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England brothers won't bump heads in USU game

By Shelley Smith

Cornhusker offensive tackle Gary England jokingly said the news that his younger brother had been injured wasn't necessarily bad.

His brother is Dave England, a 6-3, 228-pound starting outside linebacker for Utah State, who Gary would have lined up against on Saturday.

Dave hyperextended the middle finger on his right hand in Utah State's 48-48 tie with San Jose State last Saturday.

But for Dave, the news is bad. He'll have to sit out the Nebraska-Utah State game scheduled here Saturday—a game he'd been looking forward to since he signed with the Aggies two years ago.

"It really brings me down," Dave said.

"I don't know if I can stand to watch the game. I really want to be playing," he added.

Gary, who is listed as the second string tackle behind senior Mark Goodspeed, said that seriously, he was upset about Dave's injury because he, too, was ready to play his brother.

GARY, AT 6-3, 234-pounds, said he and Dave have been "kidding around" about the match-up since Dave was a freshman.

"We knew we'd play each other. But I know Dave wasn't really expecting to win—he just kind of sarcastically would ask me if I was ready for him," Gary said.

However, Dave said "no way."

"We're going into this game with the thought that we're going to win. And I'd like to talk to Gary afterwards and give him a bad time about losing the game," Dave said.

The England brothers, both with sophomore standing now, played high school football at Skyline High School in Salt Lake City, Utah under Coach Ken Schmidt, Gary was a year ahead of Dave but was redshirted.

GARY EARNED all-state football honors his senior year and Dave was instrumental in bringing two state championships to Skyline.

However, last Saturday's injury wasn't Dave's first.

He underwent knee surgery when he was in ninth grade, and then on the first day of practice his junior year, reinjured the same knee.

"The doctors told me I ought to sit out a year otherwise I might not be walking," he said.

Dave was able to play his senior year, and when Utah State was the only school to offer a scholarship—he took it.

she said.

"I actually couldn't lose this game, but with Dave hurt maybe I'll cheer a little harder for Nebraska," she added.

Gary suggested that a tie would "suit them (their parents) just fine."

DAVE SAID that because of the way both teams' defenses are set up, if he hadn't been injured he would have had to line up right across from Gary.

"On some plays we would have been head to head and I was looking forward to playing against him," he said.

The last time the brothers played against each other was in high school.

"I was a sophomore on the meat squad and he was a senior—but I was a little kid then," he said.

Gary said that if Dave could have played, he would have wanted him to have a good game.

"But I'd still want to win," he added.

Dave said that Utah State's team was disappointed in last Saturday's tie.

"WE MADE a lot of mistakes but there was a lot of hard hitting in there. They played an offense we weren't quite ready for," he said.

Will they be ready for Nebraska's offense?

"Well they're big," he said.

"Everyone knows I have a brother at Nebraska but they just ask me how big he is," he said.

"When I tell them, they just say 'oh,'" he said.

When Dave plays he is lined up right next to 6-7, 265-pound tackle Rulon Jones, an All-American candidate. He said it is very reassuring.

"I know that if I make a mistake or something Rulon is usually there to cover," he said.

"I'd sure hate to play against him," he added.

"I KNEW then that I would play Gary someday, and I was really looking forward to it."

Dave underwent surgery Monday morning to repair the severed tendon in his hand, and will travel with his parents and the Utah State Booster Club to see the game this weekend.

Mary England, Gary and Dave's mother, said she and her husband Leonard were planning on cheering for both teams.



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Gary England

Freshman Husker football player kicks off new season

By Frank Hassler

At UNL, most football players need time to get used to the system before they can play on the varsity.

Not Kevin Seibel.

Depth Chart

Offense

Tight end—Miller, Finn-Davies, Williams-Hill, Krenk,
Left Tackle—Goodspeed, England, Carlstrom-Thiess,
Lingenfelter-Anderson, Left Guard—Havekost,
Adams-Potadle, Mandelko, Hendricks, Center—Saalfeld,
Rimington-Deloach, Johnson, McElroy Right
Guard—Schleusener, Potadle-Rice, Brandl, Glathar,
Right Tackle—Steiner, Hurley-Bruce, Boll, Kwapick,
Split End—Smith, Woodard-Brown, T., Noonan,
Wehrle, Quarterback—Quinn, Hager-Mauer, Mathison-Gebert,
Knoll, I-back—Hipp-Redwine, Johnson,
Landwehr, Smith, Vair, Toscas, Fullback—Franklin-Wurth,
Kotera-Bates, Moravec-Smith, Zobel-Toscas,
Wingback—Brown, Steels-McCrary, McCue,
Huebert-Vergith.

Defense

Left End—Cole, Williams, Thiessen, Holmes, Peterson,
Left Tackle—Horn, Clark, Williams-G'Dowski,
Tuck, Middle Guard—Weinmaster, Lee-Hineline,
White-Sculley, Wees-Minor-Lindstrom-Engler, Right
Tackle—Barnett, Pensick, Stromath-Waechter,
Lonowski-Reiners, Right End—Nelson, Lindstrom,
Bess, Miles-Nelson, Strong Linebacker—Baker,
Vering, Damkroger, Ruud, Evans, Florell, Weak
Linebacker—Williams, Vering, McWhirter, Ruud,
Zutavern, Moravec, R. Left Corner—Letcher-Lindquist,
Lieg, Iodence, Larsen-Center-Beach,
Monster—LeRoy, Sims, Searcey, Bohl-Roark-Petersen,
Safety—Gary, Krejci, Van Norman,
Valasek-Pickett-Bakalas Right Corner—Means,
Fischer, Lewis, Holbrook-Bell-Hoesing, Kicker—
Sukup, Bergkamp, Kirk, Schoening, Gemar, Krejci.

Seibel, a freshman from Vermillion, S.D., will be playing when the Huskers open their season in Lincoln Saturday against Utah State. He'll be easy to spot. When UNL kicks off, he'll be the kicker.

Seibel was brought up to the varsity to handle kickoffs after he had been a starting linebacker on the freshman team.

"We knew about him through recruiting," said Milt Tenopir, assistant offensive line coach. "We knew he was a kicker before he came here."

"Kevin has really good leg strength," Tenopir added. "He had the strongest leg of those kickers we tried. He needs to do some work on his consistency, but he can kick it a long way."

Seibel holds the South Dakota record for the longest field goal, a 53-yard effort against South Sioux City. He said he kicked a 60-yarder once while practicing.

At the UNL tryout, Seibel said, he kicked "about ten or fifteen. About three or four of them were with the wind."

Seibel said that, although he is no longer on the freshman squad, he still practices as a linebacker.

"I was real pleased with the way it was all handled," he said. "Now, I work on kicking with the varsity and do some linebacking for the scout team, so I can get both of them in at the same practice."

"Those guys (the varsity) are huge compared to what I've been used to," Seibel said. "I've never played against them in a scrimmage."

"I'd like to play linebacker as well as kick," he said. "Hopefully, I'll get to play, maybe not this year, but

sometime in the future."

Seibel said that while at Vermillion, the largest crowd to watch his team was "about 500." What will happen when he runs out on the field in front of 76,000 football fans?

"I knew you'd ask that," the stocky Seibel said. "Hopefully, I'll get used to it before the game. I guess it'll be my initiation."

Although he has not yet played in Memorial Stadium, he did watch Nebraska beat Oklahoma, 17-14, last November.

"That was really something," he said. "I was sitting in the north end zone, and it was like the stands were shaking."

By this time, Seibel was already being recruited by Nebraska. He said UNL was the first college to contact him during his junior year in high school.

In high school, Seibel said, he also threw the shotput and the discus.

"I held the South Dakota state record in the shotput for about five minutes," he said.

At the state meet his senior year he said he uncorked a 62 foot, 2 1/2-inch toss. However, his rival from Brandon Valley broke the 63-foot barrier on his next throw.

If the ex-shotputter finds himself redshirted, it will give him a chance to space out a heavy academic workload, Seibel said.

Seibel said he plans to major in engineering at UNL, although he hasn't decided whether it will be chemical or electrical.

Husker JVs beat Wyoming, 26-16

Frank Solich, UNL junior varsity football coach, is still undefeated as a college coach.

Solich, in his first year, improved his record to 1-0 Monday as the Huskers stopped a stubborn Wyoming JV eleven, 26-16.

It was Solich's first win at UNL, but it was the 18th straight opening win for the primarily freshman teams.

UNL's 1st opening loss was in 1961, 18-0 to Iowa State. Roger Craig at Davenport, Iowa, carried only 12 times in the game, but he piled up 196 yards to lead the strong Husker ground game.

Craig scored one touchdown, on a 69-yard run.

Nate Mason, quarterback from Greenville, Texas, scored a pair of touchdowns on runs of one and 55 yards.

Craig Holman, an Omaha Northwest graduate, scored on a seven yard run.

The Huskers took a 13-8 lead into the locker room at halftime.

The JVs will try to keep their record intact Sept. 24 when they play their first game this fall at home.

The opponent will be the Bethany College Swedes of Lindsborg, Kan., and game time is 1:30 p.m.