

Two Top Rushers Clash on Saturday

By Dave Wohlfarth

The two top rushers in the Big Eight Conference, Dave Hoppmann of Iowa State and 'Thunder' Thornton of Nebraska will collide head-on this Saturday at Ames when the Huskers meet the Cyclones in a Big Eight grid clash.

Hoppmann, whose heroics have paced Iowa State to a 4-3 record this fall, leads the Big Eight in rushing with a mark of 787 yards gained in 182 carries for a 4.3 average.

The 176-pound junior, who operates at the wingback spot in Iowa State's single-wing attack, is also second in Colorado's Gale Weidner in passing with 27 for 58 completions.

Thornton, Husker junior left halfback, has banged out 499 yards in 83 carries for a 5.4 average and leads the Huskers in scoring with 24 points.

Nebraska may be slowed this week as injuries have displaced some key Cornhusker personnel. NU Coach Bill Jennings announced Monday that four Husker backs, Warren Powers, Rudy Johnson, Dennis Claridge and Willie Ross, are all on the casualty list.

Johnson, sophomore fullback who ran 33 yards on six carries in the first half in Nebraska's 28-6 loss to Kansas, wrenched his knee early in the third quarter and will miss the Iowa State game.

Powers is out with a sprained ankle and Ross and Claridge are both nursing muscle bruises but may be ready by Saturday.

Other bruised Huskers include Dick McDaniel, Bob Brown, Bill Comstock and Dennis Stuewe.

Coach Jennings said that Nebraska would have to play at its best to beat the Cyclones. Cletus Fischer, who scouted Iowa State, pointed out that while IS bowed to Boston College (14-10) after going into the fourth quarter with a 10-0 lead, the Iowans still play the same hard-nosed defense that has been a trademark of the Cyclones for the past five years.

Coach Jennings said that he didn't plan to use sophomore quarterback Claridge at the left halfback spot again this week but might in order to give Thornton, who has been slowed by leg injuries, a little rest.

Claridge was used at the left half spot on five plays in the Kansas game with senior quarterback Ron Meade operating at the quarterback spot late in the fourth quarter.

NU Statistics—7 Games

Nebraska		Opponents	
28	First downs rushing	72	
17	First downs passing	31	
3	First downs penalties	21	
78	Total first downs	96	
1534	Yards gained rushing	1579	
304	Yards lost rushing	249	
1942	Net gain rushing	1329	
273	Running plays		
3.4	Average gain rushing	3.7	
162	Passes attempted	64	
42	Passes completed	31	
6	Passes had intercepted	4	
437	Yards gained passing	413	
4.5	Average gain passing	6.5	
375	Total offensive plays	429	
1489	Net yards gained	1723	
4.9	Average gain per play	4.1	
49	Points	43	
1534	Punting yardage	1469	
38.4	Punting average	34.2	
29	Penalties	29	
208	Penalty yardage	244	
18	Fumbles lost	36	
9	Fumbles lost	18	

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ATOs Win Football Title

Alpha Tau Omega is the 1961 All-University intramural football champion. The ATO's knocked off the Dental College 33-7 Friday to gain the title.

Dental College scored their only score in the first quarter on a short pass to Bob Smith. Alpha Tau Omega came back with their slick offense and tough defense to hold the Dents scoreless and scored five touchdowns and three extra points.

The ATO's used their passing attack to perfection to set up most of their scoring runs. With the two halfbacks split wide, ATO quarterback Elmer Wallin would hit one of the two halfbacks cutting to the middle. Besides this tough air attack, the ATO line put good pressure on the Dent College's offensive to stop the Dents.

Thunder Moved Back to Fullback

Thunder Thornton was switched back to fullback in yesterday's Husker football practice, it was reported.

Thornton, the Huskers' leading rusher, was moved back to his old spot where he may be used to replace the injured Rudy Johnson against Iowa State Saturday.

Other fullback replacements include Bill Comstock, Gene Young, Gene Ward and Duncan Drum.

Sport Shots

By Bullet

Sidelights from the Kansas-Nebraska game—Kansas rivals Syracuse as the best team the Huskers have faced this year. The Jayhawks looked every bit the team they were picked to be at the start of the season. John Hadl lived up to his clippings. The shifty Jayhawk signal-caller ran the option as well as anyone; sometimes getting rid of the ball on the pitch-out at the very last second. Hadl had the Husker ends guessing all day.

KU hopes for a Missouri victory at Colorado were ignited by the fact that the Jayhawk backers felt that Kansas will whip Mizzou when the two meet Nov. 25. The sports editor of the Daily Kansan, Bill Sheldon, expressed his opinion that Colorado isn't as strong as their record indicates and that Nebraska may even knock them off.

Colorado has Nebraska and Iowa State remaining to complete an unbeaten conference season. If the Buffs should falter in one of these games and Kansas beats Missouri, then KU would still have a shot at the Orange Bowl trip as both teams (Kansas and Colorado) would have 5-1 conference marks.

This corner wonders why the NU coaches have neglected to use Ron Meade, senior quarterback, more. Taking nothing away from Dennis Claridge, who will be a great quarterback in the future, Meade saw his first action in three weeks Saturday and looked good. Meade, who doubles as the Husker place-kicking expert, fired a 30-yard pass to end Jim Hoge on his first play of the game and led the Huskers' only TD drive.

Later in the fourth quarter, Meade was benched again and didn't see further action until the last few desperation plays. Meade's record for Saturday was three five completions for 53 yards. Claridge threw 18 times, completed six, also gaining 53 yards through the air. This corner would like to see the continued use of both quarterbacks and some more, but giving Meade, who has sat on the bench for three years and deserves a better fate, a fair chance.

Nebraska's Thunder Thornton was not among the first list of candidates for the All-American team. Thornton, the Big Eight's second leading rusher, has proven himself week after week outdueling some of the country's best, including Syracuse's Ernie Davis, Oklahoma State's Jim Dillard and KU's Curtis McClinton. Every team Nebraska plays has pinpointed Thornton as the man to stop but only one team (Arizona) has limited him to under 40 yards. The 200-pound junior halfback from Toledo deserves more credit than he will receive. Thunder hits every line as hard as he can and has an intense desire to win. His performance against Oklahoma State (gained 121 yards and played an outstanding defensive game) was tabbed by Gregg McBride of the Omaha World-Herald as "one of the best performances in a losing cause I've ever seen."

Despite all this, the Thunder Man will probably not receive any All-American honors (THIS YEAR) and will have to scrap to make the all-Big Eight team. With such outstanding backs as Hadl (who will probably get an all-Big Eight halfback selection), Colorado's Gale Weidner at quarterback, and Iowa State's Dave Hoppmann (wingback) in the conference, Thornton will have to beat out Dillard and McClinton for the fourth backfield spot. Thornton has outgained both these two in their meetings this fall and it will be highway robbery if he doesn't get selected.

Soccer Team Loses

The Nebraska soccer team missed several first half scoring opportunities and lost to Omaha Storz 6-3 last weekend.

Six Lettermen Bolster Wrestling Outlook

By Bob Besom

Two blind grapplers will be looked to for varsity roles with the 1961-62 Nebraska mat men, reported Coach Bob Mancuso.

Jim Faiman and Dan Hoevet, both senior lettermen from Nebraska School for the Blind, will probably have the starting spots in the 137 and 191 pound divisions.

Most of the Husker strength is in the lower weights. Seniors Jim Raschke and Harold Thompson will be called on for the power in the heavier divisions.

Raschke, the stout Omaha handi man who led last season's squad to the best Nebraska record in 32 years, ranks among the nation's top collegiate heavyweights, said Mancuso. And Thompson, who is one of five out-staters on the 27-man roster, could sur-

prise the nation's best 157 pounders.

Mike Nissen is the top prospect in the lower divisions. Nissen, last season's brightest star, will again be vying at 123.

Dick Van Sickle, 130, and Larry Lebruska, 147, round out the seven man list of returning lettermen.

Mancuso lauded the progress of 115-pounder Chuck Martin, a sophomore from Lincoln. Martin is one of 15 underclassmen on the roster.

Twelve duals are on tap for Mancuso's grapplers—three more than in 1960-61. The record was 5-13 last season.

The matmen open at Manhattan Dec. 2, against Mancuso's alma mater Kansas State and former coach Fritz Knorr.

The Huskers are also billed for at least three tourneys.

NU Wrestling Roster

Names	Wt.	Class	Ht.	Class	Home Town	H.S. Coach
Joe Brown	137	5-10	So.	Omaha	N. Sorensen	
Gordon Chipman	177	5-10	So.	Lincoln	H. Gilliland	
Dave Cook	137	5-7	So.	Summit, N.J.	M. Steiner	
Calvin Cutright	177	5-10	Jr.	.....	Sidney—J. Godfrey
Joe Ewing	137	5-7	So.	.....	Madison—R. Gast
*James Faimon	137	5-8	Sr.	.....	Lawrence—R. Davis (N.S.B.)
Ken Fox	167	6-0	So.	.....	Lincoln—D. Goeiglen
Alan Haney	167	6-0	So.	.....	Bellevue—B. Mancuso
Jim Herring	147	6-0	So.	.....	Omaha—V. Eckfelt
*Dan Hoevet	191	6-4	Sr.	.....	Crawford—R. Davis (N.S.B.)
John Jet	123	5-8	So.	.....	Lincoln—H. Gulliland
John Karrer	115	5-5	Jr.	.....	Scottsbluff—D. Tanner
Melvin Kuhnle	157	5-11	So.	.....	Crawford—M. Riley
*Larry Lebruska	147	5-4	Jr.	.....	Mitchell—D. Tanner
Bob Lyon	147	5-9	So.	.....	Bellevue—B. Mancuso
Chuck Martin	115	5-7	So.	.....	Lincoln—H. Gilliland
John McIntyre	147	5-10	So.	.....	Lincoln—D. Goeiglen
Tom Moyer	130	5-7	Jr.	.....	Mitchell—D. Tanner
*Mike Nissen	123	5-6	Jr.	.....	Mason City, Ia—H. Barker
*Jim Raschke	Hwt	6-3	Sr.	.....	Omaha—V. Eckfelt
Jack Richard	167	5-10	Jr.	.....	Los Alamos, N.M.—B. Bormath
Stanley Stolt	115	5-7	So.	.....	Waterloo, Ia—B. Siddens
John Simon	167	5-10	Sr.	.....	Gothenburg—No H.S. experience
Tom Terry	130	5-10	So.	.....	Grand Island—D. Bean
**Harold Thompson	157	5-11	Sr.	.....	Osage, Minn.—L. Alitz
Robert Thorps	115	5-2	So.	.....	Scottsbluff—D. Tanner
*Dick Van Sickle	130	5-6	Jr.	.....	Omaha—V. Eckfelt

NU Rifle Team Wins Second Match

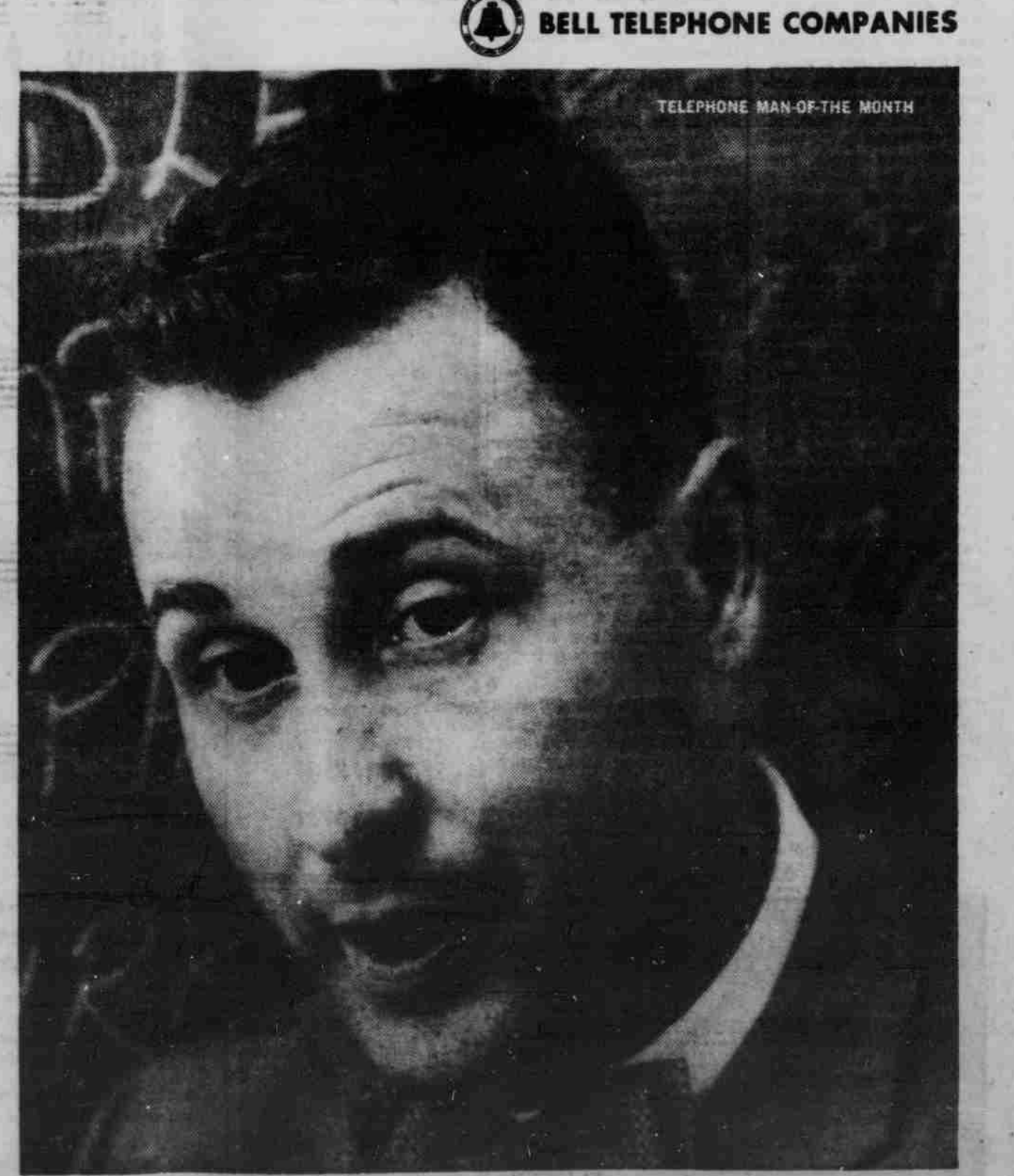
The Nebraska Varsity Rifle Team chalked up their second victory here last Saturday with a win over Kansas University. The final score of the shoulder to shoulder match was 1,410 to 1,376 out of a possible 1,500 points.

Nebraska's top five scorers were Bill Holland, Tom Berry, Roger Walker, Marvin Cox and Dave Smith. The win was the second shoulder to shoulder win for Nebraska, which will meet Kansas State at Manhattan Nov. 19 in its next match.

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