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## NU Protects Lead With 'Big 3' Coming

Nebraska holds substantial leads in four of six major team statistic categories after six games according to official Big Eight listings this week.

The Huskers, who have yet to face the big three; Missouri, Oklahoma and Kansas, lag only in pass offense (second) and pass defense.

Nebraska last week figured among the nation's top ten teams in total and rushing offense, scoring and rushing defense, headed by a No. 1 national ranking in rushing offense with a 286.2 average over five games.

Saturday, against Colorado, Nebraska boosted that average a trifle to 287.0 with 293 yards on the ground against the Buffaloes, and further fortified their Conference statistical leads in total offense, rushing and total defense.

Nebraska has averaged 383.3 yards over a six-game span, some 17 yards better than the figure they posted a week ago to rank eighth nationally in total offense. Defensively, Nebraska has limited six foes to an average of 194 yards a game, and only 81.5 yards per game on the ground.

While the overall picture favors the Nebraskans statistically, some of their glitter over the weekend went to outstanding offensive performances by Kansas and Okla-

homa and a gritty defensive show by Iowa State. Kansas gained 444 yards against Oklahoma State to push its total offense mark to 312.7 behind the Huskers, and Oklahoma picked up 441 against Kansas State for an overall 309.4 offensive mark.

Iowa State, the pass defense leader with a 76.5 average, limited Missouri to a mere 18 yards on the ground, to move into the Conference defensive race behind Nebraska and Missouri.

The Kansas constituents of the Big Eight Conference have gained a near-monopoly on Conference individual statistical rankings as the 1963 season heads into its seventh week of play.

Big Eight leaders from the Kansas institutions are: Gale Sayers, Kansas, rushing, with 555 yards on 81 carries for a 6.9 average; Larry Corrigan, Kansas State, passing, with 48 of 99 completions for 499 yards; Steve Renko, Kansas, total offense, 226 rushing and 404 passing for 630 total yards; and Doug Dusenbury, Kansas State, punting, 37 kicks with a 41.9 average.

In addition, Kansas State's Ralph McFillen is threatening Dick Limerick of Iowa State for the pass receiving lead and the Wildcats' Ron Barlow stands second in punt returns

behind Oklahoma State's Larry Elliott.

Sayers, playing only part-time against Oklahoma State, picked up 104 yards in seven carries against the Cowboys to regain the Conference rushing leadership from Iowa State's Tom Vaughn, 555 to 536. The week before, Vaughn posted a nine-yard lead in Conference figures to stand third among the nation's rushers while Sayers ranked fourth nationally.

Limerick maintained his hold on two categories, pass receiving and scoring, though his lead in each was pared over the weekend. He has 20 receptions for 276 yards followed by McFillen with 22 for 257 yards. Rudy Johnson of Nebraska scored twice against Colorado to move a point behind Limerick in scoring, 38-37.

### Offense

#### RUSHING

Nebraska	287.0
Oklahoma	256.6
Kansas	235.7

#### PASSING

Kansas State	104.2
Nebraska	96.3
Kansas	77.0

#### TOTAL OFFENSE

Nebraska	383.3
Kansas	312.7
Oklahoma	309.4

### Defense

#### RUSHING

Nebraska	81.5
Missouri	105.5
Iowa State	136.7

#### PASSING

Iowa State	76.5
Oklahoma	78.5
Oklahoma State	79.2

#### TOTAL DEFENSE

Nebraska	194.0
Missouri	212.3
Iowa State	213.2

## Key Defensive Plays Against Buffs Give Husker Bob Brown Star Award

Nebraska's 6-4, 269 pound All America guard candidate provided the action in the Husker's 41 to 6 conquest of Colorado—and that's all he needed to do.

Two key defensive plays and bruising tackling brings the Husker giant this week's Star of the Week Award. Bob Brown, who usually has a ready "no comment" for questions about his personal performance each week explains it this way:

"If I can't impress the scribes by the way I play on the field, I don't deserve any ink—and if I play well enough to attract attention, there's not much I can say."

Brown did say little but others were quick to praise him for the Colorado performance.

With Nebraska holding an early but slim 7 to 6 lead, Brown barreled into the Buffalo backfield to jar quarter-

back Frank Cesarek and cause a fumble that Ron Michka fell on. All this on the CU 23 and the Scarlet took six plays to push over their second touchdown and gain a more comfortable lead of 14 to 6.

Brown also foiled Colorado's only deep penetration of Husker territory in the second half with a pass deflection. Brown dove full length to block the Cesarek heave to an open Buff receiver in the end zone. After the play, Nebraska gained possession on their own 18.

"Bob had only average days for him the past several

games," Coach Bob Devaney said. "But he really came up with a fine job against Colorado."

Brad Wilson of the Des Register noted Brown's work against the Buffs by writing, "With three professional football scouts eyeing his every move, Nebraska's All America candidate Bob Brown had a great day."

Perhaps the most satisfying tribute, though, came from Colorado tackle Al Hollingsworth, former Omaha North player, who told reporters he felt Brown "played a 'better game against us than Damon Bame,'" Southern Cal's All American linebacker.

Judging from the Colorado game, Bob Brown's theory of much play and little talk is quite successful in practice.

## NU Offense Whips Foes

Though some say that the best defense is a good offense, Nebraska has won five of its first six games by limiting its opponents to an average of only 2.2 yards per rush. Nebraska has averaged 5.4 yards per rush.

Nebraska has nearly doubled the total net gain of its opponents, gaining 2300 yards to 1164. Nebraska has 114 first downs in six games, compared to 70 for the opponents.

One Husker sour note is the number of fumbles. Nebraska has fumbled 19 times and lost 10 while the opponents have lost a total of only five fumbles.

Injured half back Willie Ross, who has gained a net 360 yards for an average of 6.7, may yet be able to play some against Missouri. Ross suited up last night, and injured tackle Monte Kiffin did Monday at practice.

Sophomore speedster Frank Solich may be able to make the trip to Missouri. Solich, used as a punt and kickoff return specialist, hasn't played since suffering a shoulder injury after taking a punt in the Minnesota (second) game.

On Missouri Devaney said: "We are looking forward to a real tough game with one of the top teams in the country. Missouri won a rough battle from an inspired Iowa State team, again proving the Tigers can win with defense when an opponent stalls their offense."

### Intramurals

Due to early sunsets and more inclement weather, some day-to-day changes are being made in the intramural schedule.

Intramural managers are urged to check the blackboard in the Physical Education Building daily for any cancellations or time changes. Unnecessary team matches, such as those between winless teams, might just as well cancel their games and save the two dollar entry fee plus aiding schedule brevity.

Intramural Results:

Triumph 7	Chi Phi 0
Kieserbach 6	Bessey 0
Phi Delta Theta-A 18	Sigma Nu-A 13
Theta Xi-A 59	Delta Upsilon-A 0
Delta Tau Delta-A 23	
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	Sigma Alpha Mu 0
Kappa Sigma-B 20	Phi Kappa Psi-B 15
Sigma Phi Epsilon-B 33	Theta Xi-B 0
Alpha Tau Omega-B 7	
Hitchcock 45	Delta Tau Delta-B 6
Twin Towers 2nd floor 20	Capital 0
Twin Towers 9th 6	Twin Towers 10th 18
Sigma Alpha Epsilon-B 22	Twin Towers 8th 0
	Sigma Chi-B 26

## Blaik Sub Opinion Satisfies Devaney

Colonel Earl (Red) Blaik, long-time army coach, predicts that colleges will return to two-platoon football in 1964.

Writing in a recent issue of Look Magazine, Blaik declared, "When the rules committee (of the National Collegiate Athletic Association) meets at Fort Lauderdale, Florida, next January, they will very likely legislate for free substitution. This will open the way to two platoons and the caliber and tempo of play that the college game deserves."

Nebraska Coach Bob Devaney said, "Colonel Blaik has been thinking in the right direction. So far, the rules committee hasn't represented the thinking of college coaches. I hope they will soon."

Blaik noted that in the period between 1949 and 1952 when colleges played separate units for offense and defense, this two-platoon football "proved to be the most effective, most exciting and safest football in the history of the college game."

Blaik characterized the present substitution rule as "merely another in a series of complex, ineffectual, tedious compromises."

In his Look article, Blaik based his prediction about the return of the free-substitution rule to college football on three developments:

1. A growing conviction among the members of the

rules committee that continued opposition to the free-substitution rule in the face of the strong wishes of 75 per cent of the coaches would intensify discontent and antagonism, and almost certainly hurt the game.

2. The request of the Ivy League for a free-substitution rule... The about-face of the Ivy League will influence faculty people everywhere.

3. Increasing realization among coaches that they probably can help their chances of gaining free substitution with the approval of professors by also proposing safeguards for current ceilings on player recruitment. One of the principal, and invalid, arguments of the anti-platoon group is that the two-platoon game requires more players, more recruiting, more coaches and inflated budgets.



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