

NEBRASKAN Sports

Wolverines Loom; Thunder Improves

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With Michigan looming ahead Saturday the chances of Bill (Thunder) Thornton seeing his first action of the season are improving.

Coach Bob Devaney announced yesterday that Thornton has been put on the alternate unit and will begin to work with the team.

"Thornton is in good shape. He has been running the Stadium steps and has been staying in as good physical condition as possible," said Devaney. "If we do have a chance to use him, we will probably use Thunder on offense only."

In other moves Wille Ross and Gene Young have been moved to the first unit.

Ross impressive
Ross gained 39 yards in

Hoppy Takes Rushing Lead

Dave Hoppmann already has a jump on Big Eight pigskin toaters.

Iowa State's All-American candidate, seeking his third consecutive loop offense title, is leading the pack in rushing with 188 yards on 38 carries.

Hoppmann is second behind Colorado's Larry Ethridge in passing. The Cyclone has rifled eight heaves for 110 yards. That gives him 298 yards, but he has had two games in which to compile the total.

There are indications, however, that Hoppmann may have a couple of serious challengers in rookies from Missouri and Kansas.

Serious Competition
The classy sophomore halfbacks, John Roland of Missouri and K.U.'s Gale Sayers, are close behind Hoppmann with only one game.

Roland piled up 171 yards on 20 carries against California and Sayers amassed 114 yards on 27 assignments against T.C.U. Saturday.

Ethridge is a surprise leader in passing. The Buff tops the list with 119 yards gained on 11 completions in 18 attempts.

State Leads
Iowa State has the edge in total team offense with its two-game total of 364 yards rushing and 218 through air routes.

Nebraska is second having rolled up 455 in the South Dakota opener. And Missouri ranks third in total offense on 387. But the Tigers only garnered six of those through the air as their running attack functioned smoothly against California.

Three Husker quarterbacks are among the conferences top ten passers. John Faiman and Doug Tucker are number seven and eight on the list and Dennis Claridge is tenth.

Frosh Show Ability to Hit

Coach John Melton appeared quite satisfied with the progress of the freshman football team in their scrimmage with the varsity's third and fourth strings last Monday.

"They all looked fairly good," commented Melton, showing reserved optimism for the yearlings.

"Their enthusiasm and desire to hit somebody is also evident," commented the coach in his first year as frosh mentor.

Melton refused to comment on any individual player as the entire team looked good. "We will play all boys that suit up," commented the coach. "This will give them needed game experience," he continued.

The squad will continue to work on fundamentals like we have been until the first game, Melton said.

The frosh will meet Kansas State in Lincoln on Oct. 19.

six carries Saturday against South Dakota, and Young piled up 31 yards in six carries.

Dave Theisen, who did a fine job on defense against South Dakota, is still bothered by a leg injury and has moved to the alternate unit at left halfback, sharing the chore with Warren Powers.

Jim Huge, right end who suffered a slight concussion in a collision last week, will probably be ready to go in the Michigan clash.

Kiffin Hurt
Monte Kiffin, 236-pounder from Lexington, was limping Monday. Until he is available Larry Kramer, a junior from Austin, Minn., has moved up to the alternate unit.

On the game against South Dakota, Devaney said, "Our opening game didn't prove or disprove much of anything."

"Don't misunderstand me," Devaney continued, "I'm not against winning. But a game such as we had against South Dakota doesn't provide much of a measuring stick. We know that we'll have to be much tougher to stay in the game with Michigan this week."

Devaney Pleased
Devaney has also been pleased with the work of the quarterbacks. "We hope that the quarterback situation stays balanced. We want to use Dennis Claridge as a running back mainly," Devaney said.

"We will alternate Doug Tucker and John Faiman with the second and third units, but if one of them works particularly well with one of the units, we will keep him on that unit," Devaney stated.

Faiman hit four out of five passes last Saturday which were the sparks for two Husker touchdowns. Claridge hit three for seven, and Tucker had a perfect day with three for three.

Strohmyer Back
John Strohmyer, 204-pound tackle from Lexington, is due back this week after a bout with a kidney infection. Bob Hohn has also put on the pads and is beginning to partake in the contact, but will not make the trip.

Yesterday the Huskers worked on teamwork, ran against Michigan plays and finished the practice with some work on covering kick-offs.

Nebraska will not do any scrimmaging due to the lack of depth.

W.A.A. Interviews

Interviews for a board position in the Women's Athletic Association will be held Friday, Sept. 28th, from 2 to 4 p.m. at the W.A.A. office in Grant Memorial Gymnasium.

Applications are available at the W.A.A. office.

IM's Underway

Rush week is over but fraternities and other organizations continue their heated rivalry in another form—intramurals.

And if there is one intramural sport where teams can renew and even off grudges; it's football.

The old high school jocks don't the red and yellow jerseys, limber up and prepare for an hour and a half of rugged action. The game is simple: merely detach a waving flag from your opponent while both moving—of course beware of crushing blocks and elusive passes.

Incidentally, the game is played minus pads and the intramural annals are full of stories of broken arms, shoulder bones, legs etc.

In the first week of action Alpha Tau Omega found Phi Kappa Psi too much and fell to the Phi Psi's, 12-6. Meanwhile, Beta Theta Pi slipped away from the Kappa Sigs 26-19.

Sig Eps over Sig Nus
Sigma Phi Epsilon had little trouble while defeating Sig-



DELTA TAU DELTA—readies for IM football

ma Nu 25-12 while Phi Delta Theta romped up a 34-19 edge over Sigma Chi.

The free throw elimination tournament is set up between Monday, October 1 to Saturday, October 6 with shooting trials being held on any of these days between 4:00 p.m. and 5:30 p.m.

In the qualifying round all interested and eligible students may enter and must wear basketball shoes or shoot in stocking feet. Each participant will attempt 50 free throws, with a limit of ten warm-up throws.

Scoring cards are obtainable at the Equipment Room in the P.E. building or at Ag College Gym. Two men, each from a different organization will alternate shooting and scoring, each will sign the card, showing his affiliation.

Daryl Petsch led Phi Delta Theta to the All-University and Fraternity free throw championship last fall while snaring individual honors. Newman Club and Wesley House split the Independent championship.

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Big Eight Teams Face Tough Foes

In Big Eight action this week Colorado will meet Kansas State with the Buffaloes favored on their home front. Coach Bill Davis' team will be fired up after last week's defeat to Utah.

Iowa State is inactive this week and after last week's defeat by Oregon State will be eyeing the Nebraska tilt the following weekend.

Kansas University will travel to Boston U. for a non-conference game after falling to T.C.U. last week.

Missouri will travel to Minnesota. The Tigers took their season opener last week by defeating California.

Oklahoma State meets Tulsa while Oklahoma U takes on Notre Dame at home.

Ping Pongers!

Six-man table tennis team entries can be made at Room 102 P.E. Building, not later than Tuesday, October 16 with play beginning Monday, October 22.

A schedule of all matches for each day will be posted in the P.E. Building with the matches being played on the Coliseum basement tables. Contestants must furnish balls only.

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