

Jock Shots

Two conference games take the spotlight in this week's Big Eight schedule while the Nebraska-Minnesota battle is the big one in non-loop action.

Kansas State entertains surprising Colorado and Missouri (who had surprise of a different nature) visits Oklahoma State to open the 1970 Big Eight schedule.

NEBRASKA 31, Minnesota 21 . . . The Golden Gophers are big and strong and will give the Cornhuskers all the problems they care for. If you're looking for an upset, this could be the one.

COLORADO 35, Kansas State 14 . . . The Buffs' defense has always been highly regarded, but the offense should take the spotlight against the Wildcats.

MISSOURI 28, Oklahoma State 7 . . . The Tigers lost some pride in their loss to Air Force and should take out their hurt feelings against the Cowboys.

IOWA STATE 24, Utah 10 . . . The Cyclones will belong to undefeated ranks for one more week. Then they run in'o Colorado.

NEW MEXICO 17, Kansas 7 . . . The Jayhawks will be overlooking this one in preparation for a game with cross-state rival K-State.

Cornhusker Legend Interesting

To the average out-of-state student at the University of Nebraska, the nickname Cornhuskers sounds a little strange. And it is.

But would you prefer Bugeaters? Bugeaters, along with the Old Gold Knights and Antekopes, were a few nicknames at Nebraska prior to 1900.

But in 1900, Lincoln sportswriter Charles S. (Cy) Sherman grew tired of referring to the Nebraska team with such hideous names. Iowa had from time to time been called the Cornhuskers and the name appealed to Cy.

Iowans seemed to prefer Hawkeyes, so Cy started referring to Nebraska as the Cornhuskers and the 1900 team was the first to bear that name.

Gophers Lead Series

Nebraska will be seeking its sixth straight win over Minnesota Saturday, but the Golden Gophers hold a 29-11-2 advantage in the colorful series with the Cornhuskers.

Nebraska thumped the Gophers 42-14 last year.

Saturday's game will start at 1:30 p.m. at Memorial Stadium on the University of Minnesota campus in Minneapolis.

The Cornhuskers will depart Lincoln at 1:30 p.m., Friday, arrive in Minneapolis at 2:30 followed with a workout at Memorial Stadium. The team is scheduled to arrive back in Lincoln at 7 p.m. Saturday.

Cornhusker Capsules

Nebraska coach Bob Devaney, the winningest coach in the nation with a .789 winning percentage, has an 8-0 mark against Big Ten teams. Devaney teams have defeated Minnesota five times, Wisconsin twice and the University of Michigan once.

Nebraska should be at top strength for the Gophers, with both Jerry Tagge and Van Brownson ready at quarterback and split end Guy Ingles set for full duty after part-time work against Army.

More than 5,000 Big Red fans will flock to Minneapolis for the game. In three games, the Cornhuskers have played before more than 206,000 fans. NU ticket manager Jim Pittenger reports that if the Minnesota game is not a sell-out, and it is not expected to be, it will be the only non-sellout on the 1970 schedule.

Nebraska is averaging 28.3 points per game while the opposition has an 11.0 point average. The Cornhuskers have scored 85 points in three games and the Black Shirts have limited opponents to 33 points.



NEBRASKA'S BOB NEWTON offensive tackle

'Fig' Newton keeps improving

By JIM JOHNSON
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Nebraska tackle Bob Newton has been tabbed one of the best offensive linemen during the "Devaney era," but the Husker standout still isn't satisfied.

"My blocking has improved this year," said Newton, "but I still think I can do a better job. You can't ever reach the point where your satisfied or else you don't work harder to improve."

And it is this attitude that has developed Newton into a solid all-American candidate this season.

"Bob has a great desire to play," said Nebraska offensive line coach Carl Semler. "He's aggressive and determined to do a good job."

And Newton's desire to play can't be questioned. He worked out with weights in the Husker training room after the Wake Forest game because he "didn't get a good workout during the game."

"The starters only played about half the game against Wake Forest," Newton explained. "I felt good after the game and wanted to work out some more."

Newton has been given the name "Big Fig" since his arrival on the NU campus in the spring of 1968. He transferred from Cerritos Junior College where he was given all-American mention.

"I enjoyed playing in junior college," said Newton, "but there were always some weak players on each team. In the Big Eight, everybody has to be good and it makes it more enjoyable to play."

When "Big Fig" came to Nebraska after being recruited by Husker Coach Tom Osborne, he was confident he could fill a starting role. And he did just that during the final four games of the 1969 campaign.

But selecting a college wasn't an easy chore for Newton. He had offers from approximately 46 schools including San Diego State, Southern California and Oklahoma.

"Coach Osborne showed me films of the stadium and I saw all the fans dressed in red," Newton recalled. "I was excited about Nebraska's schedule and wanted to play in the Big Eight."

Offensive linemen usually receive the least fan attention than any other position on a football team, but this doesn't seem to bother Newton.

"I like offense," he explained, "and my favorite position by far is left offensive tackle." That's the position he's had since coming to Nebraska, although he was tried at right tackle.

"I've always played left tackle," Newton said. "They tried moving me to right

tackle, but I'm lefthanded and have a lefthanded stance which makes it easier to play on the left side of the line."

Offensive linemen at Nebraska are graded each week by the Husker coaching staff on assignment, technique, effort and extra effort. According to line coach Carl Semler, Newton's best grade this season was against Army.

"He played extremely well and hard against Southern California," Semler noted, "but his best game by far this season was Army."

Although Newton's quickness opens several holes for the Husker backs, his biggest asset may be his pass protection.

"Bob had difficulty learning the new system of football when he came to Nebraska," Semler recalled, "but he has adjusted quite well and is one of the top pass protectors on the team."

Newton, who stands 6-4 and tips the scales at 248, has a desire to play professional football. "He has as much potential to go on as any lineman we've ever had," said Semler who in his ninth year at Nebraska.

Newton has never regretted his decision of coming to Nebraska. Newton and the Cornhuskers started the 1970 season ranked ninth in the nation and have advanced to sixth.

How does the pressure of playing with the sixth ranked team in the nation suit Newton? "It makes me feel more pressure," said Newton. Then he thought for a second. "But I like the pressure."

Karate show

A free karate exhibition will be held in the Nebraska Union ballroom Thursday at 7:30 p.m. Approximately 12 students will demonstrate techniques under the instruction of Rich Parks.

Karate lessons will be held at the University again this fall. Practice is in the basement of Harper Hall at 6:30 p.m. Thursday and 2 p.m. Sunday. There is a \$5 per month fee. All interested persons are urged to attend tonight's exhibition.

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