

## Bahe prefers wing back position

In the course of his UNL college football career, Ritch Bahe, has been progressively toned down.

A candidate for Nebraska Prep Athlete of the Year, Bahe dazzled the fans of Fremont High School with his footwork and speed in punt returning. Bahe had several punt returns for touchdowns as a Husker freshman.

An understudy to Johnny Rodgers his sophomore year, Bahe got few chances to display his talents.

"Rodgers was an individual," Bahe said. "He didn't say a whole lot to me, but I learned quite a bit from just observing him in action."

Bahe said punt return execution is his best play. Bahe also added he thought the punt return option was his highest scoring threat.

### Wingback, split end positions

Ironically, head coach Tom Osborne moved Bahe from the punt returning position to wingback before the 1973 football season started. He started in the first contest of the season and maintained his spot. Bahe said he liked the position not only because he could catch the ball but because blocking and running plays were an important part of the position.

At the start of this season, Bahe was moved to split end by Osborne. Blocking is less a part of the position and Bahe does not run the ball at all.

Bahe said he prefers the wingback position, but is currently working to improve himself at split end.

Bahe said he believed the Huskers

played their best game of the season against Kansas.

"We had to prove to ourselves and our fans that we were still a good football team," Bahe said. He had four receptions in the game.

### Morale boosted

Bahe said that the Kansas win could prove to be the turning point in the Cornhuskers' season.

"We could easily be 6-0, but we aren't," he added. Bahe said it was evident that team play hadn't been up to par this season but the Kansas win seemed to boost morale.

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"I don't think we lack depth as a team," Bahe added. "I feel our season will improve."

Bahe said to look for more passing in the Oklahoma State game.

With the present college football situation shaping up around upsets, Bahe said he thought any bowl game appearance was in reach of the Huskers.

"Preferably the Orange Bowl," he added.

Ten pass receptions are credited to Bahe's record for the '74 season. He has carried the ball seven times for 20 yards.

"I'm still looking for that touchdown pass," he said.

## Husker cager pleased with UNL atmosphere

By Larry Stunkel

There's a big difference between the bustling urbanity of Washington, D.C. and the atmosphere in Lincoln.

Nobody can tell you better than freshman basketball hopeful Eric Coard of Washington—that's why he chose to play basketball at UNL.

"The coaches really seemed interested in me as a person, and the environment is a big change," Coard said. "In Washington there were a lot of things you put down, but people are nicer here."

Coard played prep ball at DeMatha High School near Washington, a school noted for its winning tradition, and for the fact that every senior on the team in the past 15 years has received a college basketball scholarship.

### 'Winning spirit'

"Eric has had the best competition of any high school guard we've been associated with," Husker coach Joe Cipriano said earlier this fall.

Coard played on the DeMatha varsity his junior year with Adrian Dantley, a stand-out at Notre Dame, and helped the team to records of 29-1 and 26-5.

"I guess you could say I have a winning spirit," Coard said. "I'll try and encourage our team to win."

The closeness of the team also has impressed Coard.

"Everybody on the team jokes around a lot," he said. "There are about eight guys on the team that do everything together."

Coard said the older players on the team have helped him, in that "the coaches are on my back right now, but the seniors told me they do that because they're concerned."

Coard acknowledged he has taken some criticism, but he is learning from it and it's helping him.

### Likes grade emphasis

He said the program here is what he expected, and he likes the style of play.

"There is ball control, but we'll run if we get the chance to," Coard said.

Coard also said he likes the emphasis placed on grades here.

"When I first came out they took me to the academic counselor, who is really nice and has helped me," Coard said. "They want us to maintain at least a 2.7 grade average."

Even though Coard said he hasn't seen any of the other basketball teams in the Big 8, he said the Huskers could be a team that could play with anybody.

"We got the material to do it," he said.

## sports shorts

The UNL rowing team left Wednesday for the Head of the Charles Regatta in Boston, Mass. The races Sunday are expected to be the world's largest regatta in history.

Entries for the following Intramural Sports are due in the Recreation Office, 1740 Vine St. at 4:30 p.m. on Friday: water basketball; men's volleyball; and paddleball singles. Entries for co-rec basketball are due Wednesday.

The UNL soccer team travels to Lawrence Saturday to take on the Kansas University soccer team.

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