

ReMarks . . .

by Mark Gordon

The Huskers won't have to wait long to discover if they can win on the road against strong contenders. Saturday's opener at Seattle against the University of Washington Huskies, who are expected to be battling for the AAWU conference crown this year, should provide the answer.

Nebraska's defense appears strong enough to combat whatever Washington decides to throw at them from their new "five man backfield."

The new backfield unit, installed this year by Huskie Head Coach Jim Owens, features twin flankerbacks and a wide diversification of running and passing plays.

HUSTLE OFFENSIVE PROBLEMS

Washington, like Nebraska, is expected to have offensive trouble, but the horses are certainly present in the Huskie corral—the only question is—can they break loose?

Washington's quarterback who is expected to be either last year's starter Tom Sparlin or promising sophomore Tom Manke, has speedsters who can catch the ball as well as run with it.

Flankers Jim Cope and Harrison Wood both have fine speed and deception, according to scouting reports. Cope's statistics include a single game Huskie pass reception record against USC with 11 grabs. Wood high jumped 6'4" during track season.

Even with quick backfield men and such fine blockers as 6'3" 240 pound tackle Bob Richardson, the Huskies may have trouble moving against a strong Nebraska front wall that averages 233 pounds.

DEFENSIVE LINE SHOULD HOLD

Nebraska's Wayne Meylan, Jerry Patton, Jim McCord, Ivan Zimmer and Barry Alvarez ought to be able to contain the Huskie running game.

These are aggressive veterans who have played together for several seasons. They may not have enough speed or agility to stop Alabama but are probably fast enough to stop Washington.

With three sophomores listed as probable starters in the Nebraska secondary, the Huskie signal callers might try to open the game by working on these inexperienced men like the Green Bay Packers took advantage of the College All Stars earlier this fall.

If the Husker defense can stop Washington's offense they can claim Bob Devaney's sixth straight opening game win.

That is, assuming, of course, the offense can generate enough momentum to stay ahead of the Huskie defense, led by potential All-America Steve Thompson, a 6'5" 230 pound tackle. The Huskers lack the depth of last year's offense which led the Big Eight in total gain with an average 318 yards a game.

However, with co-captain Ben Gregory, fullback Dick Davis and right halfback Tom Penney, Nebraska will have three aggressive runners who can pound out the yardage.

Receivers include Dennis Morrison, who is earning praise each practice session and Dennis Richnasky, who combines quick moves with sure hands.

Quarterbacks Frank Patrick, Al Fierro and Ernie Sigler however, are still untested.

The other offensive starters, however, should be trying harder to pull their young QB through and this teamwork should pay off on the scoreboard.

Nebraska may not score a decisive win, but they will triumph over the Huskies.

THIS WEEK'S WINNERS

COLORADO over Baylor: The Buffaloes appear strong as they shoot to replace Nebraska as the Big Eight king. Wilmer Cooks, the Big Eight scoring leader in 1966 and QB's Dan Kelley (Remember his great first half performance against Nebraska at Boulder last year?) or Bob Anderson will be tough again as Baylor will discover in Boulder. **SOUTH CAROLINA** over Iowa State: Paul Dietzel may not have his famed Chinese Bandits like at LWU but his chargers should defeat the Cyclones who will miss the great passing team of Tim Van Galder and Eppie Barney. **OKLAHOMA STATE** over Air Force Academy: QB Ronnie Johnson returns with fullback Jack Reynolds, OSU leading rusher, to start off a campaign which many expect to carry the Cowboys near the top of the Big Eight pack.

New Track Assistant: 'It's Good To Be Here'

"I feel like I'm back home. It's good to be here."

These comments expressed the feelings of the newest member of Nebraska's coaching staff, Dean Brittenham, who will assist head track and cross country coach Frank Sevigne with this year's track squad.



BRITTENHAM

Brittenham, a native of Brady, Neb. and a former University student, has guided several California college track teams to conference titles.

He served as head track coach for three years at Occidental College in Los Angeles, where track teams have won their conference championship for 18 consecutive years.

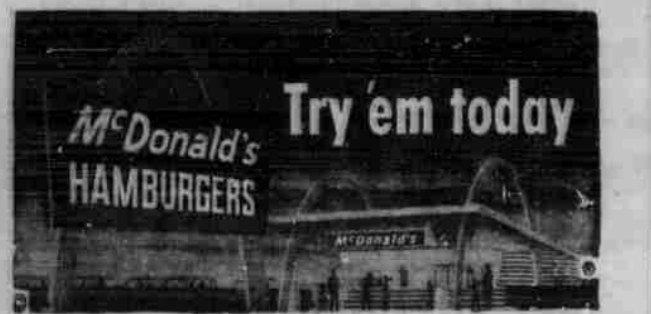
When asked about the caliber of West Coast track, Brittenham said, "We had two All-Americans at Occidental in hurdlers Vance Peterson and Mike Bray." "Naturally, the California climate makes for a longer outdoor season, usually from June to February," he said. "But I think Midwest track compares favorably with any in the country, even though the weather is often a handicap."

"Boys take longer to reach their peak when limited to a shorter outdoor campaign, but as individuals

their performances are usually just as good," he continued. Brittenham has also assisted at the Universities of Kansas and Colorado and coached high school track in Bakersfield, Calif.

Swimmers Meet Slated Monday

All freshmen and returning varsity swimmers are asked to attend a meeting at 3:30 p.m. Monday at the Coliseum swimming pool.



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All-Staters Plentiful On Frosh Team

By Charles Davis
Assistant Sports Editor
Freshman football coach Cletus Fischer will have 67 players reporting for his first freshman team this fall.

The Nebraska yearlings are represented by 20 native sons while the rest hail from 8 different states. Included are Nebraska

all-staters John Hadwick of Lincoln Pius X, Bob Hhardt of Omaha Westside, Ron Volberding of Omaha Westside and Wally Winter of Lincoln Northeast.

Among the non-Nebraska all-staters are Greg Hacias, Detroit; David Boyd, Wichita; Dave Peterson, Lynn Center, Ill.; Dan Schneiss, West Bend, Wis.; Ed Peri-

ad, Saginaw, Mich.; Jim Anderson, Green Bay, Wis.; Danny Joe Malone, Longview, Tex.; J. Ken Liddle, Deerfield, Ill.; Alan Montgomery, St. Paul, Minn.; and Paul Rodgers, Roack Rapids, Iowa.

FORMER STARTER
Fischer takes over the freshman post vacated by

John Melton who is now a varsity linebacker coach.

Coach Fischer, who was a former Nebraska football starter, is running the team through daily workouts in preparation for the season's opener at Manhattan against the Kansas State Wildcats, Oct. 20.

"This week's workouts will strictly involve funda-

mentals and basic running plays," Fischer said.

ENTHUSIASM SHOWN
Fischer also said he is impressed with the enthusiasm shown in practice.

"The players have already displayed improvement from Tuesday to Wednesday," he added.

Lincoln Northeast stand-out Wally Winter, 6'4", 230 pounder, said the team is going through quick drills this week to improve their agility.

"There is a lot more work here compared to high school," Winter added.

EX-HUSKERS COACHING

Monte Kiffen, who finished his career on the 1963 Nebraska team, is starting his first full time coaching season working with the freshman linemen.

Graduate assistants are Bob Churchich, 1966 starting quarterback, and Larry Wachholtz, last year's Husker All-America safetyman, both 1966 Cornhusker co-captains.

Langston Coleman, a 1966 Nebraska defensive end, will also serve an aid.

Following the Oct. 20 freshman opener at Kansas State, the team will travel to Columbia to meet the Missouri yearlings Oct. 27.

After meeting Iowa State in their only Lincoln appearance, Nov. 3, the team will close their season with a night game at McCook, Nov. 11, against McCook Junior College.

TWO IN A ROW
Melton's final team, the

1966 edition of the Nebraska freshman, triumphed in three of their four games, losing only a 13-12 decision to Missouri as the Tigers defeated Nebraska for the second consecutive year by a single point.

Several sophomores who scored wins over Kansas, Kansas State and Iowa State as 1966 freshmen, will see action against the Washington Huskies in Saturday's opener at Seattle.

Joe Orduna, the total offense leader last year with 389 yards and a pace-setting 34 points, is battling for the second team right halfback berth behind Tom Penney.

FROSH RECORDS SET

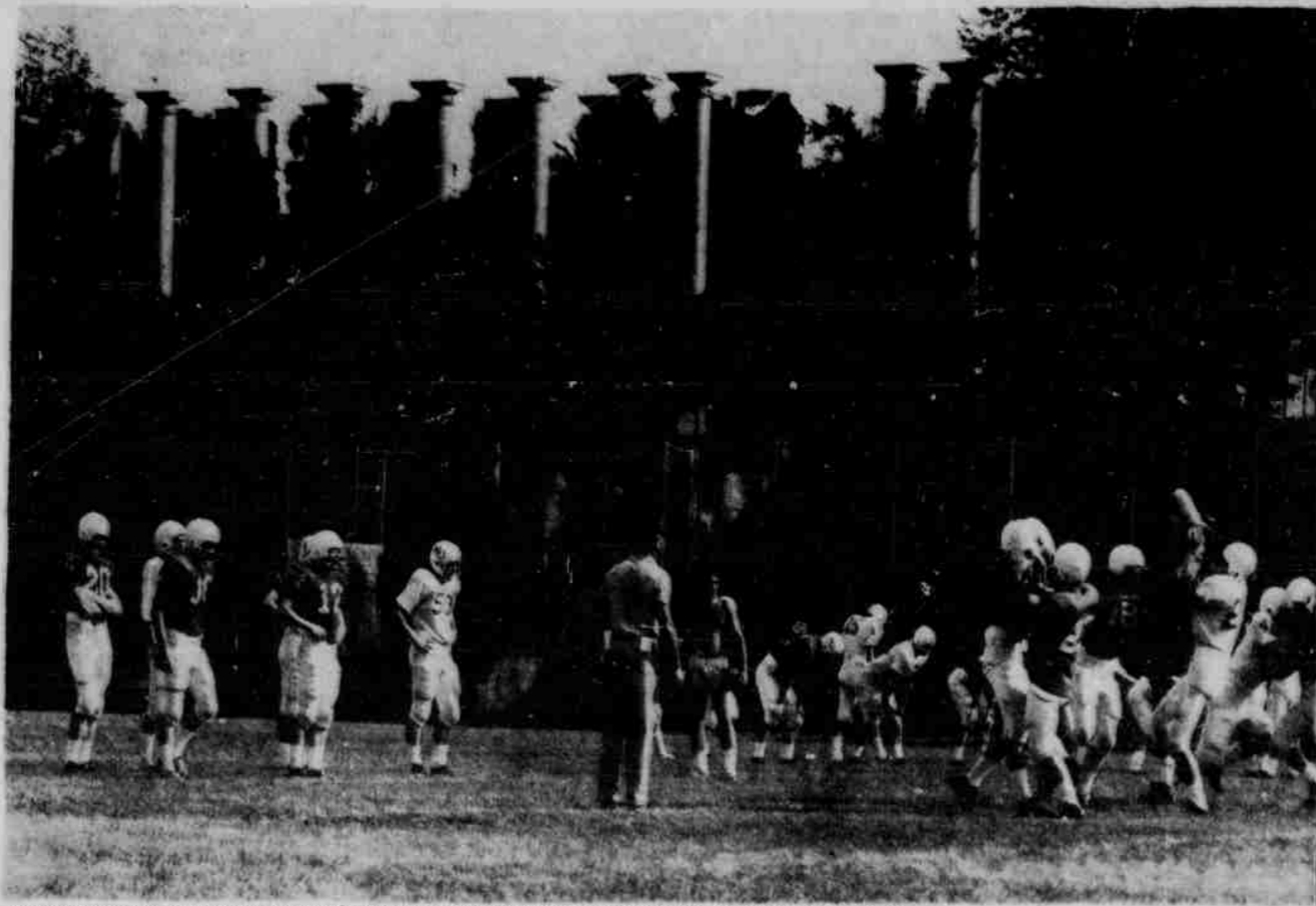
Other 1966 freshmen who have moved to the varsity ranks this fall include: Randy Reeves, a swift safetyman; Dana Stephenson, a probable starter at left safety against Washington, safety against Washington; pound defensive linebacker, who may see second-squad duty Saturday.

The 1966 squad set several Nebraska frosh records, including the most first downs on offense with 81.

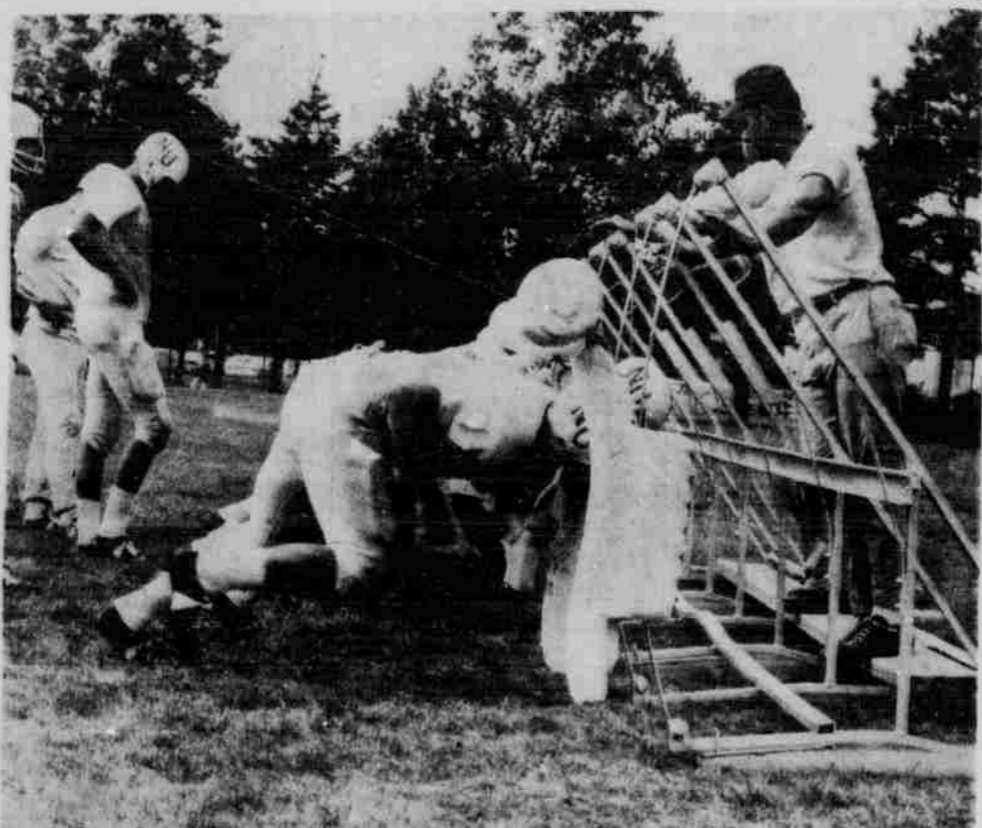
On defense they set new marks with fewest first downs allowed, least yards rushing, and passes attempted, completed and fewest passes attempted by opponents.

Whether Fischer's crew can match last year's team both collectively and individually won't be known until the season opens Oct. 20 at Kansas State.

The Yearlings . . .



. . . And The Vets



Big 8 Notes, Comments, And Quotes

"I know that coaches in pick them to win a game, a conference title or anything else," says Colorado coach Eddie Crowder.

"Four years ago, everyone was saying we might lose all 10 games. I feel a lot better about meeting general object when people with you this year than I did then," he added.

Oklahoma State's Phil Cutchin rates his junior fullback Jack Reynolds, ahead of former Cowboy great Walt Garrison as he compared the two going into their junior years.

Asked if his father ever attempted to sway his thinking about which college to attend, Oklahoma State quarterback Ronnie Johnson said, "No, he told me I could go anywhere I wanted except Oklahoma."

Devine Names Gregory 'Best Back'

Nebraska's Bob Devaney said he hopes Husker back Ben Gregory "is as good as Dan Devine (Missouri's coach) says he is. Devine called Gregory "the best running back in America."

Don't laugh at Charles Van der Hoff's big ears. He can hear a party a mile away, thanks to Sprite.



Social-life majors, take a look at Charles Van der Hoff. He can't play the guitar. Never directed an underground movie. And then look at his ears! A bit much? Yes! But--Charles Van der Hoff can hear a bottle of tart, tingling Sprite being opened in the girls' dormitory from across the campus!

What does it matter, you say? Hah! Do you realize that Charles Van der Hoff has never missed a party in four years? When he hears those bottles

of Sprite being uncapped--the roars--the fizzes--the bubbles--he runs! So before you can say anti-existentialism, he's getting in on that tart, tingling, slightly tickling taste of Sprite. And delicious refreshment--as well as a good time--is his.

Of course, you don't have to have ears as big as Charles Van der Hoff's to enjoy the swinging taste of Sprite. You may just have to resign yourself to a little less social life.

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