

Sports

Osborne praises Huskers as 'deserving of championship'

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Usually, when one team beats another team, the losing coach is full of praise for the victors. Not so this week with Nebraska football coach Tom Osborne.

Osborne said Oklahoma has a fine team, but the Husker coach preferred to praise the Cornhuskers.

"There haven't been many times when I felt we had the better team and didn't win," Osborne said at Monday's Extra Point Club Luncheon in Lincoln. "But this time, I did feel we were the better team. I thought our offense played better than their offense and our defense played better than their defense."

Nebraska outyarded the Sooners 373-201, but fell prey to turnovers and missed scoring opportunities. Osborne said he was surprised with his team's three missed field goals. Dale Klein missed twice, from 49 to 23 yards, and Scott Livingston failed to connect on a 45-yarder.

"Normally, we'd expect to hit on two out of three," Osborne said. "It wouldn't have been extraordinary to hit three of three. But the odds of going 0-3 are very slim."

Osborne said Klein and Livingston have been kicking well in practice. Livingston, who held the placekicking job early in the year before giving way to Klein, has been particularly impressive, Osborne said.

"I'm talking 80 or 90 percent from 50 yards," he said.

The missed field goals combined with several other factors to doom the Huskers, Osborne said.

Other contributing factors mentioned by Osborne were:

- The Oklahoma goal-line stand that ended an 88-yard Nebraska drive at the one with 5:32 left.

"There haven't been many times the last few years where we've got down inside the one and haven't scored," Osborne said. "They lined up like we thought they would, in a quarterback sneak-type defense. We just didn't make the blocks and execute the play."

- An official's call that denied Neil Harris an interception in the fourth quarter. OU's Tim Lashar

kicked a field goal on the next play to give the Sooners a 10-7 lead.

"From where I stood, Neil Harris did have his arms underneath the ball," Osborne said.

- Problems on two Jeff Smith punt returns. Smith returned a second quarter kick 25 yards to the Husker 49, only to have the play called back to the 13 on a clipping penalty.

"That cost us about 40 yards, and that's a lot of yards in a game like that," Osborne said.

Smith fumbled Oklahoma's 10th and final punt at the NU 43-yard line with 3:43 left. OU scored four plays later to put the game out of reach at 17-7.

Osborne also commented on the Huskers' run at the elusive national championship.

"I think this team was deserving of a national championship, and I think last year's team was deserving," he said. "I guess we'll just keep trying."

NU netters to host Ohio State

Nebraska's volleyball team, just off a ninth-straight Big Eight tournament victory, will host the Big Ten's Ohio State Buckeyes at 2 p.m. Saturday.

The Huskers, now 26-3, may host a first round NCAA tournament game Dec. 1.

In other action, the wrestling team will be at Oklahoma and the basketball team will host Windsor in an exhibition game Monday. Moe Iba's team will open its official season Nov. 28, hosting Southern Colorado. The Division Two Indians were 17-11 last season.



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Jeff Smith looks for a little yardage against Oklahoma.

Pre-season opponents should toughen cagers

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Nebraska women's basketball Coach Kelly Hill believes the only way to build a strong program is to play strong teams.

That's why Arizona, midstandings finisher in the nation's best women's basketball conference, National Women's Invitational Tournament champions Clemson and Big Ten favorite Wisconsin will be in town this weekend for the Husker Invitational.

The 7 p.m. game against Arizona Friday night will be the Huskers' first competition of the year. After the tournament ends with Saturday's 7:30 p.m. game, the Huskers will travel to Minnesota to play the Gophers and either Tennessee, last year's national runner-up, or Northeast Louisiana, a pre-season top ten team.

"We've got four games coming right up that are really going to test us," Hill said. This will be her first season as the "official" coach. Last year, Hill led the Huskers to a 16-13 record as an interim coach after being an assistant coach for three seasons.

"I believe that the only way to make ourselves a good team is to play good teams," she said. "I also want to bring some people in here to watch us, and hopefully the media will pick up on us."

The Huskers' tough pre-Big Eight schedule is designed to prepare the squad for those games that "really count," Hill said.

"It might be a little ruthless," she said. "But hopefully it will pay off for us later on."

Hill took her team to the public Sunday for the Red-White game in Wahoo, The Red team, which ran with last year's starters Angie Miller, Terri Parriott, Cathy Owen

and Debra Powell defeated the White team 100-81.

"I was real pleased with the game," Hill said. "After six weeks of playing against each other, I was glad to see they were still willing to give a good effort. The intensity stayed high the entire game."

The game didn't settle who would take the floor against Arizona. Powell, Owen, Miller and Imming are pretty good bets, but the other forward spot could go to Parriott, Shelley Block or Maurice Ivy.

"I'm not really concerned with who that other starter will be because all three of those players are going to play," Hill said.

Parriott, a senior from Ventura, Calif., has the experience. Block, a sophomore from Gothenburg, played a spot relief role last season and has looked very good this year, Hill said. Ivy is a great talent, Hill said, but is still learning the small things that will make her a great player.

Arizona finished with a 14-14 record last season, but lost games to San Diego State, California Long Beach and Southern Cal, all top 20 teams. Their standouts are Tannis Overturf, whom Hill described as "their" Debra Powell and Yolanda Turner, a six-foot forward whom she said is their best athlete.

All three tournament teams will have a height advantage on the Huskers, Hill said. She added though, that her team seems to be ready to go.

"I think we're ready to play against somebody else," she said. "Right now, it's tough to get motivated. If you do well on offense, it means there has been a breakdown on defense. If you do well on defense it means there's been a breakdown on offense. I think we're ready to play."

Cards & Letters

Ever notice how games bring out the true nature of a person? Saturday I was much more disappointed by a few bitter fans than by our team. I would like to point out to those who thoughtlessly hurled cursings and revilings at our players and coaches (not to mention the opposing cheerleaders) how their infidelity was so blatantly manifested. To your shame and humiliation, I must point out that loyalty dependent on the performance and the success or failure of a person or group is not loyalty at all. I pity your lady friends, dear sirs. If you would, Daily Nebraskan, in honor of the team that the

great majority of us are loyal to, please print the enclosed quote by Theodore Roosevelt. I don't think anyone can express my immediate feelings better than ol' Teddy.

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"It is not the critic who counts; not the man who points out how the strong man stumbled or where the doer of the deeds could have done them better. The credit belongs to the one who is actually in the arena; whose face is marred by dust and sweat and blood;

who strives valiantly; who errs and comes short again and again, because there is no effort without error and shortcoming; who does actually try to do the deed; who knows the great enthusiasm, the great devotion and spends himself in a worthy cause; who at the worst, if he fails, at least fails while daring greatly. Far better it is to dare mighty things, to win glorious triumphs even though checkered by failure, than to rank with those poor spirits who neither enjoy nor suffer much because they live in the gray twilight that knows neither victory nor defeat."

— Theodore Roosevelt

Rec Scoreboard

RODEO
Results from rodeo hosted by Dickinson College in Dickinson, N.D.
Men's team — third, behind National College, and South Dakota State.
Calf Roping — Jeff Oestman, third on average of runs.
Bull Riding — Shane Wickett, third on average, Von Svoboda, fourth, Thad Iba, first on long run, Mark Nelson, second on long run.
Saddle Bronco Riding — Mike Galpin, first on average.
Steer Wrestling — Lynn Nevien, second on long run.
Women's team — third, behind National College and Black Hills State.
Goat Tying — Deb Walker, third

on average, Cathy Herstad, fourth.
Barrel Race — Walker, first.
Overall — Walker, second.
CO-REC BASKETBALL
The Select Six 63, NERFS 51
Abel Nine 78, Goof Ups 38
Clones of Bobby Jones 94, Dull Pencils 74
PFT 44, Road Warriors 22
FH/Delta Delta Delta 66, Killer Balls 48
Guys and Dolls 42, Able/Sandoz Eight 0
Beta Theta Pi/Pi Beta Phi 92, Joan Joyce and the Blackhearts 71
Dream Team 65, Sigma Phi Epsilon 61
UNL-4H 60, Team Without Touch 41
The Express 94, Sweets 48

Rim Wreckers 74, Abel Eight/Sandoz Eight 40
VOLLEYBALL
Tigers def. No Names 15-7, 15-4
Schramm Six def. Abel Two 11-13, 15-7, 15-2
Cather Six def. International House 15-5, 15-9
No Names def. McDonald's Farmers 5-2, 15-0
Alpha Tau Omega def. Phi Gamma Delta 8-14, 15-12, 15-9
Old Style Fan Club def. Lemings 15-12, 13-7
INDOOR SOCCER
Phi Gamma Delta 4, Gamma Phi/Alpha Tau Omega 3
Phi Psi 9, Lambda Chi Alpha 1
Don HO's 4, Shemps 2
Spanky and the Gang 5, Ag Men/Love Hall 2