

Nebraska In Favorite Role As Underdog

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By Hal Brown

Nebraska is a definite underdog for Saturday's Homecoming encounter with Missouri: but it is under these conditions that the Huskers thrive. Two of the three victories this year came in the role of an underdog against heavily-favored Texas and Army.

The Huskers thrilled last year's Homecoming Day crowd with a 25-21 victory over Oklahoma for the Sooners first loss against conference competition in 74 games. Two years ago in the Homecoming Day battle against Missouri, the Huskers were swamped, 31-0.

Nebraska coach Bill Jennings indicated Nebraska might pass more.

"We will probably pass more than we have if we get in a position where we can throw the ball," Jennings said. "We haven't had good field position for passing very often this season."

All Huskers except half-back Dennis Stuewe are expected to be ready for Saturday's game. Pat Clare, who suffered a sprained ankle in Tuesday's practice, has made a rapid recovery and will be ready Saturday.

Missouri has a 6-0 record with wins over SMU, Oklahoma State, Penn State, Air Force Academy, Kansas State, and Iowa State. The Tigers are leading the Big Eight in total offense with 2,011 yards. Of these, 1,679 have been picked up on the ground.

Jennings pointed out that Missouri may be helped by the fact that they have a

six-game unbeaten string going. "Missouri has gained momentum from their winning string and will be hard to stop," the Husker coach said.

Missouri is leading the conference in defense, having allowed 1,024 yards in the six games. Colorado has allowed only 904 yards, but the Buffs have played one less game.

Nebraska is seventh in total offense among the teams that have played six games with 1,061 yards. Kansas State is last with 752 yards and Oklahoma State has gained only 938 yards, but the Cowboys have played only five contests.

Nebraska's total offense figure includes 901 yards on the ground and 180 through the air.

Only Kansas State has given up more yards than the Huskers. Nebraska has allowed 1,473 yards and the Wildcats have given up 2,017 yards.

Nebraska has tried fewer passes than any team in the Big Eight, completing 13 of 35 attempts. Missouri has passed 49 times and connected with 23.

Missouri trails the other teams in pass defense as the Tigers have given up 582 yards via the airways compared to 442 yards on the ground. Tiger opponents have hit 56 of 136 pass attempts.

No team has been able to score on the ground against the Tigers this season. Following last Saturday's game with Iowa State, Coach Clay Stapleton of the Cyclones declared Missouri was the best team he had seen in the Big Eight in the three years he has been in the conference.

Left halfback Mel West leads the Big Eight in yards rushing with 496 yards on 92 carries for a 5.4 average. West broke the Nebraska-Missouri game open last year with an 86-yard return of the first kickoff in the second half as the Tigers won, 9-0.

Right halfback Donnie Smith leads the conference in punt returning and in scoring. Smith, who carried back one punt 90 yards against the Air Force, rolled one 88 yards Saturday against Iowa State. He has packed seven for 217 yards, an average of 31 yards. He has seven touchdowns to his credit for 42 points.

Nebraska has an outstanding record against punt returns due partially to Archie Cobb's high booming punts and partially to Nebraska's hustle in covering punts with Don Fricke generally leading the charge downfield.

Only 16 of Nebraska's 36 punts have been returned and for an average of only four yards per return.

The Tigers have nine players averaging better than four yards per carry on the ground. Others in addition to West with four-plus rushing averages are right halfback Norris Stevenson 6.4, left halfback Norm Beal 6.6, fullback Ed Mehrer 6.0, fullback Jim Miles 4.7, halfback Carl Crawford 4.4, Smith 4.2, fullback Bill Tobin 4.2, and left halfback Bruce Geiger 4.0.

Nebraska has only three players with four-plus rushing averages. Left halfback Bennie Dillard leads with a 4.7 average, followed by Thunder Thornton and Pat Fischer each with 4.3 marks.

Sports Signals

By Hal Brown

The probation levied by the NCAA against Kansas for illegal recruiting makes the Big Eight the leading conference in the country in terms of recruiting violations. The Big Eight has two teams, Kansas and Oklahoma, on probation and no other conference has more than one team on bad grounds with the ruling body.

The probation leaves the race for the Orange Bowl up to Missouri and Colorado in the Big Eight. Both teams have 3-0 marks in the conference and are tied for the league lead. Either or both of them could taste defeat this weekend with the Tigers taking on upset-minded Nebraska and the Buffs tangling with Oklahoma.

Last week this corner hit 22 of 30 games correctly with one tie for a percentage of .750. This makes the season record 127 right, 45 wrong, with eight ties for a .728 percentage mark. Now for a look at this week's contests.



Brown

BIG EIGHT

MISSOURI 17, Nebraska 7—Missouri is rolling toward its second straight Orange Bowl appearance, but don't count the Huskers out of this one.

OKLAHOMA 27, Colorado 20—The Sooners will hand Colorado its first conference loss and stagger the Buffs bowl hopes.

IOWA 28, Kansas 7—The Big Ten leaders should romp over a Kansas team that relies on defense just as Nebraska does.

IOWA STATE 14, Oklahoma State 8—The Cyclones are slipping fast, but they should have enough left to topple the Cowboys.

MINNESOTA 35, Kansas State 0—This in one of the greatest mismatches of the season.

OTHER GAMES

Air Force over George Washington, Cornell over Columbia, Duke over Georgia Tech, Kentucky over Florida State, Auburn over Florida, Harvard over Pennsylvania, Northwestern over Indiana, Maryland over South Carolina, Ohio State over Michigan State, Alabama over Mississippi State, Mississippi over LSU.

Navy over Notre Dame, Oregon State over California, Penn State over West Virginia, Princeton over Brown, Purdue over Illinois, USC over Stanford, Syracuse over Pittsburgh, Tennessee over North Carolina, Arkansas over Texas A & M, TCU over Baylor, Texas over SMU, Washington over Oregon, Michigan over Wisconsin, Yale over Dartmouth.

Two Games on IM Football Schedule

Intramural football games scheduled for Friday include Alpha Tau Omega A vs. Sigma Alpha Mu and Phi Kappa Psi A vs. Cornhusker. Both games are play-offs for the All-University title and will be played on the city fields. Game time is 5:05 p.m.

NU Harriers Face Tigers

Nebraska's cross country team will host the Missouri Tigers in the last home meet and the final dual meet of the season.

Coach Frank Sevigne will meet the Tigers with Ray Stevens, Bill Kenny, Joe and Clarence Scott, Rich Kier, and Paul Nielson.

Missouri's top man, Bob Henneken, has gone undefeated this year. The Tigers' only loss this season was to Kansas University when they were barely nipped by the Jayhawks.

"Missouri is the second best team in the conference, so this meet will be a big test for the Huskers," Sevigne said.

The meet will be over a three-mile course in Pioneers Park at 11 a.m.

The Big Eight dual will be preceded by the State High School Cross Country Meet.

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