

# Jones to sit out against Rams, prepare for Big Eight

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Calvin Jones is ready to get back on the football field and show that he is a cut above the country's other running backs.

Jones, who practiced for 20 minutes Thursday for the first time since injuring his knee Sept. 4, said he would not be able to play Saturday against Colorado State.

But, he said, he's anxious to return for Nebraska's Big Eight opener against Oklahoma State. Jones hasn't played a down since the second half of the season opener against North

Texas.

"I'll definitely be ready to go by the Oklahoma State game (Oct. 7)," Jones said. "My knee feels good, and I've really been working hard so I could make it back for that game."

Jones had to allow the scar tissue in his knee to heal, he said, before he could return to action.

"I've really gotten most of the scar tissue out of my knee, so it feels a lot better," Jones said.

As part of his rehabilitation routine, Jones increased his running and spent an hour to an hour-and-a-half in the swimming pool each day.

The soreness has left his knee, Jones said,

and he does not experience pain when he runs straight ahead. But when he changes direction, he said, his leg feels weak.

"When I make a sharp cut, it feels like my leg wants to give out, but actually it is not going to," Jones said. "It just feels like that because the ligaments around the knee are weak."

After avoiding any type of cuts for almost two weeks, Jones said, he began making cuts again on Tuesday.

When Jones returns to action, he said, he will wear a knee brace for two to three weeks until the ligament is completely healed.

Jones said he probably would return to the

Huskers' regular practice schedule next week. The coaches and doctors will evaluate his progress and decide how much action and contact he will see.

"I'm really more afraid of the cut than I am of the hits," Jones said. "Now and then, I need to make a quit cut, so I guess I'll just go out and see what I can do."

**NOTE:**

Quarterback Ben Rutz, who's recovering from reconstructive surgery on his knee, will test his knee Friday, Osborne said.

If he tests well, Rutz will resume practice full-time, Osborne said.

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Nebraska volleyball player Stephanie Clerc looks on as teammate Billie Winsett digs a ball during last weekend's FirstTier Invitational. The Cornhuskers will be in South Bend, Ind., this weekend playing in the Golden Dome Invitational.

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games in 1986. The Huskers have won the last eight meetings against Southwest Missouri State.

The Bears are on a four-game win streak with their only loss this season to Texas A&M.

"Southwest Missouri is an old rival of ours," Pettit said. "They've got the winningest coach in the country, and they are a very balanced team."

Santa Clara, an NCAA qualifier last season, enters the classic with a 5-4 record and a first-year coach in Annie Feller. They will face Notre Dame on Friday.

Pettit said the Broncos had played competitively this season. Notre Dame is 8-2, with its only losses to No. 2 Long Beach State and No. 11 Kentucky. The Fighting Irish have met the Huskers three times, with Nebraska taking all three matches.

The Fighting Irish will be tough on their home court, Pettit said.

## Tourneys launch tennis seasons

**From Staff Reports**

The Nebraska men's tennis team opens its season this weekend at the Notre Dame Invitational.

Seven Huskers will be competing in three flights of singles matches.

Andy Davis and Anthony Kotarac will compete in flight A. Geoff Lance and Adrian Maizey will compete in flight B; and Jay Segrist, Christopher Nielsen and Dino Teppara will compete in flight C.

The squad only has three returning letterwinners from the team that finished 14-6 last year.

Although the Huskers have seven newcomers, Nebraska coach Kerry McDermott said he was positive about the team's chances.

"We have a lot of talent and are going to be competitive, but we need to continue to work hard," McDermott said.

Fredrik Riesbeck and Henrik Andersson also will be traveling this week.

Riesbeck, a freshman from Ostergotland, Sweden, and Andersson, a freshman from Alvsjo, Sweden, head to Jackson, Miss., to compete in pre-qualifying rounds of the National Clay Courts Tournament.

**Women's year opens at home**

The Nebraska women's tennis team will open its season this weekend as it hosts the Husker Invitational Friday and Saturday at the Cather-Pound Tennis Complex.

Nebraska coach Scott Jacobson said that he was excited to start the season with a strong tournament field.

Texas Tech, Drake, Wichita State, Northwest Missouri State, Creighton, Iowa State and Colorado will challenge the Cornhuskers.

"This should be a good tournament for us," Jacobson said. "The quality is outstanding. We will have some tough competition, but I feel we will compete well this week."

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**Ten Huskers racing at Doane**

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After starting out well, the Nebraska cross country teams are looking for a somewhat relaxed weekend.

The next major meet for the Huskers will be the Minnesota Invitational, Oct. 2.

However, a few runners still will see competition this weekend at the Doane Invitational. NU coach Jay Dirksen is sending eight women and two men to the meet in Crete.

The Doane meet will include Doane College, Colby Junior College, Hastings College, the University of Nebraska at Omaha, Concordia College and Bethany College.

"It's a week off for our top runners before we go to the Minnesota Invitational," Dirksen said. "This is an opportunity for some of our younger runners to gain some experience and have a chance to make the travel roster for the Minnesota meet."

**Husker golfers win in Lincoln**

**From Staff Reports**

The Nebraska women's golf team won the Husker Golf Classic Monday and Tuesday at Pioneers Golf Course.

The Cornhuskers, who had two teams entered in the classic, took the top two spots with combined scores of 925 and 937. Campbell College finished third.

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Colorado State defense did an excellent job. Usually when you watch Air Force play, they move the ball quite well.

"I don't remember seeing anyone shut Air Force down like Colorado State did. They just really played an outstanding defensive game."

Colorado State's emergence can partially be credited to first-year coach

Sonny Lubick. Lubick, who was defensive coordinator at the University of Miami for the past four years, has his defense allowing just 77 yards rushing per game.

Lubick was hired after Colorado State fired Earl Bruce at the end of last season. The Rams finished 1992 with a 5-7 record overall and a 3-5 mark in the WAC.

"I think Sonny Lubick has done a great job of coaching, and we're very much in admiration of what he's ac-

complished there in a short time," Osborne said.

Offensively, the Rams are only averaging 13 points a game, but Osborne said quarterback Anthony Hill posed a serious threat.

"He's the best running quarterback, by far, that we've faced this year," Osborne said. "He throws the ball well enough to keep you honest."

Osborne said the Rams' quickness, especially defensively, could give the Huskers trouble Saturday.