

Sophs Could Be In Lineup . . .

Basketball Has Five Lettermen

This year's Nebraska varsity basketball squad will make their debut in the annual varsity-freshmen game, Nov. 19 at the Coliseum, according to third-year Coach Joe Cipriano.

In surveying the team, Cipriano said, "We have got a group of promising sophomores that haven't proved themselves yet . . . sophomores do have the shooting ability and are probably the best overall group of sophomores since I have been here."

He noted that some sophomores could easily find their way in the starting lineup with five lettermen returning from last year's squad. Returning lettermen are seniors Grant Simmons, Coley Webb and juniors Fred Hare, Nate Branch and Willie Campbell.

"There is quite a lot of competition for starting spots," Cipriano said. "Simmons looks the best he has ever looked since I have been here."

With Simmons' improvement, Cipriano has tabbed him as the probable starting guard, floor leader and captain of the squad. Competition in the other positions: guard, between Hare, and Jim Damm; center, Frank Emkey and Campbell; forwards, Tom Baack, Branch and a possibility of Lantz and Campbell.

"It looks like the forwards are going shorter this year," Cipriano said, "we are looking for rebounding

strength in the forwards. We have more jumping ability and speed, more overall quickness and shooting ability than we have ever had."

The principle problem will be rebounding this year," he said. "In addition, we do not have a tall center and we are going to be a young basketball team."

Basic changes Cipriano noted are the use of the pressing type defense—to offset the height deficit, and with "A quicker and better shooting team, we will probably be able to break more, and more effectively."

Of offense the post will be coming out higher—rather than low—with the center posing more of a scoring threat than in the past, the head coach said.

"I have been pleased with the way practice has been going," Cipriano reported. "The work and hustle shown to us has been real good. Physical condition will play a real important role in the suc-

cess that we might have." And with a slow smile he said, "We are due for some pretty soon."

The first four scheduled games should give an indication of the season, he noted. The opening schedule will come as a real test to the roundballers, who have never won a December road game.

"The overall schedule is real strong. Nonconference foes are strong this year and Kansas will be the team to beat in the Big Eight."

Cipriano noted that Kansas will probably be ranked nationally but might have a hard time winning the conference. Most of the teams have improved with only Oklahoma and Missouri being down.

"Nebraska is in a good sleeper position," Cipriano said. "It is largely a matter of how much everyone else improves. I think it will be a real tough finish for everybody, as most teams are real evenly matched."

Huskers Eye Big 8 Offense Title

Although Nebraska's Cornhuskers missed gaining the Big Eight top spot in pass defense, they are destined to become the team with the most well-balanced offense to win the Conference's team total-offense title.

Against Kansas, Nebraska knocked the Jayhawks out of

first place in the pass defense race and stands only 13.2 yards behind the leading average, now held by Kansas State. Kansas State has held its opposition to 665 total passing yards, while the Jayhawks trail close behind with 667.

Even though Devaney's

Huskers are the nation's rushing team, Nebraska may well become the first team in league history to gain over four thousand yards in a ten-game season without getting at least three thousand on the ground. As it now stands, Nebraska has leads in all three offensive categories.

The Scarlets, with a current average of 416.5 a game, are pressing Oklahoma's 1956 record of 481.7 yards. If Nebraska retains its average, the Huskers will grab the second spot on the all-time list.

Colorado stands as the only real challenger to Nebraska's leads. The Buffaloes are second in total offense, rushing defense, and total defense. Last week, the Buffs were pushing the Nebraskans for the rushing-defense lead, but Missouri helped protect the Huskers' lead with the second ground total against Colorado this year.

Huskers Dominate Scoring

Larry Wacholtz and Freeman White continue to lead the Big Eight in punt returns and pass receiving respectively.

Solich and Wilson have all tallied 24 points.

Defensively the "Black-shirts" are paced by workhorse Walt Barnes in the line with 21 tackles and 20 assists. The linebackers are led by Lynn Senkbeil and Mike Kennedy with 24 and 23 tackles respectively, both have 30 assists.

Bill Johnson leads the secondary with 24 tackles and 20 assists, followed by Wacholtz with 23 tackles and 18 assists.

Wacholtz heads the punt returners with a 15.8 per carry average. The scrappy defender and return specialist has returned the pigskin 28 times for 442 yards and leads Husker scorers with a 39 point total. Sore toe and all, Wacholtz has split the upright 30-33 times while adding three of five field goal attempts.

White leads Big Eight receivers with a 27 reception total, good for 450 yards, six touchdowns and a two-point conversion. Tight-end Tony Jeter ranks ninth with 10 catches and a 142 yard total.

Frank Solich is third in kickoff returns with 231 yards while he is the Big Eight's fourth ranked rusher with 538 yards. Harry Wilson, Ron Kirkland and Fred Duda are the other Husker representatives in the rushing department.

The most marked Cornhusker domination is in the league's scorers. Nebraska has 7 out of the 15 top scorers, holding down the second, third and fourth positions. Wacholtz has 38, White 38, Charlie Winters 36, Pete Tatman, 30 Duda,

TEAM STANDINGS													
Team	All Games			Conference			Games	Pts.	Opp. Pts.				
	W	L	T	W	L	T							
Nebraska	5	0	0	1,000	279	84	Nebraska	3	0	0	1,000	181	23
Missouri	3	2	1	858	129	63	Missouri	4	1	0	858	66	36
Colorado	4	2	2	823	123	76	Oklahoma	3	1	0	756	72	48
Iowa State	4	3	1	903	131	131	Colorado	3	2	1	384	113	79
Oklahoma	3	4	0	429	81	82	Iowa State	2	3	1	417	72	113
Kansas	2	6	0	250	85	150	Kansas	2	3	0	409	63	84
Oklahoma St.	1	6	0	143	66	129	Okl. St.	4	0	0	930	21	79
Kan. St.	0	6	0	000	30	227	Kan. St.	0	3	0	000	6	196

TEAM RANKINGS BY DEPARTMENTS									
OFFENSE					DEFENSE				
Team	Avg.	Passing	Avg.	Total Offense	Avg.	Team	Avg.	Total Defense	Avg.
Nebraska	207.4	Nebraska	129.1	Nebraska	416.5	Nebraska	33.1	Nebraska	194.9
Missouri	223.9	Colorado	118.9	Colorado	392.7	Colorado	37.3	Colorado	234.9
Oklahoma	185.9	Kansas State	113.2	Missouri	288.4	Missouri	30.1	Missouri	242.8
Colorado	185.2	Iowa State	108.8	Oklahoma	296.3	Oklahoma	36.3	Iowa State	267.3
Iowa State	142.0	Kansas	62.3	Iowa State	230.8	Kansas	11.0	Kansas	213.1
Oklahoma State	136.0	Oklahoma	62.4	Oklahoma State	198.9	Oklahoma State	122.0	Oklahoma State	316.7
Kansas	130.7	Oklahoma State	60.9	Kansas	213.1	Missouri	137.4	Kansas State	267.8
Kansas State	62.5	Missouri	55.5	Kansas State	178.2				

GOAL DUST . . .

By Jim Swartz

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It takes two to tango, skin dive . . . and a great many other things, and place kicking is no exception.

The Huskers have been able to put an extra premium on the kicking ability of junior Larry Wacholtz, who has accounted for 30 of 33 extra point conversions and three field goals.

Larry's six for six effort Saturday (with a sore kicking toe) was good enough to tie a 50-year-old record set by Orwin Frank in 1910.

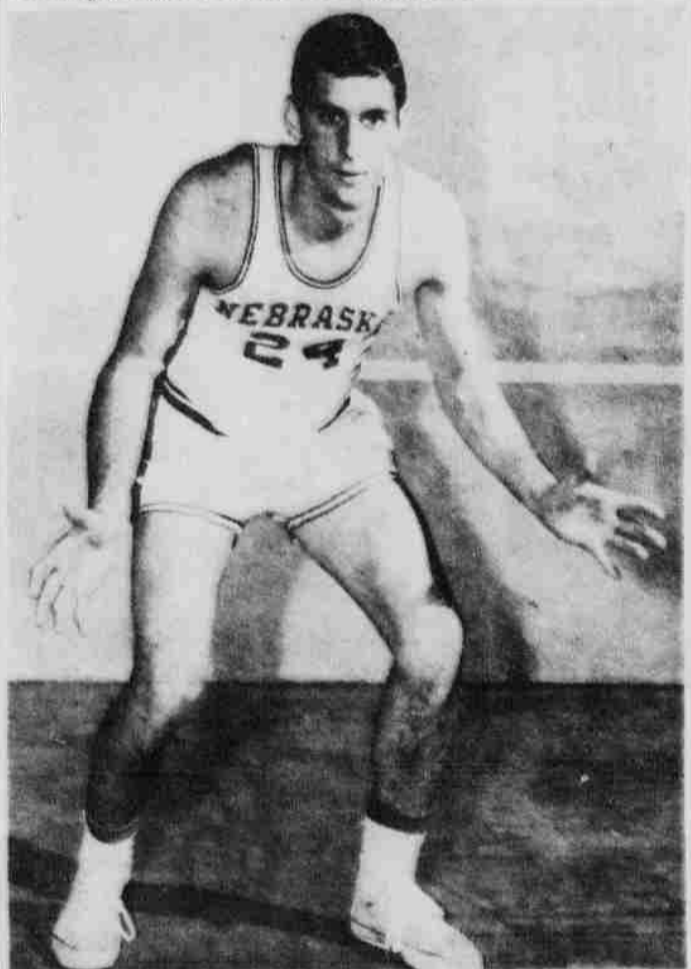
In the interviews, Larry was quick to point out that much of his success is due to Wayne Weber, who holds the placements.

"Wayne has grabbed several bad passes from center," Larry said, "and has made several attempts good that might not have been."

Weber was redshirted last year after he was injured in the South Dakota opener and is ranked at quarterback behind Fred Duda and Bob Churchich. Last week he was mentioned as a possibility to fill in Wacholtz's defensive secondary position if he would not be able to play. Weber has also turned in fine and consistent showings with the alternate units.

A good runner and passer, Weber should be at the top of quarterback prospects for next year.

Husker tackle Dennis Carlson gained "Big Eight Line-man of the Week" honors. Ron Kirkland was runner-up for the Big Eight's back honor. In national ratings, the Huskers gained an undisputed second place in the UPI ratings and remained third in the AP. Michigan State and Arkansas round out the nation's top three teams, with the Spartans number one in both polls.



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