

ReMarks . . . Cornhusker Hopes High Despite Inexperience

By Mark Gordon
We're off and running again as the Nebraska Cornhuskers begin their sixth season under Head Coach Bob Devaney. The Huskers are shooting for their fifth consecutive Big Eight crown.

Although negative factors—lack of a tested quarterback and an inexperienced squad overflowing with promising, yet unproven sophomores—make Nebraska predictions risky, several other publications haven't been afraid to stick their necks out.

Sports Illustrated, claiming Nebraska looks just as big but no quicker than last year, picks the Huskers as the 13th best team in the land.

BUFFS 11th
They select Colorado's Buffaloes, who came within an eyelash of chopping down Nebraska last season, as the 11th team behind front-running Notre Dame.

The magazine lists the Huskers' Saturday foe, Washington's Huskies, at spot 15.

Look's Sept. 19 issue is more daring—it forecasts the Scarlet and Cream to race undefeated through the regular season before losing to Texas in the Cotton Bowl.

SOONER COMEBACK
In picking Nebraska as the nation's eighth best team, the magazine looks for Colorado and Nebraska to battle it out for the Big Eight title. They also pick the Buffaloes as the tenth ranked crew with Oklahoma regaining their magic touch of the '50s as 16th.

Just as the Huskers could use a Johnny Unitas at quarterback, the Daily Nebraskan could use additional help in the sports department.

Columnists, writers and other aides are asked to come to the Nebraskan office in the basement of the Nebraska Union.

DEVANEY AHEAD
Big Eight coaches rank first and fourth according to won-lost records in major-college football.

Nebraska's Devaney leads with an 82-183 record

or 820 per cent and Missouri's Dan Devine owns a 90-27-8 slate for a .769 percentage.

Devaney may have had his troubles with Bear Bryant's Alabama crews in the past two post-season bowl encounters, but the Bear is still behind Devaney in third place with a 171-51-14 performance for a .770 percentage.

Three of the five home games on the Nebraska schedule have received special designation.

CENTENNIAL GAME
The Sept. 30 home opener against Minnesota's Gophers has been named the University's Centennial Football Game in conjunction with the Nebraska Centennial celebration.

The Nov. 4 clash with the Iowa State Cyclones is the annual band day with the following week's Oklahoma State contest billed as Homecoming.

Nebraska's Oct. 21 Colorado match and Thanksgiving's Oklahoma battle aren't booked as a special day, but those two games don't need a special title.

NEW CAPTAINS
Ben Gregory, a hard-driving senior who captured a Big Eight Honorable Mention selection in 1966 and Marv Mueller, who has been shifted to safety to replace graduated All-American Larry Wacholtz, have been elected co-captains of the Cornhuskers.

Big Eight teams will have ample opportunity to compare their football crews with other regional teams this season as they meet 21 non-conference foes.

Teams such as Arkansas, Texas, Minnesota, Northwestern, Arizona, Maryland, Virginia Tech and the Air Force Academy will all battle Big Eight members in 1967.

After a rugged fall camp, culminated with last Saturday's intra-squad scrimmage, Coach Devaney has indicated he will slacken the training routine this week with the Huskers' opener against the University of Washington slated for Saturday at Seattle.

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As the Nebraska Cornhuskers open their 77th football season against the highly rated Washington Huskies Saturday at Seattle, the big problem on Bob Devaney's sixth Husker team is inexperience.

Unlike past Devaney crews which have been laden with returning starters, this year's crew has only 23 lettermen returning—Four offensive starters and five defensive starters from last year's Big Eight leaders and no experienced signal caller at quarterback.

45 SOPHOMORES
Of the 76 players reporting for the official weighing-in session, 45 were classified as sophomores with only 31 upperclassmen—18 seniors and 13 juniors.

"I think their inexperience makes them try harder," said Coach Devaney as the Huskers headed into their final practices before Saturday's opener at Seattle.

"They're trying real hard and working hard and I think they are anxious to retain their championship," he added. "This has caused them to battle harder and keep up their enthusiasm."

'ROOM TO IMPROVE'
"We're making gradual progress, but of course there's room for improvement," he said.

Offensive returnees include tight end Dennis Morrison, Nebraska's number two receiver in 1966 with 22 catches for 271 yards and two touchdowns; Dennis Richnasky, a split end who missed considerable action last season with a fractured ankle.

Also back are flanker back Tom Penney, who filled in at split end while Richnasky was sidelined and co-captain Ben Gregory, a hard-driving halfback who tied for number two rushing yardage in 1966.

MEYLAN BACK
The defense will be bolstered by All-American Wayne Meylan at middle guard; Jerry Patton, an end converted to tackle and Jim McCord, a 252-pound tackle. Also returning Barry Alvarez, a sure-tackling linebacker and co-captain Marv Mueller who is playing in the safety slot vacated by graduated Larry Wacholtz, another Husker All-American.

Sophomores figure highly in this year's Husker plans on both offense and defense with several presently holding spots on the first three teams.

Carl Ashman, a 205 pound right guard from Burwell and Frank Patrick, a big 6' 7" freshman standout at quarterback, may see first string action this weekend at Washington.

PATRICK HURT
Patrick, who was hospitalized over the weekend with a recurring leg injury, has veteran observers eyeing him with his size and impressive freshman credentials. In four freshman games, he connected on 40 of 86 passes and tossed four touchdown passes.

Sophomores who may see considerable varsity duty this

fall defensively include end Mike Wynn, a 6'4" offensive end, Adrian Fialaa corner back, and former Lincoln Pius X star Dana Stephenson, a safety.

Other offensive lettermen returning include end Miles Kimmel, tackles Bob Tacher, who has dropped 30 pounds to 245 and Dan Delaney; guard Mel Brichacek, and centers Roger Kudrna and Joe Armstrong, who also averaged 39.1 yards on punts.

Returning backfield lettermen include Tom Penney, Nebraska's top 1966 receiver with 24 grabs for 286 yards, halfback Mick Ziegler, who carried for a 3.5 average and fullback Dick Davis, the Huskers' number five rusher with a 5.4 average.

Defensive lettermen returning include ends Len Janik, Bob Weinman, Ivan Zimmer and Paul Critchlow, linebacker Al Kuehl and back Bob Best.



PADS ARE POPPING . . . as Huskers run through drills.



BLOCKERS GIVE PROTECTION . . . while quarterback looks for a receiver.

Injuries Plague Huskers As Opener Approaches

Five Cornhuskers hampered by injuries may not see action in the Nebraska opener at Seattle against the Washington Huskies Saturday.

Assistant Husker Coach Jim Ross said that three of the five injured players have sustained injuries which might prevent them from playing while the other two players' injuries weren't considered serious.

Defensive linebacker Bar-

ry Alvarez, offensive tackle Dan Delaney and offensive tight end Paul Toplift are "doubtful starters against Washington," Ross added.

INJURIES SHOULD HEAL
Alvarez is slowed by a sore ankle sustained in a practice session, while both Delaney and Toplift are hampered by knee troubles.

Defensive end Paul Critchlow and offensive guard Dennis Galbraith were "hanged up" Ross said, in practice but should be ready to face Washington on Saturday.

Offensive guard Mel Brichacek, middle guard Wayne Meylan, and quarterback Frank Patrick, who were plagued with minor injuries last week, are back this week in practice and should be ready to go against the Huskies.

Leukemia Takes Life Of Zenner

Veteran Nebraska sportscaster Bob Zenner died Sept. 1 from leukemia, ending the life of one of Nebraska's most colorful announcers.

Zenner, sports director of Lincoln television stations KOLN-KGIN-TV since April of 1961, was the only sportscaster to win the Nebraska sportscaster of the year award for four consecutive years—1961 through 1964. When he came to Lincoln in 1959 as a radio station KLIN sports director, Zenner had graduated from the University of Iowa and covered all major Iowa University sports for a Waterloo station.

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The students studied such works as "Prairie" by James Fenimore Cooper, "The Old Man and the Sea" by Ernest Hemingway, "Billy Budd" by Herman Melville, "Red Badge of Courage" by Stephen Crane, "As I Lay Dying" by William Faulkner, "Great Gatsby" by F. Scott Fitzgerald, "Mysterious Stranger" by Mark Twain and "Beast of the Jungle and Daisy Miller," by Henry James.

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