

# Devaney . . . deal to televise Cornhusker football on pay-per-view near completion

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As many as three Nebraska football games could be televised on pay-per-view cable television this season, Nebraska Athletic Director Bob Devaney announced Wednesday.

Devaney and the Nebraska Athletic Department are in the process of completing a deal with Sports Video Production Inc. of Omaha to televise games against Oklahoma and Oklahoma State via pay-per-view delayed broadcasts and televise the Missouri game live on pay-per-view.

The two delayed games would be shown at 10:30 p.m. Saturday while the Missouri game is contingent on

whether it is selected to be shown by the national networks.

Devaney said he pursued the pay-per-view option because he wants to learn if there is a statewide interest in pay-per-view cablecasting, to help make up for lost revenue because of the NCAA television sanctions

against Oklahoma and Oklahoma State, and because many Cornhusker fans would not be able to see three of the Husker's top games this season were it not for pay-per-view.

At Thursday's practice, Nebraska football coach Tom Osborne said his team has been working more on its short passing game for this season. "We are just trying to get a little

bit more prepared against the blitz. A couple times last year we got hurt by it so we are trying to do some things to counteract that," Osborne said.

Osborne said three of the four remaining walk-on scholarships will be given out after today's closed scrimmage.

Osborne also said he will discuss the book "Big Red Confidential: Inside Nebraska Football" for the first time at the press conference following today's scrimmage.

An advance copy of the book was sent to the Lincoln Journal-Star. It allegedly did not contain many changes from the controversial gallery proofs. The book goes on sale in bookstores Tuesday.

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unpredictable." Snyder said he is confident that if he continues to bring quality student-athletes to Manhattan, Kan., and motivates them to improve while building a strong support base, Kansas State will turn its program around. Iowa coach Hayden Fry agreed. He said Kansas State chose the right man when it named Snyder as its football coach.

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that was unplayable." He said Novak also did a good job of following the Huskers' game plan. "She did exactly what we expected her to do," he said. Drake coach Martie Larsen said the Bulldogs were inconsistent. "We played fairly well and we executed the things we worked on," Larsen said. "We had lapses, but we hope to become more consistent." Nebraska sophomore middle blocker Cris Hall did not suit up for the match because of back spasms. Pettit said Hall also will miss Saturday's match with Iowa and will not start training again until Wednesday. "Cris is so important to us that we have to take care of her physically," he said.

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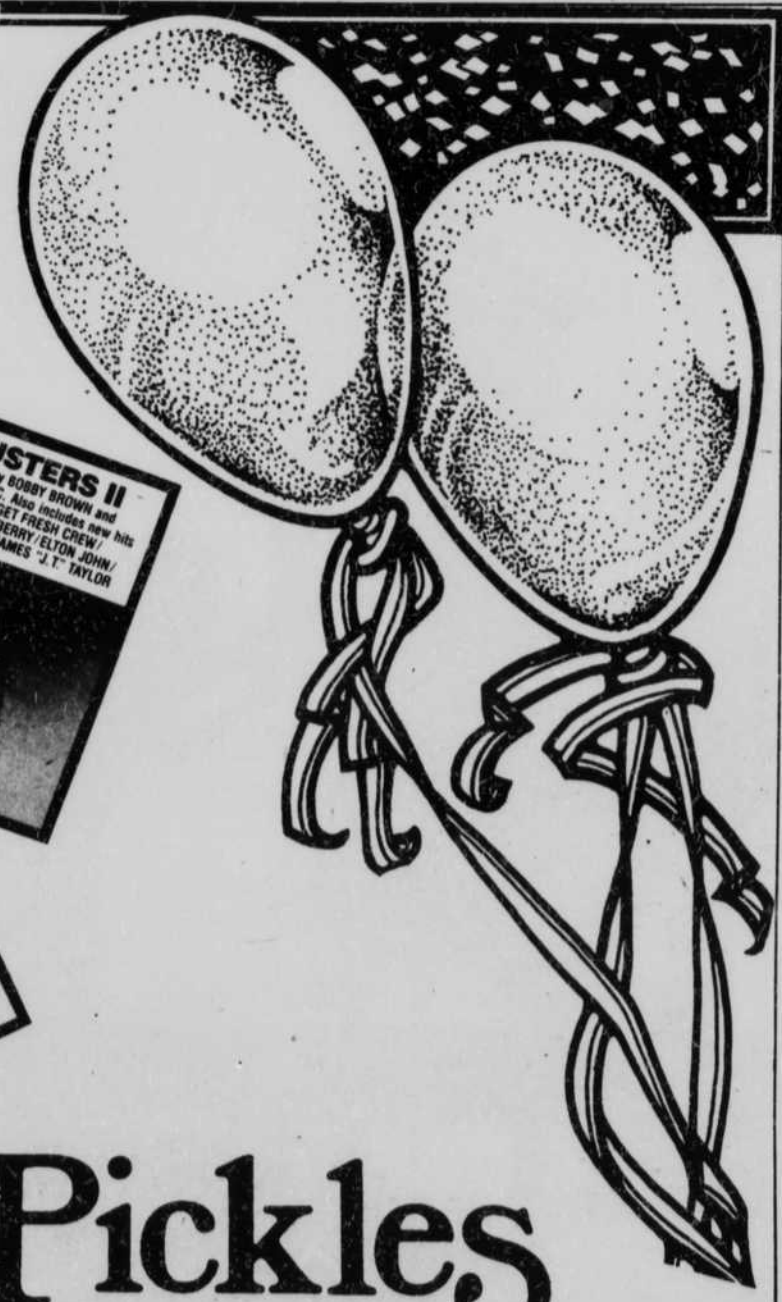
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