha Tau Omega (2-1).

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