

Thornton Tabbed As Star of the Week

Bill Thunder Thornton, the hard-running Husker left half-back is handed The Daily Nebraskan "Star of the Week" award for his standout play on both defense and offense against Syracuse Saturday.

Thornton, who gained 133 yards against Syracuse in 15 carries, outgained All-American Ernie Davis, who gained 120 yards in 22 attempts.

"Thunder" scored Nebraska's only touchdown when he swept left end for four yards in the fourth quarter. He had set up the score with a 33-yard scamper around right end.

Orangeman Davis and tackle John Brown both singled Thornton out for his play in the game. As a linebacker Thornton was kept busy all

afternoon tackling Davis. The 200-pound junior from Toledo, Ohio, played fullback for the Huskers last year. In spring practice he was switched to halfback and seems to have made the transition well, for he is the big gun in the offense that is currently first in the Big Eight.

Last year Thornton led the Huskers in rushing, gaining 422 yards in 96 carries for a 4.4 average. Already this year the Toledo bulldozer has picked up 277 yards in 48 carries for a 5.8 average.

He is tied with Willie Ross for Husker scoring honors. Thornton has scored eighteen points, scoring two touchdowns against North Dakota and getting the lone Husker score against Syracuse.

—Big Eight Roundup—

Colorado Leads Big 8; Huskers Tied for 2nd

Big 8 Standings

CONFERENCE	W	L	T	Pct.	Pts. Opp.	
					Reg.	Onc.
Colorado	2	0	0	1.000	44	19
Nebraska	2	0	0	1.000	44	19
Missouri	2	0	0	1.000	55	20
Iowa State	2	1	0	.667	42	22
Kansas	1	1	0	.333	46	27
Oklahoma	0	2	0	.000	15	21
Missouri State	0	1	0	.000	15	21
Oklahoma State	0	3	0	.000	7	48
ALL GAMES	W	L	T	Pct.	Pts. Opp.	
Colorado	3	0	1	1.000	52	26
Missouri	3	0	1	.875	58	26
Iowa State	2	1	0	.667	52	26
Nebraska	2	1	0	.667	58	26
Kansas	2	2	0	.500	54	26
Kansas State	1	2	1	.250	42	58
Oklahoma State	1	3	0	.250	33	48
Oklahoma	0	3	0	.000	28	68

The once-mighty Oklahoma Sooners who now bemoan a 0-3 record made a disastrous trip across the Red River. The Texas Longhorns overpowered Bud Wilkinson's crew 28-7.

Kansas State dropped its second game of the year. The Wildcats were beaten 21-8 by Kentucky. Kentucky got three first half touchdowns, while Kansas State back Seares ran a punt back in the fourth quarter for the 'Cat's only touch.

Bevot Tops Qualifiers

Vic Bevot heads the qualifying list for the Nebraska Big Eight roll-off team. Bevot rolled for a 9-game series average of 198 last weekend.

The Nebraska bowling club will travel to Missouri U for their initial competition October 28.

The nine other qualifiers are Keith Van Velkinburgh, Matt Brown, George Zelenka, Roger Smith, Dick Haase, Stuart Kutter, Ralph Holmstrom, Al Miller and Phil Schenck.



THUNDER THORNTON

Mitchell, Ward, Fischer May Miss OSU Game

By Dave Wohlfarth

Coach Bill Jennings reviewed his injured corps Tuesday in preparation for the Oklahoma State game at Stillwater on Saturday.

Included on the injured list are guard Ed Mitchell, tackle Al Fischer, halfbacks Willie Ross and Bernie Clay and fullback Gene Ward.

Fischer will be out this weekend but may be ready for the Missouri game Oct. 28. Ward is out indefinitely and Mitchell is considered "very doubtful" for the Oklahoma State game.

Ross did not work out in Tuesday's contact session, but may be ready by Saturday. He suffered a bruised hip in the Syracuse game...

Bob Brown, 251-pound Husker tackle, practiced Tuesday night and is expected to be ready.

With Clay on the injured list the Huskers are left with only three left halfbacks: Thunder Thornton, Dick Callahan and Maynard Schmidt.

With Ross temporarily out at right half, Nebraska has Dennis Stuewe, Pat Clare and

Warren Powers operating at the right half spot.

Jennings also said that he may not be able to use Noel Martin and Pat Salerno, who both are nursing knee operations, this year.

When asked about Martin, the NU head coach replied, "I don't plan to play him." Neither Martin or Salerno has recovered completely enough to be able to run yet.

Both are seniors, but Martin may be in school for another year.

The Oklahoma State game will be the Huskers' second conference game. Nebraska won its first 24-0 over Kansas State two weeks ago.

Nebraska has won two, lost one and tied one this season while the Cowboys have won one and lost three.

All three of the Cowpoke losses have been to conference opponents, 14-7 to Iowa State, 24-0 to Colorado and 10-0 to Missouri last week. The O-Staters beat Tulsa for their only victory of the season.

Last year Oklahoma State beat Nebraska 7-6 in the first meeting of the two schools.

Sports Shots

By Bullet

A lot of odds n' ends today . . . First and foremost, one still can't help but feel the optimism present among the Husker football fans and the team itself. Despite the 28-6 loss to Syracuse, the Huskers put on a much better fight than the score indicated and the game would have been a lot closer had the Huskers been able to punch across some scores when they had the chance.

Three times Nebraska made it inside the Syracuse ten-yard line only to be stopped before Thunder Thornton took it over on the fourth drive. Coach Jennings' pre-game plans to pass and run wide worked except for the passing angle. Nebraska quarterbacks couldn't connect consistently all day. Some fans thought NU should have stayed on the ground, especially on the first drive. However, the passing game was just a gamble which didn't pay off as Syracuse could have lined up to stop the running game if there had not been a threat of an air attack.

It is, and will be for a number of games to come. Levy's strategy to punt on third, or even second or first down; whenever he feels that the combination of the score, the down and the yardage to go for a first down, position on the field, the weather, and time left in the game warrant such action."

Coach Levy states, "Coaches have been fired for just this very same thing and the fans don't like it, but until I feel that this is not the soundest football strategy, we are going to use it."

A lot of concern has popped up on campus concerning this year's Nebraska migration. Band director Jack Snider has announced that the Husker band will travel to Ames for the Nov. 11 game against Iowa State but many students have already made plans to go to Missouri Oct. 28.

Migration was originally set up as the game preceding the Husker homecoming (at which time the students and team "return"). The Missouri game is the week ahead of this year's homecoming contest with Kansas on Oct. 4.

Many students (this corner included) feel that the Missouri game has more to offer in excitement and competition and the Missouri campus will offer more in the field of entertainment. Only small delegation of Husker fans were able to journey to the Kansas State game at Manhattan two weeks ago (although those who went seemed to have a good time) and few, if any, will make the long trip to Oklahoma State this weekend.

Next week's battle with Mizzou offers the perfect timing and situation for the migration, official or otherwise. The students will be anxious to see the Huskers and have created a new adage, "If you can't go to Colorado — go to Missouri."

A new innovation began at the Syracuse game. The Nebraska band abandoned its old seats behind the visiting team and sat in the north bleachers. The purpose of this project, initiated by business manager A. J. Lewandowski, was (1) to give the band members better seats as they previously couldn't see when the visiting team stood up (which was most of the game) and (2) to provide some visibility for the people in the box seats behind the band who couldn't see when the band stood up.

Snider reports that the move has worked fine and the band likes it. "It doesn't make a lot of difference to the marching on and off the field," he said.

He indicated that originally the band had hoped to sit in the stands (Nebraska is the only school in the Big Eight whose band is not situated in the stands, he noted) but that an elevated stand may be built to accommodate the band on the north end.

Fasano Elected Captain

By Janet Sack

Bill Fasano, a senior from Glendale, Calif., has been elected track captain for the 1961-62 indoor and outdoor seasons.

The 5-10½, dark-haired Fasano specializes in the hurdles with emphasis on the highs.

During his college career at Nebraska Bill has been a consistent point-gatherer for the team. Last year in the Big Eight Indoor Conference he finished fifth in the 60-yard highs. Later in the Big Eight Outdoor Conference Fasano placed second with a :14.3.

One of the biggest thrills in Bill's career came in the first heat in the high hurdles in the outdoor conference. He came within inches of beat-

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ing Rex Stucker, Big Eight hurdle king from Kansas State.

Fasano has been clocked unofficially in :14.1 in the highs on the University track.

In the Drake Relays last year the Nebraska team composed of Milt Haedt, LeRoy Keane, Fred Wilke and Fasano, as anchorman, ran the 480-yard shuttle hurdle relay in :59.7 for the second fastest time in the nation.

The two-year letterman is majoring in physical education and has an accumulative average of 5.3.

Bill is married and the father of a two and one-half year old daughter and an eight month old son.

His wife, Lynne, also a track enthusiast, attends home meets to give Bill his own private cheering section.



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