

NU Set for Big 8 Opener

Iowa State's Hoppmann To Test Husker Defense

By Hal Brown
Nebraska will be trying to keep a home winning streak alive against Iowa State Saturday when they meet the Cyclones in a 2 p.m. encounter at Memorial Stadium.

The Huskers haven't lost a game to Iowa State at Memorial Stadium since 1944 when the Cyclones took a 19-6 victory. Nebraska has won 12 of their last 14 games against Iowa State.

In three of the last five games, the winning margin has been three points or less with Nebraska winning all three. The only two Cyclone wins in the past 14 years were in 1957 when Iowa State won, 13-0, and last year when the Cyclones triumphed, 18-6.

Husker coach Bill Jennings indicated that he expects a typical Big Eight game Saturday and described a typical conference game as "a lively game with plenty of scrap."

"It will be an interesting game since it is the first conference game for both teams and no team knows how it compares with the rest of the conference until you have played a couple of games," Jennings commented.

Despite the fact that Iowa State has scored 90 points in their first two ball games, Jennings said he doesn't expect a high scoring game. "We expect Iowa State to be tough defensively and we

think their defense probably is on a par with last year's," said the Husker coach.

Only three teams scored more than a single touchdown against the Cyclone defense a year ago as Iowa State shut out four opponents. Teams being blanked by Clay Stapleton's "dirty thirty" were Drake, Colorado, Kansas State and San Jose State.

South Dakota, Kansas and Nebraska were held to a lone TD against Iowa State. Oklahoma was the only team to really break loose against the tough Cyclone defensive unit as the Sooners romped to a 55-12 win over the boys from Ames, Iowa.

The number one threat posed by the Cyclones comes in the form of a 6-1, 171-pound tailback named Dave Hoppmann. Hoppmann has set the football world afire in the first two games.

The Madison, Wis., native stepped into the shoes of Iowa State all-American Dwight Nichols and is leading the nation in both rushing and total offense after two games.

He has carried the ball 46 times for 376 yards, an average of 8.2 yards per carry. Hoppmann has also sparkled in the passing department with eight completions on 15 attempts for 120 yards and three touchdowns. He has had one pass intercepted.

Favorite Target
Hoppmann's favorite passing target is Don Webb, who

has been on the receiving end of four pitches with two of them being touchdown strikes.

Another Cyclone backfield threat is Tom Watkins, all-conference fullback in 1959. Watkins led the Iowa State rushers last year with a 5.2 average on 161 carries for a total of 843 yards. He tied with Dwight Nichols for the Cyclone scoring leadership with 54 points on nine touchdowns.

Watkins is second to Hoppmann this year with 99 yards on 18 carries for an average of 5.5 yards. He has yet to be thrown for a loss this year. The West Memphis, Ark., product has scored 12 points in the first two games.

Nebraska is faced with trouble at the tackle slots with Roland McDole being a doubtful starter and Bob Jones is bothered by a sore hip. Dwain Carlson will probably get the starting nod at right tackle.

"Carlson will start unless McDole makes a fast recovery from the burns he suffered in the Minnesota game and we don't know how long Jones will last," said Jennings. If Jones is unable to play more than a few minutes the load at left tackle will fall squarely on the shoulders of George Haney.

Carlson, a sophomore, has been moved over from the right guard slot to fill in at right tackle. Carlson has played only about three minutes in each of the first two Husker games.

Al Fischer, number two right tackle in the first two games, will probably miss the Iowa State clash with a knee strain. Leon Janovy, a junior from David City, was running at the number two right



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tackle slot in Thursday's workout.

Joe Gacusana, a two-year letterwinner, has given up football to concentrate on swimming, according to Jennings.

Nebraska's answer to the Cyclones' Hoppmann is Thunder Thornton, a 185-pound fullback, who broke loose for a 57-yard touchdown scamper against Minnesota last Saturday. Thornton, a sophomore, is leading the Huskers in total offense and rushing.

He has carried the ball 19 times for 114 yards, an average of six yards per carry. Thornton has lost only two yards in the 19 carries.

Jennings sent his Huskers through a general review at all phases of the game Thursday with particular attention on pass defense.

Nebraska hold a 43-10 margin over the Cyclones since the series began in 1896 with a 12-4 Husker win. The Huskers have never lost to the Cyclones in a year ending with zero. Nebraska won in 1900, 30-0, in 1910, 24-0, in 1930, 14-12, in 1940, 21-12, and in 1950, 20-13. The two teams did not play in 1920.

Iowa State will arrive in Lincoln at 3 p.m. today but they will not work out prior to the game Saturday, according to Stapleton.

Water Basketball Deadline Is Tuesday

Entries for both deep and shallow water basketball teams are due Tuesday by 5:00 p.m., according to intramural director Ed Higginbotham.

Physicals Tonight

All athletes who have not had physicals and plan to compete in freshman or varsity sports should report at 7 p.m. today to the Student Health Center, according to Paul Schneider, head trainer.

NEBRASKAN Sports

Mullins Rates Olympic Games As Top Sports Achievement

By Janet Sack
"It's as high as you can go in sports," said Joe Mullins, Nebraska's track captain and a member of the Canadian Olympic track team.

Mullins ran in the 800-meter run, the 1500-meter

run, and the 1600-meter relay race at the Summer Olympics.

He finished fourth in the seventh heat in the quarter-finals of the 800-meter run. His time of 1:51.3 would have easily qualified in several other slower heats. Ron Delaney of Ireland and Paul Schmidt of Germany were two of his competitors in the metric half mile.

In the 1500-meter run the competition was even stiffer with the world's record holder, Herb Elliott, and Oregon's Daryl Burleson.

The Canadian 1600-meter relay team, of which Mullins ran the second leg, failed to make the finals as they were timed in 3:08.2 in the semifinals.

Immediately after the track events were completed in Rome, the Canadian team and several other teams took part in a meet in Oslo, Norway.

In Norway Mullins finished fourth in the 800-meter run in 1:50.1. Roger Moens of Belgium and George Kerr of the British West Indies took first and second respectively.

"I didn't train on a track all summer because at home (Glouce Bay, Nova Scotia) we don't have a quarter mile track. I trained on grass along the seashore, Mullins said.

"I couldn't time myself because I didn't know the distance, and I trained alone. It's a lot easier when you have someone running with you."

The Canadian team arrived in Rome about one and a half weeks before the Games started.

This was the only training I did on a track since the NCAA in California," said Joe.

There was a lot of comment on whether or not pre-Olympic meets help or hinder the runners. Mullins expressed the opinion that if a runner is not competing all year, he should have a meet every Saturday before the Games.

Gained Experience
Mullins felt that he received a lot of athletic experience from the Games. "It's changed my style of running a lot," he said.

"There was generally a friendly feeling among all the athletes. A few of the Russian athletes could speak English and I talked to them quite a bit," Mullins said. "As I walked into the Stadio Olimpico with the members of the Canadian team during the opening ceremonies, I felt a national pride, but I also felt a world pride to be taking part in the greatest amateur games in the world," Mullins concluded.

Sports Signals

By Hal Brown

Two conference clashes and three intersectional contests make up the football schedule for Big Eight teams this weekend. The conference games send Iowa State against Nebraska and Colorado against Kansas State.

The three intersectional battles are among the top games on the nation's grid calendar for his weekend with Missouri going against Penn State, Oklahoma taking on Pittsburgh and Kansas clashing with Syracuse. The Big Eight would receive another tremendous boost in its drive for football supremacy if Missouri, Oklahoma and Kansas can all come through with wins against the tough Eastern competition.

Kansas and Missouri are both unbeaten with the Jayhawks downing TCU, 21-7, and Kansas State, 41-0, while the Tigers toppled SMC, 20-0, and spoiled Oklahoma State's debut into Big Eight football with a 28-7 triumph. Kansas and Missouri are ranked fifth and 19th respectively in the latest Associated Press Poll while the Jayhawks' opponent, Syracuse, is ranked second and Penn State is in the 20th slot.

Nebraska, with a 1-1 record after a win over Texas and a loss to Minnesota, is faced with the task of doing what Drake and Detroit failed to do in the last two weeks. The Huskers must stop Dave Hoppmann, Iowa State's sparkling tailback, who stepped into Dwight Nichols' shoes and has more than adequately taken over for the Cyclone all-American.

The Cyclones have hardly worked up a sweat in their first two games as they smashed Drake, 46-0, and thundered past Detroit, 44-21. The Huskers have met two tough opponents in their opening assignments. Both Texas and Minnesota are in the AP's top twenty with Texas holding down the 13th place and Minnesota taking over 18th after last week's win over the Huskers. Nebraska, ranked 12th after the win over Texas, dropped from the ratings the past week.

Colorado will be looking for its first win when Kansas State invades Boulder. The Buffs were shut out, 26-0, by Baylor in their opener last Saturday. Kansas State was blanked by Kansas, 41-0, after winning their opener, 20-6, from South Dakota State. "I sure hope Baylor was that good. Because if it turns out we were that bad it's gonna be a long time and a long way to December," said Colorado coach Sonny Grandellus after last week's loss to Baylor.

BIG EIGHT

Here's the way Saturday's games look to us:
NEBRASKA 21, Iowa State 20—We look for Nebraska to come bouncing back after last week's loss and stop Hoppmann enough times to win.

COLORADO 27, Kansas State 6—Colorado may not be as bad as they looked last week but they could look pretty bad and still get by the Wildcats.

MISSOURI 27, Penn State 21—Missouri is out for revenge of last year's defeat by the Nittany Lions and the Tigers should win after a tough struggle.

OKLAHOMA 14, Pittsburgh 13—Oklahoma may be slipping a little but the Sooners will be mad enough after last week's game to edge the Panthers.

SYRACUSE 34, Kansas 28—Syracuse has another grid power this year and will bring the Jayhawks' winning string to an end but not after some trouble from John Hadl and company.

OTHER GAMES

Miami, Fla., over North Carolina, Alabama over Vanderbilt, Army over California, Clemson over APL, Pennsylvania over Dartmouth, Georgia Tech over Florida, Georgia over South Carolina, Illinois over West Virginia, Auburn over Kentucky, LSU over Baylor, Duke over Maryland, Michigan State over Michigan.

Minnesota over Indiana, Northwestern over Iowa, Notre Dame over Purdue, Ohio State over USC, Columbia over Princeton, Rice over Tulane, Arkansas over TCU, Texas over Texas Tech, Washington over Navy, Wisconsin over Marquette, Yale over Brown, Florida State over Wake Forest, Tennessee over Mississippi State.

Last week, this corner hit 21 of 30 for a 700 mark which makes a two-week total of 45 right and 15 wrong for a percentage of 750.

One of Colorado's biggest headaches in last Saturday's loss to Baylor was the running of Baylor's Ronnie Bull. Colorado publicist Fred Casotti ripped off the following poem about the game:

Once again we got our bellies (but not our arms)
Full of Bull.
And once again we couldn't
Molest him or arrest him.
And once again them there Bayers rapped us
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194	Carl Proto	204	Tyrone Robertson
178	Arden Esslinger	189	Don Fricke
205	Dan Celoni	214	Gary Toogood
197	Larry Van Der Heyden	185	Dwain Carlson
173	Don Webb	203	Don Purcell
178	Cliff Rick	166	Pat Fischer
171	Dave Hoppmann	188	Bernie Clay
160	Mickey Fitzgerald	179	Clay White
182	Tom Watkins	185	Thunder Thornton
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lines: Nebraska 203, Iowa State 192; backs: Nebraska 180;			
Iowa State 173.			



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