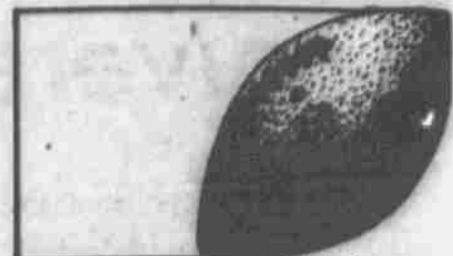


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Osborne: Total effort preserved Husker victory

By Jim Kay

There were some good and some bad things that came out of the Huskers' 24-12 victory over the University of Colorado (CU) Saturday, head coach Tom Osborne said.

Osborne, at the Extra Point Club Luncheon Monday, said he was pleased with the overall effort of the Huskers, who now are ranked third in the nation.

"The players put out 100 per cent effort and we were pleased with their ability to come back in such a physical ball game," Osborne said. "Colorado was well prepared for us and they were a hard-hitting team. They did a lot of stunting like Miami did, but we were able to solve our offensive problems while the defense held us in the game."

253 yards

Osborne said he was pleased with the Huskers' running game, which netted 253 yards against CU, and the tenacity that the Blackshirt defense demonstrated.

One of the high points of the CU game was the poise shown by reserve players under pressure, Osborne said.

Starters Clete Fillen, Monte Anthony, Dodie Donnell and Dan Schmidt did not play after the second quarter.

Osborne said he was pleased with the performances of Percy Eichelberger at linebacker, Stan Waldemore at guard, Gary Higgs at fullback and Richard Berns at I-back, who filled in for the injured starters.

The Husker's kicking game did not completely satisfy Osborne.

"Our kicking game was not good, especially in the first half," Osborne said. "Our field position was consistently

poor and Colorado's was consistently good. Our punt returns were not very good either."

UNL lost a total of five yards on kick returns against CU. Osborne said the Huskers' lack of scoring in the first half was due partly to the poor kicking game.

Although the defense played well, Osborne said he was disappointed that the Blackshirts gave up some long plays.

CU completed one long pass just before halftime that led to a field goal, had several long runs from scrimmage, a long punt and a kickoff return.

Poor passing game

The passing game was a third area of disappointment, according to Osborne. The lack of a passing game cost Nebraska about 80 to 100 yards in total offense against CU, he said.

"It was the first time this year we didn't complete 50 per cent of our passes," Osborne said. UNL completed only nine of 20 attempts.

"It was a poor percentage of pass completions. We also got sacked three times and gained only 96 yards in total yards passing."

Osborne said the game was one of the most physical the Huskers have played this year. The injury situation backs up Osborne's statement.

"We were hurting going into the game," Osborne said. "Anthony is very doubtful for the Kansas State game, and our entire offensive line is hurting."

Osborne said UNL has had more hard hitting games this season than ever before, adding that he sees no end in sight.

"It was a satisfying win," Osborne said, "but we've

got to get better. We've got to go from a good team to a great one in a hurry."



Photo by Ted Kirk

George Sullivan (above), UNL physical therapist, and trainer Paul Schneider received game balls following the Huskers' 24-12 win over the University of Colorado Saturday. It was the first time either of the two had been so honored. The two have been busy patching up a Husker squad which is in the midst of its most physical schedule, according to coach Tom Osborne. Starters Monte Anthony, Dodie Donnell, Clete Fillen and Dan Schmidt did not play in the second half against Colorado because of injuries. Donnell and Anthony are not listed on the depth chart for Saturday's homecoming contest against Kansas State.

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Friday is the final day UNL faculty members can buy season basketball tickets at a discount, said Dick Beechner, administrative assistant to UNL's Athletic Dept.

Faculty members can buy tickets for theatre-type seats for the 11-game schedule for \$33, or plank-type seats with a back rest included for \$22.

Without the season ticket, faculty members must pay regular individual game ticket prices, which are \$3 for the plank-type seats. Theatre-type seats are not available on an individual game basis.

The plank-type seats for faculty are on the side court while the theatre-type seats are in the corners.

During the basketball season ticket drive, 7,100 tickets have been sold, according to Beechner. This figure does not include the several hundred student season tickets sold.

Student season tickets cost \$8 and will be available into the season. The UNL Sports Complex seats 15,006.

The Huskers open their home season Nov. 27 against the University of Iowa.

UNL students interested in joining the UNL Boxing Club should attend workouts from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday in the basement of the Coliseum.

No previous boxing experience is required to join the club. Membership dues are \$2.

The UNL women's cross country team won two duals Saturday at Pioneers Park, defeating Kearney State University, 10-11, and the University of Nebraska at Omaha, 6-15. Kearney State also defeated UNO, 15-45.

UNL's Cindy Dixon was the top individual in the meet with a time of 19:32. Other Huskers in the top ten finishers were Cindy Vickers, fourth 20:10 and Kelly Hiatt, sixth, 20:15.

The team's next action will be in the Big 8 Conference tournament Oct. 23 in Boulder, Colo.

UNL's soccer team will travel to Seward to face Concordia College today at 4 p.m.

UNL lost to the Lincoln Soccer Club Sunday, 5-1. UNL's lone goal was scored with two seconds left in the game by senior Jim Young, who joined the team the Thursday before the game.

The UNL men's and women's bowling teams traveled to Kansas State University Sunday in Manhattan, Kan., to compete in the Kansas-Nebraska Collegiate Traveling Bowling League. The men scored 79.5 of a possible 120 points, while the women scored 63.5.

Pat Masters had UNL's high men's game with a 243 score, while teammate Roy Koziol's 607 was the high series.

UNL's Karen Montee had the women's high game and series with 215.

After two weeks of competition, UNL's men lead the league, ahead of Wichita State University, Kansas State and the University of Kansas.

UNL's women are second in the league, behind Wichita State.

The bowling team's next meet is at 9 a.m. Oct. 31 at the Nebraska Union lanes.

UNL softball players alter recreation habits

Men's intramural softball at UNL might not rival the upcoming World Series for fan interest, but its switch to the fall season has sparked interest, according to Gale Wiedow, coordinator of program planning-intramurals.

"Last spring we had 99 teams participate in softball, but this fall we had 110," Wiedow said.

"We also had 50 per cent of the games rained out last spring. This fall, we've had only three playing dates postponed," he said.

"I plan on taking a survey of the students to determine whether we'll have fall softball next fall," Wiedow said.

"For myself, it's a problem of administration needed to coordinate fall softball."

wiedow said co-recreational and women's softball were not offered this fall, but will be offered this spring.

There will be no men's softball in the spring, he added.

"I think men playing this fall, while the co-rec and women's teams play in the spring, will generate more interest overall," he said.

The men's playoffs conclude this week with most of the initial 38 teams eliminated in the A, B, and C league divisions. With most of the league division's championships already decided, the Recreation Dept. has compiled the standings in the fast and slow pitch divisions.

Fast Pitch

1. Abel 5 A
2. Sofosis II
3. Sigma Chi "Duffys"
4. Cardinals

Slow Pitch

1. Mouth Mechanics
2. Sigma Alpha Epsilon A
3. Kappa Sigma C
4. Schramm 10 A
5. Masa
6. Abel 7 A

Coach predicts depth, strong pitching as products of a fall baseball practice

By Rob Barney

Although a starting lineup will not be set, fall baseball practices determine who will be on next spring's baseball team, according to Husker head coach Tony Sharpe.

Assistant coach John Sanders said a lot of player evaluation still is necessary.

Of the original group of 70 who started fall tryouts, 38 remain. About 30 will be left for the regular season, Sharpe said.

A total of 19 freshmen, 15 veterans and three transfer students are on the current roster.

Sharpe said this is the first year varsity players have had fall workouts.

Strong pitching predicted

"Previously, we had just freshmen and new players try out in the fall."

He said this year's team should be strong in pitching and have a strong defensive infield.

"I don't want to mention any names," Sharpe said. "But we should have the depth there if the players keep coming along and avoid injuries. Right now all positions are up for grabs."

Sanders came to UNL this fall from a head coaching job at Arizona Western Junior College in Yuma, Ariz.

"I've been pleased with the way Coach Sanders has put the players through workouts," Sharpe said. "Up to date I have given him quite a hand in the practices."

"I've been observing him, but I'm not saying this is a trial period," Sharpe said. "I just feel it's the proper procedure for this fall."

Similar duties

Sharpe said Bob Gates, former UNL assistant baseball coach and now head coach at UNO, had duties similar to Sander's during the fall.

The Huskers will continue their fall outdoor workouts until the weather worsens. Then they will move inside the fieldhouse when it is available.

During semester break, the players will continue with conditioning to prepare for second semester practices.

"We're in a comfortable position," Sanders said. "When so many players throw their hats in the ring, it's a healthy situation."

"We have shown a lot of improvement in our 23 practices so far," he said. "If we continue to improve and remain intense we will remain competitive."

Sharpe said, "Our newcomers have good potential. But if anyone thinks we are working them too hard, they won't stay around."