

Luck's luck getting better

The consequences of Friday the 13ths, and spilled salt have come to Nebraska back-up quarterback Terry (bad) Luck in the form of knee operations—three of them.

Standout quarterback of the unbeaten freshman team of 1971, Luck was injured for the first time that spring. A knee operation to remove cartilage followed and Luck was redshirted his sophomore year. As luck would have it, Luck was hurt twice more—both knees—in practice.

Two more operations and a year of therapy followed. With the help of Boyd Epley, UNL weightlifting coach and Paul Schneider and George Sullivan, Cornhusker medical staff members, Luck said he thinks his performance is back to 100 per cent.

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"I've been hit hard in practice and in games," Luck said. He added that he doesn't worry about re-injury to his knees because he thinks they are completely healed.

Luck and his mended knees have been waiting patiently on the bench for a chance to prove themselves in Nebraska's world of winning.

That chance came last Saturday. For parts of two quarters against Northwestern, Luck was quarterback of the Big Red offensive unit. In his opinion he moved the team. In the crowd's opinion he moved the team. In Osborne's opinion he was re-benched so sopho-

more quarterback Earl Everett could have a second chance, after fumbling twice before. Everett responded, running well and scoring a touchdown.

"Every player wants to play, and to win," Luck said. "The prime objective is to win, however. If you don't get to play there's really not much you can do about it."

Luck said he respected Everett and had confidence in his talent. He said Everett feels the same way about him and his qualifications. All three quarterbacks—David Humm, Luck and Everett—are prepared equally for each Cornhusker game.

Of the Wisconsin defeat Luck said only that the game was over and Nebraska could have played better.

"We were the better club," he said. "We got some bad breaks and should have played better. That's all there really is to say."

Considering his chances of being top quarterback at some other college, Luck said, "Nebraska is where I want to be. I'd still come here if I had to choose again. I may try not to think about what might have happened if I hadn't been injured."

There are many good players on the bench at Nebraska and at any other major college, Luck said.

"Winning is the prime concern—and that's good." He said if a player isn't doing his job or is injured, another player just as good should be on the bench and ready to play.

As for being number one next fall, Luck said, "It's far from definite."

He added that the race was among Everett, Vince Ferragamo, a transfer student from Berkeley, Calif., Randy Garcia and freshman quarterback Tom Sorely.

NU vs. Minnesota

Frosh to call signals

Nebraska winds up its Big Ten schedule Saturday with a 1:30 contest against Minnesota. Both teams enter the game with 2-1 records.

The Golden Gophers will be without the services of quarterback Tony Dungy who suffered a knee bruise last weekend. Either Steve Olsen or Marc Trestman will inherit the signal-calling chores.

Whichever one gets the starting nod will likely also inherit a case of the butterflies since both are freshmen.

If Olsen or Trestman can carry out the process of a handoff they will be giving it to a dangerous man in Rich Upchurch.

Upchurch has averaged over eight yards a carry this fall and has been clocked at 4.2 in the 40 yard dash.

The Huskers will be trying to extend their nine game winning streak over Minnesota.

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Student lottery tickets for the Colorado migration game will go on sale at the South Stadium ticket office from 9 a.m. to 12 a.m. and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. next Monday through Wednesday. Groups will be limited to six persons. One member may apply for the entire group by presenting the I.D.'s of each student. Each student must pick up his own ticket and pay \$7 at the South Stadium office Oct. 14 to 16 during the hours mentioned above. Tickets not claimed by 4 p.m. Oct. 16 will be cancelled.



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Baseball in spotlight...

Playoffs Saturday

Opinion by Dennis Onnen

Baseball re-enters the national spotlight this weekend as both the National and American League playoffs begin Saturday. Baltimore, the hottest team in the majors, faces Oakland, World Series champion the past two years, in the American League. The National League features Pittsburgh against Los Angeles, the team with the best record in the majors. Both playoffs are best-of-five.

Balance was the key to success for both the Los Angeles Dodgers and the Oakland Athletics this year, and it should propel them into the World Series. The Dodgers appear to have the edge because of superior relief pitching, most notably Mike Marshall.

Marshall, a cinch to win the Cy Young Award as the league's outstanding pitcher, pitched in 105 games this season for a major league record. On the few occasions when Dodger starters were in trouble, Marshall was there to bail them out.

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Dodger standouts

Other Dodger standouts are Jimmy Wynn and Steve Garvey, who each had more than 100 runs batted in, and Bill Buckner, who hit .314 and sparked defensively. Andy Messersmith was one of the only two pitchers in the league to win 20 games.

The Pittsburgh Pirates have been hot with 11 victories in their last 15 games, but they still lack consistent pitching. Outfielders Al Oliver and Richie Zisk have carried the bulk of the hitting load with averages of .321 and .313, respectively.

In the last two World Series, Oakland has proven its ability to come through when the pressure is on. Superstar Reggie Jackson was Most Valuable Player in the Series last year and was the top vote-getter for this summer's All-Star Game. He is helped at the plate by sluggers Sal Bando and Joe Rudi, among the league leaders in runs batted in.

Unstoppable Orioles

Jim "Catfish" Hunter heads the Oakland mound staff. He led the majors in victories this season with 25. Bill North led the league in stolen bases with 53.

Finishing the season with nine straight victories, 16 in their last 18 games, the Baltimore Orioles appear unstoppable. However, look for Oakland pitching to stifle their relatively weak bats.

Mike Cuellar, a 22-game winner, leads the Oriole pitching staff, the team's strong unit. The return of former star pitcher Jim Palmer from an injury should help out.

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