

Frazier, Jones still hobbled by injuries; NU leads Big Eight in number of pros

From Staff Reports

The Cornhuskers, who have been riddled with injuries over the first two weeks of the season, had no new injuries Tuesday at practice, Coach Tom Osborne said.

"We had some contact and got out without any serious injuries," Osborne said. "We ran some pass skeleton with the first and second team and ran some goal-line drills with a lot of contact. At least there was nothing new as far as injuries."

Quarterback Tommie Frazier and

linebacker Donta Jones both practiced, but once again felt the pain of their injuries, according to Osborne. Frazier's ankle was gimpy Monday. "Frazier's status is about the same as Monday," Osborne said. "Donta Jones is getting better."

BIG EIGHT NOTES:

● The NFL began the season with 86 former Big Eight players on opening day rosters. Nebraska leads the Big Eight with 21 former Huskers on NFL rosters. Colorado is second with 18, and Oklahoma is third with 17

former players in the National Football League.

● The Colorado pass-catching duo of Charles Johnson and Michael Westbrook became Colorado's No. 1 and No. 2 all-time leading receivers in Saturday's game with Baylor. Johnson has 1,575 yards, and Westbrook has 1,480 yards.

● Westbrook also played four snaps at defensive back against Baylor. CU coach Bill McCartney said Westbrook graded 100 percent at defensive back in post-game evaluations.

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said that Rutz is probably two weeks away from being ready to play.

The injuries have left Nebraska with Matt Turman, a walk-on redshirt freshman from Wahoo, as the only healthy quarterback on the roster.

If selected, the applicant would be expected to report to practice immediately and could be required to travel to Los Angeles for the Huskers' game with UCLA Saturday.

The chances of seeing playing time against UCLA would be slim, but not impossible considering the current health conditions of the quarterbacks. Only one or two healthy applicants

would probably be chosen, but all resumes could be given full consideration by the Nebraska coaching staff and trainers.

A scholarship would not be given because of NCAA limitations on the number of scholarships, but benefits could include:

- Full outfitting in Nebraska uniforms.
- Free round-trip tickets to Husker away games if applicant makes travel squad.
- Free gameday meal.
- The opportunity to get hit by Trev Alberts, Donta Jones, Mike Anderson, Kevin Ramackers and the rest of the Blackshirts in practice.
- Complete medical coverage is provided for any — dare we say it — injuries that occur during practices or

games.

● Chance to meet future, current, and former Husker greats.

● Opportunity to work closely with quarterback coach Turner Gill and Osborne.

Husker coaches would probably prefer applicants who apply in person.

A high-school highlight film might also be encouraged, but any old, faded, yellow newspaper clippings would be acceptable if a video tape is unavailable.

And, please, if the coaches actually let you try out, look both ways before crossing 10th Street in front of Memorial Stadium.

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Season stats

Nebraska's team leaders after two games.

OFFENSE



RUSHING

	ATT	Net yards	Ave.	Long gain	TD
Damon Benning	27	209	7.7	51	3
Calvin Jones	16	124	7.8	24	2
Lawrence Phillips	14	80	5.7	30	1
Jeff Makovicka	7	73	10.4	30	1
Clinton Childs	9	51	5.7	12	0

PASS RECEIVING

	No.	Yards	Longest	TD
Corey Dixon	9	172	33	1
Abdul Muhammad	3	54	28	1
Clester Johnson	3	46	18	0
Reggie Baul	2	48	37	0
Damon Benning	2	24	14	0

PASSING

	Comp.-Att.	Comp.-Pct.	Yds.	TD
Tommie Frazier	12-28	.429	206	1
Brook Berringer	8-9	.889	135	1

DEFENSE

TACKLES

	Games Played	Unassisted	Assists	Total
Trev Alberts	2	7	6	13
Toby Wright	2	6	4	10
Ernie Beler	2	3	4	7
Ed Stewart	2	2	5	7
Mike Anderson	2	3	3	6

INTERCEPTIONS

	No.	Ret. yards	TD
Toby Wright	1	33	1
Eric Stokes	1	34	-

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"All the postseason honors are secondary to me, and I think whatever is meant to be will happen," Jones said. "If it is my year to win the Heisman, then that's great. But if it is not, I won't be disappointed."

Freshman Damon Benning has been trying to fill Jones' shoes.

Benning rushed for 131 yards on 19 attempts Saturday.

"A lot of guys in Damon's position wouldn't have prepared himself to be starter," Jones said. "Most guys would have been content as back-up and practiced like it. Damon was ready to go in there as a starter."

Until he is 100 percent, Jones said he was content to help his team in any way possible.

Dixon

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Ferragamo did it in 1976.

Dixon, who had 13 catches last season, has already tallied nine receptions for 172 yards this year.

"I've made a big step," he said. "I wasn't too relaxed last year. This year, I'm a senior and I'm trying to show leadership to the younger guys."

The leadership starts at the practice level, Dixon said.

"I want to show them that you have to practice hard and play hard to be successful," he said.

The receivers have to remain focused also, Dixon said. He said the receivers were too tense last year. "We weren't really focused last year," he said. "We dropped a lot of passes and we have worked to improve on our concentration."

Dixon said the offense needed a wake-up call to fight off its sluggish start Saturday.

"We had to get ourselves together because we were making a lot of offensive mistakes," he said. "Sometimes all the fumbles and penalties make you start thinking that you have to get it together real quick."

Dixon, who will match performance this week with another solid receiver in UCLA's J.J. Stokes, edged Texas Tech All-American candidate Lloyd Hill in the receivers' match-up.

Hill also caught six passes, but for 13 less yards.

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