

## MEMORIAL STADIUM GETS 'NEW LOOK' WITH SYNTHETIC GRASS-AstroTurf

Already boasting the largest stadium in the Big 8 and one of the nation's most beautiful press facilities, the University of Nebraska this fall will cap the Bob Devaney-era improvement program by installing Astro Turf.

NU Regents gave the approval to the \$250,000 project in May and the new synthetic turf is slated for completion in time for the Shrine High School All Star game, August 22.

AstroTurf, made by Monsanto, is a grass-like artificial layer which is glued to a cushion of foam-like plastic mounted on a six-inch bed of asphalt.

Nebraska will be one of four Big 8 schools installing synthetic turf this summer—joining Oklahoma (Tartan), Kansas (Tartan) and Kansas State (AstroTurf).

The 1970 project is the fifth major capital improvement for Memorial Stadium—all without use of tax funds—since Bob Devaney arrived in 1962 and launched the Cornhuskers into national prominence.

Here is the list:

1964—South end zone section installed, making the Stadium a horse-shoe, raising capacity to the 48,000 mark.

1965—Center portion of north end-zone section added, raising capacity to more than 53,000.

1966—Both wings of the north end-zone added, raising capacity to more than 65,000 and making Memorial Stadium into a bowl.

1967—New press box, with guest section, added, providing a beautiful and practical working facility as well as raising capacity to more than 67,000.

1969—Installation of AstroTurf, making Nebraska's Memorial Stadium one of the largest, most attractive and functional intercollegiate plants in the nation.

## VETERAN PRESS CREW CHARTS HUSKER GAMES

The Nebraska press corps which follows the Cornhuskers at home and away will have a veteran look in 1970.

Dean of the contingent is Wally Provost of the Omaha World Herald. Other "oldtimers" are Hal Brown of the Lincoln Star, Don Forsythe of the Lincoln Journal, and Conde Sargent and Tom Allan, both of the World Herald.