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Solich Rushing Leader . . .

Colorado's McCall Tops Total Offense

By Big Eight Service Bureau
He is not big, he is not quick, he is not well known as quarterbacks go, but he is consistent as consistent can be and this week Colorado's Bernie McCall has the Big Eight Conference's total offense lead.

Only 23 yards separates McCall's most productive afternoon from his least productive of the season as he goes about his task in a methodical pattern that thus far has produced 321 yards, 265 passing and 56 rushing.

Overlooked by most because of his unflashy way of producing, he is not marked off the list by his colleagues in the Big Eight quarterbacking fraternity, who take special pains to point out that perhaps McCall might be the most underrated player in the Conference.

McCall's lead, however, is far from being solid, as eight are hovering within 46 yards in what has turned out to be the closest of the individual races. Closest challengers, but 11 yards back, are Kansas State's Vic Castillo, the leader the first two weeks and the best again this week in passing, and Missouri's Gary Lane, the champion the past two years, and this week's scoring co-leader.

Little Frank Solich, Nebraska's blue-darting fullback who

has the rushing lead and a share of the scoring honors, is only 28 yards back with his 294 total. Just another eight yards behind Solich is Missouri's Charlie Brown with 286, Kansas' Bill Fenton has 285, Tim Van Galder, passing specialist at Iowa State, is seventh with 283, while Nebraska's Bob Churchich is eighth and 46 in the rear with 275.

Now that Brown has moved to within eight yards of Solich, he becomes the first halfback to really challenge for the rushing lead since Kansas' Gale Sayers was knocked off the top with a month to go last year. Since then, fullbacks have ruled. Helping Brown put the pinch on in behalf of the halfbacks is Colorado's William Harris, third and 30 back with 264.

While all the individual races were either changing leaders or tightening up, the kicking specialists around the Big Eight stepped in to put on a show of their own, with Oklahoma State's Charles Durkee and Colorado's Frank Rogers holding the upper hand.

Both connected three times Saturday—both had 48-yarders for their (and the Conference's) top efforts—to tie the single-game record. Durkee's belts brought his career total to 11, a new Conference record, breaking the old mark of 10 set by Kansas State's Ben Grosse in 1958.

Staying right with these two for seasonal honors was Missouri's Bill Bates, who got his third of the year. Rogers leads the pack with four and 16 kicking points. Nebraska's Larry Wacholtz had 13 extra points. Bates is next with 12, while Durkee and Iowa State's Steve Balkovec have 11 each.

Other individual leaders are Nebraska's Freeman White, receiving, 13 for 197 (he is also tied with Lane and Solich

in scoring with 18); Kansas State's Bob Ballard, punting, 22 for 42.9; Wacholtz, punt returns, 11 for 196; Oklahoma State's Larry Elliott, kickoff returns, eight for 187.

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Husker Offense Widens Lead

The best defenses in the Big Eight Conference belong to the teams with the best offenses—Nebraska, Missouri, and Colorado—according to figures released today by the Conference's Service Bureau.

Carrying the correlation further, the best offenses in the league also belong to the "ball-hogginest" of the past weekend. While rolling up a seasonal high of 497 total yards, Nebraska held onto the ball for 94 scrimmage plays, pushing its total-offense mark to a whopping 455.7 average, some 110 yards more than Missouri.

Making the biggest move in both categories was Colorado which apparently locked the game balls in a peck of Boulder snow, the white stuff forced the Buffs inside for a day last week, freezing the ball for 101 plays. Kansas State got 41 yards fewer, Colorado pushed its way to third in total offense with a 302 average and third in total defense with a 202.7 standard.

Missouri, meanwhile, kept its leadership in total defense and moved into second in total offense, mainly on the strength of its 87 time-consuming plays against Minnesota, while holding the Gophers to just 57.

Table with columns: Team, Avg. Rushing, Avg. Passing, Avg. Total Offense, Avg. Total Defense. Lists team rankings by departments.

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The Cornhuskers' second team lead is in rushing offense, a 310.7 mark, which is about 10 yards off last week's nation-leading average. Kansas also holds a pair of top spots again this week—passing offense and passing defense. Even though held to its lowest aerial output of the season, the Jayhawkers still held on with a 147.0 average. Their 63.7 allowance through the air lanes is also a best.

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