

# Huskers Keep Big Margin Despite Tough KU Game

Nebraska yielded its most ground yardage of the season and produced its second lowest rushing output of the year last weekend against Kansas, but it had no effect whatsoever on Big Eight Conference team statistical rankings.

The Cornhuskers, who made off with four rankings among the top ten teams in the nation last week (including the nation's best rushing offense) have built up such a margin that they were able to maintain their hold on Conference rushing and total offense and rushing and total offense.

Kansas State, despite only 39 yards passing over the weekend, is still the Conference's top passing team while Oklahoma replaced Oklahoma State as leader in pass defense.

Nebraska and Oklahoma, which ranked 1-2 in last week national rushing figures, had their averages of 289.0 and 277.5 pared a bit to 277.8 and 257.4, but still pace the Conference in that department. Kansas, the nation's seventh best rushing team last week with a 238.0 average, nearly matched that figure with 233 against the Huskers — the most yielded by the Nebraskans this season — to maintain its third spot in the Conference. Previous high rushing yield by Nebraska was 197 against the Air Force Academy.

Nebraska's total offense mark dwindled from the 380.4 mark (third in the nation last week) to 368.0 and its rushing defensive average went up from 81.4 (sixth best in the country) to 100.4 because of the Jayhawks' play.

Oklahoma moved a yard back of the Huskers in total defense, 205.5 to 206.4, by jumping into the second spot in rushing defense and into the Conference lead in pass defense with a 69.4 average.

Kansas' Gale Sayers, on the

strength of a record 99-yard touchdown dash against Nebraska, has vaulted back into the Big Eight rushing lead and into contention for national rushing honors.

On top of that, the fleet Jayhawk junior has moved just 11 yards back of the Kansas career rushing record of 1914 yards set by Charlie Hoag and has cast eyes upon the all-time Conference rushing total of 2,562 established by Iowa State's Dave Hoppman.

Sayers gained 144 yards in 11 carries against the Huskers and now has 778 yards overall. Iowa State's Tom Vaughn, with whom Sayers has traded the Conference lead seven of the last eight weeks of play, got just 47 against Oklahoma, and stands second with 689. Oklahoma's Jim Grisham is third with 573 (over one less game than the leaders) and Rudy Johnson of Nebraska fourth with 523.

Sayers' 99-yard touchdown run bettered the 98-yard Conference mark set by Meredith Warner of Iowa State against Iowa Pre-Flight in 1943 and notched his name a second time in the Conference record book. Last year, he ran for 283 yards against Oklahoma State to set a single game Conference rushing record.

His 778-yard total added to the 1125 he picked up as a sophomore in 1962 places him within hailing distance of Hoppmann's three-year Conference record output of 2,562 yards. With 1,903 total and two games to go in 1963, Sayers likely will break the 2,000-yard mark — achieved by only 10 runners in Conference history — in his junior season. Only the single-season Conference rushing record of 1,342 by Bobby Reynolds of Nebraska in 1950 appears out of Sayers' reach — at least for this year.

While Sayers was moving

up the all-time rushing ladder, Missouri's Gary Lane turned in a 185-yard day against Colorado to wrest the Conference total offense lead from Larry Corrigan of Kansas State and give the league a new leader in that department for the fifth time in the last six weeks. Lane hit five of seven passes for 97 yards and ran for 88 — including a 69-yard touchdown gallop — to jump past Corrigan and Steve Renko of Kansas in the total offense race. Lane now has an 847-yard total (577 passing and 270 running). Sayers moved from fourth to second with 787, Corrigan dropped to third

with 747 and Renko to fourth with 721.

Lane also moved into contention for the passing lead, cutting Corrigan's 100-yard-plus margin to 10 yards — 587-577 — as Corrigan didn't throw a single time in last week's play.

Other Conference leaders are: Pass Receiving: Dick Limerick, Iowa State, 22 for 315 yards; Punting: Doug Dousenbury, Kansas State, 50 punts for an average of 40.5; Punt Returners: Larry Elliott, Oklahoma State, 8 for a 22.1 average; Scorers: Dick Limerick, Iowa State, 55 points.

OFFENSE		DEFENSE	
RUSHING		RUSHING	
Nebraska	277.8	Nebraska	100.4
Oklahoma	257.4	Oklahoma	137.0
Kansas	237.4	Iowa State	144.3
PASSING		PASSING	
Kansas State	95.0	Oklahoma	69.4
Nebraska	90.3	Iowa State	90.1
Missouri	78.1	Missouri	93.9
TOTAL OFFENSE		TOTAL DEFENSE	
Nebraska	368.0	Nebraska	205.5
Oklahoma	318.7	Oklahoma	206.4
Kansas	307.0	Iowa State	234.4

## NU Basketball Camp Seems 'In Stitches'

Several injuries have resulted from preseason varsity basketball practice. "We've had a few collisions," admits coach Joe Cipriano. "In fact you might say we've been keeping the boys in stitches."

Junior letterman guard Larry Bornschlegl of Geneva picked up a 10-stitch gash on his forehead to lead last week's injury parade. Harold Cebun, junior transfer from Houston, and senior letterman Daryl Petsch each received four-stitch cuts above the eye.

Bob Antulov, 6'7" transfer student from New York City, suffered a sprained ankle.

Cipriano has had the Huskers doing a lot of running to prepare a fast-break game for the December 2 opener against Wyoming at the Coliseum. Nebraska's new coach, who is assisted by Glenn Potter and Bob Gates, hasn't a starting lineup yet.

"We're making a lot of interchanges and conducting a

lot of experiments," said Cipriano. "While we're still devoting a lot of time to fundamentals, we're concentrating more now on team offense and defense." Cipriano was also pleased with the progress made by the sophomores.

The first heavy intra-squad scrimmage will be held today, and Cipriano said the two units which will open the session will probably be:

**REDS** — Harold Cebun (transfer junior) and Grant Simmons (sophomore) of Omaha, guards; Jim Yates (senior letterman) of Randolph, Ia., center; Charlie Jones of Washington, D.C. (senior letterman) and Neil Nannen of Syracuse (senior letterman), forwards.

**WHITES** — Earl Wright of Lincoln (junior letterman) and Coley Webb of Elkhart, Ind. (sophomore), guards; Al Reiners of Hastings (sophomore), center; Daryl Petsch (senior letterman) and Bob Antulov (junior transfer), forwards.

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## 'Star of the Week' Smidt Typical Of Nebraska's Talented Backfield

Star of the Week Maynard Smidt is typical of Nebraska's bevy of versatile backs, but draws special note for his defensive job against Kansas last Saturday.

Smidt, a 186 pound junior from Cozad, contributed 3 un-

assisted and 7 assisted tackles during the Husker's 23 to 9 win over the Jayhawks. On offense, he carried the ball only once from his left half position, but for 15 yards.

Saturday the pressure was Kansas' Gale Sayers providing the breakaway threat. In the first half, Smidt and his mates held the Omaha flash to 19 yards on 6 carries. Only once the Nebraska secondary couldn't stop him and Sayers capitalized with a record-breaking 99 yard run that beefed up his game showing considerably.

Smidt's Star Award this week follows several previous defensive "good" days plus standing for Willie Ross against Colorado on offense.

Coach Bob Devaney will start Smidt against Oklahoma State in place of Ross this Saturday, in reward for his Kansas performance.

Other Husker standouts included Dave Theisen, Fred Duda, and Bob Hohn.

Theisen booted a forty-yard field goal, his first and Nebraska's first score against the Jayhawks after a break on Tony Lieker's fumble. Theisen also assumed punting duties for Dennis Claridge, kicking four 38 yards a try. The Husker halfback booted two of three conversion attempts plus carrying the ball three times for 16 yards.

Duda did an outstanding job filling in for injured Dennis Claridge again against the Jayhawks. The Chicago sophomore contributed key runs and passes during Nebraska scoring drives. Hohn ran twice from scrimmage for 13 yards, but more important, he styled a late Kansas bid by intercepting a pass and racing 53 yards for an insurance score.

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## NU Trio Hobbled; Rudy May Be Out

Two lingering injuries plus a new one casts a shadow on Nebraska's football camp.

Monte Kiffin and Dennis Claridge still have the leg injuries that kept them from action last Saturday against Kansas. Kiffin has been running with the team the last two days and may see action.

Claridge, though, is not responding too well and Fred Duda will probably start his third contest of the season against Oklahoma State in Stillwater this Saturday.

Rudy Johnson's severely sprained foot takes more from the Husker's backfield depth as the workhorse fullback probably will see little of the Cowboys this week. In the event of Johnson's absence, Bruce Smith will move up to the starting squad. Johnson presently leads the Scarlet backfield with 523 yards and 44 points that include eight of eleven placements.

Maynard Smidt has been promoted to a starting berth by Coach Bob Devaney after his sparkling defensive and offensive game against Kansas. Willie Ross, who has had a hard time adjusting since his shoulder bruise against K-State, will run behind the Cozad junior. Dave Theisen, who contributed the best all-around game against the Jayhawks, will run third at the left half spot.

Scout Cletus Fisher calls the Cowboys the most improved team in the Big Eight. The Stillwater boys gave respect-

ed Iowa State a real scare at Ames and then picked up their first win of the season against a good passing team, Tulsa.

The main reason for the Cowboy's comeback has been quarterback Mike Miller. Last year's Big Eight passing leader broke out of a season-long slump to pass his team to a potent offense. Oklahoma State has scored 61 points in these last two games.

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