

ReMarks . . .

By MARK GORDON
Sports Editor

Nebraska's battling Huskers shoved the words spiritless and over-rated down their critic's mouths Saturday against Colorado.

Although Colorado didn't seem quite as strong as their number three national ranking might indicate, Nebraska pushed the favored Buffalos around Memorial Stadium for 402 total yards in dropping a 21-16 wide open match.

We aren't pouting because we have picked Nebraska the previous two weeks and have fallen with them.

We felt with determined efforts they could have defeated both Colorado and Kansas. But the breaks weren't with them.

Quoting the Omaha World-Herald: "You can't lose the entire interior offensive line, lack an experienced quarterback, fail to have depth, and then expect to be an A-1 team."

Granted, this team doesn't have the all-around ability the four previous Big Eight titlists owned, but this year's crew owns something that has been lacking the last few seasons — it's called SPIRIT.

From the end of the bench to the eleven starters to the top of the west stadium, Saturday's effort was one of the most spirited and aggressive jobs turned in at Memorial Stadium in at least the last two seasons.

While we appreciated the wins turned in by past Husker teams, we applaud the hustle displayed not only against Colorado but against the four previous teams in the first half of the season.

If that's what dissenters call spiritless and over-rated, let's hope the Huskers continue with that style and let the sourpusses eat their words when Nebraska finishes 8-2.

BAND SEATS

Saturday's game was great. One band member even remarked to us that he saw a few plays of the contest Saturday.

It's too bad the organization which probably does more to promote Nebraska spirit at the football games by working hard all week and is deprived of an opportunity to watch the game.

The Cornhusker Marching Band is seated on the warning track right behind the Husker bench on the East Stadium and when players stand up, as they usually do, viewing the game is impossible.

Other stadiums provide special sections near the cheering sections such as Nebraska's Corn Cobs and Tassels.

Athletic ticket manager Jim Pittenger has told band members economic factors prevent the athletic department from seating the 180 members in seats which could either be sold to students for \$10 or the general public for much more.

Why not charge band members the regular student ticket price of \$10 and provide them with decent seats at the games. Most members wouldn't object to paying the same fee as other students if they could see the games say from the same 50-yard-line location the Nebraska spirit group does.

FROSH PREVIEW

Nebraska's freshman team opened their first campaign under coach Cletus Fischer with a 24-0 blanking of Kansas State.

The freshman have posted an identical 3-1 record the past two years, losing both times in one-point verdicts to the Missouri Tigers.

The Tigers, who have been off and on in their first two games, meet Nebraska at Columbia Friday afternoon.

The young Tigers, rushed for 250 yards in beating K-State, but were bombed 40-7 last Friday by an Iowa State team that appears to be the standout of the conference this season.

Assuming the Huskers evade Missouri, the Cyclones should provide Nebraska with its stiffest test of the season in the lone Memorial Stadium freshman showing Nov. 3, the day before their elders square off at Band Day against Iowa State.

LETTERS

After begging once for letters, we are trying again. Please send your signed letters, subject to editing to the Daily Nebraskan Sports Desk . . .



photo by Bob Herron
SOCCER GOALIE . . . Bob McMann was cited for fine play in Sunday's 4-0 loss to Des Moines.

Traffic Baffles Soccer Team, As Iowans Shut Out Huskers

Confusing highway interchanges, a 200-mile car trip and strong gusty winds contributed heavily to the University Soccer Club's first loss of the season Sunday 4-0 to Des Moines in Iowa's Capital City.

The local crew, which suffered their first setback after four consecutive wins, will have a rematch against the Iowans at 2 p.m. Sunday

at the former Lincoln Air Force Base.

The local team played two men short in the first half when one car carrying four soccermen became lost in the Des Moines traffic and failed to arrive until halftime.

Trailing 1-0 after the opening 45 minutes, the University team played at full strength, but battled a

strong wind in the second half as the Iowans scored three times in blanking the University men.

"Even when we did get all 11 men, our play was disappointing," club president Tim Rickard said.

"Defensively, we played well enough, but our offense didn't really get going against their defense," he added in saying that Des

Moines was the best defensive crew the team has faced this fall.

He said even when the local squad broke through their defense, "they were quick to close the gap and they tackled us very hard."

He said the wind was a big factor since soccer teams play a defensive game when driving against the breeze and with the wind, they employ an offensive setup.

Rickard cited goalie Bob McMann, a Massachusetts product, for playing a strong game and said Chris Mwakulomba, a defensive left halfback from Kenya, looked good on defense.

He added that defensive halfback Greg Brown, a former all-state high school soccer standout from Rhode Island, performed well against the Iowans.

He said that the local club is fired up after losing their first game and is determined to avenge Sunday's loss at home this weekend.

"This time they're going to have to drive the 400 miles and we're going to start out fresh," Rickard said.

Patrick, Richnafsky Ahead . . . Huskers: Leading Defense

Nebraska may not be leading the Big Eight in won-lost column, but the Huskers both as a team and individually lead the conference in the latest statistics released Wednesday.

Quarterback Frank Patrick, who guided Nebraska to 402 total yards in a losing cause against the nation's third-rated Colorado Buffs, is the conference's top passer, hitting 63 of 124 tosses for 738 net yards and two touchdowns.

Patrick is also second in total offense with 751 yards

for a 4.4 average gain per play.

TOP RECEIVER
Nebraska's all time leading pass receiver Dennis Richnafsky tops league pass grabbers with 26 catches for 309 yards.

Collectively, the Huskers are the leading offensive passing team hitting an average of 154 aerial yards a game, while ranking second in total offense with 315 yards per game. This is nearly 100 yards behind front-running Colorado which averages a phenom-

nal 414 yards per contest.

DEFENSE BEST
Defensively, Nebraska leads the seven other conference foes allowing only 163 total defensive yards per match. Nebraska is rated first in rushing defense and second in passing defense.

However, the Huskers have fallen to fourth in defensive scoring and fifth in offensive scoring, accounting for a 3-2 over-all record and a 1-2 league slate.

KK Selects Four Traveler's Acts

Four traveler's acts have been selected to perform at the Kosmet Klub production on Nov. 4, according to John Wertz, traveler's act chairman.

The acts, which will be presented between skits, include Bill Norman, who will sing; Jim Weaver, who will play the guitar. The Three Day Ryders, a folk singing group; and Max Shanahan, who will sing.

The Barry Hansen Quartet will perform before the show, during intermission, and will accompany some of the acts.

No trophies are to be awarded for traveler's acts, said Wertz.

What Was That Score?

By LES HELLBUSCH

Husker athletes have the advantage of eating on the "training table."

The lunch lines there are shorter than regular dorms, there is more and better (debatable) food and there is always plenty of orange juice, lemonade, tea, or milk for the athletes to chug.

Conversation runs the gamut of all sports with a freedom which would make sports writers grab for their pencils. It is here that the real feelings of the players come out.

FUMBLE! FUMBLE!

On one recent occasion, an illustrious member of NU's offensive backfield typically loaded his tray with the goodies of the lunch line. As an encore, he added a final glass of milk, squeezing it into a corner of the cluttered tray.

Suddenly, the silence of the plush dining hall was broken. The back had spilled his milk, the milk dripped to the carpeted floor and the rolling glass set up a chain reaction of clanging dishes on his tray.

Quick to react, another Husker shifted direction and stuttered, "Fumble! Fumble!"

NEW PLAY

Reportedly, a new play has been added to the Husker offense. It has not been diagrammed on any of Devaney's play books, but enemy scouts have been quick to recognize its regularity and devastation. Supposedly, Texas Christian University scouts call it the fumble-right option on two.

THIRD IN NATION

Consider this: In Nebraska's two losses so far, what if there had been one less fumble, one less intercepted pass, if one end-of-the-half play had worked our way instead of the opponents—

Result? NU would probably be rated third in the nation right now.

Colorado coach Eddie Crowder summed it by saying that this year's Nebraska squad was just as potent as past NU teams, but lacking only a degree of precision.

Halfback Ben Gregory commented that NU was a better team than Colorado last Saturday. This writer disagrees. NU could be a better team than Colorado whenever they make use of all their crushing talents, or whenever they avoid mistakes that don't have to occur.

The Huskers could finish 8-2 for the season and beat Alabama (other teams do it) in the Sugar Bowl. Go Big Red — with greedy hands!

Top Lineman

Colorado defensive end Mike Veeder has been named Big Eight Lineman of the Week.

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Horned Frogs Seek First Win Against Twice-Beaten Big Red

Texas Christian University will be out to set two firsts when they face Nebraska's twice-defeated Huskers Saturday at Ft. Worth.

The Horned Frogs, while trying to win their first match of the campaign, will also attempt to win the first Husker-TCU meeting in the Texas stadium.

In three previous games, coach Fred Taylor's Purple and White eleven has fallen 28-7 to Nebraska in 1961 and has dropped 1965's contest 34-14.

They lost last year 14-10 in Lincoln on Charlie Winter's six-yard run and a 10 yard perfectly executed pass play from Bob Churchich to Dennis Morrison.

NOT BLESSED

The Frogs haven't been blessed with much luck this year, although they have been set back by inopportune breaks.

TCU has dropped two non-conference games and the same number of Southwest Conference games.

They lost to the Big Ten's Iowa Hawkeyes 24-9, and independent Georgia Tech 24-7, while skidding in conference games to Arkansas 26-0 and Texas A&M 20-0.

Husker coach Bob Devaney, who has seen Nebraska lose two straight matches for the first time since coming to Lincoln, feels the TCU "is a good team that has been having breaks go against them."

"TCU has had bad luck this season, things like a 100-yard-kickoff return," he said. "It's worth noting that teams seem to have a change of luck when they play us this year."

SORE THUMB

The Horned Frogs will resemble the red-trimmed Nebraskans Saturday as they will probably fling a sophomore quarterback at the Huskers.

Don Carter, a 6' 1" 175 pound signal caller, who was voted the Southwest Conference's top freshman back, is expected to start,

although he has been hampered with a sore right thumb since the Georgia Tech loss.

Carter has replaced 1966 quarterback P. D. Shabay, a 6'2" 200 pound senior, who tossed a touchdown pass against Nebraska in 1966.

ONE GRAND

Shabay started the Georgia Tech contest, completing 12 of 19 tosses for 114 yards in a losing cause against the Georgians and may see considerable action against the Huskers if Carter can't find the range in the early quarters.

Shabay is ending his career at TCU with passing totals over the 1,000 net yard mark, boosted by 461 passing yards his sophomore year.

Nebraska will counter with the Big Eight's leading passer Frank Patrick, who has connected on 63 of 124 tosses, in Saturday's final non-conference match of the season.

TWELFTH STRAIGHT

Nebraska will attempt to sweep their conference schedule in the Texas city after earlier beating Washington of the Western Athletic Association 17-7 and the Big Ten's Minnesota Gophers 7-0.

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