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NU Win Over Oklahoma Shortest Route To Miami

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Nebraska business men are planning their summer vacations a little early this year. Their plans can become a realization if the Nebraska Cornhuskers can do what no other team in the Big Seven has been able to do for quite a few years and that is to BEAT OKLAHOMA. Omaha business men have already seen their hopes become a reality. Powerful Omaha University, undefeated and untied in nine games and the individual little college leader in rushing, accepted a bid to the Tangerine Bowl in Orlando, Florida, on New Year's Day. Now the rest of the state is anxiously awaiting the outcome of this Saturday's action in the Big Seven.

BEAT OKLAHOMA

There are many possibilities of which the first one is best. 1. BEAT OKLAHOMA. The Sooners are the Huskers' only roadblock between Lincoln and Miami. People around this area have sensed the possibility of an upset over the third ranked team in the nation and are planning another unofficial mass exodus from Nebraska. Experts around the nation tabbed the Colorado Buffs as the team that would give the Sooners their only real big test in the Big Seven. It came true. The predictors also saw a cozy sixth place roost for the Huskers in the conference. This did not come true. There is no reason in the world why the Huskers could not pull one of the top upsets of the year. Husker players and coaches have been taking each game separately as they came along, but it is a known fact that ever since the win over Kansas that the players have been pointing towards the Norman encounter. It presents a chance to deal the Okies their first defeat of the season. The easiest road to the Orange Bowl is actually the hardest. A Miami appointment is assured if the Huskers BEAT OKLAHOMA. 2. Another alternative is if Colorado beats Kansas State. The Staters almost lost their chance of going last weekend against Iowa State. They might have been doing what the Huskers might have been doing . . . looking ahead. CU should be tough, but the Wildcats know what is at stake also. The game is being played at Boulder which gives the Buffs one advantage of playing on their own home field. Second of all, CU's backs are superior to the State backs even with the 'Cats potential all-conference candidate, Corky Taylor. 3. If both teams win, the Huskers would go with their record of 5-1 against State's 4-2 mark.

One thing is for sure. Husker fans down at Oklahoma watching the game and those sitting back in their living rooms listening to the contest will have their ears open for that all-important tilt going on at Colorado.

Big Panthers

Pittsburgh had a mighty big team. Their line charged hard and fast and many observers in the press box had the opinion that Oklahoma's line is as big if not bigger and definitely faster than the Panthers. Nebraska has its work cut out for themselves this weekend.

Numbers 35, 41, 38, 14, 21 and 28 haunted the Husker defense all afternoon. Pitt had two fine quarterbacks and two equally fine fullbacks in Corky Salvaterra, Darrell Lewis, Tom Jenkins and Bob Grier. Halfback Charley Cost and Nick Passodella ran hard for the Panthers also.

Ron Clark took the NU spotlight again this week away from the other dependable backs. Clark was the only Husker to taste paydirt this week. As in the Minnesota game when Ron broke away for a 48 yard sprint, he got behind the Panther pass defense to snare a pass from Willie Greenlaw and prance unmolested to their goal line. Dan Brown has gained the deception and finesse possessed by some of the nation's top flight quarterbacks.

The sophomore trio of backs, Erway, Greenlaw and Comstock, all showed their usual reliability.

Offensively on the line it was Bob Oberlin while on defense, LaVerne Torczon stood out.

Defeated Good Teams

Pitt must have heard about Charley Bryant and his defensive abilities. In the first half from my vantage point high above on top of the West stadium, it appeared that the Panthers were two teaming Charley. He had a rough day, but as I said before, Pitt was big and powerful. The Huskers have nothing to be ashamed of losing only by two TD's to an eleven that has beaten West Virginia, a team whose line was highly touted in Life magazine and rated in the top twenty teams of the nation. It is hard to figure out a squad like Pittsburgh who one week beats seventh rated Navy while in a previous week was smashed by Minnesota, 46-7—the same Minnesota team that beat NU, 19-7.

It is indicative though of this season of unpredictable upsets.

Huskers Overlooked

Turning away from the gridiron for one minute and switching to the basketball courts, it is less than one month away from a time when the students and fans will be going to the Coliseum instead of the stadium. I was reading through one of the nationally read pre-season basketball magazines and discovered not only had this magazine overlooked NU as a potential power in the Big Seven but also they forgot to give even the slightest notice to any of the Husker players for being in the top players in the area.

What an oversight! Granted that it is a hard job to pick pre-season stars, all-star teams, All-American teams, etc., but with experienced players such as seniors Willard Fagler and Stan Matzke back for another year of competition I consider it a complete lack of research or giving credit where credit is due for this particular magazine's staff. Just talking to some of the players gives me every indication to believe that under the reign of new head basketball coach Jerry Bush, the fans, if not treated to as many victories as they expect, are definitely going to be satisfied with the brand of hustling play that they like and appreciate.

Around The Nation

Missouri Eleven Eliminated From Orange Bowl Picture

Five games, including two conference tilts, highlighted Big seven play Saturday. In non-conference contests Nebraska let down and lost to a strong Pitt team, 21-7; Oklahoma A&M snowed under Kansas, 47-12, and Colorado defeated Utah 20-7. Oklahoma erased Missouri from bowl contention by romping, 34-13 and Iowa State gave Kansas State a bad scare before losing, 12-7, in conference games.

Gophers Win

In the Big Ten, Michigan drubbed Michigan State, 33-7. Minnesota's McNamara starred in a 22-20 conquest of Iowa; Wisconsin defeated Illinois, 27-14; Indiana edged Northwestern, 14-13, and Ohio State clinched a tie for the crown with a 28-6 victory over Purdue.

Other scores around the nation: Cornell 40, Dartmouth 21; Princeton 21, Yale 14; Army 35, Pennsylvania 0; Notre Dame 42, North Carolina 13; Maryland 16, Clemson 0; Navy 51, Columbia 6; Duke 28, Wake Forest 21; Georgia Tech 20, Alabama 0; SMU 21, Arkansas 14; Texas 35, TCU 34; Oregon 26, Washington State 14; USC 41, Washington 0, and California 46, Oregon State 7.

Important Week

Two games are of prime importance to Nebraskans next week. Nebraska travels to Oklahoma and Kansas State to Colorado for games that will decide the Big Seven's representative in the Orange Bowl. A Colorado win or tie over K-State will send the Huskers to Miami regardless of the outcome of their game, while



Courtesy Lincoln Star

Defensive Stalwart

LaVerne Torczon, sophomore center from Platte Center, chalked up another outstanding performance for himself last Saturday against the powerful Pittsburgh Panthers. Torczon, playing second string defensive center for the injured Bob Berguin, adds depth to the strong line-up of reliable pivots. LaVerne has the distinction

of scoring the only touchdown by an NU lineman this year besides the ends. He has hard and low and has an extremely bright future for himself. Torczon, along with the rest of the team, will have to be at their best this Saturday when the Huskers tangle with unbeaten Oklahoma.

IM Football

New University Champs Assured; Phi Psi's Fall

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As this paper went to press the following teams remained in the All University football tournament:

Fraternity A League—Delta Tau Delta vs Sigma Alpha Epsilon.

Fraternity B League—Delta Tau Delta vs Phi Gamma Delta B.

Selleck House—Manatt vs Gustafson II.

Independent League—Phi Gamma Delta vs Dental College.

Phi Psi's Loss

Phi Kappa Psi, last year's defending All University intramural football champion, has been dethroned. The Phi Psi, undefeated until entering the finals, were upset by ATO, 24-19. Duane Rankin, always in the thick of things for the Phi Psi's, threw three touchdown passes, one each to Sid Hockenberger, Gene Welch and Dick Jolley. In addition, Rankin threw a pass to Hockenberger for the lone extra point. Ron Schroeder was the big gun in the fired-up ATO offense. He threw TD passes to Bob Brown and ran for another touchdown himself. When he was not throwing the ball, Schroeder was on the other end of the play, as he also caught a touchdown pass thrown by Bill Weber.

Norris Wins

Norris edged Cornhusker Co-Op 6-0 as Don Nutzelaugh passed to Jack Barkley for the score. Benton ran over Fairfield 20-7 as Dennis Vogel was responsible for all three Norris TDs. Vogel threw touchdown passes to Donald Dworak and to Jack Linz in addition to running for a third touchdown. Jerry Meehan threw a Fairfield pass to Jerry Jorgenson for a TD, and Ron Cardello caught Meehan's pass for the extra point.

In the second round of play, Delta Tau Delta showed a lot of drive as they shellacked ATO, 35-7, the day after ATO upset the Phi Psi's. Dick Grant was the hero for the Deltas as he threw four TD passes and ran for the only other Delt touchdown. The first toss covered five yards and flew into the waiting arms of Ray Mladovich. Ray also was on the receiving end

Beat Oklahoma!

Pitt Spoils NU's Homecoming; Crucial Conference Tilt Next

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Before a Homecoming Day crowd of 40,000, the Nebraska Cornhuskers went down to defeat 21-7 to a Pittsburgh ball club that had previously been tabbed as 5½ point underdogs.

The Huskers played dull ball for the most part of the game. Although it was Homecoming for the Huskers, perhaps they were looking forward to the game with Oklahoma this Saturday, which might result in an invitation to the Orange Bowl New Year's Day.

Panther coach Tom Hamilton employed a bit of strategy as he used his second stringers against the first unit of Nebraska and saved his first unit for the Husker second unit. As it turned out, Pittsburgh's second unit scored two touchdowns against the NU first unit, while the other touchdown was scored against a combination of the first and second units.

Scoreless First Half

The first half of the game ended in a scoreless tie, with the heavier Pitt line repulsing the advances of the Scarlet and Cream rushing attack. The big Panther tackles, namely Raemer and Palatella, were able to successfully turn back the plays run at them, so the Huskers found the going rough from there on. Without the "Dive" plays working the Huskers had to rely on end runs, runs inside the tackles, and passes, which they found were inadequate to cope with the Panthers.

In the third quarter Panther Halfback Charles Cost, a 170 pound sophomore, broke things open with a wide run and cutback for 40 yards. Andy Loehr finally hauled him down from behind on the NU six yard line. Nick Passodella rammed for three, then Bob Grier drove for the last three—and Ambrose Bagamery kicked the first of his three perfect extra points.

Huskers Fight Back

The Huskers marched right up the field after the kickoff, and got as far as the Pitt 44 where Panther center Ed Bose intercepted a pass thrown by Dan Brown and returned it 32 yards to the Nebraska 30. After a series of runs to the two yard line, Bagamery squeezed over.

The one and only NU touchdown came on a well-executed pass play. Brown to Greenlaw to Clark. The Huskers had taken the kickoff after the second Pitt touchdown and had marched up the field to the Pitt 44. On the first down play Quarterback Dan Brown threw a lateral to Halfback Willie Greenlaw as he was racing around his own left end. Before he got to the line, Willie uncorked a pass headed for Halfback Ron Clark who seemed to be well covered

by two Pitt defenders, but Clark at just the right time jumped high and took the ball away from the two astonished Panthers. Clark scampered the remaining 36 yards before the Panthers were able to realize what had happened. Bob Smith booted the extra point, and the score read Pittsburgh 14, Nebraska 7.

Pitt Clincher

The final Pitt points came in the last period after the Panthers had been stopped on the Husker four yard line. In an effort to get

back into the ball game the Huskers gambled and threw two passes out of their own end zone. The first pass thrown by Harry Johnson fell incomplete, but the next pass, thrown by Willie Greenlaw was intercepted by center Bob Ballock on the 10, from where he lumbered into the end zone.

Perhaps the loss to Pittsburgh did the Huskers more good than harm, for it showed them that they are not as yet unbeatable.



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