

# Freshman kicker hopes to improve

By Brian Keenan  
Staff Reporter

The Nebraska football team has had a problem the past few years: Its kicking game has not lived up to expectations.

Now hope is being pinned on freshman Chris Drennan.

Drennan, from Cypress, Calif., is the newest addition to the field goal kicking corps. Last Saturday against New Mexico, Drennan made the Huskers' second field goal of the year.

"That has to be my greatest thrill," Drennan said. "It's hard to match kicking in front of 76,000 people."

Drennan, an all-country and all-league performer in soccer during high school, turned down scholarship offers from UCLA, Columbia and Air Force. Drennan said the main factors in his decision to come to UNL were Husker Coach Tom Osborne, the weight room and Ursula Walsh's work with academics.

For most freshmen, the adjustment to college is a hard one. Drennan said he has the same adjustment problems as other freshmen.

"The weather here is hard to get used to," Drennan said. "I'm not used to such windy weather. The temperature here is also a lot colder."

Before getting here, Drennan said his goal was to kick for the varsity this year. When he arrived on campus, he changed his mind.

"Once I got here, reality set in," he said. "There are so many quality kickers here I realized it would be harder than I expected."

Drennan said he is kicking the best he has all season. However, he said he needs to work on consistency on his kickoffs.

Right now, Drennan is working with the varsity. However, he said that he is only there on a day-to-day basis, and he doesn't know if he will go to Oklahoma State this weekend.

"I'm real happy with the way I've been kicking right now," Drennan said. "(The varsity coaches) also have me punting."

Drennan said his goal for the rest of the season is to keep improving. He said he doesn't believe that he will be on the varsity the rest of the year.

"I just want to contribute as much as possible," Drennan said.



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Nebraska center Bill Lewis (68) clears the way for fullback Tom Rathman. Rathman finished with 60 yards rushing against New Mexico last weekend.

# Predictor wins, makes critics vanish

I don't quite know how I did it, but it seems that I have managed to silence all of my once-abundant critics.

Criticism was plentiful when I was defeated by Nebraska basketball coach Moe Iba's predictions early this season, but I haven't heard a single word since I defeated Bob Frank last week.



Jeff Apel

Frank, who all year had been a prime source of my criticisms, posted only a 2-2 record. I demolished him with a 3-1 mark in games against him and a 20-5 mark overall.

The key game, which brought me the victory over Frank, was Florida's 20-0 rout of LSU. Frank picked LSU, while I took the Gators. We both missed on Illinois' 31-28 upset victory over Ohio State, and I also missed on Arizona's 28-6 victory over SMU, Kentucky's 28-7 win over Clemson, Drake's 20-17 laughter over Iowa State and Georgia Tech's 31-0 drubbing of North Carolina.

For the year, I'm 59-22 for a 73 percent winning percentage.

With all my success, it's beginning to get easier and easier to find a guest columnist. I had several offers this week, including a letter from Dave Edwards, president of the Nebraska Association of Residence Halls, and a call from a man in Texas who claimed to have a trained gorilla who could pick games.

I wrote this gentleman's phone number down and almost let him and his gorilla be the guest predictors, but decided instead to bring my mom's cat out of its seemingly dead state and make it do the work.

**Nebraska 28, Oklahoma State 27 at Stillwater, Okla.**

The only advice I have for all of you gamblers out there is to stay away from this game. Oklahoma State hasn't beat Nebraska since the early 1960s, and I don't think they will do it here.

My mom's cat completely disagrees with me, saying the Cowboys will win by a 16-point margin.

**Oklahoma 31, Texas 16 at Dallas.**

The cat's pick was the Sooners by a narrow four-point margin. I agree, but I think Oklahoma will continue its quest for the national championship by defeating Texas rather easily.

**Florida State 31, Auburn 20 at Auburn, Ala.**

This is a first in a series of games in which the cat and I disagree on. The cat jumped all over Auburn in this one, although I think the Seminoles will be too much for a badly overrated Auburn squad.

**Alabama 28, Penn State 20 at University Station, Penn.**

Have you ever wondered what Joe Paterno is trying to hide by wearing those black glasses? No matter how high (or red-eyed) Paterno and the rest of his Nittany Lion squad are, they won't be able to beat a respectable Alabama squad even if the cat does pick Penn State by six.

**Florida 29, Tennessee 17 at Coral Gables, Fla.**

The Volunteers will wish they wouldn't have chosen to play this one after the highly priced Florida squad gets through with them. Tennes-

see squeaked by a weak Wake Forest squad last week, and I don't think it can pull off another upset like it did over Auburn. The cat, however, picked Tennessee by eight.

**Other Scores:**

Virginia 28, Clemson 17; Georgia Tech 35, Western Carolina 3; North Carolina 13, Wake Forest 9; Colorado 21, Missouri 7 (this one seals Woody's fate); Kansas 45, Iowa State 6 (Apel's best bet); Illinois 31, Purdue 20; Ohio State 24, Indiana 21 (Todd von Kampen's expert pick); Iowa 38, Wisconsin 17; Michigan 34, Michigan State 24; Minnesota 21, Northwestern 17; Boston College 24, Army 10; Air Force 27, Navy 13; Arizona State 31, Utah 17; Washington 38, California 14; UCLA 31, Stanford 16; LSU 41, Vanderbilt 12; Arkansas 31, Texas Tech 10; SMU 24, Baylor 14; Brigham Young 45, San Diego State 14; Hawaii 17, Wyoming 14; and Tulsa 24, Long Beach State 14.

## Intramural rifle competition targets novices and experts

By Doug Carroll  
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An intramural rifle shoot will be Monday and next Wednesday at the ROTC rifle range in the Military and Naval Science building, said Kenda Scheele, UNL intramural coordinator.

The competition is open to all students, regardless of experience. For novices, instruction will be provided by members on UNL's rifle team, Scheele said. Rifles and ammunition will be provided for free.

Competition is divided into men's, women's and co-rec classes. Each participant will have 10 shots from a prone position at a distance of 50 feet. The winner is the person who collects the most points. Co-rec champions will be determined by adding the men's and women's scores.

Last year's men's champion, Kurt Kelley, said the competition puts all participants on an even basis regardless of experience.

"It was more fair for the average person because they didn't use extra equipment," he said.

Kelley, a junior natural resources major, said the participants last year used only target rifles without slings or other equipment that is used in regular competition. Kelley said he thinks this helps put the average shooter on more equal terms with the experienced shooter, who is used to extra equipment.

For more information contact Campus Recreation at 472-3467. It has rules and times for the competition.

In other intramural news, Scheele says that UNL may receive sponsorship from the Shick company for men's and women's three-on-three basketball tournaments. Tournament winners would advance to regional and national playoffs. If UNL receives the sponsorship, playoffs will be Nov. 15 to 17. Scheele said the rec office won't know if Shick will sponsor the tournament for a couple of weeks.

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