

From The Stick

... by rick akin

Looking back to past cases to decide another is fine for law—but not for football teams.

The Husker bandwagon, which in many cases has NU in the ... I won't say it, but it's that thing in Miami, has seen the Cornhuskers in only one test, and that was more of a pop quiz.

With the hour exams starting tomorrow, the thriving optimism which is being shoved down the Husker throats by fans seems unwarranted—at this stage of the game. Nebraska is missing many things this year that were assets last season.

To illustrate, a hypothetical situation: Last season Bill (Thunder) Thornton separated his shoulder and sprained his ankle, forcing him to sit out of a few Husker victories.

But this was no tremendous disaster as Warren Powers, an experienced back, and Gene Young, who came on like gangbusters, made up for the deficiency.

What about this year? Don't shudder or even think about this one—Denny Claridge drops back for a pass and is creamed by three great big linemen. Wham! Out for three weeks with a ... oh ... try fractured hand for size.

Then in goes Fred Duda to crouch behind Michka for three games. Duda is a good quarterback, but Claridge is a great and is a triple threat. We also lose our best punter in such an unthought-of switch.

So, just a note—don't count the cattle before they're in the corral.

Now let's put on the Optimistic Husker Hat, and say: This season the Huskers have shoulder pads above water in the Big Eight race after struggling for air before last season.

The league is even tougher this year than last. Missouri is about the same (but doesn't have Johnny Roland); Oklahoma is going to beat USC this weekend which is enough said; Kansas' Gale Sayers is a year older, and Colorado and Oklahoma State are much improved. K-State and Iowa State haven't changed much, but both can rise.

So things look pretty interesting this season—especially if the Cornhuskers rise even higher—that's an IF in there.

This corner looks for a second place finish and NEBRASKA 14, Minnesota 6 (Not much experience for the Gophers, but those Big Ten boys like to hit ... hard).

Check-Ups

Head trainer Paul Snyder has announced that all freshman and upperclass athletes who haven't yet taken their physicals should do so on October 7 at 7 p.m. at Student Health.

Wrestling coach Bob Mancuso has announced that all boys interested in wrestling are invited to an informal meeting in the Coliseum Monday at 7:30 p.m.

McCreight To Attend Teaching Conference

Russell W. McCreight, associate professor of elementary education, will represent the University of Nebraska at the fall meeting of the Nebraska Association for Student Teaching Saturday, Sept. 28 at Hastings College.

Ninety to 100 representatives from Nebraska colleges are expected to attend along with numerous representatives from the public schools in Nebraska.

Dr. Karl B. Edwards of the University of Kansas will be the keynote speaker. Dr. Edwards is the national president of the Association for Student Teaching.

Sports Open To Students

The Men's Physical Education Building is open to students for free play from 4 p.m. to 5:45 p.m. Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 12 a.m. (and 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. when there is no home football game) Saturdays, and 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. Sundays.

Due to the injuries to toes and feet, all who play basketball or shoot baskets must wear tennis or basketball shoes.

The University tennis courts are also open to students whenever no physical education classes are scheduled, including 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday, Monday and Thursday evenings until nine, and all day Saturday and Sunday. Tennis shoes must be worn.

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Week In Review

NATIONAL—The Los Angeles Dodgers clinched the National League pennant while sitting out an idle day as the Chicago Cubs beat Bob Gibson and his mates, 6-3.

Nationally ranked teams had a shaky first week of action. Oklahoma was trailing at the half before subduing Clemson; Southern Cal failed on six touchdown drives while showing little luster in a 14-0 victory over weak Colorado; Miami was whitewashed by Florida State and Northwestern had to fight all the way to defeat mediocre Missouri.

BIG EIGHT—Kansas State provided the big surprise as conference teams opened the season with inter-sectional contests. The Wildcats looked good in every department while romping past Brigham Young.

CAMPUS—Rudy Johnson earned the Star of the Week award for his opening touchdowns and accompanying extra points against South Dakota State.

Husker halfback Ron Poggemeyer will be lost for four weeks with a fractured hand suffered this week. Poggemeyer had been handling the punting for Nebraska.

Huskers To Meet Untested Gophers

Nebraska's football team leaves Lincoln at noon today for Minneapolis with the intention of giving the untested Minnesota Gophers an opening defeat.

Sixty-five thousand people are expected for the Saturday encounter, and not all of them will be rooting for the home team. Nebraska is expected to have a sizable delegation on hand.

Nebraska has won only six games in the series, with Minnesota winning 26 and two games ending in ties. Minnesota won the last game, 26 to 14 three years ago.

In recent practices Coach Devaney has been sending the Huskers through defensive drills designed to prepare them for anything. Minnesota is noted for its ground game and grind-it-out tactics, but Devaney feels the Gophers may surprise Nebraska with some wide running and passing.

Junior Bob Hohn of Beatrice, right halfback who ran for 64 yards last week against South Dakota State, including a 51-yard gallop for a touchdown, has moved up to the first unit, alternating with Kent McCloughan. Rudy Johnson is the starting fullback after a 16-point splurge last week.

In another change, sophomore Mike Kennedy of Omaha has been switched back to guard, which he played in high school, from the right halfback spot.

Though the Husker first string emerged relatively unscathed from the South Dakota State encounter, some players are out with injuries. Ron Poggemeyer, punter of note, has a fractured hand and will be unable to suit up for about four weeks. Sophomores Gary Brichacek and Bill Earl are out for the season and will undergo knee operations. Right guard Don McDermott and halfback John Vujevich will miss the Minnesota game due to a knee and ankle strain and a pulled thigh muscle respectively.

Husker starters Dennis Claridge, Larry Kramer, and Lloyd Voss are all from Minnesota.

Minnesota guard Brian Celahan and halfback Terry Brown also played high-school football with Kramer, while Nebraska's Voss played on the all-star team with Kramer and Sunde.

Regardless of Nebraska's starting right halfback, Minnesota will be outweighed in the backfield, where they average only 188.5 as well as in the line, where Nebraska has an edge of 233 to 219 pounds from tackle to tackle.



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