

LSU receives tentative Orange bid

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Notre Dame went Cotton pickin'. Louisiana State is looking for oranges. And the Orange Bowl Committee has apparently decided to wait until Dec. 5 to select Nebraska's New Years Day foe.

That's the picture after college football's big bowl bid weekend.

Notre Dame's Fighting Irish, who tripped seventh ranked Louisiana State 3-0 Saturday, voted Sunday morning to ac-

cept the Cotton Bowl bid for a possible rematch with Texas. The Irish had also been extended a bid from the Orange Bowl for a date with third-rated Nebraska.

Meanwhile, down in the bayous of Louisiana, LSU coach Charlie McClendon is dealying on a bid from the Liberty Bowl in hopes for a trip to Miami. Louisiana State's 3-0 showing against second-ranked Notre Dame can do nothing but help their seventh-place rating.

And late Sunday night, the Orange Bowl committee issued a tentative invitation to Louisiana State to meet Nebraska — provided LSU wins its last two games. The Bengals play Tulane this week and Gator Bowl-bound Mississippi Dec. 5.

Although the tentative bid sounds quite conclusive, Nebraska's opponent is still between three teams — Louisiana State, Texas and Arkansas.

Arkansas and Texas play

Dec. 5 and the winner will meet Notre Dame in the Cotton Bowl as the Southwest Conference champ. Arkansas is presently rated sixth and Texas first.

Assuming the Texas-Arkansas game is close, the loser would also be a top attraction for the Orange Bowl. And if the two teams tie, Arkansas would go to the Cotton Bowl because Texas went last year.

That would leave a still undefeated Texas team as a natural for the Orange Bowl.

That's providing the Longhorns can defeat Texas A & M on Thanksgiving Day.

But should Texas take a big win over Arkansas and Louisiana State defeat both Tulane and Mississippi, LSU would probably be a must choice to meet the Cornhuskers.

The Orange Bowl has little fear of losing Louisiana State as a candidate. Although the Liberty Bowl may seek fortunes elsewhere, the Bengals could always rely on a Peach Bowl bid.

Louisiana State coach Charlie McClendon told the Orange Bowl committee Sunday, "We want to earn our way into your bowl. After that game with Notre Dame, I don't think we would disappoint any bowl. We held the best offensive team in the country without a touchdown, and you can't offer more than that."

To add to McClendon's statement, LSU hasn't allowed a touchdown on the ground the entire season.

So the Cornhuskers may have to wait two weeks before knowing what's on their menu in Miami New Years Day. Will it be beef (Texas Longhorns), pork (Arkansas Razorbacks) or . . . tabby (Louisiana State Bengals)?



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Cagers open season with frosh tilt

Nebraska basketball coach Joe Cipriano will unveil his 1970-71 cagers tonight at the Coliseum in the annual Varsity-Freshman contest.

Student tickets for the game and the entire season have not yet arrived at the NU ticket office.

According to ticket manager Jim Pittinger, if the tickets arrive today they will be on sale at the door. But if the tickets don't arrive Nebraska students will be admitted free tonight upon showing their student ID.

Tip-off time will be at 7:35 p.m., same as the regular season, and half-time action will feature midget basketball players from the Salvation Army Red Shield Center.

Cipriano is still undecided on his starting lineup, but he's set at three spots. "We'll open with Leroy Chalk at forward, Chuck Jura at center and Marvin Stewart at one guard, Cipriano said. "At the other forward it will be either Mike Peterson or Tony Riehl, a sophomore who has been playing well. Either Al Nissen or sophomore Tom Gregory will be at the other guard."

The Frosh will be making their debut under new assistant Moe Iba, son of the famed Iron Duke of Oklahoma State, Henry Iba.

The Husker Frosh will start 6-7 Bob Allen of Gault, Calif., and 6-5 Dave Rezac of Omaha at the forwards, with 6-8 Brendy Lee of Brush, Colo., at center. Tom Novak from Lincoln, 6-3, and Rick Crown 5-11, from Scottsbluff will be at the guards.