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Rood Awakening NU Bowls In League

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Sports Editor

Midwest football fans can hold their heads high these days. Four Big Eight teams, Oklahoma, Nebraska, Kansas, and Missouri, have merited extensive attention this week.

If these appraisals are accurate, the Husker camp can feel little comfort. Both conference "dark horses," Missouri and Kansas, appear stronger than first thought. The Tigers gave Northwestern a busy afternoon and then upset tough Arkansas while the Jayhawks convinced any skeptics with a convincing 10-0 margin over Syracuse. These two murky obstacles cloud Husker heaven . . . meanwhile off in the distance, is a deep, dark chasm called Oklahoma that Nebraska meets at the end of their journey. The Sooner . . . the better?

Associated Press writers apparently see little in the Husker win over Minnesota. The nation's scribes placed Nebraska somewhere in the second twenty while the UPI pushed the Scarlet to the number ten spot. All partiality aside, I would agree with the later evaluation. Look for Minnesota to finish at least third in the Big Ten.

Who says Nebraska has no players comparable with the nation's best in the backfield positions? Willie Ross is a better ball carrier than Gayle Sayers, Dennis Claridge is easily a better quarterback than any in the Midwest and equal to or better than any in the country this year. Bob Hohn is going to be one of the most respected runners in the conference when the Missouri, Kansas, and Oklahoma games roll around. These statements are not so brash as they look . . .

There is little doubt Ross could lead the Big Eight this year, but he doesn't carry that much for the Huskers. Claridge could break many a passing record if the Scarlet offense was unbalanced. With the possible exception of Oklahoma, Bob Hohn would start in any other Big Eight backfield. Nebraska simply has too much talent for towering records to be broken—that is as far as individuals are concerned. As a team? That is a different story.

One who insists that the Yankees will win the series in seven games, even after losing the opener, could be a poor prognosticator, but here are this week's picks:

Nebraska by 34 to 7 over Iowa State; Colorado by one over Kansas State; Texas to swamp Oklahoma State; Wyoming losing by 15 to Kansas; Missouri romps past Idaho; Pittsburgh 22, California 15; Georgia Tech by 10 points over LSU; Northwestern no easy victor over Illinois; Washington to take Iowa by 7; Southern Cal on the rebound against Michigan State; Navy flying past Michigan; Minnesota to surprise Army; Notre Dame to squeak past Purdue; Penn State to edge Rice; Stanford to beat UCLA.

NU Bowls In League

The University of Nebraska bowling team has recently been admitted to the Kansas-Nebraska Conference of the National Intercollegiate Bowling Association.

Members of this newly-formed league are Kansas U., Kansas St., Wichita U., and Nebraska. This conference is the only collegiate bowling conference in the Midwest which is run strictly on a face-to-face competitive basis.

Coach Jim Hornby remarked that "the formation of this conference is, I believe, very indicative of the progress that collegiate bowling is making all over the country."

The league is conducted on a tournament basis with each school playing the host twice during the year. Competition consists of a three game team match against each of the other league members. The winner of the conference then competes in a regional tournament to determine the national team champion of the National Intercollegiate Bowling Association.

The first round matches of the new league are being held at Kansas U. on Saturday November 5. Making the trip for Nebraska will be Keith Van Velkinburgh, Phil Schenck, Bob Gant, Dave Morey, and Ralph DeLong.

Favored NU Boasts Dual Strength For Big 8 Game

Nebraska is expected to make rival Iowa State its third straight victim Saturday in Lincoln.

A sellout crowd of 37,500 or more is expected for the conference opener for both teams.

Coach Devaney expects to field two teams of equal strength, and a squad deep enough to overpower the Cyclones. Devaney explained that Nebraska is no longer experimenting with personnel after two non-conference games. He praised the alternate team for outplaying the

first team in the first half against Minnesota.

Nebraska has some lineup changes for the game. Cozad sophomore Kelly Peterson will not be red-shirted. Running with the third team, Petersen is expected to play Saturday, replacing senior Gene Young, who has been disappointing after playing well in spring drills.

Sophomore end Freeman White has been advanced to the second unit and tackle Jim Brown to the third.

Devaney praised junior center Lyle Sittler, who has

played more than first-stringer Ron Michka. Sittler has answered the need at center and can make the long snap to punters, according to the Coach.

Guards John Dervin and Duncan Drum also received praise from Devaney.

Left halfback Willie Ross will play mainly offense, with Dave Theisen mainly handling defensive chores. Ted Vactor, sophomore right halfback, is alternating with Kent McCloughan on the second unit with the promotion of junior Bob Hohn to the first unit.

Devaney has praised Hohn this week for stout play of-

fensively and defensively, in the first two games.

Iowa State is expected to pass considerably. Scout Cletus Fischer saw Iowa State's forward wall moved by the lighter Keydets of VMI, and few clubs are expected to run against the huge Nebraska line.

Cyclone Coach Clay Stapleton said that Iowa State would definitely throw more against Nebraska but refused to concede that passing is Iowa State's only chance. Stapleton has driven his team hard this week to develop staying powers since his squad does not have the depth to platoon against the Huskers.

The presence of Dick Limerick, the top receiver in the Big Eight, would indicate a prolific Cyclone passing attack. Quarterbacks Buck Bunte and Larry Switzer have worked on passing this week, but the Cyclones haven't neglected running.

Stapleton has spent most of the offensive time trying to improve the blocking and perfect the timing of the plays.

Devaney's club, the biggest in Nebraska history, averages 218 pounds per man, compared to 200 for Iowa State. Nebraska's big man is quarterback Dennis Claridge, 1962 Big Eight player of the year and currently the conference leader in total yardage, passing, and punting (tie). In addition, Claridge is a rugged defensive player and will be used for that, too.

Iowa State (1-1) Nebraska (2-0)
Kidd (180) LE Tomlinson (204)
Taylor (226) LT Kramer (231)
Steinle (218) LG Kirby (218)
Berrington (218) C Michka (264)
Brown (190) RG Brown (269)
Van Sickle (207) RT Voss (245)
Hannah (200) RE Callahan (186)
Bunte (211) QB Claridge (222)
Clay (181) LH Ross (199)
Limerick (208) RH Hohn ()
Vaughn (182) FB Young (227)

PROBABLE STARTING LINEUPS

Average weights—line, Iowa State, 206; Nebraska, 222; backs, Iowa State, 191; Nebraska, 211; teams, Iowa State, 200; Nebraska, 218.

WHAT'S NEW IN THE OCTOBER ATLANTIC?

"Speed and Women": While convalescing from his accident, Stirling Moss, legendary racing driver, spent many hours with Ken W. Purdy. In this exciting Atlantic Extra, the two talk about some of the fears, problems and temptations that beset a racer.

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Claridge And Mates Lead Circuit After Two Frays

Dennis Claridge, Nebraska's all-around quarterback, leads the Big Eight in both total yardage and passing and is tied for first in punting.

Claridge added 104 yards against Minnesota for 252 total yards. His four pass completions in eight attempts gives him 8 for 16 and 195 passing yards for the season. Claridge and Tony Leiker of Kansas both average 44 yards punting.

Kansas junior Gale Sayers of Omaha is the conference rushing leader. Against a big Syracuse line, Sayers ran for 122 yards, an average of 7.2 yards a carry. That performance brought Sayers up to a 6.6 yard average and 190 total yards.

Sayers moved up from fourth in rushing and went from eighth to second in total yardage.

Iowa State's Tom Vaughn is second in rushing, with Oklahoma workhorse Jim Grisham third. Nebraska's Willie Ross, in fourth place with 127 rushing yards, has the top conference average with 7.1 yards per carry.

Ross gained 91 yards against Minnesota, and Grisham gained 86 as Oklahoma upset the defending national champions, Southern California.

Nebraska's Rudy Johnson

kicked both extra points against Minnesota and maintains his conference scoring lead with 18. Dick Limerick of Iowa State is second with 15 points.

LEADING BALL CARRIERS			
Player	School	Times	Net Avg.
Sayers, Kansas		29	190 6.6
Vaughn, Iowa State		36	156 4.3
Grisham, Oklahoma		29	182 6.3
Ross, Nebraska		18	127 7.1
Barlow, Kansas State		24	113 4.7
Reese, Missouri		11	94 8.5
Phelps, Missouri		21	91 4.3
Harris, Nebraska		13	90 6.9
Rentzel, Oklahoma		9	78 8.7
Limerick, Iowa State		16	75 4.7
Looney, Oklahoma		13	74 5.7
Coleman, Kansas		22	71 3.2
Portis, Colorado		13	67 5.1
Hohn, Nebraska		4	64 16.0
Shields, Oklahoma		8	64 8.0

LEADING PASSERS			
Player	School	Attempts	Comp. Pct. Net Gain
Claridge, Nebraska		16	8 50.0 127.0
Cesarek, Colorado		11	7 63.7 127.0
Renko, Kansas		21	10 47.6 122.0
Torrigan, Kansas State		11	6 54.5 121.0
Lane, Missouri		16	8 50.0 110.0
Bunte, Iowa State		11	4 36.4 67.0
Clay, Iowa State		4	3 75.0 46.0
Whitfield, Oklahoma State		9	2 22.2 46.0
Rusner, Oklahoma		10	3 30.0 39.0
Bell, Oklahoma		1	1 100.0 19.0
Hoover, Iowa State		1	1 100.0 11.0
Miller, Oklahoma State		6	2 33.3 11.0

TOTAL OFFENSE			
Player	School	Plays	Yards
Claridge, Nebraska		57	185 3.2
Sayers, Kansas		190	0 190 6.6
Cerrigan, Kansas State		46	121 2.6
Lane, Missouri		54	110 2.0
Vaughn, Iowa State		156	0 156 4.3
Renko, Kansas		13	122 9.3
Grisham, Oklahoma		129	0 129 4.6
Ross, Nebraska		127	0 127 7.1
Cesarek, Colorado		11	127 11.5
Barlow, Kansas State		12	0 113 9.4
Bunte, Iowa State		34	67 101 4.9
Clay, Iowa State		4	0 94 23.5
Reese, Missouri		94	0 91 4.3
Phelps, Missouri		91	0 91 4.3
Harris, Nebraska		50	0 90 8.2
Harris, Colorado		90	0 90 8.2

LEADING PASS RECEIVERS			
Player	School	Passes Caught	Yards Gained TD
McMillen, Kansas State		18	116 0
Limerick, Iowa State		6	87 1
Jeter, Nebraska		7	73 1
Callahan, Nebraska		7	71 0
Sayers, Kansas		4	61 0
Wassmiller, Colorado		2	51 0
Elliot, Oklahoma State		2	46 0
Taylor, Colorado		1	38 0
Abell, Missouri		2	37 0
Tomlinson, Nebraska		1	36 0

Husker Distance Men To Run In Tough Triangular

Roberts, Kansas	2	28	0
Harari, Colorado	3	26	1
Kennedy, Iowa State	1	24	0
Neelke, Oklahoma	1	20	1

LEADING PUNTERS			
Player	School	Times	Net Avg.
Claridge, Nebraska		9	44.0
Dusenbury, Kansas State		8	42.5
Kruzman, Missouri		10	38.0
Balovec, Iowa State		11	37.0
Owen, Colorado		6	32.7
Christensen, Kansas State		4	32.5
Looney, Oklahoma		4	31.7
Symons, Colorado		5	30.6
Shields, Oklahoma		2	30.5
Bell, Oklahoma		2	29.0
McCarthy, Oklahoma		1	27.0
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