

# Huskers Leave For Gotham Bowl

## Nebraska To Test Miami In First Bowl Since '55



GEORGE MIRA—Hurricane All-American



DENNIS CLARIDGE—Big Eight's 'Player of the Year'

### Hurricanes Sport All-American Mira For Gotham Bowl Contest Tomorrow

By Bob Krall  
Staff Sports Writer

To its victims, a hurricane appears to be two separate storms — the storm being divided by the eye of the hurricane.

The University of Miami Hurricanes will attempt to create a similar phenomenon for television football fans this season.

The Miami Hurricanes, as the leading edge of an infamous Atlantic storm, blew over the Pittsburgh Panthers in Miami's opening game of the season, which was televised on a national network.

The eye of the Miami storm was forced upon them,

because they did not have an opportunity to perform before the national TV fans the remainder of their season.

However, Miami is hopeful that the Gotham Bowl game with the Nebraska Cornhuskers to be televised nationwide will give the Hurricanes the opportunity to level another opponent, Nebraska, for the television fans.

The Miami storm is fostered by Coach Andy Gustafson, whose land-formed Hurricanes have won 90 and lost 57.

One look at the University of Miami's brochure, prepared for the Gotham Bowl game, shows that the Hurri-

canes' leading performer is quarterback George Mira.

The brochure mentions no less than seven All-American teams that included Miami's own Mira. It says that Mira was runner-up or national passing honors. It reports that Mira now holds all school records at Miami. It describes Mira with such objectives as, phenomenal, dazzling, greatest, fabulous.

George Mira's passing record does its own talking, however — it says he threw for 28 yards short of a mile.

Miami's passing attack is indeed dangerous. However, the Hurricanes have permitted the opposition's passing attack to look almost as good — opponents passed for 1,361 yards against Miami this season.

Mira's most fired-at target is flanker back Nick Spinelli, junior halfback from Corapolis, Penn. Spinelli made 30 catches this season for 458 yards.

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Nick Ryder, a 205-pound senior halfback from Haverstraw, New York, is Miami's leading ball carrier, gaining 621 yards rushing this season.

Another storm warning for the Cornhuskers comes from Miami's Trainer Dave Wike. He reports that the Hurricanes are expected to be far stronger than they have been all year with all hurts healed.

If Miami is stopped within field goal distance, the Hurricanes have another record-holder for this task. He is George Wilson who kicked four field goals this season for a school record.

By Al Spore  
Staff Sports Writer

Fifty one players, seven football coaches, two trainers and one equipment man boarded a DC-7 airliner at 8:00 a.m. this morning expecting to arrive at Idlewild Airport in New York at 12:30 p.m. EST.

Tomorrow these 51 players will represent the University of Nebraska in a national football bowl game for the first time in eight years when the Huskers were downed by a strong Duke team 34-7 in the Orange Bowl.

The setting will be different than the Huskers faced in 1955. Tomorrow the Scarlet will not only battle a tough Miami of Florida football team but cold weather.

Coach Bob Devaney's team will go into the contest sporting an 8-2 season record, the finest for Nebraska in 22 years. Coach Andy Gustafson's Hurricanes hold a 7-3 season mark with losses to Northwestern, Louisiana State and Alabama.

The Nebraska gridders went through their last home work-out yesterday with a break from the weatherman as temperatures reached the high 20's. The team drilled outside concentrating on their kicking game and reviewing punt and kick-off returns before viewing films of several Miami games.

Nebraska's foremost assignment will be defending All-American quarterback George Mira. To this job Coach Devaney has placed

in his defensive backfield Warren Powers, Dave Thisen, Kent McCloughan and Dennis Claridge.

"We'll try to set the best defensive backs in as much as we can," remarked Coach Devaney.

Devaney compared the Miami offense to that of Oklahoma State although he cautioned, "They're (Miami) much tougher." As to team strength Devaney felt the Hurricanes were probably a lot like Missouri; but when asked how they would com-

pare to Oklahoma he remarked, "they're probably somewhere between Missouri and Oklahoma." They're similar to Oklahoma in that they can score from any spot on the field.

"This will be the best quarterback we've faced," commented the Husker mentor on Mira.

Coach Devaney also revealed the starting line-up that will face Miami tomorrow. At the ends Devaney will go with Mike Eger, 6-2, 196 pound senior letterman from South Bend, Ind., and either Larry Donovan (receiving) or Larry Tomlinson (kicking team) at the other

end. Donovan, a senior from Scottsbluff stands 6-0 and weighs 197, while Tomlinson, junior letterman from O'Neill is 6-0, 204.

At the tackles Nebraska will have Lloyd Voss, 6-4, 245 pound junior letterman from Mahanola, Minn. and Tyrone Robertson, All-Big Eight selection from Toledo, Ohio. Robertson stands 5-11 and weighs 229.

At the guard slots Devaney is starting Bob Brown, 9-5, 259 pound letterman from Cleveland, Ohio and All-Big Eight selection and Dwain Carlson, co-captain is a 6-2, 210 pound senior.

Ron Mitchka, 6-0, 203 pounder from Omaha received the center starting assignment.

In the offensive backfield the Huskers will have All-Big Eight selection and player of the year Dennis Claridge at quarterback. Claridge stands 6-3 and weighs 208 and hails from Robinsdale, Minn.

At the halfbacks, Willie Ross and Dennis Stewe received starting posts. Ross is 5-10, 189 pound junior and Stewe is a 6-0, 185 pound senior.

At the fullback position Nebraska will have Second team All-American Thornton. The Thunder Man stands 6-0 and weighs 212 and hails from Toledo, Ohio.

The Huskers will have a short work-out at Yankee Stadium this afternoon.

### Nebraskan Sports

### Ex-Husker on US Team



SMITH—Plays for U.S.

Nebraska will be represented in the 1963 Pan-American games to be held in Sao Paulo, Brazil next April.

Steve Smith, a star outfielder on the 1961 and 1962 Nebraska baseball teams, has accepted an invitation to play on the United States baseball team.

The U.S. Pan-American baseball team will train in Tigertown, Florida in April. The team will be coached by Archie Allen.

Smith, a native of Lexington, earned three Husker varsity letters — two in baseball and one in track. He led the Huskers in hitting with a .351 average in 1961 and with a .459 in 1962.

Following last spring's season, Smith was named to the All Big Eight team and was selected the second team of the All-American diamond nine picked by the College Baseball Coaches Association. He was also named NU's most valuable player.

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Staff Predicts

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Al Spore	.....Neb.	.....21-16
Bob Krall	.....Neb.	.....28-20
Lacey	.....Miami	.....30-12
K.K.	.....Neb.	.....24-17
Wendy	.....Neb.	.....28-21
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