

Nine Huskers held out Wednesday

in brief

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because I want to get serious about this thing."

"Of course the other thing about it is that if you got a guy who is a little bit beat up, it is probably smart to hold him out now instead of get him out there and aggravate it and have it carrying over into next week. That is kind of the way it is with (defensive back) Lorenzo (Hicks) and probably with Steve Taylor and some of these guys. If we were playing Saturday, they probably would have practiced today."

- Nebraska's injury list includes:
- Senior quarterback Steve Taylor: sprained ankle
 - Senior wingback Dana Brinson: neck injury
 - Sophomore strong safety Reggie Cooper: sore knee
 - Senior tight end Todd Millikan: ill
 - Senior left guard Andy Keeler: ill
 - Senior left cornerback Lorenzo Hicks: pulled groin
 - Senior defensive tackle Willie

Griffin practiced but went in the locker room early with a sore knee, Osborne said.

Osborne said most of those players should practice today. The exception is junior Ray Valladao, who had his knee scoped Wednesday, and will probably be out for 10 days or two weeks. Osborne said they found a slight cartilage tear in Valladao's knee. Junior fullback Sam Schmidt, who injured his ankle in the UCLA game, is still on crutches and Osborne said it may be next week before Schmidt returns to practice.

Fullback Bryan Carpenter, a junior who bruised a hand in the UCLA game, practiced Wednesday. Osborne said senior Tyrese Knox continues to practice at fullback.

Knox had played fullback earlier in his Nebraska career before switching to I-back. Osborne said Knox will give the Huskers added depth at fullback for road games. He said that Carpenter was the only fullback who was healthy enough to play against UCLA, despite his bruised hand.

Sophomore Kenny Walker also

switched this week from linebacker to defensive tackle.

Osborne said the Cornhuskers are going to start "zeroing in" on Arizona State today.

"We better be ready for these guys," Osborne said. "I saw their Illinois film and they're pretty good."

Men golfers nab third place

By Bryan Thomas
Staff Reporter

At one point in the Kansas Invitational golf tournament, the Cornhuskers were only two strokes out of 2nd place, but difficult greens widen that gap to 10 strokes by the end of the third and final day.

The Huskers, who finished 3rd behind Kansas and Missouri, did not play up to their full potential said Larry Romjue, men's golf coach. The team couldn't expect to finish any better than second because Kansas is such a good team and had the home course advantage, he said.

Kansas won the 36-hole tournament with a team total of 870. Missouri placed 2nd with 900, Nebraska scored 910, and Wichita State carded a 917 for 4th place. Oklahoma City, Southwest Missouri State and Emporia State completed the field.

Nebraska's next tournament is the Fort Worth (Texas) Invitational Sept. 25-27.

Massengale approves lights at Buck Beltzer

University of Nebraska-Lincoln Chancellor Martin Massengale has approved plans to install lights at Buck Beltzer Field, the home field for Nebraska's baseball team.

Massengale made his decision early this week, said John Peters, associate to the chancellor.

On Sept. 8, the UNL Central Planning Committee accepted athletic department plans to install the lights. Massengale had final say on the project.

Campus Rec films football game

Campus recreation filmed its first football game this season at the fields east of Mabel Lee Hall at 5 p.m. Wednesday. The game was between The Connection, last year's University of Nebraska-Lincoln co-recreational champion, and The Brew Crew.

The game will be broadcast on Lincoln's channel 5 Sept. 22 at 10 p.m. Jeff Schmah, a sports anchorman for KOLN/KGIN television, will be the guest announcer.

UNL soccer club team victorious

Nebraska's soccer club team defeated Concordia Tuesday 3-0 in Seward with goals by Chris Weindel, Doug Miller and Lane Kent.

The victory raised Nebraska's record to 2-1. It was Nebraska's first shutout of the season.

Nebraska struck first when Weindel, a former all-state player from Millard North, beat three Concordia defenders for his 4th goal of the season.

"It was a pretty incredible goal," said team spokesman Kevin Lang. Twenty minutes into the 2nd half, Nebraska struck again when Miller scored on a cross from Kent.

Nebraska's final goal came when Kent was tripped in the penalty box and converted a penalty kick.

Nebraska plays the University of Nebraska at Omaha today at 7 p.m. at Caniglia Field.

Nebraska football presentation

James Sherwood, assistant professor of history at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, will present "The Experience of Playing Nebraska Football" today at noon in the State Museum of History, 15th and P streets.

Sherwood's presentation will examine Nebraska football from both historical and cultural perspectives. Sherwood is the author of the 1987 University of Nebraska Press book, "Nebraska Football: The Coaches, The Players, The Experience." His presentation is part of the museum's Brown Bag lecture series, and is funded by the Nebraska Committee for the Humanities.

Gambler tells losing story

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Jim placed the bet on three night games and — what a surprise! — lost all three.

"If I could tell you how close I came to suicide that night . . ." Jim said, shaking his head as his voice trailed off.

There was no need for him to finish his sentence. The tears streaming down his cheeks did that for him.

That Saturday night was a sleepless one for Jim. He now owed Lincoln bookies \$7,100 and had run up charges of \$33,000 on three credit cards. Needless to say, the amount was well over his limit. He now faced severe credit penalties and eager bookies at his doorstep, holding out their hands.

"The only thing left for me to do was to get help from my parents," Jim said. "That was probably the hardest thing I've ever had to do."

Jim said he didn't know how difficult it was until he actually phoned his parents the next day.

He said his parents were "about as understanding as they could have been" under the circumstances, and that they've still not recovered finan-

cially from bailing him out.

As a result, Jim, 21, had to quit school and get a full-time job in his hometown. After the debts were finally paid, there wasn't enough money for Jim to continue college. His parent's savings account was completely wiped out.

His father, who had retired nine years ago from his own business, was forced to get a job.

"It was by far the stupidest thing I've ever done," Jim said. "Of course, when you're gambling, stupidity is common. You just can't see it. When someone else tells you how dumb it is to bet, you ignore them."

"My ignorance cost me 40 grand."

Jim said he has learned from his lesson and that he now tries to discourage his friends who want to start gambling. All he has to do, he said, is to tell them his story.

"I haven't even begun to put my life back together," Jim said. "But it's something I've got to do. I'm only 21 and I can't give up. Gambling is no longer part of my life. It can't be."

"The only bet I'm making for the rest of my life is that I'll turn my life around."

That's one bet Jim can't afford to lose.

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