

Husker starter built confidence

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a starter went about as well as he expected.

He's made 12 unassisted and five assisted tackles in the Cornhuskers' first three games against Texas A&M, Utah State and UCLA.

"I'm kind of hard on myself as far as expectations go," Tyrance said. "I've made some progress, but I'm still not totally satisfied with my game."

"I just want to contribute to the team. I was happy with the way I was playing early. I made improvement from the A&M game to the Utah State game. Then, I fell off a little. But I was glad I was able to play. I just want to play better."

Tyrance said his improvement fell off in the Husker's 41-28 loss to UCLA Saturday. He was credited with six unassisted and eight total tackles against the Bruins.

He said Nebraska's defense had a major breakdown in the 1st quarter. The Bruins jumped out to a 28-0 1st quarter lead.

"It's kind of hard to explain," Tyrance said. "We pretty much broke down. We missed a lot of assignments and blew some key plays. It wasn't a good performance, but it's behind us now."

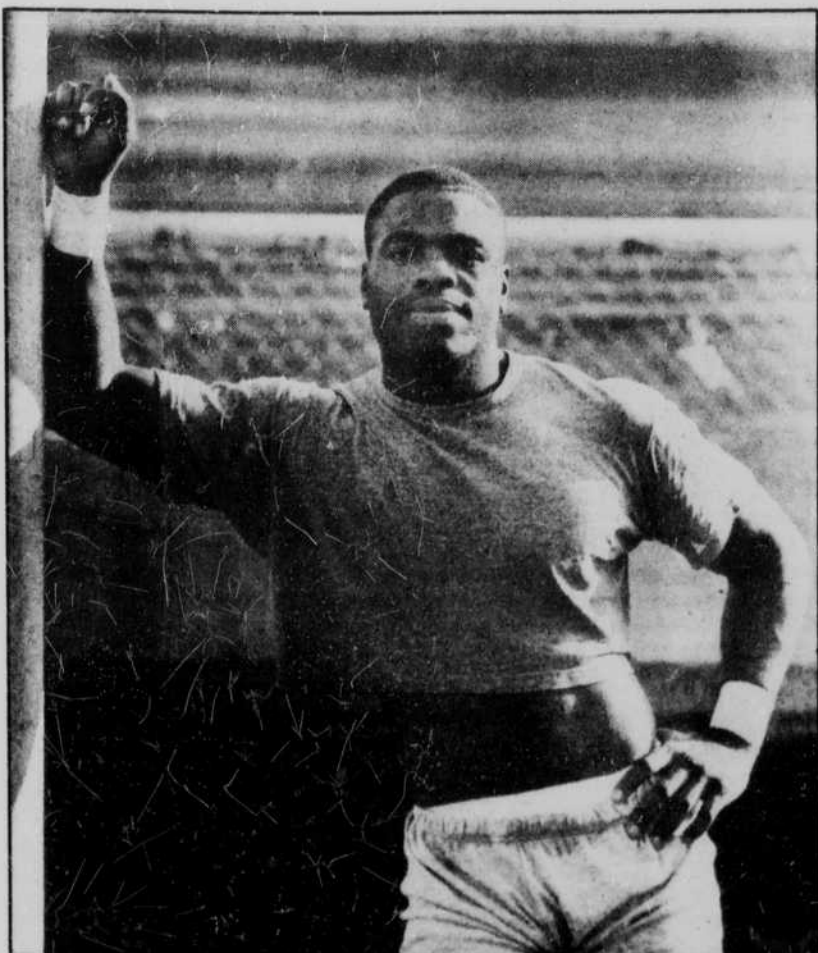
Tyrance considered his performance below par, he said.

"I was having trouble with my quadriceps," he said. "I had that in the back of my mind. I thought I played pretty well, but I was overaggressive on a few plays."

Melton said Tyrance played "pretty well" against UCLA.

"When you get beat, sometimes you have the tendency to get down on yourself," Melton said. "He missed a couple tackles, but he wasn't the only one. He's the kind of guy who will work hard and will come back and play a good ball game against Arizona State. He has a lot of personal pride."

Tyrance, who is 6-foot-2 and weighs 230 pounds, said his thigh muscle is still only 75 percent



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Sophomore linebacker Pat Tyrance takes a breather after Tuesday's practice at Memorial Stadium. The Millard North High School graduate came out of nowhere to rise to the top of Nebraska's depth chart.

healthy, but he should be ready to play against Arizona State on Sept. 24.

The Husker's other starting inside linebacker, LeRoy Etienne, has 17 unassisted tackles and 24 total. Tyrance said Etienne is always around when he needs him.

"He makes up for a lot of my mistakes," he said. "It's good to have somebody there who knows the defenses so well. He makes things easier for me."

Melton said Etienne's experience allows him to help the younger linebackers.

"LeRoy's been around so long and Randall Jobman is a seasoned

player," Melton said. "Those guys teach the other players because they know the younger guys need some help."

But against UCLA, Tyrance said, Etienne and the rest of the defense wasn't so perfect.

"We're all human," he said. "It just happens."

Because of the loss to the Bruins, Tyrance said, the defense has been working extra hard on tackling.

"We worked on it Tuesday and we'll probably have to work on it some more," he said. "That's really what hurt us. We all know what we have to do."

'World's best' finally get chance to dive into after-boycott pool of competition

SEOUL, South Korea (AP)—Los Angeles 1984 was a party without the hard stuff. It was lively but lacked kick.

The East Germans were invited but declined. RSVPs from the Soviet Union, Hungary and Poland said, sorry, we're not coming either. American swimmers had the punch bowl to themselves.

They dove in and came up with 20 of the 29 gold medals at those Summer Olympics. But the gleam was tarnished by the Eastern-bloc boycott that locked out some of the world's best swimmers.

"There's a lot of great racing going on and, because it was in the United States, it was very exciting. So it wasn't hollow. But it is misleading from a statistical standpoint with regard to the number of medals that were won."

There are 31 swimming events in Seoul, 16 for the men and 15 for the women. Quick predicted his team will win more gold medals and more total medals than any other nation. Another 20-win season is unlikely. Fifteen is a more realistic number.

Of the 26 individual events, Eastern-bloc swimmers hold records in

11. Among the men with very good chances to win are Poland's Artur Wojdat in the 400-meter freestyle, the Soviet Union's Igor Polianski in the 100 and 200 backstroke, Hungary's Josef Szabo in the 200 breaststroke and Tamas Darnyi in the 400 individual medley.

The women's competition will resemble a dual meet between the Americans and East Germans. Kristin Otto, Heike Friedrich, Cornelia Sirch, Silke Horner, Birte Weigang and Daniela Hunger head the East German team.

Sprinter's outfits dazzle

CHIBA, Japan (AP)—In less than two months, U.S. Olympic sprinter Florence Griffith-Joyner's appearance fee has skyrocketed from \$1,500 to more than \$25,000.

If she wins gold at the Olympic Games, the figure will increase substantially, said her business adviser, Gordon Baskin.

"I cannot project what she will be worth," Baskin said at a press conference. "But each deal will be selective."

Griffith-Joyner's athletic ability, attire and beauty were accentuated during the U.S. Olympic trials in July.

Wearing outfits with one leg covered and capping her appearances with an "athletic negligee," Griffith-Joyner set the world record of 10.49 seconds in the women's 100-meter dash and broke the American record in the 200 with a 21.77 clocking, barely missing the world mark of 21.71.

"Don't call her outfits sexy," Baskin said. "Call them sensuous."

"If you stop to think about it, she's wearing more clothes on the track than anyone else. It's the perception of what she's wearing that's exciting. It's the way she does her clothes."

Griffith-Joyner, the silver medal-

ist in the 200 at the 1984 Los Angeles Olympics, created the one-legged look.

"The one-legger is my favorite," she said. "I came upon it by accident. I was looking in a mirror trying something else and I decided to try it this year. I wasn't sure how it would go."

Griffith-Joyner had previously worn unique outfits, including many with hoods that made her look like a speedskater. But since she never had attained results comparable to those at the trials.

"The spark was her world record and her fashionable outfits," said Baskin, whose West Coast offices have been flooded with requests for Griffith-Joyner since the trials ended July 23.

Griffith-Joyner, who is married to Al Joyner, the 1984 Olympic triple jump gold medalist, also has been featured on magazine covers throughout the world and has been besieged for radio and television interviews, commercial advertisements and endorsements.

So far, Baskin said, he has accepted one big offer, with Disneyland studios if Griffith-Joyner wins a gold medal in the 100 or 200 dashes or the 400-meter relay.

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