

# Huskers Get Tough Homecoming Foe Sooners Go After 75th Victory Without Defeat

Bud Wilkinson's Oklahoma Sooners will be shooting for their 75th straight conference win without a defeat when they meet Nebraska Saturday.

The Sooners haven't lost to a conference opponent since Kansas turned the trick in 1946 by a 16-13 score. Oklahoma has had sole possession of the conference championship every year since Wilkinson took over in 1947.

The two years prior to that, the Sooners tied with Kansas for the crown. Since coming to Oklahoma, Wilkinson has compiled a record of 74 wins and two ties in conference play.

**Lost Opener**  
Oklahoma has a 3-2 record going into the Nebraska game. They have losses to Northwestern and Texas with

wins coming over Colorado, Missouri and Kansas. The opening game loss to Northwestern was a bit tainted as the Sooners were weakened by a case of food poisoning prior to the game.

Regardless of what happens the rest of the season, Oklahoma is doomed to its worst season since 1951. The Sooners haven't lost two games in one season since '51 when they were defeated by Texas and Texas A & M on successive Saturdays.


The 45 points scored against them was the most since the final game of the 1945 season when Oklahoma A & M shut out the Sooners, 47-0.

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Saturday's Homecoming Day battle.

"I think the Nebraska game will be the toughest to win we've played. Nebraska is a fine, rugged team. Although we're improving all the time, we've been on the firing line five straight weeks," said Wilkinson.

The Sooners will be slightly hampered by injuries. Gilmer Lewis, Oklahoma co-captain and left tackle will not be able to play. He hurt his knee in the Texas game.

Phil Lohman, second string left end is also on the injury list and probably won't see action. Wahoo McDaniel and Bobby Boyd have been slowed by injuries but are expected to be ready by game time.

**Starters**  
The probable Oklahoma starting lineup will have Wahoo McDaniel at left end; Jerry Thompson, left tackle; Vernon Lang, left guard; Jim Davis, center; Karl Milstead, right guard; Tom Cox, right tackle; Ronald Payne, right end.

Bobby Boyd will be calling signals for the first unit which will have Mike McClellan at left halfback, Brewster Hobby at right halfback and Prentice Gautt at fullback.

The second Oklahoma unit will consist of Paul Benien, left end; Billy White, left tackle; Jerry Payne, left guard; Bob Scholl, center; Billy Jack Moore, right guard; Marshall York, right tackle; Jerry Tillery, right end.

Bob Cornell will be the quarterback with Jackie Holt at left halfback, Dick Carpenter at right halfback and Ronnie Hartline rounding out the second unit backfield at fullback.

Oklahoma assistant coach J. D. Roberts had the following to say about the Huskers after scouting them against Indiana and Missouri:

"Nebraska is a big, tough team that likes to hit. They have caused their first six opponents to fumble 23 times and recovered 9. Indiana drove to the Nebraska 18, 13, 11, 8 and 6-yard lines but couldn't get across."

"Nebraska really hits hard. They have a veteran squad and fine personnel. Saturday is their Homecoming game. In this same situation last season, they defeated a good Pittsburgh team."

"I was impressed by Nebraska's defense against Missouri. They were on de-

fense 75 plays and yet yielded only one touchdown. Missouri was really fortunate to score that. West ran back a kickoff 86 yards to the Cornhusker six and Missouri scored from there."

"Nebraska has a great kicking game. Tolly, their punter, averaged 44 yards against Indiana and 38 against Missouri Saturday despite two quick kicks he had to get off short when he was rushed. Nebraska covers kicks faster than Texas."

"Pat Fischer, their left half, is a good player, both offensively and defensively. Cly White, the other halfback, is an excellent player, faster than Fischer. Haney, their left tackle, and Olson, their left guard, are real fine linemen."

"Nebraska is rugged and experienced. They use T formation with a few flankers and wingbacks. Their quarterbacks do most of their throwing."

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### Scrimmage Saturday For Cagers

Basketball coach Jerry Bush will send his cagers through a scrimmage session at 10:15 a.m. Saturday.

Herschell Turner will miss the scrimmage because of his Saturday morning classes.

With Turner absent, the tentative lineups will be Bob Harry opposing Al Buuck at center, Jim Kowalke and Al Roots at the forwards against Al Maxey and Phil Barth.

The guards will be Wayne Hester and Bernt Elle opposing Dick Shipwright and Jan Wall. Harry, Kowalke, Hester, Maxey and Shipwright are lettermen.

### Gridders Hoping To Pull Upset Against Oklahoma

An underdog Nebraska football team will be gunning for a big upset when they take the field at Memorial Stadium for their Homecoming Day battle with Oklahoma. Kickoff is at 2 p.m.

The Huskers haven't beaten Oklahoma since 1942 when they took a 7-0 win from the Sooners at Norman. It was also the last time a conference team has defeated Oklahoma at Norman.

**Near Upset**  
Kansas came close to upsetting the Sooners at Norman last week but Oklahoma sneaked by with a 7-6 decision. This could be a bad omen for the Huskers since Oklahoma has a reputation for being particularly tough after being embarrassed.

Colorado found that out the hard way as Oklahoma showed no mercy in handing them a 42-12 trouncing after the Sooners were badly beaten by Northwestern the

week before in the "fruit salad" affair.

The Huskers haven't scored against Oklahoma in the last six games and a scoring punch is what Nebraska has been lacking so far this season.

Oklahoma is the only conference team which leads Nebraska in their series history. The Sooners hold a 19-16 edge in games won with three tie games.

**Orange Bowl**  
This year's Nebraska team was rated an outside chance of going to the Orange Bowl but they have been eliminated from the race after losses to Kansas and Missouri. Nebraska has a 2-4 mark for the season with a three-game losing streak going into the Oklahoma game.

The Huskers lost their opener, 20-0, to Texas and then bounced back with an impressive win over Minnesota by a 32-12 count which had Husker partisans thinking about days gone by. But after making it two in a row with a win over Oregon State, the Huskers have been a disappointment, mainly because of their inability to score.

Nebraska has scored only three points in two conference games and has failed to score more than a touchdown in any one game since the Minnesota rout.

The Huskers reviewed all phases of the game in a brief workout Thursday afternoon. Noel Martin will miss the Oklahoma game with an injury suffered in the Missouri loss last week.

Roger Brede and Roland McDole have been nursing hurts all week but are expected to be ready to go against the Sooners.

**More Players**  
Head Coach Bill Jennings indicated that he expected to use a maximum number of players to keep pace with Oklahoma's substitutions. The most players used by Nebraska thus far has been 29 against Indiana.

Thirty-three Nebraska players have seen action so far with 30 of those being ready to play against Oklahoma.

The three who will not see action are quarterback Tom Kramer and end Pat Salerno, both of whom are out for the season, and Noel Martin.

"We plan to open our offense more but there is the problem of field position. We haven't had good field position since the Kansas game," said Jennings. In the last two games, the Huskers have been operating mainly from their own territory.

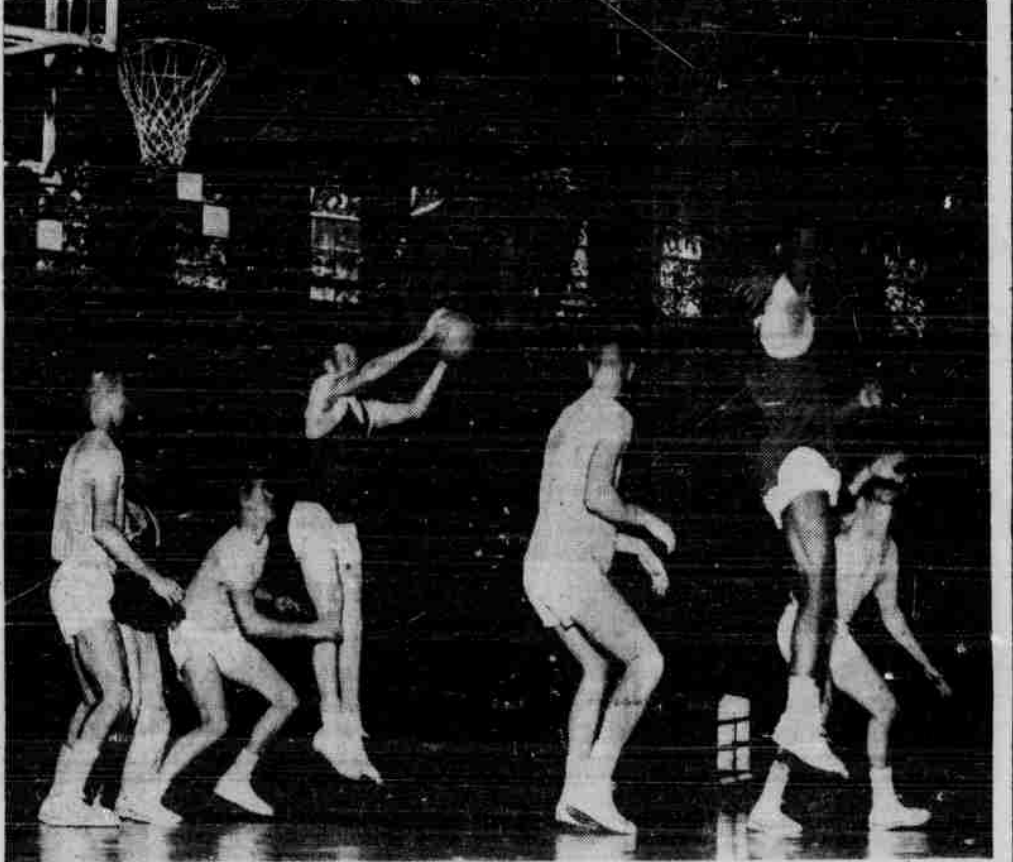
The game will be the third of the season for Bud Wilkinson against teams coached by former Oklahoma stars. In the first one Darrell Royal, an All-American quarterback under Wilkinson, led his Texas team to a 19-12 win over the Sooners.

Last week, Jack Mitchell's Jayhawks gave the Sooners a scare before losing 7-6. Mitchell was a quarterback at Oklahoma from 1946-48.



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### Season Opener Draws Closer



I GOT IT—Bob Harry grabs the basketball out of the air during a Husker workout. Pictured from left to right are: Jan Wall, Herschell Turner, LeRoy Dick, Harry, Al Buuck, Al Maxey and Phil Barth. The Huskers open the season Dec. 1 against the freshmen.

### Iowa State To Meet Kansas In Battle for Second Place

Orange Bowl aspirations will be up for grabs when Iowa State smacks into Kansas at Lawrence Saturday.

Some 25,000 fans are expected to file through the turnstiles as the Jayhawks attempt to feather their nest at the expense of the Cyclones.

However, Dwight Nichols, the nation's second ranking offensive leader, and Tom Watkins, who is the national rushing runner-up, may have other ideas.

The twin terrors have amassed a good share of the 2,074 yards the Staters have gained this fall. It has given the Iowans the Big Eight offensive leadership.

**Only Help**  
Mickey Fitzgerald has been about the only help that Nichols and Watkins have received. He has been averaging 11 yards a carry, but hasn't carried the ball nearly as much as Nichols or Watkins.

Besides displaying an illustrious offense every weekend, the Cyclones have also managed to almost stop their opponents cold while hanging up a 5-1 win and loss mark. The only defeat was at the hands of another Orange Bowl contender, Missouri. Going into the Kansas contest the Staters have allowed only 1,121 yards in six games. This figures about 187 yards a game.

On the other side of the

fence, Kansas has played .500 ball for the season. However, losses have been suffered at the hands of such ranked powers as Texas Christian, Syracuse, and Oklahoma.

Incidentally, Syracuse is now the leading NCAA power in both offense and defense.

**Jays' Low**  
In direct contrast to Iowa State's offensive punch, the Jayhawks are next to the bottom in total offense in the Big Eight. They are 900 yards under the Cyclones for the year.

Coach Jack Mitchell has been waiting all season for his touted offense led by sophomores John Hadl and Curtis McClinton to "jell." Last week they jelled for one play when Dave Harris sprinted 60 yards for the touchdown that almost put the skids under an already dismal Oklahoma season. But the big play wasn't pulled out 7-6.

Iowa State, who has been forced to go with 30 men since the beginning of the season, will again be facing a team that has them outmanpowered. Nevertheless, the Cyclones figure to give the Jays a run for their money, while Kansas hopes to run them down via their platoon system.

This could become a problem since Iowa State Coach Clay Stapleton has the seem-

ingly never-tiring and never-injured Dwight Nichols carrying the brunt of the Cyclone single wing attack from his tailback spot.

The 165-pound seniors needs just 600 yards to break the conference total offense mark of 4,133 yards set by Paul Christman of Missouri in three seasons shortly before World War II.

Since Nichols has four games to go this season he would have to go at a 150 yard per game clip.

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