

SPORTS WEEKEND

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No. 1 Huskers face Wyoming Cowboys

By Mitch Sherman
Senior Reporter

When the Nebraska football team takes the field for Saturday's 1 p.m. game against Wyoming at Memorial Stadium, the Cornhuskers will have a different look.

Aside from the absence of No. 1 quarterback Tommie Frazier, 4-0 Nebraska also will be without the services of tight end Eric Alford. The 6-foot-2, 225-pound senior will serve a one-game suspension for disciplinary reasons, Nebraska coach Tom Osborne said.

Alford, who has caught a touchdown pass in each of the last three games, leads the Huskers in receiving yardage and touchdown receptions.

Free safety Mike Minter, out for the season with a torn ligament in his right knee, had surgery on Sept. 23.

"We have got some pretty good players that aren't playing," Osborne said. "I would like to have them all out there, but in some cases, there isn't anything you can do about it."

"Everybody has got to step up and play a little bit harder, and we've got to coach a little bit better."

Osborne said he thought the Huskers had been able to remain focused on Wyoming this week despite the attention given to Frazier's blood clot. If they haven't, he said, the 2-2

"I think they are still going to have to watch our fullback and our other options. They can't really key on one guy or somebody else is going to get loose."

LAWRENCE PHILLIPS

NU I-back

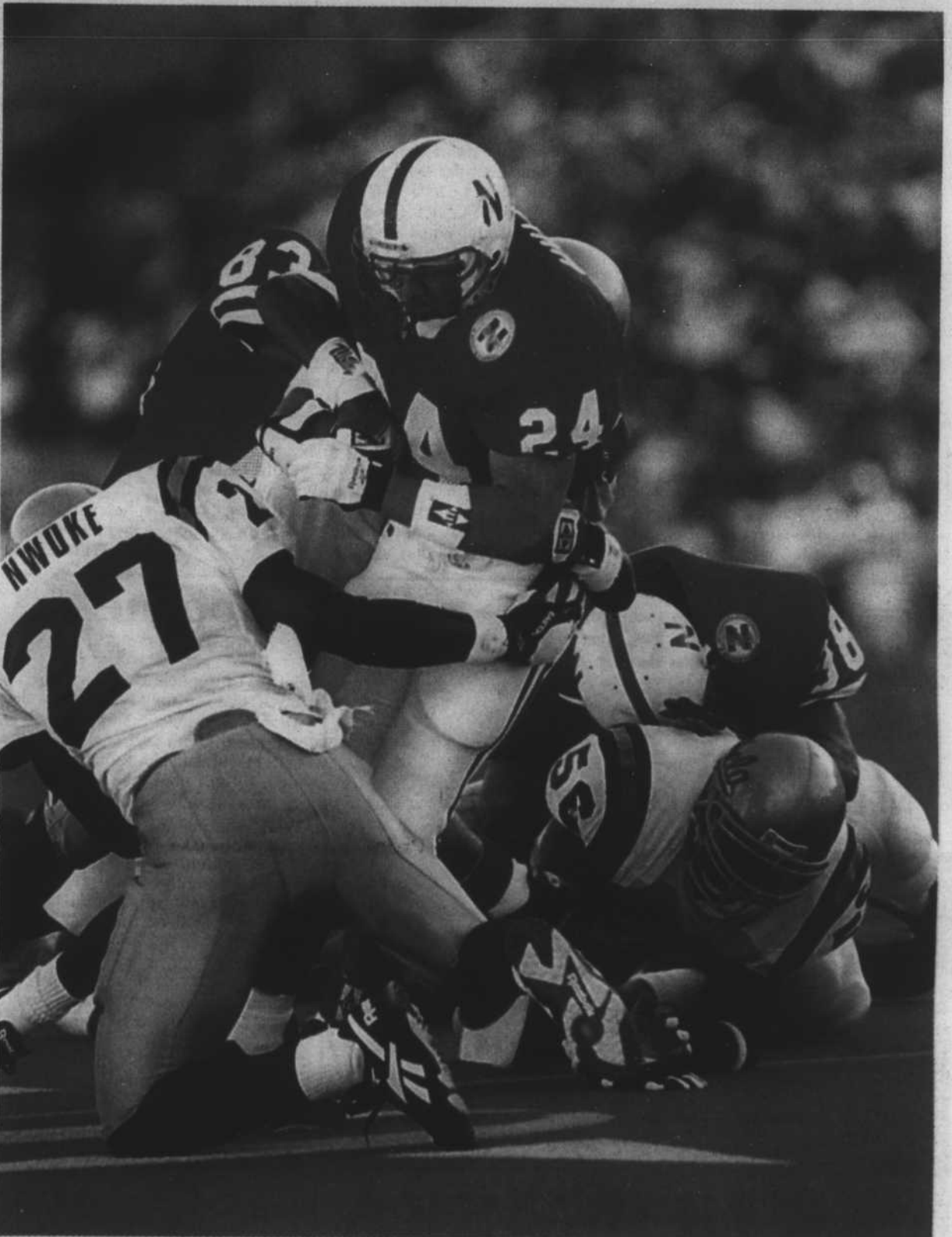
Cowboys may come into Lincoln and surprise some people.

Wyoming returns 13 starters from a team that won a share of the Western Athletic Conference title and lost 52-17 to Kansas State in the Copper Bowl. The Cowboys lost 42-7 to Utah last week in Salt Lake City.

"You see that score, and you think they got whacked," Osborne said. "Yet Utah did not run the ball very effectively against Wyoming. What happened was Utah hit about four or five long passes."

Utah's method of attack, he said, is something Nebraska probably will

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Reserve I-back Todd Uhler tries to break through the grip of two UCLA tacklers during Nebraska's 49-21 win over the Bruins. The Huskers will take on Wyoming on Saturday. Shaun Sartin/DN

Wyoming coach sees NU as ultimate test

By Trevor Parks
Staff Reporter

Wyoming coach Joe Tiller wants to keep his sense of humor about playing No. 1 Nebraska on Saturday at Memorial Stadium.

During his weekly teleconference, Tiller was full of one-liners in describing the Cowboys' situation going into the game.

Wyoming is coming off a 41-7 defeat at Utah and has dropped to 2-2 on the season.

"Somebody wanted to know if we were going to bounce back," Tiller said. "Unfortunately we have to bounce back right into the face of a Mack truck."

However, that Mack truck may be missing a wheel with the absence of Tommie Frazier.

Tiller said he heard the Nebraska offensive line wanted to step up to protect quarterback Brook Berringer, who replaces the injured Frazier, and that worried him.

"They are a very dominant group," Tiller said. "What are they going to do, step it up to the moon?"

Even though Tiller was in a joking mood, he said Saturday's game was no laughing matter.

"This is an ultimate challenge," Tiller said. "We just want to play the best to our ability and see where that will take us."

Tiller said he didn't expect to see any drastic changes in the Nebraska offense because of Frazier's absence.

"It's a great tribute that over the years, the plays haven't changed," he

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Game Day '94

Memorial Stadium
Lincoln, Nebraska
Saturday, 1 p.m.

Nebraska

Wyoming

OFFENSE

QB 18	Brook Berringer	6-4	210	QB 11	Jeremy Dombek	220	6-3
FB 40	Cory Schlesinger	6-0	230	RB 34	Ryan Christopher	241	6-0
IB 1	Lawrence Phillips	6-0	200	AB 4	Eddie Pratt	171	5-10
SE 7	Reggie Baul	5-8	170	WR 23	Marcus Harris	208	6-1
WB 27	Abdul Muhammad	5-9	160	WR 13	Brent Tillman	182	6-0
RT 72	Zach Wiegert	6-5	300	RT 77	Steve Scifres	273	6-5
LT 56	Rob Zatechka	6-5	315	LT 74	Jason Bartlett	286	6-6
RG 55	Brenden Stai	6-4	300	RG 70	Ryan Oman	286	6-6
LG 76	Joel Wilks	6-3	280	LG 79	Jay Korth	287	6-3
C 54	Aaron Graham	6-3	280	C 52	Jeff Pinnick	274	6-3
TE 85	Matt Shaw	6-3	235	TE 85	Jeremy Gilstrap	240	6-2
PK 12	Tom Sieler	6-5	205	PK 26	Taylor Sorenson	184	5-9

DEFENSE

L0LB 86	Dwayne Harris	6-2	225	LT 89	Brent Leu	6-5	252
DT 55	Christian Peter	6-2	285	DE 81	John Burrough	6-6	259
NT 99	Terry Connealy	6-5	275	RT 87	Tyrone Williams	6-4	277
ROLB 84	Donta Jones	6-2	220	DE 41	Brent Schieffer	6-3	262
SAM 4	Troy Dumas	6-4	220	SILB 49	Mark Brook	6-5	227
MIKE 48	Doug Colman	6-3	240	WILB 3	Jason Holanda	6-3	201
WILL 32	Ed Stewart	6-1	215	MLB 94	Jim Talich	6-1	215
LCB 14	Barron Miles	5-8	165	LCB 29	Steve Hendrix	5-11	175
RCB 8	Tyrone Williams	6-0	165	RCB 21	Greg Van Leer	5-10	180
ROV 29	Kareem Moss	5-10	190	SS 36	Chuck Polson	6-0	185
FS 9	Tony Veland	6-2	200	FS 37	Lee Vaughn	5-11	171
P 6	Darin Erstad	6-2	195	P 40	Brian Gragert	6-1	223

Wyoming's leading rusher anxious to play Nebraska

By Trevor Parks
Staff Reporter

Wyoming running back Ryan Christopherson is fifth in the nation in rushing yards per game, but that doesn't mean he's happy with the way things have gone this year.

"I'm not happy unless we're winning football games," Christopherson said. "We're a pretty young team, but we're getting a lot of experience."

The Cowboys are 2-2 this season with wins over Texas-El Paso and Tulsa.

After a 41-7 loss to Utah, the Cowboys play two straight games outside of the Western Athletic Conference — at Nebraska and at home against Northeast Louisiana.

The senior from Glendale, Ariz., said it would be tough playing the No. 1 Cornhuskers.

"Any time you put yourself up against the best, that's great," Christopherson said. "It will be an education for everyone."

The 6-foot, 241-pound Christopherson is averaging 152 yards rushing per game. In only four games this season he has 608 yards on 108 carries.

Nebraska's Lawrence Phillips is just ahead of Christopherson in rushing with a 154.3 average, and he has nine more yards than

Christopherson at 617.

Last season Christopherson became the sixth Cowboy to rush for more than 1,000 yards with 1,014. He needs only 219 yards to become Wyoming's all-time leading rusher.

But Nebraska's defense may present Christopherson with a challenge.

Christopherson said he was impressed with the speed of the Husker defense.

"All 11 players get to the ball quickly every time," Christopherson said. "They are real physical, and I won't get a good chance to go one-on-one with anybody."

Christopherson said he used his size to his advantage whenever he could.

"I'm not going to say that I'm a finesse guy," he said. "I'm a guy who likes to try and wear people out."

The Doak Walker Award candidate said Wyoming's new starting quarterback, redshirt freshman Jeremy Dombek, should be able to handle the situation on Saturday.

"He battled for the position since the spring, so the guys are used to him," he said.

Christopherson said he hoped the younger guys, including Dombek, didn't get caught up in the atmosphere surrounding the game.

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