

Huskers' spring defensive squad 'all new'—almost

By Kevin Schnepf

The Husker football squad has three returning starters in the defensive backfield but that is as far as similarities go when comparing this year's and last year's squads.

Monte Kiffin is replaced by defensive coordinator Lance Van Zandt. He brought the attack defense with him. The defense, will feature some man-to-man coverage.

Returning left cornerback Ted Harvey said Husker fans will see more man-to-man coverage but the zone coverage still will be used most of the time.

Harvey, a senior from Lexington, will not play in Saturday's Red-White scrimmage because he must take his dental school entrance examination.

For Saturday's Red-White scrimmage, the depth charts list Harvey as the number one left cornerback followed by Tim Fischer, Greg McQuitter and Paul Letcher.

The returning starter for the monster back position, Kent Smith, has been listed number two behind sophomore Jim Pilen, brother of former Husker linebacker Clete Pilen. Others listed are Steve Frei and Percy Keith.

The safety position is retained by returning starter Larry Valasek, followed by Dennis Payne, Tom Doggett and Eric Stewart.

Senior Rene Anderson is the top-ranked right cornerback followed by Darrell Walton, Dan Cass and Andy Moans.

With the new system, Harvey said, every player has a better shot at starting.

"This system is something we'll enjoy once we learn it," he said. "Van Zandt is a great coach and once we learn the system, it'll be good."

The defensive backfield will be missing last year's All-Big 8 Conference selection Dave Butterfield, but Harvey said the defense still will be good.

However, Harvey said the spring practices are not completely indicative of how the team will look next fall.

"We've (the defense) performed well in the spring, but it's hard to tell in the spring if we're doing a good job," he said. "When we play among ourselves you can't really tell how you're doing."

"We've got a lot of work to do, but we'll get there." Changing his defensive style has been a challenge, Harvey said.

"I've been fairly pleased with my performance so far. But there are things I have to learn to do with the new system."

"I have to keep my shoulders down more and work on my backpeddling for the man-to-man coverage."



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- 9 Spat
- 13 Smell
- 14 Care for
- 16 Nathan
- 17 Poker holding
- 18 Military search, for short
- 19 Muscat's land
- 20 Have second thoughts
- 23 Kind of spin
- 24 Uses a certain machine
- 25 Goats
- 28 Pistols and swords, e.g.
- 32 Like Mr. Skelton
- 34 Upstage
- 35 Answer to "Understand?"
- 36 Suffixes for threads
- 38 "The king can

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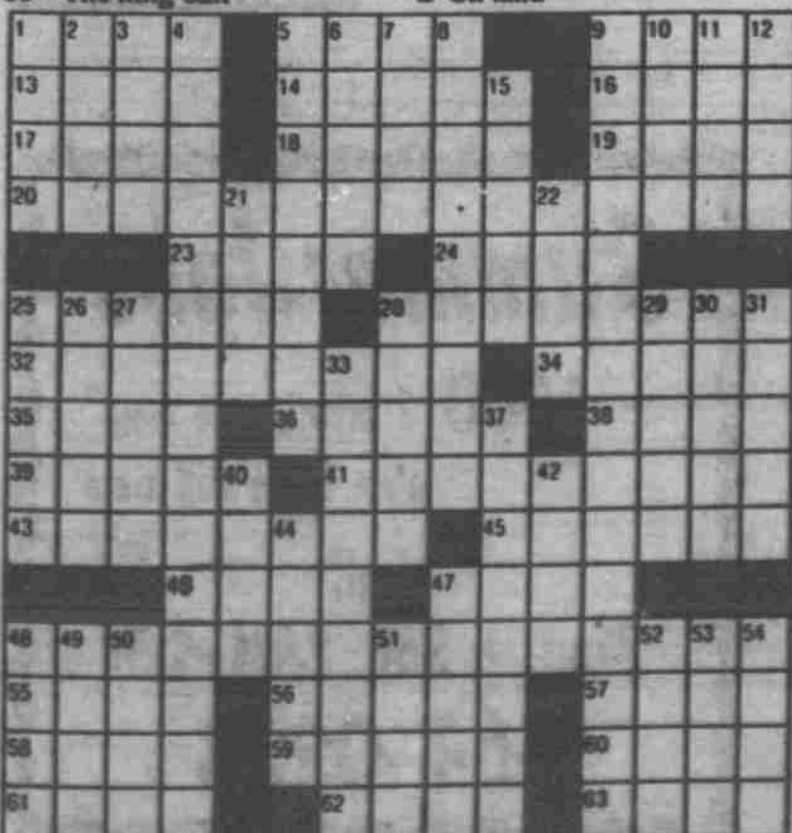
- 2 wrong
- 39 Honey drinks
- 41 New York and New Jersey, e.g.
- 43 Mythical island
- 45 Tax deductions
- 46 Sulk
- 47 African weight
- 48 Joins the political ring
- 55 Hawaiian island
- 56 Yiddish deli offering
- 57 Grace or sour
- 58 Final word
- 59 Footpath, in Paris
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- 61 Aerie
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- 7 Places
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- 12 Swamps
- 15 Through
- 21 Libertine
- 22 is obliged for
- 25 ———— facie
- 26 Adjusted the clock
- 27 Perfect
- 28 Trucks
- 29 Irish darlings
- 30 ———— Carlo
- 31 Geology term
- 33 Half steps, in music
- 37 Plays in the water
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- 42 U.S. author Philip
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