

Re Marks

by Mark Gordon
Sports Editor

Adorned in a blazing red cowboy hat and a flashing red sweater, Dennis Claridge sat relaxed in a corner of the Memorial Stadium press mansion after Nebraska's 13-10 edging of the Wyoming Cowboys.

"You know, it brings back a lot of memories," he said and then added almost nostalgically, "in a way, I wish I was back in college playing football again."

THE FORMER Nebraska Cornhusker quarterback who earned All-Big Eight laurels in both 1962 and 1963 reminisced about past games and immediately compared the Huskers come-from-behind victory over the Cowboys with a 10-point explosion in the final stanza to another Nebraska catch-up game when he was at the Scarlet and Cream field controls.

He said the 1962 Memorial Stadium encounter with North Carolina State had the identical overtones as did Saturday's season opener since the Huskers also had to rally to down an aggressive band of Wolfpacks 19-14.

"I've heard so much since I've been away about the tremendous comebacks Nebraska has made," the former professional quarterback with both the Green Bay Packers and Atlanta Falcons said. "The hardest way to play is catch up football."

While attending junior year dental classes at the University, Claridge returned to the football scene Saturday on the Lincoln campus in a different capacity as a radio color man with Omaha radio station WOW for the Nebraska football broadcasts.

"I was pretty nervous about the game," he said, although a station official admitted the former Robbinsdale, Minn., high school star performed like a veteran during his first battle with the microphone rather than opposing eleven.

Describing the 51-yard boot by sophomore Paul Rogers which paced Nebraska past the Laramie invaders, Claridge, who has been involved in numerous nail-biters both in college and professional battles, said he felt sorry for the Rock Rapids, Iowa, native.

"**HE REALLY** came through under pressure," Claridge explained. "If he made the kick, which he did, he would be elevated to hero status, but if he had missed it, he would have been an undue goat."

He admitted the season opener was as exciting as any contest he has either participated in or seen since many of the players listed on the Husker reserve squad showed starting team stature as they brought Nebraska back from a sluggish first half to record the Lincolnites ninth consecutive opening game triumph.

Comparing the pro and college game, Claridge said the passing defense employed by the play for pay game is the major difference between college and pro ball since the pros use six or seven variations of passing defenses while colleges basically use either a zone or man to man defense.

The big former quarterback may have only been sitting on the sidelines talking into a barren microphone about the game, but the fired-up performance recorded by Texan Ernie Sigler reminded more than one press box observer of the fiery spirit which characterized early Bob Devaney years when the Robbinsdale signal-caller was tossing footballs around Memorial Stadium.

Despite the fanfare over the excitement of the last minute, several flaws were evident Saturday.

Ernie Sigler is obviously the sentimental favorite of the majority of Nebraska fans, but Frank Patrick is needed more than ever not only because of the benefits of having two quarterbacks fighting tooth and nail for the starting berth, but because a fresh field general can usually spark a struggling team.

If Nebraska fails to gain more than 11 total yards in the first stanza in future weeks, the scoreboard may become worn out on the side indicating enemy scores. After the lackadaisical 11-yard output during the opening period Saturday when the Laramie men pounded out 118 yards and 10 points, Nebraska began its belated uphill struggle.

The passing game needs a definite boost with only 6 of 19 tosses completed for a mere 84 yards passing and the Huskers were thrown for losses totaling 52 yards rushing.

DISREGARDING these deficiencies, the Husker comeback showed the team has the determination to battle back even when it looked like the door had been closed for good. But if Nebraska displays another dreary first quarter, the door will not only be closed for a late-game rally, it will be bolted tight with steel bars.

Superstitious fans — we aren't taking credit for Saturday's last-minute win but like many other superstitious fans we feel our shining red tie had something to do with the final outcome. Our thanks to Inter-Dormitory Association secretary Kathy Fischer for her generous gift that aided our superstitious endeavors.

FIRST LOSS — former Plattsmouth quarterback Max Linder, who was expected to press strongly for the starting signal-calling berth on Cletus Fischer's freshman crew, will undergo back surgery and will not compete on this fall's yearling team. The 6' 2" 189-pound youngster will enroll at the University second semester and will be eligible to compete on next season's freshman squad.

COACHING SWITCH — Basketball Coach Joe Cipriano has switched his two basketball assistants to enable both mentors to obtain a look at all phases of the Husker cage program. Glenn Potter will replace Bill Harrell as varsity assistant coach while Harrell will become head freshman cage coach. Cipriano, who has paced the Huskers to three consecutive winning campaigns, said the rotation procedure would be continued on a yearly basis for an indefinite period.

OUTSTATE PLAYERS — No one can ever accuse the University of Wyoming of not giving outstate players a chance to earn a spot on the Cowboy football team. Only three participants on the Laramie-based crew that invaded Lincoln last week were native Wyomingites. States ranging from New York to California and from Minnesota to Hawaii were included on the 63-man roster. Just goes to show that just because a state lacks an abundance of residents, it still can produce a top-notch athletic team if it is willing to provide an abundance of another substance to acquire one — namely money. In comparison, Saturday's foe from the University of Utah boasts 20 natives from Utah on a 67-man squad. Nine of the natives are from the school's location — Salt Lake City.

UTAH REDSKIN notes — The Redskins have triumphed in six of their past eight openers including a 37-21 victory over the Big Eight's Colorado Buffaloes in 1962. . . . Utah dropped a close 13-12 game to Big Ten Co-Champion Minnesota last year despite outgaining the Gophers 378 to 207 yards. . . . First year coach Bill Meek returns 33 lettermen from the squad that finished fourth in the Western Athletic Conference and tallied a 47 season record last fall. . . . After Nebraska, Utah faces Oregon State, which upset top-rated Southern California and highly-ranked Purdue while deadlocking with UCLA in 1967. . . . Saturday's battle will be the first meeting between Nebraska and Utah.

LAST WORDS — We apologize to fans of University of Alabama football coach Bear Bryant who noticed our error in Friday's column when we said the Crimson Tide coach had received votes for the Presidential nomination at the Republican National Convention this summer. Daily Nebraskan senior staff writer Larry Eckholt, among others, corrected us since Bryant obviously garnered his votes at the Democratic National Convention. . . . Don't forget to submit nominations for the Daily Nebraskan's Intramural Player of the Week competition.



Never ready to let a good thing go, Fijis from left John Freeman, Bill Kenagy and Mac McConnell plot a strategy to retain the intramurals championship.

Former runners-up field victory . . .

Phi Gamma Delta captures intramural athletics crown

Phi Gamma Delta members have discovered perseverance eventually reaps dividends.

After finishing in the runners-up position for the past two seasons, the fraternity finally hurdled the obstacles by winning the All-University intramural sports organization championship for the past academic year.

"It wasn't just the guys who went out for the teams that won it for us, it was that everyone wanted to help the teams win in some way," explained Bill Kenagy, house intramural director.

THE LINCOLN senior said that between 25-30 house members would cheer for the team at football or basketball games which added a considerable lift to the players.

Kenagy said all sports ranging from horseshoes to football were stressed; and to drum up support for future sports matches, he only

posted the time and place of the game and the players and spectators turned out en masse.

"Even our housemother went to the games," he said.

The campus champs scored All-University wins in tennis, doubles, softball and karate, while individual titles went to John Freeman and Joe Wilson in badminton doubles and Stan Lemaster in Kata Karate.

Although Kenagy said any number of participants should be credited for the performance, he named three athletes who sparked the house championship.

Citing Mac McConnell, a senior from Imperial, the basketball squad's leading scorer; Tim Ash, a senior from Lincoln, who competed in almost all intramural sports; and Don Crist, also a Lincoln senior, who pitched the softball squad to the

campus title, Kenagy said the house only lost three players through graduation for this season.

"We may not win it again this year, but we will be right up there with the leaders," the intramural director predicted, adding that the house expects the strongest challenges from Phi Delta Theta and Beta Theta Pi fraternities for this year's All-University crown.

He said that intra-house rivalries between members on the A and B squads in the same sports also aided the overall house performance since "the B members always wanted to prove that they should have been placed on the A team."

"IT WAS a lot of fun and everyone would always talk about the sports — too much sometimes," he joked, adding he is beginning his second

season as intramural director "just because I like it."

He said the house wanted to finish high in horseshoes so they constructed a horseshoe practice area behind the R street structure. Footballs were constantly tossed about the front lawn to sharpen passing reflexes for grid games in the fall.

"Intramurals are a lot of fun since there is a sport for everyone," Kenagy concluded as the defending victors prepare to capture the championship crown for the second consecutive season.

Fraternities again dominated the final standings for intramural sports as 14 of the top 20-ranking organizations were Greek groups.

Following Phi Gamma Delta were Phi Delta Theta, Beta Theta Pi (the 1966-67 champions); Delta Tau Delta, Phi Kappa Psi, Theta Xi, Abel VI, Farm House, Sigma Phi Epsilon and Delta Upsilon rounding out the first 10 finishers.

The second 10 included Ag Men, Glenn House from Cather Hall, Abel VII, Harper II, Abel IV, Triangle, Sigma Chi, Beta Sigma Psi, Gus III from Selleck Quadrangle and Chi Phi.

LEADING the independents were Phi Epsilon Kappa, Dents, "Dirty Old Men," Aggies, Falcons, Unicorns, and Phi Delta Phi, while the Athletes Feat, Mousers and Pharmacy placed in an eighth place deadlock.

Phi Delta Theta captured the most All-University titles with seven wins in basketball free throws, basketball, golf, A flag football, B basketball, paddleball, A volleyball and deck tennis; while Beta Theta Pi scored five triumphs in fall golf, tennis singles, table tennis, spring golf and swimming.

Cather Hall's Glenn House won the 1968 All-University sportsmanship rating while Gary Toogood of Dents was the only intramural participant to record double individual victories last year as he captured the handball singles and combined with Gary McMullen to take the handball doubles.

From That Desk In The Corner

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I belong to a vanishing breed, I am, have been, and always will be a devoted fan of the New York Yankees. There aren't many of us.

Many baseball fans hated us during the early sixties much as many pro football fans now hate Green Bay Packers-lovers. When the Bronx Bombers were making a mockery of the American League pennant race every year, and Mantle and Maris were crashing home runs indiscriminately in every direction, it wasn't easy to be a Yankee-lover. Who loves a machine?

When New York was winning all those pennants, it seemed that every year all humanity would rally round to support the National League entry in the World Series. We Yankee fans got no sympathy when Bill Mazeroski hit his series-winning home run in 1960, or when Sandy Koufax and friends obliterated New York in 1963.

But that's history. Recent Yankee exploits have left little to yell about. Up until three weeks ago.

Beginning with an incredible sweep of a four-game series with the pennant-bound Detroit Tigers (which also included Denny McLain's only road loss this year), the Yanks went on a tear that saw them win 29 of 39 games, and 10 in a row through Sept. 15.

In the process, New York boosted its record from 51-60 to 80-70 and jumped from eighth to third in the American League standings. The question is, how did they do it?

There is no doubt that the Yankees are the worst hitting team in the majors. But New York has been getting the hits when they've needed them.

The secret of the Yankee success has been pitching. Mel Stottlemyre, who won his 20th game last Saturday, former NU hurler Stan Bahnsen, and Fritz Peterson, with six wins in a row, have been the bulwarks of the young staff that has compiled an excellent 2.73 earned run average.

New York is a young team, a fighting team. This late-season surge could be written off as a meaningless lucky streak after the big issue has been decided, but I believe there is more to the streak than luck. Perhaps Yankee-lovers will really have something to yell about in 1969.

Ernie Sigler is the kind of guy you just love to see make good. The hero of the Huskers' win over Wyoming is not an excellent quarterback. Ernie's not real fast, nor can he pass with the top college signal-callers. He just seems to do well enough in each area to get the job done.

What Sigler lacks in natural ability he makes up in dedication and determination.

Not that Ernie has the NU quarterbacking slot locked up after Saturday's efforts. Frank Patrick, who admittedly was not himself against Wyoming, will play a lot of football this year and may even win his starting post back.

What is significant about Ernie Sigler's performance is that now Bob Devaney has two solid, dependable quarterbacks to throw at the opposition. The last time he enjoyed that luxury was in 1965 when Fred Duda and Bob Churchich alternated, covering each others' cold spells. This happy situation resulted in an undefeated season and who's to say it couldn't happen again?

NCAA modifies football procedures

Several changes and modifications of NCAA football rules will be in effect for the current season, according to the NCAA News.

The controversial punting rule passed last fall, which prevented interior linemen from leaving the line of scrimmage until the ball had been kicked, has been eliminated, the magazine said.

The publication also explained that the referee will stop the clock on each first down to allow the "chain gang" to reestablish itself. The length of time out has

Fall horseshoe entries due

Entries for fall horseshoes are due in room 102 Men's Physical Education Building by 5 p.m. Thursday.

The fall tournament will be for single matches in a single elimination tourney with all matches slated for the area east of the Coliseum.

Oconto is the defending All-University champion with Gary Glendy of Oconto as the defending individual champion.

been reduced from two minutes to one and one-half minutes and a player may confer with the coaching staff during the intermission.

Linemen also came under the revisions with a new rule stating that at least five men on the line of scrimmage must wear numbers from 50 to 79 inclusive. Men wearing those numbers are not eligible to receive a forward pass, regardless of position, eliminating the tackle eligible play.

Once an offensive interior lineman has his hand or hands on the ground, he cannot move until the snap, unless signals are checked. This rule eliminates the switch after offensive linemen are "down."

The NCAA Rules Committee has also made it illegal to signal for a fair catch on a punt and subsequently block a player on the punting team.

In addition, men in motion toward the ball who are outside the clipping at the snap and men who have a position five yards or more outside the legal clipping zone at the snap, may not clip in the legal clipping zone.

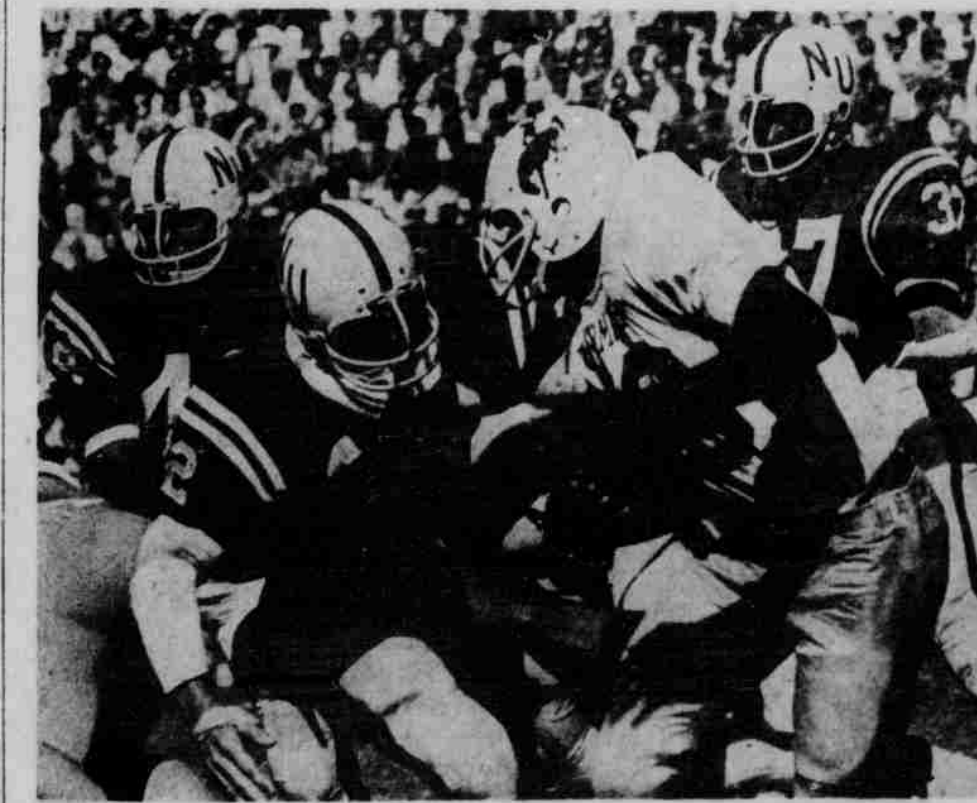


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Surrounded by Nebraskans — Wyoming quarterback Ed Synakowski finds no place to scamper as Dan Kobza (49), Adrian Fiala (32) and Ken Geddes (37) close in on the cowboy signal-caller during Saturday's 13-10 Nebraska win.

Cornhuskers rate top rankings for 4 years

Nebraska football teams have been ranked in the Top 10 for four of the last five years under Coach Bob Devaney.

Highest Husker finish was in 1965 when they were placed third by United Press International. The team was also third according to the Associated Press poll prior to the Orange Bowl, but dropped to number five after a 30-28

loss to Alabama. Dana X. Bible also led the Huskers to a ninth place Associated Press rating in 1936 and L. Mac Jones coached Nebraska to a seventh spot in the nation in 1940.

Nebraska's current national ratings:

Year	Associated Press	United Press International
1963	6th	6th
1964	6th	6th
1965	3rd	3rd
1966	5th	5th

Karate classes start Thursday

Classes for authentic Japanese Karate sponsored by the University's intramural department and the Tokyo Karate-Do Association, will begin Thursday at 6:30 p.m. on the Coliseum stage.

Korean style, Chung-Do-Kwan instruction will be offered at a later date and karate will also be offered as an intramural sport during the spring.

NU Wildlife Club shows labrador

The University of Nebraska Wildlife Club will host a black labrador demonstration and watermelon feed Wednesday at 7 p.m. It will be held in front of the East Campus Student Union.

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