

NU injuries keep coming

From Staff Reports

The Nebraska football team did not practice in full pads Monday, but it did not stop the injuries from coming.

Tommie Frazier, Calvin Jones, Donta Jones, Zach Wiegert and Lance Lundberg all sat out of the Monday practice with injuries and the Cornhuskers added fullback Cory Schlesinger and wingback Abdul Muhammad to its injured list.

"It was a pretty rough practice," coach Tom Osborne said. "Cory didn't finish practice and someone rolled over Abdul's legs and he had to be helped off. They already X-rayed Abdul and it was negative, so nothing is broken."

Osborne said Muhammad's status for Saturday's game with Colorado State is questionable.

Rose Bowl turns red for Huskers

Loyal Nebraskans travel to California

By Jeff Singer
Senior Editor

PASADENA, Calif.—Thousands and thousands of Cornhusker fans clad in red.

The "Go Big Red" chant echoing throughout the stadium.

The sounds of "Hail Varsity" bringing the Nebraska fans to their feet.

It is a fitting description of the sights and sounds of Lincoln on home football Saturdays, but the familiar ring of Memorial Stadium filled the Rose Bowl on Saturday.

"To us this was like another home game," Nebraska quarterback Tommie Frazier said. "Look how many people we had here. This is like our second backyard."

Approximately 15,000 Husker fans were among the 50,299 people who

attended Saturday's 14-13 Nebraska win at UCLA.

Many of those wearing red were part of the Husker group "Californians for Nebraska," which caters to the 11,554 Nebraska alumni who live in California, other former Nebraskans and Big Red fans.

Jean Heaton, president of Californians for Nebraska, said the strong support indicated how unique Husker fans were.

"It just shows that we're a united group and that we're die-hard fans," Heaton said.

Californian Husker supporters grew by a large amount when wingback Abdul Muhammad, a native of Compton, signed with Nebraska.

Muhammad's mother, Henrietta, said she needed to rent two buses to bring 156 of Muhammad's family and friends to the game.

Another Husker fan in attendance was Keith Schorling, who played football with Nebraska coach Tom

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Osborne when they were attending Hastings College in the late 1950s.

Schorling has since moved to Southern California, and he said no schools in California could claim the kind of following Nebraska has.

"You've got tons of huge colleges all over, but you can't find as much allegiance as you can to Nebraska," he said. "That's the only game in town on Saturdays, even if it isn't in town."

Rob Steele, a member of Nebraska's yell squad who was at the game, said he was amazed by the Huskers' support at the Rose Bowl.

"I'm shocked to see this many people here — you never see this on

away games," he said.

Familiar faces at Nebraska football games, Bob Devaney, athletic director emeritus, and UNL Chancellor Graham Spanier, said they were pleased with the pro-Nebraska turnout.

While Devaney said the support is a symbol of the Huskers' success on the football field, Spanier said devotion is what keeps Nebraska's support in California strong.

"My conclusion is that when people graduate from the university or have some tie to the state, they never really forget that," Spanier said. "There's a real strong sense of loyalty that carries on for quite some time."

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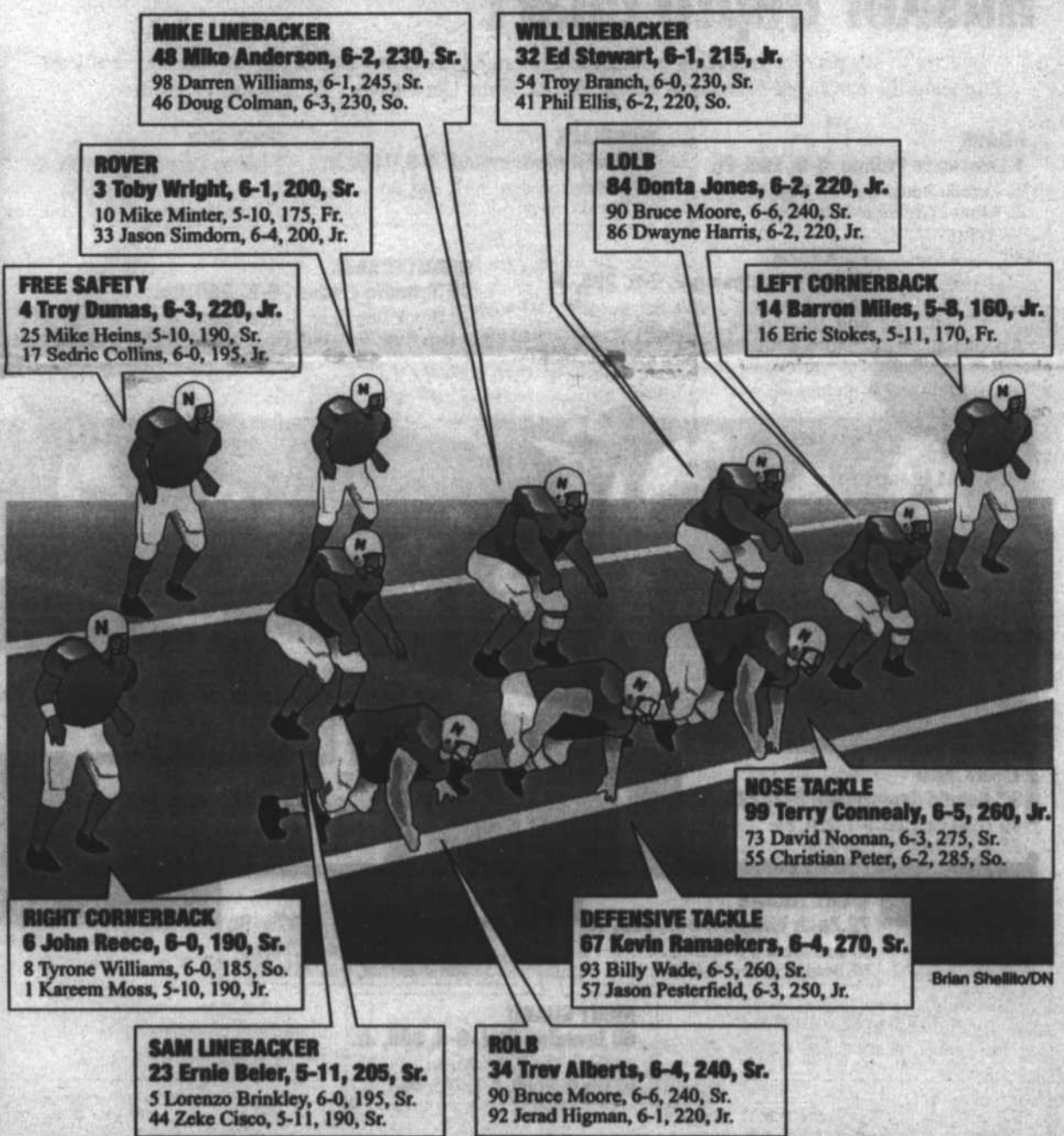
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Husker defensive depth chart

Nebraska's new 4-3 defensive alignment rearranged the lineup from last season, when they ran a 3-4 formation. A look at the Cornhusker defense's three-deeps by position:



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Coach Sonny Lubick was the defensive coordinator at Miami before taking the Colorado State job.

Colorado State lost 23-9 to Oregon then beat the Air Force 8-5 before losing to Brigham Young, 27-22. The Rams have allowed opponents just 77 yards per game rushing and 1.9 yards per carry.

"Sonny Lubick knows defense," Brown said. "We cannot just show up and expect that they will lay down. They will play very hard."

NOTE:
Brown said he was pleased Saturday to see a good performance from wingback Abdul Muhammad, who caught three passes for 38 yards. The game was a homecoming for Muhammad, who is from Compton,

Calif. While home this summer, Muhammad was shot, and is now playing with a bullet lodged in his left buttock.

"Many of our young men come from neighborhoods and areas where, we may take for granted here in Nebraska that everything is safe and sound," Brown said. "The area that Abdul comes from is a tough area. Sometimes you're very innocent, like Abdul, and can be a victim of some tough circumstances."

Brown said football had to be secondary for many of the players from tough areas.

"Just think," Brown said, "you're preparing for a football game, and perhaps you're thinking, 'I hope my family is OK. I hope my mother doesn't just walk outside and something happens to her.'"

"It's always in the back of your mind. It makes me appreciate these wonderful young men."

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now, then we're right back in it," McCartney said.

The Buffaloes play the Hurricanes in Boulder, Colo., Saturday. The game will be televised on ABC.

NOTES:

• Colorado wide receiver Charles Johnson was named the Big Eight offensive Player-of-the-Week. Johnson, who had eight receptions for 172 yards against Stanford, ranks eighth in the nation in receiving, averaging 127.3 yards per game.

• Jason Gildon, a senior defensive end from Oklahoma State, was named the Big Eight Defensive Player-of-the-Week. Gildon had seven solo tackles, including three sacks and another tackle for loss.

He also caused two fumbles and recovered another in the Cowboys' 16-10 win over Tulsa.