

Cyclones Upset Minded; Huskers Heavy Favorite

By Jim Swartz
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The undefeated Nebraska Cornhuskers and the Iowa State Cyclones square off tomorrow in a 2:00 p.m. match at Memorial Stadium. The game will be the conference opener for both teams with the nationally ranked Huskers the heavy favorite.

In his pre-season outlook Cyclone head coach Clay Stapleton said, "Our big hope is to win a few games for a few weeks. The Big Eight is simply not a sophomore league so we must figure to get caught short from time to time."

Iowa State has gone to platoon football for the first time this year leaving the Cyclones to depend on their first year men, a move which Stapleton notes "leaves them with little hope."

The Huskers go into the game with the nation's top-

defensive game. The Huskers hold the weight advantage on both offense and defense, being four pounds heavier on defense, and seven pound on offense.

The Cyclones will pin their upset hopes on wingback Ernie Kennedy and quarterback Tim Van Galder. Van Galder has loosened his throwing arm in the Cyclones first two victories while the Iowa State running game has been termed "improved."

The Scarlet defensive corps will be out to improve their showing. The only starter who has been listed as doubtful for the contest is tackle John Strohmeyer.

Nebraska holds the series edge of 47-11-1 following their 14-7 victory over the Cyclones at Ames last year. The Cyclones finished with a 0-7 conference record last year to take last-place.



DEFENDER CARSTENS . . . leads Husker defensive secondary.

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Respectively; The Officials

By Jim Pearse

"Hey, you . . . , put the flag back in your pocket." "You're walking the wrong way, Fink." "Kill the fox. Kill 'im, kil 'im!"

Hold it right there fans. Those unlucky (or unlikely) men who infest our fields of combat each Saturday sticking thorny penalties under blossoming touchdown drives are called officials; with respect.

They look like prisoners in their black and white striped shirts. And they are marked for identification, too, by their hats: umpire (red), field judge (green), and referee (white).

With all those things against them, this group has to stand out in the open and wave red hankys in the air to let 50,000 snorting onlookers know they are about to take chunks of real estate from the rich to give to the poor.

Knowing all this how can you make these men such objects of persecution? How can you long to fill them full of pins?

Because you paid your money, came out early to fight the traffic and crowd to get to your seat, and in the rush forgot the bottle on this cold afternoon.

You think you came out early? Those guys whose pants are so short their socks show had to be at a pre-game conference four hours before kick-off. They left home on Friday and most likely won't start back until Sunday. And when it comes time to fight the elements all he ever has is his constitution.

What I have said so far

does not mean I condone their actions, or feel pangs of pity for their breed.

In the Big Eight there are 32 officials, and none qualify for sympathy. Noting their average age and weight I imagine a frustrated coach meets with a pretty fat and sassy gentleman when questioning a ruling.

The conference sports an over-all official of 44.5 years of age, 5-11, 190 pounds. With brains. Thirty members of the lot are college graduates. Seven have masters degrees and two doctorates.

Can you see a giant line-men standing between an Army colonel, a former assistant attorney general, a college professor, and a public relations man explaining how he really didn't clip on the last play?

Indubitably the line man would be thoroughly reprimanded for his tactical blunder.

But wait. Don't call the man in black & white that name yet. The poor man has to carry his \$17,000 taxable income home in his red flag and turn it over to his wife and three children when they blow the whistle.

Wouldn't it be great to give these men a lift? I mean we cheer for our squad, for the opposing squad, for the band, for a fellow fan when he catches a stray kick; so why not take time to be respectful to the officials?

A moment of silence in their honor would be appropriate after the first play of the game, followed by a loud . . .

NU Harriers Open Season

By Bonnie Bonneau

Nebraska's cross country team opens its season with an Oct. 9 home meet scheduled with Iowa State.

The Iowa State meet will be the first Big Eight competition for most of the members of the Husker cross country team.

The team consists of one veteran, Peter Scott, and seven sophomores; Jon Kamerzell, Orlando Martinez, Gregg Young, Norval Jones, Les Hellbasch, Dennis Settles and Joe Scott.

The NU Harriers will compete in five meets this season with Nebraska hosting the opening meet with Iowa State on October 9.

On October 16, the Huskers will be in Manhattan for a meet with Kansas State.

Homecoming weekend, October 23, Colorado's harriers will run in Lincoln. NU will be the guest of Missouri on October 30.

Oklahoma State will host the Big Eight cross country championships on November 6.

Both home meets will be held at Pioneer Park golf course at 10:30 a.m.

Rood Awakening

By Mick Rood

Doubt still lurks after two games. Two games, two opening offensive bursts, two close ball games after that. The offense sputtered after a while and the defense leaked.

Coach Devaney, already into the third game of the season, is still shifting personnel . . . not a good sign. Mike Kennedy and the Blackshirts are still somewhat dazed after the Stein treatment. No cure in sight except for experience in some spots. Not much time for that.

Any other year and these worries would be buried under the joy of the first two victories. But national prominence is a new experience.

It will be a matter of playing game by game, correcting mistakes week by week. I don't think a glaring weakness has been discovered yet.

Passing has been good but not utilized to a great extent, just well mixed, in the first game at least. Any defense that gets 40-some passes thrown at it by a competent offense is going to give. Certainly the rushing game has proven itself, line included.

We still have a number one possibility. October 30 in the Tiger pit, of course, will be the big test. Kansas might have been a threat but injuries have hurt. Oklahoma doesn't show the old fire. Oklahoma State may strengthen into another adequate threat.

As for the other contenders, Purdue won't be able to stand the Big Ten schedule and we can stand ours. Texas may be the obstacle.

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