

Re Marks

by Mark Gordon
Sports Editor

Nebraska journeys into the Northland Saturday leaving behind Cornhusker rooters who hold the identical pre-game attitude about Saturday's Minnesota-Nebraska clash that prevailed last year before the Oklahoma contest.

"As long as we play a good game," and, "We aren't going to win, but we'll give them a good game" were opinions that became redundant on this campus.

NEBRASKA FELL to Oklahoma's Orange Bowl-winning Sooners, but a 21-14 score gave the Thanksgiving Day fans an exciting relief from the usual afternoon soap operas.

That's the background of Big Red rooters as Nebraska meets Minnesota Saturday before an expected 53,000 spectators at Memorial Stadium in Minneapolis.

Nebraska Coach Bob Devaney has never lost to a Big Ten team, but Saturday's game may snap the coach's six-game winning streak over the once-omnipotent football conference which has slipped in recent years.

The Gophers own a below-par 0-1 slate after dropping a 29-20 game last week to All-American halfback O. J. Simpson and his buddies from Southern California. The Minnesotans led until three and half minutes remained when Simpson ran wild for two quick touchdowns.

That's not a discouraging performance against the defending national champions who are currently rated third in both wire service polls. Nebraska may be rated higher than Minnesota because it has two victories (the only top-ten rated crew to win twice so far), but Utah and Wyoming are not in the same category as Southern Cal.

Nebraska looked impressive in clobbering Utah 31-0, rolling to 518 total yards on offense and executing steady defense.

But Utah doesn't have Minnesota's powerful fullback Jim Carter, a bruising 220-pounder, or end Ray Parson, a transfer student from McCook Junior College, who certainly would have fit in handily at the Lincoln school now that Tom Penney is lost with a fractured collarbone for several weeks.

DEFENSIVELY, Minnesota has All-American candidate Bob Stein at end and Gopher captain Noel Jenke, which should give Nebraska fits all afternoon.

The bigger Gophers with a 219-206 pound advantage hold a commanding 29-9-2 series edge although Nebraska has won the last three meetings by a single touchdown each game.

The emotional approach to Saturday's final Husker non-conference game would be to pick Nebraska to win, but a realistic approach favors, the bigger, stronger and revenge-minded Minnesotans.

After predicting seven of eight Big Eight league games correctly last week, which even amazed us, to bring our season average up to 80 per cent correct, we will try Saturday's Big Eight schedule.

BRIGHAM YOUNG OVER IOWA STATE — Iowa State journeys to Provo and the result should be identical to last week's battle against another western foe, Arizona.

PENN STATE OVER KANSAS STATE — The Big Eight Wildcats downed a weak Colorado State last week, but when they tackle nationally-rated Penn State the result will not be so encouraging for the Manhattan backers.

COLORADO OVER CALIFORNIA — The Berkeley team showed its power in a convincing 21-7 victory over Michigan last week, but with quarterback Bobby Anderson at the helm of the Colorado controls, we look for Colorado to score a mild upset.

KANSAS OVER INDIANA — The Hoosiers are rugged, but the Jayhawks bombed another Big Ten member, Illinois, 47-7 last week. With Lawrence's Memorial Stadium as the setting, another Big Ten foe will fall.

MISSOURI OVER ILLINOIS — The fighting Illini will fall to the clawing Tigers.

OKLAHOMA OVER N. CAROLINA STATE — The Sooners may have lost pride in a 45-21 loss to Notre Dame last week, but they won't lose too many more games this season.

INTRAMURALS — Next week the Daily Nebraskan will begin a four-part series on the University Intramural Department. With more students participating in intramurals than any other activity on the Lincoln campus, it is apparently an area drawing student interest.

While on the subject of intramurals — either there are no athletes worthy of receiving our intramural athlete of the week award or all the intramural managers are forgetful, but for some reason no persons have been nominated for our awards which begin next Friday.

An entire week of intramural football has been completed as well as other sports. If you want your organization and players to receive recognition, we are willing to recognize them.

But if you won't spend five minutes to inform us of your dedicated members, maybe you shouldn't have been named intramural manager. Let's have some entries before Monday's deadline.

Sports car enthusiasts to compete

A sports car rally and the University Soccer Club's second match of the season highlight the weekend sports scene.

The University chapter of the Nebraska Sports Car Club is sponsoring a sports car rally Sunday. The time and distance event will cover more than 80 miles, mostly in the country, after a 1 p.m. start at the Dental College parking lot. Registration for the meet begins at noon.

ALL SPORTS car drivers may compete in Sunday's meet.

The University Soccer Club hopes to regain winning form when it travels to Omaha's Offutt Air Force Base field to battle the Offutt AFB team.

The 2 p.m. Sunday match will be the Omahans' first encounter in Nebraska Soccer League play, while the local crew dropped its opening game 7-1 to the Omaha Martinizing Club last Sunday.

"We aren't going to make any change in game plans, except that we hope to play better as a team," said Victor Umunna, team captain.

Umunna added that a practice would be held Friday night.

Minnesota coach believes in lots of brawn AND brains; both confront NU Saturday

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The era of the big, dumb college football player is gone. At least at the University of Minnesota. Big? Yes. Dumb? No.

Coach Murray Warmath seemingly endorses the recruiting philosophy that the smarter a guy is the better player he is. Sounds rather simple and easy, but many coaches find it hard to come by.

Warmath does not. For a starter, take All-American defensive end Bob Stein. The 6-3, 218-pound graduate of St. Louis Park High was named to the 1967 All-Big Ten and All-American Scholastic teams. A Williams Scholar the last two years, Stein is a political science major and plans to enter law school.

DEFENSIVE TACKLE Ron Kamzelski almost matches Stein's honors. Kamzelski also has been a Williams Scholar the past two years. He was named to the All-Big Ten Academic team in his sophomore and junior seasons and received Academic All-American honorable mention last year. The 240-pound package of robust resistance is enrolled in pre-dentistry.

Edell (Easy) Jones, who packs 243 pounds onto a 6-4 frame, has good speed and mobility despite his size. His specialty is dissecting opposing defenders. A mathematics major, Jones plans to enter computer programming after graduation.

Somehow a guy gets the feeling that if Easy wants

to be a computer programmer, he'll be a computer programmer. Same old story. A Williams Scholar, Big Ten All Academic first team and Academic All-American third team.

A significant foot note about Jones for Nebraska followers — Easy plays tackle now and always has played tackle, but that doesn't mean he doesn't like to score. While prepping at Melrose High in Memphis, Jones once scored a touchdown from that position in his high school's homecoming game.

Further evidence of Minnesota's brain besides brawn: —Tom Fink, 6-1, 225-pound returning offensive guard starter, was a Williams Scholar last fall.

—Bill Laasko, 215-pound letterman at middle guard, is an industrial relations major and also owns a Williams scholarship.

Dave Nixon, 210-pound returning starter at linebacker, was named to the All-Big Ten Academic team. And yes, he just happens to be a Williams Scholar.

—Leon Trawick, a 218-pound offensive end letterman, is a Williams Scholar who hopes to go on for a doctorate in clinical psychology.

TIDBITS — Jim Carter and Noel Jenke are two guys who just can't stay away from the rough stuff. Carter, last fall's leading Gopher ground-gainer, lettered for Minnesota's hockey team last year as a defenseman. He

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won all-tournament honors in the 1966 state high school hockey tourney.

Jenke, this year's Gopher captain who was a regular at the "Monster" (Roving linebacker) position last fall, enjoys the rock-em, sock-em style of hockey too. He lettered as a wing on the Gopher hockey outfit.

Most sports fans have heard of Verne Gagne, the professional wrestler, but did anyone know of Verne Gagne, the Minnesota end in the 1940's? Greg Gagne, Verne's son, has followed pop's footsteps to Minneapolis and is listed as a sophomore safety.

Nebraskans need not go far to find a brainy football player. Randy Reeves, starting safety, ranks as the top scholar on the Husker team with a 3.879 average in the College of Arts and Sciences.

Nebraska will probably have about 7,000 fans at the Minnesota game. Many are combining the junket with the pro Vikings-Bears contest Sunday since it's been

designated Nebraska Day at Metropolitan Stadium.

Nebraska Coach Bob Devaney says, "We look forward to playing Minnesota like a condemned man looks forward to meeting the executioner, I guess."

"However," Devaney continued, "we've got to play the game because we have a contract. Seriously, Minnesota has a tremendous football team and this will be our most severe test."

Southern Cal tight end Bob Klein, who played against UCLA's Lew Alcindor when both were on their school's freshman basketball team, asserts, "There's no comparison between playing against Alcindor and playing football by any stretch of the imagination. Football is much tougher."

PERCEPTIVE OBSERVATION — Laurel and Hardy are just no laughing matter any more. A quick glance at Nebraska high school football results last weekend reveals that the two teams each averaged 41.5 points in their victories. Laurel romped past Neligh, 39-6 while Hardy

pulverized Republican City, 44-21. Many Political observers in this state claim Wallace is not popular here. And they are absolutely right, as least in the case of Stapleton, which thrashed Wallace 47-0 last Friday. It has been said that cross country runners run their (blank) off. If Nebraska's team is a valid indication, that as a serious would be true. The 12-man Husker varsity roster averaged 150 pounds per man. Heaviest athlete out for the grinding sport weighs 155 pounds. But he doesn't have to knock heads with Bob Stein either.

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