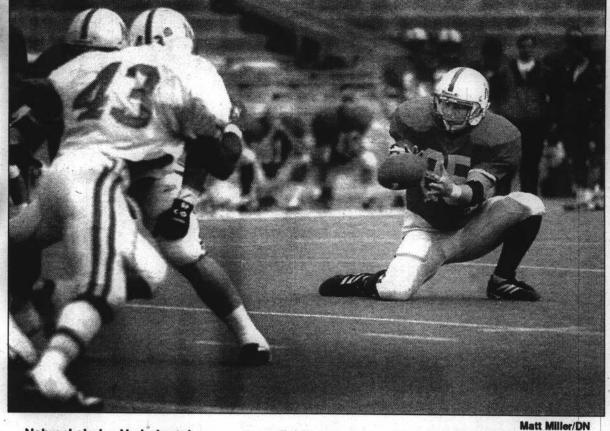




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Nebraska's Jon Vedral catches a snap on a field goal attempt last Saturday during a Cornhusker scrimmage. Vedral is Nebraska's top returning receiver from a year ago.

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In 1994, an inexperienced Vedral

he led the special teams with 11 tack-

conversion to kicker Darin Erstad

He and senior split end Brendan

Holbein will be the leaders of a group

two receptions last year, Brown is the

By Trevor Parks Senior Reporter

Even though Jon Vedral's normal position is wingback, he doesn't mind holding on extra points and field goals or being the guy who falls on fumbles for touchdowns.

In fact, it's Vedral's all-around play that has made him an impact player for the Nebraska football team.

that's the way he plays," receivers year. coach Ron Brown said. "He's one of In the toughest receivers we've ever had who later earned a scholarship and now east, John Gibson of Papillion-LaVista here.

But Vedral does not want to be re- pro-agility run with a time of 3.78 sec- N.J., signed with Nebraska in Februmembered as a receiver or the man onds - had only one reception. But ary who holds kicks.

"I just want to be known as a player les and also completed two passes, one receivers was good. who always gets the job done," Vedral of which was a desperation two-point "We have a lot said.

Since walking on in 1992, the 5- against Oklahoma State. foot-11-inch, 205-pound senior-to-be, As a junior, he start has been getting the job done as one game, but that will change in 1996. of the Cornhuskers' most versatile He and senior split end Brenda players.

Last season, he caught 14 passes for of inexperienced receivers. Behind 272 yards and a team-leading five Vedral at wingback are sophomores touchdowns while alternating with Lance Brown and Shevin Wiggins and Clester Johnson at wingback. He was junior Sean Wieting. also the holder for kicker Kris Brown Of the four wingbacks, only Vedral and picked up one tackle as a member has seen substantial playing time. With of the special teams.

Vedral recovered fumbles for only other wingback to catch a pass. uchdowns against Kansas and Kan- With that inexperience, Vedral said touchdowns against Kansas and Kansas State. Now the Huskers' No. 1 he would have to step forward and aswingback, he has made major strides sume the leadership role vacated by since this time a year ago.

The native of Gregory, S.D., said "Hopefully I'll show some leader-he was unsure of himself going into ship here and there," Vedral said, "and the spring of 1995. But after playing a I can help the new guys learn because big part in all 12 games last season, he I have a lot of experience." is more experienced this spring than

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JON VEDRAL

Nebraska wingback

spring knowing what you are doing," more Kenny Cheatham. Vedral said. "I had a good spring, and The Huskers will w The Huskers will welcome three "We call him the pit bull because it helped me going into the season last true freshman receivers next year, any of whom could compete for playing time. J.R. Edwards of Lincoln Southowns the all-time school record in the and Khari Reynolds of Mays Landing,

Brown said the talent of all of the

"We have a lot of youth, and we have a lot of ability," Brown said. "I'm very optimistic about them, but it will As a junior, he started only one depend on their ability to mature over me, but that will change in 1996. this spring and heading into the fall."

At tight end, junior Tim Carpenter is listed No. 1, but he suffered a knee injury on April 6 and has missed the final three weeks of the spring. Carpenter's injury has allowed sophomore Sheldon Jackson and junior Vershan Jackson to play more.

Even with the loss of two-year starter Mark Gilman, the tight end position is in good shape, Brown said.

"It is as good as we've had talentwise in a number of years," Brown said. "They are very young, and it's a very good group."

All of the receivers, Vedral said, are very talented and can lead Nebraska to a third straight national title.

We want a third straight title, and Holbein started nine games last seaknow that's all that's on my mind on at split end and leads a group that because I don't want to lose," "It's a lot easier coming into the includes junior Jeff Lake and sopho- said.

Vin gives golfers respect

By Mike Kluck

Senior Reporter

Nebraska men's golf coach Larry

and win a tournament.

the tournament with the top score.

also beneficial because it gave the Junior Jacques Huskers a chance to compete against their climate contemporaries.

So far this season, the Huskers have Madden won the individual title by competed against warm-weather firing a birdie on the first hole of the schools, but most of the schools in the playoff. On Madden's second shot he Shocker Classic came from climates hit the pin, nearly scoring an cagle, similar to what Nebraska is forced to

Another reason the tournament was Having the three top scores, the positive for the Huskers, Romjue said,

finished 19 strokes ahead of confer-ence rival Iowa State, 23 ahead of Kan-Kansas State in Wichita should have carned Nebraska respect from the rest of the conference opponents, Romjue

> Winning the Shocker Classic also has helped the Huskers chances for regionals, May 16-18 in Ann Arbor, Mich

"This should help us quite a bit," Romjue said. "This should be the thing that put us over the edge. The players knew what was at stake and that this was an important tournament for regionals.

We performed accordingly with our experienced players, plus the new players are playing like experienced players, and that made a difference."

Madden

Paiement and freshmen Steve Friesen and Josh Madden all finished the 54hole tournament with a score of 221.

which allowed him to have a short tap- practice in every day.

in putt for the win.

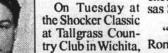
Johnson.

Cornhuskers were able to walk away was because it should give them mowith the team championship. The mentum for the Big Eight Tourna-Romjue has been looking all season Huskers outscored second-place Drake ment, Monday and Tuesday in for one of his golfers to step forward by 17 strokes, 896-913. The Huskers Hutchinson, Kan.

Romjue said the tournament was

On Tuesday at sas State and 25 ahead of Kansas.

at Tallgrass Coun-try Club in Wichita, Romjuc said. "This was a good tour-Kan., Romjue had nament for us, and it helps because we three players finish don't get that many wins."



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