

# Cipriano Squad 'In Good Shape'

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When Nebraska basketball coach Joe Cipriano says "We're in better condition than we've ever been," it makes one feel he is not talking about physical shape alone.

His Cornhusker squad, which finished with a 20-5 record last season, has a lot of things going for it, in his estimation.

"The players' attitude is better than its ever been. In the past we've had to sell them on the fact that they could win," he said.

Nebraska will have, however, one thing coming at it instead of going for it. The competition in the conference is tight.

"This is the first year so

many Big Eight teams are in contention," said Cipriano. He listed all but Oklahoma State and Missouri as possible postshooters for the conference title.

Meanwhile, back on the positive side, the NU mentor noted, "This is the first year that we've had all of our players under our own system."

In addition to this is the potential of the sophomores.

"There is a chance some of them could be a surprise to us," said Cipriano.

Asked about the difficulty of duplicating last season's accomplishments, the coach pointed out the absence of 1965-66 standouts Grant Simmons, Coley Webb and Fred Hare.

# Rood Awakening

By MICK ROOD

It might have been frustrating to the crowd Saturday, but think how Nebraska's proud offensive platoon must feel.

A cynic wouldn't have any trouble inventing huddle dialogue. The possibilities seem to be endless.

For their opening drive against Colorado this Saturday, a planned series of four plays might go like this.

- First down:** The pitchout fumble and recovery play, sometimes known to gain six yards.
  - Second Down:** The strategic throw-it-over-everybody long pass with three receivers open 20 yards behind the ball. Builds foe's confidence.
  - Third down:** The quarterback sneak-but-drop-the-ball-first plunge. Also builds foe's morale.
  - Fourth down:** The big gamble: the fullback dropside draw where the back rambles for 15, loses the ball somewhere around a teammate... hoping he will recover.
- Perhaps sadly missing last game was the Husker quarterback option of old, Fred Duda ran this one to perfection. It is this play, that against a good team, must work to make the ground game effective. The Huskers were able to run over Kansas State when aroused, with the basic power plays. This won't work against Colorado or the rest of the schedule.

All of which leads to what will Devaney change, if anything, offensively for the Buffalo contest? A Lincoln Star story indicated secret doings were in order when the team moved inside Tuesday. Coach Devaney insists the offense will try to run the same offensive plays... just doing the jobs better. Which will it be?

Statistics show that a good passer can make headway against the Buffs. Opponents have completed 68 for 131 for 718 yards against Colorado. There have been 10 interceptions.

Tradition shows Nebraska has needed the big plays, not the line plunges, to win in Boulder.

On the other hand, Nebraska tradition shows Nebraska power plays can grind anyone when the need be. Notable exceptions were the 1962 Missouri Tigers and the 1964 Sooners.

What will the Man use in Boulder?

As fate would have it, I was 8 for 10 on the small school efforts last week. Slippery Rock was indeed blasted 19-0, contrary to Mr. Harmon even. Emory & Henry managed to win 13-7, and Northland overcame Lakeland 7-6. Real heartbreakers.

Returning to the larger teams like Nebraska and Colorado. If the Huskers falter it won't be against the Buffs. It will take some flash to win. Drink a lot before and during the game and leave the driving to the football team. I see it NEBRASKA 28, COLORADO 16.

Notre Dame to struggle past Oklahoma; Purdue to upset Michigan State; Oklahoma State over Kansas; SMU over Texas Tech; TCU to edge Auburn; Florida State over Miss. St.; Missouri over Iowa State; Kansas State over Cincinnati; Tennessee over South Carolina; LSU to upset Florida; Duke over North Carolina St.; Army to edge Pitt; and Illinois can edge Stanford.

Now 28 for 50 on the toughies.

Importance of being Earnest award of the week. Nebraska's yell leader was really trying for spirit last Saturday. The majority of the card section people, desperately trying to watch the game, ignored most of the cheerleaders' creative yells.

After a few rousing C-o-o-o-r-n-husker's and Hit-That-Line's, the yell leader saw his chance. After Wayne Meylan blocked his punt and scored, the Block That Kick yell became Meylan, Block That Kick.

The innovation was used on the next punt.

Too bad, Wayne was taking a breather on the bench as that next punt sailed down the field unscathed.

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# Huskers Add Spirit To Preparations

By Bob Flasnck  
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The Nebraska Cornhuskers, a team that has gained a reputation of playing unemotional but dead serious football, might be trying to fire things up a little for this Saturday's encounter with Colorado.

intely miss" the Missouri game Oct. 29th in Lincoln.

Devenay didn't hint that the Huskers would try anything new against the Buffaloes. There was some pre-season talk that Nebraska would run from the I Formation but it has not yet materialized.

"We feel we can get just as much out of our other formations," said Devaney. "We haven't been working too much with the I Formation. We'll probably do many of the same things we have been doing, but we hope to do them better."

"We've always had a lot of hustle and spirit in practice," said Husker Coach Bob Devaney Wednesday, but he added that the Huskers have shown "a little additional spirit" in preparation for the Buffaloes.

It might come in handy because the Buffs appear to have caught fire last Saturday when they beat Iowa State 41-21 and took over the Big Eight rushing lead in the process. Colorado has run for a 208.6 yard average in the last five games compared to Nebraska's 198.

But the Huskers lead the Big Eight in rushing defense, allowing five opponents an average of 46.6 yards on the ground, which could make for a hard-fought contest at Boulder.

Nebraska has been hampered by injuries so far this season, but there was a bright note Tuesday.

Senior defensive halfback Kaye Carstens, who injured a knee last Saturday against Kansas State, was running with the "Black Shirts" and is expected to be ready for Colorado.

But the status of right end Dennis Richnasky and halfback Ron Kirkland doesn't look so good. Devaney said Tuesday that both Kirkland and Richnasky would be sidelined for two more weeks and they would "def-

# Catchers Eye Crown

Attention Eppie Barney. Two of your split-end colleagues have suddenly become intent challengers. They want the Big Eight Conference catching crowns you won last year that most thought were bolted down so securely this year.

back-to-back championships might be swiped away. Jones is a Wildcat sophomore and described by Doug Weaver as having "exceptional hands and a smooth, fluid approach to the defender."

Player and School	Catches	Yds.	TD
Eppie Barney (Iowa State)	26	334	0
Dave Jones (Kansas State)	15	289	1
Ben Hart (Oklahoma)	15	261	1
Eddie Hinton (Oklahoma)	14	186	1
George Maurer (Iowa State)	13	161	0
Larry Plante (Colorado)	12	202	0
Dennis Richnasky (Nebr.)	12	121	0
Dennis Morrison (Nebraska)	11	121	0
John Farier (Colorado)	8	114	0
Charlie Brown (Missouri)	8	53	0
Omie Cain (Kansas State)	8	32	1
Harry Wilson (Nebraska)	7	105	0
Billy Karmachroeder (Ia.)	7	104	0
Ron Kirkland (Nebraska)	7	90	0
Bill Slat (Kansas State)	7	70	0

However, if Kansas State's Dave Jones and Oklahoma's Ben Hart continue to roam around using butterfly nets for hands and stealing catches away from defenders, Barney's chances for

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1-NOTRE DAME 6-SOUTHERN CAL 11-ARKANSAS 16-BAYLOR  
2-MICH. STATE 7-HOUSTON 12-OKLAHOMA 17-WYOMING  
3-ALABAMA 8-FLORIDA 13-S.M.U. 18-L.S.U.  
4-U.C.L.A. 9-TENNESSEE 14-MISSOURI 19-MIAMI, FLA.  
5-GEORGIA TECH 10-PURDUE 15-NEBRASKA 20-GEORGIA

Midwest (continued)  
Bethany, Kansas 19 Friends 13  
Carroll 30 Millikin 13  
Carthage 18 North Park 6  
Central College, I. 13 Ouburn 6  
Central Michigan 24 Illinois State 0  
Central Missouri 14 Missouri Mines 7  
Central Oklahoma 19 NW Oklahoma 15  
DePauw 25 Earlham 7  
Doane 25 St. Mary 0  
Drake 21 Western Kentucky 16  
East Cent. Oklahoma 48 Panhandle A & M 14  
Eastern New Mexico 12 Omaha 8  
Franklin 19 Indiana Central 14  
Hawaii 18 18  
Indiana State 14 Evansville 9  
Kansas Wesleyan 16 Bethel, Kan. 6  
Langston 18 Oklahoma Tech 17  
Martin, Tenn. 21 Baker 12  
Michigan Tech 20 Michigan 7  
Michigan State 12 Northland 7  
Missouri 21 Missouri Valley 0  
NE Missouri 21 SW Missouri 14  
Northern Illinois 30 Hillsdale 14  
Panthers 17 Delta 18  
St. Norbert 27 Okosh 12  
St. Thomas 20 Macalester 7  
SE Missouri 14 NW Missouri 0  
SE Oklahoma 13 SE Oklahoma 13  
Stevens Point 22 Stout 7  
Taylor 14 Eastern Illinois 11  
Western Illinois 20 Illinois Wesleyan 14  
Wheaton 19 Heidelberg 6

Other Games—South & Southwest  
Angelo 14 Texas Lutheran 7  
Arkansas A & M 29 Henderson 0  
Arlington 14 Trinity 10  
Bridgewater 26 Frostburg 6  
Carson-Newman 14 George Mason 12  
Concord 28 Appalachian 12  
East Tennessee 14 Wofford 13  
Eastern Kentucky 32 Findlay 0  
Elon 29 Catawba 19  
Fairmont 22 West Va. Tech 9  
Guilford 20 Presbyterian 7  
Harding 25 Maryville 7  
Jacksonville 15 Mississippi College 0  
Lamar Tech 20 Middle Tennessee 16  
Lenoir-Rhyne 27 Western Carolina 16  
NE Louisiana 20 SE Louisiana 14  
Ochsicht 15 Louisiana College 8  
Randolph-Macon 15 Millaps 13  
S. F. Austin 25 Howard Payne 14  
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SW Texas 23 Sam Houston 14  
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Tarlton 22 Arkansas Tech 6  
Tennessee Tech 17 Tennessee 7  
Texas A & I 15 McMurry 0  
Troy 17 Florence 8  
West Liberty 18 West Va. Wesleyan 14

Other Games—Far West  
Adams State 25 Colorado State 7  
Cal Lutheran 54 Cal Tech 0  
Cal Poly (S.L.O.) 21 San Fernando 7  
Cal Western 30 Lakeridge 0  
Colorado Western 27 Colorado Mines 12  
Davis 24 Hayward 7  
Eastern Washington 21 Central Washington 6  
Long Beach 14 Northern Arizona 6  
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