

# Huskers Vie For Big Eight Title



FRED DUDA . . . Chicago, Ill.



BILL JOHNSON . . . Stanton, Nebr.



FRANK SOLICH . . . Cleveland, Ohio



MIKE KENNEDY . . . Omaha, Nebr.



TED VACTOR . . . Washington, Penn.



WALT BARNES . . . Chicago, Ill.



DENNIS CARLSON . . . Minneapolis, Minn.



FREEMAN WHITE . . . Detroit, Mich.



TONY JETER . . . Weirton, W. Va.

## Last Home Game For 10 Senior Starters

Tomorrow will be the last Memorial Stadium appearance for ten seniors on the starting lineup. The clash with Oklahoma will also be the last home game for Seniors Larry Casey, John Strohmeyer, Duncan Drum and Mike Worley.

Going into the Sooner game Bill Johnson leads the defensive backfield with 26 tackles and 23 assists. Mike Kennedy has 26 solos and 34 assists for the leading position at the linebacker spot. Walt Barnes paces the defensive line with 25 tackles and 22 assists.

Kickoff return specialist Frank Solich has led the individual rushing race for two successive seasons. Solich's 204 yards against Air Force this year set a Nebraska record and is still the best individual rushing mark for a single game in the Big Eight.

Freeman White and Tony Jeter have been dubbed as the best end duo in the nation by sports writers and coaches in all conferences.

White's performance this season has set several conference and university records.

Jim Brown and Dennis Carlson have provided strong depth in the Huskers' offensive line this year. Quarterback Fred Duda's comeback after a year out of play due to an injury exemplifies the desire and spirit that the Husker team as a whole has shown this season on its championship route.

Although Ted Vactor was an all Big Eight pick last year, his performance this year was hampered by a leg injury. A comparable injury put Bill Haug out for the season in this year's Wisconsin game.

The first undefeated season in 50 years and an undisputed claim to a third straight Big Eight championship will go on the line tomorrow as the Huskers meet the Oklahoma Sooners in a 12:45 match at Memorial Stadium.

A crowd of 54,000 and a national television audience will view the match between the favored Huskers and the Sooners.

Nebraska owns a 9-0 season record while the young Sooners have a 3-5 mark, with all of their wins coming in conference play. The Sooners have defeated Iowa State, Kansas and Kansas State and were beaten by Colorado and Missouri for their 3-2 conference mark.

The Husker squad reports in sound physical shape, after a week and a half rest since the Oklahoma State game. Only doubtful starters for the game are Frank Solich, Lynn Senkbeil and Kaye Carstens.

Solich is hampered by a knee injury from the Oklahoma State game and the Huskers leading ground gainer will be backed up by Pete Tatman if he is not ready to go. Senkbeil is still slowed by the foot injury from the Missouri game. Rick Coleman is slated to fill in for him.

Carstens is slowed by a virus and he will be backed up by Ted Vactor.

The young Sooners aren't without injury problems as Carl McAdams had to sit out the Missouri game and is still bothered by the sprained ankle.

Athletic officials remind students that because of national television, no banners will be allowed in the stadium.

Offense:  
 LE \*\*84 Tony Jeter (227)  
 LT \*\*70 Dennis Carlson (229)  
 LG \*\*67 LaVerne Allers (209)  
 C \*\*54 Kelly Petersen (223)  
 RG \*\*36 Jim Osberg (206)  
 RT \*\*73 Jim Brown (249)  
 QB \*\*10 Fred Duda (189)  
 RB \*\*45 Freeman White (221)  
 LH \*\*20 Ron Kirkland (213)  
 RH \*\*11 Harry Wilson (195)  
 FB \*\*45 Frank Solich (158)  
 Captain: 45 Frank Solich.  
 Weight Averages: Line 223; tackle-to-tackle 223; backs: 189; unit: 211.

Defense:  
 LE \*\*88 Jerry Patton (227)  
 LT \*\*70 Dick Crap (201)  
 MG \*\*32 Jerry Murphy (241)  
 RT \*\*77 Walt Barnes (252)  
 RE \*\*43 Len Janik (186)  
 LEB \*\*69 Mike Kennedy (219)  
 RLB \*\*63 Lynn Senkbeil (206)  
 or \*\*62 Rick Coleman (211)  
 LCB \*\*28 Bill Johnson (186)  
 RCB \*\*21 Kaye Carstens (193)  
 or \*\*46 Ted Vactor (179)  
 LS \*\*30 Marv Mueller (192)  
 RS \*\*36 Larry Washelitz (182)  
 Captain: 69 Mike Kennedy.  
 Weight Averages: Line 235; line-backers: 212; backs: 193; unit: 212.

## Rood Awakening

Now that Nebraska has become a rather stable national football power in this year 4 A.D. (after Devaney), it is good to look back at a rich Husker history. Younger big Red Fans should know that all was not as bleak as the post-WW II years.

While looking through this year's football handbook I decided to pick every tenth year starting with 1892 and see what happened.

It seems that in 1892 Nebraska managed to break even, (2-2-1), only because of a weird break. Missouri forfeited one to the weak Huskers because we had a Negro named George Flippin on the team. Evidently progress has set in . . . you don't see the Tigers turning down players like Johnny Roland and Charlie Brown now.

A decade later Nebraska produced what may have been the best team in history. But it's hard to tell. These guys were undefeated and blanked every opponent. Respectable opponents included Missouri, Minnesota, Kansas and Northwestern. But who ever heard of Knox, Lincoln High, Haskell and Doane?

### Minnesota 1912 Spoiler

By 1912, that crazy schedule hadn't perked up much. Talk about South Dakota openers . . . the Huskers handled big Bellevue College 81-0 in a 7-1 campaign. Minnesota gave Nebraska the spoiler that year, 13-0.

Moving up to 1922, we see the Big Red roughed up Notre Dame 14-6 for the first of two over the Irish. The famous Four Horsemen finally got even in 1924 by a 34-6 count.

The University's grid years under Dana X. Bible were no depression. A typical year was 1932 when the Huskers went 7-1. Oklahoma fell by a baseball score of 5-0.

The war brought a poor 3-7 season to Nebraska in 1942. The Huskers dropped seven, including a 46-0 decision to Iowa Navy. Again, the Sooners couldn't win however, losing by 7-0. Infamous year. It was the last time Nebraska was to beat Oklahoma for 16 years.

### Wilkinson String

Bill Glasford picked 1952 for one of his three winning seasons, going 5-4-1. Wilkinson kept the string going 34-13 that year.

Finally in 1962, Bob Devaney made his first Husker year pay off with a 9-2 record. The 25-13 Michigan victory indicated greatness. Only Missouri on TV and Oklahoma blemished the record. The Gotham Bowl thriller 36-34 over Miami provided the national limelight Nebraska has kept.

Through it all, Nebraska has been blessed with some good coaches, not the least of whom being Bob Devaney. I would be the last to put him on the throne many have chosen for him in his four years here. But the record speaks. This Duffy for coach of the year stuff has some credit, but very few big college coaches have made the transformation Devaney has here. Not just from one season to the next. The abrupt success seems to be permanent. If he doesn't deserve the honor now, he never will.

Now Oklahoma. Ha-ha. Nebraska drubbed the Sooners 44-0 in 1921 and this time it won't be much different. McAdams can't tackle all the Husker backs, so make it NEBRASKA 41, OKLAHOMA 7.

### Tickets Available

Only a few bleacher seats remain unsold for the Oklahoma-Nebraska game at Memorial Stadium tomorrow, according to Jim Pittenger, ticket manager. The bleacher tickets are three dollars each. Qualifying the rumor that the stadium will not be filled, due to the Thanksgiving holiday, Pittenger estimated that the turnout for the match between the Sooners and the Cornhuskers will reach 54 thousand.

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