

# Paint Nebraska bowl picture confusing

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NCAA regulations permit Nebraska to accept a bowl invitation Saturday at 6 p.m.

following the game with Kansas State.

And indications are that the Cornhuskers will receive bids from the Orange, Cotton and Sugar Bowls should they defeat the Wildcats.

Although Nebraska can accept a bid a week earlier than Notre Dame, the decision still will not come easily for the Huskers. In fact, it could create even more problems.

NCAA regulations permit bowl bids to be extended a week before a team plays its final game. The Cornhuskers final outing is Nov. 21 against Oklahoma while Notre Dame meets Southern California Nov. 28. Therefore, the Fighting

Irish cannot accept a bowl bid until Nov. 21.

But anyway you look at it, both Nebraska and Notre Dame will be taking big gambles when (or if) they select their respective bowls. Both want to go where a national championship can be won, but

possibly neither will know where that will be when they make their selection.

Notre Dame was rated No. 1 in the AP poll this week and that could shed some more light on the situation. But Notre Dame could be out of national championship consideration after a bowl bid has already been accepted.

The Fighting Irish must play

Georgia Tech, LSU and Southern Cal before they hold on to the top spot. And presently No. 2 Texas could be upended by Arkansas Dec. 5 which decides the Cotton Bowl representative from the Southwest Conference.

Ohio State, the number three team, will travel to the Rose Bowl but must defeat Michigan to keep their national title hopes alive.

The possibility of Nebraska being rated No. 1 at the end of the regular season cannot be ruled out. The Huskers are presently tabbed No. 4, but the top three teams will have their toughest tests in the final three weeks.

There's the picture. It can't be disputed that there will be some real problems in selecting a bowl.

Should Texas defeat Arkansas and Notre Dame lose to either LSU or Southern Cal, the national championship could be found in Dallas against Texas in the Cotton Bowl. But that won't be known until after the Huskers have already selected where they will spend New Years Day.

Some people say that Nebraska will not receive a Cotton Bowl bid even if they defeat Kansas State. But a Cotton Bowl scout said last week that "a bird in the hand is worth two in the bush."

That seems to indicate that the Huskers would get the first shot at the Cotton Bowl. But do the Huskers want to go there?

It's no secret at the Husker

camp that the squad would prefer to play in the more glamorous Orange Bowl classic in Miami. And it is the players that decide where to go.

There's only one thing cer-

tain though. If the Huskers lose to Kansas State Saturday, they won't have the worry of deciding which bowl to go to.

There won't be too much of a choice.

## Big Red eats club's steaks

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What is the difference between the meals for University dormitory students and the exotic cuisine served to Big Red athletes at their training table at Selleck Quadrangle?

The difference is about 2,000 calories, according to George F. Sullivan, head athletic trainer and physical therapist at the University.

"We share the Selleck kitchen facilities with the dormitory," Sullivan explained. "Most of the time the athletes eat whatever the dorm students eat, only more of it."

Sullivan said the athletes receive about 5,000 calories in their daily diet as compared to the average of 3,000 calories that are in a day's meal in a dormitory.

"The reason for a training table is to watch the caloric intake of your athletes and to avoid some foods that might be harmful," Sullivan said.

Monday and Thursday nights during football season are special evenings at the training table, according to Sullivan. Beefsteaks from the Big Red Beef Club are served on those nights.

The Big Red Beef Club is a group of Nebraska beef raisers who show their support for Big Red athletics by donating beef to the athletic training table.

About 150 athletes get lunch and dinner at the training table five days a week. The athletic department subsidizes the university's food service for extra food and labor.

Cleanliness is a major concern when athletes are served at the training table. "You've got to be very cognizant of sanitation at all times,"

Sullivan said. "It could be a problem if a bunch of football players would get sick before a game, for instance."

Sullivan said the recent food poisoning cases at another of the campus dorms could just as easily have happened at the training table since both are checked by the same health inspectors.

"We were lucky in that case," Sullivan added. "Quite a few of our football boys live in that dorm, but eat at the training table."

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