

# jock shots

by Jim Johnston

## Nebraska offense improving

Nebraska's offense has been improving at a 20-point per game clip since entering Big Eight play. And if statistics continue at their present rate, the Cornhuskers should score in the 80's against Colorado Saturday.

Nebraska scored 21 points against Missouri, 41, at Kansas and 65 against Oklahoma State. That's the only logic used in making such a statement.

Let's hope the logic for this week's predictions follows a better course.

**NEBRASKA 30, Colorado 17 . . .** The Cornhuskers will really be flying high after this one.

**KANSAS STATE 27, Missouri 20 . . .** Lynn Dickey is back in good shape, but Joe Moore is still on the sidelines.

**OKLAHOMA 36, Iowa State 17 . . .** The Sooners will remain as the number one challenger to the Huskers.

**KANSAS 42, Oklahoma State 27 . . .** The Cowboys' defense continues to give up points.

## Black Shirts set goal

Nebraska's Black Shirt defense has an unwritten goal of limiting opponents to only 10 points per game.

And they were close to that mark before Oklahoma State entered Memorial Stadium last week. The Black Shirts had allowed only 70 points in their first six games for an 11.7 average.

But they gave up their quota for the next two games when the Cowboys hit the board for 31 points. The Black Shirts were happy, however, to sacrifice some points to give their other teammates a chance to play.

"These kids take a lot of pride in having few points scored on them," offered defensive line coach Monte Kiffen. "But they are also very unselfish kids, and they are willing to sacrifice a few points to give others an opportunity to play."

So the Black Shirts' goal of 10 points per game has suffered a severe blow. Nebraska opponents have scored 101 total points for a 14.4 per game average.

## Ralphie will be back

Cornhusker fans surely remember Ralphie, Colorado's 700-pound Buffalo mascot.

Ralphie will get her first look at coach Bob Devaney and his Huskers in two years when Nebraska invades Boulder Saturday. Ralphie was told she was not welcome in Lincoln last year because Memorial Stadium rules prohibit animals from being inside.

So Ralphie stayed home last year, but she did make the trip to Missouri last week and was an honored guest of Tiger coach Dan Devine and his staff.

## Cornhusker capsule comments

Nebraska has a 16-11-1 lead in the Colorado series and has won seven of the last eight games. The only Buff win

The Cornhuskers will be trying to present Devaney with his 110th career victory and his 75th Nebraska win. The win over Oklahoma State assured Nebraska of its ninth straight winning season — a record unmatched by any previous NU coach.

## Huskers vs Buffalos

# Let chips fall where they may

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What does football mean to the Colorado Buffalos? That question will be answered when the Cornhuskers invade Folsom Field in Boulder at 1:50 p.m. Lincoln time Saturday.

After defeating Penn State five weeks ago, football meant quite a bit to the Buffs. And the defensive linemen shaved their heads to prove it.

But three conference losses later, the attitude of the Colorado team is in serious question.

"The psychology that has been against us in our three losing games will be turned around this week," said Buff assistant athletic director Fred Casotti. "This time we are the team that's coming off of two straight defeats. I can guarantee our kids will play a helluva game even though Nebraska might have the best offensive unit ever in the Big Eight."

The Buffs will have at least two things going for them Saturday — great talent on the field and a good luck charm in the press box.

The field talent centers around a big, strong offensive line with equally talented backs and receivers. The good luck charm is ABC football announcers Bud Wilkinson and Chris Schenkel who will be bringing the game to two-thirds of the nation.

The ABC duo was also in the booth when the Buffs scored impressive victories in the 1970 Liberty Bowl and against Penn State this season.

Saturday's date in Boulder is a matchup of giant offensive and defensive lines and some brilliant, speedy individuals like Nebraska's Johnny

Rodgers and Colorado's amazing receiver and kick returner Cliff Branch.

Branch, who covers 100 yards in 9.3, has broken three kicks for touchdowns and grabbed 17 passes for 294 yards.

Nebraska leads the Big Eight in rushing with a 236.4 per-game average followed by Colorado with 233.2.

The Buffs are trying to get some consistency out of their

tandem quarterback offense of Jim Bratten and Paul Arendt. The Buffs have moved the football this year, but a lack of consistency and making too many mistakes have spelled defeat.

Colorado is putting a lot on the line against Nebraska, but it's the Cornhuskers who are facing a must game. The Buffs are already out of the Big Eight picture.

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## NU-CU kickoff time changed

Because of television commitments, Saturday's game with Colorado at Folsom Field in Boulder will start at 12:50 p.m. MST instead of the normal 1:30 showing. The game can be viewed in Lincoln at 1:50 CST.

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