

From That Desk In The Corner

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Sports Columnist

The Big Showdown is Saturday. Kansas and Nebraska, darlings of the pollsters and the only undefeated teams in the Big Eight, collide head-on at Memorial Stadium in a contest that could settle the 1968 conference championship.

The far-reaching implications of the Husker-Jayhawk clash carry the flavor of many Texas-Arkansas meetings in the early 1960's. Both the Steers and the Porkers were usually high-ranked and undefeated, and their game opened the Southwest Conference title chase.

FROM 1959 through 1965, the winner of the Texas-Arkansas game either won outright or shared the SWC championship and went to the Cotton Bowl. The loser usually finished second, and also traveled to a prestige bowl.

The best example of Texas-Arkansas power occurred in 1964 when the Razorbacks pulled out a hair-raising 14-13 squeaker over the Longhorns in Austin, Texas, behind 14-7 in the waning moments of the fourth quarter, drove 80 yards for a touchdown in less than two minutes. Texas then gambled on a two-point conversion at the gun, choosing to win or lose rather than tie. The quarterback's flat pass eluded the flanker's out-stretched hands by inches, and Arkansas, for all practical purposes, won the SWC title right there.

Arkansas finished 11-0 that season, including another heart-stopping 10-7 decision over none other than the Nebraska Cornhuskers in the 1965 Cotton Bowl.

Poor old Texas finished second in the Southwest. Oh yes, UT wound up 10-1, including a somewhat notable 21-17 triumph over Joe Namath and Alabama in the 1965 Orange Bowl.

Getting back to this weekend's KU affair, rarely has Nebraska been involved in such a crucial early-season game. Husker schedules once allowed some momentum-building against Kansas State and/or Iowa State early in the year before battling the biggies, but there will be no room for experimentation Oct. 12.

Quarterback Bobby Douglass and his mates have the capacity to blow the Cornhuskers right out of Lancaster County, if they get an early advantage. Kansas is averaging an incredible 51 points a game, although one has to acknowledge that Illinois, Indiana and New Mexico are by no means defensive giants. Still, no matter who KU has played, point production like that is nothing to sneer at.

THE HUSKERS will counter with an offense that has moved well between the 20's and scores when it has to. Though Kansas has demonstrated it can score anytime from anywhere on the field, Nebraska, with bombs from quarterbacks Ernie Sigler and Frank Patrick, and with breakout threats Dick Davis, Joe Orduna and Mike Green, can match the 'Hawks' touchdown for touchdown.

Where NU will have an advantage will be on defense. Nebraska's Black Shirts have allowed only 8 points per game, compared to Kansas' 11.3. More importantly, however, the Huskers are permitting only about 200 yards per game total offense, compared to KU's 400. Nebraska will be able to move on Kansas. The game's outcome will be decided on how well NU can contain the explosive Jayhawks.

Donny Shanklin seems to be the most dangerous Kansan the Huskers will encounter. However, NU stymied a fellow named Gale Sayers pretty well for three years, and I'm confident Mr. Shanklin will not run wild Saturday.

There should be a goodly number of persons attending Memorial Stadium Saturday. The 75th meeting between Kansas and Nebraska is unique since both teams are contending for the Big Eight conference crown in the same year.

Kansas helped set the first Memorial Stadium crowd record of 20,000 way back in 1923 in the stadium dedication game. They could be in on more records Saturday. The Nebraska attendance mark of 35,842 set last year against Colorado could fall, as could the point production record by both teams set in 1963's 58-7 laughter over South Dakota State.

This year's Kansas-Nebraska game ought to be one rip-roarin', gang-bustin' affair, and I wouldn't miss it for the world.

B team reprieve . . . Flag football players can use Woods Park

The availability of Woods Park for B team flag football has alleviated the need for extra playing fields according to Joel Meier, intramural director.

Meier said he received word from the Dean of Student Affairs' office last week that the necessary \$170 was obtained to pay operating expenses for the seven-field area at the 33rd and O Streets park. Costs for securing a supervisor to attend games and a truck driver to transport equipment back and forth from the city campus had to be met before games could be scheduled there, he added.

Kansas setting records

This year's Kansas Jayhawk football team, which has roared through its first three non-conference games, is the first Kansas squad in 16 years to win all its non-conference games.

The Jayhawks blasted Illinois 47-7, downed Indiana 38-20 and slaughtered New Mexico 68-7 to become the highest scoring Kansas team after the season's first three games.

By scoring 153 points for a game average of 51 points, the Jayhawks have established a new record for three-game point production. The 1912 team scored 81 points in the first three matches.

The last Kansas team to win all its non-conference games was the 1952 squad which whipped Texas Christian 13-0; Santa Clara 21-9; Southern Methodist 26-0 and Oklahoma State 12-7.

Lack of facilities hinders intramural program

Editor's Note — This is the fourth in a five part series on the University's intramural department.

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A lack of adequate facilities for both indoor and outdoor activities contributes to the bulk of the intramural's problems, according to Joel Meier, intramural director.

Since the department can not expand its facilities, flag football and tennis must be curtailed. Sports like soccer and speedball are entirely out of the question, Meier added.

THE DEPARTMENT must cut back both the number of regular season flag football games and hold a single rather than a double elimination tournament after the regular season, he said.

"More people sign up than can play," he said, "and many times it is the people who may not be as good athletically that desire to play the most."

He said football teams only play five or six games due to limited facilities and that slow pitch softball can not be held in the spring. Only fast-pitch is held in a limited single elimination tournament which disposes of half the teams after one round.

He added that during the winter, basketball games are scheduled for as late as 9:30 p.m. and for Saturday mornings which eliminates free play for teams.

"We are lacking available space for recreational and free-play activities," he said, "and this is an important aspect of any intramural program."

He said the Men's Physical Education building is open for free play only on Saturday and Sundays at limited hours and from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. weekdays.

The University's intramural program is also weak on offering coeducational activities since only a limited volleyball tournament sponsored by the Women's Physical Education Department is currently available, he noted.

"THERE'S a great deal of interest in this area," Meier said. "Sports such as badminton and volleyball could be made co-recreational."

The intramural program lacks activities geared toward faculty members, while other colleges offer special divisions in both physical fitness and recreational activities for faculty personnel, he said.

"Most faculty members seek an outlet for activity," he said, "but we are unable to do much in this area because we are so cramped for space."

Charging \$20 entry fees in the department's two largest team sports, football and basketball, to pay for officials is undesirable since many independents lack funds to enter these team sports.

Meier said money to eliminate assessing entry fees could come from either general student fees, or it could be budgeted into the intramural program.

"The fees eliminate a lot of people who would like to participate," he explained, "but who don't have the money to pay the fee. Everyone who wants to, regardless of financial standing, should be allowed to play in intramurals."

A shortage of staff personnel also curtails activities since Meier, Ray Chatfield, assistant intramural director, and two graduate assistants "have more work than we can handle now."

INFORMAL CLUBS catering to special interest groups should also be included in the program, but again a shortage of space has been the stumbling block, he added.

He said a course to upgrade intramural officiating should be offered as part of the University's Physical Education department curriculum. A short course for all intramural referees is held prior to the start of each season, but a semester course carrying full credit should be made mandatory for officials in the intramural program, he said.

"We should also be able to assign certain referees to the games rather than having the organization's intramural manager call the officials for the games," he said. He added that assigning officials to games would also eliminate charges that officials were partial to a certain squad.



PHOTO BY DAN LADELY

Intramural bulletin board displays the wide range of the University's intramural program, but flaws still exist. The cramped bulletin board indicates a problem of the entire program — a lack of space.

Fewer hockey games due to schedule conflicts

Schedule conflicts have limited the Nebraska Field Hockey Club to only two games this fall, according to Margaret Penney, club president.

The team usually plays eight or nine games each fall, but prior obligations and commitments during the regular hockey season relegated weekends to practice sessions. She added that 12 members, mostly staff personnel from the Women's Physical Education department and University coeds, will only play a doubleheader in Lincoln.

The Women's squad will meet a Northeast Iowa team from Cedar Falls and a Kansas City squad on Oct. 20 in the Women's Physical Education field.

ALTHOUGH NOT affiliated or sponsored by the University, the team is a member of the United States Field Hockey Association. The local team tries to schedule matches with teams aligned with the national organization, but those teams are no closer than 300 miles to Lincoln.

"This is our problem," she said, "there aren't any teams close to us and on the two big hockey weekends, most of our members are tied down with University commitments, such as tests."

A Macomb, Ill., umpiring conference this weekend, which sponsors several games for participating teams, and the Midwest Tournament, slated for Nov. 9-10 in the Chicago area, will be bypassed by the Nebraskans. She added that a Midwest Hockey team is selected at the Chicago event and the midwest team then competes on the United States Field Hockey Team against foreign teams.

Two years ago, the

Nebraska crew placed one member on the Midwest's third team and another player received an honorable mention rating. Last year, the team compiled a 3-5 record against teams from Central Illinois, Minnesota, Milwaukee, St. Louis and Iowa.

She said that Mrs. Janette Sayre and Doris O'Donnell, both women's physical education associate professors, started the Nebraska program about eight years ago and have been instrumental in maintaining interest in the sport. Both have continued working with the team helping with officiating and occasionally playing, she said.

Other staff members playing this fall include Myreen Loveless, Elizabeth Petrekis, and Brenda Zeh. University seniors include Jan Donnan and Candy Kreuger.

"We usually practice weekly during the fall for games, but this year we will

hold a Sports Day for Nebraska college teams," she said. The meet, set for Nov. 2 at the Women's P.E. Field, is expected to attract girls' hockey teams from Concordia College in Seward, Doane College in Crete, John F. Kennedy College in Wahoo and Nebraska Wesleyan University.

Saturday opponents top Big 8 statistics

Either Kansas or Nebraska is rated among the Big Eight's top two clubs in all team categories in weekly statistics released by the conference's office.

The Huskers top other teams in passing offense and rushing defense, while Kansas leads in rushing offense, total offense and scoring offense. Nebraska is rated second in passing defense, total defense and scoring defense.

The weekly ratings:

RUSHING OFFENSE			
G	All Yds.	Avg.	Per Yds.
Kansas	3	163	54.3
Nebraska	3	184	61.3
Missouri	2	123	61.5
Colorado	2	100	50.0
Oklahoma	2	92	46.0
Oklahoma State	4	376	94.0
Iowa State	2	124	62.0
Kansas State	2	124	62.0
Nebraska	3	182	60.7

PASSING OFFENSE			
Comp.	All Yds.	Per Yds.	Avg.
Nebraska	37	513	13.9
Oklahoma	38	42	1.1
Colorado	42	78	1.9
Iowa State	38	84	2.2
Ola. St.	25	31	1.2
K-State	30	38	1.3
Iowa State	26	30	1.2
Missouri	36	49	1.4

TOTAL OFFENSE			
G	All Yds.	Avg.	Per Yds.
Kansas	3	213	71.0
Missouri	3	253	84.3
Colorado	2	121	60.5
Oklahoma	2	143	71.5
Nebraska	2	223	111.5
Oklahoma State	2	143	71.5
Iowa State	4	270	67.5
Kansas State	2	129	64.5

RUSHING DEFENSE			
G	All Yds.	Avg.	Per Yds.
Nebraska	3	124	41.3
Missouri	3	152	50.7
Colorado	2	136	68.0
Kansas State	3	165	55.0
Iowa State	4	238	59.5
Oklahoma State	2	154	77.0
Oklahoma	2	132	66.0

PASSING DEFENSE			
Comp.	All Yds.	Per Yds.	Avg.
Missouri	19	67	3.5
Nebraska	30	86	2.9
Kansas	34	78	2.3
K-State	30	72	2.4
Ola. St.	23	30	1.3
Colorado	27	75	2.8
Iowa State	42	108	2.6
Oklahoma	40	81	2.0

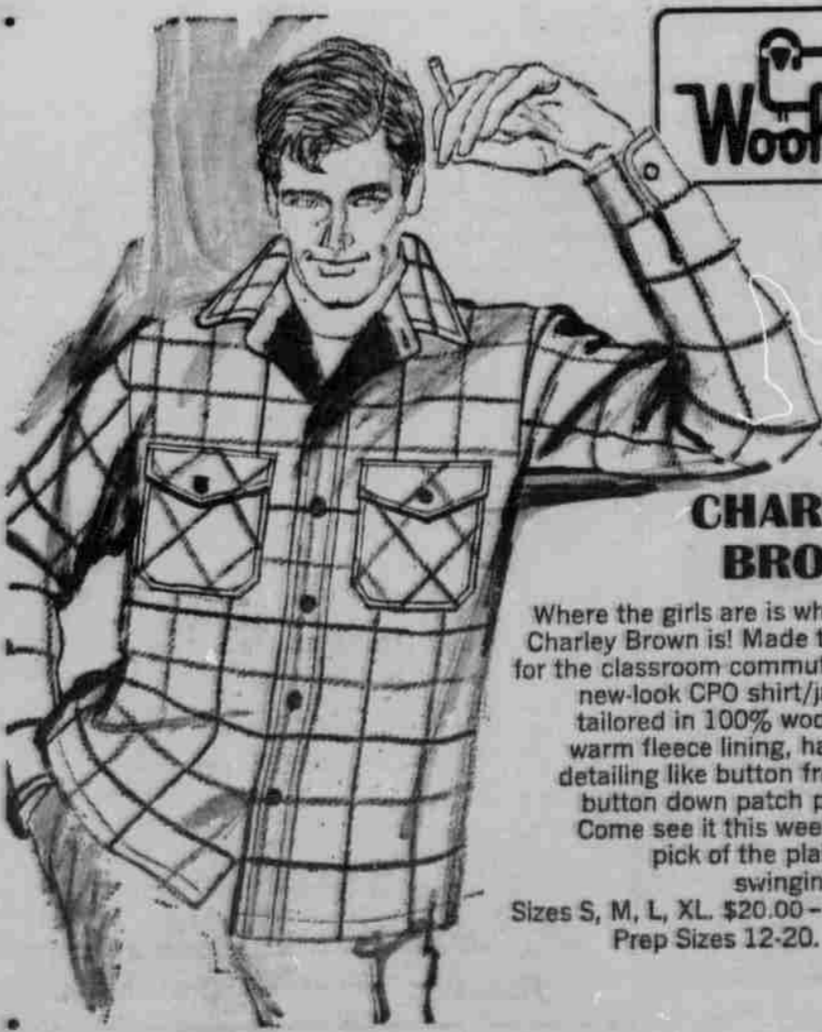
TOTAL DEFENSE			
G	All Yds.	Avg.	Per Yds.
Missouri	3	220	73.3
Nebraska	3	180	60.0
Kansas State	3	227	75.7
Colorado	2	211	105.5
Kansas	3	233	77.7
Oklahoma State	2	154	77.0
Iowa State	4	364	91.0
Oklahoma	2	180	90.0

SCORING OFFENSE			
G	Pts.	Avg.	Per Pts.
Kansas	2	123	61.5
Oklahoma	2	40	20.0
Iowa State	4	86	21.5
Kansas State	2	64	32.0
Nebraska	3	61	20.3
Missouri	2	37	18.5
Colorado	2	8	4.0
Oklahoma State	2	18	9.0

Rodgers desires good bounces

Kansas coach Pepper Rodgers always talks in a positive vein about his offensive-minded Jayhawks.

"Footballs take funny bounces sometimes, but, depending on not having too many bad bounces go against us, it will take a real good team to beat us," he said.



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