

# Walk-ons get top billing after Saturday scrimmage

By Mike McCarthy

Tim Hager, Keith Steward and Isaiah Hipp—just a few names that did not turn the heads of Husker football recruiters.

But even though the three did not attract "overwhelming" attention when in high school, they decided to try a shot at becoming a Husker.

Dreams of starting for the Huskers were certainly that—dreams.

All three players were walk-ons. They practiced with "big names" who got big scholarships. But early this week, Hager, Steward and Hipp were listed No. 1 on the Huskers' depth chart.

Hager, 6-foot-1 and 170 lbs. is the smallest Husker quarterback. A Lincoln

Southeast High School graduate, the sophomore (redshirted last year) is tied with junior Tom Sorley for the top spot. Senior Randy Garcia, the apparent heir to former quarterback Vince Ferragamo, was knocked down to second team after last Saturday's scrimmage.

Husker coach Tom Osborne said Hager's rise in the charts can be attributed to his scrimmage performances.

In last Saturday's scrimmage, Hager hit five of six passes for 142 yards.

Another surprise in the charts is fullback Keith Steward. He has been sharing the top spot during spring practice with last year's starter, Dodie Donnell.

A redshirt last year, Hipp shares the number one l-back slot with last year's starter, Rick Berns. Although Berns has been slowed throughout spring practice with injuries, Husker backfield coach said the coaches knew Hipp could run well last fall.

Injuries also have slowed last year's

starting middle guard Jeff Pullen. But sophomore Kerry Weinmaster has dethroned Pullen and is sole owner of the top role.

Another starter from last year, Kent Smith at monster, has lost his job. Junior Jim Pullen has grabbed first string status while Smith is now listed on the second team.

Senior strongside linebacker James Wightman also is fighting to retain his position against junior Lee Kunz from Lakeview, Colo., Kunz is listed first on the latest charts, while Wightman is second.

Other new faces on the defense listed on the first team are tackles Randy Poeschl and Barney Cotton. Senior Jeff Carpenter also is running first team at weakside linebacker.

New first string offensive players also include junior tackle Kelvin Clark, and junior guard Steve Lindquist. Two seniors, Stan Waldemore and Rocke Loken, are first team at right tackle and split end, respectively.

## Rally . . .

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The rules state that if you didn't see a chalk marker two-tenths of a mile after you turned, you were going the wrong way. But even though we didn't see one after we turned, we decided it was an oversight and stayed on that road, again heading north out of Lincoln.

We kept driving on that road, checking each intersection for markers, until I'm sure each one of us wanted to say we were wrong, but none of us wanted to admit it.

When we reached the end of that road, we were in trouble. There we were in the country, nothing but cows and beer cans all around us, and we didn't know which way to turn.

Of course, we tried both ways. Logical solution. Neither way had the coveted chalk markers.

By that time, it had started to rain and it dawned on me that this may not be the piece of cake I had thought.

Apparently Skip was thinking the same thing. "How can three intelligent college students miss chalk markers and get lost in the country?" he asked.

We decided to back track and double check if the markers were there. Still no luck, even though Phil jumped out and checked the side of the road to make sure they were not hidden. Soon we were back to check point one.

After taking the alternative route and still finding no markers, we began to entertain thoughts of driving directly to the party, which destination had been given

to us at the beginning of the rally.

Not being a quitter, I hesitated to agree. That wouldn't be fair to ourselves, I argued. Phil, however, convinced me.

"Would you rather be fair and miss the party, or cheat a little and get there," he asked me. Nothing like putting things in proper perspective.

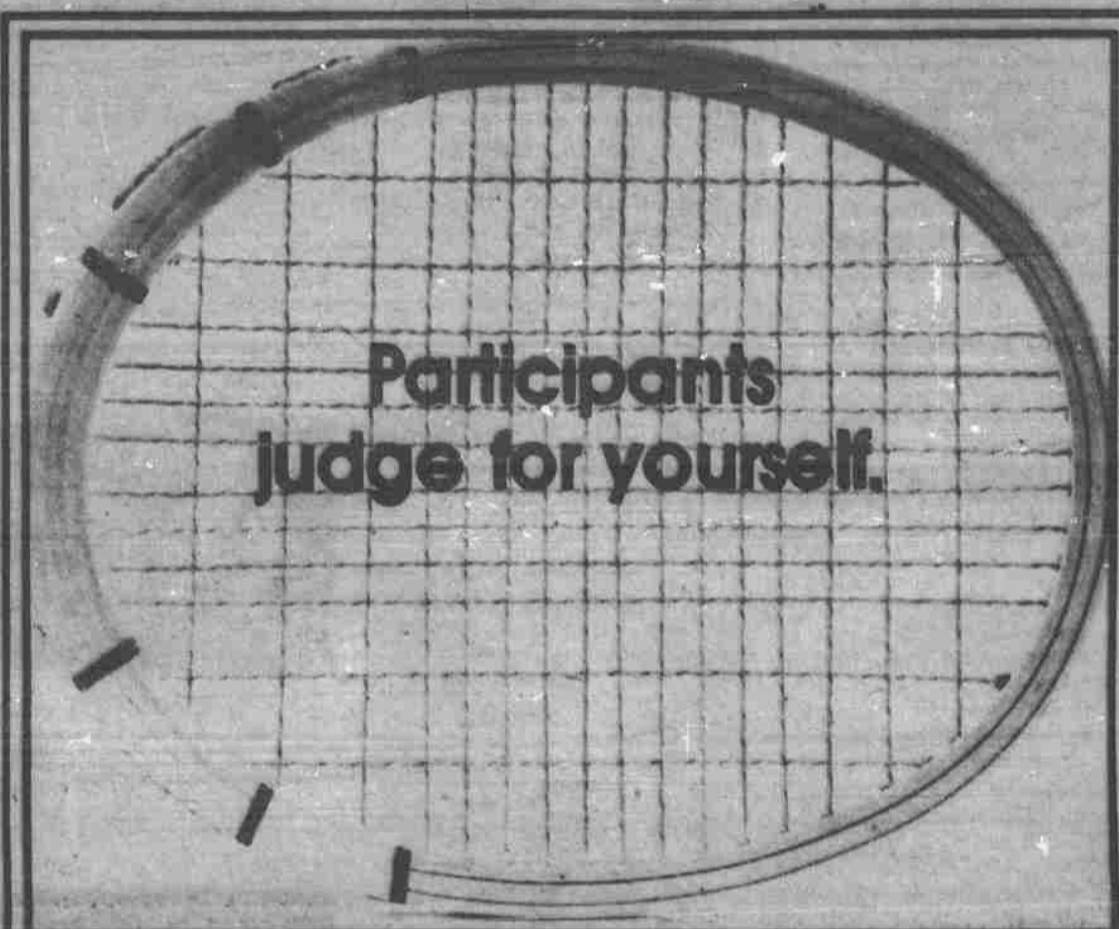
When we discovered we had better stop at a gas station or we wouldn't get there at all, we made a last ditch attempt to find the route. But those elusive markers just weren't to be found.

By this time, we had figured that we were about 25 miles over the mileage we should have attained. We pulled out our trusty map that led us to the party.

Lo and behold, we were among the first who reached the destination. Don't let that deceive you, though, we were coming from the opposite direction than anyone who had finished the rally would be headed.

Oh well, I thought, a party's a party, no matter how you get there. It just goes to show what a little overconfidence will do. Anyway, what would I ever have written about if we had done it right?

Start treating your brothers and sisters like brothers and sisters.



There are few faults with the Chesen Tennis Tourney Saturday, April 21, 1977

## crossword puzzle

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### ACROSS

- 1 All our yesterdays
- 5 Quarters for Jonah
- 10 Viva-voce
- 14 Imitate
- 15 Word on a Czech check
- 16 Large knife
- 17 Creamy desserts
- 20 Low island
- 21 Grocery item
- 22 Respond
- 23 Got going
- 24 Wisecracks
- 26 Quagmire
- 29 Tennis prize
- 33 Asian sea
- 34 Key dice throw
- 35 Airborne lava
- 36 Site of a U.S. naval base
- 40 Undivided
- 41 Lyon product
- 42 Swindles
- 43 Left high and dry

- 45 Cake or rubber
- 47 Brother of Eris
- 48 Eschew
- 49 Potted plants
- 52 Dog-paddled
- 53 Iron or ice
- 56 Corsage filler
- 60 Incense
- 61 Decay by degrees
- 62 Sharif
- 63 License plates
- 64 Adam's ale
- 65 Divulge

### DOWN

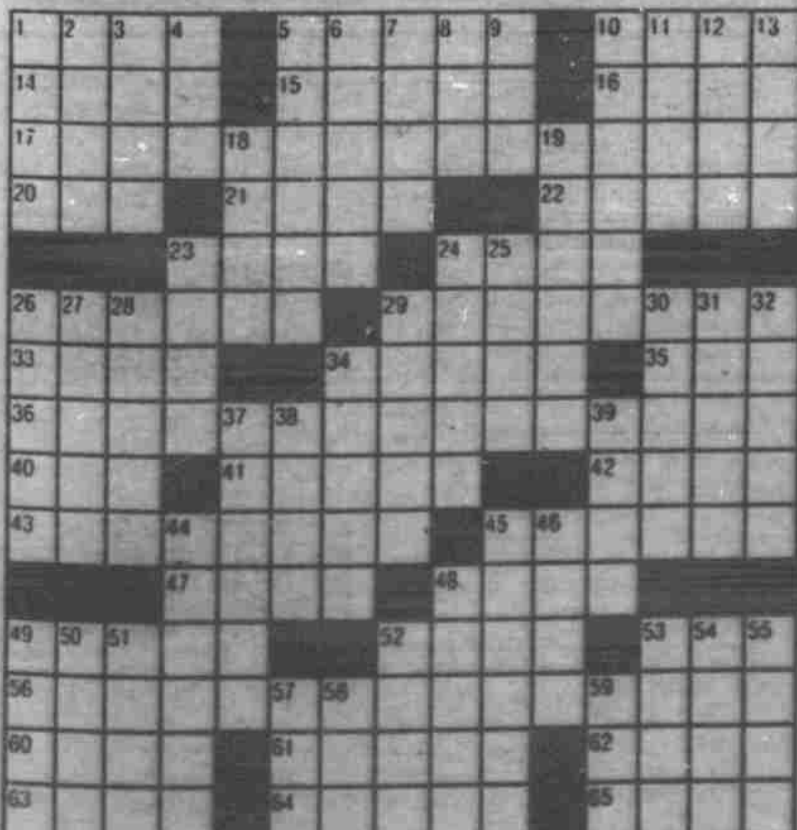
- 1 Gregory
- 2 Charley-horse reaction
- 3 "Masterpiece" on wheels
- 4 Stark peak
- 5 Totalities
- 6 Execrated
- 7 Kind of sax
- 8 Jackie's sister
- 9 Go awry
- 10 Preoccupy
- 11 Sub follower

### ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

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LIFE SHUFF BATH
ENAM CANER ERIE
FATS DOMINO LORD
LNT ORES NUTMEG
EELED ATT ADE
CANNED SPAAK
AMTRS SPAGHETTI
MONA APACE RUIH
PIGGYBANK ARBOR
EASTS IRIOSE
TCA LEE SHELF
BIGGON WHEEY LAG
ALDE CHEESECAKE
RING EERIE ERIN
SAYS SEEKS EDNA
    
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- 12 Templeton
- 13 Perplexed
- 18 Kent's co-worker
- 19 Egging
- 23 Game division
- 24 U.S. general
- 25 Declare
- 26 Galsworthy's "Property"
- 27 Bangor neighbor
- 28 Less common
- 29 Breed of cattle
- 30 Church officer
- 31 Employing
- 32 Aspect
- 34 Terriers
- 37 Italian timetable
- 38 Louise or Victoria
- 39 Image
- 44 Bacchus's retinue
- 45 Boy
- 46 Cougar
- 48 Stockholm
- 49 Become lumpy
- 50 Verdi heroine
- 51 Obstruct
- 52 Photo
- 53 Russia's — Ats
- 54 Kind of shift
- 55 Brontë girl
- 57 Not many
- 58 Singer's syllable
- 59 Tennis shot



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