

# You Can't Win 'Em All

By Bob Flasnick

I'd put money on it that the most popular question in NEBRASKAland this week is "Does Nebraska really have a good football team this year or are the Huskers finally heading downhill?"

The answer is easy. Nebraska beat a good Texas Christian team Saturday so the Huskers too have a good team.

But in Nebraska just having a good team isn't enough anymore. Husker fans would like their team to be almost superhuman, a team that will beat their opponent by 20 points every week, end up with a perfect record and be invited to a post season bowl game. Perhaps Bob Devaney has been too good to us.

College football is a game of desire, dedication, and breaks. Whenever two good teams get together, either team can win, no matter how superior one may seem when compared to the other.

Sports Illustrated put it nicely this week—

"It must be that the college players really do sniff those mums and listen to those yells and believe that jerseys are sometimes retired. . . . A slow guy will outrun a fast guy, a little guy will block a big one, a player who can't keep his socks taped up will sidestep one who can. . . . This is how it always has been with the college game, and this is how it will be again in 1966."

College football is anything but cut and dried. It wouldn't be the great game today if it was.

Texas Christian had the kind of offense that would give any team trouble, an offense with quick pass receivers and a nifty passer who knows how to exploit a weakness.

But when you think about it the Horned Frog's only touchdown was set up by a pass interference call which would not have been necessary to keep the pass from being completed.

The Cornhusker defense kept a potentially good ground offense bottled up all afternoon and the Nebraska offense showed what it was capable of doing early in the game.

The failure of the offense to move as the game progressed was probably the most disturbing development to come out of the game. Coach Devaney termed it "lackadaisical offense." TCU Coach Abe Martin thought it was due to better defensive play by his team, but it just might be that the "Big Red" hasn't been sniffing enough of those mums.

There is something new in the University Athletic Department this year besides the red stripe that was added to the football helmets and game pants.

Monday saw the initiation of a new walkie-talkie system to be used by Nebraska coaches, physicians, and trainers. There will be units in the field house, intramural building, University Hospital, and on the practice field to handle any emergencies that come up.

There was a letter in the mail Monday from Doctor Lynn W. Thompson of Omaha, Class of '42. He wants the University to revitalize the song, "Scarlet and Cream."

Says Doctor Thompson, "For about three decades prior to the second World War this musical composition (The Scarlet and Cream) paralleled Harry Pecha's immortal "Dear Old Nebraska U." The melody and the rhythm has many similarities to "Dear Old Nebraska U."

Let all of us join and revive this song which was so popular in former great years of Nebraska football, and for some unknown reason has not been played by the University of Nebraska band for over a quarter of a century."

I have a copy of the music if anybody is interested.

## Alabama Ranks First In SI's Football Poll

In its annual college football preview issue (Sept. 19), Sports Illustrated picks Alabama to win its third consecutive national football championship. (Only two other schools have accomplished the feat—Minnesota in 1934, 1935 and 1936 and Army in 1944, 1945 and 1946.) Selected as the Eleven best Eleven behind the Crimson Tide (10-0) are

Arkansas (9-1), Tennessee (8-2), Michigan State (8-2), Ohio State 7-2, Georgia Tech (8-2), Texas (8-2) and Colorado (8-2) — in that order.

Rounding out the nation's twenty top teams, according to the magazine, will be Purdue, Syracuse, USC, TCU, Stanford, LSU, Michigan, Oregon State and Baylor.



Defensive end Langston Coleman (80) puts the clamps on Texas Christian quarterback P. D. Shabay.

## Devaney Praises Cornhuskers After Viewing Films Of Game

Husker Coach Bob Devaney has praise for some members of his team after viewing films of Nebraska's 14-10 win over Texas Christian, Saturday.

Two of the pats on the backs went to members of Nebraska's "Blackshirts" or defensive team.

Talking of defensive lineman Wayne Meylan, Devaney said, "Wayne is a great defensive lineman. After watching movies of the TCU game, it seemed like he was always where the ball was — forcing the passer to hurry, making the tackle, jam-

ming things up, he's very strong and very fast."

About linebacker Lynn Senkbell, who had four unassisted tackles and four tackle assists, against Texas Christian Devaney said, "He was outstanding against TCU, with a fumble recovery, pass interception and big TCU loss to his credit in the fourth quarter."

Devaney also had praise for center Kelly Petersen. The Husker Coach said of Petersen, "He is a tremendous offensive center, really quick and tough. He's usually the first man down

on punt coverage. He really hustles 100 per cent."

Nebraska's next assignment will be Utah State this Saturday in Lincoln. The Aggies recorded a 8-2 season record last year and had a good crop of returning veterans, but they were beaten Saturday in their season opener with New Mexico, 17-13.

Coach Devaney and his aides are familiar with Utah State football. While at Wyoming, Devaney and company tied the Aggies in 1957, 19-19; won 41-13 in 1958; won 27-2 in 1959; lost 17-13 in 1960 and tied 6-6 in 1961, for a 2-1-2 record.

"Utah State plays a good brand of football," said Devaney. "They have good personnel and we must play better than we did in our opening game."

## 'Fearsome Fivesome' Top Big Eight Record

Big 8 Sports Information

That fearsome fivesome at the heart of the Nebraska defensive unit is at it again this year. They spearheaded a becalming job on Texas Christian's running attack which ranks as the best opening-day performance in the Big Eight Conference record books.

Jim McCord, Wayne Meylan, and Carol Smith, the three inside up front, and Rick Coleman and Lynn Senkbell, the linebackers, stopped the heralded Frog running brigade with but 10 yards, giving the Huskers a big jump on the rest of the league in their quest for another team defensive crown.

This stingy allowance on the ground paced the way for the Nebraska's to take the early total-defense lead as they gave up a total of only 158 yards to the vaunted Texans.

That performance also

offset, in part, the tremendous defensive job that Oklahoma State did on another Southwest Conference powerhouse, Arkansas. By holding the Hogs to only 57 passing yards and another 143 rushing, the Cowboys were able to grab onto second in both pass defense and total defense.

LAST WEEK'S RESULTS: MISSOURI 24, Minnesota 0; NEBRASKA 14, Texas Christian 10; OKLAHOMA 17, Oregon 0; Wisconsin 20, IOWA STATE 10; Army 21, KANSAS STATE 6, Arkansas 14, OKLAHOMA STATE 10; Miami 24, COLORADO 3; Texas Tech 23, KANSAS 7.

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE: OKLAHOMA at IOWA STATE; New Mexico at KANSAS STATE; COLORADO at Baylor; KANSAS at Arizona; MISSOURI at Illinois; Utah State at NEBRASKA.

### TEAM STANDINGS All Games

Team	W	L	T	Pct.	Opp. Pct.
Missouri	1	0	0	1.000	1.000
Nebraska	1	0	0	1.000	1.000
Oklahoma	1	0	0	1.000	1.000
Iowa State	0	1	0	.000	.000
Kansas State	0	1	0	.000	.000
Oklahoma State	0	1	0	.000	.000
Colorado	0	1	0	.000	.000
Kansas	0	1	0	.000	.000

Team	G	AH	Yds.	Avg.
Kansas	1	77	406	406.0
Missouri	1	69	265	265.0
Nebraska	1	74	262	262.0
Oklahoma	1	61	223	223.0
Oklahoma State	1	70	229	229.0
Kansas State	1	63	213	213.0
Iowa State	1	37	208	208.0
Colorado	1	58	178	178.0

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## Sophomore Holds Leads In Rushing

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The best opening day rushing barrage in the history of the Big Eight Conference has given Cornelius Davis, the Kansas State sophomore fullback, the early league rushing lead.

Davis, a former St. Louis high school hurdle champion, broke for 161 yards against Army to move to the single-game rushing top for a Doug Weaver-coached back at Kansas State.

Davis' total also represents the best day in the Big Eight for a sophomore since Gale Sayers rambled for his record 283 yards against Oklahoma State back in 1962.

Now fourth on the all-time Kansas State list for a single game, Davis' total included an 89-yard scoring gallop for the Wildcats' lone touchdown. This jaunt was the longest from scrimmage for the Conference in two seasons.

Davis was just one of three sophomores to break into top 10 rushing list during a year when returning upperclassmen were expected to throw a protective shroud over the upper spots vacated by graduated seniors.

However, right behind Davis was Kansas' Don Shanklin, a speedy little breakthrough threat who rambled for 134 yards — Kansas' best individual rushing effort since Sayers bounced for 144 against Nebraska in 1963.

Also grabbing a spot high up on the all-time list was Kansas' Bobby Skahan, who popped back into action with a 230-yard total offense day, which included hitting 12 of 19 passes for 152 yards. This effort also gave him the individual passing lead after the first weekend of action.

Skahan now trails only Sayers, Ray Evans, and Wade Stinson, Jayhawk athletic director, on the one-game tables.

His big push also gave Kansas a total of 406 yards for the day, the best for the Jayhawks since the Iowa State game two seasons ago. This total also marked the best day for Skahan, personally.

Riding Skahan's great on-target throwing—his 12 of 19 fell just shy of the all-time Big Eight accuracy mark, to the receiving lead was Jayhawk flanker, Halley Kampschroeder, who collared six of the aeriels for 88 yards. Thus, Kampschroeder picked up right where he left off last year, when he came out of nowhere to become Kansas' top receiver the last two games of the season.

A third Jayhawk, David Morgan, gave Kansas the individual lead in a fourth category, when he booted his way to the top in punting, holding a 47.5 average. Morgan has apparently displaced last year's Big Eight leader in the category, Bill Lynch, as the Kansas punter.

Breaking up the Sunflower State's early domination of the individual leads were Oklahoma's Eddie Hinton, sophomore halfback who heard the footsteps and took the punt-returning lead on the strength of his 63-yard touchdown burst with an Oregon kick, and Iowa State's Tom Busch.



Richard Voges, a University of Nebraska photo laboratory employee, is shown here competing in the State Archery Field Championships at Scottsbluff on Labor Day. Voges won the meet at Scottsbluff and also the State Archery Championships June 5th at Fremont.

## Cornhuskers Scare Utah State's Coach

Big 8 Sports Information

"We could easily be 0-2 after our first two games." These words were spoken by Utah State University football coach Tony Knap, not after last Saturday night's stunning upset at the hands of New Mexico by a 17-8 score, but early last spring in looking ahead to the 1966 grid season.

Although Tony is not the type to say "I told you so," it's exactly the way he felt as he viewed USU's first two games of the year against New Mexico and Nebraska.

The game against the Nebraska Cornhuskers, slated this Saturday in Lincoln, is bringing beads of perspiration to the brow of Knap, formerly known as the "Grey Fox" but at this stage of the game, the "Greyer Fox."

Saturday night in Albuquerque, the upstart Lobos came out as high as the proverbial kite and quickly shot holes into the high

Utah State pre-season rankings. A fierce UNM defense caused five Aggie fumbles and four pass interceptions. Knap tersely summed up the situation when he said "A team just can't win when it coughs up the ball that much."

All of that is history now as Knap and his staff are working overtime to regroup their charges for what has to be the toughest assignment ever undertaken by a Utah football team.

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