

SAM'S SALVOS

By Bob Samuelson

Besides having tremendous depth, talent and the best coaching staff in the nation, the Cornhusker football team this year has two other attributes—color and courage.

When one thinks back to the "three-yards-up-the-middle-and-a-punt" philosophy of Coach Bob Devaney's predecessors in coaching, one cannot help but compare those teams with this year's squad.

Frankie Solich, Freeman White, Harry Wilson, Langston Coleman, Larry Wachholz, Fred Duda and Bob Churchich, and the sophomore backs Ben Gregory and Choo-Choo Winters are as colorful an aggregation of college football players as one is likely to encounter on a college football team.

When Solich gets the ball on a draw play, Nebraska fans sit up and take notice for he runs the draw as it should be run. At 158 pounds, Frankie cannot help but be a national oddity and a national favorite, and as his yards-per-carry average attests, Frankie is looming as the Buddy Young of Nebraska and could surprise in the post season all-star polls.

Larry Wachholz has come into his own this year, both on defense and on punt returns. Ranking as the most versatile squadman on this year's squad, Larry has achieved near perfection on his punt runbacks, having garnered 113 yards last week for a Big Eight record.

Nebraska has borrowed Frank Broyles punt return play with slight modification and put it to good use this season. This same play allowed Arkansas' Ken Hatfield to beat Texas in last year's Texas-Arkansas clash last year.

Like Hatfield, Wachholz has the poise and the combination of fair speed and the uncanny knack for getting to the blocking wall which is set up along the sideline by the linemen who peel off as soon as the ball is kicked. The perfection of this runback has proved already this season to be of great psychological value to the team as it turns bad field position into good field position with disarming regularity.

Wachholz has also shown he can kick a field goal. Nebraska must be able to kick the field goal in order to beat Arkansas or Texas in a possible bowl game. Perhaps now with Wachholz's toe we have become a well-balanced team.

The courage is exemplified by four of the smallest and most talented men on the squad. There are Solich and Wachholz, of course, and there are two men who are fighting tooth-and-nail on nearly equal terms for the quarterback slot.

Fred Duda and Bob Churchich both rate more praise than this writer can give. Fred was told just one year ago that he would probably never play football again, and yet last Saturday he ran the option play as beautifully as it has ever been run anywhere. He came back last spring and this fall to nudge Churchich out of his starting slot.

Churchich is one of the fine quarterbacks in the country in his own right. He came in last week to do a fine job of passing and of running. Churchich will be heard from again this fall.

Grace Out Again

By Jim Swartz

Who says lightning never strikes twice in the same place?

Mike Grace, junior defensive end for the Huskers, is out for the season. According to reliable resources Grace will undergo surgery next week on the knee that he re-injured in the Wisconsin contest.

Grace and right defensive end Bill Haug were hobbled with knee injuries in the Badger game and both are out for the season.

Last year Grace was taken out of competition during the Missouri game and had to sit out the rest of the season with the knee injury.

With Langston Coleman a doubtful for the Kansas State game at Manhattan, the end spots will be manned by sophomores Ivan Zimmer and Jerry Patton. There is some talk going around in the Husker camp that offensive end Tony Jeter will be switched to strengthen the defensive end spot.

Fred Duda will direct the number one ranked Huskers against the Wildcats. The game will be the first time that Duda has started twice against the same team.

Duda's starting chance in 1963 came after Dennis Claridge had sprained his ankle against Air Force the week before. This year Duda gets the starting nod after two fine showings in a row, as a sub against Iowa State and a starter against Wisconsin.

The Husker attack will be bolstered with a 27-pound weight advantage over the Wildcats in the line and a 15-pound team weight average advantage.

The only doubtful starter for the Huskers is Ron Kirkland. He was injured in the Iowa State game and sat out the Wisconsin contest. If Kirkland doesn't start, his spot is slated to be filled by Pete Tatman.



Mike Grace . . . defensive end out for season.

Rood Awakening . . .

Its too bad all the furor has been made over beating the Big Ten's Wisconsin. Its not worth it. Husker Big Ten opponents have been mediocre and few. It amounts to an excuse for the Big Eight . . . a conference at a low point. Let's admit it.

Castillo can throw one at home, so make it NEBRASKA 43, KANSAS STATE 6.

Other guesses include Texas over Arkansas for number two, Oklahoma over Kansas, Colorado over Iowa State, Texas Tech over Oklahoma State, Wisconsin over Northwestern, Missouri edging UCLA, Michigan upsets Purdue, Georgia, USC and Minnesota as other winners.

Law Wins As Medalist

Bob Law led the University of Nebraska golf team to a decisive win over Creighton University Wednesday at Miracle Hills in Omaha. Law toured the Miracle Hills course with a par 70. Law's medalist performance boosted Nebraska to a 11½ to 6½ victory.

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Freshman Cagers

Freshman basketball coach Glenn Potter reports that freshman basketball players will start practice Monday October 18, at 7:00 p.m. at the Coliseum.

Athletes are required to have completed a physical examination before starting practice.

NEBRASKAN APPLAUDS

Alpha Delta Pi pledge class officers are Shirley Ward, president; Cathy Callan, recording secretary; Carol Schlueter, corresponding secretary; Sherye Nelson, treasurer; Casey Corigan, social chairman, and Peggy Powell, Junior Panhellenic representative.

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