



Nebraska's Trev Alberts (34) fights for a fumble with Middle Tennessee State tailback Walter Dunson. Two members of Nebraska's defense — Mike Anderson and David White — are doubtful for this Saturday's game against Washington.

Husker injuries leave questions

From Staff Reports

The Cornhusker defense may be short-handed for Saturday's football game against Washington. Both inside linebacker Mike Anderson and outside linebacker David White were held out of practice Thursday. Coach Tom Osborne said he was unsure whether White and Anderson would make the trip to Seattle. Anderson injured his knee in Wednesday's practice. White's shin

injury on Wednesday was more serious than first thought. "Anderson's better, but he is still questionable for Saturday's game," Osborne said. Coaches and trainers will test Anderson today to see if he can run and make the trip. "If he can run, we'll take him," Osborne said. White's injury was first thought to be shin splints or a bruise. "He's as doubtful as Anderson right now," Osborne said. "He was not able

to do anything today." Backup quarterback Tommie Frazier left Thursday's practice with an injured pectoral muscle, but he was able to return to drills at the end of practice. Osborne said he wasn't sure how serious the injury was, but he was hopeful that Frazier would make the trip to Seattle. Strong safety Ernie Beler, suffering from an ankle injury, is much improved, Osborne said. "Hopefully, he'll be ready for next week."

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said Washington's blitzing would have to be stopped by the Husker offense. "They do a lot of blitzing from a lot of areas and I think our offensive line's check calls and our backs picking up guys from the outside will be the key to the game," Grant said. And is Nebraska ready to take on the No. 2 team in college football? Yes, Grant said. "I know that we are prepared to

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one of the country's most talented quarterback tandems, his team still had problems on offense in its first two games this year. "Part of the problems our quarterbacks have had is they've started where they left off, but our offensive line isn't giving them all the protection they got last year," James said. "We're facing a lot of problems from defenses because of our problems on offense." After last season's national championship, Washington watched All-American nose guard Steve Emtman forego his final year of eligibility to enter the National Football League's draft. Emtman was consequently made the first overall pick by the Indianapolis Colts.

play the game," he said. "We're confident in our abilities and in what we can do. We're not going in to play a close game; we're going in to try to win the thing." Notes: • Washington leads the series with a 2-1-1 record against the Huskers. The last time Nebraska played at Washington was in 1967. The Huskers won 17-7. • The game will be Nebraska's first road trip of the season and the only scheduled night game. The Huskers have an overall record of 20-7-3 in night games on the road.

The Huskies return six defensive starters, including inside linebacker Dave Hoffman, a Butkus Award candidate who has led Washington in tackles the past two seasons. James said Washington's biggest concern is the Nebraska offensive line, which averages close to 300 pounds per lineman. "(Nebraska football coach) Tom Osborne said this is the best offensive line he's ever had," James said. "And the scary thing is Nebraska is so big on the offensive line, plus they've got a 260-pound tight end (William Washington) in there." James, who has compiled a 144-54-2 record in his 17 years as the Huskies coach, said he wanted the 72,500 fans at Husky Stadium to intimidate the Huskers. "I'm basically doing nothing more than pleading for the fans to come and make noise," James said.

Seattle expects clear, sunny day

From Staff Reports

The Nebraska football team has many concerns going into Saturday's game with the second-ranked Washington Huskies, but the weather will not be one of them. The forecast for Seattle calls for clear and sunny weather Saturday with a high near 70 degrees. The temperature is expected to dip below 50 degrees by kickoff. No precipitation is expected for the Seattle area and wind should not be a factor. "It may be a little bit nippy at game time," said Rod Simons, a meteorologist at KSTW-TV in Seattle. "But it should be good playing conditions for the players." "It should be gorgeous, a typical fall day in the Northwest."

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