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## Husker freshmen prepare for season opener Friday

By Buck Mahoney

One of the most successful freshmen football programs on the major college level opens its 1978 season tomorrow at Memorial Stadium.

The UNL freshmen team has compiled a 62-8-0 record since 1956 with third year coach Guy Ingles now in charge of the program. Ingles has an 8-2 record entering this season.

On their way to a 4-1 record last year, the Huskers outscored their opponents 121-63. Their only loss was to the Missouri Junior Varsity by the score of 12-10.

The Husker freshmen have won 15 consecutive home games. The last time they lost in Lincoln was to McCook Junior College, 21-13 in 1969.

### Mavericks scoreless

The freshmen have played the Maverick Junior Varsity every year since 1974. The Huskers have won all four of the contests and have held the Mavericks scoreless, including a 21-0 victory last year.

"I hope that will be the case on Friday," Ingles said, "But they'll have a fine football team."

Ingles said he thinks UNO will play with a lot of enthusiasm.

UNO had a fine recruiting year inside Nebraska, Ingles said.

"There are some good players there," he said. "We wish we had some of them here."

The UNL freshmen squad has about 100 players on the roster, 75 of them walk-ons.

### Team leaders

Ingles said that the offense will be led by split end Anthony Bush from Anniston, Ala., lineman Randy Theiss from St. Louis, Mo., and Mike Mandelko of Lexington.

Defensively, the Huskers will be led by lineman Felix White of Lincoln, linebacker Scott Poppe of Hebron and back Dan

Fischer of Lincoln. Fischer's older brother, Tim, is a starter on the varsity.

Another of the leaders on the offensive team will be quarterback Bruce Mathison from Superior, Wis. Mathison enrolled in January and practiced in spring training with the varsity.

"It was a big advantage for me," Mathison said. "I learned most of the offense."

### Good practices

He said he thinks the freshmen team will have a successful season and practices have been going well this year.

The transition from high school to college football and the problems of learning new terminology and systems has made preparation for the game difficult, Mathison said.

"We're just learning the two defenses we know that they run," he said.

This year the freshmen team has lost some players because UNL will take advantage of the new NCAA rule that allows a freshman to be redshirted so he will be able to have four years of varsity action.

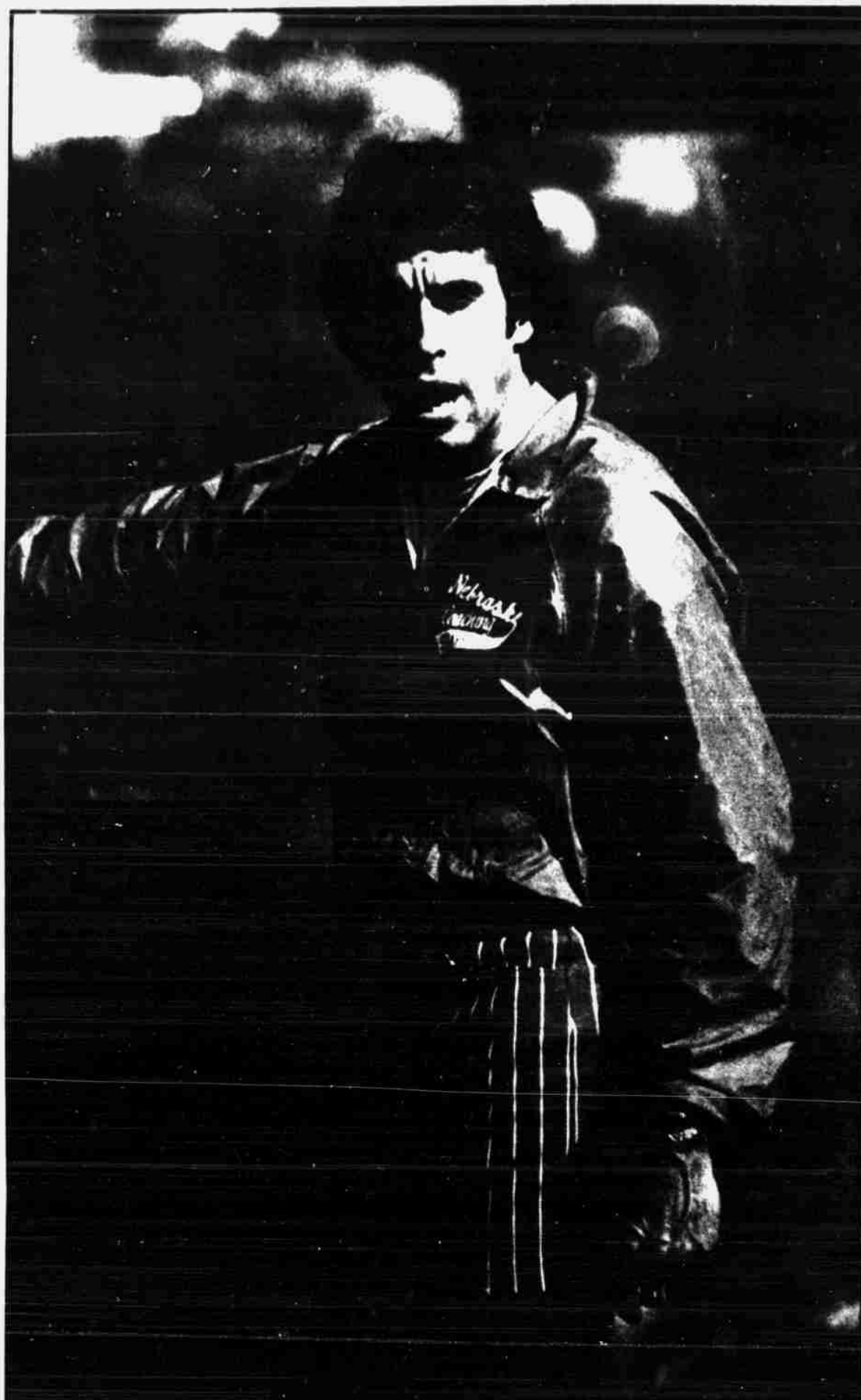
### Redshirted

Todd Brown, a walk-on from Holdrege, Steve Damkroger from Lincoln, Steve McWhirter from Fairfield, Iowa and Jamie Williams from Davenport, Iowa are four Huskers that will be redshirted under the new rule.

Although some talent will be taken from the freshman team, Ingles said, he did not think the new rule will hurt the Nebraska freshmen program.

"We're not looking to redshirt very many people," he said.

The freshmen have five games besides the one with UNO, on the schedule for this year. They play Kansas State and Missouri in Lincoln and will be on the road against Iowa State and Dodge City Community College.



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UNL freshman football coach Guy Ingles prepares his team for the upcoming game with the Omaha Mavericks, who they have defeated during four previous meetings.

## Bostock was Angel of Los Angeles baseball and charity

By Jeff Taebel and  
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Even though two of the division races in major league baseball were decided this week, the biggest news in baseball was the tragic shooting death of California Angels star outfielder Lyman Bostock.

Bostock, who was batting .291, ninth among American League hitters, was shot Saturday night while riding in a car in Gary, Indiana. The man arrested for the crime did not know Bostock.

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It is disheartening to note that it takes an incident such as this to remind us that high-salaried professional athletes are not merely statistics on the sports page or weekend images on the television screen.

The loss of Bostock not only was a severe blow to the California Angels but to all of baseball.

In his fourth year in the major leagues, Bostock was one of baseball's rising young stars whose play was typified by aggressive hitting and heads-up fielding with a degree of intensity that few could match.

Despite the fact that he was one of baseball's highest paid players, Bostock always felt a great responsibility towards his team and community.

His early season performance with the Angels was disastrous, prompting many California fans to cry out that he was not worth the money he was being paid. There were also some skeptics who felt that his outstanding 1977 performance with the Minnesota Twins might have been a one-shot.

However, Bostock surprised all of his detractors by asking Angels owner Gene Autry to withhold his first month's pay check, since his performance was not up to par. When Autry declined, Bostock donated the money to charities.

Bostock also purchased a number of tickets to Angels games which he gave to underprivileged children in the Los Angeles area.

Bostock's example could well be followed by some of his colleagues in baseball as well as by athletes in other sports.

His play will be missed by the Angels and his low-key, team-oriented attitude will be missed by all baseball followers in these days of high priced, loudly complaining superstars.

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The first division race to be clinched this year was the National League West as the defending NL champions, the Los

Angeles Dodgers, finally put away the Cincinnati Reds and San Francisco Giants.

The Dodgers cruised through the home stretch on top of some of the strongest hitting and pitching in baseball. The Dodgers now lead the National League in each category.

While Dodger stars Reggie Smith and Don Sutton have had their problems of late, the slack has been more than amply taken up by Steve Garvey and Burt Hooton who are playing their best baseball of the season.

In the American League West, the season-long dogfight between the California Angels and the Kansas City Royals ended Tuesday night as the Royals clinched the division crown with a six game cushion.

The Royals have been propelled of late,

by the strong pitching of Dennis Leonard and the play of unheralded reserves like Pete LaCock, Joe Zdeb and U. L. Washington.

Philadelphia seems to be on the verge of ending their season long struggle to retain their National League East crown, however, a season-ending series with the second place Pittsburgh Pirates could prove to be the decisive factor in this race.

The American League East race seems destined to go down to the last game as the New York Yankees still cling to a one game lead over the resurgent Boston Red Sox. Unfortunately, the two teams will not meet head to head again this season, so their fate rests in the hands of other American League clubs.

A division playoff, if necessary, would held in Boston on Oct. 2 and the league playoffs would begin on Oct. 3. The National League playoffs begin Oct. 4.

## Coach 'confident' of cross country team

The Cornhusker men's cross country team gets its first test this Saturday when it races Kansas State in Lincoln.

Coach Bob Unger said he has eight to ten runners, including three who competed for the team last year, who have been "working out seriously" since classes started.

The 1977 Husker team placed fourth in the conference and Unger said the primary goal of the team is to improve on that finish.

And he thinks they can do just that. Colorado is everybody's choice to win it. They won very easily last year," Unger said. "Without being totally up-to-date on

the other schools, I think it is wide open.

"If we do well against Kansas State and Missouri, I think we will do well in the conference."

The three returning runners are seniors Steve Allen, and Mark Fluit and sophomore Brian Dunnigan. Unger called all three "good and consistent runners."

Joining them on the squad will be freshmen Daniel Chirchir, Stuart Jenkins and Tom Bowmaster and senior Kevin Hoffman.

Unger termed Chirchir, who is from Kenya, and Jenkins, who ran a marathon in under two hours and 30 minutes in high

school, as being very good distance runners.

Unger said it is hard to tell who will be the top man on the team between Allen, Fluit, Dunnigan, Chichir and Jenkins.

"It could fluctuate about who will be the top man, it is that close," he said.

Dunnigan won a three-mile runoff earlier this fall, but Unger said, "In the longer races, Allen and Jenkins could be better. We'll just have to see how it develops in meet competition."

Saturday's race will be four miles. Unger said, and will start at 10 a.m. at Wilderness Park, 1st and Van Dorn streets.