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## Fewer turnovers, penalties are Husker priorities

By Tad Stryker

For the most part, the Cornhuskers played with good intensity last Saturday, Head Coach Tom Osborne said at the Extra

Point Club luncheon Monday. But one let-down proved to be crucial in the Huskers 18-14 loss to Florida State, he said.

The letdown occurred with about six minutes to play in the second quarter, dur-

ing a drive that enabled Florida State to cut the Huskers' lead to 14-3 at the half.

"They got a little feeling that they could get back into the game, and then we spent the whole third period encouraging them," Osborne said.

Osborne faced a capacity crowd with a mixture of humor, disappointment, insight and optimism.

Osborne's introduction brought a standing ovation from the crowd. In response he joked: "Maybe you all stood because you're surprised I even showed up today.

"You've been reading about how Notre Dame wants me to be their coach next year," he said. "Well, yesterday they called me up and said, 'Forget it.'"

In no way does he feel ashamed of his players, Osborne said.

"I told the players that I didn't want them to feel ashamed of themselves, either," Osborne said. "In athletics, the only time you should feel ashamed is if you didn't try."

Pinpointing one certain place where the game was lost is impossible, he said.

### Best defense

"You lose the game over 60 minutes," Osborne said. "Florida State played extremely well. They have probably the best defense we'll see all year. Our defense played hard—especially in the first half. So then, you might want to blame the offense. But you can't say that, because our defense didn't give them a single turnover, and we had poor field position all day."

Osborne said that at the end of the game "an unfortunate set of circumstances" spelled doom for Nebraska.

Jeff Quinn's fumble at the 10-yard line was one of those, Osborne said.

"When we're unhappy, we like to blame someone," Osborne said. "Sure, Quinn was the one with his hands on the ball that last play, but we wouldn't have been on the three (yard line) if Quinn hadn't made a couple of great plays."

He said the coaching staff was as disappointed as anyone else.

"A lot of our coaches, including myself, were hoping for an undefeated season this

year," Osborne said. "But we will go ahead and do a good job. There's nobody left on our schedule that I think we can't beat.

"A good thing about athletics," Osborne said, "is that you get a chance to check yourself out and see how you'll react to something like this. Now we'll see how we react to some adversity."

Osborne had a specific idea on what the Huskers' first reaction should be.

"We're going to have to work on cutting down on the turnovers and the dadgum silly penalties," he said.

Osborne had praise for the Husker fans' behavior and attitude.

### Applaud Seminoles

"I appreciate the way our fans responded to defeat," he said. Cornhusker fans gave the Seminoles a round of applause as they left the field.

"The Florida State fans have commented on our fans' attitude and how well they were treated," Osborne said.

Osborne said he was surprised to find out the Husker offensive line graded better against the Seminoles than it did against Iowa or Penn State. He said the Husker blockers made less mental errors last Saturday than they did in the two weeks before.

Films also revealed that the Seminole offensive linemen had better hands than the game officials gave them credit for. Both Osborne and Defensive Ends Coach George Darlington pointed out several instances where Nebraska pass rushers had their jerseys grabbed, were hooked with an arm or tackled outright.

Osborne said, however, that all the bad calls didn't go against Nebraska.

"There were some unusual calls made on Saturday—both ways," he said.

Jarvis Redwine's hairline rib fracture will definitely keep him out of the Kansas game, Osborne said.

"The rib that has the hairline fracture is probably just as strong as the others are, but it's mainly the pain factor that's causing the problems now," Osborne said. "Jarvis is having a hard time even walking around."

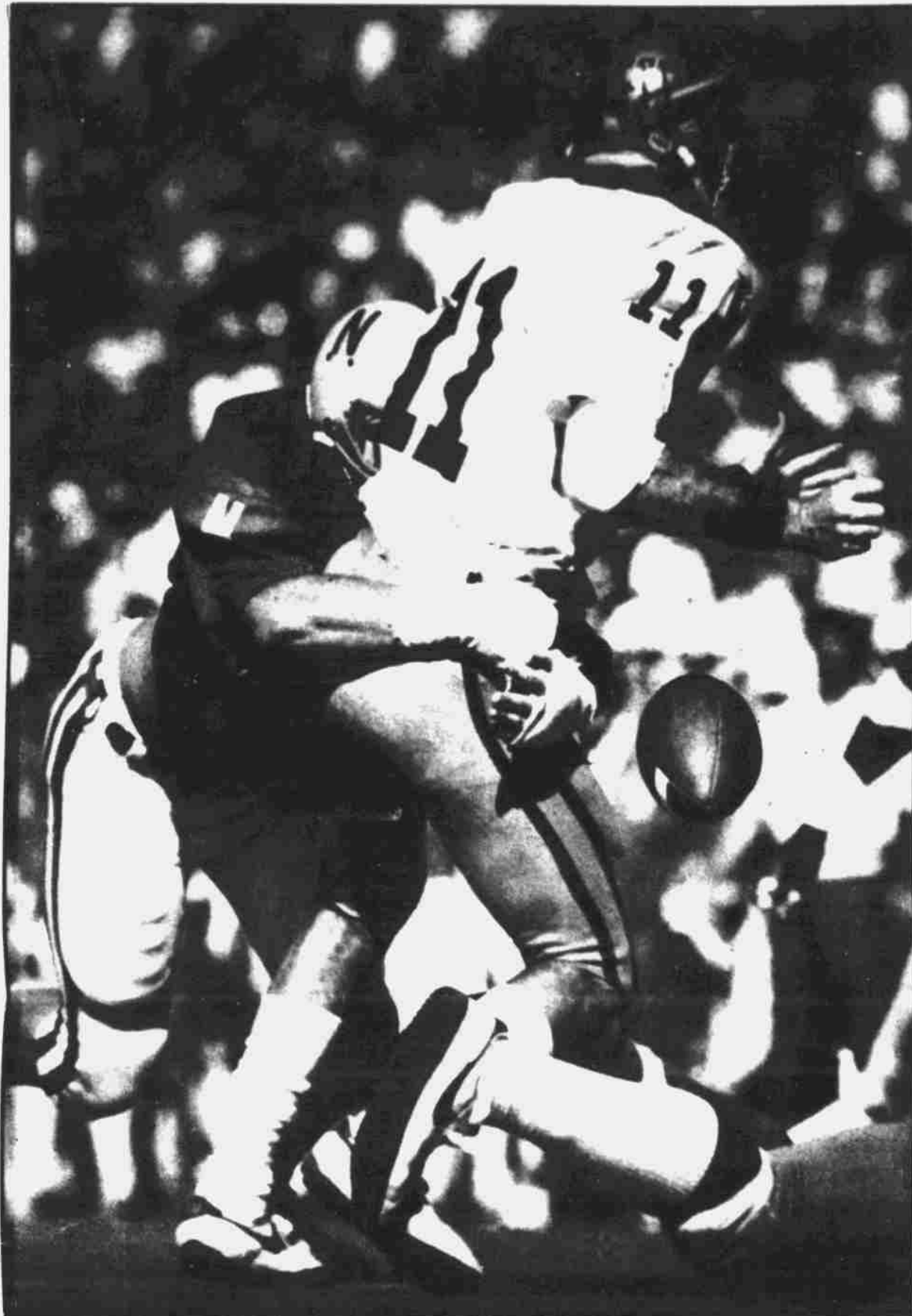


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## Injured Cornhuskers miss practice; Johnson to replace Redwine Saturday

Nebraska's football team went through a good practice in sweats Monday, Head Coach Tom Osborne said.

Several players missed practices but some were expected to return today, although a few remain doubtful for Saturday's game against Kansas.

I-back Jarvis Redwine, suffering a cracked rib, is extremely doubtful for Saturday's game. Osborne said he wasn't sure when Redwine would be back.

Cornerback Andy Means also remained doubtful for the Kansas game with a strained knee, and offensive lineman Randy Theiss is questionable with a sprained knee, Osborne said. Cornerback Ric Lindquist also missed practice with a sprained ankle and isn't expected to practice today Osborne said.

Other players who missed practice, but are expected back today, include quarterback Jeff Quinn, with a sprained ankle and bruised shoulder, monster Sammy Sims with a sprained ankle, linebacker Brent Williams with

a sprained knee and defensive tackle Henry Waechter with a sprained knee.

Osborne said Craig Johnson would be the number one replacement for Redwine and Roger Craig and Mark Moravec would also be seeing action against the Jayhawks.

## CU increases ticket allotment

More tickets have been made available for the Colorado-Nebraska football game Oct. 25, according to Ruth Walcott, an assistant to the ticket director.

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