

# Surgery to keep Roy out 3 weeks

From Staff Reports

Nebraska Football Coach Tom Osborne said Tuesday's two-hour workout on the grass practice fields northeast of Memorial Stadium was "a little sluggish."

The Cornhuskers had their last contact before Friday's final preseason scrimmage in preparation for the Sept.

7 season opener against Michigan State at Memorial Stadium.

The top two offensive units ran 13 pass plays against the No. 1 and No. 2 defensive units, and the team also practiced a goal-line drill.

Osborne said tight end Dorrick Roy, a 6-foot-3, 230-pound sophomore, needed only minor knee surgery Tuesday, keeping him out three weeks. Redshirt freshman guard James

Sherman, also had minor knee surgery Tuesday.

Senior cornerback Michael Booker participated in half of Tuesday's practice, but NU's No. 1 left cornerback had to leave early after tendinitis flared up in his knee.

Osborne also said tight end Vershan Jackson is still bothered by an ankle injury.

# Recurring groin injury can't sideline Fullman

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athletic trainer and physical therapist, said Fullman's injury is called an osteitis pubis, the inflammation of the bony region of the groin.

Weber said there is a cartilage pad — called a symphysis pubis — between the spot in which the two hip bones are joined. Many different muscles are attached to this cartilage, which can easily become irritated.

"A sudden quick movement at times can disrupt that a little bit," Weber said. "Sometimes over time with a combination of running and explosive activities and some people say lifting, you can get that roughened."

Not much can be done to prevent osteitis pubis, Weber said, except for stretching and strengthening and avoidance of activities that can irritate the cartilage.

"Unfortunately, for football it seems all of those activities irritate it," Weber said. "We've had a run of those in the last year."

But right now, Fullman, who returned to practice Monday after losing his No. 1 spot on the depth chart to true freshman Ralph Brown, said he felt no pain.

Fullman, a 5-foot-7, 170-pounder from Roselle, N.J., is tak-

**"I was really looking forward to coming in healthy helping the team out."**

**MIKE FULLMAN**  
NU cornerback

ing practice day to day, and he is constantly monitored by Weber and the NU coaching staff.

Nebraska Defensive Backs Coach George Darlington was happy to see Fullman back in practice Monday, but Darlington was still apprehensive about the senior's availability for the Huskers' season opener.

"You hope Fullman's healthy, but obviously he just walked on the field," Darlington said. "Last time he had a good workout, three days later they carried him into the training room and he couldn't even walk on it."

"One day does not make for a sure deal."

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# NU wingback Vedral earns preseason award

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Nebraska wingback Jon Vedral has been named to the 1996 All-American Farm Football Team.

Vedral, a senior from Gregory, S.D., is the only NU player on the 24-man first team. Vedral is also the only Big

12 player honored on the first team. As a junior last season, Vedral, who was originally a walk-on athlete, caught 14 passes for 272 yards and scored five touchdowns. He is Nebraska's top returning receiver.

Brett McGraw, a Kansas nose tackle, and Jody Brown, a Texas Tech defensive back, were honorable-mention selections on defense.

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ated Press poll after beating UCLA 51-30 in the Aloha Bowl. KU lost to Nebraska 41-3 and to Kansas State 41-7.

Can the Jayhawks repeat the success they had last season?

"On paper we certainly have a chance to be a better team this season," Kansas Defensive Coordinator Mike Hankwitz said. "A year ago, we were extremely young and we gelled as a team and had a good season. But to duplicate a 10-win season would be difficult."

With the football team's success, there is a new attitude at KU.

"We've turned it around a little bit and we're getting more support," junior defensive tackle Brett McGraw said. "I think people here are looking a little more toward football. When I first got here, I'm not sure if people knew if we had a team."

But Hankwitz said the Jayhawks may have trouble repeating 1995.

One reason is their schedule. After opening Thursday against Ball State, the Jayhawks don't play another home game until Oct. 12. In between, they play at Texas Christian, Utah and Oklahoma. Kansas also plays Nebraska in Lincoln on Oct. 26.

But Hankwitz said part of the Jayhawks' success a year ago came as a result of road victories. Kansas beat Colorado in Boulder for the first time since 1984, and until last season, KU had not beaten Oklahoma in Norman since 1975.

"We had some key victories on the road last season," Hankwitz said. "But you can't dwell on those things."

Instead, Hankwitz is looking forward to the Jayhawks' possibilities on

both sides of the ball. Second-team all-conference running back June Henley returns for his senior season with the Jayhawks.

Henley, who has a career rushing total of 2,492 yards, has a chance to become Kansas's career rushing leader.

"If he runs the ball like he's capable of, and he will, then those figures will take care of themselves," Hankwitz said. "In our offense, he'll have that chance to have that kind of success."

Henley needs 1,297 yards to surpass Tony Sands as the Jayhawks all-time career rusher. But Henley knows those yards won't come easy.

"I'm ready to take on the challenge," Henley said. "I know there's a lot of pressure on me following L.T. Levine. I'm pretty sure I have a nice supporting cast."

The question for the Jayhawks on offense concerns the replacement of quarterback Mark Williams, who earned most-valuable-player honor in last year's Aloha Bowl.

Former Nebraska quarterback Ben Rutz was the Jayhawks top candidate to replace Williams, but a knee injury in the spring slowed Rutz's development.

"Our concerns on offense would be the quarterback position," Hankwitz said.

On defense, the Jayhawks return seven starters, including McGraw. Last season, Kansas only allowed 10 rushing touchdowns and finished the season third in the conference in rushing defense.

But Hankwitz still has some concerns.

"We just don't have the quality depth at every position we would like to have."