

'Elder statesman' likes status, offers experience

By Tad Stryker

Scott Woodard doesn't mind his teammates kidding him about how long he's been around. He can get along without having the extra talent that some other players enjoy. It doesn't even bother him that he's not starting, and never has. (Well, not too much, anyway.) Woodard said he's satisfied to simply be a part of the Nebraska team.

Woodard, in his fifth year at UNL, is the "elder statesman" of Husker receivers. He goes back to the 1978 Oklahoma game to recall his greatest moment as a Husker. His teammates call him "Father Time."

"They give me a hard time," he said. "We kid around and stuff like that; we have a lot of fun."

In the everyday give-and-take between teammates, Woodard has something valuable to offer: his experience.

"My experience has helped me a lot this year," he said. "I don't have the speed that Todd Brown does, or some of the other skills. I did learn a lot from (former Huskers) Kenny Brown, Tim Smith and those guys, though, and that's something I can pass on to the younger receivers."

Since he graduated from Papillion High School and walked on in 1977, Woodard has seen a lot, but he rated the Huskers' long-awaited 17-14 win against the Sooners in

1978 as his favorite game.

Tim Smith got hurt in the first half," the two-time letterman recalled, "so Frank Lockett and I played the second half."

"It was so intense out there, and so loud, I couldn't believe it. The fan noise was incredible on every play," he said. "I didn't catch any passes, just did a lot of blocking, but I'll never forget just being a part of it."

Being a part of it means a lot to Woodard.

"I'm just happy to be playing," he said. "I think alternating with Todd, bringing in the plays from the sidelines, gives us both just about the right amount of playing time."

At this time last year, Woodard wasn't playing at all. He dislocated his shoulder playing in the season opener against Utah, missed the rest of the year and received a hardship ruling from the NCAA.

"The redshirt year was good for me," he said. "I had just come off knee surgery the January before the (1980) season started and I didn't have my speed back. I used all last season to get in shape again and get things squared away."

Now that things are under control, Woodard said he is enjoying his role and concentrating on the things he can do to help the team.



Photo courtesy of UNL Sports Information
Scott Woodard

Osborne: Rogan loss won't hurt team

The status of third team I-back Dennis Rogan was uncertain at Tuesday's football practice. The 5-10, 189-pound Rogan has not attended practice this week. Coach Tom Osborne said he hasn't talked to the Colorado Springs, Colo. native.

"I imagine he's retired but I just don't know for sure," Osborne said. "His dad is in town and he thinks he's a Heisman trophy candidate and better than Roger (Craig). I don't think our program is going to collapse due to the loss of one player."

Osborne said Tuesday's practice went well. He said everyone played well and there was good concentration.

As far as injuries are concerned, Osborne said the situation is not too severe. Henry Waechter was expected to practice Wednesday and Osborne said he was hopeful that he would be able to start on Saturday. The left corner-

back spot is still a toss-up between Allen Lyday and Ric Lindquist. Lindquist is coming off an injury.

"It depends on whether or not Ric has complete mobility," Osborne said. "Lyday has played very well."

One player who won't see action Saturday is Steve McWhirter. The junior linebacker had cartilage removed from his injured knee on Tuesday. Osborne said he didn't expect McWhirter back for at least two weeks.

Turning toward Penn State, Osborne said he saw a difficult challenge. Osborne expressed particular concern over the fact that this Penn State team is considered to be the fastest they've ever had.

"Paterno thinks he has his best offensive team ever," Osborne said. "Their defense is good as well. They also have a very good kicking game. Todd Blackledge is a fine quarterback."

Women golfers prepare to defend title

By Mary Sue Hergert

The women's golf team will try to defend its title at the Iowa State Invitational Sept 24 to 26 in Ames, Iowa. There are 12 teams playing in the tournament.

UNL Coach Gerald Fisher said it will be difficult to beat Oklahoma this year.

"I think we can do it, but everyone would have to shoot in under 80 and one girl would have to shoot under 75, but that is totally feasible," he said.

"The team we have this year is probably the best team that Nebraska has ever had. Last year we had competition for the spots on the team, but this year we have even more competition," Fisher said.

Fisher said this was good because, "It makes the team work harder and be more competitive. This kind of thing improves a girl's game."

Playing No. 1 for the team will be Jan Stanard, a junior from Aurora. Fisher said Stanard has played the best and been the most consistent player for the team so far.

Robin-Scherer, a senior from West Point, will play No. 2. Cathy Nelson, a sophomore from Omaha will play No. 3. Sophomore Kim Davis of Lincoln, will play No. 4, and Carin Roberts, a junior from Dallas, Texas, will play the five spot.

Fisher said he is encouraged with the play of Davis. This is her first year on the team because she was red shirted last year with a knee injury.

"Kim is playing good, she is shooting 73s and 74s during qualifying, and we just have not seen those kind of qualifying scores before," Fisher said.

The team finished 17th out of 20 last week in the Susie Maxwell Bering All-College Tournament in Oklahoma City.

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