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## Huskers must gain control again, says Osborne

By Larry Sparks

The Cornhusker football players need to take a realistic view of Nebraska's worst start in 21 years, UNL Coach Tom Osborne said at Monday's Extra Point Club luncheon.

"We've got to make sure the players believe in themselves," Osborne said. "It would be very easy to throw in the towel on this season and get ready for the next one but I'm not going to do that."

"In athletics, everything is great or it's all bad but it's neither, really," Osborne said. "When you win, there are a lot of things you've got to worry about down the road and when you lose, there's still a lot of good things."

Osborne said he was pleased with the effort the team gave, adding it was a much better attempt than the loss to Iowa. But he said there are still many improvements to be made.

"They gave all that they could give so we didn't try to beat them over the head or anything," he said. "We've got to get better. That's about all we can tell them."

The play of the defensive line and how well the offense would hold onto the ball were Osborne's two major concerns going into Saturday's 30-24 loss to Penn State. He said the line had some difficulty against the Nittany Lion offense which was "very good."

He said Nebraska's four turnovers were costly and added the Huskers actually committed five turnovers because the Nittany Lions got an extra possession when Nebraska lined up with too many men on the field on the first punt and Penn State got the ball back plus a 15-yard gain.

Linebacker Jim Corbeil was the 12th player on the field. He had been injured on the previous play and the trainers told the coaching staff he was out for the game and might need surgery.

"I don't think anyone on our sidelines thought he would play," Osborne said. "Jim went from surgery to full speed in about five minutes."

"He was out there trying to find a place to line up and there was somebody in his place," Osborne said. "I said 'Jim, at that time you might have thought there's something wrong.' But you can't blame the guy. He wanted to play."

Osborne had praise for the linebackers but said the Cornhuskers lack depth at that position and need the return of Steve McWhirter who has been ruled out for the Auburn game but might be back for the Colorado game

next week.

"(Steve) Damkroger and Brent Evans have played very well but they're playing a long time," Osborne said.

Osborne said the quarterbacking against Penn State was "kind of good and kind of bad." Nate Mason played alright but had trouble with handoffs and Mark Mauer played well except for the last few minutes, he said.

"He (Mauer) was under a lot of pressure," he said. "They were blitzing him but he handled the game well."

Mauer will start against Auburn Saturday, Osborne said, but Mason and Turner Gill will probably see action.

Nebraska assistant Tony Samuels scouted Auburn in its 10-7 loss to Tennessee Saturday and said the Tigers are quick and aggressive. He said they use an unbalanced line about 80 percent of the time.

"They like to fake you with wishbone-type running plays," Samuels said. "Their backs are not too big but very fast."



Photo by Mark Billingsley

Penn State linebacker Ed Pryts (61) tries to hold back Nebraska I-Back Roger Craig (21) in Saturday's 30-24 Nittany Lion win at Memorial Stadium. The Cornhuskers will play the third of four straight home games Saturday against Auburn.

## Director's Club gifts support Nebraska athletics

By Cindy Gardner

The effects of inflation have reached beyond the supermarket to the Super Bowl. Sports are not immune from economic problems, but the University of Nebraska Foundation is hoping a new group of supporters will help ease the pinch.

Four months ago, the foundation began soliciting members for the Director's Club. Foundation Vice President Lee Liggett said each member makes a gift or pledge of \$50,000 to the foundation for the support of the Intercollegiate Athletic Department.

"Inflation has really played havoc with the cost of everything," Liggett said. "Rising costs have caused some

schools to abandon part of their athletic programs. Everyone connected with Nebraska athletics is dead set against letting that happen here."

The concept of the club was developed about a year ago, according to Liggett.

"After looking at the programs of other Big Eight schools, we found Nebraska was one of the few without a program for this level of contribution. We found a hole in our coverage," he said.

According to information released by the foundation, the club is designed to encourage and maintain support for the athletic department and to honor Bob Devaney and past athletic directors.

Money given by club members will be used for capital improvements, Devaney said. Specific projects currently being financed by the athletic department include construction of a women's softball field, renovation of the running track under the east stadium, expansion of Schulte Field House and remodeling of the visiting team locker room.

"The priorities are up to Bob Devaney," Liggett said.

Director's Club members can make a one-time gift of \$50,000, make annual installments of at least \$5,000 over

a ten-year period or arrange for a deferred gift of \$100,000 or more.

"We're hoping to reach the point where the annual income from this club will be \$100,000," Devaney said. "That means millions of dollars (of pledges) would be involved."

The club has 17 members, Liggett said he is hoping to have 20 or 25 by the year's end.

"We hope to add to the club as time goes on," Liggett said. "This does take time. It's not the type of thing where you can send out a form letter. Personal contact is required."

Members of the club can benefit from "the knowledge that they are extremely helpful to the athletic department," Liggett said. He said there are no tangible benefits for club members.

The purpose of the organization as outlined by the foundation includes "affording proper recognition for members and providing opportunities for them to become better acquainted with the athletic department staff and student athletes."

"We don't sell the Director's Club on what they can get out of it, but the other way around," Liggett said.

### intramurals

Pete Balerud won the men's intramural frisbee skills competition. Theresa O'Brien won the women's title. Co-recreational winners were Sue Olson and Mark Hakel.

The men's team championship was won by Alpha Tau Omega with Delta Upsilon as runner-up. Love Memorial Hall won the women's team title.

Men's, women's and co-recreational intramural archery will be Sept. 29 and 30 in Mabel Lee Hall 301. Participants may enter and shoot any time from 6:15 to 9:30 p.m. each day.

Entries for faculty and staff intramural racquetball and handball singles are due prior to 5 p.m. today at the Recreation Office, 1740 Vine Street.

### Correction

The Daily Nebraskan incorrectly reported in Monday's edition that the UNL men's cross country team placed sixth in the Wesleyan Invitational. The team which placed sixth was UNO.

The UNL team competed in an invitational at Manhattan, Kan., over the weekend. The Cornhusker's top placer was Marc Adam who ran the 4-mile course in 19:49.

## Wishbone preparation continues

Preparing for Auburn's wishbone offense in only one week could prove to be a problem, Nebraska football Coach Tom Osborne said at practice Monday night.

"Time is always a problem when you're preparing for the wishbone," Osborne said. "You can never get a scout team that runs the wishbone very well."

He said Auburn's style of offense was "more like the Alabama wishbone." The Tigers run out of several different sets and rely heavily on the fullback for their offense, he said.

"Tennessee, when they defended them last week, had one guy assigned to the fullback and that wasn't enough," Osborne said. "Of course, when you're playing the wishbone, it's hard to play more than one man on the fullback because you've got to play the quarterback and the pitch man. You have to catch all of the option possibilities."

He said Auburn's offense has been playing well so far

this season but has been stopping itself with penalties and turnovers.

"Tennessee couldn't stop them. Neither have most teams," Osborne said.

He announced five changes in the starting lineup for the Auburn game. Tom Carlstrom will start in the right offensive guard spot in place of Kurt Glather. Allen Lyday is scheduled to take over the cornerback spot opposite Ric Lindquist and Henry Waechter, who has been out with an ankle injury, will return to the defensive right tackle spot.

Osborne said Randy Theiss will take over the offensive left tackle spot in place of Jeff Kwapick and Mark Mauer will return to the top spot as quarterback.

Nate Mason was bothered at practice by a sore ankle which Osborne said is because of calcium deposits. Henry Waechter also reinjured his ankle but is not expected to be held from Saturday's game.