

# —Upper Division Finish Sought— Huskers Lack Depth But Tankers Stronger



NEBRASKA HALFBACK BEN GREGORY (22) . . . starts off a right side stant play as quarterback Frank Patrick (10) escorts him and fullback Dick Davis (45) blocks an Oklahoma defender. Nebraska fell to the Sooners 21-14 and finished with a 3-4 Big Eight slate.

Photo by Bob Herrap

By CHARLES DAVIES  
Assistant Sports Editor  
Depth will again be the nemesis for John Reta's Husker Varsity swimming team as they prepare for the Big Eight Relays at Ames, Iowa.  
"We are stronger than last year," Reta said, "but depth will again create a problem."  
Reta said he is forced to reassign certain swimmers to new events.  
"Steve Goetz, primarily a breaststroker, will be moved into the butterfly event and Bernie Hempelman, a free-styler, will join Goetz in the butterfly event," he said.

year as Nebraska's head swimming coach, looks for some improvements this year. "We have some boys from last year's freshmen team that should help."  
These sophomores include: Bernie Hempelman, a distance free-styler; King Little, free-styler and individual medley contestant; Steve Nootz, sprints to middle distance free-styler; and Jim Stasiowski, a backstroker.  
Among Reta's eight returning lettermen is junior Tom Cook, a distance free-styler.

before shooting for a team title.  
Reta felt the team can improve on its sixth place finish in the Big Eight conference last year.  
"Our goal will be to finish in the upper division," he said. "I think we can if everybody continues to work hard."  
**TOUGH RACE**  
He said defending Big Eight champion Iowa State returns its entire team while Kansas and Oklahoma, second and third place finishers respectively will again be tough.

**RECORD SETTER**  
Cook broke the 500-yard, 1000-yard, and 1650-yard, freestyle Varsity records last year while finishing sixth in the 1650-yard free style in the Big Eight championships.

Other Big Eight meet scorers from last year's squad are senior Steve Sorensen, a third and fourth place finisher in diving, junior Walter Brzezinski, a sixth place finisher in the backstroke.

Senior Rich Gordon, a freestyle sprinter also placed in the Big Eight championships.

**EIGHT TITLES**  
Senior Steve Goetz, a breaststroker, junior Bill Kathrein, a free-style sprinter, senior Lee Liggett, a free-styler, and John Prentiss round out the returning Husker lettermen.

"Jim Krause, a second semester sophomore free-styler, has the ability to score for us in the Big Eight," Reta added.

Reta, who coached Lincoln Southeast High School to eight consecutive Nebraska high school titles, said he must develop individuals and build a team



NEBRASKA'S LEADING RUSHER . . . Dick Davis (45) brings a lengthy jaunt against the Orange-Bowl bound Sooners. The Omaha native piled up 717 total yards this season as the Huskers averaged 317.1 yards per game.

Photo by Bob Herrap

## What Was That Score?

When Nebraska started winning football games in 1962, the inevitable outcome was tougher schedules. No longer are teams like South Dakota or South Dakota State on future plans.  
Substituted are squads that consistently play solid football and this season exemplified this.  
Washington has earned a 5-5 record; Minnesota finished at 8-2 and TCU placed at 4-5.  
**BIG EIGHT TOUGH**  
Big Eight teams also built fine records this year. Oklahoma led the list with an 8-1 mark. Colorado was 8-2, Missouri was 7-3, Kansas was 5-5 and Oklahoma State was 3-5-1.  
Iowa State and Kansas State held the loop's lower two spots with 2-6 and 1-9 records, respectively.  
This results in a total BIG EIGHT record (without Nebraska) of 34-33-1. Admittedly, Kansas State, Iowa State and Oklahoma State are not much improved over previous years.  
But teams like Oklahoma, Colorado, Missouri, Nebraska and Kansas (at the end of the year anyway) are teams which could surprise many of the nation's top teams on any given weekend.

### NOT THAT EASY

Nebraska will probably never again find it easy to achieve a 10-0 season or even a 9-2 "disappointing" season.

Not only is the NU football schedule tougher and Big Eight play more evenly divided among the top teams, but Nebraska no longer has the advantage of being a surprise team such as in 1962-5. This seems to have been partly the case this year for both Oklahoma and Kansas. (6-0 and 5-2 in the Big Eight respectively.)

Big Eight teams were anticipating Nebraska and Colorado to be the teams to beat. Those dreams were shattered only when Oklahoma drubbed Colorado at Boulder and when Kansas blanked Nebraska.

### SOLID HUSKERS

Although its 6-4 record is Nebraska's worst since 1961, a tougher schedule has hidden this team's ability. The squad deserves our congratulations for an outstanding effort and good play for the entire season.

The Huskers looked like a solid team even in their losses, even when the football bounced the wrong way.

### EARLY HOME GAMES

If watching NU football in cold weather this year has strained your loyalty to the pigskin game, you can look forward to next season. With only one home game in November, four of the first five Husker games are on NU soil.

### Oklahoma last

Apparently the people compiling the Husker's football schedule realize the Nebraska-Oklahoma rivalry is going to remain awhile. Nebraska meets Oklahoma in its season's finale every season until at least 1974.

## Soccer Club Waits For Season Finale

The University Soccer Club is awaiting word from Omaha International officials as to whether Sunday's postponed game between the two clubs will be played. Tim Rickard, University Club president said.

The local club was unable to field a team as the majority of the players "were scattered around the country for vacation," Rickard said. Rickard said the contest

will have no bearing on the final Midwest Soccer League standings as the Lincolmites with a 5-3-1 conference mark will finish in third place.

The Internationals, currently 4-5 in league play will finish below the local crew regardless of the outcome of the season's final game should it be played. "We should know within the next few days what their decision is," Rickard said.

### For Second Straight Year . . .

## Meylan Named All-American

By MARK GORDON  
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Nebraska's football season has ended, but Wayne Meylan hasn't finished gathering laurels.

The Huskers' defensive middle guard standout has been selected by the Football Writers Association of America to Look Magazine's 1967 All-American Football team.

In naming the 6'1" 230 pound lineman to its squad for the second consecutive season, the publication said "Wayne Meylan helped give bland Nebraska a successful season and a miserly reputation for yielding yardage."

### ANCHOR

With Meylan anchoring the line, the Nebraska defenders permitted a mere 67.5 average rushing yards per game and 90.1 passing yards per contest for a combined total defense of 157.6 yards.

The former Bay City, Michigan high school star also set a Nebraska defensive record with 59 unassisted tackles breaking Carl Stith's 1966 mark of 42

solo stops.  
Meylan also contributed on 60 assisted tackles, placing second to linebacker Barry Alvarez who had a Nebraska record-shattering 78 assisted tackles.

### BEST EVER

"He's the best defensive lineman I've ever seen," said coach Bob Devaney of Meylan. "He is tough, agile, fast and 100 per cent dedicated to excellence. He's just a fine football player."

Meylan has been named Big Eight Lineman of the Week for an unprecedented three times this season for his performances against Washington, Oklahoma

State and Oklahoma.

In Meylan's 1966 junior season, he was named Big Eight Player of the Year by the United Press International while being selected to five All-American squads.

### FOUR MILLION MILES

He also blocked three punts and recovered two of them for touchdowns for a Husker record.

A football, wrestling and track star in high school, Meylan, started his Husker career as an offensive guard in 1965 and was quickly switched to defense in the third game.

Minnesota coach Murray Warmath summed up the

Meylan story best this year when he said: "Wayne Meylan was the best player on the field by four miles—you can make that four million miles."

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