

Re Marks

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Sports Editor

Does last January's Cotton bowl classic in Dallas foreshadow the outcome of Saturday's Nebraska football opener with border-rival Wyoming?

When Texas A&M turned the tables on the Alabama Crimson Tide (remember them from previous bowl encounters?) 20-16, a former assistant coach at Alabama, Gene Stallings, guided the underdog Aggies over the Tide and its head mentor Paul "Bear" Bryant.

Bryant, who is held in such esteem in Alabama that he received a few votes at the Republican National Convention for the Presidential nomination, once had Stallings on his Alabama coaching staff.

But the student defeated the master in that coaching duel and if Nebraska's Bob Devaney, the nation's winningest coach, fails to heed warnings from Laramie, a former assistant coach at Wyoming could make the Husker boss ill Saturday afternoon.

Cowboy coach Lloyd Eaton, who came to the Laramie school in 1957 prospered as Devaney's defensive tutor and gained controls of the gridmen when Devaney left Laramie for the football tutoring position at Nebraska.

The Cowboys, who won 10 straight regular season matches before bowing at the Sugar Bowl on New Year's Day to Louisiana State, invade Lincoln without the services of the nation's leading kicker Jerry DePoyster and quarterback Paul Toscano, the nation's sixth leading total offensive gainer.

But they certainly have the horses to chomp at the bit when the red-adorned Huskers take the field at 2 p.m. Saturday before an expected full Memorial Stadium house of 65,000.

Gene Huey, a senior co-captain, who landed a spot on the all-Western Athletic Conference team last year, has the potential to haul in numerous passes for enough yardage to ring the bell several times on the stadium scoreboard.

By setting or tying five Wyoming marks last fall, he placed 14th nationally in pass receiving with 53 catches for 868 yards and 5 touchdowns. Undoubtedly, if the Huskers fail to guard this dangerous receiver closely, he will break loose for additional points Saturday.

Defensively, linebacker Jim House, also a senior co-captain who earned all WAC honors last year, returns from the defensive squad that led the nation in rushing defense with an average allowance of 42.3 yards and a mere six touchdowns over 10 games. The defenders also compiled the third highest total defense peak (Nebraska topped the field in this category last fall) by permitting foes 185.2 yards per match last fall and just 13 touchdowns.

HOUSE has all the materials this year to repeat and even better his impressive record of last year. But he needs assistance as only 10 starters return from last fall's nationally-rated squad. Besides that, with kicking such an important aspect of college and even professional football, the Wyoming club will be hurt by the loss of DePoyster (a native of Bellevue) and the effect of quarterbacking of Toscano.

But don't kid yourself. This Eaton-coached crew could do exactly what Stallings did in the Cotton Bowl less than 10 months ago in the first meeting between Eaton and his former coach Bob Devaney.

The last time the two crews met on Sept. 29, 1934 in Lincoln, Dana X. Bible's Cornhuskers opened their season with a pounding 50-0 slaughter of Willard "Dutch" Witte's Cowboys. Saturday's match certainly will not see that same score again, although we feel Nebraska will stretch their all-time mark against Wyoming to 2-0.

In predicting Nebraska to triumph by a slim margin, we feel the Lincolmites better balance, and more depth, possibly the greatest depth a Devaney team has ever possessed, will enable the Huskers to eventually wear down the Cowboys.

But we don't feel the game will be a runaway as when Nebraska smashed smaller South Dakota colleges. Wyoming may lack the enrollment, but they certainly don't lack top-notch football players. It will be a close game, where a point or two could provide the difference.

In another Big Eight opener, Iowa State has so many problems both on and off the field, that even new coach Johnny Majors who came to the Ames with more enthusiasm than any other first year tutor in the nation, will probably hope the season ends as soon as possible.

The Cyclones open with Buffalo at Ames Saturday but the easteners should handle the Cycones, although it will be interesting to watch the progress the squad makes during the year after the horrendous start it had with racial strife.

WE HOPE our inauguration of an intramural player of the week which begins as soon as fall intramurals commence within the next week or two gets on steady feet early with an active participation by all campus intramural directors who are asked to nominate outstanding players weekly from their organizations.

It's up to them as to the success or failure of the program. We will award certificates of appreciation to the recipients which can be framed and an article on each winner will appear in each Friday's Daily Nebraskan.

The intramural directors supposedly signed up or were elected to their positions because of their dedication and enthusiasm for intramural sports. If they are serious about their positions, we feel there are certainly deserving athletes on intramural teams.

Last words — We don't desire to get into arguments with baseball enthusiasts, but when sports fans have a choice between watching a baseball game or football encounter just look at the attendance at the comparative events over this weekend to see who wins. Football will score a smashing victory at the box office.

Soccer Club to hold meeting

There will be a meeting of the University Soccer Club on Sunday, September 15 at 2 p.m. Following a short workout, a meeting will be held.

SAMMY'S PREDICT

Nebraska 24
Wyoming 13

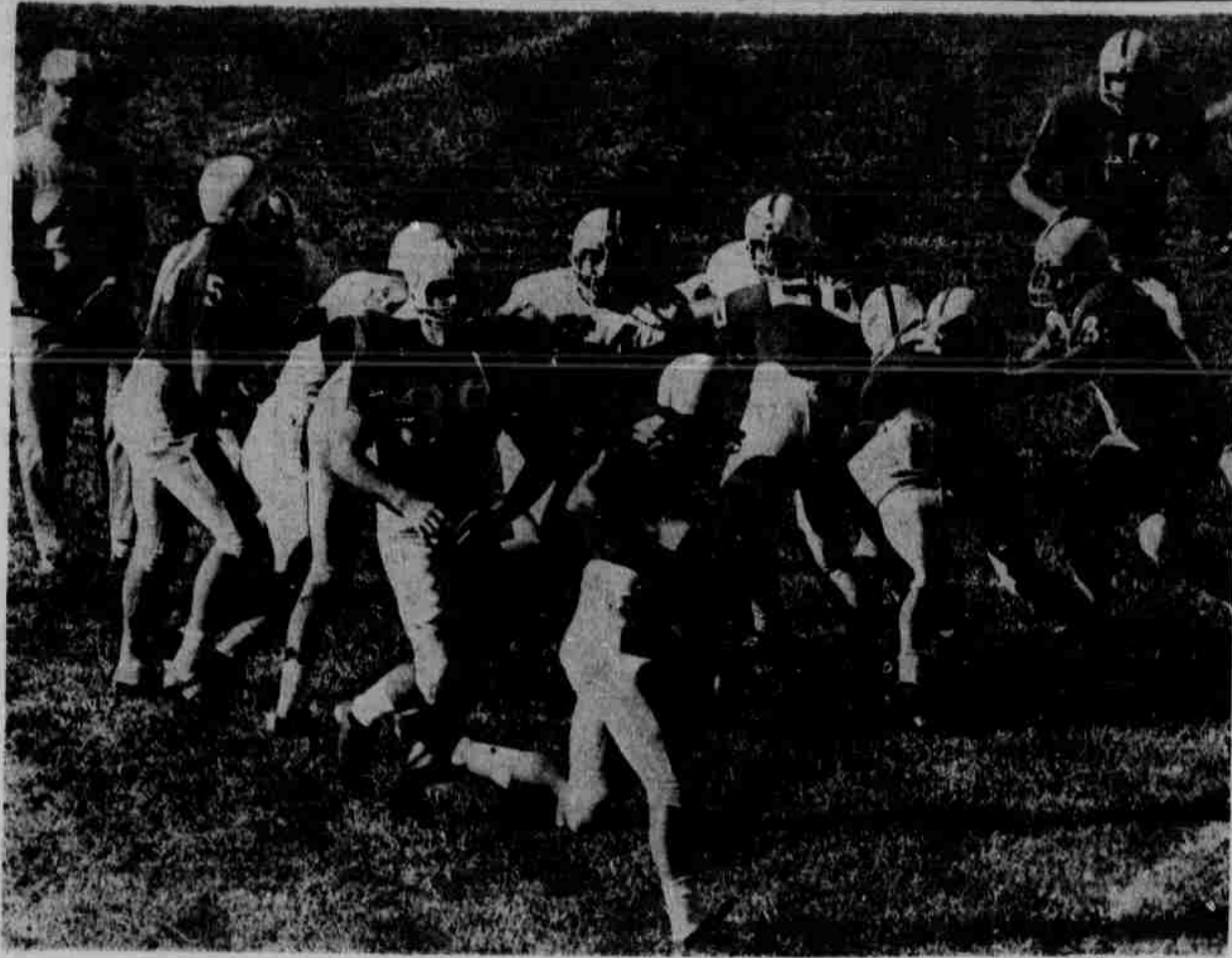


Photo by Dan Ladely

Linemen are watched closely by Nebraska assistant instructor for errors in style or form as Huskers undergo final workouts with the Wyoming game less than 24 hours away.

For football, tennis, golf, diving . . .

Intermurals approach deadlines

The fall intramural sports schedule begins to acquire steam as registration deadlines for three sports and an officials' clinic for flag football are slated for the upcoming week.

Entries for fall tennis and golf registrants are due in Room 102, Mens' Physical Educational Building, at 5

p.m. on Wednesday.

Only single tennis matches will be held this fall and each organization may enter as many individuals as desired, but the top six players must be ranked. A player may represent only one organization.

A THREE-ROUND golf

tournament, to be played at the Pioneer Park Golf Course, will produce a winner determined by each players' total stroke score.

If sufficient interest is shown, the final round will be played by assigned groups of three or four players determined by the total stroke play at the conclusion of the

second round.

The semester's first scuba diving class will be held at 6:30 p.m. Monday in the Coliseum pool area and will continue thereafter with classes on Monday and Wednesday nights from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.

Bill Pearce, a member of the National Association of Underwater Instructors, will furnish all scuba equipment, except towels and swimming suits, to participants in the 33-hour course of films, slides, lectures and pool work.

All flag football officials must attend one of two referees' clinics set for 7 p.m. Tuesday in the Physical Education Building or at 4 p.m. on Sept. 25 in the same location.



The entire Husker footballers assemble for final instructions prior to the end of another practice session this week as they await Wyoming.

Intramurals to receive recognition

The Daily Nebraskan will inaugurate an intramural player of the week award for outstanding University intramural athletes.

All intramural managers are requested to submit nominations for the weekly star who has distinguished himself in any recognized University intramural activity.

Nominations, addressed to sports staff, Daily Nebraskan, Nebraska Union, should contain the athlete's name, class status, reason why the person should receive the designation and a telephone number where he may be contacted.

Nominations are due on Monday of each week and the winner will be named in each Friday's Daily Nebraskan.

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Most people endorse the belief that Bob Devaney has long held a recruiting monopoly on Uniontown, Pa., and Steubenville, Ohio. The Cornhuskers usually extract the top talent from those two gold mines and the out-state products generally hit with a big impact.

But in the case of Eugene Aaron (Gene) Huey, the Huskers just weren't quick enough. Lloyd Eaton, Devaney's successor at Wyoming, invaded Uniontown in the open season, made a sales pitch and Huey promptly decided on the Cowboys.

AND NO ONE CAN possibly claim that Huey hasn't hit with a big impact. The senior co-captain, who will open at offensive split end and defensive halfback Saturday against the Scarlet and Cream, figured in five individual school receiving records last year, while Wyoming frolicked to a 10-0 regular season mark.

An All-Western Athletic Conference first team selection last year, Huey ranked 12th nationally in receiving, snagging 53 passes for 868 yards. The 172-pound speedster hauled in three scoring passes against the Air Force Academy in a 1967 encounter, but his big day came against the University of Texas at El Paso Miners when he latched onto 12 pitches for 184 yards.

Credentials like that are convincing, but the versatile three-sport high school standout isn't about to rely on past accomplishments. Huey grabbed 13 aerials for 136 yards in the Pokes' two spring games, giving every indication of a repeat performance in the '68 WU campaign.

Tidbits — The Wyoming roster lists one Nebraska sophomore Larry Rice, multiple sports star who prepped at Gering High School before enrolling at Laramie on a full football ride.

Dan Kobza, heir to Wayne Meylan at the middle guard slot, will get an early test when he lines up opposite Cowboy center Jay Shapiro.

Rated an excellent snapper and blocker, Shapiro was selected to the Sports Illustrated "All Bowl" team for his work against LSU in this year's Sugar Bowl Classic.

TWO HIGH SCHOOL teammates will take the field Saturday but on opposite teams this time. Glenn Patterson, starting offensive tackle for the Huskers, and Barry Strickler, a defensive halfback for the Cowboys.

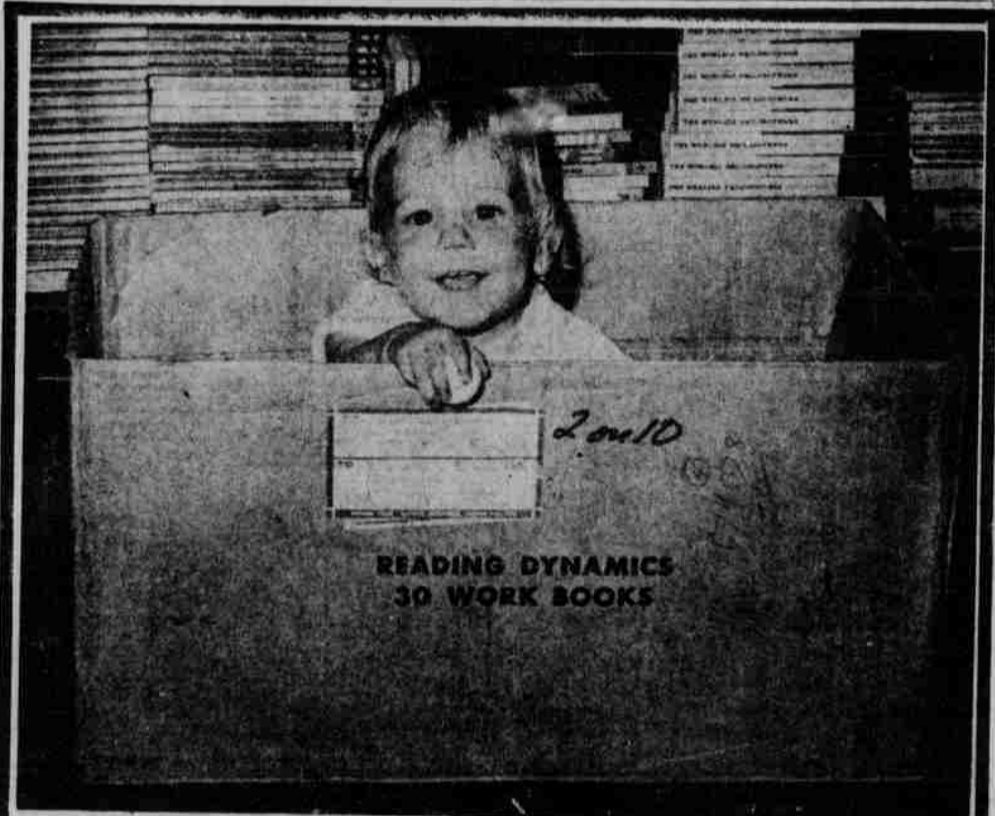
Patterson, a junior, twice was named All-State in both football and basketball at Worland, Wyo., while Strickler, a sophomore candidate, was an All-State back and team captain for Worland after Patterson graduated.

Man to watch for Wyoming Saturday is No. 46. That jersey belongs to linebacker Jim House, but a person will have to keep an alert eye to follow the senior co-captain.

House is rated one of the finest football players ever to come out of Wyoming. He finished a close second to All-American Mike Dirks in defensive statistics last year but led the club in tackles.

House, who was selected national lineman of the week by Sports Illustrated following last year's Colorado State game, nailed opposing backs for 15 losses, knocked down two passes, intercepted one, recovered a fumble and blocked a punt in the '67 season.

And don't be surprised what House can do with the ball if he ever gets a hold of it. He was an All-State and All-American fullback for Laramie's top-ranked team that compiled a 25-2 record in his career.



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