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Husker I-back Monte Anthony, with 318 net yards rushing this season, may play today. He injured a leg against Colorado two weeks ago and sat out last week.

## Air defense ready for 'Zark' attack

By Jim Hunt

UNL's defensive backfield is improving each week, said Husker cornerback Dave Butterfield, an All-American candidate.

And the improvement will be important this week, he said, as the Huskers face the University of Missouri's (MU) Steve (Zark) Pisarkiewicz, one of the Big 8 Conference's, and possibly one of the nation's, top passers.

"We're doing a lot of things better now than we did at the beginning of the season," Butterfield said. "We're starting to put it all together."

Butterfield said the Huskers have worked more on pass defense this week "because we know he (Pisarkiewicz) can throw the football."

"Pisarkiewicz is definitely the best quarterback we've faced this year," Butterfield said. "He looked good against Iowa State for his first time back."

### 'Zark's' injury

Pisarkiewicz has missed three games because of a shoulder injury but came in during the second quarter last week in the 21-17 loss to Iowa State University to lead MU in a near comeback.

Husker defensive coordinator Monte Kiffin said Nebraska is looking forward to playing MU.

"It's a real challenge to play a team with a Steve Pisarkiewicz and a Curtis Brown and a veteran offensive line that makes the offense go," Kiffin said. "Our defense is up for the challenge."

Kiffin said that tailback Brown is the type of football player than can turn a five-yard run into a 45-yard touchdown.

"We just have to gang tackle Curtis Brown," Kiffin

said. "We have to have good pursuit and gang tackling."

Husker defensive tackle Mike Fultz said to stop Pisarkiewicz, the blackshirts just have to do what they have been doing.

### Pressure important

"We just have to put pressure on him and make him throw early," Fultz said. "Pressure is the name of the game."

"MU will be more experienced than KSU, that's for sure," Fultz said. "They won't make as many mistakes as KSU."

Offensively the Huskers again will be led by senior quarterback Vince Ferragamo. Ferragamo was named this week to United Press international's Backfield of the Week. It was the second time this season Ferragamo won the honor.

The Husker rushing game is led by sophomore sensation Richard Berns. Berns, who moved into the starting I-Back spot after Monte Anthony was hurt, has gained 421 yards on 84 carries for about a five yard average this season.

Today's game against MU is being nationally televised. ABC Sportscaster Keith Jackson and former Notre Dame coach Ara Parseghian will broadcast the game.

Butterfield said that television does not affect the players.

"I don't even notice the television cameras," Butterfield said. "I don't notice them any more than I do the fans. I have to concentrate on the game when I'm out there."

"We were on national TV against them last year and it didn't have any affect on me."

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