

Turner still sidelined

# NU injuries 'could be better'

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Nebraska coach Tom Osborne still has a few things up his sleeves for use when the situation arises.

Osborne said Baylor's ball-control game plan kept the Cornhusker offense off the field and left the team with a number of plays untested for use in tight game situations.

"A lot of times you don't get to certain things," Osborne said Tuesday at his weekly press conference. "We still have a lot of things we've been working on. It won't be anything real overwhelming. When the time is right we'll use them."

Osborne also would like to use quarterback Mike Grant who suffered a bruised knee late in the first half of the game against Baylor. But the injury, which kept him out of the Northern Illinois game, continues to hamper him this week.

"When he first hurt that knee I figured he might be sore for a few days and would certainly play against Northern Illinois," he said. "Then I figured he'd be well by last Friday, then by Monday for sure he would

really look good. He's still limping and he's not really full speed."

"So I'd say he's still a little bit touch and go for this week and that is certainly a concern."

I-back Scott Baldwin also is questionable for Saturday after suffering a toe injury against Northern Illinois, Osborne said.

"I think he's a little touch and go even though he can run fairly well," he said. "He's got to be fully recovered from that toe injury to be effective."

Nebraska was idle last weekend after moving the Baylor game up to Sept. 1, to accommodate ESPN's television schedule. That layoff could pose a problem.

"A lot of teams don't do well after a week off," Osborne said. "I guess we generally play pretty well after a week off and I think the reason we have is that we work pretty hard."

"We had a good scrimmage (Friday) so it wasn't like we went 14 days without contact. We should be a better team than we were before, but I think playing games brings you along a little faster than just practicing."

A number of other players took

advantage of having last week off to recover from various bumps and bruises, Osborne said.

Reggie Cooper, Mike Croel, Lance Lewis and Tyrone Byrd all sat out of Friday's scrimmage but are expected to play against Minnesota.

Tackle Joe Sims, who missed the Northern Illinois game along with Grant, is expected to return.

"Overall this (injury situation) could be worse," Osborne said. "But it could be better, too. Particularly if you take the fact that we didn't have to play a game on Saturday."

"Fortunately we have not had a lot of practice injuries. So most of these are carry over from either before the season began and then one or two in the ball games we have played."

One injury that continues to carry over is the loss of wingback Nate Turner.

Turner, who broke his collarbone in the second day of fall practice, missed the Cornhusker's first two games and will sit out the Minnesota game as well.

"We were really disappointed in

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## Nebraska's depth chart

| Offense |                    |      |         | Defense |                   |      |         |
|---------|--------------------|------|---------|---------|-------------------|------|---------|
| SE      | Jon Bostick        | 6-2  | 185 Jr. | LOLB    | Travis Hill       | 6-2  | 225 So. |
|         | Mark Dowse         | 6-0  | 180 Jr. |         | David White       | 6-2  | 225 So. |
|         | Dan Pleasant       | 5-9  | 175 Jr. |         | Dan Svehla        | 6-0  | 230 Sr. |
| LT      | Tom Punt           | 6-8  | 285 Sr. | LT      | Joe Sims          | 6-3  | 280 Sr. |
|         | Terry Eyman        | 6-6  | 265 Sr. |         | Le Andre Anderson | 6-4  | 260 Sr. |
|         | Brent Pick         | 6-5  | 265 Sr. |         | Paul Brungardt    | 6-7  | 270 Sr. |
| LG      | Jim Wanek          | 6-1  | 245 Sr. | MG      | Pat Engelbert     | 6-2  | 250 Jr. |
|         | Jeff Chaney        | 6-2  | 250 Jr. |         | Greg Koellner     | 6-3  | 280 Jr. |
|         | Scott Pedersen     | 6-4  | 245 So. |         | Mike Jefferson    | 6-2  | 240 Fr. |
| C       | David Edeal        | 6-2  | 260 Sr. | RT      | Kenny Walker      | 6-4  | 280 Sr. |
|         | Bill Ziegelbaum    | 6-5  | 240 Jr. |         | Brian Brown       | 6-6  | 260 Jr. |
|         | Terris Chorney     | 6-1  | 250 So. |         | David Noonan      | 6-3  | 265 Fr. |
| RG      | Erik Wiegert       | 6-4  | 270 Jr. | ROLB    | Mike Croel        | 6-3  | 225 Sr. |
|         | Will Shields       | 6-2  | 260 So. |         | Dan Svehla        | 6-0  | 230 Sr. |
|         | Chris Zyzda        | 6-2  | 255 So. |         | Rick Wendland     | 6-1  | 215 Sr. |
| RT      | Brian Boerboom     | 6-7  | 285 Jr. | SLB     | Mike Petko        | 6-2  | 230 Jr. |
|         | Steve Engstrom     | 6-3  | 290 Sr. |         | Matt Penland      | 6-0  | 220 So. |
|         | Ray Riefenrath     | 6-5  | 290 Jr. |         | Troy Branch       | 6-2  | 220 Fr. |
| TE      | Chris Garrett      | 6-3  | 240 Jr. | WLB     | Pat Tyrance       | 6-2  | 240 Sr. |
|         | William Washington | 6-2  | 245 So. |         | Mike Anderson     | 6-1  | 230 Fr. |
|         | Daryl Leise        | 6-2  | 230 Jr. | LCB     | Paul Wightman     | 6-1  | 220 So. |
| QB      | Mike Grant         | 6-2  | 210 Jr. |         | Bruce Pickens     | 5-11 | 190 Sr. |
|         | Mickey Joseph      | 5-11 | 180 Jr. |         | Jon Crippen       | 5-10 | 170 Sr. |
|         | Tom Haase          | 6-0  | 180 Jr. | RCB     | Robert Hicks      | 5-10 | 185 Sr. |
| FB      | Omar Soto          | 5-11 | 220 Jr. |         | Tahaun Lewis      | 5-11 | 170 Sr. |
|         | Lance Lewis        | 6-0  | 225 So. |         | Tyrone Legette    | 5-9  | 180 Jr. |
|         | Tim Johnk          | 5-10 | 215 Jr. | SS      | Eric Anderson     | 5-8  | 175 Sr. |
| IB      | Leodis Flowers     | 5-11 | 200 Jr. |         | Reggie Cooper     | 6-3  | 210 Sr. |
|         | Scott Baldwin      | 6-1  | 200 So. |         | Curtis Cotton     | 6-1  | 210 Jr. |
|         | Derek Brown        | 5-10 | 175 Fr. | FS      | Brian Pollard     | 5-10 | 190 So. |
| WB      | Tyrone Hughes      | 5-9  | 175 So. |         | Tyrone Byrd       | 5-11 | 165 So. |
|         | Nate Turner        | 6-2  | 225 Jr. |         | Steve Carmer      | 6-1  | 205 So. |
|         | Brad Devall        | 5-9  | 180 Sr. |         | Will Thomas       | 6-0  | 175 Jr. |

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## Nebraska I-back ignores publicity, returns to team

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Last fall, Lamont White was one of the most talked-about people associated with the Cornhusker football program, overshadowed only by the likes of Gerry Gdowski, Mickey Joseph and Armen Keteyian.

This year, though, White is just another player standing on the sidelines on game days -- something he doesn't mind.

At least, he said, he still is part of the team.

There was a time when White didn't think he would be. That time came after he was arrested in June 1989 for cocaine possession. Charges that were eventually dropped last summer.

"At one point, I thought about leaving before the coaches even knew, because I thought for sure they were going to kick me off the team," White said.

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## Flowers suffers injury to knee

Nebraska No. 1 I-back Leodis Flowers suffered a knee injury at Tuesday's practice and could miss Saturday's game with Minnesota.

Flowers was hurt while the team was working on a fake punt drill, and another player landed on the back of his knee.

Nebraska coach Tom Osborne said he did not think the injury was serious, but added that Flowers may not be available for Saturday's game, and could be out as long as two to three weeks. He said he would not know the junior I-back's status until tests were completed.

If Flowers is unavailable, freshman Derek Brown would start and junior George Achola would be his backup, Osborne said. Scott Baldwin, who backed up Flowers in the Northern Illinois game, is questionable for Saturday after injuring his toe in the Northern Illinois game.

# Tackles have big hightops to fill

By Todd Cooper  
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When defensive tackles David Noonan and Scott Spachman combined for a stop in the Nebraska junior varsity's season opener Sept. 7 at Memorial Stadium, the 1,612 fans attending may have had visions of the past.

Their brothers -- Danny Noonan and Chris Spachman -- regularly combined for tackles in 1986 when Danny was named an All-American and Chris an All-Big Eight their senior years.

The younger Noonan and Spachman never gave their eventual teaming for a tackle, as their brothers once did, much thought.

"I didn't even think about it until I heard the P.A. announcer say 'Noonan and Spachman on the tackle,'" Spachman said.

Noonan didn't even hear the announcement.

"I didn't realize it 'til when we came out after the series," he said. "Somebody said they announced our names on the tackle and that it was

like déjà vu. I thought it was kind of funny."

But what hasn't been amusing for them are the expectations associated with being brothers of former Husker stars.

"There's a lot of pressure," said Spachman, who walked on this year. "There's a little more because everyone talks about me living up to what Chris did."

But Spachman also said he puts much of the pressure on himself, which is one of the reasons he chose to wear his brother's old number -- No. 76.

"I thought it would kind of carry on the tradition," he said.

Noonan doesn't let tradition or references made to him about his brother bother him, he said.

"I don't pay much attention to them," Noonan said. "I base my goals on my ability, not about what Danny did."

"I mean I don't say, 'Well, Danny started as a junior or he was an All-American as a senior so I have to do those, too.'"

Noonan does realize, though, that

he and his brother's style of play are similar. That may be where the comparisons arise.

"He's a lot stronger than me, but as far as our styles are concerned we're both similar... we're both pretty much power and strength players," he said.

Nebraska will lose a lot of power and strength next year, with three left tackles -- Joe Sims, LeAndre Anderson and Paul Brungardt -- using up their eligibility after this season.

Noonan, a 1989 scholarship recruit, said he thinks he is playing with the JV team to get game experience for varsity next year.

"I hadn't played in a game situation in about two years," Noonan said. "Coach (Charlie) McBride said it (the Snow game) would give me some game experience, and then I was fortunate enough Saturday (against Northern Illinois) to get in a few series."

Noonan said he hopes Nebraska has a few more games where the margin in scores is wide, allowing most of the reserve players like himself some playing time.

# Year of the quarterback features Heisman prospects

Welcome to the year of the quarterback.

Only three weeks into the season, college football fans have been treated to stellar performances by signal callers across the country.

And at least four quarterbacks have a leg up on any running back or wide

receiver that the Western Athletic Conference is a power-laden conference. But in Nebraska we've come to learn that it's the win total that counts, not necessarily the quality of the competition. Detmer and BYU will put up wins this year, and that's enough.

University of Southern California sophomore Todd Marinovich may well be on Detmer's heels when it comes time to counting Heisman votes. Marinovich struggled last weekend in a 19-14 Trojan victory over Penn State. But he will get better and USC will get plenty of television exposure playing UCLA, Notre Dame and Ohio State yet this season.

While Detmer and Marinovich are dueling for the title "Fastest Gun in the West," Miami's Craig Erickson and Virginia's Shawn Moore will keep things interesting for fans back East.

Erickson may well be the most underrated player in the game. He led the Hurricanes to a national title last year, and handed Notre Dame its only loss in the last two years.

Erickson can kill a defense by methodically hitting the short strike and then connecting with a bomb. He

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## Volleyball poll

Top 20 NCAA coaches poll

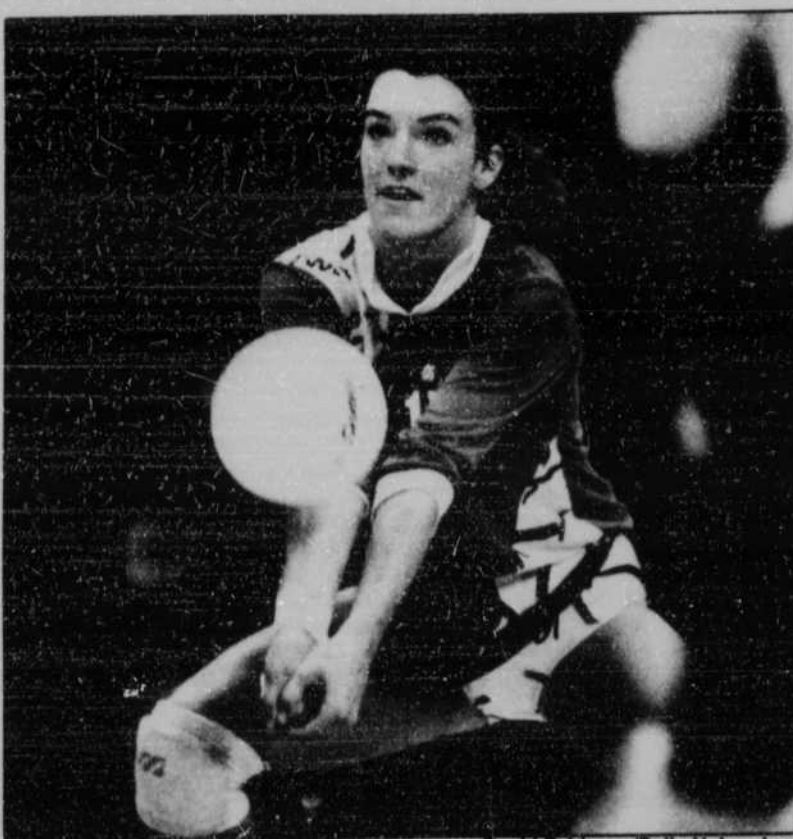
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| 1  | Nebraska         | 7-0  | 1  |
| 2  | UCLA             | 7-1  | 2  |
| 3  | Pacific          | 6-0  | 3  |
| 4  | Hawaii           | 4-2  | 4  |
| 5  | Texas            | 8-0  | 5  |
| 6  | Stanford         | 5-0  | 6  |
| 7  | Illinois         | 5-1  | 7  |
| 8  | UC-Santa Barbara | 10-1 | 8  |
| 9  | Long Beach St.   | 9-1  | 9  |
| 10 | New Mexico       | 9-0  | 12 |
| 11 | Penn State       | 10-0 | 10 |
| 12 | BYU              | 6-1  | 13 |
| 13 | Ohio State       | 5-3  | 11 |
| 14 | Pepperdine       | 7-2  | 14 |
| 15 | USC              | 4-3  | 17 |
| 16 | Arizona          | 8-2  | 15 |
| 17 | LSU              | 5-4  | 16 |
| 18 | Wisconsin        | 9-4  | 19 |
| 19 | San Diego St.    | 8-3  | 18 |
| 20 | Pittsburgh       | 8-1  | NA |

Source: American Volleyball Coaches Association Poll.

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**Still No. 1**  
All-American outside hitter Janet Kruse prepares for a bump at last weekend's Baden-Mizuno invitational.