

THE NEBRASKAN SPORTS

Cornhuskers Take Lead In Big Seven Statistics

A crop of new names popped into view in the first Big Seven Conference football statistical report compiled following the opening non-conference games.

For instance, the leading ground gainer is Homer Floyd, Kansas sophomore, with 15 carries for 96 yards. Dick Hyson of Colorado, last year's fourth ranking passer, leads now with 1 out of 6 for 36 yards. Bob Harden, Iowa State sophomore, is the top pass receiver, catching 2 for 42 yards.

Punting honors are shared by John Holdefer of Iowa State and Homer Preston of Kansas, each with 1 kick for 53 yards. And Bill Hawkins, Nebraska junior, has 2 touchdowns to set the scoring pace.

This week will see a shifting as Oklahoma, defending conference and national champion, swings into action against North Carolina at Norman. It's Bud Wilkinson vs Jim Tatum in a re-play of the Orange Bowl. Other games find

College of the Pacific at Kansas, Kansas State at Colorado, Iowa State at Northwestern, Nebraska at Ohio State, and Missouri at Purdue.

Nebraska's 34-6 victory over South Dakota and Iowa State's 13-10 decision over Denver are the Big Seven's two triumphs in six non-league games to date.

The Cornhuskers set the team offensive pattern with a run-pass

total of 401 yards. Missouri follows with 293, and Iowa State with 279.

Other top rushers are Hawkins of Nebraska with 94 yards on 6 carries, Jimmy Hunter of Missouri with 17 for 75, and Larry Naviaux of Nebraska with 3 for 67.

For those throwing more than one pass Hunter has 3 of 11 for 29 yards.

Ted Rohde of Kansas, last year's leading punter, is down in the cur-

rent list with 5 for 149 yards and an average of 29.8. He averaged 42.3 last season.

LEADING SCORERS

P. School	Tchds.	Conv.	F.G.	Total Points
Hawkins Neb.	2	0	0	12
Naviaux Neb.	3	0	0	9
NeSmith Ka. St.	1	0	0	7
Harden Ia. St.	1	0	0	6
Lattine Ia. St.	1	0	0	6
James Mo.	1	0	0	6
Kuhlmann Mo.	1	0	0	6
Brown Neb.	1	0	0	6
George Neb.	1	0	0	6
Carlson Ia. St.	0	1	0	1
Stout Mo.	0	1	0	1
Harshman Neb.	0	1	0	1

Buckeyes Provide Next Test For Eager Huskers

By BOB MARTEL
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Fresh from an opening day victory over South Dakota, the Cornhuskers will journey to Columbus, Ohio to tangle with Ohio State University.

The 1956 Buckeye squad will attempt two feats never accomplished in Big Ten history: win three undisputed championships and 16 straight Conference games. Ohio State won outright championships in 1954 and 1955 and have a 13 game Conference winning streak in operation. The record is 15.

Uncertainties in the line and the graduation of Howard "Hopalong" Cassidy, perhaps Ohio State's greatest ever, pose serious problems.

Gone from the line are last year's starting tackles Ken Vargo and Francis Machinsky. Both were key men in Woody Hayes' front line defense.

Anchoring the forward wall are a pair of excellent guards in All-American Jim Parker and Aurelius Thomas. Parker is perhaps the top collegiate interior lineman in the nation. Thomas is fast, agile and an excellent blocker.

Unlike 1955, the Buckeyes are solid at quarterback, where dependable co-captain Frank Ellwood, promising Frank Kremblas and experienced Lynn Theis are available.

Ellwood's leadership, play-calling and great clutch running were superb last year. Kremblas is a good runner, a natural leader and an above average passer. Theis moves the team well and has 60.5 minutes of game experience to recommend him.

The very difficult task of trying to replace "Hopalong" Cassidy falls on Don Sutherin who will play left halfback. Coach Woody Hayes describes Sutherin as the best passer, the hardest hitting back, the best punter and the kick-off specialist of the squad.

At right halfback, Jim Roseboro, who averaged 6.1 yards per carry in 1955, returns. A strong defensive player, Roseboro was greatly improved over his sophomore year.

Don Vico and Galen Cisco will man the fullback post. Vico is an excellent four-yard back, a jarring blocker, deceptive faker and rugged linebacker. Cisco is the best blocker among the fullbacks, very alert on defense and a punishing runner.

A "key" player in the Buckeye grid picture is Hubert Bobo. Gifted with all the qualities of a great football player, Bobo, assuming he clears the scholastic and administrative barriers, can be used at fullback, halfback or possibly end. His intensely competitive nature,

coupled with his unusual ability, will make him a standout at any position.

If the Buckeye's expect to annex a third straight title, shortcomings at tackle, center and an overall line problem must be overcome. Pros-

pects for solving these weaknesses are only fair but the backfield is solid. Ohio State will be weaker defensively and will lack a break-away runner. Although the running attack looks to be powerful, it will be a short-yardage offense.

Strictly Sportstalk

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Down they go . . .

Several of the top rated grid elevens dropped by the wayside last weekend as many forecasters ate crow. Some of the bigger upsets included Syracuse over Maryland, Southern Methodist over Notre Dame and North Carolina State over North Carolina. Pittsburg, although finally defeating West Virginia 14-13, looked terrible. They were outplayed thoroughly but managed to score on two recovered fumbles.

Willie is back . . .

Willie Greenlaw, All Big Seven halfback last season, has returned to the Husker grid squad. Greenlaw, who was bothered by a severe ankle sprain, was assigned to the third unit. Coach Elliott stated that Greenlaw was out of shape and that he would move up to the first unit as rapidly as whips himself back into condition. His running mate Bennie Dillard, however, will probably miss the Ohio State contest. Dillard is running on his injured leg but cannot as yet take part in any contact work. Quarterback Don Erway is still on the disabled list.

On this weekend

Major college games scheduled for this weekend include: Yale at Connecticut, Texas A&M at Louisiana State, Georgia Tech at Southern Methodist, Duke at Virginia, Maryland at Wake Forest, Iowa at Indiana, College of Pacific at Kansas, UCLA at Michigan, Nebraska at Ohio State, North Carolina at Oklahoma, Missouri at Purdue, and Kansas State at Colorado. It will be interesting to observe whether any more of the leaders fall by the wayside, such as Oklahoma and Ohio State. (We Hope)

Another Sammy?

Do we have a slinging Sammy on our campus? That's what they are calling Frank Nappi these days. It seems that since the South Dakota game in which he completed three passes in three attempts, Nappi has been taking a lot of ribbing from his teammates. Al-

though the recovered fumble which turned into a 40 yard gain might have been comical at the time, it really proved that Nappi has good football sense and is a real cool performer.

Future Coach? . . .

Jack Fleming made his coaching debut last Friday in the Temple Building. As part of an assignment for Speech 10, "Flapjack" explained the basic fundamentals of the Split "T". Using a blackboard to diagram the principal plays, Fleming was very successful in conveying an understanding of the formation to his classmates.

Still Missing . . .

Tom Gastall, \$40,000.00 bonus catcher of the Baltimore Orioles, is still missing. Gastall, former Boston University quarterback took off from Baltimore in a light plane more than a week ago and hasn't been heard of since. The Fall River, Massachusetts athlete succeeded the late Harry Agganis as quarterback of BU in 1951.

Big Time in '59' . . .

Nebraska Athletic Director Bill Orwig has disclosed interest in the idea that a big time football contest might be scheduled in Lincoln as part of the Centennial Celebration of Lincoln in 1959. He said that one home and one away game still remained to be scheduled and that the away game could be possibly be played in Lincoln.

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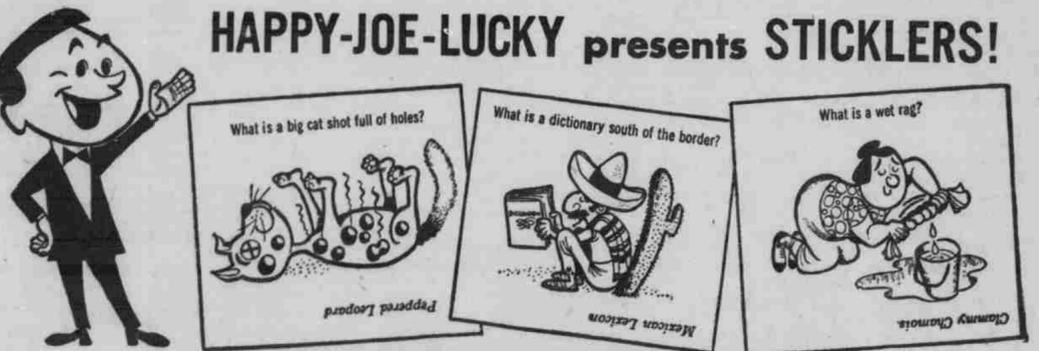
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