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Missouri's David Larson [74] appeared to be practicing the broad jump over Husker tackle Marv Crenshaw during Nebraska's loss to the Tigers last Saturday.

Fans 'cure' Husker game woes

Opinion by Becky Morgan

A basic principle of football, be it high school, college or professional, is that losing games is directly proportional to losing fans. Nebraska's present situation is becoming proof of that hypothesis.

The Cornhuskers loss to Missouri (21-10) brought a barrage of colorful letters from fans about how the Huskers played. Very few players were safe from critical comments and coach Tom Osborne is probably making as few public appearances this week as possible.

Fan attendance at Nebraska practice sessions has declined since the Missouri loss. A much discussed topic on campus is how to coach the Cornhuskers. Everyone offers a solution to Nebraska's football woes.

Critical letters have hit the newspaper columns. It was announced Wednesday that Osborne cancelled his subscription to The Omaha World-Herald. Osborne's cancellation letter came two days after critical letters appeared in a Voice from

the Grandstand column written by Wally Provost.

Despite all the advice he's received, Osborne said he won't change the lineup for Kansas.

Nobody will be benched for their play in the loss last Saturday, Osborne added. He did mention, however, that if the players who didn't play well against Missouri have trouble again this Saturday, he would think about making some lineup changes.

Bob Martin will be back at his right end position after a knee injury kept him from play against Missouri. John O'Leary, although not scheduled to start, will be available for extensive play for the first time in four weeks.

Defensive players Ron Pruitt and Dave Butterfield may not be able to play Saturday because of injuries. If they can't play tackle Jerry Weid and cornerback Jim Burrows will replace them. Quarterback Dave Humm apparently is not bothered from last week's head jolt.

To all fair weather fans: The sun should be shining.

Winter sports start practice

Wrestler gets chance after two plagued seasons

Winter sports athletes officially began their practice grind Monday, and for wrestler Joe Carr that means one thing—the chance to prove himself after two injury-plagued seasons.

Carr, a junior, came to UNL with an impressive record. He compiled a perfect 24-0 mark and won the state championship in the 132-lb. weight class his senior year at Lincoln East High School.

The summer after he graduated, he won the National Junior AAU Championship for wrestlers 19 and under.

All that pointed to continued success in college, and Carr quickly won the starting position at 142 lbs. his freshman year. He had a 10-7 mark going into the consolation finals of the Sunshine Invitational in Miami. There his season came to an abrupt halt.

'Arm buckled'

"The other guy picked me up and tried to take me onto the mat," Carr said. "When I tried to catch myself, my arm buckled the wrong way."

The result was a dislocated and cracked

left elbow and a broken wrist. His elbow problems carried over, both physically and mentally, into his sophomore year.

"I had a poor season last year," he said. "I couldn't seem to get things together."

His problems began in the second tournament when he twisted his ankle, which

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put him out of action for two weeks. When he came back, he discovered the doctors had placed the nerve endings in his elbow in an exposed area when they reset it.

"When I got bumped or grabbed in just the right place, the strength in my arm would leave," Carr said. "It was like a crazy bone, but a little more extreme."

Favored left arm

Before long, he said he was favoring his left arm which led to another injury. Calcium deposits developed in his right shoulder.

Carr said the elbow injury affected him mentally by making him more cautious. He taped his elbow, more for psychological reasons than physical ones, he said. That crutch will be gone this year.

When he is wrestling, Carr said he tries to pin his opponent only if the opportunity presents itself. Some wrestlers want to pin their opponents at any cost, he said.

"They overexpose themselves and end up losing sometimes," he said. "My philosophy is to go for the win by points first."

Free of injuries and with a more positive attitude, Carr is hoping wins and pins will come more frequently this year.

In my column last week, Beth Pillen was identified mistakenly as the women's field hockey player who advanced to the sectional tournament last season. Julie Dewing was the one who advanced.

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