I-Backs confident

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pretty natural running back." Buckhalter has come a long way since the beginning of fall camp, Green said.

"He kind of reminds me of myself," Green said. "He has the same problems I had - in terms of picking up pass plays and picking up blitzes and stuff like that. But other than that he's coming along real well. He runs the ball well and he really doesn't fumble a lot like I did.'

Green, who rushed for 1,108 yards as a freshman, was hampered last season by turf toe and a stress fracture in the same foot but still finished with 917 yards. After gaining weight last season, Green said he is back down to 205 pounds, which could make a difference this season.

"I feel like I felt my freshman year," Green said. "I have my quickness and speed back and I feel real good.

NU coach Tom Osborne said Green may be both backups should also see playing time guys get back, we'll be something to watch."

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> AHMAN GREEN Husker I-Back

Saturday.

"It's never been our philosophy to leave a guy out there for 60 plays out of 70," Osborne said. "We'll see how (Green) holds up. But Buckhalter will have to play in the game and he will probably have to go in there in the first half and play a fair amount. It may be that Cobb will have to play some too."

But the I-back situation, Green said, shouldn't significantly hinder the Husker offense.

"As of right now, we have a real potent asked to carry a bigger load against Akron, but offense," Green said. "But once those three

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Akron coming t teams were tied at halftime and it 22 receptions last year, said the

BY SAM MCKEWON Staff Reporter

The Akron Zips aren't playing Nebraska for the money, or to hone their skills, or even to say they once got to play in front of 76,000 at Memorial Stadium against Nebraska.

The Zips are in Lincoln to try to pull off one of the biggest upsets in college football history.

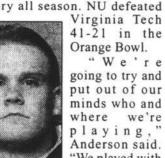
"We're not looking for moral victories on Saturday," Akron senior defensive tackle Eric Anderson said. "We're going in expecting to win this game."

Anderson concedes that the Zips are a huge underdog against Nebraska and will probably face an uphill battle in trying to knock off the Huskers. Akron has been listed as a 56-point underdog for the game.

Still, Anderson, who is also a captain for the team, said the Zips will have a chance to make things happen early in the game and have to take advantage of it.

"We've got to play as hard as we can in the first quarter," Anderson said. "If we fly around the football field and get a couple of breaks along the way, we can make this a football game.'

The same scenario happened at the Rubber Bowl last season when Akron played Virginia Tech and nearly upset the Hokies, before losing 21-18. The two



Anderson

four quarters, so we know what it takes to win this kind of game."

Another thing the players know is that the Zips will have to find a way to slow down the NU offense, especially the rushing game. Akron ranked 77th in the nation in rushing defense last year, while the Huskers were fourth in the nation in rushing offense at 291.1 yards per game.

We can't let them score 42 points on us if we want to win," junior wide receiver Carl Whitt said. "Our offense is more of a ball-control type offense that wants to eat time off the clock. We don't want to get into a scoring competition."

game last year.

"If we win, it's going to be 10or something like that," he said. "We've got to stop the running game and force them to pass the ball a little more than they want

Offensively, Akron may have a said. defense.

became Virginia Tech's closest toughness of that front four and victory all season. NU defeated the overall speed of the defense makes for a good combina-

> tion. "They have lots and lots of

back speed there," he said. "They get to the ball about as fast as any team I've ever seen defensively."

To counter-

act that, Whitt said, the key will be to keep NU's defense on its

"We're going to try and mix it up a little bit," he said. "We want to put as much balance as possible into our offense and establish ourselves physically."

One area where Akron might have an advantage is the matchup between the Zip wide receivers and Nebraska defensive backs. NU has only one starter returning and faces a receiving corps with good size.

"Most of our guys are pretty big, so we think we can get some things done out there," Whitt said. "They only have one starter back Akron averaged 14 points per there returning, so we'll see."

Eventually, both players see Akron needing to force some turnovers and not turn the ball over to hang in with NU.

We've got to make them drop the ball a couple of times and keep our turnovers at zero," Anderson

In the end, Whitt said, it will take a huge effort in order to beat Nebraska on its home field, but he is going to enjoy the trip win or lose.

Weekend tourney provides first test **VOLLEY** from page 7 Jahnke redshirted last season

from having career offensive

nights." With three matches in four days, team depth will be an important factor. Nebraska's arsenal of offensive weapons should relieve some of the pressure from Reitsma. In particular, Pettit expects to see big things from outside hitter Jaime Krondak and middle blocker Katie Jahnke.

"Jaime Krondak has probably been our most consistent player,' Pettit said. "Right now, she's playing as well as any other outside hitter we've ever had. It's not just physical, it's mental. She's consistent. She does the job on every ball contact

"Katie Jahnke always has her game face on. She works hard on every play and she's really challenging Megan Korver and Tonia Tauke at the middle blocker position."

Krondak, a 6-foot junior, was second on the team last season with 2.9 kills per game.

because of a knee injury. But Jahnke thinks the competitive nature of practices is enough to prepare her for her first collegiate match.

Saturday 12:30 p.m. Memorial Stadium

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'There's not a time when you can not work your hardest in practice because someone is always right behind you," Jahnke said. "It's going to be a good situation for the matches, because everyone that gets the playing time will have worked hard for it.'

Pettit said he expects a total effort from all 15 players this weekend. Despite the hype surrounding the matchup between NU and the Gators, Pettit downplays the match's significance.

"What we need to do is play hard, keep ourselves in the ballgame so we can get down to the 12th or 13th point," Pettit said, "and we'll have Reitsma who we can do some things with and also some other options as well. The national championship isn't going to be decided this weekend. It's a long way off."

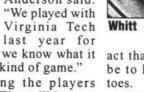
Huskers kick off

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And Amy Walsh is also questionable after suffering a hip flexor this week in practice.

Morneau, is still on the recovery trail from knee surgery in the ations in the team's scrimmage last spring. She will be available for this weekend's action, but will see limited action.

Replacing Hogan on the field will be junior Kim Engesser. Engesser transferred from Portland University and has fit in well with the little amount of time she has had Another striker, Isabelle with the team. She scored a goal and was involved in a lot of scoring situweekend. Lindsay Eddlema also be looked to for offensive firepower and leadership. Walker said before the Huskers can think about this weekend's opponents, they need to focus at home first. "We have to be more concerned We are a little concerned with about ourselves," Walker said. "We need to concentrate on bringing the deep enough though that we can same intensity and concentration to every game."





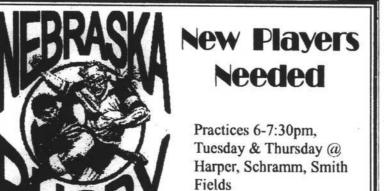
The Zips have to replace their starting quarterback and tailback from last year and must also find a way to move the ball against a Husker front four that includes preseason All-Americans Jason Peter and Grant Wistrom.

Whitt, who led the Zips with college football."

"We all voted to play this game, so we wanted it," he said. "We're going to have fun playing against one of the best teams in

Hogan's injury could prove to be a big blow for the Huskers. Hogan is one of Nebraska's offensive powers and a leader on the field.

the injuries," Walker said. "We are play the same way as we always do."



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