

Ruben sandwich on Big Red menu

By Rob Barney

The words on the locker room chalkboard read: Free Ruben sandwich Saturday at 1:30.

Big Red fans may find this invitation by Husker football players an appetizing option to hot dogs. But the message is directed toward the University of Colorado's (CU) defensive tackle—Ruben Vaughan.

Vaughan and his teammates meet the Huskers at 1:30 p.m. Saturday at Memorial Stadium. The confrontation, according to some Husker players, will give Vaughan a chance to see how well he likes Nebraska.

In an article in the summer issue of *Big Eight* magazine, Vaughan was quoted as saying, "I hate Nebraska worse than dog crap on my shoes."

The 93rd sellout crowd is expected for the Husker Homecoming, a match which will determine if the Cornhuskers can bounce back from a disappointing 24-21 loss to Iowa State University (ISU) last Saturday.

Ranked seventh

The Buffaloes are ranked 7th in the nation with 5-0-1 record. Last week, CU and the University of Kansas (KU) tied 17-17.

The Buffaloes possess a one-two offensive punch in quarterback Jeff Knapple and fullback James Mayberry. Knapple is the Big 8 Conference's lead-

ing passer with 890 yards and three touchdowns in six games.

"Colorado's quarterback is more stable in the past," Husker Coach Tom Osborne said. "Colorado is a real threat, offensively."

Mayberry, is the conference's third leading rusher behind Oklahoma State University's Terry Miller and Husker I.M. Hipp. Mayberry is averaging almost 110 yards a game from his fullback slot.

"They have their best running fullback in a long time," Osborne said about Mayberry. "He's not as fast as Hipp, but he has good balance and strength."

1967 CU victory

UNL has won 14 out of the last 15 matches with the Buffs. The last time CU won was a 21-16 in 1967 at Boulder, Colo. The last Colorado victory (7-0) in Memorial Stadium was in 1961.

But if Big Red fans are willing to settle on past performances Osborne has a warning.

"Their personnel is as good as anybody's in the Big 8," Osborne said. "They won't play as good a defense as Iowa

State but Colorado has a better team overall."

Linebacker Jim Wightman, who hyperextended a knee in the ISU game was in pads Wednesday along side linebacker Jeff Carpenter. Carpenter missed the Iowa State game with an infected elbow.

Osborne said, center Tom Davis, slowed by a hip pointer suffered just before half-time of the ISU game, and safety Larry Valasek, who has had back problems, will be ready for Saturday's game.

I-back I.M. Hipp and fullback Dodie Donnell missed some practice this week because of the flu but are expected to play.

The Huskers are expected to make some line-up changes against CU. Replacing Monte Anthony at fullback will be Donnell, Safety Valasek and monster Jim Pillel will return to the starting defensive backfield after running a week with the second unit.

In other conference action this weekend ISU travels to Norman, Okla. to battle the Sooners for the league lead. In other games Kansas State visits Missouri and Oklahoma State plays at University of Kansas.

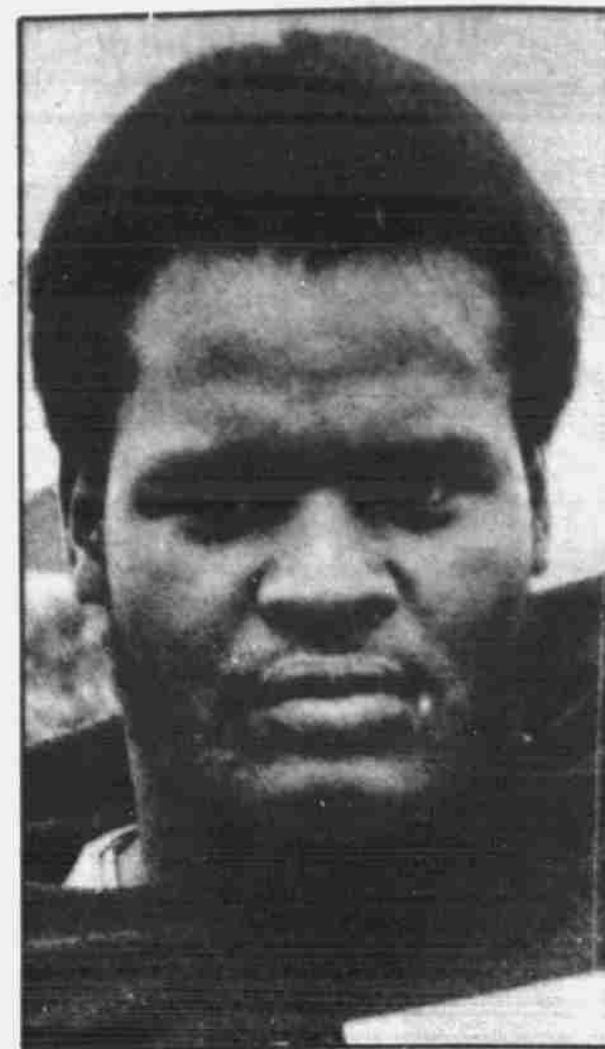


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Buffalo defensive tackle Ruben Vaughan.

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Coach Cipriano takes the heat in spite of record

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Husker fans are an extremely demanding bunch. Every football loss inevitably triggers a rash of criticism against head coach Tom Osborne no matter who the opponent or how well the Huskers performed.

Likewise, one can expect mumbblings of "Fire Cip" the minute head coach Joe Cipriano's basketball squad loses its first game this year. But fans should consider Cipriano's record.

When Cipriano arrived at Nebraska in 1963, Husker basketball had suffered through 13 consecutive losing seasons. After rebuilding the squad his first two years at UNL, Cipriano led his third Husker team to a 20-5 record and second place in the Big 8.



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4th and 20

In his 14 years at Nebraska, he has coached ten winning teams, including the last four in a row. His record at Nebraska is 199-163 and the closest Husker basketball coach in wins is Harry C. Good who had 86.

But it seems Cipriano had the misfortune of coming to Nebraska at the same time as Bob Devaney, who has conditioned the fans to expect not only winning teams but nationally ranked teams.

"That may have something to do with it," Cipriano said. "I've heard coaches say that whenever the football team is not doing well, there is more pressure on the basketball team. But I remember in the national championship years (1970-71), fans thought we should have the

number one basketball team, too."

Also, unlike the case with football, Cipriano does not have a wealth of talent to draw from in Nebraska. (Only four out of 15 players on the roster this year are Nebraskans.)

"Today, the majority of players are coming out of the big cities and suburbs," Cipriano said. "Most of the Nebraskans who have played here have lacked confidence and playing experience."

Thus, universities close to the major metropolitan areas have the upper edge in recruiting since players can go to those schools and still be close to home. It is convenient for parents to see their son play and Cipriano admitted that parents often have a bearing on where their son goes to school.

Despite such adversity, Cipriano has managed to lure several good players away from Big 10 territory.

For example, Jerry Fort, UNL's all-time leading scorer and All-Big 8 in 1974-76, came from Chicago. Recently, Indiana has been a gold mine for the Huskers—last year's two leading scorers, Carl McPipe and Brian Banks, both come from Hammond, Ind.

The new Sports Complex at the State Fairgrounds should help, Cipriano said.

"But we haven't gone ahead of anybody, we've just caught up with them."

Also, tradition-rich schools like Kansas State University and the University of Kansas are able to attract players no matter what shape their arenas are in. In the last 28 years, those two schools have won or tied the conference title 23 years.

On the other hand, the Huskers have not gone to a post-season tournament since the NIT (National Invitational Tournament) in 1967, and they have not made the NCAA tournament since 1949.

event should attend. For more information call Mary Jensen at 432-7271.

The UNL women's volleyball team will be in Springfield Mo., for the Southwest Missouri State Invitational today and Saturday.

Coach Terry Pettit's club takes a 17-5 record into the meet.

Today's play is pool competition. The Huskers are in the same pool with Houston, Texas Lutheran, Chicago-Circle, North Texas State and Kansas.

Houston finished fifth in the nation last year, while Texas Lutheran was the small college national champion.

Teams in the other pool include Texas A&M, North Texas State, Texas-Arlington and Southwest Missouri State in the Mean Green Invitational. They beat North Texas State.

Chicago-Circle downed the Huskers earlier in the year at the Madison, Wisconsin Invitational.

The UNL women's cross country team travels to Manhattan, Kan. Saturday for the Big 8 Championships. Two-time defending national champion Iowa State University is the favorite to win the meet along with Kansas State University.

Applications for a camping trip to Indian Caves State Park in southeast Nebraska are being accepted today through Oct. 28 at the UNL Recreation Department, 1740 Vine St. The trip Nov. 5 through 6 costs \$20 and includes food, transportation, insurance, guides, and tents. The trip is limited to 12 students. For more information call Mark Ebel at 472-3467.

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The UNL women's field hockey club will try to break .500 with four games this weekend at Mabel Lee Field. UNL 7-9-1 meets the University of North Dakota (UND) at 4 p.m. today.

The Huskers then tangle with the Eastern Nebraska Field Hockey Club (ENFHC) in a parent's day match at 9 a.m. Saturday. UND follows with a game against the University of Kansas (KU) at 11 a.m. UNL meets UND at 1 p.m. In the last game Saturday, ENFHC takes on KU at 3 p.m.

In games Sunday, ENFHC faces UND at 9 a.m. while UNL plays ENFHC at 11 a.m. The third session of the School Girl Playday, a program designed to teach persons interested in field hockey, will be 2:30 a.m. Sunday.

Husker Coach Harriet Gould said UNL should bounce back after their 7-6 sudden loss Wednesday to Graceland College at Lamoni, Iowa.

The score was tied 4-4 at the end of regulation play, but both teams failed to score in the overtime. Two sudden death periods followed the overtime before Graceland finally won. Maggie Fleming had two goals for UNL, while Jean Shandera, Peg Conrad, and Cindy Krause added one each.

The New Games Tournament will be from 1 to 5 p.m. Saturday at the First Plymouth Church, 20th and D Streets. Any person or group that wants to challenge any

Gymnasts face ISU

The Husker men's gymnastic team faces Iowa State University (ISU) in their season opener Saturday.

Husker Coach Francis Allen returns two seniors for the meet at Ames, Iowa. The Huskers also are without All-American Larry Gerard.

Gerard, a senior, will be redshirted in order to allow him to compete internationally as a member of the U.S. National team, Allen said.

Seven lettermen return along with freshmen to try and improve on last year's 4-2 dual meet record and third place finish in the Big 8 Conference.

UNL all-around performers competing in each six events at Ames will be sophomores Mark Williams and Rich Brindisi and freshmen Barry Cook and Chuck Chmelka.

"We're a young club that will be relying on some inexperienced people early," Allen said. "But we are excited about this meet because the potential is there. We want to use this meet as a stepping stone, so that by Big 8 Championship time next March, our team will be ready."

Williams and Brindisi lettered last year as freshmen. Cook was one of the top high school performers in Illinois and Chmelka was on Omaha South High School's state championship team last fall.

Other returning Husker lettermen include high bar specialist Kirk Fridrich, pommel horse specialists Steve Todd and Jim Grant and still rings specialists Kevin Dunkley and Steve Lococo.

The newcomers on this year's team are Jim Winkleman, Terry Nowels, Brian Austin, Mark Hobson and Steve Parks. ISU leads the teams' series record, 15-3.

The Cyclones, who finished second to the University of Oklahoma in the Big 8 last year, are led by all-arounders Curt Austin and Stacy Maloney.

Austin was All-American last year in the floor exercise and Maloney is the defending Big 8 champ on the parallel bars.

Following Saturday's meet, the Huskers will be idle until the Big 8 Invitational meet at Lawrence, Kan., Nov. 4-5.