

Sooners Zoom Past Hapless Cornhuskers

Speed All Over:

By BOB WIRZ
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Saturday was just another day for Bud Wilkinson's mighty Sooners as they rolled to their fifty-ninth straight conference game without a loss.

This time the Sooners gained some 650 yards in whipping Nebraska 54-6.

It also was Oklahoma's thirty-ninth straight victory over all opponents. This ties a record set by Washington University many years ago. The Washington string included several games against high school and small college teams.

Last year Oklahoma defeated Nebraska 41-0 by using only straight split-T plays but this time they pulled off a lot of trick plays which at times completely confused the Husker defense.

Besides trickery on ground plays the Sooners took to the air quite often gaining 150 yards by this means.

However not everything was lost for the Huskers in their final game of the season. Six of the eight Sooner touchdowns were scored by the number one unit and this talented eleven never left the field for the last time until midway in the final period.

Oklahoma went 78-yards after receiving the opening kick-off in nine plays to reach paydirt for the first time. Halfback Clendon Thomas made the largest gain during this drive as he went 23 yards on the fifth play.

Then the Nebraska defense began to tighten and it looked like they were about to pull of one of their goal line stands but All-American Tommy McDonald went around end for seven yards and the score on fourth down.

After the kick-off the two teams exchanged fumbles and then the nation's number one team struck for TD number two. This time Carl Dodd did the damage with his passing and running. Dodd scored from 32 yards out.

Dodd also converted and the score was 14-0 with 5:29 left in the first period.

Although down two touchdowns the Huskers did not quit. They came charging back with a 74-yard scoring drive. Gordie Englert, senior from Sioux Falls, South Dakota led Pete Elliott's crew to the TD. He did a fine job of calling the plays in addition to completing three passes and gaining 22 yards himself in two tries.

The vital plays were a 19-yard gain by Larry Naviaux, two passes to Frank Nappi, some hard running by Jerry Brown and, of course, the payoff pass to big Clarence Cook. Cook was guarded closely by Jerry Tubbs and Thomas but he made a fine catch for the six points.

Naviaux's conversion attempt was wide.

The remainder of the afternoon the 46,000 fans in the stadium watched as the Sooners scored six more times while holding the Huskers fairly well intact.

Other Sooner touchdowns came on a 46-yard pass from Jim Harris to McDonald. Dave Baker passed 12 yards to Dodd. Harris got credit for two TD's himself on runs of 5 and 31 yards. Bill Brown scored from 59 yards out and Dale Sherrod went two yards for the final score.

Wilkinson cleaned his bench in the final quarter to give more boys a chance for experience.

Although outscored and outgained in yardage the Huskers fared as well as most of the Sooner opponents to date and much better than some.

This closes out Elliott's first season as head coach at Nebraska with a four win six loss record.

Next year the prospects should be good for a much better season because only eight members of the present squad will be lost by graduation.

The middle of the line will be hardest hit by graduation. It loses tri-captains Jim Murphy, LaVerne Torczon, and Bob Berguin plus big right tackle Jack Fleming. These boys have all been outstanding this season.

Also graduating are Willie Greenlaw, who was slowed this season by a weak ankle; Gordie Englert, who played fine ball at quarterback; Max Kitzelman who returned after a service stint; and Larry Jones, a guard from Sidney.

BB Season Opens

First action in the intramural basketball season got underway Monday night. There are 14 leagues with 109 teams slated for action this year. Phi Delta Theta, 1955-56 Fraternity A champions, opened with the Sig Eps. The Sig Eps fresh from an All-University title in football are expected to give the Phi Deltas a rough time.

Independent games played Monday were: Canfield vs. Sellaek, Mannett vs. Hitchcock, and Avery vs. Andrews.

The Chemists, defending All-University champs, open their season November 28 with the Dental College.

The other champions of the '55-56 season are: Delta Tau Delta—Fraternity B, Alpha Gamma Rho—Fraternity C, and Avery House—Sellaek Quadrangle.



Complete Pass

NU—Cook (E)

OU—McDonald (B)

OU—Tubbs (C)

Cook Snags Touchdown Pass

Oklahoma Finishes First; Colorado To Orange Bowl

By BILL WILSON
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While Oklahoma was registering their 59th consecutive win without a loss to a Big Seven Conference rival, there were three other non-conference games being played.

A crowd of 34,115 watched a heavily-favored Michigan State team finally come through in the third quarter with four touchdowns to dump Kansas State 38-17 in a game which was marred by fumbles by both teams. The Spartans committed a dozen fumbles and lost the ball eight times. Kansas State had nine fumbles and lost four.

Michigan State had only a 6-3 half-time lead. Their touchdown came on a fourth-down pass from the five-yard line by Mike Panitch to Larry Harding. The Wildcats three points came on a 30-yard field goal by Ben Grosse.

The touchdowns in the third quarter came on a 39-yard pass run play from Don Gilbert to Sammy Williams, a two-yard plunge by Gilbert, a six-yard run by Dennis Mendyk, and a 41-yard pass run play from Panitch to Harold Dukes.

Mendyk scored from the one-yard line for the final MSU score in the fourth quarter.

The two Kansas State touchdowns were made in the last minutes of the game when the Spartans, enjoying a comfortable lead, emptied their bench. With less than four minutes left, Quarterback Dick Corbin passed to Gene Keady for one Wildcat touchdown and Ralph Pfeifer added another on a plunge from the four.

Two of the Spartan touchdowns were made after Kansas State fumbled and one followed a pass interception.

One of the best Wildcat drives was the one that stalled in the second quarter and resulted in Grosse kicking a field goal which was a 40-yard boot in actual yardage.

The fumbles set a modern record for Michigan State, the previous high being eight each in two previous games.

Michigan State picked up 313 yards rushing to 121 yards for Kansas State. The Spartans compiled 169 yards through the air compared to 86 for the Wildcats.

Villanova's stout forward wall, coupled together with the passing of sophomore quarterback Jim Grazione and the running of junior half-back Rick Sapienza, completely overpowered the Iowa State Cyclones 26-0.

The Wildcats scored the first three times they had the ball with the first touchdown coming after a 66-yard drive on 17 plays with Sapienza going over from the one.

Starting quarterback Bill Magee added the next six points, sneaking over from the one to cap a 14-play, 80-yard drive in the early minutes of the second period.

Grazione took over and directed the team 62 yards, completing it with a spectacular 28-yard pass which Sapienza took over his shoulder in the end zone between two Iowa State defenders. This touchdown completed the scoring for the first half and the Villanova Wildcats rested with a 20-0 lead.

The last Villanova touchdown came in the third period when Grazione flipped to junior half-back Billy Halligan on the Iowa State 20, who grabbed the ball over his head, juggled it, then scampered into the end zone to complete a 55-yard scoring play.

With the exception of senior half-back Fred Rippel, a speedster from Galesburg, Illinois, Iowa State had hardly any luck at all against the mammoth Wildcat line.

Rippel stood out both on offense and defense for the Cyclones. He nearly turned back the first Wildcat touchdown drive single-handedly, throwing Villanova's John Ferullo for a six-yard loss after the home club had marched inside the 10.

On a Magee pass into the end zone on fourth down, a Cyclone defender pushed the Villanova receiver and the officials awarded it to the Wildcats on the one. Sapienza went over on the next play.

The Cyclones' deepest threat came in the second period. After sophomore quarterback Phil Hill had four of his first six passes mishandled by receivers in the numbing cold, he completed a screen pass to half-back Paul Shupe for 10 yards. He gained three to Shupe for 29 yards, but Villanova's line proved too much for the battered Cyclones.

Gordy Stars Again:

Englert Wins Star For Sooner Play

By GEORGE MOYER
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Gordon Englert, the hard working senior quarterback who finally made it big against Oklahoma, is this week's Star of the Week.

Englert, a standout high school player at Sioux Falls, South Dakota High School, spent his first two years in the shadow of Don Erway, rated as the second best quarterback in the conference last year.

When Erway failed to recover from a knee operation, Englert was still figured as the only the Husker's third best quarterback behind George Harshman and Roy Stinnett, but Englert, whose perseverance is an example to any athlete, shunted both of these gentlemen to the bench.

He did it by being a rugged half-back on defense, a quick thinking signal caller on offense, and an all-round sparkplug. He was probably the most improved player on the squad, making up for early failures as a ball handler by becoming the steadiest and surest hand the Huskers could muster at this difficult art.

Last week, Gordy ended his playing career with one of the most efficient performances that rough,

tough Oklahoma has witnessed this year. He engineered one 74 yd. touchdown march and came within a foot of putting Nebraska over for another in the fourth quarter.

The 74-yd. drive was the longest against Oklahoma's stout defense this year. The drive was marked by superb selection of



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plays that kept Oklahoma's secondary jittery and their line off balance.

It takes courage to run the option time after time with the knowledge ever present that the next time one turns downfield he may be face to face with the likes of Jerry Tubbs or Billy Pricer. Yet the option, as executed by Englert, finally was the deadly, dangerous weapon that it was supposed to be but wasn't for most of the season.

If coach Pete Elliott can continue to fill his quarterback slot with the kind of player that Gordie Englert has become, he may yet have the satisfaction of giving his teacher, Bud Wilkinson, a lesson of the kind that was administered to Nebraska last Saturday.

Englert first captured the starting quarterback position with a rugged performance against Colorado. Husker Englert was the 'one bright spot in the 16-0 tromping administered by the Buffs that day. Gordy is not especially big for a split T quarterback. He is 6'1" and 172-lbs., but when he turns upfield on the option he runs like a fullback bucking the line. Eight seniors played their last football for Nebraska Saturday and six of these eight were on the starting eleven. All of these men have

stuck with the team through hard work and defeat. They all developed a good deal of proficiency at their positions before they finished. A couple even reached the all-conference level in their ability. However, the one who showed the most improvement and perseverance is without a doubt Englert.

Wrestling

Anyone interested in freshman or varsity wrestling is invited to attend a meeting that will be held in the basement of the Coliseum at 5 p.m. Wednesday.

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Basketball Tonight: Bush Slates Scrimmage For Varsity—Freshmen

By BOB MARTEL
Staff Sports Writer

Coach Jerry Bush, having the athletic limelight all to himself, will unveil his 1956-57 basketball squad tonight at the Coliseum.

Cornhusker basketball fans will be given a preview of what is to come when the varsity and the freshman tip off at 8 p.m.

Coach Bush has named one senior, three juniors and one sophomore to his starting lineup. Rex Ekwall, team captain and senior from Holmesville, will start at left forward. Ekwall, a great rebounder and good shooter, was All Big-Seven and Honorable Mention All American last season. He scored 312 points for a 14.8 average and snagged 224 rebounds to lead the club in both scoring and rebounding.

Starting at right forward will be Don Smidt, 6'4" junior from Helena, Montana. Smidt proved himself last season scoring 247 points for a 10.7 average. He is one of the most important hoopsters in coach Bush's plans.

Sophomore Ron Parsons will open at center for the Cornhuskers. A 6'8", 210 pounder, Parsons' size and potential rebounding ability should bolster the team's board strength.

The guard positions will be handled by the two mighty mites, Jim Kubacki and Gary Reimers. Both are lettermen, good play-makers and set-up men. Kubacki, a 5'10" junior, did a fine job as a sophomore and is extremely accurate with two hand set and jump shots. Reimers, who is only 5'9 1/2" tall, is extremely fast, quick and accurate.

Reserve duties will be handled by lettermen Jim Arwood, Dudley Doebele, Lyle Nannen, Bill Wells and newcomers Bob Finn, Bob Harry, Terry Howard, Charles McAfee, George Swank and Larry White. Howard isn't actually a newcomer having played a little last year. The 6'7" junior is one of the hardest workers on the

squad and his size and desire should help the team.

The freshman will start the same five men who have been giving the varsity the most trouble in pre-season scrimmages.

Bill Fitzpatrick and Herschel Turner will be at the forwards, Big Bob Mayo at center with Bill Lundholm and Wayne Hester at the guards.

Fitzpatrick, who was formerly stationed at Lincoln Air Force Base, is the big gun of coach Tony Sharpe's young crew. The Joplin, Missouri sharpshooter scored 35 points in the last scrimmage against the varsity.

Turner, from Indianapolis, Indiana, was one of the top players in that area a year ago and works very well up front with Fitzpatrick.

Mayo has two years of service ball plus a great high school record at Brooklyn, New York. With a little more polish, this boy could be very dangerous.

Lundholm from Mt. Morris, Illinois, possesses an accurate jump shot that has been dropping in regularly, while Hester, former Lincoln Northeast star, has been improving tremendously during recent workouts.

Other freshmen who will see considerable action include Jack Johnson of Loup City, Ron Raver of Craig, Rod Borders of Gordon and Dennis "Moon" Mullins from Omaha Centrals.

Block And Bridle Initiates Twelve

Twelve students were initiated Thursday into Block and Bridle Club.

They include: Gary E. Briggs, Raymond G. DeBower, Carolyn Jean Hall, Roger D. Hild, Donald E. Kasbohm, Byron C. Kort, Donald H. Kuhl, Elwin L. Mosier, Larry A. Paul, K. Robohm, Daniel E. Stilwell, and Robert G. Volk.

Delbert Kuhlman was selected to represent the animal husbandry departmental club on the College Agricultural Executive board.

University of Nebraska 1956-57 Home Basketball Schedule

DEC. 3—IOWA	11—MISSOURI
8—MICHIGAN	18—KAN. STATE
10—WISCONSIN	MAR. 6—OKLAHOMA
JAN. 7—COLORADO	9—IOWA STATE
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