

# ReMarks . . .

By MARK GORDON  
Sports Editor

Although no team is a definite shoo-in for the Big Eight title, Oklahoma's Sooners may be in the winner's circle after Dec. 2.

The Norman men, who started fresh this season with a new coach, have had a phenomenal defensive record in winning four of their first five contests.

Chuck Fairbanks, who was shouldered with the head coaching chores after Jim Mackenzie suddenly died, has moulded a team that has only dropped a 9-7 decision to the Texas Longhorns.

Oklahoma has allowed just 16 points in five games overall and Kansas State's one touchdown has been the lone conference score against the tough defense.

The Sooners are 2-0 in league play with wins over Missouri and K-State and have three of their remaining five games down south.

They meet Colorado Saturday, Kansas on Nov. 18 and finish play Dec. 2 against Oklahoma State. They meet Iowa State at Ames Nov. 11 and face Nebraska on Thanksgiving in Lincoln.

Forecasting realistically, it is unlikely that Iowa State, Kansas or Oklahoma State will defeat the Sooners, although Colorado and Nebraska are definite threats.

Offensively, the Sooners remain intact from the 6-4 team that spoiled Nebraska's perfect season in 1966 with a 10-9 win.

Quarterback Bob Warmack still has backs Eddie Hinton, Ron Shotts and sophomore sensation Steve Owens in the backfield, while the defense is led by Granville Liggins, a strong All-American candidate.

In fact, Liggins may be the nation's best middle guard behind Nebraska's Wayne Meylan.

Kansas, although 3-0 now, must face Kansas State and then will have consecutive dates against Colorado, Oklahoma and Missouri before winding up league action.

That four-game finale may take its toll on the Jayhawks and unless Colorado or Nebraska defeat Oklahoma, the Sooners appear strong candidates to capture their first league title since 1962.

### STUDENTS, BAND OR CARDS?

Last week we suggested that the Cornhusker marching band be given better seats at Memorial Stadium during football games.

We also suggested the band members pay the regular student ticket price of \$10 and receive seats in the East Stadium possibly near the Tassels and Corn Cobs.

Athletic Ticket Manager Jim Pittenger, in response to the idea, said, "On the surface, I don't see why it wouldn't work."

"I'm certainly willing to discuss the matter with the band," he added.

Pittenger said seating the 180-piece band would require between 200 and 250 seats and would crowd those 200-250 students into the end zone to accommodate the band.

### NOT FAIR TO UPPERCLASSMEN

We really don't think it is necessary to have such a classmen into the end zone to provided seating for the band.

Another alternative is to eliminate some of the 396 persons in the card section.

We reilly don't think it is necessary to have such a large delegation holding signs that most fans can't see and couldn't care less about seeing them if they could.

It's far more important to seat an organization that provides color and excitement for the entire stadium and radio listening audience and represents Nebraska at many events than to provide seating for persons who flash cards.

Ticket manager Pittenger is willing to discuss tickets with the band. Now it's up to you 180 horn-tooters to do the work . . .

### NUMBER THREE?

Nebraska's freshman football squad will be aiming for their third consecutive victory Friday at 2:30 p.m. in Memorial Stadium against an aggressive Iowa State crew that clobbered Missouri 40-7 two weeks ago.

The frosh coaching brains apparently didn't feel the yearlings looked too impressive in turning back Missouri 24-14 at Columbia last Friday so they ordered a Sunday morning workout.

## Black Shirts Hold Big 8 Defense Lead

Nebraska's defensive platoon has a stranglehold on conference foes, in latest statistics released Wednesday by the Big Eight.

The Huskers led in total defense, permitting an average of just 155 yards per game and also led conference teams in both rushing and passing defense.

The Huskers have permitted a meager 63 rushing yards per game and opponents have hit just 92 yards through the air per game in Nebraska's first six contests.

### OFFENSE SECOND

Offensively, Nebraska is ranked second in total offense piling up 325 yards per game, based on a league-leading 154 average passing yardage and a fourth place 170 rushing yards per game.

Although Nebraska boasts no individual league leader quarterback Patrick and split end Dennis Richnafsky continue to cling to number two ratings.

Patrick holds second place among Big Eight conference passers with 73 completions in 143 tosses for 829 yards and is the league's third total offensive leader

behind Kansas' quarterback Bob Douglass and Colorado's signal caller Bob Anderson.

### DENNY J SHORT

Dennis Richnafsky, who was forced to sit out the majority of last Saturday's Texas Christian meeting with an ankle injury, slipped to second place in the pass reception category behind Kansas State's Dave Jones.

Nebraska's leading pass grabber has caught 29 passes, just three short of a Husker season reception peak, for 347 total yards.

Also rated among the league's top pass receivers are Nebraska's Dick Davis, with 13 catches for 106 yards and Dennis Morrison with 12 catches for 160 yards.

### RUSHING, TOO

Davis is also the Huskers' leading rusher and is rated sixth in the conference with 430 yards on 98 carries for an impressive 4.4 yards per carry.

The punishing fullback is the Big Eight's twelfth leading total offensive leader.

Ben Gregory, has pounded out 221 yards on 73 carries for a 3.0 average.

# NU Soccer Team Hare Returns To Court Tied By Iowans After One Year Leave

The Des Moines Soccer team scored a goal in the final 30 seconds Sunday to earn a 1-1 deadlock with the University Soccer Club in a Midwest Soccer League match in Lincoln.

The tie pushed the local crew's record to 4-1-1 with the Iowans holding the only decision over the University men.

Steve Mwamba scored the local's lone goal in the first half in a game played on a rain-soaked, wind-blown field under freezing temperatures.

### DISAPPOINTED

"We're disappointed to tie after leading them most of the game," Tim Rickard, club president said.

"They're a tough defensive team and we did relatively well against them, but not well enough."

He said the Lincoln men played a good defensive game.

He said the team should have scored more but wasted three or four good chances and didn't show a potent attack until the second 45 minute half.

"After last week when they beat us 4-1, I thought they didn't have much of an attack," he said.

"It wasn't until late in this game they threatened to score by hitting the post in the last five minutes and finally getting the goal at the end."

Rickard felt the Des Moines crew had an equal amount of the play in the midfield area, but failed to take advantage of their opportunities.

He cited Victor Umunna, a defensive center half, for playing "probably his best game. Greg Brown, a right half and Mwamba for playing a fine contest."

### KICKERS STRONG

The local team will meet the Omaha Kickers, the league's finest offensive team, Sunday at 2 p.m. in Omaha in their toughest test this season.

"We're going to have to play really well to beat them," Rickard said of the team that clobbered John F. Kennedy College 14-1 in their last outing.

He said the Kickers will undoubtedly provide sterner opposition than the Iowans who defeated and tied the Lincolites.

Last season the Kickers booted the local men 7-3 in Lincoln and scored a close 4-3 decision in Omaha.

By CHARLES DAVIS  
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Nebraska basketball player Fred Hare, 1965-66 Husker top scorer, returns this season after a year's departure due to a knee injury.

Hare, a senior from Omaha, sustained torn cartilage and ligaments in the spring and fall of 1966 which required two operations.

"The knee is feeling pretty good but not exactly right," Hare said. "It doesn't hinder me in playing."

### CHIPPED ELBOW

The 6'2" senior also suffered a chipped elbow last fall. "The elbow operation came about the same time as the knee operation," Hare said.

"I was in pretty bad shape around that time," he added.

"After the injury, Hare said, 'the doctor said I'd have to lay off basketball if the knee was to mend.'"

"To keep in shape during the year, I was running and doing quadriceps (a leg-lift exercise)."

### NEW PRESS

Hare said the knee was still bothering him at the beginning of the summer which prevented him from

joining the team on the Mexican tour.

"That trip would have helped me quite a bit," he said. "I could have learned the new press (that Cipriano has installed) and the options to it."

"The knee finally started improving in August," Hare said.

"I worked hard to get back in shape at that time but it didn't work."

### POLICEMAN

The Omaha senior stayed out of school last year and worked. "I worked on the Lincoln Police Department until June and then worked in Minneapolis this summer."

Hare emphasized it has been hard to come back after missing a year. "My main problem is to get back in shape," he said.

"Also a few changes have been made since I played two years ago," he added.

"Coach Cipriano has introduced a new pressing system along with some different types of drills and workouts, which I will have to catch on to."

### PRESS STRESSED

"He (Cipriano) is heavily counting on the press because it is stressed in practice."

Hare, who has scored 543 points and pulled down 286 rebounds in two years as a varsity player, said it was too early to tell what kind of season he'll have.

"But I have a feeling the



team and myself will have a good year," he predicted.

"I will probably play guard," Hare said. "but in practice I have been working out at both guard and forward."

The 6'2" 185 pounder played guard for most of his first two years on the Husker team.

"We are a much younger

team and don't have the height we've had in the past," he said.

"Losing both Nate Branch and Willie Campbell last year put a big dent in our rebounding power," he said.

"But we have the quickness and some good jumpers in Stuart Lantz and Tom Scantlebury," Hare said.

Senior Stuart Lantz was the leading scorer and rebounder on the 1966-67 Cornhusker basketball team while sophomore Tom Scantlebury did an outstanding job on the freshman team last year.

### KANSAS!

"If one of these boys were to get seriously injured, however, the team will be in trouble," Hare added.

He said Kansas is the team to beat in the conference with all the rest expected to be tough, particularly Colorado and Iowa State.

Kansas has Jo Jo White, who is one of the outstanding players in the country, back this year, Hare said.

"Besides White, the Jayhawks have picked up a couple of Junior College transfers that are real good. I had a chance to watch them play last summer in Minneapolis."

"We are still hoping to wind up first," he concluded.

## What Was That Score?

By LES HELLBUSCH

Are you planning a trip to Hawaii in the near future?

The basketball team is. After their home inaugural against California State on December 4 and South Dakota on December 5, the Husker "tallmen" will begin a westward jaunt that sounds like a pleasure cruise.

They begin with two games at Washington State December 8 and 9. On December 11 the team plays Hawaii U. at Honolulu. Instead of hurrying back, they play Hawaii again December 15 at Hawaii.

### THREE-HOUR WORKOUTS

Before you put on your tennis shoes and ask Coach Joe Cipriano for a tryout, try getting in shape. Cipriano has had organized workouts since October 16 . . . officially. Those tall men running on the stadium track since September were not a new breed of cross-country runner.

That happened to be the basketball team. Daily three-hour workouts promise fans another good basketball year at NU.

### READY IN DECEMBER

Not taking any chances on not having a good season this winter, Cipriano took the Huskers on a playing tour of Mexico this past summer.

Coach Cipriano is an angry, eager, industrious man: He is angry about not having the best season in NU basketball history; he is eager to make this a banner year at NU and he is industrious enough to insure the physical readiness of his team.

### SUCCESS

Cipriano has had much of the same success in basketball as Coach Devaney has had in football. No more than four or five years ago, reliable Husker basketball followers probably wondered if maybe hockey wasn't a pretty nice sport. People can get tired of waiting for a winning season.

Now, many fans consider last year's 16-10 Huskers just not up to NU standards. Let's hope basketball can keep up those "mediocre" seasons and continue to challenge for Big Eight supremacy.

### SPORTS ARTICLES

If reading sports articles sometimes makes you angry or nauseous, there are alternatives to help you endure your misery. You should:

1. Stop reading. 2. Complain (I won't listen). 3. Address letters to the Daily Nebraskan. There is a remarkable invention in America known as Freedom of Speech (and pen).

## Holmes Sinks 91% Of Tosses To Capture Free Throw Title

If Nebraska basketball coach Joe Cipriano would approve, Bob Holmes may be able to provide the Huskers with outstanding free throw coaching.

The 6' junior from Omaha, hasn't won any berths on pre-season All-American cage teams, but he recently won the All-University basketball free throw contest, hitting 91 of 100 tosses in the regular rounds and then coolly sinking 47

of 50 throws to win a three-way playoff for the title.

"I just tried to concentrate and blot everything else out," the mechanical engineering major said.

### TEAM WINS

Bob, who finished in the runner-up position in last year's tourney, helped lead the way for his Phi Delta Theta team which breezed to the team title with 476.5 points.

The Phi Deltis placed five men in the championship flight and Tom O'Hara, Holmes' teammate, finished in second place by hitting 45 throws.

Bill Zuppan, Phi Epsilon Kappa, placed third in the 411 man field by tossing in 39 balls in the playoff.

### DON'T THINK

"It's just a reaction you have to do without thinking too much about it," he said. "If I stopped to think about it, it would throw me off."

Although he said he didn't practice tossing free throws before the tourney, Holmes apparently used athletic talents he acquired from his prep days at Omaha Benson.

Earning nine letters at the Omaha school, he participated in football, baseball, track and played guard and forward on Benson's cage team.

### TWO STRAIGHT

"Once in a while I would get hot in high school and hit 20 of 25, but I've been doing much better since I've been here," he added.

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### SHORTS

Winter can't be too far around the corner. In just four weeks on Dec. 1 Nebraska's basketball crew will open their season against the freshman team in the Coliseum . . .

The Huskers have fumbled 28 times in 6 games . . . Saturday's Iowa State game is the annual Band Day attraction . . . Watch out Colorado — Steve Owens, Oklahoma's sophomore half-back sensation, is the league's leading rusher with 484 yards for a sparkling 5.2 yards per carry . . .

Colorado is the top scoring eleven with 129 points in 6 games . . . The Huskers have rammed across 85 points in an equal number of matches . . . Iowa State defeated Nebraska last in 1960 when Bill Jennings' squad lost 10-7 . . .

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