

# NU needs no reminders

The New York Mets have already proven that underdogs are a danger signal. It's a universal precept. Nebraska, a 9 1/2-point favorite over Texas A & M Saturday, needs no reminder. Kansas State last season wiped out any superior notions.

The Huskers face an inexperienced football team, which was unimpressive in a 35-6 opening loss to LSU. Nebraska impressed its sideline skeptics in a 10-point setback to Southern Cal.

If both teams give repeat performances, Nebraska should win. But NU coach Bob Devaney assures fans that the Aggies will be a tough opponent and cautions against a letdown.

Letdowns, however, do occur. Starting split end Guy Ingles was sidelined early in the week with a light case of pneumonia. He was released from Student Health Wednesday and Devaney indicated "spot duty" for him.

The setback came on the heels of Joe Orduna's loss.

The leading 1968 Husker scorer and rusher, will be on the sidelines for the second in at least a 5-game sequence.

Texas A & M also will be without the services of its top back field prospect. Tailback Larry Stegert, who helped guide the Aggies to the Southwest Conference title and Cotton Bowl triumph over Alabama two years ago, will miss Saturday's game with a pulled hamstring. He sustained the injury in fall drills and also missed A & M's opener.

Ex-Nebraska quarterback Patrick gets his second straight starting call Saturday. He is expected to fill Ingles' vacancy after starting for injured tight end Jim McFarland last week.

Devaney said McFarland should be ready Saturday. If the North Platte senior isn't ready, Devaney indicated Patrick would again start in his place. Patrick, not as quick or as shifty as Ingles, was praised for his blocking efforts against USC. He also snagged a pair of passes for 29 yards.

The only other Husker lineup change involves defensive end Sherwin Jarmon who was suspended by the university for this week. Bill Janssen, a sophomore from Grand Forks, N.D., will replace Jarmon. Another change may affect the Huskers' backfield where sophomore Jeff Kinney, who made a 12-yard touchdown last week, may replace

Frank Vactor, NU's leading ground-gainer.

Devaney also indicated possible heavy duty for sophomore offensive end Dave Mason, who may start at split end, if Patrick is forced to start at tight end. Mason, a Green Bay, Wis., product, was one of the Huskers' leading 1968 frosh receivers.

Van Brownson, who completed seven of 11 pass attempts last week for 61 yards, has been designated to start at quarterback again. Backup Jerry Tagge, another sophomore who has completed eight of fourteen tosses for 76 yards, is still bothered with a 2-week-old ankle injury.

Co-captain and fullback Mike Green and wingback Larry Frost retain their starting status. The offensive line also remains intact with Glenn Patterson at center, Gale Williams and Carl Ashman at guards, and Wally Winter and Paul Toplift at tackles.

Adrian Fiala may start ahead of Dan Kobza at one of the linebacking posts, Devaney said. With this exception and Janssen's replacement of Jarmon, the defensive lineup remains the same.

# Colorado Upset?

By Randy York  
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To gain any eminence in his field, a football forecaster puts himself on the firing line. He sifts through various matchups and picks a headliner. He may then go the wrong way with the wrong team. He probably gets more feedback that way.

Such was the case last week. I decided to go with Nebraska over USC. Jimmy Jones' alleged back prompted such a decision. Propaganda, however, prevailed, and the forecaster stumbled on two of eight Big Eight picks.

Kansas was the other miss. KU blew a fourth-quarter lead at Texas Tech, then proceeded to get mauled in the last five minutes.

Similar shenanigans should not materialize this week. Three conference clubs may get a proper burial, but not in the fashion of the Jayhawks' 38-22 tailspin.

Saturday's Big Eight headliner pits second-ranked Penn State against Colorado at Boulder.

The Buffaloes, behind super-charged Bob Anderson, scored 35 points in their opener last week against Tulsa. Pre-season blueprints have not indicated any overwhelming Colorado surprises, but the Buffs, playing at home, are capable of such.

So, if a person wanted to be slow-witted enough, he could defy logic somewhat and pick Colorado. The forecaster feels he doesn't even need to qualify himself.

It well could be a sequel to Charles Dickens' Great Ex-

pectations. He has enough clairvoyance to pick Colorado. A prophetic vision? Just Anderson scoring three touchdowns in a 21-17 upset.

The rest of the dictions are not as absurd. A booming conference spirit, however, is detectable. I see seven of the eight league outfits winning.

NEBRASKA 28, TEXAS A & M 10 — If the Huskers can score 21 points against USC, they should get at least that much against the inexperienced Aggies. The Husker defense cannot afford to collapse, but as one fan shrewdly wrote to Omaha World-Herald sports editor Wally Provost: one "should remember that the Black Shirts have given up 78 points in their last two games."

Kansas 21, Syracuse 17 — The Jayhawks' opener left something to be desired, but Syracuse didn't exactly shock anyone with its 1-point win over Iowa State.

Iowa State 17, Brigham Young 14 — The Cyclones created more wind in its opening loss than many teams do with a win. Now, they'll really have something to talk about. They get a 3-point homefield advantage.

Oklahoma 49, Pittsburgh 14 — Pitt may as well concede three touchdowns to Steve Owners alone. The rest of the Sooners, however, know where the double stripe is too.

Missouri 35, Illinois 0 — It's almost obtuse to predict a shutout, but even if Missouri was playing Notre Dame, it wouldn't be out of the question. The Tigers, who

had to struggle against Air Force last week, get a breather before tackling Michigan next week.

Houston 35, Oklahoma State 21 — The Cowboys need some sort of retaliation after failing to score last week. They should score this time, but not enough against a much quicker team. Arkansas proved last week that Oklahoma State does not like to play quick teams.

Kansas State 31, Baylor 21 — How many persons said K-State would score 45 points in its first game? The Wildcats, with their pro-type passer, Lynn Idckey, decide to provide further reinforcement at the expense of another pro-oriented offensive team.

# Husker harriers foresee top finish—everyone back

by Steve Sinclair  
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Nebraska's cross country team isn't going to surprise anyone this year. Everybody is back from last year's team, which finished fourth in the Big Eight and showed great improvement over the previous year.

"We think we have the best material and potential that Nebraska has ever had," said assistant coach Dean Brittenham.

"Workouts have been real good this fall," he said. "A couple of boys have really improved, so that our top six or seven runners have been pretty even so far."

Heading the list of returnees are Pete Brang of Baldwin Park, Cal., who finished sixth in last year's Big Eight chase, and Greg Carlberg of Omaha, who finished seventh.

Mike Lee of Seattle, Wash., Bob Tupper of Omaha, and Mel Campbell of Ainsworth have improved considerably, according to Brittenham.

Joining in the battle for the top seven spots for next Saturday's opener at Kansas State are Jim Lang of Omaha, who was out with an

injury last year, Jim Hawkins of Omaha, and Tim Snyder of Lincoln.

Hawkins is the only freshman Coach Frank Sevigne is counting on this fall.

"The first meet with Kansas State will be especially tough," Brittenham said. "Kansas will have its whole team back again this year and will be trying to get a little revenge." NU upset Kansas State in Lincoln last year, 24-33.

Brittenham sees the Big Eight race as a tough scramble with Nebraska, Missouri, and the two Kansas schools having a shot at the

championship.

Defending champion Kansas should be the favorite again, with most of its team back, according to Brittenham.

The NCAA has made the cross country course a mile longer this year to four miles.

Brittenham said the new distance will probably benefit Nebraska. The Husker runners are basically longer distance men, he said, while many conference schools prefer halfmilers.



Ross Brupbacher, split end

# Union Board interviews Tues. for 2 vacancies

Two positions are now open on the Nebraska Union Board. They are chairman of Film Committee and assistant chairman of Trips and Tours Committee.

Interviews will be Tuesday, Sept. 30, beginning at 6 p.m. Any interested student may pick up an application and sign for an interview time in the Union Program Office.

# Physicals set

New Nebraska freshmen basketball coach, Rex Hughes, reminds candidates for this year's frosh team that they must take a physical examination at the Student Health Center, Tuesday, Oct. 7 at 7 p.m. Persons interested in the freshmen student manager post are asked to contact Hughes at the Coliseum.



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