

Promotion of Bell among Athletic Department changes

From Staff Reports

Cindy Bell, who has served as Nebraska's ticket manager for the past three years, has been promoted, Associate Athletic Director for External Operations Joe Selig announced Monday.

In her new job as the director of integrated services for the athletic department, Bell will coordinate and oversee the accounting and data processing functions of various donor groups.

Bell has been in the athletic department for 13 years, serving one year in

the fund raising office before moving to the ticket office in 1985.

Replacing Bell as ticket manager is John Anderson. Anderson has served in the Miami, (Fla.) ticket office for the last 3 1/2 years. He was promoted to assistant ticket manager in June 1994.

Before joining the Miami ticket staff, Anderson was the ticket sales and customer service representative for the Florida Marlins in 1993.

He also worked for the Lexington, Ky., Parks and Recreation Department as an intern and served as a public address announcer in college at West-ern Kentucky.

Texas aims to rule Big 12 south division

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He has a 13-2-1 record as a starter and threw for 19 touchdowns and 2,447 yards as a sophomore.

In the final SWC game against Texas A&M, Brown played with a severely sprained ankle. UT won 16-6, earning the team a Sugar Bowl invitation. Against the Aggies, he completed 12 passes for 147 yards and one touchdown.

"James played as gutsy of a brand of football last year as I can remember," Mackovic said. "There wasn't a time when he played 100 percent. The game he played against Texas A&M was just a remarkable amount of courage."

In addition to Brown, the offense returns with a wealth of experience.

Behind Brown in the backfield are Shon Mitchell and Ricky Williams. The Williams-Mitchell tandem rushed for a total of 2,089 yards and 18 touchdowns a year ago.

Brown has an impressive wide receiver to throw to in Mike Adams. Adams is Texas' all-time leading receiver with 2,090 yards. Tight end Pat Fitzgerald, a second-team All-American, also returns.

The only concern is the offensive line, where just two starters

return. All-American right guard Dan Neil, who is a candidate for the Outland Trophy, will anchor the group.

Defensively, the line position is the least experienced of the team. Two of three starters are gone with only nose guard Chris Akins returning. Four incoming freshmen may see a great amount of playing time.

Tyson King and Kyle Richardson return at the inside linebacker spot, but the two starters at outside linebacker are gone.

The secondary is the most experienced part of the team. Bryant Westbrook, Taje Allen, Chris Carter and Tre Thomas, all seniors, have combined to start 93 games. Texas will rely upon these four to shoulder the defensive leadership.

"It's difficult to put that kind of burden on them, but we just don't have any other choice," Mackovic said.

If everything can come together for Texas, it may be on the field representing the southern division in the Big 12's championship game, Dec. 7 in St. Louis.

"It's a reward for all the hard work that we put in throughout the season," Akins said. "It would be a great contest with two great teams."

Brown jumps to top spot at cornerback

By GREGG MADSEN
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True freshman Ralph Brown moved into the No. 1 spot on the NU depth chart at right cornerback.

The 5-foot-11, 170-pound Brown, from Hacienda Heights, Calif., is listed ahead of junior Leslie Dennis and senior Dave Alderman.

"Ralph has shown a lot of maturity, poise and confidence," Coach Tom Osborne said. "But this doesn't mean much, really. Nothing is settled there."

Senior Mike Fullman, who injured his groin in spring practice and was held out of two-a-day workouts this month, returned to practice Monday.

Osborne said he was encouraged by Fullman's workout, and the coach said he hoped to see Fullman — who entered fall camp as the top right cornerback — back to full speed by the first or second game of the season.

Junior tight end Tim Carpenter, who has been recovering from a torn anterior cruciate ligament, also returned to practice Monday.

Senior split end Brendan Holbein (hamstring) and junior tight end Vershan Jackson (sprained ankle) also went through light workouts Monday.

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