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Johnson says football part of life's challenges

By Joni Kramer

Although he is unhappy that Jarvis Redwine is injured, Craig Johnson said he is looking forward to starting this week against Kansas.

Johnson was advanced to the starting I-back position because Redwine fractured a rib against Florida State. The injury could keep Redwine out for as much as three weeks.

Despite having to play on the second-string team most of his career, Johnson's attitude of team orientation has been evident.

"This year we can be as good as we

want and we're pulling for each other," Johnson said. "There will be games when the defense works well, and other games, it will be the offense. We all help each other and just remember not to get down on each other for a bad performance."

Looking at his role at Nebraska in the past three years, Johnson said his responsibilities have made him grow up a lot, and the challenges he has faced have given him a "never quit" attitude.

"Even though I've been discouraged at times, I've never really felt like quitting," Johnson said. "My feelings of gain overcome all the discouraging times. There will always be sore spots, but that's just part of life."

Johnson, who has been playing football since he was 7 years old, said a number of factors kept him interested and active in football all these years.

"My parents influenced my start, and later my dad coached me, and this factor played in my continuing ambition to play. As I grew up, I found that football was the best sport for my talent, and I continued because I was rarely discouraged," Johnson said.

"I find football a challenge and some of my incentive for college ball is all the people who come to watch us. Knowing this helps work for the game," Johnson said.

Some loyalty and some good football is what Johnson says brought him to UNL.

"I'm from Omaha and after comparing football elsewhere, I figured why go out of state when the best is right here in Nebraska," Johnson said.

Although Johnson said he feels athletics can hinder an education because it takes so

much time, he feels football has been an asset to his education.

"By playing football, I'm getting school paid for. Some people may think football is a lot of pressure, but if I wasn't playing, I'd probably be working to pay for my school, which is a pressure," Johnson said.

No matter what turns up in the future, Johnson said football will have an effect.

"If I get the chance to play pro ball, I'll jump on it," Johnson said. "But, being a business major, I'd like to have my own business, and learning to face challenges through football and school will help in other life challenges. Playing at Nebraska

will also be beneficial in my future because of the exposure we've gotten."

Johnson, who is getting married in April, and who will graduate this year, said that when football ends his ambition is to raise a family.

"I want to raise my children as well as my parents raised me, and I hope to prepare them for life as well as I feel I have been," Johnson said.

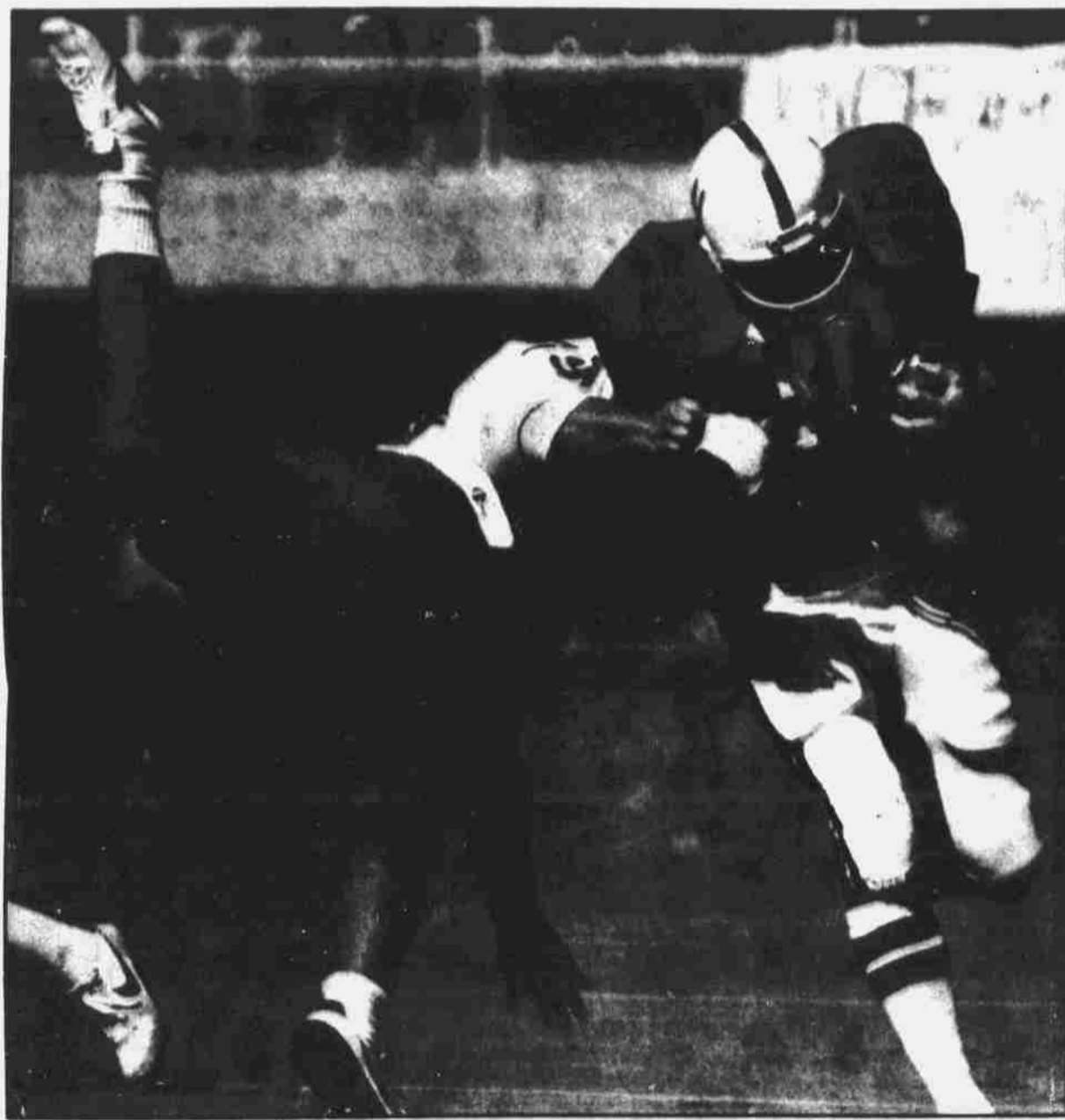


Photo by Mitch Hrdlicka

Craig Johnson escaped a tackle in the Florida State game last weekend.

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Frosh game postponed

The freshman football game between Kansas and Nebraska will be postponed until Monday at 1:30 p.m. in Lawrence, Kan. The game was originally scheduled for this Friday.

Even more tickets

The UNL Ticket Office announced that persons holding lottery numbers 1 through 2,662 will receive tickets to the Colorado-Nebraska football game. Students can pick their tickets up today from 9 to noon and from 1 to 4 p.m.

Redwine continues to lead the nation in rushing

Despite being injured late in the Florida State game, Husker I-back Jarvis Redwine still leads the nation in rushing.

Redwine has picked up 666 yards on 88 carries for an average of 7.6 yards per carry and 166.5 yards per game. Dwayne Crutchfield of Iowa State and David Overstreet of Oklahoma were 12th and 14th, respectively, with averages of 119 and 116 yards per game.

Missouri's Bill Whitaker has picked off five intercept-

tions to lead the nation with 1.25 per game.

In scoring, Redwine and Crutchfield are tied for first in the conference and the nation, averaging nine points per game.

Nebraska's Todd Brown is second in Big Eight pass receiving, averaging 3.7 catches per game. Oklahoma's Mel Campbell leads the conference and is seventh in the country with a 5.3 catch per game average.

Redwine is third nationally is all-purpose running,

averaging 181.7 yards per game. Oklahoma's David Overstreet is the only Big Eight player to be ranked nationally in this category at 20th with a 141.3 yards per game average.

In the Associated Press Poll, the Huskers slipped from third to 10th, and in the United Press International Poll the Huskers are ranked ninth.

Ohio State, upset by UCLA last Saturday, slipped from second to ninth in AP and tenth in UPI.

Goalie says meeting people a soccer club bonus

By Inta Rizis

Getting out and meeting a lot of new people is what senior Phillip Streyve notes as being the best part of playing on the UNL Soccer Team. Streyve is the goalie for the team and also serves as the soccer club president.

Streyve started his soccer career in high school. Although he's originally from England (100 miles from London) he spent most of his life in Miami, Fla. He began by playing full-back on the high school soccer team. When the goalie for the team graduated from high school, Streyve decided to go out for the sport.

"I tried out for it and I've just stuck with it," Streyve said. "For me, it's the best position."

When Streyve came to UNL he immediately got involved with soccer.

"At first, it was just a fun thing to do," he said. "Now

we've developed a pretty good team and I'm more serious about it."

Streyve decided to attend UNL because his father, who was originally from Nebraska, moved here. Streyve is majoring in agronomy and plans to go overseas when he graduates to work for chemical plants and large fertilizer companies in England. He said that he's been varying his classes to include a background in both business and farm management, but is mostly interested in doing actual work in the fields.

Hobbies seem to lean in one direction for Streyve. He played basketball in high school and spends his summers doing the same. He also enjoys watching other sports. Photography is another one of his interests.

Streyve doesn't plan on playing soccer when he goes to England although it is their major sport. A lot of emphasis is placed on soccer in Miami, too. He noted

the difference in support between UNL and Florida.

"It's (soccer) just been there longer than it has here," Streyve said. He said the main reason was because high percentage of Latins down there.

"Soccer is a major sport in South America," he said. "When they came here (United States) they developed soccer in youth league, then high schools, and finally colleges."

Streyve said that if, given the chance, he probably wouldn't play any other position than goalie.

Scheduling classes around practice hasn't posed any problem for him. Practicing 10 to 12 hours a week along with games can get pretty hectic, he said.

"It especially gets hectic when we have six games in five days," Streyve said. "But it's the kind of game I could never get tired of."