

# Cyclone Coach Predicts Husker Success This Fall

## Hoppman To Lead I-State

"Nebraska is my pick for the Big Eight title." These were the words of Clay Stapleton, Iowa State coach, from last spring on.

Stapleton continued, "Nebraska was the best physical team we played all last year. We were lucky to lose by the margin of a field goal. For 1962 Nebraska will be my choice."

But the conservative Iowa State coach will have one thing for the Huskers to fear—Dave Hoppman, All-American and national offensive leader a year ago.

To add to the exciting Hoppman, Coach Stapleton will have two other fine backs in Dave Hoover and sophomore Tom Vaughn. Any of these three men can go all the way on any play. This means Nebraska will have to play a much more "honest" defense.

Added to this the Cyclones have had two weeks to prepare for Nebraska. The Iowa State team opened with a 14-7 win over Drake then dropped their second game to Oregon State, 35-39 in one of the wildest games in the history of Northwest football. The Cyclones were game-free the last weekend as NU played Michigan.

In the "field-goal series," as the Nebraska-Iowa State series is referred to, the Huskers hold a terrific edge. Despite the fact NU resents win. That resentment right now goes back to the 10-7 upset the Iowa Staters tossed at Nebraska in 1960.

Last year Bill (Thunder) Thornton made the difference in the 16-13 Nebraska win at Ames. Thornton will be on hand this year raring to go after a very impressive show last week.

To thwart the Nebraska offensive unit Coach Stapleton has stepped up its drills on defense since the Michigan game.



DENNIS CLARIDGE—signal caller receives 'Star' award

## Dennis Claridge 'Star of the Week'

By AL SPORE  
Staff Sports Writer

Dennis Claridge, 6-2, 210-pound Husker quarterback, has been selected the Nebraska Star of the Week for his outstanding play in Nebraska's exciting, 25-13 win, over Michigan last Saturday.

Claridge, playing one of the finest games of his football career, completed six of 12 passes for 89 yards and gained 42 yards in 13 carries. Denny also scored early in the third quarter to give the Huskers a substantial lead. These facts plus the junior letterman's overall field generalship ability earned him the award.

"Everybody wanted to win real bad, especially for the coaches," commented Claridge on the game. "There was a lot of enthusiasm and everybody did a fine job."

Claridge was selected over many other fine Nebraska players. Among these were potential All-American fullback "Thunder" Thornton and halfback Dennis Stewe. In the line Claridge pointed out Lloyd Voss, Bob Brown and Dwain Carlson, last week's Nebraska's Star, as outstanding.

then on everyone worked real hard," Claridge continued on the Michigan tilt. "One of the main reasons we were up is that we wanted to win for the coaches," concluded Claridge. Most of the coaching staff originates from Michigan.

When asked about the Iowa State game, Claridge commented, "We saw the films last night, and they (Iowa State) seem to hit harder than Michigan. They're a team that never gives up."

"If we keep up the enthusiasm and keep trying we will have a real fine football team and may surprise a lot of people," viewed Claridge of the coming season. "The Big Eight is a wide open race and it will be a couple of weeks before you can tell the real power." The Husker quarterback felt Nebraska, Oklahoma, and Missouri would all be tough with Iowa State and Kansas as dark horses.

"The team morale is as good as I've ever seen it. We know we have a team that can be real good. We just need to keep fired up," surmised the pre-dent student who plans to apply for dent school in the spring. Claridge is a Robinsdale High, Minn., product.

## From The Stick

By RICK AKIN  
Sports Editor

Baseball takes a seat alongside football this week as the World Series starts tomorrow.

A fine comeback by San Francisco and a horrible slump by Los Angeles has put the Giants into the Series but will have a tough time whipping the mighty Yankees.

If the Giants can keep playing fine clutch ball, they will make a series out of it. But the Yankees have too much power for the Giants. I'll pick the YANKEES.

As far as football is concerned, things are looking way up as far as the Huskers are concerned.

Nebraska played a fine ball game at Michigan, but now must focus its attention on the Big Eight race, which is going to turn into a jumbled up affair.

Kansas hasn't lived up to my early expectations, and Oklahoma could go either way.

The Huskers will be with limited services of Dennis Stewe Saturday, which will be a blow, but as Coach Devaney said, "We are deep at halfback compared to some of the other positions on the squad."

Stewe played a mighty fine game against Michigan, even though he played only the first half.

My hat is off to him for being the one who really got the ball rolling against Michigan with his fine running. His fine running will definitely be missed in the Iowa State game.

### In the Big Eight

Nebraska has momentum going and will not stop Saturday against Iowa State. The Cyclones have had two weeks of preparation, but could use another for the Huskers. NEBRASKA 24, Iowa State, 14.

Kansas hosts Colorado Saturday. Kansas had a very poor offensive show against Boston, but won't need much more against the Buffaloes. KANSAS.

Missouri has a comparatively easy contest this week against Arizona after tying with potent Minnesota. The Nebraska win and the Missouri tie last weekend showed the rest of the nation that Big Eight football has more than was warrier expected. Anyway, MISSOURI.

Oklahoma State visits Tulsa this week before moving into Big Eight play the next weekend. Tulsa is rated low in the Missouri Valley Conference, a non-power conference. OKLAHOMA STATE

Kansas State moves West to take on Washington. It is going to be a very long day for the Wildcats who are going to have lots of trouble all season. WASHINGTON.

### In the Big Ten

Iowa takes on another western team this weekend after completely tromping Oregon State. The Hawkeyes will keep things in the Midwest. IOWA

MICHIGAN STATE will come back after an upset against Sanford last Saturday. Southern Cal doesn't have the horses.

### Comeback

Minnesota will host Navy. Minnesota, even though it is not as strong as I had earlier anticipated will whip the Middies. MINNESOTA.

Michigan will host Army in what should be a fine duel for both clubs. Both teams are inexperienced. I'll call this one a TIE.

NORTHWESTERN will skim by Illinois. PURDUE will clobber Notre Dame. WISCONSIN will drop Indiana, something different.

### Other Games

ALABAMA over Vanderbilt, GEORGIA TECH over L.S.U., MARYLAND over North Carolina State, ARKANSAS over T.C.U., TEXAS over Tulane, OREGON STATE over Stanford. PENN STATE over Rice and KENTUCKY over Auburn.

Last weeks forecast didn't turn out as badly as I thought they would. Last week's results: 14 right, four wrong and two ties. (.778).



RUDY JOHNSON—moved up to first unit

## NU Conference Opener On Tap for Saturday

Nebraska's conference opener against Iowa State Saturday in Memorial Stadium is shaping up as a real fine game.

"It's going to be a tough ball game," said Coach Bob Devaney "They (Iowa State) have had two weeks to prepare for this game which gives them an advantage, both physically and mentally."

Concerning the Huskers' readiness, Devaney stated, "We are as ready as we can be in a week's time. Iowa State has some strong points which Michigan did not have, especially at end. Michigan was not too strong at end, but Iowa State is."

Dave Theisen and Dennis

## Ten Keglers Qualify For Nebraska Team

Ten keglers qualified for the University of Nebraska "Big 8" Bowling Team Saturday at the Nebraska Union Lanes.

The members are: Keith Van Velkinburgh, Phil Schenck, Wayne Benton, Hal Erwin, Bob Gant, Quentin Rock, Jim Petrick, Jim Masonbrink, Bob Houser, and Dick Gorton.

The team qualifying was led by Captain Keith Van Velkinburgh's 191 average, 237 game, and 654 series, high in all departments.

Coach Jim Hornby, optimistic about the year's outlook, said "The boys really want to improve upon last year's second place finish."

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