

Rood Awakening

By MICK ROOD

If you have versatile personnel, a very capable coaching staff and a winning tradition, then why not victory? (Pardon the Goldwater phrasing.)

It appears the Alabama complex has set in. The Nebraska watchers and Huskerologists are perplexed... they watched TV last Saturday. Alabama seemed invincible.

The Great White Hope

But there is a Great White Hope... the answer possibly to Nebraska football problems.

This mastermind is able to leap tall tales (Tide invincibility) in a single bound, is faster than a speeding mind and more powerful than Alabama's victory train.

What's more, this superforce is utilized by every NU college except the College of Football.

This sport saviour could lurk somewhere in the humming of the University of Nebraska Computer Center.

Why not send the Husker coaches over to Nebraska Hall to get the digital dope

Giving Correct Instructions

According to the boys who know, a major requirement for successful computer usage is giving the correct instructions for accomplishing its task. Who would be better qualified than the football staff

NU coaches, sadly well-versed on Alabama's game by now, could program the computer to perfection on the Tide's best and worst moves, when they occur and against what kind of opponents.

Likewise, Husker mentors could plot our offense and defense for the monster's idea of an Alabama game plan.

One would hope the NU machines would be more confident than NU fans are appearing to be.

Can't you just see the Nebraska coaches huddling around the computer after hours of programming, awaiting the marvel's split-second answer. It is so quiet you could hear an IBM card drop.

Suddenly, with a flurry of blinking and a hurry of humming, the magic card plunks out in computerese... "P.U.N.T."

Great Meeting Of Minds

Not pretending to be an expert on football or computers, this columnist just hopes to be a neutral force behind this grand alliance... this great meeting of the "minds." The computer might bolster confidence.

Aside from strategy, what the computer could never supply, but what the Huskers will have to come with Jan. 2 seem to be the following:

1. Their best pass rush—Stabler appears to be a quarterback that needs to get set—when he must pass. Anybody who has time can hit Homan or Perkins.

One more thing. Stabler can run better than Sloan ever did. Hence, what Bob Devaney calls "containment." Huskers must have a penetrating pass rush but yet maintain containment of Stabler's running.

2. Stopping the big play—This has always bothered Husker teams, when they are bothered. Stopping the big one, the long pass, will be especially important this time because Nebraska's offense has lacked the ability to retaliate with the same stuff this year.

Near-Normal Defense

If Nebraska can maintain a near-normal defense formation against Bama and still keep Perkins and Homan and-or Stabler from the long one, we will win. Past attempts to loosen up the defense for passes have led to obvious weaknesses against rushing, as against Oklahoma. Long passes aided the Sooners, but were made possible by a successful running game.

3. A new formation—As was said here earlier, it would seem advantageous for Nebraska to utilize their best talents through some sort of new formation. Many times this year, the attack has looked good only to be stopped because foes eventually knew what was coming.

A team with good pursuit like Alabama can swarm any good execution by the Husker offense, unless perhaps it is caught off guard. (No pun.) Then the awesome NU power might continue to work past the first stanza.

As Bud Wilkinson calmly observes from his serene press box every Saturday, if Nebraska can accomplish these three things, the Huskers will win.

Big 8 Conference Active In Setting New Records

Bids will be opened next fall for the printing of a new Big Eight Conference record book—a major revising job lies ahead after the "record-breaking" season ever shown by the tattered and torn old book.

In all, 24 team and individual records were either broken or tied, many of them in the aerial phase of the game in a year that will go down as the passing-est ever. Included in the two dozen are one record tied three times and another which was tied four times.

Individually, the big breaking duo came from Iowa State—Tim Van Galder and Eppie Barney, the league's most productive passing pair ever. By the time this year's 10 games were over, Van Galder held the league mark for most attempts season (245) and career (579), most completions game (25), season (124), and career (260), most yards season (1,645) and career (3,451), and most total offense game (360) and season (1,749).

Barney was in tune with the trend, carding the most pass receptions in a game (11), season (56), and career (97), the seasonal and career marks taking two of the older records off the books. Still another Iowa Stater, Larry Carew, got into the act when he returned interceptions for a record 123 yards in a game.

Still in the passing realm, twice during the season, Nebraska's Bob Churchich broke his own accuracy mark, finally settling for a .769 percentage with 10 of

13. Churchich, who shows a career passing accuracy mark of .532, has one more game in which to raise his career percentage .003 to the record level recorded by Ralph Miller, Kansas' thrower in 1938-40.

Nebraska hit .542 per cent on 104 of 192 to also surpass the old mark of .521 set by Colorado in 1964. Nebraska did break the single-game accuracy record with its 11 of 14 for .786

NU Beaten By 4 Points

Nebraska's basketball team lost a close one to Wyoming, Wednesday night, 102-98, before 4,000 fans in Laramie, Wyo. The Huskers trailed 54-44 at half time and were never ahead of the Cowboys at any time during the game.

The Huskers fought back from a 16-point deficit in the second half and tied the county 72-72 on a 30-foot jumper by guard Ron Simmons with 8:16 left before Wyoming pulled away.

Tom Baack was high man for Nebraska, scoring 25 points before fouling out. Next was Willie Campbell, who also fouled, with 18. Close behind Campbell for the Huskers was Ron Simmons and Nate Branch with 17 and 14 points respectively.

Wyoming was paced by 6-6 center Ken Collins with 35 points. Both Nebraska and Wyoming are now 1-1 for the season.

All Games				Conference Games			
Team	W	L	T	Team	W	L	T
Nebraska	1	0	0	Nebraska	1	0	0
Colorado	2	0	0	Colorado	2	0	0
Oklahoma St.	3	1	0	Oklahoma St.	3	1	0
Oklahoma	4	0	0	Missouri	4	2	1
Oklahoma St.	4	1	0	Oklahoma	4	2	1
Iowa St.	2	2	0	Iowa St.	2	2	0
Kansas	2	2	0	Kansas St.	0	6	1
Kansas St.	0	7	0	Kansas	0	6	1

Player and School				Carries				Gain				Loss				Net				Average			
Cornelius Davis (Kansas State)	210	1915	17	1028	4.9	1028	4.9	1028	4.9	1028	4.9	1028	4.9	1028	4.9	1028	4.9	1028	4.9				
Don Shunklin (Kansas)	382	408	28	528	3.1	408	3.1	408	3.1	408	3.1	408	3.1	408	3.1	408	3.1	408	3.1				
Harry Wilson (Nebraska)	138	659	24	722	4.6	659	4.6	659	4.6	659	4.6	659	4.6	659	4.6	659	4.6	659	4.6				
Wilmer Cooks (Colorado)	159	305	1	694	3.7	305	3.7	305	3.7	305	3.7	305	3.7	305	3.7	305	3.7	305	3.7				
Jack Reynolds (Oklahoma State)	152	599	14	325	2.8	599	2.8	599	2.8	599	2.8	599	2.8	599	2.8	599	2.8	599	2.8				
Les Webster (Iowa State)	149	591	21	570	3.8	591	3.8	591	3.8	591	3.8	591	3.8	591	3.8	591	3.8	591	3.8				
Charlie Brown (Missouri)	139	376	32	344	2.5	376	2.5	376	2.5	376	2.5	376	2.5	376	2.5	376	2.5	376	2.5				
William Harris (Colorado)	105	456	28	528	3.1	456	3.1	456	3.1	456	3.1	456	3.1	456	3.1	456	3.1	456	3.1				
Ron Shotts (Oklahoma)	149	347	12	335	2.6	347	2.6	347	2.6	347	2.6	347	2.6	347	2.6	347	2.6	347	2.6				
Jim Jackson (Oklahoma)	106	305	16	489	4.6	305	4.6	305	4.6	305	4.6	305	4.6	305	4.6	305	4.6	305	4.6				
Don Kelly (Colorado)	107	432	10	431	4.0	432	4.0	432	4.0	432	4.0	432	4.0	432	4.0	432	4.0	432	4.0				
Ben Gregory (Nebraska)	93	424	6	418	4.5	424	4.5	424	4.5	424	4.5	424	4.5	424	4.5	424	4.5	424	4.5				
Pete Tatman (Nebraska)	107	430	2	418	3.9	430	3.9	430	3.9	430	3.9	430	3.9	430	3.9	430	3.9	430	3.9				
Tom Brown (Oklahoma State)	110	365	5	390	3.5	365	3.5	365	3.5	365	3.5	365	3.5	365	3.5	365	3.5	365	3.5				
Bob Warnack (Oklahoma)	105	468	13	335	3.3	468	3.3	468	3.3	468	3.3	468	3.3	468	3.3	468	3.3	468	3.3				

Player and School				Comp.				Pct. Had Int.				Net Gain			
Tim Van Galder (Iowa State)	121	215	306	16	1645	6	1645	6	1645	6	1645	6	1645	6	
Bob Churchich (Nebraska)	96	174	251	9	1126	6	1126	6	1126	6	1126	6	1126	6	
Bob Warnack (Oklahoma)	37	103	353	4	813	4	813	4	813	4	813	4	813	4	
Tom Brown (Oklahoma State)	107	157	472	9	590	1	590	1	590	1	590	1	590	1	
Ronnie Johnson (Oklahoma St.)	60	117	478	12	617	1	617	1	617	1	617	1	617	1	
Vic Castillo (Kansas St.)	41	113	368	12	418	1	418	1	418	1	418	1	418	1	
Bill Nossok (Kansas St.)	37	86	430	9	390	1	390	1	390	1	390	1	390	1	
Bernie McCall (Colorado)	27	76	411	7	433	1	433	1	433	1	433	1	433	1	
Mary Kontrub (Missouri)	22	63	415	4	353	2	353	2	353	2	353	2	353	2	
Dan Kelly (Colorado)	27	63	366	4	352	1	352	1	352	1	352	1	352	1	
Jim Burzer (Oklahoma)	26	46	366	4	352	1	352	1	352	1	352	1	352	1	

DEFENSE

Left ends—Jerry Patton, Saginaw, Mich.; Don Delaney, Iowa City, Ia.
 Left tackles—Jim McCord, Fairbury; Lou Nantz, Chicago, Ill.
 Middle guards—Wayne Meyland, Bay City, Mich.; Harry Meagher, Steubenville, O.
 Right tackles—Carel Stubb, Lincoln; Bob Lewis, Brown City, Mich.
 Right ends — Langston Coleman, Washington; Bob Weisman, Peubenville, O.
 Left linebacks—Lynn Senkbel, Salina, Kans.; Len Jank, Chicago, Ill.
 Right linebacks — Rick Coleman, Fairbury; Adrian Fala, Omaha.
 Left safeties—Dennis Thorell, Loomis, Neb.
 Right safeties — Larry Wacholtz, North Platte; Ron Poeszmeyer, Nebraska City.
 SCOUT SQUAD
 Ends — Ivan Zimmer, Hammond, Ind.; Tom Smith, Hastings.
 Tackles—Larry Hansen, Blair; Bob Liggett, Alquippa, Pa.
 Guards — Tom Pappas, Riverside, Cal.; Carl Ashmun, Burwell.
 Center—Roger Kudra, Red Cloud.
 Quarterback—Ernie Sigler, Dallas, Tex.
 Halfbacks—Ken Brunk, Cozad; Mike Green, Omaha.
 Fullback—Paul Critchlow, Omaha.

New Husker Swim Team Coach Plans 'Surprise' For Conference

By Ed Icenogle Sports Assistant

Nebraska's new swimming coach, John Reta, is just beginning his first season in the Big Eight and he is already planning surprises for the conference.

"The team this year," Reta said, "doesn't have the all-around depth and balance as before."

The new coach, direct from piloting eight straight Nebraska high school championship teams at Lincoln Southeast, contends that the Big Eight will be the strongest ever.

"I believe that one-team domination is over," he said, pointing out that Kansas, and possibly Kansas State and Iowa State, have a good chance at shooting down an annually strong Sooner contingent.

Reta rated the remainder of the conference at roughly equal strength, commenting that the competi-

tion "should prove quite interesting."

A good indication of pre-season threats will be revealed at the Big Eight Invitational Relays at Lawrence, Kan., this Friday and Saturday.

Conference tank teams, with the exception of Colorado, will enter the tournament in up to 12 events. The Cornhuskers will be in

Sophomores Rick Shearer and Dan Duvan are other diving standouts listed by Reta. Other top freestylers include senior Don Frazier, junior Ken Gaeth and sophomore Tom Cook.

Reta also expects a freestyle sprint assist from California junior college transfer Jim Krauss. He indicated that the Huskers will suffer some in breast-stroke and butterfly events because of a lack of depth.

Steve Goetz, second in the Big Eight last year, is expected to be the top breast-stroke competitor. Butterfly specialist for Nebraska is senior Jon Burchill. Backstroke and individual medley should have better depth, according to Reta.

Sophomores Walt Berzinski and Tom Schmidt are the backstrokers while Goetz, Berzinski, Schmidt and John Prentiss are in individual medley contention.

Notice to Intramural Managers

The intramural all-star team football ballots should be turned into the Daily Nebraskan sports desk as soon as possible so that teams can be chosen before Christmas vacation.

IM Indoor Track, Field Entries Due

Preliminaries for the intramural indoor track and field meet will be next Wednesday at 7 p.m. in the East Stadium indoor track.

Entries for the meet, which will have finals Jan. 31 and Febr. 1, are due next Monday by 5 p.m.

Track lettermen and those presently playing University basketball or on the Nebraska gymnastics team are ineligible. Each organization entering contestants is limited to two men in each event.

Each entrant is confined to three running events, plus relays, with no restrictions on field events.

The best six performers in each class (fraternity and independents) for track and field events will qualify for the finals. Three alternates will also be chosen in each event and class.

Awards will be made to fraternity and independent team champions, best individual, first place winners and record breakers.

Phi Delta Theta was the 1965-66 fraternity champ; dormitory honors went to Fairfield. Larry Frost garnered the individual award.

Contestants will be able to practice between 3 and 6 p.m. daily in the East Stadium before the prelims.

UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA INTRAMURAL INDOOR TRACK AND FIELD RECORDS				
Event	Holder	Organization	Record	Year
60-yd. Dash	Charles Greene	Benion	6.1	1963
One Lap Run	Lee Alexander	Sigma Phi Epsilon	27.4	1950
400-yd. Run	Joe Mullin	Seaton II	50.4	1957
800-yd. Run	Knolly Barnes	Bessey	1:58.3	1957
One-Mile Run	Lowell Stratton	Phi Gamma Delta	4:38.8	1964
60-yd. High Hurdles	Don Moore	Gus II	6.9	1961
60-yd. High Hurdles	Don Moore	Gus II	7.5	1964
60-yd. High Hurdles	Keith Gardner	Hilshoek	7.5	1961
60-yd. High Hurdles	Don Moore	Gus II	7.5	1963
60-yd. High Hurdles	Preston Love	Kappa Alpha Phi	7.5	1966
60-yd. High Hurdles	Dave Kudron	Independent	7.5	1966
Pole Vault	Ken Pollard	Delta Upsilon	13 ft.	1957
Running High Jump	Steve Kroes	Abel VII	6' 3 1/2"	1966
Running Broad Jump	Glen Beorline	Sigma Alpha Epsilon	22' 11 1/2"	1950
120-yd. Shot Put	Larry Tomlinson	L.S.I.	56' 6 1/2"	1961
4 Lap Relay	Jim Poirier, Reynolds McMan, Dick Callahan, Bob Hobbs	Sigma Chi	1:52.1	1962
Mile Relay	Joe Scott, Fred Wilke, Bill Wittman, Clarence Scott	Gum I	3:44.8	1960

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Czap Off Bowl Team... Devaney Denies AFL Rumor

By Bob Flasnick Sports Editor

The rumor floating around that coach Bob Devaney is being considered for the general manager's position of the American Football League Denver Broncos was dismissed by the Husker head man Thursday as he discussed Nebraska's preparation for Sugar Bowl foe Alabama.

Devaney said, "Somebody dreamed that up. There's no truth in it whatsoever."

That grapevine had it that Devaney is high on the priority list of people being considered to fill the now vacant position, but Bronco co-owner and acting general manager Gerald Phipps recently stated that Devaney has not been approached concerning the position.

Another Nebraska name in the news is defensive tackle Dick Czap who was not on the 57-man roster of Huskers that will make the Dec. 20 trip to the Brownsville, Tex. training camp prior to the Sugar Bowl.

Czap is planning to drop out of school this semester according to Devaney. The Husker coach said Czap is having scholastic difficulty, but that the 260-pound Essexville, Mich., senior

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