

## Davis satisfied with switch to fullback

Larry stunked on record

One of the biggest stories that has developed from UNL football drills this spring is the shifting of sophomore Tony Davis from I-back to fullback.

Davis, who last fall became the third Husker to gain more than 1,000 yards in a season, said he may not gain as much yardage at fullback as he did at I-back. Despite this fact, Davis said, "I like fullback; I didn't have any reservations at all about the change."

The toughest part of the adjustment, according to Davis, is the blocking. "But I've adjusted to that pretty well," he said.

"There's a lot more hitting at fullback," continued Davis, "but I got hit harder at I-back. The blocking assignments are easier, but execution is more important."

Davis admits that while his 5 ft. 11 in., 212 lb. frame may be to his advantage as a runner, it doesn't help his blocking.

"I should be bigger," he said.

The fullback spot was a concern at the beginning of spring practice. The graduation of Maury Damkroger and Ralph Powell, plus

the loss of Mike O'Holleran to medical school, left the position with no experienced returnees, and with three lettermen coming back at I-back, Husker Coach Tom Osborne suggested the switch to Davis.

While Osborne admits that Davis is now solid at fullback, his search for backup at the position still continues. The four athletes presently in contention for the spot, Jim Belka, Gary Higgs, Jason Justice and Lindsay Kucera, all will be sophomores next fall.

Again, it is blocking that seems to be the problem, as Osborne has commented favorably on the running ability of all four.

Belka, who practiced last week at the No. 2 spot, said it could be either of the four at second team and that "this blocking business" will be solved as each gains experience.

"Blocking is the toughest part of being a fullback," he continued. "You're always supposed to be hitting somebody. Around here, the fullback is expected to be tough, to knock the crap out of everybody else instead of getting the crap knocked out of him. You really take a beating."

## UNL halts loss string in baseball

The Husker baseball team broke a 5-game winless drought with an 8-3 victory over Drake University in the first game of a doubleheader Tuesday. In the nightcap, UNL's 3-run rally in the bottom of the seventh inning proved too little too late, as the Huskers bowed 6-5.

In the second game, UNL took a 1-run lead upon scoring two runs in the bottom of the second inning. Huskers Dick Anderson and Paul Haas led off the inning with singles, Bill Jadowski responded with a run producing sacrifice fly and Bryan Akisada contributed a single which scored Haas from second base.

Husker starting pitcher Randy Benish was replaced in the fourth inning by Larry Wetterberg. He was greeted by Bulldog designated hitter Mitch Wibler with a single and struck for a homerun by Greg Seyfer later that inning.

Drake was able to lengthen its lead over the Huskers to 6-2 by adding a pair of runs in the sixth inning aided by a Norm Glismann error.

A dramatic finale was set in the bottom of the seventh inning when, following a single by Sam Sharpe and Jim Smith being hit by a pitched ball, Glismann connected on a towering 3-run homer over the right field fence. This narrowed Drake's lead to one run at 6-5.

With one out, Drake hurler Paul Stefan delivered a base on ball to Anderson, who became the second out upon being caught in an attempt to steal second base. A walk was then given to Haas who was thrown out at home plate to end the game when he attempted to score from first base on a Jadowski single.

Wetterberg was the losing Husker pitcher, his record now stands at 1-3 on the year.

The score was tied 3-3 in the opening contest before UNL erupted for four runs in the fourth inning.

Ron Miltenberge and Jadowski led off that frame with singles for the Huskers. After Sharpe hit into a force at third, Doug Pillard walked to load the bases.

The first run then came home on an infield single by Gary Healey, which preceded a 2-run single by Jim Smith. Terry Dopp drove in a run with a sacrifice fly to end the scoring spree.

The Huskers added an insurance run in the sixth inning on a single by Bryant Akisada and a triple by Smith.

Denny O'Doherty hurled the first four innings to record his second victory of the year for the Huskers. Dave Buehrer shut out the Bulldogs over the last three innings to preserve the win.

UNL's record now stands at 8-24 on the year. Its next opponent will be the University of Kansas who will be here for a 3-game series Friday and Saturday.

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