

You Can't Win 'em All

By Bob Flanick Sports Editor

First of all, I would like to congratulate you on successfully finding the sports page today. It was switched from its customary back page position to the inside because of some problems that an edition of this size causes.

Because of today's sixteen-pager, don't get the idea that the Daily Nebraskan has suddenly blossomed into a campus clarion of great magnitude. The reason for the size of today's paper, in case you haven't already guessed, is that this is the last Daily Nebraskan to be published this semester.

Such being the case, it would be proper to try to summarize this fast closing semester as no doubt other Daily Nebraskan writers are attempting today, but a second thought reveals that it would be too time-consuming.

A situation like the one at hand makes it possible for writers to lash out at whatever upsets them without the immediate possibility of rebuttal from readers. Some would probably enjoy such a circumstance, but being the meek, unopinionated person that I am, I will forego the cutting remarks and simply stick with the philosophy that you can't win 'em all.

The number of situations to which those five words apply is remarkable. If anything goes amuck, just mutter that phrase and the imminent or the present doesn't seem quite so bad.

I hope the Husker football team remembered the phrase down in Norman, Okla., after losing to the Sooners. The Cornhuskers have treated Nebraska to another great season, the kind of season people have come to expect since Bob Devaney came to Nebraska. Congratulations are certainly in order for the Husker team and coaching staff.

The Nebraska football team this year wasn't as overpowering as their record suggests. I think it was the poise and determination which has been instilled in the Huskers that carried them over the tough hurdles, and getting past the ones that look impossible is the mark of a champion.

You can't win 'em all, but it doesn't necessarily take two defeats to make this old axiom stand up. Any team can be beaten and Nebraska is definitely the team to make Alabama aware of that fact.

Before drawing the curtain on the 1966 fall semester, I would like to thank those who have helped me this semester, namely columnists Mick Rood and Larry Eckholt, Sports Information Director Don Bryant, and my assistant Ed Icenogle.

Mick and Larry are well acquainted with Nebraska sports and have provided some interesting insights on the subject. Mick has written a column for the Daily Nebraskan over the past four years, but is finally calling it quits as he plans to move away from Lincoln. Larry gets his information first hand as he is Student Assistant to the Sports Information Director at the University.

Thanks go out to two other well known Nebraskans, football coach Bob Devaney and basketball coach Joe Cipriano. The daily schedules that these two gentlemen follow are packed with meetings, appointments, and travels, but they somehow find time to include the interests of the University students in their daily routine.

Defensive Surprises Spur Tide

Before the 1966 season got underway, it was established that the offensive end play should be terrific for the Alabama Crimson Tide but the defensive ends were subject to question.

The offensive ends held up their part of the deal, with Ray Perkins gaining All-America status and dependable Wayne Cook being a terrific blocker and a fine clutch receiver.

On defense, some surprises took place but the end play became a strong point and the best part is that every defensive end on the roster will return for the 1967 season.

Sophomore Mike Ford of Tuscaloosa, the youngster who came to Alabama without a scholarship, developed into a Creed Gilmer type defender with excellent quickness and a keen football mind. Junior Charlie Harris of Mobile moved to the front on the left side and provided strong and, at times, spectacular play.

Perkins, the outstanding senior from Petal, Miss., caught 33 passes for 490 yards and seven touchdowns. He was likely the finest offensive end in America and since he was drafted a year ago as a future by Baltimore and Boston, could be in for some big bonus money after the January 2 date with Nebraska.

Cook, called by Bryant "the most underrated football player on our squad," hauled in 14 passes and scored one touchdown. His biggest offensive play of the year, though, was the two-point extra point catch he made in the muck and mire at Knoxville against Tennessee. Bama was trailing 10-6, at the time and his catch set the stage for Steve Davis' winning kick later in the game.

Bryant says Perkins is one of the greatest players he has ever coached.

"Ray would be an All-American at safety if we played him there full-time," is the way Bryant summarizes Perkins' great overall ability.

AP Tabs Roland 'Rookie Of Year'

Johnny Roland, Missouri's 1965 All America choice, has been named rookie of the year in the National Football League by the Associated Press.

Roland, who plays for the St. Louis Cardinals, edged Tommy Norais of Atlanta for the title.

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Tuesday Departure Set For Husker Gridders

Nebraska's Sugar Bowl football team is busy accelerating physical conditioning in preparation for the southern swing to Brownsville, Tex., where the Huskers will prepare for the Jan. 2 date with Alabama's Crimson Tide.

Coach Bob Devaney has named a 57-man squad for the trip to the Brownsville training camp and New Orleans.

The Cornhuskers are slated to leave Lincoln next Tuesday (Dec. 20) at 4

p.m., via United Air Lines charter, with arrival in Brownsville slated for 8:50 p.m. They'll headquarter at the Fort Brown Hotel through Dec. 26, then fly to New Orleans on Dec. 27 - leaving Brownsville at 11 a.m., and arriving at New Orleans at 1 p.m.

During their New Orleans stay, the Huskers will headquarter at the Roosevelt Hotel. They are slated to leave New Orleans at 2 p.m., Jan. 3 and arrive back in Lincoln at 5:30 p.m.

'Bama Aims Bowl Attack For Top National Rating

Alabama returned to the practice field for five days of preparation before taking off for the Christmas holidays and a January 2 date with Nebraska's big, talented Cornhuskers in the Sugar Bowl.

Coach Paul (Bear) Bryant's undefeated Crimson Tide team will work until Saturday at Tuscaloosa, then the Tide will leave for home and the Christmas holidays. Alabama will reassemble on Christmas Day in Tuscaloosa for the flight to New Orleans.

"We have a lot to try and accomplish in just a few days," says Tide coach Bryant. "Coach Richard Williamson has been looking at Nebraska films and he tells me that Nebraska has an even better running attack than they did a year ago. The defense may be a little better, too, so that means we'll certainly have our hands full."

Alabama defeated Nebraska, 39-28, in the Orange Bowl battle last year and the victory propelled the Crimson Tide into the National Championship. This year, although the only major college team without a defeat or tie on its record,

Alabama could do no better than third in the wire service polls.

It is expected that Alabama's young defense will have to carry a big load in the Sugar Bowl contest. The Tide defense, with six



Kenny (Snake) Stabler

sophomores in the lineup most of the time, allowed only 174 yards a game this past season and gave up just 37 points — the lowest number in the nation.

On offense, Alabama was an explosive team at the end of the year and the passing and running combination provided some 34 touchdowns during the season. Quarterback Kenny (Snake) Stabler led the rushing and the passing.

Stabler has outstanding receivers in split end Ray Perkins and flankerback Dennis Homan. The main threat as a running back is big Les Kelley, although David Chatwood at fullback was dependable as a yardage getter in the final weeks.

Nebraska Cagers To Meet LaSalle

The University of Nebraska cagers play the first of two games in the Vanderbilt Invitational tonight at Nashville Tenn.

The Huskers will take on LaSalle in the first round. With Portland and Vanderbilt completing the rest of the field, the winners will play Saturday for the title and the losers will vie for third place.

Sig Eps, Xi's Draw In IM B-Team Poll

The Sigma Phi Epsilon and Theta Xi "B" football teams, which tied in league standings and both advanced to the finals of the "B" finals, have tied again.

Both squads put two men on the Daily Nebraskan B-team All-Stars, selected by intramural team managers.

Rick Banta, a junior from Alma, and Chuck Whitney from Aurora were the Sig Ep representatives on the eight-man All-Star squad.

Banta was a halfback who spent four years displaying his defensive prowess at Alma high school. Whitney, a junior in Business Administration, was a center with four years of high school varsity training.

Theta Xi's outstanding players include a former South Dakota all-stater, John Ridgeway of Aberdeen won the honor last year and has been selected as an all-star guard. He is a freshman in pre-pharmacy.

The other Xi representative is Randy Carpenter, also a freshman, who pegged down the quarterback spot. He is a freshman in pre-dentistry.

An end position goes to Rich Hillsbeck, Sigma Alpha Epsilon. A standout at Holdrege High School, Hillsbeck was a top pass catcher for his team.

John Reid, a freshman end for the Kappa Sigma team, nailed the other end spot. The two-year Omaha Benson varsity player helped his team to a 3-1 finish in league competition.

Rich Wilkes is the second guard on the team. A Phi Delta Theta freshman in mechanical engineering, he was a two-year varsity performer for Omaha Benson.

Freshman halfback Marty Jones completes the All-Star team. The Sigma Alpha Epsilon top defensive player was a standout for Omaha Westside.

Table with columns: Pos., Name, Team, Hometown, Year. Lists players for Sig Eps and Xi's.

Nebraskan Picks Eight IM All-Star Gridders

Eight outstanding A-been named to the Daily Nebraskan University Intramural All-Stars, selected by team managers.

The All-Star quarterback is Steve Shefte, a junior playing for Phi Kappa Psi. Shefte, who also saw duty as a halfback, is from Bellevue and is enrolled in Teachers College. He is a physical education major.

Halfback Tom Rutz is another backfield choice. Rutz played for Delta Tau Delta, which finished the season at 4-1. He is a senior from Kimball and also in Teachers College.

Completing the backfield is halfback Ted Sanko, a senior from Omaha who played for the Mousers. His team was 6-0, winning its league and finishing as the runner-up to All-University champs Phi Delta Theta.

The Mousers were also independent champion.

The All-Star ends are Jack Guggenmos of Delta Upsilon and Jim Sutura of Phi Delta Theta. Guggenmos is a senior from Dorchester in Teachers College. Sutura is a senior from Lincoln and the leading scorer for the champion Phi Deltas.

Dennis Schneider of Auburn is one of the guard choices. Schneider is a sophomore playing for Theta Xi, which compiled a 4-1 season records.

The other guard is Jack London of Lincoln. He played for Sigma Chi and is a senior in architecture.

Completing the All-Star squad is center Larry Donat a graduate assistant who played for Sellenck. Donat is a native of Bloomfield and is studying law.

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Intramurals

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