

From The Stick

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With the start of football around the country it comes time for all good predictors to stick their necks out and then hide at dinnertime on Saturday.

Since the Huskers are starting out the campaign against South Dakota, I feel rather lucky, but the conference is going to turn into a tight race this fall, making things touch and go.

Missouri will take the conference without much competition. The Tigers have power and will play all the tough competition at home such as Kansas and Iowa State. On the road Missouri faces Nebraska, which could easily be an upset if the breaks fall the Huskers way, and Oklahoma. None of the other conference teams should give the Tigers too much trouble.

As far as the Huskers are concerned, Nebraska will finish fourth at the lowest. The Huskers have two tough road games, Oklahoma and Kansas, the Jayhawk Homecoming, but all of the other tough conference competition is at Memorial Stadium. A possible upset of Missouri is in sight with Nebraska tangling with the Tigers on our Homecoming.

NU Stronger

This year Nebraska looks the strongest it has in many years with a strong defense and a stronger line.

Depth will be a big factor to the Cornhuskers this year. But Nebraska has more depth than it has had with especially strong positions at both halfback spots, the tackles and the ends. The ends do lack some of the speed for pass catching, but the depth is still there.

The strength of the middle line has improved tremendously, considering that this was to be the weak spot in the Cornhusker attack this season.

Michka at Center

Ron Michka, the center, has as much desire as anyone on the field and is backed up ably by Jim Baffico, a transfer student who has been a pleasant surprise.

At guard the improvement of Dwain Carlson and Gary Toogood look as if they will be assets.

The loss of Bill (Thunder) Thornton should not hurt the Cornhuskers provided he is ready to go full steam for the Iowa State game. The way things stack up now NU will split the first two games, with or without Thunder.

Neck Out

I will really stick my neck out and put Kansas in the second spot. This will depend on the play of Gale Sayers, the soph halfback flash from Omaha. The loss of John Hadl and Curtis McClinton will hurt the Jayhawks, but Jack Mitchell has filled these two positions with able men.

Iowa State will take third or fourth, depending on the Nebraska game. The Cyclones have changed offenses which takes a little pressure off Dave Hoppmann, but it may also take a little shine off of the IS record.

Oklahoma should come in fifth. The Sooners are on their way back to national recognition, but this will not be the year. If Bud Wilkinson's crew can get by without too many injuries, OU will hold a few surprises for the Big Eight Conference.

Colorado Sixth

The last three teams show little strength. Colorado has lost nearly all of last year's championship team, including the coach. Bud Davis, the new coach, will have a team that will finish sixth.

Oklahoma State is still stronger than Kansas State and will, consequently, finish seventh with K-State in the cellar.

Sum Up

1. Missouri
2. Kansas
3. Iowa State
4. NEBRASKA
5. Oklahoma
6. Colorado
7. Oklahoma State
8. Kansas State

Stick's picks for this weekend: Nebraska should definitely swamp South Dakota without too much sweat. The Coyotes lack manpower and weight and the Huskers seem to have more of both ... NEBRASKA 40, South Dakota 0.

In the Big Eight

Oregon State takes on Iowa State in Portland, Ore. The boys from out West, especially Terry Baker, will prove to be too much for the Cyclones. I'll pick OREGON STATE.

Kansas State meets Indiana. A case of a no powerhouse in the Big Eight against a no powerhouse in the Big Ten. I'll go along with the Big Ten in this case. INDIANA.

Oklahoma State visits Arkansas for a night game. Although wiped out by graduation Arkansas is still strong. I'll pick ARKANSAS.

Another night game puts Colorado at Utah. The Buffaloes still have enough power to whip Utah. I'll pick COLORADO.

Kansas hosts T.C.U., which upset the Jayhawks last year. Kansas is too strong this year. I'll pick KANSAS.

Oklahoma opens its schedule with potent Syracuse. Even though the Sooners are hosts, I'll pick SYRACUSE.

Big Ten

NORTHWESTERN over South Carolina, WASHINGTON over Purdue. All the other Big Ten teams open their schedules next weekend.

Others

AIR FORCE over Colorado State, ALABAMA over Georgia, ARMY over Wake Forest, AUBURN over Tennessee, BAYLOR over Houston, MISSISSIPPI STATE over Florida, GEORGIA TECH over Clemson.

KENTUCKY over Florida State, L.S.U. over Texas A&M, MARYLAND over S.M.U., MISSISSIPPI over Memphis State, PENN STATE over Navy, TEXAS over Oregon, SOUTHERN CAL. over Duke, TULANE over Stanford.

I may be way off the mark, but I don't know.

Freshman Grid Coaches Have Optimistic Views

A tinge of optimism has already been noted in the freshman grid ranks after the initial Tuesday drills.

Coach Cletus Fischer looks to strength in the line and has hopes in the handful of ends who have already reported for duty.

Fischer and John Melton will handle the new recruits this fall. Both have impressive backgrounds.

Fischer, one of four brothers who have played for the Scarlet and Cream, picked up four letters in football from 1945 through '49.

Melton was a star fullback for the University of Wyoming's undefeated Gator Bowl club. He was the Cowboy starter in 1949 and '50.

He ran up a record which still stands while coaching at Thermopolis, Wyo. In his six seasons as head man there, he ended with 37 victories and 16 losses.

Melton joined up with Bob Devaney in 1957.

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D. Theisen To Play Saturday

Dave Theisen, who was moved to the first unit due to his fine play during the closing days of fall camp, will be able to play in Saturday's encounter with South Dakota.

Theisen, injured in last Saturday's scrimmage, has been a question mark concerning the chances of his playing and Coach Bob Devaney had decided to wait until after yesterday's practice to make a final decision.

"Dave will run with his unit," said Devaney, "but we will watch him very closely to see if the injury bothers him Saturday."

Yesterday the first two units worked together on dummy drills for a large portion of the practice.

The first two units do not usually work together, but Devaney decided to work them together to "get rid of some of the flatness that was evident during the Tuesday drills," said Devaney.

Bill (Thunder) Thornton, injured fullback, has been undergoing therapy on his shoulder and working out to keep his legs in shape. His readiness for the Iowa State game is still a question mark.

Jim Baffico has been given the extra point kicking assignment. Theisen has also been practicing the chore, but since his leg has been in bad shape, he will probably not get the call.

Tom Ernst, known for his baseball endeavors, has also been working on place kicks and may be used Saturday.

Concerning red-shirting, Devaney indicated that he would probably not red-shirt anybody due to the lack of depth on the squad this year.

Challenge Set

A few staff members of the Daily Nebraskan have challenged the optimistic sports editor in predictions.

In tomorrow's Rag these few nifty staff members will try to best the predictions made in today's "From the Stick."

Anyone else who wishes to challenge the predictions on Big Eight and Big Ten games made in "From the Stick" are welcome to do so.

Send predictions via the campus mail to:
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South Dakota, Burns Have Only 12 Lettermen

By AL SPORE
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The South Dakota Coyotes will definitely be the underdogs in Saturday's tassel with the Huskers.

New coach Bob Burns, shy of experienced personnel, will be out to improve last year's Coyote record of 1-8. Coach Burns has only 12 lettermen returning, of which seven started in their inaugural with Colorado State.

Three of the South Dakota gridders were in new roles for Coach Burns: Ron Kibble, 190-pound center converted from guard; 190-pound Jim Kramer, another guard transfer, now at tackle; and Ken Janvria, 210-pound fullback who lettered two years as a standout end.

Nebraskans might expect a spirited passing attack with the presence of Dick Walsh, 175-pound junior letterman at quarterback. Last year Walsh led the North Central Conference in passing until sidelined by injury.

Walsh at QB

Behind Walsh at signal-calling stand two junior lettermen: Bruce Smedakken and Dennis Hanson. Smedakken rates as a good quarterback but specializes in defense, while Hanson is a leading punter and defensive man.

South Dakota's main problem lies in the forward wall.

The Dakotans have only one other letterman in addition to Kibble and Kramer. Harvey Naasz, 193-pound right guard, has two years of top-notch

duty under his belt.

151-pound Halfback

In the backfield Coach Burns will use Mamon Keys, a junior letterman, at right half. Sophomore transfer from NU, Cal Stukel, is battling for the left half spot. Dick Scott, 151-pound junior letterman is also eyeing the position.

In the two teams' 15 meetings since 1899 the Huskers

hold a 12-2-1 edge. The 1899 contest was the only Coyote win the boys from the North edged Nebraska 6-5.

Since 1945, Nebraska has won the four games played by a margin of 166-12. 1956 was the last time the two teams met. Pete Elliott made his Husker debut successful as NU routed the Coyotes 34-6.

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