



BUFF TRIPLE POWER — Leon Mavity, Bill Harris, and Bill Symons provide Colorado with break-away and power threats as the Buffalos aim at their third Big Eight victory.

# Ross And Mates Hobbled; Homecoming Jeopardized

Nebraska's leading ground gainer Willie Ross has little chance of starting against Colorado this Saturday due to a shoulder injury.

Husker trainer Paul Schneider confirmed today that Ross's shoulder is "pretty well separated" and that he will probably sit the Homecoming contest out.

The 190 pound senior injured his shoulder on a freak play against Kansas State last week. Ross said he thought someone had kicked him accidentally but that the injury hadn't come from normal con-

tact. The Helena, Arkansas, speedster was pushing for his first touchdown of the season but was stopped on the Wildcat two yard stripe when he got the separation.

Three other Huskers may not start because of Wildcat injuries. Dennis Claridge, who only took punting assignments against the Kansas team, is not yet able to play at full speed. Coach Bob Devaney has said that Claridge will start only if he is completely well.

Alternate center Lyle Sittler is out with a foot injury and

Monte Kiffin, a starter at tackle last week, is on the shelf with a knee injury, adding to Husker woes.

Fred Duda, who gathered praise from Devaney for his performance Saturday, will be ready to fill in against the Buffs.

"Duda's fine play wasn't surprising. We felt all along he was a good quarterback and we didn't expect him to have a poor day. He came through under pressure and we just confirmed our belief that we have a good 1-2 punch at quarterback," Devaney commented.

Maynard Smidt, who scored the last Nebraska touchdown at Kansas State, is the probable opener at Ross's left half position if the twister is still disabled. Kent McCloughan will work at left half some this week to supplement the depth.

Coach Devaney summed up the injury situation, saying, "Doug Weaver (Wildcat head coach) has a much better team and we had more injuries due to hard-hitting than in any game the past two years."

Scout John Melton's Colorado report can add warning to the injury-riddled Nebraska camp.

"Colorado is a very good, tough defensive football team. They beat Oklahoma State worse than Missouri did and Coach Crowder has instilled a lot of pride in his team. Colorado gives you a lot of offensive problems with difficult line splits and four or five different sets," Melton said.

The Buffaloes are much the same squad that shocked the Scarlet last year in Boulder with a 6 to 0 halftime lead. Nebraska eventually rallied for a 31 to 6 margin of victory.

Memories of Homecoming last year prompted Devaney to comment, "I hope we do better this year than we did last year (16-7 loss to Missouri)."

"We're a much better football team this year. Of course, I don't know how we'll compare in the record department. But we're a better-hitting club, more sound and have better overall strength at this stage than we had last year. Unfortunately, I'm sure this same thing applies to several other teams in the Big Eight," Devaney said.

Colorado will travel to Lincoln Saturday after losing to Iowa State, 19 to 7. Nebraska whipped the Cyclones, 21 to 7 in Lincoln.

## Tough Remaining Buff Schedule Starts With Nebraska Saturday

Colorado, Nebraska's Homecoming opponent this Saturday, has its work cut out with Nebraska, Oklahoma, Missouri, Kansas, and the Air Force Academy remaining on the schedule.

Last year Colorado led Nebraska (which had a 5 and 0 record) 6 to 0 at halftime before falling 31 to 6. Against the "big four" of the conference last year Colorado was outscored 185 to 14, and this doesn't include the 57 to 19 thrashing at the hands of Iowa State.

Don Stalwick who saw Nebraska ease past Kansas State 28-6 Saturday at Manhattan says, "I have never seen a college team with so many players who are big and good

as this Nebraska team. They look like a pro team, physically massive. Against Kansas State, they went with a sophomore, Fred Duda, at quarterback as Dennis Claridge was held to punting only to give his knee an opportunity to heal more. Duda did a good job. Nebraska was so superior, physically, that they won rather handily even without Claridge."

Iowa State's Dick Limerick plagued Colorado in State's 19 to 7 win last week as he caught a pass for the Cyclones' first touchdown, kicked the extra point, later kicked a 41-yard field goal, kicked off into the end zone every time, gained nine yards rushing, and was one-for-one passing.

Colorado's game plan against Iowa State called for

a rough, tough defensive attack, no bad errors, and a possible home run. This was what Coach Eddie Crowder figured it would take to win. The assumption, which proved to be correct, was that both teams had tough defenses which would make it difficult for the other to sustain a long drive (neither team has been able to make many such drives going into the game.) With good all-the-way threats in halfbacks Bill Harris and Bill Symons, the Buffs figured to have a fair chance of breaking a long score. And, they did as Harris bolted 78 yards on a trap up the middle. But, with two-thirds of the Buff plan going as scheduled, the Colorado offense failed as two fumbles and a poorly-executed quick kick attempt gave the Cyclones excellent

field position to get their first 17 points.

Colorado is not regarded as a passing threat as the Buffaloes have made 50 first downs rushing and only 13 passing, compared to 46 rushing and 24 passing for their opponents.

Right halfback Bill Harris is still nearly a one-man show for Colorado. He has scored 36 points, compared to Frank Cesarek's 7 point second place performance. Harris has a net gain of 271 yards (nearly double anyone else on the team) and an average of 8.1 yards.

Left halfback Bill Symons has received five passes for 100 yards. Harris has received 6 for 56 yards, including a touchdown. Quarterback Frank Cesarek, who has passed for 268 yards, threw that lone Colorado touchdown pass.

Symons also excels in punting, averaging 38.1 yards on 25 kicks. In addition, he leads Colorado in punt returns (14 for 92 yards) and kickoff return yardage (5 for 97 yards). Harris has the top team average with three returns for 70 yards.

Most serious casualty in the Iowa State game was No. 1 LT Kirk Osborn, who received a severely sprained knee which very probably will keep him out of action for at least a week. No. 1 RH Ted Somerville, whose knee injury failed to come around as expected, is still doubtful. He made only one appearance last Saturday, holding the ball for Frank Cesarek's conversion. A pair of mid-week injuries which occurred before the Iowa State game also will probably keep a pair of sophomore reserves out. No. 3 quarterback, Frank Rogers, cracked the forefinger on his right hand, and No. 4 right tackle, Rich Redd, sprained a knee in a physical education class. Two other cripples, LH Tim Hogan and RT Skip Hall, both recovering from shoulder separations, are due to test their injuries in practice this week.

## NU Offense, Defense Continue Wide Margin Over Loop Foes

Except for a change in the figures, Big Eight Conference football play through the halfway point merely fortified previous Conference team statistical rankings — Nebraska Cornhuskers still are tops in rushing, total offense, and team defense while Kansas State is the league's top passing team.

Nebraska moved for 352 yards on the ground to run its rushing offense total to 1429 yards and a 285.8 average or five games. (Last week, the Huskers ranked second in the nation with a 269.3 rushing offense average.) Oklahoma is second with 210.5 and Colorado third with 200.8.

Coach Bob Devaney's team added another 97 through the air for a 449-yard total against Kansas State, hiking their over-all total to 1826 and their average to 365.2 per game, nearly 100 yards better than Kansas' second place mark of 273.2. Colorado is third with 264.6 and Oklahoma fourth with 264.5.

The Cornhuskers limited Kansas State to a bare two yards from scrimmage. That whittled their ground defensive average to 78.0 per game, some 20 yards better than Missouri, second in the league with 98.8.

In the air, Nebraska gave up 189 yards to the Wildcats. Coupled with its 146-yard aerial effort the week previous against Missouri, Kansas

State now owns a margin of almost 200 yards over the Huskers in Conference team passing figures—570 to 397.

The 189 total yards given up by Nebraska to the Wildcats represents its exact defensive average. Missouri is second in total defense with 220.4 and Iowa State third with 245.0.

The 352-yard rushing output against Kansas State matched the Husker's best offensive effort of the season in their opener against South Dakota State. In between, they sandwiched in 176 against Minnesota, 279 against Iowa State and 260 against the Air Force Academy.

In total offense, only once has Nebraska been held under the 300-yard mark. That was 265 against Minnesota.

That two-way race for the Big Eight Conference rushing lead between Iowa State's Tom Vaughn and Kansas' Gale Sayers is even closer. There's a five-way scramble for total offense honors and a new leader has emerged in passing as Big Eight football hit the midway mark this past week.

Conference football statistics released today show Vaughn and Sayers a scant nine yards apart in individual rushing with the Cyclone fullback ahead, 460 to 451 yards. Their performances Saturday were the best among Big Eight runners, Sayers gaining 110 on 16 carries (including a 61-yard touchdown dash) against Oklahoma and Vaughn 96 on 25 in his team's triumph over Colorado.

Vaughn, the Conference's busiest ball-carrier with 97 rushes, has averaged 4.7 per carry and Sayers has averaged 6.1, but the best per-carry production has been by the No. 3 runner in the league, Colorado's Bill Harris. Harris included a 78-yard touchdown run in his 90-yard effort against Iowa State Saturday to run his total to 371 and average to 8.1 in moving ahead of Nebraska's Willie Ross in the Conference rankings. Ross is fourth with 360 and a 6.7 average and his teammate Rudy Johnson is fifth with 310 and a 7.4 standard.

Kansas State senior quarterback Larry Corrigan hit 16 of 32 passes for 174 yards against Nebraska to hike his

## Bowling Team Tops League

Nebraska's Kansas-Nebraska Conference bowling team has assumed sole possession of the league lead by winning 11 of 12 games last Saturday.

Nebraska defeated Kansas and Kansas State 4 games to 0 and Wichita 3 games to 1, bringing Nebraska's season record to 18 wins and six losses. Kansas, which was tied with Nebraska at 7 and 5, is now in second place with a record of 11 and 13.

Sophomore Ralph DeLong, a member of last year's Big Eight team but only 13th best qualifier this year, bowled against Wichita and Kansas with series of 548 and 607 for a 192 average—tops on the team.

DeLong started with a spare and then shot all strikes until sparing again (the 8-pin) in the tenth frame. He finished with a strike on his last ball.

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Kansas: 818-905-954-2577  
Kansas State: 824-869-858-2531  
Nebraska: 884-890-863-2627  
Wichita: 885-804-897-2616  
Nebraska Averages:  
Ralph DeLong: 192  
Keith Van Velkinourab: 188  
Phil Schenck: 187  
Bob Grant: 171  
Steve Sandelin: 159  
Team Standings:  
Nebraska 18-6  
Kansas 11-13  
Kansas State 10-14  
Wichita 9-15  
League Statistics:  
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Twin Towers 3rd 12	Twin Towers 5th 6	
Twin Towers 13th 26	Twin Towers 6th 6	
Delta Tau Delta-A 6	Theta Xi-A 0	

**Today's Schedule:**

Wednesday, October 23rd	
At East	Delta Sigma Phi vs. Beta Sigma Psi
Center	Manatt vs. Hitchcock
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