

RENO HAPPENINGS

Hug graduate runs sprints, patterns

Claiborne two-steps for UNR

By Ray Hagar/ Gazette-Journal

Kevin Claiborne is unique among current University of Nevada-Reno athletes. He plays two sports.

Claiborne, a 1985 graduate of Hug High School, is a wide receiver on the football team and a sprinter on the track team. That makes March and April a busy time.

The Wolf Pack football team is holding spring drills, which conflict with track practice. Claiborne can't be two places at once, but he must serve two coaches at the same time.

Although he attends UNR on a football scholarship, coach Chris Ault promised Claiborne he could also run track.

"I've had about a handful of kids participate in both," said Ault, who has coached the Pack for 11 years. "I wouldn't let a quarterback do it or certainly a new player that we just recruited do it. But in Kevin's case, it's working out well."

Claiborne, a 5-foot-8, 150-pound sophomore who is nicknamed "Flea", is the first UNR football player to run track since Jack DeMello in 1982.

"I would not make a steady diet of it and that's why we're very selective in the people we let do it," Ault said.

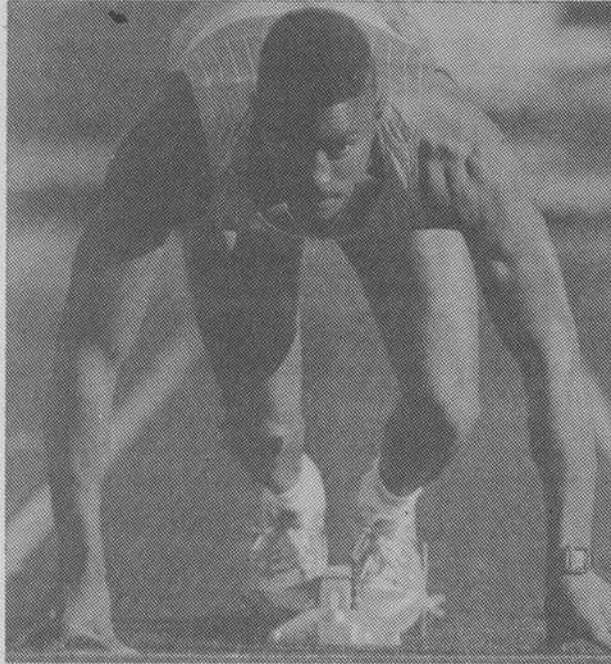
Because of track,

Claiborne will miss most of the spring drills — including Saturday scrimmages and the annual alumni game. But he'll participate in the seven-on-seven passing drills Tuesday and Thursday

speed," Ault said. "It would help him increase his hand-to-eye coordination. But in terms of speed, track does nothing but benefit you. In that way, it's a plus for us." Do his football teammates

resent that Claiborne gets to miss all the dirty work of spring drills?

"No," he said. "I think they might feel it's hard on me because I have to do both."



Roger Jerkovich/Gazette-Journal

TWICE AS BUSY: UNR two-sport athlete Kevin Claiborne prepares to run from the starting blocks in track practice. Claiborne, a Hug High School graduate, is the Wolf Pack's top sprinter.

afternoons. Other than that, track will come first until the season is completed.

"Kevin Claiborne was born with natural speed and spring football is not going to help him increase his



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DUAL CATCH: Claiborne, a Wolf Pack sophomore, makes a reception in a game last season.

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Southern Nevadans will see work beginning on the east leg of the U.S. 95 freeway and northern Nevadans, the U.S. 395 extension, within the next few months. Nevada's share of the highway bill will be \$70.4 million per year for the next five years. In addition, the state will receive \$4.3 million per year for the Sparks Boulevard interchange, the Boulder Highway beautification project and the Sahara Avenue interchange.

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