

# You Can't Win 'em All

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Sports Editor

George Himelic, a Nebraskan on hand at Norman, Okla. Thanksgiving Day, reports that some Sooner fans were disgruntled (at least until they beat Nebraska) because coach Jim Mackenzie transformed the Oklahoma football team in his first year as the Sooner head coach.

It seems Mackenzie has outfitted the team in uniforms that resemble those worn by Arkansas where he was an assistant last year and coached his team in Alabama's style of play.

Having watched the game on color TV, I can attest that the Sooners do resemble Arkansas as far as uniforms are concerned, but it wouldn't have taken a color tube to notice similarities of play in Oklahoma and Nebraska's Sugar Bowl foe Alabama.

Mackenzie appears to have done a good job of indoctrinating the Sooners in the ways of Bear Bryant Football, so Nebraska probably couldn't have had a better preview of what to expect in the Sugar Bowl.

Alabama is the only undefeated, untied major college team in the country this year and they can round out a perfect season Saturday if they can beat Auburn. The Crimson Tide has been the national champion for the past two years and there are some people who think they should be ranked number one this year including their coach Bryant and Nebraska's coach Bob Devaney.

In Tuesday's rankings, Alabama was third in both the AP and UPI press service polls. Nebraska was sixth and seventh respectively. The UPI poll is final, but the AP rankings will come out after the bowl games which means Alabama will be gunning once again for the top spot against Nebraska.

Alabama will hope to beat the Huskers impressively to jump ahead of first-ranked Notre Dame and second-ranked Michigan State if they aren't already number one by that time.

Remembering last season's Orange Bowl, I don't envy the Nebraska team at all for what they will run up against in New Orleans, especially with rumors drifting up from the South which indicate that this is the best Alabama team Bear Bryant has coached.

The Crimson Tide emphasizes quickness and speed using small players in an age when many college teams like Nebraska, Michigan State, and Notre Dame have pro-size teams. Nebraskans last year wondered how Alabama's 185-pound linemen would handle the Huskers' awesome defensive line and then watched the Crimson Tide run through the Nebraska front for substantial yardage.

The Alabama "ankle biters" up front don't try to overpower the man across the line; they just try to keep him off balance long enough for their speedy backs to find running room. One consolation is that their runners go down easily enough if anyone can get a hand on them.

Last year Alabama's passing attack was directed by Steve Sloan who has since moved on to professional ball. Kenny Stabler has had considerable success filling in for the departed Sloan this year.

Stabler's primary target is All-American end Ray Perkins. Other Alabama All-Americans this year are offensive tackle Cecil Dowdy and defensive tackle Loyd Phillips.

Coach Bryant calls Perkins "our best football player," and Dowdy the "best offensive tackle I have ever coached." Phillips won this year's Outland Trophy as the best interior lineman in the country.

Perhaps one thing in Nebraska's favor is that they won't have the stigma of an undefeated season on them this time as they face Alabama. The pressure will be on the Crimson Tide to live up to the name they have built for themselves, but Nebraska is in a position to harvest the biggest victory Bob Devaney has achieved at Nebraska if they can just beat 'Bama.

# NU Anxious For Opener With Ducks

Three juniors and two seniors have won starting roles for the University of Nebraska's basketball debut this Friday with Oregon.

The much-acclaimed quartet of returning starters from last season's record-breaking team will be joined by Jim Damm, 6-2 junior from Bellflower, Calif. Other starters will be Willie Campbell at center, Nate Branch and Tom Baack at forward and Stuart Lantz, the other guard.

"We are certainly anxious to get started," said Husker head-coach Joe Cipriano, "and we're eager to play a fine team from Oregon."

The Webfoots will bring four lettermen who paced Oregon to a 13-13 season last year. But the Ducks will miss the services of Jim Barnett who finished his college career as the all-time scoring champion at Oregon.

Barnett will be replaced by two-year letterman Nick Jones, a 6-2 guard from Portland, Oregon coach Steve Belko expects Jones to also add his name to the Webfoot record book.

Nebraska will be opening a season that has, thus far, looked encouraging for the Huskers. In pre-season polls Nebraska has been tabbed as the probable Big Eight champion.

The Huskers were rated 11th in the UPI pre-season poll. Last year Nebraska finished 11th in that poll, the first time in Husker cage history that a team made the national rankings.

Friday night's game with Oregon (tipoff set for 7:35) is the fourth meeting between the two schools and the Ducks have won the previous three games. Oregon won the first encounter, during the 1941-42 season, 49-42; and in 1953-54 Oregon took two from the Huskers, 84-68 and 74-72.

"We definitely are trying to end this domination by the Ducks," said Cipriano, looking ahead at Friday's game. "But Oregon has always had fine basketball teams and I'm sure that Coach Belko will have his boys ready for us. We'll have to play a fine game to win."

Basketball fans are reminded that there will be intra-squad freshmen games before all home basketball games this year, if there is no frosh game scheduled. This Friday, prior to the Oregon game, and Saturday before the Alami-Varsity game, there will be intra-squad games.

The first scheduled freshman game will be Monday Dec. 5, with the Drake University yearlings.

Improvements are being made at the Coliseum for the upcoming home basketball season. Added lighting above the baskets and new support poles for the backboards and baskets have been installed. Both improvements will be ready for the Oregon game on Friday.



Nebraska forward Tom Baack . . . "Oregon tough."

# Baack Rates Fifth In Big 8 Records

Tom Baack is back — and he is bringing with him the fifth best record of the Big Eight returnees. Baack, a junior, will be a starting forward for the University of Nebraska when it opens its 1966-67 campaign against Oregon this Friday.

"Oregon plays ball control, mostly," said Baack, who was born in North Platte but grew up in Fort Wayne, Ind.

"They're a solid club . . . pretty tough," he added. For those who assess the present by the past, the Huskers stand far ahead with a 20-5 record and a second-place showing in the conference. The Ducks had an even mark last season, 13 wins and 13 losses.

Baack will be trying to improve on his 223 points and a 15.9 average for the '65-'66 season.

Those figures put Baack behind only Ronnie Coleman of Missouri, Don Sidle and Willie Rogers of Oklahoma and Don Smith of Iowa State on the statistic sheet of returners in the Big Eight.

Baack felt that the Cornhuskers are as far along as last year's team.

"We're running more . . . working on the fast break," he said. "I think we're in better shape."

But can the Huskers top the 20-5 season? "I think we have the material to do it," Baack stated, "but then anything can happen during a basketball season . . . injuries and so forth."

"I hope the people come out and back us like they did last year," he said. "It makes you feel pretty good and makes it more fun to play."

# 'Look' Picks Wachholtz, Meylan

Nebraska defensive aces Larry Wachholtz and Wayne Meylan have been named to Look Magazine's All-America team, selected by the Football Writers Association of America.

The two Huskers were among a total of 22 of the nation's top football players and were the only Big Eight representatives.

Meylan, a defensive guard, blocked a trio of punts early in the season, chasing two of them for touchdowns and was one of the Huskers' leading tacklers.

Defensive back Larry Wachholtz was the leading punt returner and pass interceptor for the Huskers.

## Defensive Team

- QB—Steve Spurrier, Florida
- B—Nick Eddy, Notre Dame
- B—Lenny Snow, Georgia Tech
- B—Mel Farr, UCLA
- E—Ray Perkins, Alabama
- E—Jack Clancy, Michigan
- T—Cecil Dowdy, Alabama
- T—Maurice Moore, Texas A&M
- G—Ron Yary, USC
- G—Gary Bugenhagen, Syracuse
- C—Ray Pryor, Ohio State

Defensive Team  
 B—Larry Wachholtz, Nebraska  
 B—George Webster, Michigan State  
 B—Frank Loria, Virginia Tech  
 LB—Jim Lynch, Notre Dame  
 LB—Paul Naumoff, Tennessee

E—Alan Page, Notre Dame  
 E—Bubba Smith, Michigan State  
 T—Loyd Phillips, Arkansas  
 T—Dennis Byrd, North Carolina State  
 G—Wayne Meylan, Nebraska  
 G—John LaGrone, SMU



Larry Wachholtz



Wayne Meylan

# Betas Paddle IM Foes

Beta Theta Pi more than doubled the point total of its nearest competitor to win the 1966 intramural table tennis tournament. The Beta's racked up 253 points for the victory compared to FarmHouse in second place with 118 points and Sigma Alpha Mu, third, with 109.

The All-University Singles Champion was the Beta's Terry Hancock. Doubles honors went to Gary Rosenbaum and Barry Kriesfeld of Sigma Alpha Mu.

Team	Points	Forfeits
Beta Theta Pi	253	5
FarmHouse	118	1
Sigma Alpha Mu	109	4
Phi Gamma Delta	105	2
Gamma House	79	2
Triangle	75	3
Seaton II	73	1
Abel IV	71	1
Delta Tau Delta	70	2
Theta Xi	68	4
Carson House	66	2
Governors House	64	1
Delta Upsilon	47	6
Sigma Alpha Epsilon	46	6
Pi Kappa Phi	43	1
Ag Men	41	2
V.O.C.	36	4

Sigma Nu	36	5
Kappa Sigma	25	7
Brown Palace	25	6
Cutter	24	5
Sigma Phi Epsilon	21	3
Selleck House	17	3
Scabbs	14	1
Delta Sigma Phi	12	8
Penn House	10	7
Gus I	9	15
Alpha Tau Omega	8	9



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An ID card and six dollars are needed for the tickets, which will remain on sale Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, according to Jim Pittenger, NU Ticket Manager.

Pittenger emphasized that the sales this week are the only priority Nebraska students will have on the 15,000 tickets. He pointed out that each student is entitled to one ticket and that they could not purchase duets for friends and relatives.

The passes will be given out December 10, 11 and 12.

Cage Tickets Student season basketball tickets are still on sale for five dollars. The seats are reserved areas. Those seats in the sections not filled by 7:15 (game time is 7:35) will be opened to the public, said Pittenger.

# Phi Delta Theta Clinches All-University Grid Title

Phi Delta Theta beat the Mousers 26-6 Nov. 21 to win the All-University intramural football championship. The Phi Delt's victory trail included wins over Phi Gamma Delta, Sigma Chi, and Triangle before their championship game with the Mousers.

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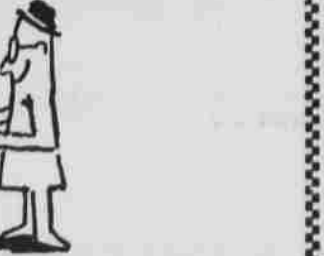
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