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Kansas transfer Rozier is scrimmage standout

By Bob Asmussen

Nebraska's first scrimmage of fall practice was labeled a success by Coach Tom Osborne.

"It was a good practice," Osborne said, "the whole week was a very good week. We put in most of our offense and defense."

The scrimmage, held Saturday afternoon at Memorial Stadium, was Osborne's first chance to see several new players in action. The standout of the day was I-back Mike Rozier. The junior college transfer from Coffeyville, Kan., Community College was the leading rusher with 13 carries for 78 yards.

"There's been talk of me being redshirted and I don't really want that," Rozier said, "I decided that I had to do well to improve myself."

Osborne acknowledged Rozier's fine play.

"Mike had a good day," Osborne said, "he's got a lot of talent. He's starting to get our system down."

Osborne said all five quarterback prospects played well but singled out Mark Mauer as probably having the best day.

"From a standpoint of mistakes Mark did real well," Osborne said, "Nate Mason ran the ball well. They all showed some good things and they all made some mistakes."

Osborne said running backs Dennis Rogan and Jeff Smith played well. Rogan was the second leading rusher with 63 yards on 10 carries while Smith added 31 yards on eight carries.

First team I-back Roger Craig gained 31 yards in limited action.

"We know what Roger can do," Osborne said explaining why Craig carried the ball only six times, "we wanted to get a look at some of the other running backs."

Osborne said the team is still looking for depth on defense, adding that the films might help the coaches find two or three reserves who played well."

Saturday marked the end of two-a-day practices which played a role in Osborne's numerous substitutions.

"The players were tired and we wanted to keep them away from injuries," Osborne said.

A shoulder injury to defensive tackle Dave Stromath caused Osborne some concern.

"I'd say he's our number three defensive tackle," he said. "If his injury is serious it could really hurt us."

There were six touchdowns in the scrimmage, five of which were on the ground, and a 40-yard field goal by Eddie Neil.

Rozier and Mark Moravec had two touchdowns each. Rozier's touchdowns came on runs of four and two yards while Moravec scored from the 5 yard line and from the 1. Dave Burke had a 2-yard touchdown run and Scott Shoettger caught an 8-yard touchdown pass from Turner Gill.



Photo by Mark Billingsley

Nebraska defensive end Jimmie Williams signs autographs for fans during the annual photo day last week at Memorial Stadium. The Huskers held their first scrimmage Saturday and will drop to one-a-day practices today.

Limitations, regulations

NCAA to blame for loss of athletic strong hold

The National Collegiate Athletic Association can make all the accusations it wants, but the blame for the loss of its strong hold on college athletics lies within the NCAA itself.

During the past decade, the NCAA has stuck the more established programs of Division I with scholarship limits and various regulations and has, in effect, cut its own throat.

Finally, the CFA took its own action Friday as the member schools met in Atlanta and approved a four-year television contract which could help turn around the downward path of college football.

The NCAA, despite repeated pleas from the so-called powerhouses of college athletics, continues to group almost 150 schools in Division I, many of which simply don't belong there.

Reaping benefits

The lower-level schools of Division I have no doubt enjoyed the position they are in — operating the programs of Division II schools while reaping the benefits of big-time athletics. Using the excuse of trying to make football equal among all of these schools, the NCAA has imposed so many restrictions that the super powers of college football have watched their programs begin to slip away.

The weekly telecasts of college football have also gone downhill since the NCAA began its program of equalization, and the viewer ratings have followed the same path. The idea of equal appeal for all teams is idealistic but the NCAA should realize the fans just don't care to see Slippery Rock and Little Sisters of the Poor as the national game of the week. On top of this, the NCAA dares to claim "the CFA plan would be a ratings disaster and cause college football great embarrassment."

The NCAA claims exclusive rights to television contracts and the dust had hardly settled Friday when it reissued its cries of expulsion for any school which supports

the CFA pact. The tactics are obvious — try to scare enough schools into changing their votes before the Sept. 10 deadline. The guess here, however, is that the plan could backfire into more support for the CFA plan and that the NCAA won't back up its many threats.

Meaningless championships

The CFA has no desire to break ranks with the NCAA and the NCAA cannot afford to lose the 61 CFA schools. Can you imagine, for example, the 1981 NCAA gymnastics championships without Nebraska, Oklahoma and Iowa State? In fact, most of the championship meets would be meaningless without the 61 big time schools the NCAA threatens to expel.

This would also put the NCAA in a poor position to bargain for any future television contracts in football or any other sport. After all, what network is going to pay several million dollars for the exclusive rights to Ivy League football?

Any split of college athletics will hurt the NCAA far more than it will hurt the CFA. The 61 CFA schools have solid programs and appear to have enough financial backing from NBC to make a go of it on their own.

If the CFA again votes for approval of the contract when the final tally is taken Sept. 10, the NCAA had better wake up and begin talks with the CFA instead of continuing to fill the coffers of the smaller schools at the expense of a few major college athletic programs.

Larry sparks

The 61 members of the College Football Association, plus the Big Ten and Pac-Ten conferences, make up the pillar of support for the NCAA, but the association has stood by and watched the base erode for the past five years.

Sports tickets selling this week at stadium

Student season football tickets will be sold Aug. 25-28 to new students and those who did not buy a ticket in the spring. Students who bought a ticket last spring can pick them up Sept. 9-11.

Tickets are \$30 and will be available at the outside windows of the Athletic Ticket Office, 117 South Stadium. The office will be open 9 a.m. to noon and 1 to 4 p.m.

Full-time students must show their ID card and present payment by cash or personal check. Students who did not preregister must complete their registration before buying a ticket.

Married students may purchase an additional ticket for their spouse but must present proof of marriage.

Ticket refunds will be made if the ticket office is notified in writing by Sept. 18.

Season basketball tickets can be purchased by full-time students for \$10 beginning Aug. 25.

Zinn resigns from athletic department to accept post at Texas University

Dr. June B. Davis, assistant athletic director and women's athletic director at UNL recently announced of Susan Zinn, the administrative assistant, effective Sept. 11th.

Zinn is leaving her post and Nebraska with her husband, who has accepted a position with his company in Austin, Texas.

Zinn joined the Husker women's staff earlier this year after serving as the executive secretary for the Nebraska School Activities Association.

A Nebraska native, she earned both her B.A. and M.A. at Nebraska and taught and coached at Omaha Burke

High School where her 1975 tennis team won the state title.

Davis said, "We are very sorry to see Sue leave. She has done many fine things for our department through sponsorships and with the Boost Her Club. She will definitely be missed."

The department is attempting to fill the vacancy immediately.

Upon her arrival in Texas, Zinn will be joining the Texas University Interscholastic League as an assistant athletic director.