



Photo by Ted Kirk

Senior fullback Tony Davis moved into second place on the Huskers' all-time rushing list Saturday with a 76-yard performance in the 12-0 win over Kansas State.

Heiser aims for goal post now, medical school later

By Scott Jones

Tom Heiser knows what he wants out of life and is willing to work for it.

His coach says so, his football teammates know it and Heiser's conduct shows it.

"Tommy Heiser's quite a guy," said wingback and tight end coach said John Melton. Heiser, a senior wingback from Columbus, knows what he wants out of life. He's going to medical school.

"The kids call him Mr. Business," Melton said, "because he plays hard and practices hard."

Heiser alternates at wingback with Curtis Craig after subbing for Don Westbrook last year and Rich Bahe the year before.

Heiser averages 6.5-yards rushing on 20 carries and has caught six passes for 81 yards.

"I haven't gotten to do that much with the ball, but the times I have been called upon, I've done a good enough job," Heiser said.

"I think I've definitely improved as a pass receiver, but I think I can get a lot better."

Melton agreed with the first assessment.

Good blocker

"He's playing so much better than last year," Melton said. "He's certainly improved a lot in his pass catching and he's always been a pretty good blocker."

Heiser has started the last three games in place of injured Craig, but his biggest game was probably against Texas Christian, Nebraska's third opponent.

He scored his first touchdown as a varsity Husker on a 33-yard reverse and led the team in rushing with 59 yards.

'Gentleman's sport' rugby has most successful year

By Pete Wegman

The philosophy of rugby is to go out, crack heads, party and get to know the other team after the game. That's why it's called the gentleman's sport."

That statement by R.J. Neary, UNL rugby club captain, typifies the English-born sport which is in its third and most successful year at UNL.

"Rugby just gets in your blood," said Dan Nelson, the club's publicity chairman. "People think we're some kind of ruffians and eat our dead. That's not true, but I guess it takes a specific mentality to play rugby."

"This is the best year as far as the organization, number of members (about 35 active members), and team spirit goes,"

Neary said. "We've done a good job recruiting and keeping interest in the club high."

Nelson agrees.

"We have the capability to win the Big 8 next spring," Nelson said.

Adequate field

Despite the members' optimism, the club encountered problems this fall, including finding an adequate playing field.

The club played its home matches on the Women's P.E. Field, shorter and narrower than a regulation size rugby field, with a fence along one sideline.

A Creighton player received seven stitches when he was bumped into the fence in an earlier match, Nelson said.

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Eyes on KSU, ears in Oklahoma

Analysis by Susie Reitz

Eyes in the Kansas State (KSU) stadium at Manhattan may have been on the UNL-KSU football game Saturday, but ears were tuned in to radios broadcasting the Kansas-Oklahoma game in Norman, Okla.

Midway through the fourth quarter in Manhattan, the crowd (which included 16,000 Nebraska fans), applauded en masse when the 23-3 KU win over the Sooners was announced.

Meanwhile, the Huskers played what Coach Tom Osborne called "a great football game defensively, but disappointing offensively, and defeated the Wildcats 12-0.

"I was afraid of a letdown," Osborne said, "but the main thing is we didn't get beat."

Defense strong

"K-State's defense was pretty much on par with the way our defense has played this year," he continued. "They played well and can play defense with any team in the conference."

Nebraska's defense, which held KSU to 131 total yards, was led by linebackers Clete Pillen and Jim Wightman, who had 15 and 14 tackles, respectively.

The Husker secondary limited the Wildcats to 47 yards passing and monsterback Kent Smith intercepted a third quarter pass to set up the Huskers' final scoring drive.

Bright spots for the Husker offense were sophomore linebacker Monte Anthony's 107 yards rushing and fullback Tony Davis's move into second place on the Nebraska all-time rushing list.

Kinney first

Davis rushed for 76 yards Saturday, bringing his career

total to 2,259 yards, 161 short of all-time leader Jeff Kinney.

Offensively, the Huskers had 372 yards total offense—267 yards rushing and 105 passing.

Nebraska scored on its first possession of the game, marching 79 yards in 16 plays as quarterback Vince Ferragamo capped the drive with an 8-yard pass to Davis.

The Huskers scored again in the first quarter when a 28-yard Ferragamo to Thomas pass set up Mike Coyle's 24-yard field goal, giving the Huskers a 9-0 halftime lead.

Coyle added another field goal with 8:28 left in the third quarter to complete the Husker scoring.

The Wildcats had several injured players, including quarterback Joe Hatcher and linebacker Carl Pennington, who played despite ailments. Freshman James Mack replaced Hatcher in the third quarter, and the converted defensive back led Wildcat rushers with 45 yards.

Wanted to run

"We switched them (Mack in place of Hatcher) to give Joe (Hatcher) a break," said KSU head coach Ellis Rainsberger. "We wanted to try and run (the quarterback) some."

Mistakes were fairly evenly distributed between the teams. Nebraska had four penalties for 54 yards, the Wildcats had five penalties for 59 yards. Each team fumbled once, but Nebraska lost its bobble.

"I was disappointed we hadn't improved from last week," Osborne said. "In fact we may have gone backwards. We've got our work cut out for us against Iowa State."

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The Lincoln Journal-Star said Sunday that ABC television has booked 40 rooms in a local hotel, causing speculation that next weekend's UNL-Iowa State football game may be telecast regionally.

Husker athletic director Bob Devaney was quoted in the story as having no knowledge of ABC plans for televising the event.

UNL's soccer team closed its season Saturday with a 2-1 win over York College in Memorial Stadium. Husker goals were scored by Luciano Medel and Rob Babcock. The team finished with a 9-2-1 record.

The UNL women's volleyball team won the Jayhawk Invitational in Lawrence, Kan., Saturday, defeating host Kansas University 15-4, 3-15 and 15-1. The win brings the team's season mark to 25-8.

Kansas State University's (KSU) football team may have finished second this weekend, but the UNL crew found KSU's Wildcat hosts a little tougher in a Saturday morning regatta held in Manhattan.

The Husker crews finished behind KSU rowers in every event except the single sculls, which Husker assistant coach Mark Stormberg won.

Pheasant hunting opener better than last year's

By Jim Hunt

Most hunters had better luck during this year's opening weekend (Nov. 1-2) of pheasant season than during the 1974 opening weekend, the chief of the Nebraska Game and Parks Wildlife Division said Friday.

Hunters averaged .9 pheasants each last weekend compared to .8 last year, according to Ken Johnson.

The figures are based on reports from nine check stations across the state, Johnson said. About 3,000 hunters checked in last weekend.

"The pheasant season was good the first weekend," Johnson said. "The number of birds shot is up about 11 per cent, which is surprising considering the pheasant population is down 20 per cent from last season."

Good weather, which has allowed a greater percentage of the harvest to be completed, has contributed to early success, he said.

More walking

Hunters are walking more this year because much of the corn is down and the birds stay back from the road, he said.

Pheasant hunting success usually drops after the first weekend, when most of the hunting is done, he said. The dedicated hunters, those willing to get out and walk, get most of the birds after that, he said.

Quail activity and luck declined during the opening weekend of quail season (Nov. 1-Jan. 11), Johnson said.

Only the Syracuse check station gets a lot of activity, he said. Reports from there show hunters are averaging 2.3 quail per hunter, down eight per cent from last year.

The state's quail population suffered a

16 per cent drop this year.

Fair success

Duck hunters were fairly successful during the season's first nine days (Oct. 4-12) in the eastern part of the state, Johnson said. The main problem has been no big movement of ducks into the state, he said.

"Usually Nebraska issues about 135,000 hunting licenses a year," Johnson said. "Most of these go to pheasant hunters. I wouldn't be surprised to see this figure drop this year because of the decrease in the pheasant population."

The Panhandle suffered a 40 per cent pheasant decrease because of last winter's storms. The area is closed this year, he said.

Earlier this fall, the Game and Parks Commission received a request from some outstate ranchers to postpone starting pheasant season because of dry conditions that increased the chance of fire.

It snowed

The commission was about to act on the request when a snow storm hit western Nebraska, he said. Despite the added moisture, the chance of fire danger is still high, Johnson said.

"Hunters aren't the only cause of fires," he said. "It is hard to stop hunting season once it has been set up, because of the difficulty in advising people of the change."

Johnson said no fires have been reported yet this season.