

Big Red Gunning For Second Conference Victory At The Expense Of Injury-Riddled Kansas State



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The Cornhuskers will attempt to make it two Big-Seven victories in a row when they entertain the Kansas State Wildcats on Saturday.

The Wildcats, losers in their first three contests of the season, will be attempting to hit the victory trail at the expense of Nebraska.

An important question facing Coach Bus Mertes is, can his squad bounce back after being badly mauled by Oklahoma last weekend. Injuries sustained by tackle Ellis Rainsberger and center Chuck Sprinkle haven't helped matters any.

The Kansas State mentor has

been reluctant to qualify any of his players as definitely first stringers. He has repeatedly stated that none of the starting positions are nailed down.

The Wildcat squad does, however, contain a quartet of outstanding ballplayers in Ralph Pfeifer, Dick Corbin, Ken Nesmith and Rainsberger. Pfeifer, listed as the starting fullback, led the "Cat" scoring last season with 36 points while running from the halfback slot. A 197 pound junior, he averaged 4.7 yards per rush on 57 rushes. Corbin, junior quarterback from Stafford, Kansas, is the only Wildcat letterman at that post. He has deceptive speed in long legs and is a good shifty runner. He led K-State passers in 1955

completing 14 of 42 tosses for 156 yards.

Nesmith is a chunky senior half-back who combines speed and power enough to be a constant threat. He is a quick starter and capable of bulging for those extra two yards when he is hemmed in. Rainsberger, 1956 squad captain, is quick and rugged and at six feet, 200 pounds can play either guard or tackle. Rainsberger looks to be among the Big-Seven's best linemen.

The Wildcat squad has been tabbed by some of the sports-writers as the "weak sister" of the Big-Seven. This is not doing justice to coach Mertes and his squad. Kansas State can be real tough and could be a darkhorse in Saturday's contest.

THE NEBRASKAN SPORTS

N-Club Slates First Meeting

The N-Club will hold its first regular meeting Thursday night, according to Don Erway, president of the group.

The 1956 football squad will be honored at a dinner served at the meeting. Entertainment will follow.

Erway said all N-Club members will wear their sweaters Thursday. Any active member of N-Club who has not been contacted for the dinner, should notify Don Erway before Wednesday, he said.

Campus GOP Slate Party, Election

The University young Republicans, organized last week, have slated a combination birthday party, for President Dwight Eisenhower, and election of officer meeting Thursday at the Union. The meeting will be held in room 315 at 7:30 p.m.

Betas Sparkle In Gridiron Action

By GARY PETERSON
Intramural Editor

Tuesday seemed the day for second division intramural football teams to shine.

The teams that played had either been beaten earlier or appeared to be out of the running as far as league championships were concerned.

Last week, top flight clubs tangled and will resume action the latter part of the week. The Betas, undefeated and unscored upon, led last Thursday's action.

Acacia—12 ZBT—2

The Acacia fraternity rolled over the favored Zebs with a 12-2 victory.

The first tally of the game came in the second quarter, when the Zebs right half recovered an Acacia fumble over the goal line. The Zebs threatened four more times but never tallied again.

Lawyers—6 PEK—0

In one of the better played games Tuesday, Phi Delta Phi, law honorary, edged Phi Epsilon Kappa 6-0.

The lawyers scored in the first quarter when Charlie Wright rifled

a pass to Red Raymond for the only touchdown.

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Big Seven Title Race Shapes Up

The Oklahoma Sooners opened their Big Seven activity with a bang Saturday as they steamrolled past Kansas State 66-0 before a homecoming crowd of 47,000.

The Sooners wasted no time in scoring as Clendon Thomas hit the doublestrips 2½ minutes after play began. By halftime, the Oklahomans were out in front 33-0. Although Thomas led the scoring parade with three touchdowns, seven other Sooners figured in the scoring. Oklahoma piled up 479 yards rushing to 172 for Kansas State. It was the 32nd consecutive victory for Oklahoma and was their 58th straight triumph in conference play.

The Colorado Buffaloes took advantage of a muffed Kansas conversion attempt and edged the Jayhawkers 26-25 as 20,000 fans looked on. For a while, it appeared as though Kansas would repeat their tie of last week with College of Pacific, but center Galen Wahlmaier's kick was wide after the Jayhawkers were penalized.

Homer Floyd, Kansas fullback, who came in the game with a rush-

Betas—20 Sig Nu's—0

Beta Theta Pi rolled to 20 to 0 victory over the Sigma Nu's last week, racking up their second victory and remaining unscored upon.

Tailback Jim O'Hanlon led the Beta attack, passing for all three touchdowns. O'Hanlon also led the Beta's to their 25-0 win over Sigma Alpha Mu.

ing average of 6.4 yards, was held to 52 yards on 11 carries. Kansas piled up 260 yards rushing to 253 yards for the Buffaloes. Fullback John (the Beast) Bayuk was the workhorse for the Buffaloes with 62 yards on 15 carries.

The Southern Methodist Mustangs were forced into the air Saturday to beat the Missouri Tigers, and the passing of Charley Arnold proved to be the difference at the end of the game.

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