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Husker is arrested

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Nebraska defensive end Broderick Thomas was arrested by Lincoln police officers Monday night on a bench warrant and resisting arrest.

Nebraska coach Tom Osborne said he didn't know what disciplinary action, if any, would be taken against Thomas.

He said that players convicted of drug charges or felonies are usually suspended from the team, but added that the resisting-arrest charge Thomas faces is a misdemeanor.

"The difficult thing I'm faced with is the perception some people have that athletes get away with murder," Osborne said. "Some people are going to say, 'He's Broderick Thomas, and nothing will happen to him.'"

"Sometimes, though, I find that if you're an athlete, you can get away with even less than you could if you were just a regular student," Osborne said.

Lincoln police Lt. Ervin Portis said that the officers located Thomas Monday night about 9 p.m. and arrested him for failure to comply with a past court order for a moving violation.

Portis said that Thomas resisted the officers, who then charged him with resisting arrest.

Osborne said in a press conference Tuesday that he did not yet know all

the details, but had talked to Lincoln Police Chief Dean Leitner Tuesday morning. Osborne said what Thomas told him matched what Leitner told him.

Osborne said Thomas told him the police approached him about a moving violation that he allegedly had not paid. Osborne said Thomas told the officers he had paid the violation. Osborne said Thomas told him that the clerk at the office said there were no further payments.

Thomas said he showed the police receipts from when he paid the citation, but they insisted that they still had to arrest him, Osborne said. Thomas said he would drive downtown and make the necessary payment, Osborne said, but the officers wouldn't let him take his car.

"They said he had to ride along in the police car," Osborne said. "Broderick didn't like that very much. He tried to go back into his apartment and the police blocked the door. There was a scuffle and he went downtown after that."

Osborne said that Thomas requested a telephone call to him or Nebraska defensive ends coach Tony Samuel, but the request was denied.

Portis said Thomas was handcuffed, and leg restraints were applied.

"I'm glad it didn't get worse than it did," Osborne said. "I certainly don't condone what happened, but Broderick is an emotional guy. He's not a bad person, but he does have a short fuse."

"If he feels he's getting the short end of the stick, he's hard to deal with."



Thomas

Sun Devils hope to keep NU wishing

By Chuck Green
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Nebraska's football team will try to accomplish something this fall that it never has before — leave Sun Devil Stadium with a win.

In 1975, Nebraska lost to Arizona State 17-14 in the Fiesta Bowl. In 1986, the Huskers faced Michigan on New Year's Day and lost to the Wolverines, 27-23.

But Arizona State coach John Cooper said he hopes to keep Nebraska's losing streak in Tempe, Ariz., alive.

"Nebraska is one of the most respected football programs in



America, and it's a real pleasure to be playing them," Cooper said.

Cooper said he didn't think Sun Devil Stadium had any "jinx" on Nebraska, but also said that Nebraska coach Tom Osborne "might use the 0-2 record as an incentive for his players."

"Most of the time, we'd have an advantage over other teams because of the heat down here," Cooper said, "but no one has an advantage over Nebraska because of the numbers game. They're so deep in every category."

Cooper said his biggest concern this season is finding a replacement for graduated quarterback Jeff Van Raaphorst, who led the Sun Devils to a 10-1-1 record last season and a Rose Bowl victory over Michigan. Cooper said Danny Ford, who was Van Raaphorst's backup last season, and John Walker are the top two candidates for the signal calling duties this season.

Fullback Channing Williams, who rushed for 540 yards last season, and tailback Darryl Harris return. Harris rushed for 1,042 yards in 1986. Aaron Cox, an all-Pacific Ten Conference selection last season, returns to his split end position, while Chris Garrett, a 6-foot-4, 204-pound junior, will begin the fall at the wingback position.

The top two tight ends for Arizona State are freshmen Jeff Johnson and Ryan McReynolds.

Cooper said the biggest rebuilding job this season for the Sun Devils is on the offensive line. Arizona State lost both tackles and its center from last season. Scott Kirby, a 6-5, 276-pound junior, and Fedel Underwood, a 6-4, 299-pound sophomore, are the front-runners for the starting tackle positions, while junior Steve Spurling, 6-3, 254 pounds, appears to be the top prospect at center, Cooper said.

Guards Todd Kalis and Randall McDaniel return to their starting positions. Cooper said he thinks McDaniel has a good chance to become an All-America this season.

Defensively, Cooper said, the biggest holes to fill are on the defensive line. Tackle Shawn Patterson, another player Cooper said he thinks is a legitimate All-America candidate, anchors the line at one tackle position, while Wichita State transfer Mark Dukens could "step right in" and play at the other tackle spot, Cooper said. Middle guard will be filled by Richard Davis, a 6-1, 290-pound sophomore, Cooper said.

Inside linebackers Greg Clark and Stacy Harvey return, but Cooper must find replacements for the outside linebacker positions. Freshmen Terry Johnson and Kerry McDaniel are the top two candidates.

Arizona State will have an experienced defensive secondary. Two-year starters Anthony Parker and Eric Allen return to the corners.

Robby Boyd returns to his starting roverback position, while Bernard Jones and Jeff Mahlstede

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