

Osborne wants ball movement, pleased with 'D'

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An untested defensive line has Nebraska football coach Tom Osborne worried, but he's more concerned about his offense.

Osborne, speaking at his weekly press conference at South Stadium, said the Cornhusker's offense must run the ball better against Utah State Saturday.

"We only averaged about 4 yards a rush this week and part of that can be attributed to A&M's defense," Osborne said. "But part of it means we need to be a little more consistent with our blocking schemes, better technique football and making better decisions."

The Husker's averaged 3.4 yards a

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NU defense injures 8 Aggies for LSU

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A physical defense that placed eight Texas A&M players on the questionable list pleased Nebraska linebacker LeRoy Etienne.

Etienne said the Nebraska defense is out to prove itself this season by "putting the hurt" on opposing offenses. He said the Cornhuskers accomplished that feat during their season-opening, 23-14 victory against Texas A&M by placing a contingent of Aggie players on the injured reserve list.

The Texas A&M players, who are described by Coach Jackie Sherrill as being questionable for the Aggies' Saturday matchup against Louisiana State, include starting receiver Rod Harris, fullback Matt Gurley, safety Gary Jones, running back Darren Lewis, linebacker Dana Batiste, defensive end Leon Cole, reserve linebacker Basil Jackson and receiver Steve Lofton.

"Whew!" Etienne said, "I didn't know it was that many."

Etienne said the high number of injured Texas A&M players proves the Nebraska defense is for real. He said the Huskers felt they had "something to prove" because of questions surrounding their defensive losses.

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Hughes, five others redshirt

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Tyrone Hughes saw two obstacles in his way, so he decided to take a one-year detour.

Hughes, a freshman wingback who has been practicing with the varsity football team this fall, said Tuesday that he would redshirt this season. Hughes said he would rather sit out and keep his year of eligibility than play behind junior Richard Bell and senior Dana Brinson.

"I made my decision prior to the Kickoff Classic," Hughes said. "I'm looking forward to it and I'm looking forward to playing a lot the next few years. Since Dana and Richard are around, I wouldn't get a whole lot of chances to play. When they're both gone, I should have a chance to start for three years."

Others redshirting this year are sophomore I-back George Achola, sophomore quarterbacks Keithen McCant and Tom Haase, and sophomore defensive back Will Thomas, according to Nebraska coach Tom Osborne.

Nebraska receivers coach Ron Brown said freshman tight end William Washington will also redshirt.

Brown said it was unlikely that Hughes would play this year.

Hughes, from New Orleans, La., was named the Louisiana offensive player-of-the-year following his senior season at St. Augustine High School.

"We would hate to have him waste a year because Richard, Dana and Jamie Worden are ahead of him," Brown said. "But it's 99 percent sure he'll sit out. He would only play if Richard and Dana got hurt."

Hughes said he has no regrets about sitting out a year.

"Some people back home are not too happy about my decision," Hughes said. "But it's a year I'm looking forward to. After my family sees me on TV in the future, they'll understand why I did it."

Like Hughes, Washington will sit out a year because of the depth at tight end, Brown said.

"He's a big strong kid with high intelligence," Brown said. "He could step in and play but there's a lot of competition right now. But we have a lot of good tight ends now, so it's probably for the best."

Washington, a 6-foot-3 former all-East Texas selection, caught 15 passes for 300 yards and four touchdowns at Robert E. Lee High School in Tyler, Texas. He was a unanimous all-East Texas pick both on offense and defense, where

he played outside linebacker.

Achola said there were three main reasons why he decided to redshirt.

"Ken Clark, Terry Rodgers, and Tyreese Knox," he said. "There's quality I-back depth right now and I'm just looking out for my future. Nebraska usually only plays three I-backs and I'm the only one who hasn't redshirted. It was a difficult decision to make."

Achola, a sophomore from Omaha Creighton Prep, led the freshman team in rushing last year with 506 yards. He set a freshman team record with 93 rushing attempts.

"I've played competitive football since eighth grade and I'm going to hurt inside this year," Achola said. "But I'm going to look at it like putting money in the bank. I'm just going to draw on this later when it's worth more."



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1988 College Football Poll

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Street and Smith	Felst's	Husker III.	Athlon's	Football Digest	Lindy's	TSN	Football Action	Don Heinrich's	Consensus
1. Florida State	1. Florida State	1. Florida State	1. Florida State	1. Florida State	1. Florida State	1. Michigan	1. Florida State	1. Florida State	1. Florida State
2. Southern Cal	2. Southern Cal	2. Miami	2. Nebraska	2. Nebraska	2. Oklahoma	2. Florida State	2. Oklahoma	2. Nebraska	2. Oklahoma
3. Texas A&M	3. Oklahoma	3. Southern Cal	3. Oklahoma	3. Miami	3. Texas A&M	3. Clemson	3. South Carolina	3. Clemson	3. Clemson
4. Clemson	4. Clemson	4. LSU	4. Georgia	4. Oklahoma	4. Nebraska	4. Nebraska	4. Clemson	4. Auburn	4. Southern Cal
5. UCLA	5. UCLA	5. UCLA	5. Michigan	5. Southern Cal	5. Clemson	5. Auburn	5. Notre Dame	5. Notre Dame	5. Nebraska
6. South Carolina	6. Alabama	6. Oklahoma	6. Clemson	6. Iowa	6. Southern Cal	6. Oklahoma	6. Tennessee	6. UCLA	6. Texas A&M
7. Auburn	7. Texas A&M	7. Nebraska	7. Southern Cal	7. Texas A&M	7. Tennessee	7. West Virginia	7. Southern Cal	7. Texas A&M	7. UCLA
8. Miami	8. South Carolina	8. Texas A&M	8. Texas A&M	8. Clemson	8. Miami	8. Southern Cal	8. Iowa	8. Oklahoma	8. Miami
9. Oklahoma	9. Michigan State	9. Auburn	9. Tennessee	9. UCLA	9. Auburn	9. Georgia	9. Pittsburgh	9. Southern Cal	9. Auburn
10. Nebraska	10. Nebraska	10. Clemson	10. West Virginia	10. Auburn	10. UCLA	10. Iowa	10. Michigan	10. Miami	10. Michigan
11. Iowa	11. Michigan	11. Ohio State	11. Michigan State	11. Georgia	11. Michigan State	11. Washington	11. Texas	11. Iowa	11. Iowa
12. Alabama	12. Washington	12. Michigan	12. LSU	12. Arkansas	12. Notre Dame	12. Alabama	12. LSU	12. Michigan State	12. Notre Dame
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14. Texas	14. Iowa	14. Notre Dame	14. Alabama	14. Syracuse	14. Nebraska	14. Georgia	14. Michigan State	14. Georgia	14. Michigan State
15. Penn State	15. LSU	15. Arkansas	15. Texas	15. Notre Dame	15. UTEP	15. Tennessee	15. South Carolina	15. Tennessee	15. South Carolina
16. Michigan	16. Notre Dame	16. Penn State	16. Iowa	16. Texas	16. Iowa	16. Texas	16. West Virginia	16. Boston College	16. LSU
17. Notre Dame	17. Auburn	17. Washington	17. Miami	17. Alabama	17. Georgia	17. Miami	17. Indiana	17. West Virginia	17. Georgia
18. LSU	18. Tennessee	18. Texas	18. Penn State	18. Notre Dame	18. Texas	18. Penn State	18. Texas A&M	18. Alabama	18. Alabama
19. Washington	19. Syracuse	19. Georgia	19. Oklahoma State	19. Indiana	19. Syracuse	19. Ohio State	19. Alabama	19. Brigham Young	19. Texas
20. Pittsburgh	20. West Virginia	20. Alabama	20. Auburn	20. Pittsburgh	20. Alabama	20. Tennessee	20. Virginia	20. Penn State	20. West Virginia