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Scrimmage brings bruises

By Scott Jones

Bob Martin did something Wednesday in Nebraska's first major football scrimmage of spring practice that UNL coaches like to see.

What he did, in football lingo, was "stick his nose in there." Unfortunately Martin had on a borrowed helmet—his was damaged—without a protective nosepiece and he was rewarded for his aggressiveness with a cut on the bridge of his nose.

Martin, a senior defensive end, was one of several Huskers with bruises after what coach Tom Osborne called a good-hitting session.

"Overall it was a good scrimmage from the standpoint of effort and hitting," Osborne said. "There was real good hitting up on those first two units."

Strained knee

Trainer Paul Schneider said linebacker Jim Belka's strained right knee was the only major injury although "it isn't strained enough to be torn," he said.

There were four 60-yard scoring drives in the two-and-one-half hour session. Each series of downs began at the offense's 40-yard line.

Fullback Tony Davis scored from the 14-yard line for the first offense against the second defense.

After the second offense, with Vince Ferragamo and Ed Burns alternating at quarterback, failed to score on the first defense, sophomore I-back Curtis Craig scored from three yards out for the third-string offense.

40-yard pass

A 40-yard pass completion from Randy Garcia to Rocky Loken was the big play in that drive against the third defense.

The first offense, with Terry Luck at quarterback, then ground out a score against the first defense. Dodie Donnell, substituting for

Davis at fullback, scored from the two.

Burns then found Bobby Thomas wide open in the end zone on an 18-yard toss for the second offense against the second defense to complete the scoring.

Moments before that score, Ferragamo directed the second unit to the five-yard line where he fumbled after colliding with linebacker Jim Wightman. Both players, especially Wightman, rose slowly.

"I think Vince is pretty tough," Osborne said. "I don't think any of our five quarterbacks will back away from contact."

In addition to Luck, Ferragamo, Burns, Garcia and sophomore Tom Sorley directed the fourth unit.

Osborne said he was pleased with his first units.

"I think the first offensive line did pretty well. They were fairly consistent," he said.

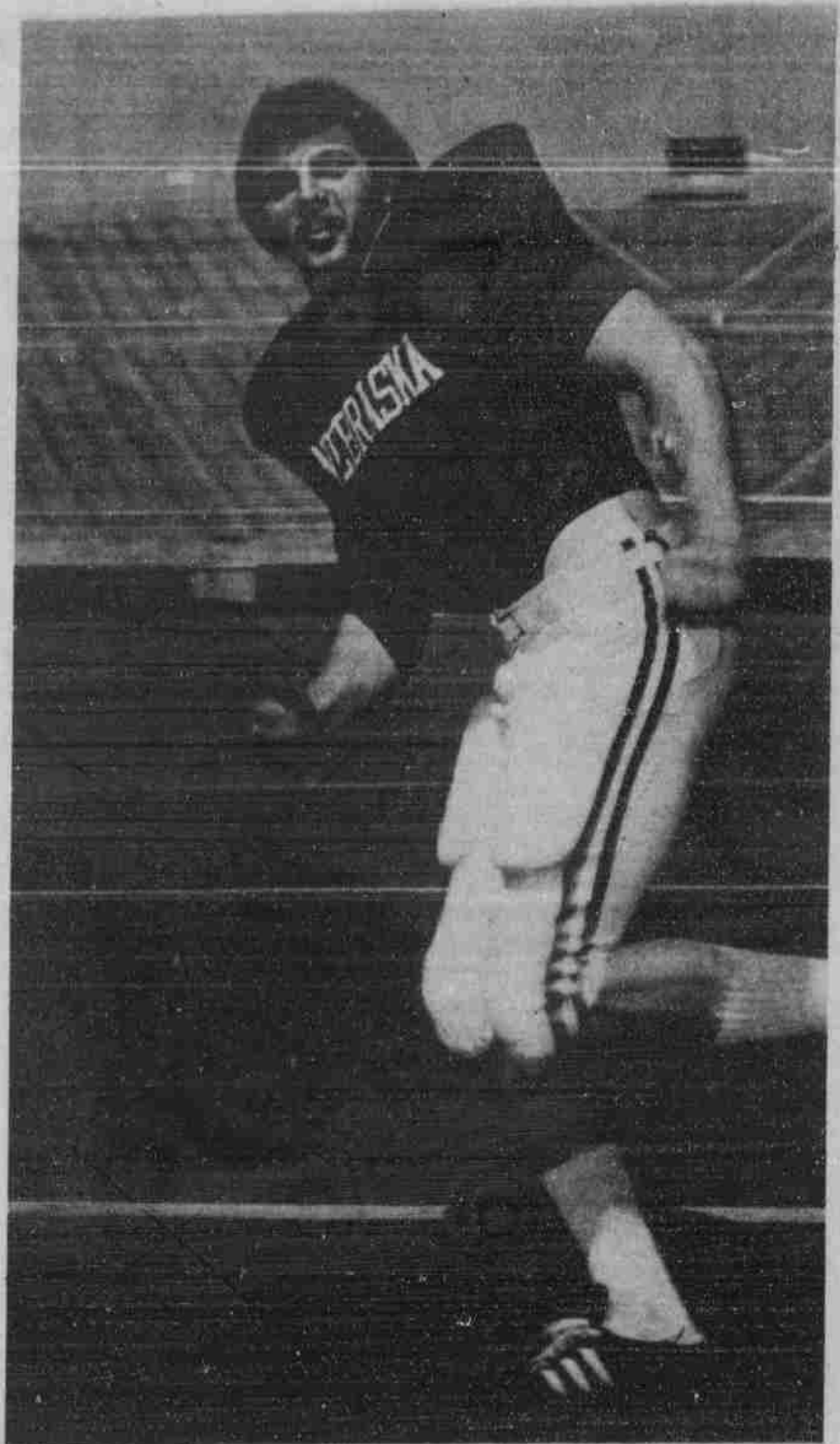
Need time together

"They need time together because an offensive line is like a basketball team. They have to play together.

"I think the first defense will be pretty good as soon as we get set on our linebackers," he said. Linebackers Percy Eichelberger, Cletus Piller, Belka, Larry Young, Randy Lessman and Wightman all played with the top two units at times.

Osborne said some changes probably would be made after the scrimmage films are reviewed. "I'm sure there will be some changes made because now we have a lot of film to work with."

Earl Everett, Mike Fultz, Dave Gillespie, Dave Shamblin, Darrell Walton and Gary Higgs missed Wednesday's scrimmage with various ailments. Schneider said Fultz and Gillespie should be ready for the second full-scale scrimmage Saturday at 1:30 p.m.



Husker defensive end Bob Martin got a cut nose as a reward for his efforts in Wednesday's scrimmage. The football team will scrimmage again Saturday at 2 p.m.

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Ray Koziol, a sophomore at UNL, placed sixth in the finals of the 1975 Association of College Unions-International (ACUI) Bowling Championships Sunday in Dayton, Ohio. Koziol rolled 530 in singles competition and 640 in the doubles for a ten-game combined total of 1,873.



Ray Koziol

UNL's women's track team defeated Doane and Concordia in a triangular meet Wednesday at Ed Weir Track.

Mary Lou Jasnock of Doane highlighted the meet sprinting to an :11.0 time in the 100-yard dash.

The Huskers scored 69 points by winning eight of the 15 events. Doane scored 40 points for second followed by Concordia with 24.

Traveling to Kansas for duals with Kansas University and Kansas State Wednesday and Thursday, UNL's tennis team tried to raise its season mark above .500 after losing to Oklahoma (5-0) Friday and Missouri (9-0) last Saturday. The team's next meet will be Tuesday against Washburn University in Topeka, Kan.

Out to improve a third place finish in the event last year, the UNL golf team is competing in the Great Plains Invitational in

Wichita, Kan. today.

The track team travels to El Paso, Texas for a dual with the University of Texas at El Paso, Saturday.

The UNL Rodeo Association will conduct its charity rodeo today and Saturday at the State Fair Grounds.

Men will compete in bareback riding, saddle bronc, bull riding, calf and team roping and bulldogging. Women compete at barrel racing, goat-tying and breakaway roping.

UNL's soccer team plays Creighton University Saturday at 10 a.m. at Memorial Stadium. Sunday, they travel to Manhattan, Kan. for a match with Kansas State at 1:30 p.m.

Notre Dame will invade Capitol Beach for a Saturday afternoon meet with the UNL Varsity Crew, starting at 1 p.m.

Team wants to beat weather, too

Huskers host Tigers in doubleheader

By Larry Stunkel

When Missouri's baseball team comes to Lincoln today for a doubleheader with the UNL baseball team, the Huskers will be trying to continue one streak and trying to break another.

After sweeping a three-game series from Oklahoma State last weekend, the Huskers want to keep their unbeaten Big 8 record intact against Missouri, who is 1-2 in conference play.

But the team will also try to break a three-day cancellation spell caused by this week's weather. As a result of rain, a doubleheader against Buena Vista College was cancelled after first being postponed three times.

Weather slows softball play; teams to begin swinging soon

The Bongs, Wild Cherry and Chicago Coltrane are groups at UNL with something in common: (Hint: they're all swingers who play very well together.)

Rock music? Wrong. Softball? Right. As any team that has played one of the three teams the last two or three years could attest, members of these teams are swingers who do play well together.

The Bongs have won the men's intramural fast-pitch softball championship the last three years. Chicago Coltrane has won the men's slow-pitch title each of the two years the game has been played at UNL. The same is true for Wild Cherry, the two-time defending Co-Rec champions.

Inclinate weather

Because of wet, windy weather, the teams have not been able to defend their titles this year. Tournaments in the four divisions: men's fast and slow-pitch, Co-Rec slow-pitch and women's slow-pitch, were to start last Tuesday but no games have been played.

Ken Navratil, pitcher and manager of the Bongs, said his team's chances of retaining the title are "real good." "We're the team to beat."

Pitch important

He said that good pitching is tremendously important in fast-pitch softball. "Two years ago when we won it nobody even scored on us," he said. "With a good pitcher you can really walk away with it."

Pitching isn't nearly as important in slow-pitch, according to Keith Dietze, manager and pitcher of Chicago Coltrane.

Chicago Coltrane has yet to be beaten since slow-pitch was introduced to UNL two years ago, Dietze said. Like the Bongs, members of Chicago Coltrane play in the same slow-pitch league in the summer. Most of the members are from Waverly.

Dietze said the team's chances of repeating as champions are good. "I think they're pretty good because a lot of it is experience and from last year we only lost three players," he said.

Five members of Chicago Coltrane also play on Wild Cherry, champion of the Co-Rec, or mixed men's and women's league.

Fields wet

Gale Wiedow, intramural coordinator, said 34 men's fast-pitch teams have registered, 56 men's slow-pitch, 8 women's slow-pitch and 47 Co-Rec teams.

He said games will begin as soon as fields dry. Games rained out will be moved back a day. If postponements continue, he said, games also may be played on weekends instead of just on Monday through Thursday as originally planned.

The four tournaments are arranged so every team plays at least two games, Wiedow said. If a team wins its first game then loses, it is out of the tournament. If a team loses its first game, it enters the losers bracket where it must continue to win to remain in the competition.

Husker coach Tony Sharpe said he hopes his team continues the power hitting displayed against OSU, but would like less of the dramatics. The team won two of the games with runs in the bottom of the ninth inning.

Finishing third in the conference last year with a 28-14 record, Missouri has the most conference championships (13) to its credit.

But the Tigers are off to a slow start. They lost two of their first three conference games and are behind the third place Huskers in team hitting, seventh in team fielding and last in team pitching with a 9.87 ERA.

However, the Tigers feature two of the conference's leading hitters. Outfielder

Jim Werner leads the Big 8 in the batting with a .571 average; first baseman Mike Lally is sixth with a .444 mark.

For the Huskers, pitchers Jerry Yingling and Boyd Batenhorst are among individual pitching leaders with a 0.00 ERA. Center fielder Paul Hass, designated hitter Steve McManaman and left fielder Ron Miltenberger are tied for the Husker team hitting lead with a .400 average.

As a team, the Huskers are third in the conference in hitting, fielding and pitching with percentages of .308, .964 and 3.00, respectively.

Today's doubleheader will start at 1:30 p.m. at the diamond behind Ed Weir Track. Saturday the Huskers and Tigers will play a single game starting at 1 p.m.