

Sports

Osborne wary of mobile Duck passer

By Bob Asmussen
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Oregon quarterback Chris Miller will present Nebraska with a different problem than did Illinois' Jack Trudeau, Nebraska coach Tom Osborne said. At any time, Miller, unlike Trudeau, might be going mobile.

Osborne, speaking at his Tuesday press luncheon, said Nebraska had very little concern with Trudeau taking off and running. But Miller will be harder to contain, he said.

"We always hate much more to see a fine quarterback who can run," Osborne said. "And Miller is also a very good passer."

Oregon will go into Saturday's game with a 2-1 record. The Ducks have defeated Stanford and Washington State,

but lost at Colorado. The loss to the Buffaloes was a game that the Ducks could just as easily have won, Osborne said.

"In many respects they deserved to win the game," he said. "I think they're a team that has an excellent chance to do very well in their conference."

Osborne said Oregon has the best skill position players that Nebraska will have played this season. Besides Miller, the Ducks are led by running back Tony Cherry, fullback Kevin Willhite and wide receiver Lew Barnes.

"The tailback, Cherry, is not very tall and, in some ways, that works to his advantage," Osborne said of Cherry, who is 5-8. "Their fullback Willhite has great speed and is a fine receiver. We feel they've moved the ball better and

more effectively than any team we've played to date."

Osborne said Nebraska came out of the Illinois game with very few serious injuries. It is still doubtful that defensive end Gregg Reeves will play in Saturday's game at Memorial Stadium since he didn't play against Illinois.

Osborne said defensive end Brad Smith has a bruised hand, but that he hopes Smith will be ready for Oregon. Middle guard Phil Rogers might miss the Oregon game because of a knee strain, and offensive tackle Tom Welter has turf toe.

"The injury situation is not too bad," Osborne said. "We came out of the Illinois game rather fortunate in terms of injuries."

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Ralston natives playing 'inspired' football at WSU

By Jeff Apel
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Editor's note: This is the second of an eight-part series. Tomorrow — Iowa State.

Wichita State's John Hanel and Bryan Schertz are playing inspired football this season.

Hanel and Schertz, a pair of scholarship freshman from Ralston, had their high school football careers abruptly ended when Ralston was narrowly denied a spot in last year's playoffs.

"We missed making the playoffs by something like 10 points, so I'm letting that experience inspire my play this season," said Schertz, an offensive tackle. I'm keeping that experience in the back of my mind, just because I don't want anything like it to happen again."

This season, Schertz has spent the better part of fall camp and the early part of the Shockers' season trying to learn the Wichita State offensive formations.

Since the Shockers have no junior varsity program, it's traditional for freshman to spend their first season working out with the varsity in practice. But they rarely play in any games.

"It's tough not playing all the time, especially just coming out of high school, where you are used to playing a lot," Schertz said. "Not getting to play is something I expected though, because this is this is major college football."

Hanel, a 6-1, 210-pound linebacker, is just returning to practice after he was sidelined with a knee injury from the second day of fall camp.

Although the injury wasn't considered serious, it was enough to temporarily slow down the former all-state, all-metro player who earned six letters in football and track at Ralston.

"My knee has been troubling me some in the past, and the coaches felt it might be best if we went ahead and had it operated on," Hanel said. "I just returned to practice (Monday), but I'm looking at my comeback as a positive thing."

Hanel, who, along with Schertz, said Nebraska really never showed much interest in him, said he wasn't discouraged by the fact that Wichita State is just coming off a two-year probation, which was imposed by the NCAA for alleged recruiting violations.

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