Quarterback issue plagues Osborne once again

By Cindy Gardner

The quarterback question that plagued Nebraska football Coach Tom Osborne earlier this season has cropped

Saturday's 31-7 victory against lowa State and the claiming of the Big Eight crown turned out to be the silver cloud with a dark lining. Starting quarterback Turner Gill underwent minor surgery early Sunday morning after suffering a calf injury in the game. Gill remained on crutches Tuesday and hs been ruled out for the Oklahoma

Gill's absence left the Husker coaching staff with a shortage at the signal-calling position. Senior Mark Mauer will start against the Sooners and Bruce Mathison will back him up. Osborne, however, was unsure what to do about a third quarterback.

Sophomore Craig Sundberg, who had planned to use this as a redshirt season will not make the trip to Oklahoma, Osborne said after Tuesday's practice.

"We really didn't want to waste his (Sundberg's) redshirt year," Osborne said.

Freshman Travis Turner will travel to Oklahoma in the No. 3 spot. Osborne said Turner was selected over junior varsity starter Todd Zart because he has had fewer problems taking the snap.

"Todd certainly has as much ability as Travis," Osborne said. "One of the main things we need down there (at Oklahoma) is consistency and the ability to not fumble the snap and to hand it off. We feel that Travis has done a little better job there."

On the other side of the line of scrimmage, the Nebraska Blackshirts have been preparing to face a wishbone offense for the second time this season.

Oklahoma quarterback Darrell Shepard has had some success rushing this season, but Osborne said his ground gain depends on how a team chooses to defense the wishbone. He added that the quarterback has several opportunities to run in the Sooner offense.

"The halfbacks in the wishbone are sometimes not getting the ball very much. It's a fullback-quarterback offense. They're not getting the ball pitched very much,"

Osborne said that when Oklahoma first began using the wishbone, it was hard to know how to defense.

"They just ran up and down the field because everyone was a man short on the option. They had no idea how to play them," Osborne said. "People now have gotten more sophisticated in the kind of defense they use."

Land of deR-giB-oG is Switzer-proof

I called my therapist today to tell him the nightmares aren't as bad this year. I got his answering service.

"I'm sorry, Dr. Jinx is in Miami. He's decided to take a vacation during the slump."

For the first time since 1971, Dr. Jinx is losing business and I'm not losing sleep. Looking back, I think last year was the worst. I still remember tossing and turning on those November nights. I had no way to escape the recurring dream.

The forces of good entered from the southwest. I knew they were good because the crowd praised them. I hid behind my full-color ritual guide not wanting to see what would happen when the lions entered the arena. After some time I realized there were no lions but instead creatures called boomersooners.

until the ritual began.

Sacrifical objects thrown

Periodically throughout the ritual, sacrifical objects were released into the air and others were thrown into the arena. One struck a priest and stained his zebra-skin shirt. As I watched the congregation present its offerings, I realized the people of deR-giB-oG were not human at all. They were beasts who alternated rapidly between moments of elation and moments of rage.

The people of deR-giB-oG remained in the temple for many hours. While the ritual continued they shouted both curses and praises toward the glass shrine in the west. "Devaney!" Devaney!" they chanted as if pleading for some powerful force of the past to return.

In the arena it appeared not to matter what the forces of good did. The boomersooners were blessed by a power they called Switzer. This power allowed them to move forward when they should have moved back, and to reach the goal no matter what the odds.

As the ritual drew to a close, the communication device flashed messages at a frenzied pace. The citizens of deR-giB-oG stood on their seats and lifted their fists. A few began to tear the red garments from their bodies as if they were in mourning. The words "oak la home a" were spoken with contempt throughout the temple.

I would be awakened again to find myself clutching my Husker football press guide and "Go Big Red" banner. I would live in fear until the Saturday when my dream would inevitably come true.

But this year, Dr. Jinx is in Miami and I'm packing my bags for Switzer-land. The force of Oklahoma says "We'll win because we always win," but Barry's blessings have run out. In my pleasant dreams this year the message communication device flashes: Nebraska 21, Oklahoma 17.

Sigma Alpha Epsilon scored on their second possession in overtime to win the men's all-university flag football championship 25-19 against the Pigskins.

The SAEs were forced to stage a late rally to send the game into overtime as they trailed 19-13 with six plays left. A key pass completion from Tim Smith to Bob Cummings on a fourth-and-18 play enabled the drive to stay alive.

The winning touchdown in overtime was scored by Ray Poage on a 43-yard pass reception.

Mark Gunby defeated Mark Rooney to win the men's intramural turkey trot. Gunby covered the 1600-meter track in 4:35. Sara Stricker ran the course in 5:05 to win the women's division. Janice Ohrt placed

Rooney, Mark Gunby, seum 7.

Janice Ohrt and Sue Nelson won the co-recreational title with a combined time of 19:46. Lyle Grosbach, Phil Reinhardt, Sheri Davis and Sara Stricker placed second.

Lois Fiala defeated Mary Fowler 21-13, 21-5 to win women's indoor racquetball singles title.

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GINGLY gardner

It was always the same. I would be awakened by some unseen charge, beads of cool sweat falling from my forehead. After a moment of disorientation, I would realize I was in my own room and safe in my own bed. With a sight of both dred and relief, I would sink slowly back into my pillow. Hours-that-passed-in-moments later I would find myself back in the land of deR-giB-oG.

Standing in line observing the red-clad creatures around me, I clutched the rectangular piece of paper. I had just sold my soul and promised my first born to obtain the sacred pass that would allow me to enter the temple.

Guard grabs temple pass

At the gate, the temple guard took my pass. He looked at it and then at me. I blushed as I realized I was wearing my crimson and cream pajamas - a gift from my grandmother in Oklahoma. The guard mumbled and let me enter the temple.

Inside the temple, thousands of deR-giB-oGoids scurried about. Some stood yelling incoherent phrases while displaying unusual, apparently useless, wares. Other deRgiB-oGids paid high prices for such wares which lead me to believe they were objects of sacrifice.

At the north end of the temple stood a large message communication device which periodically flashed the words of the god. I read these messages with confusion

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