

# Sports

## New turf, coach to greet Mizzou

By Chuck Green  
Staff Reporter

After their worst season in 13 years, the Missouri Tigers hope to challenge for Big Eight supremacy with a new coach, a new defense and an old problem at quarterback.

The Tigers began the 1984 season with a 1-3 non-conference record. After a 35-21 loss to Kansas in the season finale, which gave the Tigers a 3-7-1 record, seven-year coach Warren Powers was dismissed.

Enter Robert "Woody" Widenhofer, a 1965 Missouri graduate who played linebacker for the Tigers. Widenhofer coached USFL's Oklahoma (now Arizona) Outlaws last year and spent 11

years with the Pittsburgh Steelers as an assistant defensive coach.

Widenhofer brings with him the pro-style 3-4-4 defense, which is designed to thwart opposing passing attacks. The newly installed defense will showcase the Tigers' linebacking corps.

Bo Sherrill, a 6-3, 220-pound junior who led the team in tackles (99) last season, will lead the linebackers from his inside spot. Mike Vestweber and Buck Stinson will battle for the other inside linebacker position.

The outside linebacker spots will be filled by Gary Justis and Eric Troy, who both started the second half of last season. Freshmen Lee Johnson and Darren MacDonald also might challenge.

Only one starter returns in the

secondary, a relief for most Missouri fans. The 1984 edition was statistically the worst in the Big Eight. Senior Tony Facinelli returns to his cornerback spot, while Rodney Shepard and Ron Floyd attempt to fill the other cornerback slot. Cameron Riley and Erik McMillan are front runners for the remaining secondary positions.

The three-man line will be anchored by junior tackle Michael Scott, while Rick Klothmann holds down the other tackle spot. Steve Leshe and Cory Cathcart expect to alternate at nose guard.

On the offensive side, the Tigers have a sturdy front line led by All-American candidate John Clay. Clay, a 6-5, 280-pound junior, was an all-Big

Eight selection last season.

The strength of Missouri's offense appears to be at the skill positions. The Tigers are once again faced with a pleasant dilemma at quarterback, returning the best tandem in the conference: seniors Warren Seitz, 6-4, 220, and Marlon Adler, 6-0, 185. Seitz and Adler combined for 710 yards rushing and nearly 2,000 yards passing in 1984.

The primary receivers will be Adrian McBride, a flanker with 4.5 speed in the 40, and tight ends Pat Thetford, 6-4, 230, and Joe Close, 6-5, 245. McBride led the team last season with 21 receptions for 326 yards.

Recently reinstated fullback Eric Drain will lead the Tigers' ground assault. Drain, a three-year letterman,

was suspended last spring for disciplinary reasons. Santio Barbosa, Jon Redd and Vernon Boyd will add depth to the backfield.

Missouri will be tested Sept. 28 against the Texas Longhorns at Austin. But the Tigers do have the advantage of playing at home against Nebraska, Oklahoma and Oklahoma State during the Big Eight race.

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## Intramural Shorts

Entry deadlines for men's slow pitch softball, co-rec flag football, men's and women's tennis singles and co-rec tennis doubles are due at the Campus Recreation Office, 1740 Vine St. by 5 p.m. today.

There will be managers meetings for men's softball and co-rec flag football Thursday in the Nebraska Union. The

softball meeting is at 6 p.m., and the football meeting is at 7 p.m.

Punt, Pass and Kick competition will be today from 4 to 7 p.m. at the Cather and Pound Intramural Fields at 17th and Vine streets. No advance entry is required. There is no entry fee and no award fee. Entries will be taken at the site.

## Seminoles roll during tune-up for Nebraska

By Darrell Fry  
Special to the Daily Nebraskan

NEW ORLEANS — After holding off a first-half challenge by Tulane, 19th-ranked Florida State pulled away from the Green Wave 38-12 Saturday in the Louisiana Superdome.

The biggest question that Seminole coach Bobby Bowden had before the game was whether second-year quarterback Danny McManus would be able to control a high-powered offense. McManus demonstrated poise and intelligent decision-making — and completed 14 of 19 passes for 191 yards and two touchdowns.

Bowden was pleasantly surprised. "The poised part of his performance I just couldn't predict," Bowden said. "I really didn't know if he would panic out there or not."

"Even his reactions were better than I could have expected. He definitely

told us what we needed to know," Bowden said.

After two McManus passes resulted in a touchdown, Bowden's concern fell upon his young and inexperienced defensive secondary. But, following the quarterback's example, the unit displayed uncanny maturity by not giving up the long pass.

But FSU wasn't perfect: the ball carriers accumulated 225 yards on the ground but coughed up the football four times — twice inside the Tulane 15-yard line and once on their own 11.

Bowden had another worry on his flight back to Tallahassee.

Late in the first period, Bowden's most dangerous offensive weapon, wide receiver Hassan Jones, re-separated his shoulder as he dove for a pass. He will not make the Nebraska trip and probably will be out of action for two to three weeks.

## Men's volleyball club plans for next season

By Jim Ballard  
Staff Reporter

The UNL men's volleyball club is a second semester sport, but its members are trying to get organized now.

"We're losing a lot of top people from last year, and even more for the next semester, so we're trying to be more organized," team member Jeff Iverson said.

Practices will begin in a couple of weeks, and everybody playing together at the start, said Iverson, a senior business major.

"We'll be playing together for about a month, and then we'll break up into probably three different teams," he said.

The three teams will be at different ability levels.

The team also hopes to sponsor a co-rec volleyball tournament to raise money for the team.

"The tournament will probably be in mid-November, and we're hoping to raise \$500," Iverson said.

That money will help the team when it begins next semester's schedule, which will take them to such places as Omaha and St. Joseph, Mo.

"We're involved with the United States Volleyball Association, and we have Saturday tournaments all during second semester," Iverson said.

The team also will play in its own conference, in which it finished second last season.

Kansas, Iowa State, Quincy College in Illinois, and last year's champion, Graceland College, are in UNL's conference.

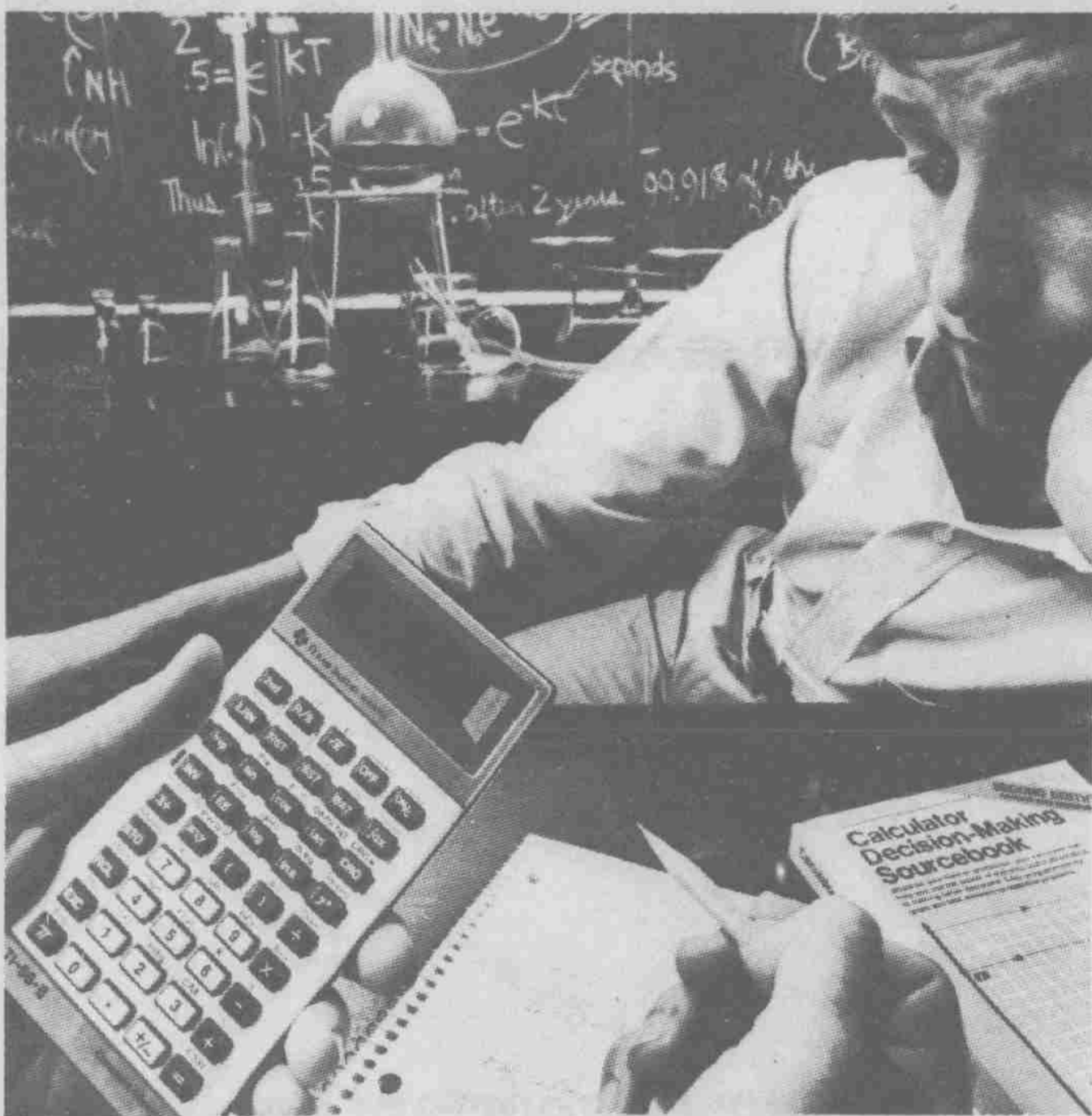
The team also competes in Lincoln's city recreation league, and finished second in that last year.

Any men interested in playing should watch for Daily Nebraskan classified announcements for dates and practice times, Iverson said.

"New people are always welcome," he said.



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