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Putter peril places player on probation

I have one goal in life. I want to be the Huey Lewis of sportswriters.

Maybe I've set my dreams too high, but my grandmother always told me: If you don't aim high, you accomplish little.

My grandmother also used to call me "Sally" and claim that she was the rightful president of Bolivia. What I'm gettin' at is that though her credibility may be a bit weak (as well as her bladder for that matter), she has a valid point.

Achievement is about goals and sacrifice. It is on this note that I divulge to you, my vast readership, the latest Cornhusper athletic disciplinary action.

Early Friday, Nebraska golfer Heidi Wall was suspended for violating an agreement she had with Husker Hacker coach Robin Krapfl.

The incident that led to the suspension was undisclosed.

But Krapfl did say that the broken agreement concerned the need for Wall to control her temper.

"Heidi is a good kid," Krapfl said, "but, dude, if she's not careful, she's going to wrap a putter around someone's head. Despite how cool that would be, we simply can't have those kinds of things going on."

Wall reacted with resentment to the suspension.

"I know we had an agreement and stuff, but this blows," Wall said. "I mean it's not like I beat my boyfriend up or something."

Athletic director Bill Byrne called Wall's actions "deplorable" and then said a bunch of other mean stuff.

But he blamed Wall's suspension on the unsavory influences that permeate the student body and then immediately announced that, because of this, student seating for Cornhusper football games now would be in Gretna.

Krapfl did leave the door open for Wall's return.

"If Heidi can complete a series of conditions, I am more than willing to let her back on the team."

Krapfl said that these conditions basically would be counseling, maintaining her GPA, and buying Krapfl some really comfy slippers.

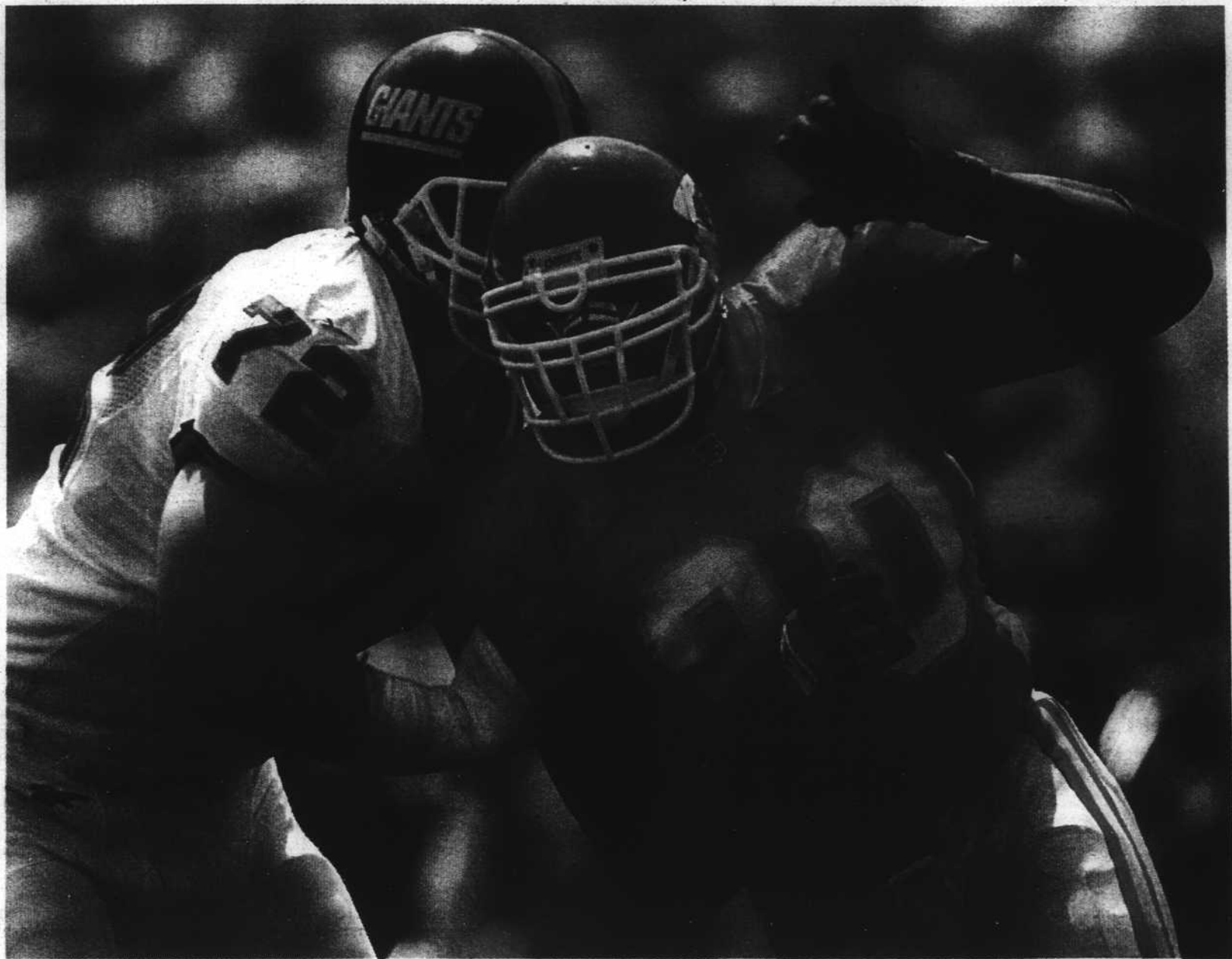
Wall said she'd comply with the conditions, but she wouldn't admit to any wrongdoing.

I wish Heidi luck in her reinstatement. I also would like to apologize for anything I have written about her in the past. Further, I'd like to say that if Heidi is looking for me, my listed address is wrong, and I actually commute from Idaho.

DISCLAIMER: This column is a parody. I am not trying to make light of the situation now faced by the football team. I am more than cognizant of the pain and frustration faced by all in connection with this unfortunate circumstance.

Also, if Mr. Phillips is reading, my listed address is wrong, and I commute from Idaho.

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Travis Heying/DN

Kansas City's Neil Smith, a former Nebraska All-American, tries to go around New York's Doug Riesenberg in the Chiefs' opening win.

Former Husker envies team's triumphs

By Mike Kluck
Staff Reporter

Neil Smith can't get everything he wants.

The eight-year veteran of the Kansas City Chiefs and former Nebraska defensive tackle said he was jealous of Nebraska's 4-3 defensive formation.

In 1993, Nebraska switched from a 5-2 defensive front that Smith played to a 4-3 alignment, which helped the

Cornhuskers win the national championship last season.

Smith, although he was a first-team All-American for Nebraska in his senior season, said if Nebraska had the 4-3 defense when he was a Cornhusker, he could have been unstoppable.

"With the defensive alignment they have now, I could have had more tackles and more success than I did in my four years there," Smith said. "That new alignment has made the

difference for them."

Smith had 65 tackles, 7 1/2 sacks and 12 tackles for a loss as a senior.

Even though Smith said he was envious of the Huskers' success, he still had admiration for his former coaches, especially defensive coordinator Charlie McBride. Smith credited his success to McBride's coaching philosophy.

"Coach McBride yelled and chewed me out so bad one time that I almost cried," Smith said. "But then

he turned to me and told the other players, 'This player is going to make more money than any of you.' That really impressed me because it showed he still cared about me and had faith in me that I would succeed."

Since arriving at Kansas City in 1988, Smith's play hasn't declined. The No. 2 selection overall in the 1988 draft has had 428 tackles in 106 games and 68.5 sacks for 529 yards

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Osborne faces concerns with Saturday's contest

By Derek Samson
Senior Reporter

How can we improve? How long should the starters play? How can we keep from letting up? How many points can we score before we're accused of running up the score?

These are all questions Coach Tom Osborne faces when the Cornhuskers play host to Pacific at 1 p.m. Saturday.

In what could be the Huskers' easiest game of the season as far as competition, Osborne said the game was far from simple to prepare for.

"It's a game that, obviously if we play well, we should win," Osborne said. "It's a difficult game to play. You always worry about players being sharp and being mentally ready to play. I think our players seem to have a good attitude toward things. I think they'll go out and play well."

Osborne said another concern was getting enough playing time for Nebraska's first and second teams.

"Our top units need to have 40 or 45 snaps to stay sharp, and maybe

even more than that," Osborne said. "I don't think we need to keep them in there 70 or 75, but I think they need to play. I don't want to make it seem like we think this game is over before it starts."

"If we take that attitude, we may have our starters in there for 75 plays. We have to be ready to play. But obviously if you don't play enough each week, you're going to start going downhill some."

After scoring 77 points against Arizona State, Osborne joined a handful of coaches who are being accused of running up the score to impress voters.

Quarterback Tommie Frazier, who was in for only nine plays in Nebraska's 70-21 victory over Pacific last year, said he would understand when he's pulled early.

"If you score 12 points in the first three minutes, there is really no need to keep your ones (first-team) in there," Frazier said. "All it's going to do is get people saying you're run-

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Game Day '95

at Memorial Stadium
Lincoln
Saturday 1:00 p.m.

Nebraska Pacific

SE 7 Reggie Baul	5-8 170	WR 81 Tyrone Watley	5-10 176
LT 75 Chris Dishman	6-3 310	LT 71 Hormaz Jangi	6-3 281
LG 67 Aaron Taylor	6-1 305	LG 75 Dan Weldon	6-5 302
C 54 Aaron Graham	6-4 275	C 56 Justin Werth	6-2 272
RG 69 Steve Ott	6-4 290	RG 62 Bryan Chiu	6-2 287
RT 70 Eric Anderson	6-4 300	RT 68 Tafa Jefferson	6-5 304
TE 87 Mark Gilman	6-4 240	TE 17 Mike Morales	6-1 219
WB33 Clester Johnson	5-11 210	WR12 Damon Bowers	5-9 186
QB 15 Tommie Frazier	6-2 210	QB 16 Chad Fotheringham	6-6 232
FB 22 Jeff Makovicka	5-11 225	FB 26 Kerry Blakney	5-11 233
IB Damon Benning or Ahman Green		TB 33 Joe Abdullah	6-0 220
PK 20 Kris Brown	5-11 190	PK 15 Roger Fleenor	6-1 180

LOLB 93 Jared Tornich	6-2 250	LT 94 Sean Duncan	6-4 247
DT 55 Christian Peter	6-3 300	NT 98 Jyme Daniels	6-2 304
DT 95 Jason Peter	6-4 275	RT 58 Jason Evans	6-1 265
ROLB 98 Grant Wistrom	6-5 240	LOLB 36 Clint Carter	6-0 228
SAM 56 Jay Foreman	6-1 220	SILB 50 Ed Tatola	5-11 242
MIKE 41 Phil Ellis	6-2 225	WILB 92 Vince Bruno	6-2 225
WILL 91 Ryan Terwilliger	6-5 225	ROLB 95 Elliott Burke	6-3 251
LCB 16 Eric Stokes	5-11 180	SS 4 Rodney Campbell	5-10 180
RCB 8 Tyrone Williams	6-0 185	RCB 3 Ed Atlas	5-9 165
ROV 10 Mike Minter	5-10 190	LCB 2 Ray Stukes	5-9 172
FS 9 Tony Veland	6-2 205	FS 23 Matt Kilgras	5-10 182
P 19 Jesse Kosch	6-0 180	P 15 Roger Fleenor	6-1 180