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Plenty of time left in season for pheasants

It's 4:28 a.m. You're already awake watching your alarm, anticipating its shrill invitation to get out of bed. Normally the thought of getting up at 4:30 would provide little incentive for excitement.

But this is the opening day of pheasant season. The cackling of roosters bursting into flight and its concurrent heart pounding electricity has been with you all night, making it impossible to sleep.

Soon it will be time to follow your fidgeting and equally excited dogs into a freshly harvested grain field to resume a yearly tradition. This scenario was experienced across the state last weekend as the most prominent of Nebraska's fall hunting seasons opened.

Andy Shipshock, a fisheries and wildlife major, reported a spectacular opening weekend with plenty of birds and perfect hunting weather. Every hunter in Shipshock's party took home the limited number of pheasants for each day, along with several quail.

With most of the birds found on Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) land, the best hunting seems to be on private lands in the western part of the state.

The tall switchgrass and uneven contour of the unworked CRP fields can be taxing on a hunter's legs, lungs and mental stamina. The heavy cover also makes the presence of good hunting dogs a necessity.

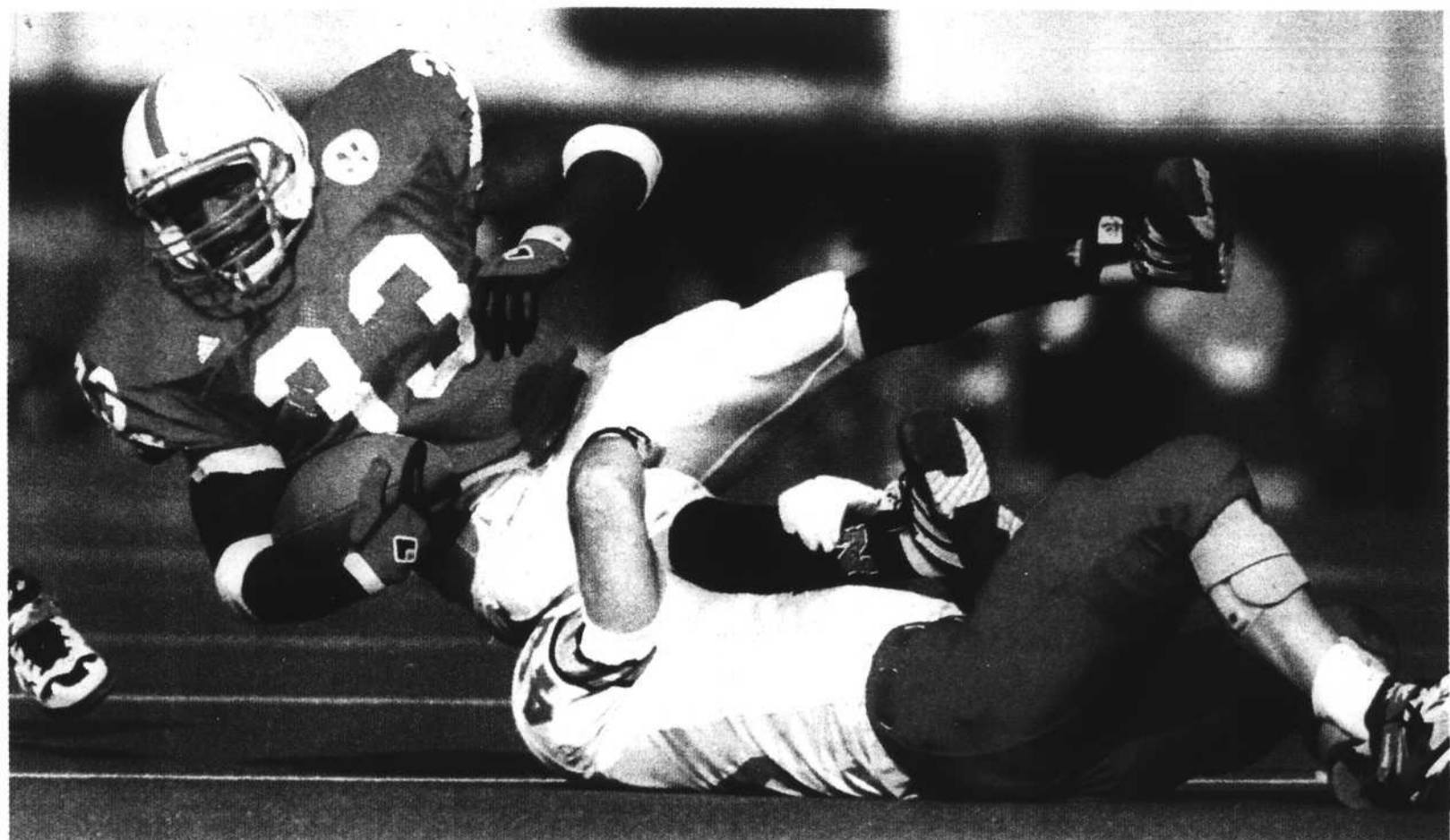
It takes a durable dog with a keen nose and instinctive breeding to flush these ground-loving birds. But when the feathered whirlwinds finally explode into the crisp morning air, the frenzied rise in adrenaline gives both hunter and dog the satisfaction of a successful hunt — regardless of the accuracy of the shotgun.

If you decide to go in pursuit of Western Nebraska's abundant pheasant and quail populations, Shipshock suggests obtaining permission from private landowners ahead of time.

Nebraska farmers are friendly, and are usually quick to give permission to those who ask. But at the same time, trespassers are seldom tolerated. Another etiquette point that shouldn't be overlooked is that even though many farmers may be up enjoying the sunrise at 5 a.m., that doesn't necessarily mean they are ready for company.

Although the hoopla of opening day is over, pheasant season in Nebraska will last until Jan. 31. There is still plenty of time to gather some friends and dogs, and head for the fields. Even if your friends aren't able to hit the broad side of a barn, and your dog is more house pet than hunter, you can still bag a truly traditional Nebraska experience.

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Nebraska wingback Clester Johnson is tackled by Iowa State's Tim Sanders after making a reception during the Huskers' 73-14 win last Saturday. Nebraska will play at Kansas Saturday.

Huskers expect battle with KU

By **Derek Samson**
Senior Reporter

If it isn't enough motivation that Kansas is ranked 10th and that Saturday's 2:34 p.m. game in Lawrence, Kan., might determine the conference title, Nebraska players can just use memories to get ready.

Two years ago, an undefeated Nebraska team was a two-point conversion away from being upset by the 4-5 Jayhawks.

Nebraska quarterback Tommie Frazier said the Cornhuskers learned a valuable lesson in the 21-20 squeaker in Lawrence in 1993.

"We're expecting it to be in a battle the whole way through the game," Frazier said. "We went down there with the attitude that we were going to blow them out and we didn't. They made us play the whole 60 minutes, and we know that will be the same this year."

"Last time, we went down there and took them too lightly. I don't think that's going to be the case this year."

Volleyball starters

Nebraska			
Billie Winsett	OH	5-11	Sr.
Kate Crnich	OH	5-11	Jr.
Christy Johnson	S	5-8	Sr.
Allison Weston	MB	6-0	Sr.
Lisa Reitsma	OH	6-4	So.
Stacie Maser	MB	6-0	Fr.
Florida			
Aycan Gokberk	MB	6-2	Sr.
Missy Aggert	S	5-9	Sr.
Jen Wood	OH	6-0	Jr.
Ashley Mullis	OH	5-11	Sr.
Meg Fitzgerald	OH	5-11	Sr.
Julie Stanhope	MB	6-2	Jr.
Oklahoma			
Melissa Peterson	OH	6-0	So.
Patrice Arrington	OH	5-10	So.
Sarah Rappard	OH	6-1	Jr.
Meredith VanHorn	S	5-10	Fr.
Beth Anne McGill	OH	5-6	Fr.
Heidi Luchmann	MB	6-1	Sr.

The 8-1 Jayhawks are dramatically different than the 1993 team because of senior quarterback Mark Williams, Nebraska coach Tom Osborne said.

"I think their quarterback has played better than they thought," Osborne said. "Once in a while a guy will all of the sudden be THE guy. He's become a very steady player. He's got mobility, he's a good thrower and a good runner."

Williams, whom Osborne said is having the same kind of senior season as former Husker quarterbacks Gerry Gdowski and Keith McCant did, ranks first in the Big Eight in passes completed, second in completion percentage and third in yardage.

But Osborne said the offense didn't stop with Williams.

"I've been very impressed with their quarterback," Osborne said. "He's really stepped up his play as a senior. He can throw and run. The two running backs are excellent, and they're interchangeable as far as I'm concerned. So they have a strong offense."

Nebraska linebacker Jared Tomich said the Jayhawks possess the most balanced offense the Huskers would see this year.

"They have a quarterback that can run and pass," he said. "They have two

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Game Day '95

at Memorial Stadium
Lawrence, Kan.
Saturday, 2:34 p.m.

Nebraska				Kansas			
OFFENSE							
SE 7	Reggie Baul	5-8	170	WR1	Isaac Byrd	6-2	180
LT 75	Chris Dishman	6-3	310	LT 54	Rod Jones	6-4	300
LG 67	Aaron Taylor	6-1	305	LG 62	Chris Banks	6-2	285
C 54	Aaron Graham	6-4	275	C 65	Jared Smith	6-1	265
RG 69	Steve Ott	6-4	290	RG 77	Cleve Roberts	6-6	290
RT 70	Eric Anderson	6-4	300	RT 79	Scott Whittaker	6-6	290
TE 87	Mark Gilman	6-4	240	TE 89	Jim Moore	6-3	245
WB33	Clester Johnson	5-11	210	WR6	Ashaundai Smith	5-6	160
QB 15	Tommie Frazier	6-2	210	QB 15	Mark Williams	6-1	180
FB 22	Jeff Makovicka	5-11	225	RB 22	L.T. Levine	5-10	190
IB 30	Ahman Green	6-0	210	RB 2	June Henley	5-11	195
PK 20	Kris Brown	5-11	190	PK 36	Jeff McCord	5-9	220
DEFENSE							
LOLB 93	Jared Tomich	6-2	250	OLB 16	Keith Rodgers	5-11	200
DT 55	Christian Peter	6-3	300	DT 90	Dan Dercher	6-6	255
DT 95	Jason Peter	6-4	275	NT 70	Brett McGraw	6-1	275
ROLB 98	Grant Wistrom	6-5	240	DT 57	Kevin Kopp	6-4	260
SAM 56	Jay Foreman	6-1	220	OLB 49	Chris Jones	6-2	225
MIKE 41	Phil Ellis	6-2	225	LB 38	Jason Thoren	6-2	230
WILL 43	Terrell Farley	6-0	200	LB 41	Dick Holt	6-2	238
LCB 20	Michael Booker	6-2	190	CB 17	Dorian Brew	5-10	175
RCB 8	Tyrone Williams	6-0	185	FS 24	Maurice Gaddie	5-10	185
ROV 10	Mike Minter	5-10	190	SS 2	F. Hammonds	6-2	195
FS 9	Tony Veland	6-2	205	CB 37	Jamie Harris	5-10	165
P 19	Jesse Kosch	6-0	180	P 19	Darrin Simmons	6-1	205

Coliseum clash set for Sunday

By **Trevor Parks**
Senior Reporter

When the Nebraska volleyball team plays host to Florida at 2 p.m. Sunday at the NU Coliseum, the Cornhuskers may think they are looking into a mirror.

That's because according to coach Nebraska Terry Pettit, the Huskers and the Gators are very similar teams.

Combined, the two teams have won 48 straight matches and 75 consecutive games. For the season, the Gators have lost only four games and hold the longest winning streak in the country at 27 matches. Nebraska has lost three games this year, but the Huskers have won 63 games and 21 matches in a row.

Pettit said top-ranked Nebraska,

21-1, and 27-0 Florida, ranked No. 3, have two of the best players in the nation in Husker Allison Weston and Gator Aycan Gokberk. Gokberk is averaging 4.59 kills a game and has a nation-leading .467 hitting percentage.

"She's a left-hander and they use her the same way we use Lisa (Reitsma)," Pettit said. "What they do defensively and offensively is very similar to us. It will come down to little things."

Also possibly at stake, Pettit said, is the national volleyball player-of-the-year trophy, an award for which Gokberk and Weston are top candidates.

Another interesting matchup is between two of the best setters in the country. Florida's Missy Aggert is av-

eraging 11.6 set assists a game, while Christy Johnson of Nebraska averages 13.5 assists a game.

One thing the Huskers will have to do is play consistently for an entire match. Middle blocker Jen McFadden said Nebraska still hadn't played a complete match this year.

"We need to go out strong and stay strong, rather than slack off in the second game like we have against our last two opponents," McFadden said. "Mentally we need to toughen up a bit to face that type of competition, but physically we'll be alright."

The Huskers have been tough to handle, sweeping two top 15 teams in the last week. But Nebraska has trailed in the second game in both of those

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