

# Three Sophs To Start Against Husker Cagers

A young, but spirited team from Vermillion, S.D. will tangle with the Nebraska Cornhuskers Saturday night in the Coliseum.

The Coyotes from South Dakota University will start three sophomores, one junior and one senior. Mike Wilson, a 5-10 guard, is the only seasoned player on the squad from last season's team.

But the Coyotes are a hustling team. "They are not big but they never give up," said assistant Bob Gates, who

scouted the team against Creighton.

South Dakota will run a variety of patterns and plays. They work the fast break when ever they get the chance. They played a man-to-man defense against Creighton and are expected to do so against the Husker squad.

Coach Joe Cipriano will start the same team that beat Texas Tuesday night 75-64. This includes Stuart Lantz 6-3, whose 17 rebounds and 17 points sparked the Husker win; Grant Simmons (6-3), with a 14.4 point average per game; Tom Baack (6-5), the Husker's leading scorer (75) and 21-21 at the charity stripe; Nate Branch 6-4, who has 71 points and 34 rebounds to his credit; and Frank Empey 6-8, substituting for injured Willie Campbell.

Campbell will be missed in the Cornhusker press that has thus far worked well for the team. It is questionable whether or not Campbell will be ready for Monday night's game with Stanford. He is expected to be ready for the Big Eight Tournament in Kansas City, Dec. 27-30.

Coach Dwane Clodfelter's team is expected to start Mel Durant (6-0) and Mike Theeler (6-4) and Carl Moehring (6-5) as forwards, and Mike Hyde (6-9) as center.

"Team spirit is running at an all-time high," said Cipriano of his Husker squad. Nebraska is currently 4-1 for the season and 2-0 at home. The game with South Dakota is the second of three home games before the Big Eight Tourney in Kansas City. The game will start at 7:30. Nebraska plays Stanford Monday, Dec. 20.

# NU Tankers Florida-Bound

Answering the beckoning call of the sunny shores of Florida will be members of the Nebraska swimming team.

Leaving for Ft. Lauderdale, Florida on Saturday, Dec. 18, will be swimming coach Dick Klaas and eleven members of his team. They will attend the annual Ft. Lauderdale Swim Forum, Dec. 22-31. The forum is sponsored by the College Swimming Coaches Association. In 1964 more than 600 persons, representing 125 institutions and 25 states attended the meet. This is the first time Nebraska has gone to the forum.

The purpose of the forum is to give teams an opportunity to have intensive training during the holiday break. In conjunction with this, a series of clinics involving strokes, starts and turns is held. The final of the meet, held on Dec. 31, will consist of an All-Star swim meet in which the participating schools are divided into two teams for competition. Each swimmer has a chance to compete in a number of events.

The clinic is open to university and college swimmers, high school teams and a few groups below the high school level.

Those attending from the University of Nebraska will be Jon Burchill, Dave Frank, Tom Nickerson, Mike Jackson, Taylor Withrow, Don Frazier, Ken Gaeth, Rich Gordon, Steve Goetz, Keefe Lodwig, and Steve Sorenson. The main purpose of the trip, Klaas explained is to keep the team in shape over the Christmas holidays. The swimmers will workout three times a day—"It'll be like taking a pill," said Klaas to his swimmers, "once before every meal!"

Also on the Swimmers itinerary is the Orange Bowl Game in Miami. The Husker tankers will watch their Big Red counterparts face Alabama in the New Year's Classic.

# GOAL DUST . . .

By Jim Swartz

It would be an understatement to say that Nebraska's new found football success, built on the state's long tradition of football, is all owed to Coach Bob Devaney.

Under this remarkable Irishman the Huskers have compiled a 38-5-0 record, good enough to make him the winningest coach in the nation, made four consecutive bowl appearances and this year a perfect 10-0 season—the first in 50 years.

Devaney's record is almost inspiring—almost because the record of Alabama coach Paul W. Bryant is almost staggering.

Bryant has a sign which hangs in his office which says, "Winning Isn't Everything, But It Beats Anything That Comes In Second", and it goes without saying that this slogan typifies the atmosphere prevailing around the Crimson Tide football headquarters.

Under this man tabbed as "The Bear" and the "Great Rehabilitator" the Crimson Tide has emerged as a crushing national football power.

Under the Bear's coaching, Bama has turned in a 68-12-6 record for him and the plain and simple fact of Alabama football is that the sophomores of the 1965 squad were just seventh graders the last time Alabama failed to field a bowl team.

If that's not enough, take his last six seasons and the tide has suffered only two losses while winning 51 and tying 5. In addition Alabama has been ranked nationally every year for the past six years—tenth in 1959, ninth in 1960, first in 1961, fifth in 1962, ninth in 1963 and first again in 1964. There is no other team in football that has been nationally ranked for the past six successive years.

The Tide was also ranked at the top of the heap in pre-season polls, before it fell an 18-17 victim to Georgia in the first game on a disputed play and a 7-7 tie by Bowl bound Tennessee, on a mistake that cost them possession of the ball.

The Tide then came back, like any good team, and won their last five games. Scoring an average of 25.4 to their opponents 6.2 to land up in fourth place in both wire polls, a berth behind third ranked Nebraska.

The Bama has done this with the record breaking performance of quarterback Steve Sloan. He ranks as the team's leading offensive leader with 1499 yards on 264 plays for a per carry average of 5.7 and a 149.9 yard output per game.

Looking ahead to the New Year's night clash between two great football traditions . . . If the Huskers can stop Sloan's passing and running threat—they've stopped Alabama. Still, it's anybody's ball game and someone is going to win it 10-7.

# On Rain Soaked Field . . .

# Huskers' Drills Hard, Tough

By Jim Pearce

PHOENIX, ARIZONA—Beneath the brown slope of Tempe Butte, Nebraska's Cornhuskers went through the second drill of their winter camp in Phoenix, Arizona Thursday morning.

The floor of Sun Devil Stadium remained soggy from the unusual amount of moisture during the past week, and the turf was beginning to show the effects of the rugged drill.

The cool morning temperatures seemed to agree with the hefty Huskers as their crisp hitting indicated. Low lying, dark grey clouds continued to block out the bright Arizona sun; however, except

for an occasional sprinkle, no moisture fell.

With Coach Bob Devaney out of town, his staff of assistants conducted group drills and more conditioning. Coach George Kelly worked with the defensive line and linebackers on pass rush plays while the interior of the offensive line was concentrating on blocking assignments. Emphasis was being placed on quickness and speed in both groups.

On the other end of the field the defensive backs were working on pass coverage while their offensive counterparts were smoothing out timing on running plays. A final group, made up of offensive ends, ran through various

pass patterns on the slippery field.

The team all seems to agree on one point. They are working harder now than they ever did during the regular season.

Al Kuel, reserve defensive back and punter, resting during the workout said, "They never worked us this hard back home. We are running more wind sprints and they keep adding some each day." He then rolled over and stretched out to get some rest.

Co-captain Frank Solich agreed, and added, "My knee is getting better, but some warm weather would sure help it along."

Everyone remains in good health despite the chilling rains.

Some boys still had excess energy after the morning workout and used it to burn up the Camelback 1m golf course. Mike Kennedy, Rich Haach, LaVerne Allers, and this reporter made up one of the foursomes.

Kennedy found the tall sahuaro cactus very tricky to shoot around on the way to the green, and the rest of the group spent its time in the sand trap.

Allers proved himself as good a wedge man on the golf course as he is on the football field and won the round. Kennedy maneuvered his way to a second place finish.

Sizing up the situation in the club house, sportscaster Bob Zenger joked, "After witnessing that exhibition, I'm glad we're not playing Alabama in golf."

The Huskers have been well received in the Valley of the Sun. Students at ASU have taken time out from hurrying home chores to notice NEBRASKA'S PRESENCE. A junior, Jack Crimmings, commented, "It's a good thing the field is wet with all the hitting and wind sprints they are doing. If it was dry, cleats might be caught in the turf and injuries would result."

After Thursday afternoon's workout the team had a free night. Friday, Husker plans for a day time drill, followed by a heavy scrimmage under the lights, in preparation for the New Year's Night encounter have been postponed indefinitely due to heavy rains.

Visitors who prefer boating activities will find sailing and speedboat regattas almost every weekend throughout the year on Biscayne Bay. Closely associated with boating is fishing and Miami boats the finest. Whether it be on Biscayne Bay, the Gulf Stream, the Atlantic Ocean or a fresh water river, the fish are large, fast and delicious.

Golf and tennis tournaments featuring leading stars are presented periodically throughout the winter.

Sports Never Lull There is never a lull in sports activity. Boxing and wrestling matches are held throughout the year, and many of the fights are televised nationally. Stock car racing and other college and high school sports events round out the program.

Participant sports range from golf and tennis to archery and horseback riding. Dade County and Miami public parks, located throughout the area, provide excellent facilities for many other forms of outdoor activity including shuffleboard, swimming, and even bowling on the green. There are 15 golf courses in the area, twice as many bowling alleys and countless tennis courts. Visitors also have the opportunity to hunt in the nearby Everglades, water ski, or just relax in the sun. There are numerous facilities for ocean, bay, pool and lake swimming throughout the year.

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# Orange Bowl Undergoes Many Innovations Since 1937

MIAMI, Fla.—The City of Miami Orange Bowl, one of the finest stadiums in the country, has seen many innovations since the gates opened for the first time in 1937.

A Public Works Administration grant of \$325,000 paid for the construction of the facility, located at 1500 NW Third St., with a seating capacity for 22,000 fans. The City of Miami owns and operates the stadium.

The initial Orange Bowl Football Classic was played on New Year's Day 1938 with a less than capacity crowd. However, thanks to the promotional skills of many Miamians, the game, now played at night, has been a virtual sellout since.

It has been the home of the University of Miami football team since its opening, but in 1966, the Hurricanes will share their "residence" with Miami's entry in the American Football League.

Not only is the stadium used for football games but it is the scene of the annual Easter Sunrise Pageant and July Fourth Extravaganza among other non-sport activities.

The Orange Bowl remained in its original state until the 1939 classic, which featured two unbeaten and untied teams (Oklahoma and Tennessee). The attraction caused enlargement of the stadium's seating capacity to 38,000 by addition of wooden

seats in the east and west end zones.

Condemned and razed in 1942, the end zones were replaced in 1945 with tubular supported sections. Addition of 22,500 seats by steel and concrete double-decking of the north and south stands in 1947 upped the capacity to 60,000 with the revamping project costing \$1,300,000.

In 1950, 4,500 more seats were squeezed in. Three years later, \$100,000 was raised to make the bowl even bigger—67,100. In 1955, at a cost of a half-million dollars, it again was remodeled to accommodate 76,300. The major remodeling (one

million dollars worth) took place in 1963. Bleachers were removed from the east and west end zones.

New permanent stands totaling 8,600 seats were constructed on the west side and a beautifully landscaped park complete with 50 coconut palm and orange trees, a water fountain shooting a stream 50 feet into the air, two pools 80 feet wide, a waterfall and a giant 64-foot long electronic scoreboard were installed in the east end zone.

A complete new playing field, increased lighting for night games, a three-foot elevation of box seats and renovated press boxes, while the west entrance was enhanced

by orange-colored asphalt were additional alterations in 1963.

Prior to the 1965 season, 11 powerful floodlights were installed to shine down from the stands on the walkways around the bowl along with the erection of eight water coolers.

In addition to high-caliber football, the Orange Bowl Game's appeal lies in its unparalleled half-time show. Executive Vice President Selzer, known as the "Mad Genius" for his imaginative spectacles, has built up the half-time show to the point where columnist Walter Winchell recently wrote: "It makes everything else in show business seem small time."

# Orange Bowl Preview . . .

# Alabama Gridders Show Balance, Desire

Tuscaloosa, Ala.—(Special)—Lightning never strikes twice, or does it?

This myth was shattered during Alabama's football season when Steve Sloan and Dennis Homan flashed four scoring bolts during the Tide's stretch run to a second SEC title.

Dennis Homan came to Alabama after a brilliant prep career at Muscle Shoals High School, where he made All-State. As a freshman he was a halfback with great speed, scoring on long passes of 45 and 33-yards and returning one punt 70-yards for a TD.

As the 1965 season got underway, Homan was listed as a running back behind Leslie Kelley. He was switched to flanker because of his speed and in his first game at that spot responded with three key receptions.

Two games later, Mississippi State was the first team to feel the Homan lightning. On the fifth play of the game, fleet Dennis gathered in Steve Sloan's aerial, completing a 65-yard scoring play. This proved to be the Tide's only touchdown in a 10-7 victory.

The next week on regional TV, Sloan hit Homan with another big strike, a 45-yard aerial the second time Alabama got the ball.

Against South Carolina, Dennis scored twice on passes of 36 and 50-yards. His two tremendous catches broke South Carolina's back and helped the Tide to a 35-14 victory.

Homan's honors include being named to the league's All-Sophomore team and its academic team. He is a B+ student in the School of Education.

Even if the weather is clear

in Miami, Alabama will be looking for some lightning. Sloan to Homan just may ignite it.

# Trimble Talented

Take great natural ability, throw in a good attitude, the ability to adapt and lots of desire and you have an outstanding athlete or Wayne Trimble, whichever you choose to call Alabama's No. 20.

When the season opened

Wayne Trimble of Cullman was a flanker in Alabama's offensive plans. Three games later Steve Sloan received an injury and Trimble moved to quarterback to take up some slack.

Sloan recovered and Trimble was stuck, having split practice time to that point at flanker and quarterback and being a little behind at both positions because of his sacrifice. A few games later the Crimson Tide wanted to tough-

en its defense, so Trimble was again summoned.

He became a rover (linebacker or monster in Bama's setup) on Monday and started at the position the next Saturday, against LSU in Baton Rouge. He graded out amazingly high for his first performance, turned in some big plays against the Bayou Bengals and became a fixture at that spot.

He improved in the Tide's final two victories and inter-

cepted a pass against Auburn in the championship finale. Naturally, he's headed for the starting assignment in the Orange Bowl on Jan. 1.

Wayne Trimble's ability to adapt to a new position is indicative of the personnel situation at Alabama. A good athlete will find a place to play . . . that has been demonstrated time and again.

# Dowdy Missed

Alabama footballers got their share of post-season individual awards, and yet one of the best linemen in the Southeastern Conference was almost unanimously overlooked.

Cecil Dowdy of Cherokee didn't make the wire service All-Conference teams, which seems almost an injustice in view of his tremendous ability. Of course, it's hard to pick linemen, since they come in for less statistical comparison than backs, but films don't misrepresent very often and the films point out conclusively that Dowdy is one of the best.

It's hard to conceive of a better blocker than Dowdy, who operated as Alabama's strongest offensive tackle this past season. Steve Bowman, the SEC's leading rusher can tell you about Dowdy, since most of his 770 yards were gained over the route cleared by the 6-1, 204-pound junior.

As a sophomore last year Dowdy lettered behind All-American Wayne Freeman and this season loomed as one of the Tide's few experienced interior linemen. His play improved steadily over the season and he has emerged as one of the vital cogs in the Crimson Tide offense.

there is assurance that he gives it all he has and then some for the Crimson Tide.

The 6-1, 194-pound junior from Montgomery is a "football player" which is the way Alabama coaches best compliment a top griddler.

A tight end does not normally receive much recognition, but when Cook stands out on a play, most of the time it comes in a critical situation.

Looking back over the season, Steve Sloan passed to No. 83 several times on key third down situations while the defenders were watching such men as Tommy Tolleson, Ray Perkins and Dennis Homan.

Even more important, Cook has demonstrated that he knows what to do with the ball when he latches on to it. Tacklers have a difficult time with him because of his determination and running ability.

Cook, a junior, caught nine passes this season for 144 yards and a 16-yard per catch average, certainly respectable for a tight end. Even with his outstanding pass receiving abilities, Cook is more valuable to the team as a blocker. Much of SEC rushing leader Steve Bowman's yardage has been gained on Cook's side.

# Cole Aggressive

Richard Cole is easy going off the field, but come Saturday afternoon he's a rugged customer as a defensive tackle for the Alabama Crimson Tide.

In fact, to see the good-natured young man around Paul Bryant Hall, one might wonder how he could muster up enough steam to dump an opposing halfback or quarterback. But this past season (Cole made a reputation as an

aggressive tackler for the youthful Crimson Tide.

Three years ago Richard was in the limelight as an All-State lineman with college scouts knocking at the door. To play football for Coach Paul Bryant and Alabama was a real challenge and the hard-working Cole accepted it.

He became a starter as a freshman and played sparingly during his sophomore year, but not quite enough to earn a letter. Since last spring training Cole has vastly improved and early this season was moved to the first defensive unit. A knee injury sidelined him for one game earlier, but he recovered and has been doing well ever since.

Cole, a 6-0, 200-pound husky type, started the first game against Georgia and has been a starter in all the others, except the one in which he was injured. His best games came against Alabama's toughest opponents this year, LSU and Auburn.

Against the Bengal Tigers in Baton Rouge he made six tackles and against Auburn played perhaps his best game of 1965. He was among the many Tiedsmen who constantly pestered Tiger quarterback Alex Bowden into throwing seven interceptions.

He turned in three tackles and five assists in that game as the Crimson Tide captured the SEC title in a showdown match with its cross-state rival.

A Christian gentleman, Cole is one of the most faithful "Fellowship of Christian Athletes" members in the U of A chapter. He is treasurer of the group and speaks regularly to young groups during the Spring semesters.



STEVE SLOAN . . . "Mr. Everything of the Crimson Tide, Sloan passed for a 60.6 completion average, had only three intercepted, and got 1450 yards and 11 touchdowns. Sloan will be one of the main targets of the Nebraska "Blackshirts," as a good rush will probably be necessary to prevent him from picking the secondary apart in passing.



LARRY TOLLESON . . . Alabama's top pass receiver, had a record-breaking year in that department, managing 32 receptions for 374 yards for the Tide.



STEVE BOWMAN . . . Bama's rushing leader, lost only 14 yards on 153 carries for 770 yards.