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## Improved defense key for upset-minded Hoosiers

By Jim Hunt

Indiana, fresh from a 20-14 upset victory over Minnesota, will bring an experienced football squad to Memorial Stadium.

Third year coach Lee Corso has 47 returning lettermen from last year's Hoosier team which finished with a 1-10 record.

"This is a good football team with more of everything that it takes to win," Corso said. "Barring injuries, the team we put on the field this year will be a good football team.

"Defense is the key to winning more games. Any improvements we make as a team will be primarily through defensive improvements."

### Defense switch

Because the strength at the linebacking positions, Corso was able to shift from a 5-2 to a 4-3 defense which he used his first year at Indiana.

Returning at linebackers are Craig Brinkman and all-American candidate Donny Thomas, who collected 141 and 134 tackles respectively last season.

The defensive line will be anchored by senior Greg McGuire who was moved from offensive tackle to defensive tackle.

### New offensive look

Offensively the Hoosiers will have a new look also.

This year they will run out of a Pro-set, using split backs instead of the Pro-I used last season.

Corso plans a more balanced attack this year instead of relying heavily on one back.

Returning stars are Terry Jones, the leading passer last season in the Big Ten and all-Big 10 running back Courtney Snyder, who averaged 129.6 yards per game.

The receivers are led by senior split end Trent Smock, who caught 31 passes and lead the league with seven touchdown receptions last season.

### Line losses

The offensive line suffered heavy losses from graduation and the move of McGuire to defense.

However, the return of three-year starter Jim Shuck at center, and the switch of Don Schanz and Russ Compton from middle guard to offensive guard has left the line positions well manned.

"Indiana looks very good on defense," UNL head coach Tom Osborne said. "I would be worried if their defense is as good as LSU's, because I think Indiana has a better offense than LSU. Indiana is by no means a bad defensive club."

Senior Terry Luck will start at quarterback this week, but Osborne said he would like to give some of the other quarterbacks playing time.

### Didn't fumble

Osborne said he thought Luck did a reasonably good job considering he hadn't started a game in four years. He pointed out that Luck didn't fumble the ball or have any passes intercepted. He said it also was important to realize that Vince Ferragamo hasn't played in a game in more than

a year.

Another offensive plus will be the return of all-America center Rik Bonness, who was held out of last week's game because of a knee injury.

Also returning will be two starters, defensive end Ray Phillips and safety Jim Burrow. Phillips and Burrow along with Ferragamo and defensive tackle Dean Gissler were ineligible last week because of a one game suspension imposed by the NCAA.

Osborne said that Burrow received a hairline fracture of a finger on his right hand Tuesday but added he should be

ready to go by Saturday.

The return of Phillips to his left defensive end position allows senior Bob Martin to return to the right end position.

Another offensive change promoted senior John O'Leary to the starting I-back position replacing Monte Anthony.

Bobby Thomas who returned seven punts for 89 yards last Saturday will handle that chore again this week.

This will be the first meeting between the two teams since 1959 when Indiana defeated Nebraska 23-7. Indiana leads the series 9-3-3.



Photo by Ted Kirk

This tangled mass of arms and bodies is really the UNL rugby team against Creighton last Saturday. The team travels to Omaha Saturday for a match after winning 49-9 last weekend.

## Indiana students stage thumb-race to Lincoln

"Operation Touchdown" certainly isn't *Around the World in 80 Days*, but it could turn out to be a great race for six Indiana University (IU) students.

"Operation Touchdown" is a hitchhiking race from Bloomington, Ind. to Lincoln between six students divided into two teams. Each will try to reach Lincoln first, in time for Saturday's UNL-Indiana football game.

The two teams left Bloomington with police escort Thursday at 4 p.m. with much support from local citizens and students.

The teams, as of Thursday afternoon, had received \$230 for the trip, including \$150 from the Indiana University Student Foundation and \$5 or \$10 donations from Bloomington businesses.

A local Volkswagen dealer loaned the teams a van to return to Bloomington. A local sporting goods store donated T-shirts and the McDonald's food chain in Bloomington gave food for the team members.

### Send-off prayer

I.U. President John Ryan and the I.U. marching band were at the teams' send-off along with a chaplain who gave a prayer, according to Bill Shipton, one of the team members.

The two teams, "Big Road" and "Hurricane Hitters", each were given a

football by Hoosier football coach Lee Corso. The winning team will have its pigskin used in at least one play of Saturday's game.

Finishing line of the race will be Uncle Sam's at 25th and O streets where the members of the winning team will issue a challenge to UNL students for next season when the Huskers play at Indiana. A trophy will also be presented.

"Big Road" participants are: Dale Martin, Denton, Ark., Meredith Strohm, Boston, Mass., and Bill Shipton, Green Mountain, Iowa.

The team members of the "Hurricane Hitters" are: Ellen Epstein, Indianapolis, Ind., John Gunn, South Bend, Ind., and Steve Fahnstock, Springfield, Ohio.

Shipton said the idea was initiated while brainstorming ways to reach the goal.

"Since we didn't have much money, someone suggested we hitchhike, and someone else mentioned we should make it into a race," Shipton said. "The idea just snowballed from there."

"Coach Corso really got fired up over the idea. There is a lot of interest in the football program at Indiana this year. We wouldn't be coming down if we didn't think we could win," he said.

Corso also supplied the teams with tickets to Saturday's game.

## Women's volleyball coach feels increased pressure

By Susie Reitz

With an expanded women's Athletic Dept. and talk of "high level competition" and "winning seasons," Pat Sullivan, UNL women's volleyball coach, said she feels a lot more pressure to win.

"Most of the pressure on me is internal," she said, "I haven't had any ultimatums or anything, but there's a general feeling we're expected to do good."

The volleyball team faces its first contest Saturday against Concordia. The JV's play at 9:30 a.m. and varsity at 10:15 in Women's P.E. Bldg. 133.

Last year, Sullivan's first year coaching UNL volleyball, the teams compiled an 18-6 record.

Sullivan said this year, with an expanded schedule and more out of state competition, the team will face tougher contests.

"I don't know how good some of the teams will be," Sullivan said. "We've never played them. But I'm planning on getting

a chance to see some of them in action before we play them."

The team will go to Seward Monday to see Kearney State play Concordia, she said.

Returning starters include Jan Zink, Janice Kruger, Susie Heiser, Laury Harmon, Tina Richardson and Paula Walberg. Linda Brown and Nancy Hamilton will see a lot of action as substitutes, Sullivan said.

Kruger and Richardson are spiker/setters, Sullivan said. Hamilton and Harmon will be setters and Zink, Walberg, Heiser, and Brown are spikers.

Sullivan said lack of scrimmage practice could hurt the team.

"We've scrimmaged in practice this week, but didn't much before," Sullivan said. "We also had an exhibition match in York Tuesday, which took its toll on the girls."

The team has had no problem with injuries aside from Kruger's chronic shoulder problem, Sullivan said.

## Weightlifting Club adds equipment, competition

By Pete Wegman

Hercules is in the weightlifting room in the Field House.

Although none of the members of UNL's Weightlifting Club possess the mythical strength of Hercules, he's still in the Field House—or at least a 10-foot statue of him is.

The statue looks down on what is probably the finest collegiate weightlifting facility in the nation, according to Weightlifting Club coach Donn Swanbom.

Swanbom, a senior physical education major in his first year as the club's coach, said the club hopes to build itself into a national weightlifting power.

"The NCAA doesn't hold a national meet, but the Amateur Athletic Union (AAU) does," Swanbom said. "We're still pretty young, but we could have some freshmen who could make it (to the meet)

in a few years."

### Membership open

According to Toby Beck, the club's publicity director, the 30-member club is open to any UNL student, male or female. Beck said one woman was a club member last year.

"It was more of a club-type deal last year, not too serious," Beck said. "We're trying to get away from that this year with stricter competition and weight programs."

Club members pay a \$10 per year membership fee. The club also received more than \$400 from student activities fees this year.

Previously, the money went for coaching, but this year it will be used for new equipment.

"I think the new equipment is more important than me getting paid right," Swanbom said.

Swanbom, who has been lifting for two years, said that weightlifting can be beneficial to an individual.

"Weightlifting's not only good for one's personal well-being, it also helps develop confidence," he said. "Self-improvement also is an ego trip for anyone."

The club has diversified and will participate in both Olympic and powerlifting competition, according to Swanbom.

"We wanted more diversification to break the monotony of a single season," he said.

Olympic lifting, with nine weight classes, involves the snatch and clean-and-jerk lifts. Most Olympic lift competition is in the fall.

Power lifting consists of the bench press, squats and the dead weight lift and has 10 weight classes. Power lifting

competition takes place in the spring.

### Form important

"Olympic lifting is almost all form and involves much more weight being lifted," he said. "It takes five to seven years to become a good Olympic lifter."

The club will sponsor four meets this year: an intramural and open Olympic and power-lift meets.

The first meet, an intramural Olympic contest, will be Oct. 21 and 22 in the Field House.

Swanbom gives much of the credit for the rejuvenated club to UNL strength coach Boyd Epley.

"Boyd has really helped us out. He's been the spark of the team," he said.

Club members practice Monday, Wednesday and Friday evenings from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.