



With split end Guy Ingles (88) as a receiver, Nebraska quarterback Frank Patrick fires a pass. Passes by both Nebraska quarterbacks, Ernie Sigler and Patrick, and Kansas' Bobby Douglass are expected to cloud Memorial Stadium Saturday afternoon.

Past scoring predicts heavy weekend game . . . Hawks high for battle

by Randy York
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Football for the Kansas Jayhawks has been like a roller-coaster ride this year. Trouble is, they've never come down.

Poor simile or not, Kansas is riding high after methodically disposing of Illinois, Indiana and New Mexico in crushing fashion. In fact, Coach Pepper Rodgers' outfit is the most prolific-scoring college team in the country with 153 points.

At the controls of KU's power-packed offense is Bobby Douglass, Big Eight Back-of-the-Year in 1967. And he's waging a strong campaign for a repeat honor. Douglass' three-game chart shows 111 rushing yards plus 21 of 39 passes for 329 more yards. He has scored four touchdowns. Douglass owns those statistics despite limited action.

Douglass is not expected to get that bench opportunity Saturday. Or for that matter,

any of the Jayhawks.

The story so far is that when Kansas plays, the scoreboard gets a heavy workout. When Nebraska plays, not quite so heavy. KU's offense makes it roll; NU's defense, well, thrives on it.

Nebraska must put the clamps on Douglass. The Huskers must also contend with the likes of Donnie Shanklin, John Riggins, Junior Riggins and John Jackson. Not to speak of tight end John Mosier, last fall's Big Eight sophomore of the year, and junior college transfer George McGowan, starting split end.

Shanklin's THREE-GAME feats have spawned more reaction at Lawrence since Jim Ryon announced KU as his choice.

Shanklin, who whisked a 9.7 hundred as a prep at Amarillo, Tex., has galloped for five touchdowns so far this year. More impressively, he has gained 284 net yards on just 17 tries. That's 16.7 yards a stab. Besides that, Shanklin has returned seven punts for 201 yards (28.7 average), including one touchdown, and four kickoffs for 86 yards.

Junior Riggins, starting tailback last season and the Jayhawks' No. 20 rusher the last two years, does not even start for Rodgers. Shanklin returned to the tailback slot this year after leading KU's rushers from that spot as a sophomore. He ran the ball only 20 times last year as a wide receiver.

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Facilities and funds needed for intramurals to continue

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

by Mark Gordon
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Unless the University officials realize the desperate situation of the intramural department, the program may face extermination, according to Joel Meier, director.

Additional facilities, both on the indoor and outdoor level must be obtained within the near future or intramurals will be faced with an overflow of interest and a minimum of space, Meier said.

"Sometime soon the people running the University are going to have to make a decision," he said. "Do we want to bring a struggling program up to the point where it should be or do we

want to eliminate it entirely?"

HE SAID a fully developed intramural area has been included in a Texas planning firm's future expansion project for the University, but something must be done in the interim period of about seven years.

University officials must realize both the need and desire of a large segment of the University students to improve the current intramural situation, he added. Meier said he has tried for four years to convey these thoughts to the administration, but he has met with only limited success.

"The temporary space that has been found for the program during this interim period will curtail the activities," he said. "But it will

keep it going."

The program also needs additional staff members since the number of teams and participants has completely overwhelmed the present three-man staff.

For 15 years, E. C. Higginbotham, assistant professor of men's physical education, handled the entire program alone in addition to teaching duties, Meier said. Today, with a skyrocketing participation level and a diversified program of 26 activities, the staff has increased by just one.

Meier is assisted by Ray Chatfield, a graduate student last year who is now the program's assistant director. He added that the department is seeking a graduate student to assist next semester.

AS INTRAMURAL director, Meier said he coordinates and administers the program, but a full-time supervisor to both oversee the program and assist the director should be hired.

He estimated that about 50 per cent of his work involves bookwork, keeping records and determining schedules for all the sports.

"We could do more constructive things with our time," he said, "if we had one or two graduate assistants supervising various aspects of the program."

He added that part-time secretarial help would eliminate much of the time-consuming work of the intramural director and leave him free to tackle other problems.

He explained that the University is one of the few

major colleges still charging entry fees for activities. He added that a new method of obtaining revenue must be acquired to eliminate this aspect of the program.

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League superiority myth ended

by George Kaufman
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I hope now the myth will finally end.

But I suppose it won't; it will probably be perpetuated by unyielding sports editors all over the country, despite the facts.

I'm talking about the myth that the National League is superior, by some sort of mystical powers somewhere in the dark past, to the American League. Those who still hold this view are ignoring some cold, hard facts.

THE MYTH has recently been epitomized in the form of the St. Louis Cardinals. For reasons unknown to the outside world, they have gone into the past two World Series heavily favored, evidently just because they were the representatives of the National League.

Even otherwise intelligent men such as Wally Provost, urbane sports editor of the Omaha World-Herald, still seem to cling to this belief.

Before the 1967 World Series, Provost told me that whichever team winning the American League pennant would be roughly about fourth or fifth place in the National League, where the Birds were running away with it.

and ran them scared down to the wire before losing the seventh game.

However, the chances were, that, had there been an eighth game, the Sox would have evened it up again. And who knows how long the series would have gone to establish any sort of real difference between the two clubs? Perhaps forever.

And, surprisingly, there were those who still said, after last year's series, that the National League was superior to the Junior Circuit. This despite (1) The Sox were without the services of their star Tony Conigliaro, (2) The Sox had won the pennant on the last day of the American League season using their star hurler Jim Lonborg, (3) that the Cardinals had run away with

the NL flag without the services of super-star Bob Gibson part of the war, and (4) that, due to all of these, all four of the AL clubs which fought to the wire should have been able to play evenly against the Cards just as the Bosox did.

BUT THIS year it happened again.

The Tigers had a little better time of it this year, and so did the Cards, but right away the Cardinals were favored.

Bob Gibson won the first game as expected. Mickey Lolich then hit the Cards, 8-1. The Cards went ahead on Saturday's 7-3 win, and Gibson put them in the driver's seat Sunday, 10-1 in what appeared to be a runaway. All this with

Detroit's 31-game winner Denny McLain hurting and faltering badly. No help.

But then Lolich brought the Tigers back, 5-3, Monday. And Wednesday it was Get Rid Of That Frustration Day at Busch Stadium as the Tigers had a field day, 13-1, in what will surely be recorded as one of the greatest World Series games any team has ever played.

Thursday, no matter what the outcome, it should be fairly apparent by now that the two teams can play quite evenly over an extended period of time.

This is not to run down the Cardinals — they are a very good team obviously — but to put them in perspective. They are human after all, it seems. Nay, after Wednesday, all too human.

So next time some NL egoist tells you about the Junior Circuit, confront him with some facts. It might catch him out of his element.

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