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Junior Miller doesn't like to hurt people—Osborne

By Shelley Smith

Nebraska tight end Junior Miller doesn't like to block, according to Head Coach Tom Osborne.

Miller, a 6-4, 222-lbs. senior from Midland, Texas "Really doesn't want to hurt people," Osborne told the Extra Point Club at its weekly meeting Monday.

"He'll run over someone if he wants to get in the end zone, but he's just not a mean guy," he said.

Miller, who caught two passes for 39 yards and scored one touchdown in the Huskers 42-0 win over Kansas last weekend, missed a couple of key blocks, according to Osborne.

"He should just go out and flatten

somebody but he said he doesn't want to," Osborne added.

Osborne praised Nebraska's offense which tallied 611 total offensive yards against the Jayhawks, but attributed much of the Husker's offensive success to the defense.

The Husker defense allowed Kansas only 79 offensive yards and "kept getting us the ball back," Osborne said.

"IT'S HARD to single out who did a good job defensively because everybody did a good job," he said.

"Our pass defense did an exceptional job," he added.

Osborne said he was pleased with the Husker "no turnover" game and their ability to "finally break a few."

Osborne said he had been concerned because the Huskers' longest run was 30 yards. However, I-back Jarvis Redwine ran 54 yards to score, and I-back Craig Johnson ran 94 yards to score against the Jayhawks.

"I guess we outdid ourselves," Osborne said.

And, Osborne said he hopes the Huskers will outdo themselves again when they face Oklahoma State this Saturday.

Osborne said Oklahoma State could be a tougher game for the Huskers than most people expect.

Before the season began, people expected Penn State, Missouri and Oklahoma University to be Nebraska's toughest opponents, Osborne said.

However, he added he Cowboys "will be right in there too" he said.

OSBORNE SAID Oklahoma State can be dangerous because of their offensive speed, and added that two of Missouri's scores against the Cowboys resulted from Oklahoma State fumbles.

Osborne said he talked with Cowboy Head Coach Jimmy Johnson once this summer and Johnson said if his team stays healthy it will be good.

Johnson has coached at Oklahoma University, Arkansas, and Pittsburgh where the programs have been successful, Osborne said.

Jeff Carpenter, former linebacker for Nebraska and assistant freshman coach, scouted Oklahoma State's 14-13 win over Missouri last weekend.

He said the Cowboy's will be the "best offensive team we've seen for our defense to prepare for."

Oklahoma State mixes the run with the pass frequently, and seemed very consistent, Carpenter said.

"Okie State has always played us tough, this is not a game to overlook," he said.

Osborne said Husker injuries were worse than he had thought.

He said cornerback Paul Letcher sprained his knee, linebacker Brent Williams suffered a severely sprained ankle, fullback Tim Wurth sprained an ankle, and I-back I.M. Hipp reinjured his toe. All are doubtful for Saturday's game, Osborne said.

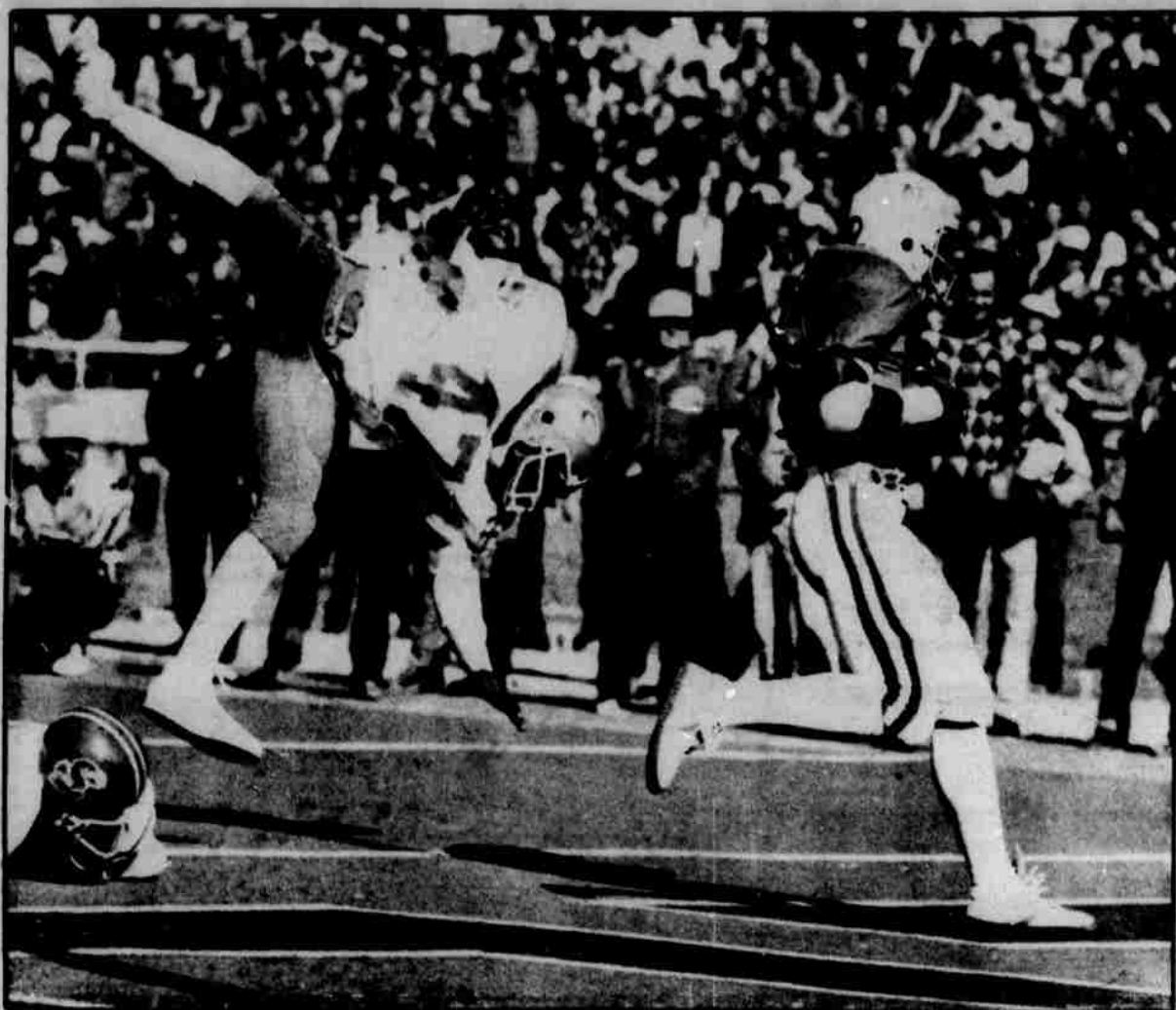


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Kansas safety Leroy Irvin (47) looks a bit out of position to make this play. Nebraska's Kenny Brown takes advantage of the acrobatics to trot into the end zone with a 12-yard completion from quarterback Tim Hager.

Athletes, coach accuse committee of being misinformed

By Shelley Smith

Several UNL women athletes and one women's athletic coach Monday night accused UNL's Title IX Self-Study Committee of being misinformed and misrepresented.

The committee, which held its first open meeting Monday night, was appointed by UNL Chancellor Roy Young at the end of August. Young said the committee's role was as a fact-finding committee designed to check UNL's progress on Title IX compliance.

Title IX, which became effective July 21, 1975, reads that no person can be discriminated against on the basis of sex under any education program or activity receiving federal financial assistance.

Cindy Agee and Anne Watland, senior UNL swimmers, questioned the committee's validity because of its composition. The committee is made up of university faculty, students and Lincoln residents. None are women athletes or coaches.

Watland said she felt the committee, in order to present an accurate view of women's athletics to the Chancellor should also contain women athletes.

"Finding facts is a lot different than experiencing what we as women athletes go through day to day. I don't know if facts are the way to find out what's really happening," she said.

ALTHOUGH COMMITTEE chairwoman Alma Homze, Homze, an assistant professor in elementary education, insisted the meeting was an information gathering session rather than information giving session. Affirmative Action Director and committee member Bradley Munn said he had to disagree with Watland.

"I will respond for Chancellor Young in saying there are 20 some women's sports and it would be most difficult to say which sports could be on the committee," he said.

Agee said many people have said a woman athlete on the committee wouldn't be objective. However, she said no one would know more about the woman athlete's situation than a woman athlete.

WHEN QUESTIONING the women athletes about recruiting procedures, committee member Sylvia Weegan, an associate professor of mathematics, asked if someone could explain the Association of Intercollegiate Athletics for Women recruiting rules.

"I really know nothing about it," she said.

UNL Women's swimming coach Ray Huppert said he was concerned about the committee's apparent lack of knowledge of AIAW rules "when you will be voicing your opinion to the Chancellor on your findings here and from other research."

"I would think you would have a good understanding of them," he said.

However, Homze explained that each member has been given a "detailed synopsis" of the AIAW rules.

SUE ELLIS, a student committee member, asked the athletes about their travel and per diem allowances.

Mindy Martens, a junior volleyball player, said she was satisfied with the volleyball food allotment increase from \$7 per day to \$12 per day. She said this year the team will be able to charter buses for out of town meets, and will fly to Texas and California.

Agee said the swim team also will be able to fly to Texas for a meet, and will take two trips in vans. Several years ago, she said, the team traveled to Florida in a van and camped on an Indian reservation along the way. This year, she said, the team will stay in a motel with four girls to a room.

The athletes also discussed their complaints about no women athlete's training table, and the few student managers and trainers.

And, most agreed that newspaper coverage of women's athletics was poor.

"SPORTS MEDIA as a whole is so male oriented. They say people don't like to read about women's sports, but how do they know?" she said.

Martens said the volleyball team receives small clippings in the newspapers, but said the newspapers are not going after the whole story.

However, Jay Davis, Women's Athletic Director, said she felt there has been a gradual increase in media coverage of women's athletics.

"There are more reporters interested in what women are doing. On the whole I've been very pleased with the merged women's and men's sports information office and media coverage for women," she said.

Homze said the committee will continue to interview students, athletes and coaches in order to get a fair representation and opinions on UNL's compliance. She said the committee hopes to report to Chancellor Young by the end of November, and any information released about the report will come from him.



Where are you going?

Members of the UNL freshman women's crew team glide by the Creighton freshmen men's team in the first heat of a crew competition Saturday at Capitol Beach lake. UNL won two of the four heats, including the men's varsity matchup.

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