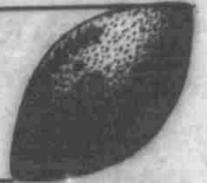


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Husker freshmen charges groomed for performing football fundamentals

By Jim Kay

The job of grooming UNL football players into All-Americans must begin somewhere, and somewhere is usually in the hands of freshman football coach Guy Ingles.

"The first thing we try to do is teach fundamentals," Ingles said. "Fundamentals may differ at different high schools so we try to mold out team into two units at offense and defense. We also try to stay basic and not throw too much at them at first."

Ingles said the freshman team has about one-third less plays than the varsity and fewer defensive formations.

Ingles said he thinks a freshman football program is important in the preparation of young players for varsity play.

"At most schools the freshmen are the scout squad teams," Ingles said, "so most of their time is spent learning the plays of other teams. Here, they learn Nebraska's offensive and defensive formations. We try to give the freshmen a relatively equal footing in the program so they can become competitive with the varsity."

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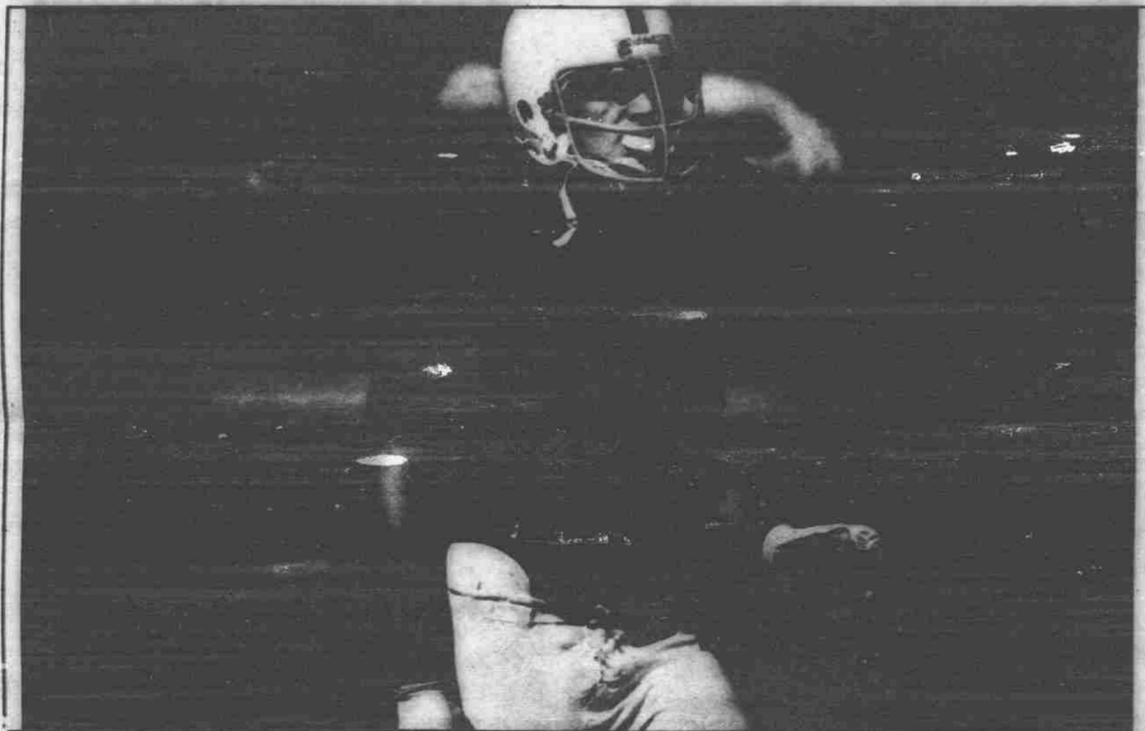
but he will be running with the freshman team in Friday's season opener against Kansas State University's junior varsity team at Memorial Stadium.

"Usually the more solid football programs like Nebraska's have few freshmen on their varsity," Ingles said. "Most of the upper classmen are the starters. At times you may have a freshman who has the physical ability, but to combine that ability with experience and knowledge in two or three weeks practice is very difficult."

Several former Nebraska football players assist Ingles in coaching the freshman team. Graduate assistants include Dave Redding, Dean Gissler and Ron Nitzel, all of whom graduated from last year's Husker team. Husker graduate Bob Thornton (1973) is a volunteer assistant and 1974 graduate Mark Heydorff and Sieve McKelvey are part-time assistant coaches.

Ingles said he expects a much tougher season for the freshmen this year than in past years.

"The main emphasis is to develop players for varsity play and to make sure they obtain a working knowledge of our offense and defense. If they continue to win during this development—well, fine."



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Former Cornhusker defensive end is hopeful linebacker for lowly Jets

By Rob Barney

After two games this season, the New York Jets of the National Football League (NFL) are tied for last place with the Buffalo Bills in the American Conference's East Division with an 0-2 record.

They rank last of the 29 NFL teams in scoring defense, giving up an average of more than 40 points a game. They rank 25th in scoring offense, averaging just ten points per game.

Among 13 rookies on the Jets' 42-man squad is linebacker Bob Martin, a former All-American defensive end at UNL and a former Nebraska High School Athlete of the Year from David City in 1972.

Martin is starting for the Jets, making the transition from end to linebacker.

Positions similar

"Actually," he said, "playing linebacker here is just like playing end at Nebraska. There's really no difference in how you play the two positions."

Joining the 13 rookie players, the Jets have a first-year coach, Lou Holtz. Holtz came to the Jets from North Carolina State University.

"We have a lot of young guys on the team," Martin said. "It's frustrating not to be winning but it's just going to take time. Coach Holtz is just like the young guys, he has things to learn too."

"We get down after a defeat but we learn from watching the game films that most of our mistakes are not uncontrollable. It'll probably take a couple of years for things to get turned around here."

Goals set

Since team honors are out of the way for now, Martin has set some personal goals.

"Honors like all-pro will come if you keep working," he said. "Right now I just want to keep my starting

position and I would eventually like to become the best at my position. I think that's a goal everybody has."

Before Martin becomes the best linebacker in the NFL, he said he has much work.

"I have to work on the techniques of the game," he said. "You have to know a good percentage of the plays that are coming at you. That comes with time."

Differences noted

Even though college and professional football are basically the same, Martin noted some distinct differences between the two game styles.

"There are more good backs in professional football," he said. "And the quarterbacks throw to the backs a lot more."

"All the pro teams run basically the same plays. It just depends on the personnel."

Martin said one of the major differences between the college and professional games is the way the players go about doing their jobs.

Game is work

"Professional football is more like a job," he said. "In college, you go to classes and then you represent your school once a week. Up here, football is our livelihood. It's the only thing we do everyday."

"I feel anybody who plays the game has to have fun doing it though. You have to have some enjoyment out of playing because it involves so much time."

Martin is playing ahead of seven-year veteran John Ebarsole, a Pennsylvania State University graduate. All of the Jets' starting linebackers are rookies, including Steve Poole and Greg Buttle also from Penn State. However, Poole is sidelined indefinitely with a pulled hamstring muscle.

"Walt Michaels is our linebacker coach. He knows a lot about football," Martin said. "He was an all-pro and he's been around for about 26 years."



Photos by Kevin Higley

Former Husker Guy Ingles is the new fresh football coach.

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All students interested in participating in UNL's crew program are asked to attend a meeting at 8 p.m. Thursday in the crew boathouse, 1000 N. 16th St., just north of Nebraska Hall.

An organizational meeting for UNL's ice hockey club will be at 7:30 p.m., Sept. 28 in the Nebraska Union. For additional information, contact Mark White at 435-5349.

Kansas University's (KU) soccer team couldn't stop UNL's second half scoring surge, but they did hit three goals in overtime to defeat the Huskers 5-2 Sunday on Memorial Stadium's rain-soaked Astroturf.

The Jayhawks grabbed a 1-0 first half lead and lengthened the margin to 2-0 in the middle of the second half. But Husker senior Victor Bishop sent the game into overtime after firing two goals past KU's goalie, the last one with about three minutes remaining in the regulation period.

Mike Bush, Husker player-fullback coach, said the Huskers needed more teamwork against last year's Big 8 Conference champs.

UNL's rugby team's games with the Lincoln and Omaha clubs Sunday were postponed. UNL lost to Topeka Saturday 46-14 and 14-0.

The Huskers' varsity and junior varsity volleyball teams swept their matches Saturday. The junior varsity squad defeated the University of Nebraska at Omaha (UNO), 15-12 and 15-12. The Husker varsity also beat UNO, 15-10 and 15-9, and smashed Drake University's varsity, 15-1 and 15-2.

UNL's women's golf team was in sixth place Monday with a score of 327 after the first round of the first annual Susie Maxwell Bering All-College Golf Classic in Oklahoma City. The tournament was concluded on Tuesday. Tournament results were unavailable at publication time.

Applications for the student migration lottery to the Huskers' game against the University of Colorado (CU) Oct. 9 in Boulder will be taken from 9 a.m. to noon and 1 to 4 p.m. Sept. 27 through 29.

The applications for the 667 tickets can be made in the Athletic Dept. ticket office in the South Stadium Office Bldg.

Bill Goble of the NU School of Dentistry won the intramural cross country meet Saturday at Pioneers Park, covering the 1.8 mile course in 10:03. Sal Dileo of Abel 8 was second in 10:14 and Ralph Miller of the High School Equivalency Program was third in 10:23.

Sigma Chi won the fraternity division followed by Delta Tau Delta and Alpha Tau Omega.

Abel 8 won the dormitory division, followed by Abel 5 and Cather 6.

The intramural punt, pass and kick contest will be held at the Cather-Pound field today beginning at 4:30 p.m.