

Cornhuskers Take On Upset-Minded Buffs

By Bob Samuelson
Twelve thousand Cornhusker fans will journey to colorful Colorado to see Nebraska take on an underdog Buffalo club.

The ones who make it to the game, and better yet, the ones who make it to the game and are able to see, will witness what should be a good football game.

The Colorado team is fresh from an upset of Iowa State, 14-7, which is exactly the same as the margin that Nebraska accomplished three weeks ago.

The Buffaloes are a hungry ballclub, and with the fervor of their homecoming and their steady progress they could give Nebraska a good game.

Realistically speaking, however, the undefeated Cornhuskers must be conceded the nod as heavy favorites to win their sixth game of the season.

The scouting report from Buffalo scout Don Stalwick on the Nebraska club reads like the total arsenal of SAC. Here is some of what he says. "Nebraska is an explosive

team, capable of springing the long gainer at any time. They have great depth and personnel, and will be by far the biggest, strongest, and deepest team we've played this fall. And this includes USC."

Stalwick continues, "Defensively they just crush people. . . . They have a well-balanced offense, running out of a basic unbalanced line with a split end to the strong side and a fullhouse-T."

"Their running backs are almost as good as they had last year when they were tremendous. Their small but spectacular fullback Frank Solich and halfback Kent Mc-

Cloughan are real nifty runners with explosive speed. "Bob Hohn is the best blocking halfback in college football."

Well, it goes on and on, and from the way it sounds, Nebraska could defeat the Green Bay Packers with their second team — if Green Bay were spotted a couple touchdowns first.

Fans will concur that coach Bob Devaney would like to have a team as good as the one scout Stalwick writes of. The Cornhuskers are vastly improved from the first of the year, however. The defense is reminiscent of last year, and

the offense, if not quite as powerful, is more colorful, thanks to Frank Solich and Harry Wilson, and the much improved Kent McCloughan.

The improvement of the play at the ends, and at long last, ends that can catch a football, have given Nebraska a formidable passing attack.

Colorado has a season record of 1-4, but it is interesting to note that they have out-downed every team they have played.

The first-down list runs like this: Colorado 16—USC 15, Colorado 14—Oregon State 11; Colorado 18—Kansas State 10, Colorado 19—Oklahoma State 7; Colorado 16—Iowa State 10.

This would seem to point to two things out of necessity. One, that Colorado has a fine offense but no scoring punch, and two, that Colorado's defense gives up yardage in large chunks, and is vulnerable to the long gainer.

Individually, Colorado is led by excellent centers, Larry Ferraro and Steve Sidwell. Sidwell has gained the starting position from Ferraro, and was named the Big Eight Lineman of the Week for his play against Iowa State.

Robert E. Lee, who comes from a long line of Lees, was a runner-up for the Big Eight Back of the Week. Bill Symons is another back familiar to Cornhusker fans from the past two years. Symons has a 4.1 yard rushing average this year.

Colorado also boasts a coach in whom they have a great deal of confidence, Eddie Crowder. Crowder, it has been rumored of late, has been considered for the head coaching job at Oklahoma University to replace Gomer Jones.

Colorado athletic director Harry Carlson is stepping down at the end of this year, and Crowder just may be offered the job as coach-athletic director as an inducement to accept his going to Oklahoma.

If Colorado is going to beat Nebraska, they will have to show a much improved defense, an offense with a scoring punch, and will have to show more desire than the Cornhuskers.

Perhaps the biggest assignment of the three is that of having more desire. Co-captains Sittler and Hohn and coach Devaney have managed to get the Huskers 'up' mentally for every game so far, and desire has accounted for much of the cohesiveness and success of this year's squad.

The Huskers are sure to be 'up' for this game, and if they are, the Buffaloes can't stop them.

Huskers Top Team Statistics

Nebraska, holding comfortable leads in five of the six team statistical categories, could become the first Big Eight Conference team in 20 years to win all but one of the titles.

With the season half over, the Cornhuskers are well on their way to defending last year's championships in rushing and total offense and rushing defense, in addition to taking over in pass offense and total defense this year.

Currently Nebraska is averaging 280.6 in rushing, 109 in passing, 389.6 in total offense, 77.0 in rushing defense, and 149.6 in total defense. The greatest average bulge the Cornhuskers have is 116 per game in total offense, while the closest of the races is passing offense, where the difference is seven yards for Nebraska.

JOHNSON SCAMPERS



Bill Johnson . . . adds to the Husker rushing total against Kansas State.

Cipriano: Basketballers Lack Veteran Players

A 15-man Nebraska basketball team, including six sophomores and two transfers, have begun practice for a 25-game schedule beginning Dec. 3 against Wyoming at Laramie.

Gone are four of last year's top six scorers and five lettermen. Left with five lettermen, Coach Joe Cipriano will rely on sophomores, 8-0 in freshmen ball, for depth if the Huskers are to improve a 7-18 overall and 5-9 (tie for 6th) Big Eight records.

"We lack experience," the Cornhusker's second-year chief said, "So we have to depend on sophomores and hope they come along during the season."

Heading the list of rookies is 6-1 guard Fred Hare, who averaged 19.6 points per game last season, and Nate Branch, a 6-4 backcourter who potted 13.1 a contest. A strong 6-5 Willie Campbell will join the battle for a starting forward spot.

That could be sort of rough, however, with the starting front line of 6-5 Joel Kortus, 6-7 Bob Antulov and 6-5 Coley Webb returning. All three showed improvement last year and will probably be giving priority in starting assignments as sessions begin. The other letterman on the front line is 6-5 senior Jerry Spears, used in the post and at forward.

At guard the only returning letterman is junior Grant Simmons, which should open a scrap for the soph and transfer Ray Amalbert, here from New York Community College, for the other slot.

The 6-3 Simmons, last year's playmaker, improved his shooting to a 6.8 a game pitch, third best on the squad. The other transfer, 6-5 Earl Johnson from Loyola of Chicago, will be tested at both guard and forward.

Assistant coach Glenn Potter will handle the freshmen and assistant coach Bob Gates will help Cipriano with the varsity. Cipriano's lifetime coaching record, after a previous three-year tenure at Idaho, is 50-53.

The PEG-BOARD by Peggy Speece

Happiness is . . .

Ever wonder (as you stand in line) just who draws that top number on the football lottery?

Ever wonder what despicable sort of person has his choice of any seat in the whole stadium? While you stand there with number 2961?

Frank Partsch, news editor of the Daily Nebraskan, who once played second string defensive guard for the St. Paul (Nebraska, that is) Wildcats and whose contribution to athletics has since been confined to riding the Cather Hall elevator—and then only to fifth floor, stands out as that person.

7-26-1

Frank actually drew number 0002. But when he went over to claim his ticket, he discovered that no one had drawn the magical number 0001 and there was his name on top of everyone else's.

In the eyes of the ticket office Frank became Section 7, Row 26, Seat 1.

Clutching his prize and wearing a red feather in his lapel, Frank surged his way through the teeming masses at the South Carolina game.

Huffing and puffing he arrived at Section 7 and pushed the last ten yards to Row 26, Seat 1.

Wouldn't ya know it? Someone was sitting there.

'Dear Sir,'

About four weeks ago, a letter came across my desk addressed to the sports editor of the Daily Nebraskan. "Dear Sir," it began.

Well,

It was from Wayne Bowers, who is the sports editor of the Daily O'Collegian at Oklahoma State. They play football down there in case you haven't heard.

He was asking all the sports scribes to predict the outcome of the Big Eight championship race. Smugly, I filled out the enclosed card and mailed it back to him.

Surprise

Now, four weeks later, with the poll in my hand, I am amazed, pleased and astounded at the poll, the memory of my own predictions, and the way the race is actually going.

Not unpatriotic, I selected NU to come out on top. . . but only one other scribe did.

Oklahoma received six votes for the championship.

The poll results:

- Oklahoma
- Missouri
- NEBRASKA
- Kansas
- Oklahoma State
- Iowa State
- Colorado
- Kansas State
- Oh, Yes . . .

And to those of you who asked. . . yes, Chuck Doepke does play football here. A real goof left his name out of the story on the Big Eight all-academic nominations. Chuck, an education major, and a fine end on the Husker team, has also been nominated for the "brain derby."

From the Stick

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That's Basketball?

Those who step in on a basketball practice session at the right time might mistake it for ballet instruction or a fencing lesson if someone didn't indicate what was happening.

For a new drill, designed to perfect the defensive stance, benefits artists wearing tights and slippers instead of a set of basketball shorts.

All 15 position themselves in a defensive stance and take just two slow steps in the direction of the signal. With their arms up the cagers look like little kids steadily approaching the cookie jar, ready to grab and run before getting nabbed.

Tabbed the Cornhusker Special (sounds like a pub's specialty), the fundamental exercise is among several used by Coaches Joe Cipriano, Glenn Potter and Bob Gates to prep the Huskers for a Dec. 3 debut. That's about 1 1/2 months from now but with eight (six sophs and two transfers) newcomers, Cipriano's trying to instill a little experience before the shooting starts.

More Help

The two transfers—Earl Johnson and Ray Amalbert—have been getting the closest look by practice observers. Both will probably start and Cipriano hopes they hold the key to eluding the Big Eight's second division.

Escaping with a 7-18 record (5-9 in the loop for a share of sixth), last year's Huskers sorely missed a team leader—an important person on fast breaking team. Cipriano believes he has one in Amalbert.

A Bronx lad, Amalbert averaged over 20 points for New York Community College last season and made All-America at the junior college tournament the year before.

Johnson, who spent his freshman year at Loyola of Chicago, spent last season learning Cipriano's system while waiting to become eligible. A 6-5 husky, Johnson will play either guard or forward and Cipriano feels he will give the Huskers a bundle of points and add to the rebounding.

The Cleveland native came to Nebraska after chats with Bob Brown, 1963 All-America Husker football guard, now with the Philadelphia Eagles.

Of course there's the returnees like 6-5 Joel Kortus, 6-3 Grant Simmons, 6-7 Bob Antulov, 6-8 Al Reiners, 6-5 Jerry Spears and 6-5 Coley Webb. All showed improvement last season and can be depended upon.

And there's the sophomores, who gained an 8-0 record on last year's freshmen team. Fred Hare, three-time all-stater and twice All-American at Omaha Tech, led the frosh with a 19.6 scoring average and will battle for a starting berth with 6-4 Nate Branch, 6-3 Gary Neibauer, Simmons and Amalbert.

Soph. Willie Campbell will be in the thick of the starting forward scrap. Soph centers Brice Pearson and Charlie Stone must show improvement before bumping Antulov, Reiners or Webb, who can play the post or forward.

Heralded Huskers

The NU football team is ranked fifth in the country, which leads to premature talk of bowls and No. 1 ratings. But the meat end of the schedule is just beginning, starting with Colorado. The Buffaloes cannot be overlooked if comparative scores are considered since they tripped Iowa State 14-7 last week as did the Huskers three weeks ago.

Call it NEBRASKA 21, Colorado 6, on the basis of quarterback Bob Churchich's improved composure under fire and that defense, which has allowed only 77 rushing yards a game.

Tankers Begin Workouts

The Dick Klaas coached University of Nebraska swimming team has shown great improvement over the past three years.

For example, last year's squad set fourteen varsity records while finishing third in the conference. Only one event has escaped the record onslaught.

Tom Chambers and Mike Waldron captain the 1964-65 team which appears to be almost as strong as last year, but there are still some definite weaknesses.

The loss of backstroke champion Bill Henry via graduation will hurt the team considerably. Keefe Ludwig, ace of last year's squad will not compete this year as he has elected to reserve his eligibility.

The returning lettermen will be the backbone of the team. Conference champion Mike Jackson will head the breaststroke corps, and behind him are senior Bob Frisch and sophomore Stan Johnson. In the backstroke, lettermen Dave Frank and Doug Sutton will be supported by service returnee Roger Corn.

Transfer butterflyer Jon Burchill becomes eligible this year, and his addition to the squad should strengthen it considerably. Jon finished 5th in the Canadian Olympic trials. Bill Steele and Gayle McAdams are other butterfly prospects.

In the individual medley, varsity record holders Dave Frank and Tom Chambers will receive assistance from letterman Mike Waldron and sophomore Dick Frank.

Letterman Terry Tice has sophomores Bob Glienberg and Bob Louder to give added depth in diving.

Freestyle sprinters include returning lettermen Ron Gabrielson and Pete Craner with potential sophomore sprinters Ray Barber, Ken Miller, Bob Nebe, Dale Parker and Don Frazier.

The distance freestyle group is led by Tom Nickerson who set three varsity records last year. Taylor Withrow and Mike Waldron are also returning lettermen in this event.

Although the 1964-65 team will be nearly as strong as last year, it is doubtful that they will finish as high in the conference as the conference is steadily improving.

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