

Huskers meet explosive KU offense

by Jim Johnston

Okay, let's knock off those Jayhawk jokes.

Sure they were funny two weeks ago when Kansas lost to Minnesota, a team which Nebraska beat so bad (35-7) that it was boring. But what about last week when the Kansas offense rushed through Kansas State's powerful defensive line for 248 yards?

YOU DON'T find Nebraska coach Bob Devaney laughing about that.

"Kansas is developing into a helluva football team," said Devaney. "I'm really serious when I say that Kansas is the best offensive football team we've met all season."

The Kansas team that takes the field against Nebraska at 1:30 p.m. Saturday isn't the same team that lost to Minnesota. There's a few different faces in the lineup.

Defensive end Eddie Sheats, a Junior College All-American last year, was injured and didn't play in the only two games Kansas lost—Florida State and Minnesota. He'll be ready for the Cornhuskers Saturday.

A NEW DIMENSION was added to Kansas' already explosive offensive backfield last week when sophomore quarterback David Jaynes relieved starter Dan Heck and directed the 'Hawks to a 39-13 win over the Wildcats.

Jaynes entered the scoreless game in the second quarter and proceeded to throw three touchdown passes before leaving the game with Kansas leading 33-7.

"Kansas would be crazy not to start Jaynes this week," said Nebraska assistant coach Jim Ross who scouted the Jayhawks. "He did a tremendous job."

It is believed, however, that Heck will still get the starting nod. Heck is a more dangerous runner. But don't be surprised to see the Jayhawks use the two-man quarterback system against Nebraska.

Kansas' offense is one of the most explosive in the Big Eight.

"WE DON'T LOOK for Kansas to come down here and sit on the football," said Devaney. "They're gonna throw and they're also the type of team to come up with the unusual play."

The Jayhawk backfield has the speed and experience to give the Black Shirts their first true test of the season.

Tailback Delvin Williams, who was clocked at 9.5 in the 100-yard dash as a prepster, leads the Jayhawk attack with 360 net yards in the first five games. Williams, a sophomore who missed freshman football and spring practice this year because he could not qualify under the 1.6 predictability rules, is the No. 8 rusher in the Big Eight with a six-yard average.

Nebraska fans should remember Kansas fullback Steve Conley who rushed for 91 yards against the Black Shirts last year. He's back in form with a four-yard average per carry this season.

AND TALK ABOUT depth. Kansas has two equally talented athletes backing up Williams and Conley. Jerome Nelloms, who has rushed for 241 yards this season, backs up Williams.

Vince O'Neil, who became eligible to play last week after being sidelined the first four games because of his connection with Kansas' recruiting violation, serves as Conley's back up and is the

one who returned a 96-yard kickoff against the Huskers last season.

Should Jaynes be at quarterback, watch for tight end John Schroll, wingback Lucius Turner and split end Marvin Foster to show their

receiving ability.

Schroll, who was named Big Eight lineman of the week after the K-State game, has caught 19 passes for 185 yards and two touchdowns. He tied the Kansas school record for one game with nine passes for

88 yards.

NEBRASKA could move into sole possession of first place in the Big Eight Saturday if the Cornhuskers defeat Kansas and Oklahoma stops Colorado. Both Nebraska and Kansas own 1-0 marks in league play.

Colorado has psychological advantage over Oklahoma

Two of the biggest surprises in the nation—not to mention the alarm they've set off in the Big Eight Conference—will stage a showdown Saturday at Norman, Okla.

Powerful Oklahoma and its devastating Wishbone T offense entertains triple option-minded Colorado. The Sooners, following consecutive wins over Southern California and Texas, rank second in the nation in both wire service polls. The Buffaloes, who have wins over Louisiana State and Ohio State to their credit, are rated fifth in the UPI poll and sixth by the AP.

Most writers favor Oklahoma by a touchdown.

Even though the Sooner defense may not keep Colorado from its 32-point average, there's no reason to believe that the Buffaloes have a method of stopping OU's Wishbone offense which is averaging 41 points per game. It should be an offensive show.

Although Oklahoma's offense appears superior, the Sooners enter the game at a psychological disadvantage. It's tough to get "fired up" week after week. And the Sooners have been sky-high against USC and Texas.

The Oklahoma student

body was so excited about the Texas game, that no classes were held Monday in celebration of the victory.

Colorado, on the other hand, had its let down at Iowa State last Saturday. The Buffaloes escaped with a narrow 24-14 win.

The Buffs, however, are still crippled with injuries. Defensive end Herb Orvis, named to several pre-season All-American teams, didn't see action against Iowa State and his condition is doubtful against Oklahoma because of an ankle sprain suffered against Ohio State three weeks ago.

Tuesday the Buffs lost defensive left guard Carl Taibi with a knee injury. Defensive performers Rick Kay and Stu Aldrich are out for the season.

Oklahoma appears healthy. Joe Wylie, Big Eight sophomore back of the year in 1970, didn't play against Texas because of a sprained ankle, but should be back at a starting position against the Buffs.

Oklahoma and Colorado—two teams that have served notice to the nation—are now trying to gain their spot in the Big Eight football race.

For the first time this season, all Big Eight teams are involved in conference games.

Iowa State, after a good showing against Colorado, travels south to Manhattan, Kan., to meet the K-State Wildcats. Kansas State stands 0-2 in Big Eight play and lost a disappointing 39-13 decision to Kansas last week.

The Wildcats' proud defense, which was second in the nation against the rush, fell apart against the Jayhawks in allowing 248 yards rushing.

Iowa State's George Amundson continues to tear

apart defensive lines with a 113-yard average per game. Amundson trails only Oklahoma's Greg Pruitt in the Big Eight rushing statistics.

Cyclone quarterback Dean Carlson ranks second in the conference in passing behind Nebraska's Jerry Tagge. Carlson has completed 48 of 99 passes for 622 yards.

Bill Butler is the Wildcats' leading rusher with a 91-yard average.

Oklahoma State and Missouri meet at Columbia, Mo., for a battle between the two weakest offensive teams in the conference. The Tigers are last in the Big Eight in total offense with a 216-yard average and the Cowboys are seventh with 291 yards per game.

Missouri's offense, which managed just nine yards net rushing against Nebraska last week, could undergo a face lifting job. Sophomore quarterback Ed Jondrow is the likely starter to replace veteran Chuck Roper who couldn't muster anything against the Cornhuskers.

The Cowboys, who stand 2-1-1 and haven't played a conference game yet, are quarterbacked by Brent Blackman. The wiry 155-pound sophomore replaced senior Tony Pounds and has developed into a dangerous scrambler.

OSU tailback Dick Graham, who needs no introduction to Nebraska fans, is again the Cowboys' do-it-all man. Graham is third in the Big Eight in pass receiving with 301 yards on 17 catches.

Nebraska's homecoming date with Kansas rounds out the Big Eight slate.

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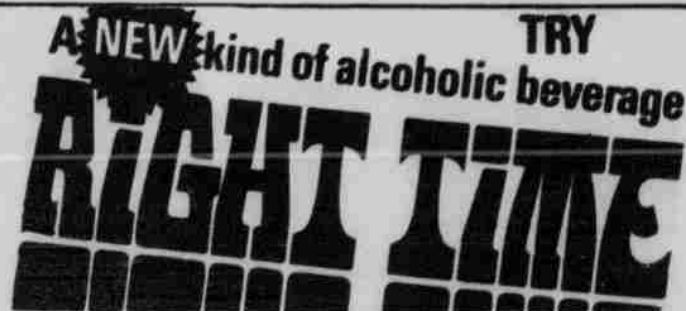


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