

NU student ticket sales extended one more week

From Staff Reports

Yes, there are still some left. The student season men's basketball ticket sale has been extended another week, according to Nebraska athletic ticket manager Joe Selig. Selig said a "good supply" of students tickets, priced at \$35 and lo-

cated on the court level of the Bob Devaney Sports Center, are still available.

Nebraska opens its 14-game home schedule on Nov. 4 against the Ukrainian National team. The Cornhuskers' regular season opener is Nov. 23 against Sam Houston State.

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Linebacker coach says defense grew, matured in ASU win

Nebraska linebacker coach Kevin Steele says the Cornhusker defense "grew and matured" Saturday night in the 18-9 win at No. 24 Arizona State.

"We created turnovers. We knocked the ball loose for five fumbles and there appeared to be two other times that were not ruled fumbles. We've gotten better on defense as the games go on," he said.

Steele told those attending Monday's Extra Point Club luncheon that the Husker defenders "made things happen."

Steele said one specific person, "without naming names," was the

source of Nebraska's kicking problems against ASU.

"We know where it came from, and we'll get it worked out. But I tell you, you want to see emotion from the head coach," he said of the normally calm and collected Coach Tom Osborne, "I saw emotion from the head coach."

L.A. signs Farmer

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Former Nebraska basketball player Tony Farmer has signed a contract with the Los Angeles Lakers of the National Basketball Association, according to The Associated Press.

The 6-foot-9 Farmer was one of seven players to sign with the Lakers Monday.

Farmer played one season at Nebraska and elected to bypass his senior season when ruled ineligible for extra-benefits rules violations.

He played in the Lakers' summer league after not being drafted in the NBA draft.

Big 8 roundup

Coach trying to forget upset

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Oklahoma coach Gary Gibbs would just as soon forget last year's upset loss against Iowa State.

"We obviously have memories, but the circumstances are much different," Gibbs said Monday during the Big Eight's teleconference with league coaches. "Last year's game is not going to play a part in the outcome."

The unbeaten Sooners, who moved up one notch to No. 5 in The Associated Press poll this week, travel to Iowa State on Saturday in the Big Eight's season-opening game.

The Cyclones surprised Oklahoma 33-31 in Norman last year, ending a 28-game winless string against the Sooners.

Big Eight defensive player of the week Darnell Walker epitomizes what Oklahoma football is all about, Iowa State Coach Jim Walden said.

"It's the same old story with Oklahoma," Walden said. "They have a bunch of great athletes. Once you get used to seeing Oklahoma athletes, you know damn well what you're going to see."

"It'll take a great effort to make this an interesting game. I'm not looking at the Big Eight to make me excited. It makes me nervous. More like suffocating."

Oklahoma State coach Pat Jones may be gagging in another sense. The winless Cowboys will travel to Miami, Fla., to take on the second-ranked Hurricanes.

"Miami's got a very good game plan, a consistent plan," Jones said. "We tried to work on the things football teams have to work on. We threw in some things for the Miami stuff."

Miami hasn't lost to a Big Eight team since 1978, and the Cowboys were lambasted 50-7 at Florida last season.

Taking a pounding took on a new meaning in Kansas State's 56-3 loss at No. 3 Washington over the weekend.

"They're as good a team as I've ever been associated with," Kansas State coach Bill Snyder said. "You learn you'd like to have that many skilled athletes. We have to address fundamentals and improve on mistakes."

The Wildcats (3-1) have a week off before hosting state rival Kansas.

The Jayhawks (3-0), meanwhile, had a week off to think about last year's 59-10 pasting at the hands of Virginia — Saturday's opponent.

"We had a firsthand look (last year) and I really didn't like what I saw," Kansas Coach Glen Mason said. "I

don't think they are as good as they were last year, but they were on the verge of being named the No. 1 team in the country then. I'm not sure if we performed well, we would have won the game or not."

Missouri (1-1) neither won nor lost on Saturday. The Tigers tied Indiana 27-27 on a disputed two-point conversion with 24 seconds left. Coach Bob Stull said the Indiana game is history.

"At one point, we thought we had pretty good control when it was 19-7," Stull said. "By the same count, we were pretty happy with the tie."

Memphis State (2-2) comes to Columbia on Saturday on the heels of its 24-10 season-opening upset victory at USC.

"Memphis State does a lot of different things," Stull said. "They like to run the option, they have two good tailbacks and they'll give you a lot of play-action passes."

Colorado fell to No. 25 after a 28-21 loss at Stanford. Coach Bill McCartney said he expects quarterback Darian Hagan to play against Missouri Oct. 12 after he stretched a knee ligament. The Buffs are off this week.

McCartney said his team is just tired.

"Our kids don't want to admit they wore us down," he said.

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ning of the year, it is hard to set up a schedule with several big-time opponents. If Osborne could mix the schedule up and play more Washingtons in between Kansas State and Iowa State, he just may do it.

Thirdly, with more games on television, more money and exposure would be generated. High school players across the country would continue to dream of coming to Nebraska, and the Huskers would have the kind of money to keep up with the good teams.

It would also send the Huskers back to what college athletics is all

about: competition and team unity.

Because Nebraska wins at least nine games a year, Husker fans always think the team is going to win the national championship.

By playing in the Big 10, the Huskers would have just as good a shot at winning it all, but a loss wouldn't be so devastating because of the number of tough games on the schedule. Fans would accept losses much easier knowing the Huskers gave it everything they had, if "everything" came against decent opponents every week. Then the players could go back to playing for themselves and not worrying about some guy named Jed.

Of course, there are those who say, "No way, lets play the easy teams in an easier conference, win the Oklahoma game and play for the whole ball of wax."

For all those people, I have one question: When is the last time that happened?

The Huskers couldn't even do it with a 1983 team that many said could have won games in the National Football League.

Why not play a tougher schedule, go 10-2 or 9-3, but have several wins over Top-25 opponents?

I realize Nebraska inquired into the possibility of joining the Big 10 and they didn't want to expand for a few more years. The folks over at the athletic department are trying.

But why not go independent right now, and set up the schedule so they have a head start when the Big 10 does decide to add another team?

Then, the Huskers wouldn't go into shock when they play Illinois, UCLA, Iowa and Tennessee all in row.

But it is only a dream.

And for all the Jed Barnickel's in towns like Colon; Wake up!

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Nebraska quarterback Keithen McCant runs wild during the Cornhuskers' 59-28 win against Utah State in the season-opening game. But would McCant do the same against Big Ten competition?

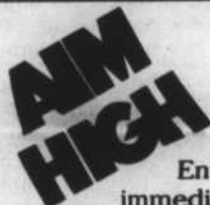
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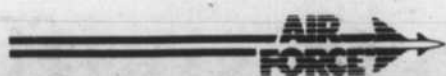
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