

At 1:30 Saturday

Devaney vs. Devine

by JIM JOHNSTON
Associate Sports Editor
Two of the biggest Irish "Ds" in college football — Nebraska's Bob Devaney and Missouri's Dan Devine — will do strategic battle at Memorial Stadium Saturday afternoon.

And some of their moves could make the Irish jig look



Devine . . . 'meet old friend again'

like a slow version of the waltz. But Devaney doesn't foresee any great changes in game plans.

"Missouri has always been a team that runs right at you," said Devaney. "They're not a team that surprises you."

The Tigers are capable of pulling off the big play though, with swift receiver Mel Gray. But Tigers lead the Big Eight in rushing and haven't put Gray to the test as much as last year. But he's still available, and may get the big

call against the Cornhuskers. Saturday's game will also be a battle between the nation's winningest coach (Devaney) and number three Devine. The two have known each other since each coached high school football in Michigan in 1948 and both assisted "Duffy" Daugherty at Michigan State during the 1950's.

Their battles since coming to the Big Eight have been bitter. Devaney and Devine have divided an eight-game series although the Tigers have won the last three.

"Losing three games in a row to anybody is too many," said Devaney, "even if the opposing coach is an oldtime friend."

Nebraska's last win over Missouri was a 35-0 rout in 1968. "None of the seniors on our squad can remember beating Missouri," Devaney explained. "They'll be ready for this one because they know they won't have another chance."

Devaney is aware that Missouri could be saving some new offensive formations for the Huskers, but he doesn't really expect it.

The Tigers were forced to play catchup football in the second half to defeat Minnesota and used most of their offense. The second half of the Minnesota-Missouri game has aided Husker scouts more than any other game played by the Tigers this season.

"I don't think Missouri has the confidence in either quarterbacks (Mike) Farmer or (Chuck) Roper that they did last year in Terry McMillian," explained Devaney. "This is probably why they haven't used Mel Gray as much this season."

Missouri's rushing attack centers around individual

leader Joe Moore and 6-4 fullback James Harrison. The Tigers rushed for nearly 500 yards against Oklahoma State last week.

So the stage is set for two friends — Devaney and Devine — to see who will take a lead in the colorful series. "Four of the games against Missouri have been enjoyable," smiled Devaney, "but the other four have been terrible."

Big Eight rules suggest that coaches aren't to meet in the middle of the field after a game, but Devaney and Devine always manage to see each other sometime after the game.

And this year Devaney hopes that it will be his oldtime friend who will be making the long, lonely walk which the Nebraska coach has been forced to do the last three seasons.



Devaney . . . 'three in row too many'

Husker soccer team surprises Colorado

by ROGER RIFE
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To go to class, or not to go to class, that is the question. Or at least that was the question facing members of the University of Nebraska soccer team Monday.

The Husker kicking squad had a game scheduled at 10:00 a.m. Monday against defending Big Eight soccer champion, the University of Colorado. The only problem was that a number of Husker squad members had classes at that time.

Despite the conflict, the game was held on schedule as Nebraska played with the minimum number of 14 men.

And to the delight of Nebraska coach Franz Blaha, the undermanned Husker squad managed to tie the Buffalos, 2-2.

"I was quite pleased with the team's performance against Colorado," Coach Blaha said.

Blaha, a Nebraska English instructor, is not new to the game of soccer. Before coming to Nebraska, Blaha was a goalie for two years on a semi-

professional soccer team in Austria.

Now in his third year at Nebraska, Blaha feels that it's tougher to play soccer in Europe than in America. "In Europe," he said, "soccer is played with 14 men and once those men are substituted for, they can not come back in the game. While here in America, any of the 14 men on a team can be substituted for and be allowed to come back into the game later on."

Blaha calls this American variation in soccer as 'platoon' soccer.

According to Coach Blaha, the Americans on Nebraska's soccer team are very eager and willing to play, but they have to develop thinking in terms of soccer. "In South America, kids think about soccer teams and soccer players," Blaha said, "while in America, kids think about baseball and baseball scores."

Coach Blaha and his Husker kicking crew will compete against Kansas State Sunday at 2:00 p.m. on the football practice field.

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Football

Nebraska's freshmen football squad makes it's 1970 debut against the Missouri freshmen at Memorial Stadium Friday at 2:30 p.m.

Intramurals

Schedules for the 28 co-ed flag football teams are now available. The deadline for water basketball entries is Monday, Oct. 12. The free-throw shooting contest will begin Monday, Oct. 12.

Baseball

All freshmen interested in trying out for varsity baseball are asked to report to Coach Tony Sharpe's office (Coliseum 201) for details, prior to Oct. 14. These will be the only baseball tryouts conducted this school year.

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