

Osborne says no surgery for Taylor

By Mike Kluck
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Nebraska football coach Tom Osborne was relieved Sunday when he learned that starting quarterback Steve Taylor will not need surgery on his left shoulder.

Taylor left the Cornhuskers' 30-21 victory over South Carolina with a severe headache and an injured left shoulder that was sustained on the last play of the third quarter. He spent Saturday night at Saint Elizabeth Community Health Center as a precautionary measure.

Osborne said it was first thought that Taylor would need surgery on his shoulder, which would mean that the junior from Fresno, Calif., would be out of action for five to six weeks.

Osborne said X-rays of the shoulder revealed that the injury was a strain in the acromioclavicular joint.

"Steve's injury is nothing major, but he will probably not play next week (against Kansas). Hopefully,

we'll have him for the following week against Oklahoma State," Osborne said. "He should be in uniform next week to snap the ball if he had to."

Osborne said senior quarterback Clete Blakeman will start in Taylor's place. Blakeman led the Huskers past South Carolina by directing three fourth-quarter scoring drives that produced 17 points.

Osborne said he was pleased with Blakeman's performance. "I felt that Blakeman did a good job in the fourth quarter and that we were the dominant team," Osborne said. Osborne said he isn't worried about starting Blakeman against the Jayhawks. Nebraska will face Kansas Saturday at Memorial Stadium.

"Clete will do a good job," he said.

Osborne said the Huskers probably will not use freshman redshirt quarterback Mickey Joseph against Kansas because sophomore quarterback Gerry Gdowski is healed. Gdowski had a knee injury.

Osborne said that if the Huskers do need an extra quarterback against the Jayhawks, they may use left corner back McCathorn Clayton. Clayton was Nebraska's starting quarterback in 1985.

"Mac may practice as a quarterback one day a week, but I first want to visit with him," Osborne said.

Osborne said the only other major injury sustained against South Carolina was suffered by wingback Von Sheppard, who injured his right knee while returning a kickoff.

Osborne said Sheppard's injury may require surgery.

"It looked like his knee just gave out on him," Osborne said.

Osborne said sophomore Richard Bell will move up on the depth chart because of Sheppard's injury. Bell, who was listed as the Huskers' fourth-team wingback before Sheppard's injury, caught his first touchdown pass Saturday. Osborne said he was pleased with the Huskers' play against South Carolina. He said he is

ecstatic with Nebraska's 4-0 record.

"I figured there was a chance where we could be 2-2, but I doubted that. I thought there was a good chance we would go 3-1. I thought we had some chance at going 4-0," Osborne said. "Overall, we have had three real tough teams to play."

Osborne said he was disappointed with Nebraska's scoring drives against South Carolina. He said the fact that the Huskers drove the ball inside the 20-yard line four times in the first half and came away with only six points concerned him.

"We flittered away 10 to 17 points in the first half. Some was due to (South Carolina) playing well, and some was due to our own mistakes," Osborne said.

Osborne said he was pleased with Nebraska's defensive effort, even though the Huskers surrendered 21 points. "I felt it was the best defensive effort of the year and that we were able to consistently stop the run," Osborne said. "If you take the

two big plays they had out, they would have had a great game."

Osborne said that although he was displeased with the way the offense was handling South Carolina's blitz in the first half, he was pleased with the way the offense stuck together.

"They had a wide blitz to keep Steve contained, and we didn't handle the blitz well enough. At halftime I was concerned. I didn't feel like I was doing a very good job of coaching, and they were good enough that they were just knocking us around," Osborne said. "Overall, I was pleased to win the game. We didn't lose our poise."

Osborne said that although Kansas is 1-3, Nebraska will need to improve to defeat the Jayhawks. He said he would like to eliminate the turnovers and penalties that plagued Nebraska against South Carolina.

Nebraska had three turnovers and was penalized for 93 yards against the Gamecocks.

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NU tennis players split singles, win two of three doubles matches

By Michelle Willnerd
Staff Reporter

The Nebraska men's tennis team won three of six singles matches and two of three doubles matches last weekend at the Husker Invite in Lincoln.

"The matches went real well," Nebraska tennis coach Kerry McDermott said. "Although we didn't do as well as I expected, the guys were able to play a lot of matches."

McDermott said he was somewhat disappointed with the outcome because he was expecting everyone to place in the top two in the singles and doubles competitions.

Joining Nebraska in the three-day invitational were Tulsa, South-

west Missouri State, Southwest Baptist, Iowa State, Texas El-Paso and Colorado. No team scores were kept.

"All the teams are evenly matched," McDermott said.

McDermott said all the No. 1 singles players at the Invitational were strong. He said that is why Hawkan Svennson, a freshman from Sweden who was playing for Southwest Missouri State, defeated Nebraska's Steven Jung 3-6, 6-1, 6-4.

"We knew that Svennson was good," McDermott said. "But we didn't know how good until he played Steve."

Nebraska's Robert Sjolholm defeated Iowa State's Ivan Srut 6-2, 6-3 in the No. 2 singles compe-

tion.

"I was serving really well," said Sjolholm. "This is the first time I've played him (Srut), but I've watched Steven play him."

"This tournament was flighted and we didn't have to play each other, which made it different."

Stuart Jung, a twin brother of Steven and the Huskers' No. 4 singles player, defeated Ray Flummerfelt of Tulsa in the finals by default, while Nebraska's Brad "Black Cat" Scheidegger defeated Todd Hollander of Iowa State 6-4, 6-2.

Steve and Stuart Jung combined to win the No. 1 doubles title against Robert Gonzales and Richard Dobson of UTEP 7-6, 3-7 and 6-0.

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