

Super sophs should spark point show

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The two premier candidates for Sophomore Back of the Year in the Big Eight — Nebraska's Johnny Rodgers and Oklahoma's Joe Wylie — will show each other their talents at Memorial Stadium Saturday afternoon.

Wylie's big talent is rushing (he's second in the league with an 83.8 average) while Rodgers has concentrated more on catching the football. But there's one thing they have in common — on the broken field

they both run like a frightened girl in a tight skirt.

Nebraska fans need no description of Rodgers' ability to fake defenders on the broken field. And Johnny offers his own reasoning for his moves.

"I know those guys coming down the field are gonna get me," explained Rodgers. "They're big and I know I'm in for it if they catch me."

Rodgers stands just 5-10 and weighs only 171 pounds. Wylie is bigger. He's 6-1 and weighs 180 pounds and offers the same style of quickness.

But even Joe Wylie admits he has his faults. "I don't run straight ahead and hard enough," confides the sophomore from Henderson, Tex. "I have a tendency to use too many fakes and try to pick my way through traffic."

Maybe so, Joe, but how come you've rushed for 754 yards and have the highest per-carry average in the conference, 6.3 yards?

"I don't know," smiled Wylie. "I've just had some big holes and made long plays out of them, I guess."

Long plays are Wylie's speciality. In a wink he's gone, covering the ground like a runaway antelope from Oklahoma's wishbone-T offense.

Wylie explained his ability to break loose for the long ones. "If the line can break me clear, then it's just a guessing game between me and the defensive backs," Wylie said. "Maybe I'll catch them moving in the wrong direction."

Rodgers is also capable of going for the long ones from scrimmage, but I-backs Joe

Orduna and Jeff Kinney are handling the most of the Nebraska running. Does this bother Rodgers?

"I'd like to go for a long run from scrimmage for a touchdown," Rodgers admits, "but we've got two fine I-backs that can't be beat."

Rodgers is tied with Hermann Eben from Oklahoma State for the most touchdown catches this season, six. He has 30 catches for 565 yards during his varsity debut.

"The reason for my pass catching is that we have two great quarterbacks," offered Johnny. "Most of my touchdowns have been by passes (he has 10 total TDs) and they're always right there."

Wylie has scored 60 points this season also. Wylie has a 79.2 tandem offense average while Rodgers has a 76.5 game average.

And speaking of super sophomores from Oklahoma brings to mind Steve Owens great varsity show in 1967. Wylie, with 754 yards and two games to go, should easily surpass the 800 yards gained by Owens in his super sophomore year.

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Grapplers open season at Omaha

Nebraska's wrestling team will participate in the Omaha Invitation Wrestling Tournament November 27 and 28, according to Husker Coach Orval Borgialli.

The two day tournament will have contestants from several Midwestern colleges including Emporia State, Montana State, North Dakota State, South Dakota University, Westmar, Upper Iowa, University of Nebraska at Omaha.

Borgialli will enter 10 grapplers in the tournament. Among them will be seniors Jim Haug and Tom Mier, juniors Joe George, Keith Burchett and Bobby Orta.

Orta, Nebraska's smallest wrestler, is expected to do well in next week's tournament. He placed fourth in the Big Eight last year in the 118-pound weight class. During the Big Eight season, he lost only one dual match. Orta was named a member of the U.S. Freestyle wrestling team and placed 7th in the World Championships.

The schedule for the rest of the season is:

December 4-5, Iowa State Invitational Tournament
December 11, South Dakota State at Lincoln
December 12, Iowa State at Lincoln
December 17, South Dakota University at Lincoln
December 18-19, Great Plains Tournament at Lincoln
January 9, University of Minnesota at Minnesota
January 16, University of Colorado at Lincoln
January 29, Indiana State University at Terre Haute
January 30, Southern Illinois at Carbondale, Ill.
February 5, Fort Hays Kansas State College at Lincoln
February 6, University of Wyoming at Lincoln
February 12, University of Missouri at Columbia
February 13, Kansas State University at Manhattan
February 20, Northwest Missouri at Lincoln
February 25-27, Big Eight Tournament at Lincoln
March 5, Drake University at Lincoln
March 12-13, N.C.A.A. Regional Qualifying Tournament at Ames, Iowa
March 23-27, N.C.A.A. Championship Tournament at Auburn, Alabama