

# Ex-Husker Clark, Denver Broncos mutually impressed

By Shelley Smith

Kelvin Clark said he's found a lot in Denver. The former Husker offensive lineman from Odessa, Tex. has found a climate he likes, crazier football fans and a place on the Denver Bronco squad, he said.

Drafted in the first round by the Broncos, Clark is an impressive player, according to offensive line coach Whitey Dovell.

"He's playing excellent for a rookie," Dovell said. "He's got a lot to learn, but he looks good."

Clark has played considerably in each of Denver's four pre-season games. He started at left tackle last week against New England, according to Dovell.

However, even with the playing time under his belt, and a seemingly secure spot on the team, Clark said he's still not sure of himself because of his lack of experience. "I'm improving—but you never can be sure," Clark said.

"I have a good chance of making the team, and being number two on the chart is a good learning experience," he said.

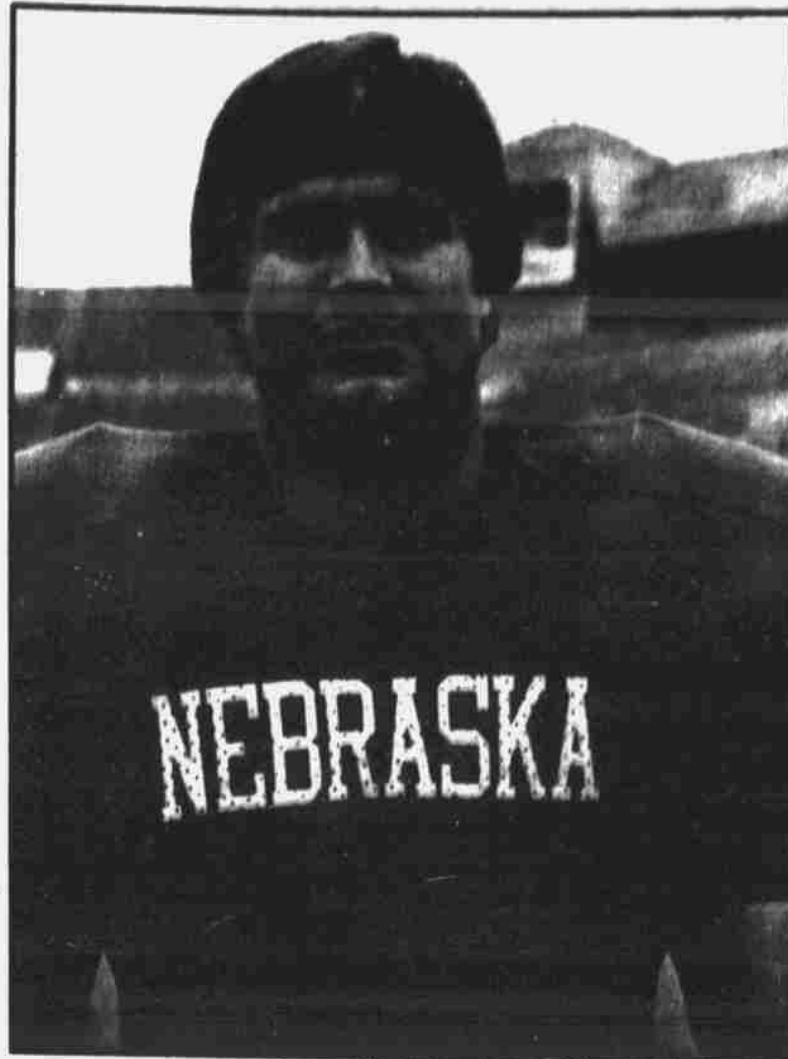
Dovell agreed that Clark needs experience, but added he wants to bring him into professional football slowly.

"I hope he doesn't have to play more than we want him too," he said.

"It takes some time to adjust to professional football, and we don't want to have to rush that."

So far, Clark said his problem adjusting mainly involves offensive pass blocking.

"The defensive ends are a lot quicker and faster, and the pros pass a lot more than college does," he said.



Kelvin Clark

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Clark, who runs 40 yards in 4.9 seconds, should be able to improve his blocking easily because of his good speed, according to Dovell.

"He's quick, and he's smart. That should help him out a lot," Dovell said.

Clark reported to summer camp at 6-4 and 260 pounds—15 pounds lighter than when he played for Nebraska in 1978.

"I feel a lot better," he said.

"I'm a little more agile and quicker. I don't know how I lost the weight—I guess from training so hard," he added.

Clark said he likes Denver and likes the way the Broncos have treated him.

And, he said Denver football fans are a lot crazier than Nebraska fans.

"Last year I never thought I would see crazier football fans than Nebraska's—but I have," he said.

"Nebraska fans just kind of go to the games—it seems like Denver is louder. Maybe it's because they sell beer at the games," he added.

Although Clark said he felt his chances to play this fall are good, he will have to miss practice for a couple of weeks because of a sprained ankle suffered in the New England game.

He said the ankle injury is not serious but will force him to miss this Friday's game against Cincinnati.

Clark said he likes the coaching staff, the players and the atmosphere in professional football.

And Denver?

"Well, it's a good place for my wife to shop," he said.

## News Briefs

### YAF announces new platform

The Young Americans for Freedom have adopted a platform setting the group's priorities for the 1980 national elections.

The group's national platform calls for a balanced federal budget in 1980 and a 33 percent reduction in federal income taxes. It also calls for full diplomatic relations with the "Republic of China of Taiwan," rejection of the SALT II treaty and re-establishment of the draft.

YAF National Chairman James Lacy said, "Any candidate seeking the active support of young conservatives in 1980 should be ready to endorse our young people's platform."

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