

# Sports

## Freshman football team hobbles to 41-0 shutout

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Spectators at Nebraska's freshman football team's 41-0 victory over the William Jewell junior varsity Monday may have been confused with what kind of sport event they were watching — basketball or football.

Both teams had a habit of

dribbling the football on Memorial Stadium's "superturf." The Huskers fumbled 11 times, losing six of them, and William Jewell fumbled six times, losing four. William Jewell also threw one interception.

Coach Dan Young said the fumbles were a result of using players who have seen little playing time.

"The guys who haven't had that

much time were revved up and pretty excited," Young said. "They (the fumbles) were explainable."

The victory enabled the freshman to close out the season with a 4-1 record. The Huskers were scheduled to play the Kansas State junior varsity last Friday, but Kansas State was forced to cancel because of their injury situation and William Jewell was added.

The freshman controlled the game from the outset. I-back Jeff Wheeler scored on touchdown runs from the 3 and 23-yard lines in the first quarter. Wheeler, a walk-on from Urbandale, Iowa, rushed 18 times for 126 yards in the game. Of those yards, 110 came in the first half.

Wheeler saw extensive action in the first half because of other I-backs missing from the lineup. I-back Jon Kelley did not play because of a hip pointer suffered in the varsity's victory over Kansas State. Keith Jones has not

been with the freshmen since their second game.

"We only have eight or nine scholarship kids and a lot of the walk-ons have really come on," Young said.

Quarterback Wendell Wooten also rushed for over 100 yards, gaining 131 yards on 16 carries. A majority of his yards came on his second quarter touchdown run of 74 yards. He also scored again in the third quarter on a 16-yard run.

Backup quarterback Jim Toner took up the slack in the passing department. Toner completed five of eight passes for 92 yards and two touchdowns. He hit wingback Pat Seawell with a 19-yard strike at the end of the first half and wound up the Husker scoring with a 28-yard touchdown pass to split end Bob Kenney late in the third quarter.

Except for the fumbles, Young said he was pleased with the vic-

tory, especially coming off of the narrow loss to Waldorf Junior College.

"We played with a lot better intensity, we had a pretty good effort throughout and the players were up and ready to play at the opening kickoff," Young said. "With Waldorf we weren't ready to play and when we were ready we didn't have it."

The freshmen will now prepare for the annual game against the redshirts on Nov. 8. After the red-shirt contest, Young said six or eight freshmen will play with the varsity. Young pointed out that punter John Kroeker as a likely promotion. Young said the Husker staff wants Kroeker to experience the crowd noise and varsity competition.

Kroeker set a new freshman punting record, breaking the previous one that had been set in 1966. Kroeker's average of 40.5 yards per punt topped Bill Bomberger's freshman record of 40.1.



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William Jewell quarterback Gus Boyer escapes Nebraska's Zachary Mackey in the first quarter Monday.

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