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Devaney Compliments NU Individuals After MU Win; Blocking Is Best

Compliments for the Husker squad were the order of the day as Bob Devaney commented on the Nebraska victory over Missouri. Few players escaped mention for the outstanding team effort.

Devaney praised quarterback Denny Claridge for his fine play calling, but added that the All-American candidate is a very doubtful starter in Saturday's game with Kansas University.

Claridge is suffering from what Devaney describes as being a charley horse in the thigh, but it has caused swelling down below the knee. The injury is to the same leg that Claridge injured in the Air Force game.

Soph Fred Duda will again assume quarterback duties if Claridge is unable to play. If Claridge is unable to do the punting, Ron Poggemeyer may be used in the game. It was previously planned to red-shirt Poggemeyer.

Devaney remarked that the blocking was the best of the year. He singled out Bob Brown, Lloyd Voss, Larry Kramer, Ron Griese, and Bob Jones as standouts in the Nebraska line. He also said Brown and Voss were responsible for opening most of the holes in the Missouri line.

Rudy Johnson was praised for turning in another outstanding performance. The senior fullback gained 126 yards rushing compared to 81 total yards rushing for Missouri.

End Larry Tomlinson was lauded by Devaney as turning in the best job of blocking by a Husker end since Devaney came to Nebraska.

Backs Kent McCloughan and Bob Hohn also received praise for their performances. A timely interception by McCloughan ended a last minute drive for the Tigers.

End Dick Callahan who was switched to defensive safety was complimented as playing his best game of the season.

Co-captain John Kirby is being pushed by Dervin as

Dervin has turned in fine defensive efforts.

A frown appeared when Devaney was questioned about kick-off returns. He went on to comment, "We are thinking this week about trying John Melton, Mike Corgan and George Kelly. They may not get the ball back past the 10-yard line, but they catch it."

Kansas kick-off returns will be sparked by Gale Sayers and Mike Johnson. Johnson, who plays behind Sayers at the halfback position is the second fastest man on the Kansas squad and also specializes in kick-offs. Fullbacks Ken Coleman and Ar-

mand Baughman will present the Huskers with additional defensive problems. Gale Sayers, formerly of Omaha, will return to give the Nebraska squad problems. Sayers is second in the conference in rushing.

Kansas quarterback Steve Renko will also present the Huskers with worries. Renko is the leagues third ranking passer and is second in total offense.

Kansas will be out for revenge for the humiliating defeat the Cornhuskers issued last year. The Huskers won 40-16. For Nebraska, the game is a must to keep in the race for the Big Eight Crown.

4 Big Eight Teams Up National Rank

Kansas City, Mo., — National team statistical rankings this past week counted three Big Eight Conference teams—Nebraska, Oklahoma, and Kansas — among the nation's top ten teams in rushing offense.

Nebraska led the nation with a 287.3 rushing average, Oklahoma was fourth with 256.6 and Kansas ninth with 235.7.

So, what happens over weekend contests? All three better their marks and appear headed for a performance comparable to that posted by Conference teams a year ago when they grabbed off four spots among the nation's top ten rushing teams. Then, it was Oklahoma second, Kansas fourth, Missouri sixth, and Nebraska ninth.

Over the weekend, Nebraska ran for 299 yards against Missouri to boost its average to 288.7, Oklahoma picked up 382 on the ground against Colorado to hike its average to 277.5, and Kansas gained 252 for an overall 238.0 rushing mark.

The Cornhuskers retained their Conference lead in rushing and total offense and rushing and total defense, Kansas

State maintained its passing offense margin, but Oklahoma State replaced Iowa State as the leader in pass defense.

Nebraska has now averaged 380.1 yards per game overall, followed by Oklahoma with 338.8 and Kansas with 314.3. Defensively, the Huskers lead with an 81.4 rushing average and a 198.3 total defense mark.

Here are the three top teams in each department, by averages:

Table with 2 columns: Team, Offense Passing. Rows: Kansas State (103.0), Kansas (100.4), Nebraska (91.4)

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Table with 2 columns: Team, Total Offense. Rows: Nebraska (380.1), Oklahoma (338.8), Kansas (314.3)

Table with 2 columns: Team, Defense Passing. Rows: Oklahoma State (79.2), Oklahoma (80.0), Iowa State (94.3)

Table with 2 columns: Team, Rushing. Rows: Nebraska (81.4), Oklahoma (148.3)

Table with 2 columns: Team, Total Defense. Rows: Nebraska (198.3), Oklahoma (228.3), Missouri (233.6)

Phi Delt's Win B Tilt

The all-pledge, Phi Delta Theta-B football team defeated Theta Xi-B, 31-22, Monday night to finish first in League 11B with a perfect 4-0 record.

On the first play from scrimmage Dick Fuller ran right end for a Theta Xi touchdown. A Denny Trippel pass to Fuller added the extra point making the score 7-0. Chuck Salem's pass to Pat Ryan made the score 7-6 on the Phi Delt's first play from scrimmage.

Lee Wagner ran a punt all the way back to make the score 12-7. A quarterback keeper by Chuck Salem ended the first half scoring at 18-7 in favor of the Phi's.

In the third quarter Darrell Andrews intercepted a Salem pass for a touchdown, and a Trippel to Andrews pass for the extra point made it 18-14. F. C. Green caught Wagner in the end zone for a safety, making it 18-16.

Another Fuller sweep around right end made it 22-18 in favor of the Xi's. A Wagner run-pass to Ryan put the Phi Delt's back in front, 24-22. With time running out, Pat Fitzpatrick intercepted a Xi pass and passed to Ryan who set up a Wagner touchdown from the two yard line, which ended the scoring at 31-22.

Intramural Results: Phi Delta Theta-B 21, Theta Xi-B 22, Kappa Sigma-B 21, Sigma Alpha Epsilon-B 14, Beta Theta Phi-B 25, Sigma Chi-B 19, Gamma Ili 34, Hitchcock 26, Cather 13th 30, Cather 3rd 13



Kansas Sold Out!

The Nebraska-Kansas football game officially was listed as "sold out" by Cornhusker ticket director Jim Pittenger Tuesday evening.

Pittenger reported that Nebraska was sold out of general admission bleacher seats. All Memorial Stadium seats have been sold out for some time.

A limited number of Knothole tickets will be available at game time, as previously announced, Pittenger said.

However, the necessity of holding General Admission seats for pre-game purchasers forces limiting the early sale of Knothole tickets, he explained. Knothole tickets will go on

sale at 1 p.m. (they have gone on sale at 12:30 p.m. in prior games) until the supply of remaining bleacher seats is exhausted, Pittenger said.

The crucial Big 8 contest between the Jayhawks and the Cornhuskers will draw a capacity 38,000 fans, Pittenger said.

'Star' Rudy Johnson Provides Runs Through Tiger Defense; Point Wins

After driving for 126 yards in 19 carries and scoring a touchdown against one of the toughest defensive teams in the nation, Rudy Johnson has won his second Star of the Week award.

After the kickoff, Johnson took a handoff from quarterback Dennis Claridge and scampered 30 yards on the first play from scrimmage to give Missouri fans a sample of what was to come.

Johnson ran for another ten yards in the opening touchdown drive, which took only four minutes and 52 seconds. Dennis Claridge scored, and Johnson kicked his eighth extra point of the year and that gave Nebraska its one point margin.

Johnson scored Nebraska's second touchdown on a one-yard plunge with 9:13 remaining in the fourth period.

Johnson bulled his way through Missouri for seven downs of Nebraska's nine-Brown executed key blocks.

Weighing but 193 pounds, Johnson has more than capably filled the fullback spot vacated by Thunder Thornton's graduation. Johnson was a right halfback last year.

Johnson has scored six touchdowns and kicked eight extra points for a total of 44 this season, tying him with Gale Sayers of Kansas for second high in the conference. Iowa State's Dick Limerick leads with 52 points on only five touchdowns but 10 extra-point kicks and four field goals.

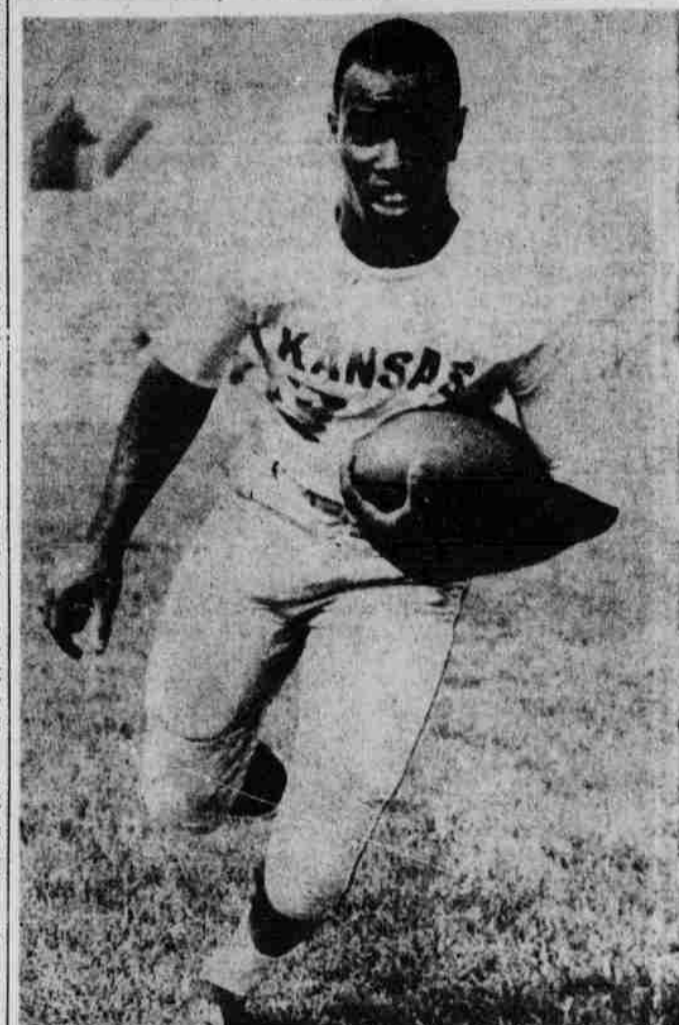
Johnson is the fourth leading groundgainer in the conference with 493 net yards.

He has lost only one yard all year and has an average of 6.7 yards per carry.

A 5' 1" senior from Arkansas Pass, Texas, Johnson lettered two years at right halfback, gaining 164 yards for

a 4.6 average last year, when he played 231 minutes.

A two-year letterman in track, also, Johnson was a broad-jump point winner in the Big Eight indoor and outdoor meets last year.



KANSAS KICK-OFF WHIZ — Sophomore halfback Mike Johnson may be one of the Jayhawks' unsung heroes when the Kansans invade Lincoln Saturday.

Advertisement for Dividend Bonded Gas, featuring 'SAVE 2¢ ON EVERY GAL.' and 'BALL POINT PENS 15¢ WITH GAS PURCHASE'.

Advertisement for Chad Mitchell Trio at Pershing Municipal Auditorium, featuring a photo of the trio and ticket information.

Advertisement for Gold's of Nebraska, featuring a 'DID YOU READ THE FINE PRINT?' headline and promotional text.

Large advertisement for Military Ball Tickets Now on Sale!! with purchase information.