

QB's to battle for backup spot

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Nebraska enters the 1985 football season with something it didn't have going into 1984, an experienced quarterback.

Travis Turner, a senior from Scottsbluff, returns in 1985 after starting half of Nebraska's 1984 games. Turner and graduated Craig Sundberg waged a battle last season that was at times more disruptive than productive. Sundberg took the starting reins for the Sugar Bowl and led Nebraska to a win against LSU. He was named MVP of the game.

Turner proved last season to be a durable runner and a capable passer, but a knee injury in the spring game that resulted in surgery could open the door for redshirt sophomore McCathorn Clayton.

Clayton, out of Orlando, is considered a better runner than Turner and is also

said to have improved his passing. Clayton holds the Nebraska quarterback records for the 40-yard dash and the bench press.

Behind Turner and Clayton to start the fall will be Jeff Taylor, Clete Blakeman and Jerry Mlinar. Taylor is a redshirt sophomore from Omaha Westside who was in Clayton's recruiting class.

Blakeman got in a few games last year as the No. 3 quarterback behind Sundberg and Turner. Blakeman, like Taylor or Clayton, is a sophomore and is from Norfolk. Mlinar is a junior from Greeley.

Nebraska's freshman quarterback from last season, Wendell Wooten from La Marque, Texas, is a likely redshirt candidate in 1985. Nebraska coach Tom Osborne has said the only way Wooten won't redshirt is if he is the No. 2 or 3 quarterback on the depth chart after fall practice.

Another player who could see some

time is freshman recruit Steve Taylor. Taylor, from San Diego, is considered one of the prizes of what was a good recruiting class. Taylor will likely be the freshman team starter and could see some action late in varsity games. He has been compared favorably to Turner Gill.

But Nebraska fans who want to see experienced quarterbacks will get plenty of chances this season. Nebraska's schedule is filled with teams that return quality quarterbacks.

Maybe the best of the bunch will be Illinois' Jack Trudeau. Trudeau is getting some preseason support for the Heisman Trophy despite being overshadowed in his own conference by Keith Byars and Chuck Long. Other top signal callers the Huskers will face include Oregon's Chris Miller, Florida State's Eric Thomas and Kansas' Mike Norseth. One old nemesis the Huskers won't have to face is Oklahoma's Danny Bradley.



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Nebraska quarterback Travis Turner releases the ball before Danny Noonan lowers the boom in a scrimmage last spring.

Rec office to kick off fall schedule

The Office of Campus Recreation will kick off its fall schedule Aug. 29 with a chairperson's meeting.

The meeting, which is open to all students, includes an hour-long slide presentation that explains the rec office's activities.

Punt, pass and kick will be the first individual competition slated for the fall schedule. It will be held on Sept. 4 at Cather-Pound field and no pre-registration is necessary.

The Campus Recreation Festival, which is tentatively scheduled for Sept. 6 to 8 is an active way of introducing the program, Kenda Scheele, director of intramurals, said. Students can find out more about the festival by attending the chairperson's meeting.

The deadline for team competitions is Sept. 3.

The deadline for Co-Rec flag football and men's slow pitch softball, the first two team competitions slated for the fall, is Sept. 3. Both leagues require an entry fee to help pay for awards. Teams must also pay a \$10 forfeit fee, which is refundable at the end of the season if they don't forfeit a game.

Students with questions about Campus Recreation or its activities should call 472-3467.

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