

# ISU's Amundson continues Bunyanesque sports heroics

by Jim Johnston

George Amundson is to northern South Dakota what Paul Bunyan is to the Minnesota timberlands. The tales of George's high school heroics are still being told in his hometown of Aberdeen, S. Dak.

One such tale is about baseball.

The story has it that Amundson hit a towering homerun in the state American Legion baseball tournament. After the ball cleared the centerfield fence, it struck a tree and split a large limb.

**BUT MOST OF** the tales are about George's ability to toss a discus.

The town's favorite story is about when he set a national high school discus record with a 211-4 effort in the state high school track meet. The record was later disqualified after officials surveyed the land and said it was slanted. So the next week George set the record again with a 201-foot toss in the AAU meet. That's not recognized either because the National High School Athletic Association does not recognize performances in AAU meets.

But just the same, Amundson has thrown a discus farther than any other United States high school athlete ever.

**AND NOW THOSE** people in Aberdeen have yet another tale to add to their Amundson storybook.

This addition is about the George Amundson that was recruited by Iowa State to be quarterback and is now the second leading rusher in the

Big Eight while playing tailback.

After Amundson elected to participate in track last year instead of spring football, senior Dean Carlson earned the starting quarterback position. Sophomore sensation Jerry Moses, who was expected to be the starting tailback, broke his foot before the season started and Amundson was then shifted to tailback.

"**IT WAS JUST** supposed to be a temporary thing," said Amundson. "I was supposed to play tailback until Moses was healthy."

But after Moses recovered from his foot injury, he was slowed by a virus and hasn't fully recovered. Moses will be red-shirted this year.

Moses' absence hasn't hindered the Cyclones since Amundson took charge. Iowa State stands 5-2 this season, one of its best starts in recent years.

And George, who will lead the Cyclones against Nebraska Saturday, has been a big reason.

**AMUNDSON TRAILS** only Oklahoma's Greg Pruitt in rushing, averaging 117.7 yards per game. He is also second in the Big Eight in tandem offense with a 124-yard average.

"You always hope for the best," said Amundson, a junior. "But I didn't think I'd have this much success at running back. When you're a quarterback you adjust to running the option, but when you're a tailback you have to get your head down and run

over people."

Amundson's first experiment as a running back was against Nebraska last year when he rushed for 17 yards in seven carries.

"**I CAN'T TAKE** the credit for my success this season," said Amundson. "Our offensive line has been tremendous. There's no comparison to our line from last year. We're more experienced and are just playing tougher football than last year."

Most observers, including Nebraska coach Bob Devaney, say Iowa State is the most improved team in the Big Eight. The Cyclones have lost only to Colorado (24-14) and Oklahoma (43-12).

"We have a lot going for us this year," said Amundson. "We're not ashamed because we lost to Colorado and Oklahoma. We're proud to play in the Big Eight because it's the best football in the country."

**CARLSON HAS** also been impressive at quarterback this fall. He ranks second in the league in passing with a 162-yard average per game.

Carlson's leading receiver is split end Ike Harris who has caught 21 passes for 327 yards and three touchdowns. Tight end Keith Krempfle has also been a prime target and has caught 20 passes for 250 yards.

Iowa State is battling for third place in the conference. There's also talk in Ames, Iowa, about a possible bowl invitation if the Cyclones are successful in the home stretch of the season.



## Saturday's forecast

**NEBRASKA 35**, Iowa State 7. . . Back to those 35-7 scores again. **OKLAHOMA 42**, Missouri 13. . . Dan Devine knew when it was time to leave Columbia, Mo.

**COLORADO 28**, Kansas 14. . . The Buffs can't afford to let down this week if they still want a shot at a bowl bid.

**OKLAHOMA STATE 21**, Kansas State 7. . . The Wildcats are ready to start another losing streak.

After picking the Big Eight games correctly for the third straight week that brings the yearly total to 40-49 for 81.6 per cent.

## Majors vs. No 1

Iowa State coach Johnny Majors knows what it's like to play No. 1-rated teams.

Three times during his coaching career, Majors has faced teams which were rated No. 1 in the nation. Two of those times Majors has come away the winner.

In 1959, Majors was an assistant coach at Tennessee when it played No. 1-rated Louisiana State. LSU has a 17-game winning streak going into the game. Tennessee, which finished the season with a 5-4-1 record, upset LSU 14-13.

In 1964, Majors was an assistant at Arkansas when the Razorbacks upset No. 1-rated Texas, again by a 14-13 score. Majors only loss to a No. 1-rated team was in 1960 while he was an assistant at Mississippi State.

That Mississippi State team lost to top-rated Mississippi. Iowa State's 54-29 loss to Nebraska last year doesn't count against Major's record with No. 1 teams because the Cornhuskers weren't rated No. 1 at the time the game was played.

## Aggies to Japan

Those fans who find it hard to believe that Nebraska is travelling all the way to Hawaii to play a football game should check Utah State's football schedule.

Utah State, which lost to the Huskers earlier in the season, has received approval to play two games in Tokyo and Osaka, Japan in December.

The Aggies will play Japanese College All-Star teams. Although American football isn't new to the Orient, Utah State's trip will mark the first appearance of an American collegiate team in Japan. There are more than 50 Japanese college teams playing American football in Tokyo and Osaka.

Maybe someday they'll talk about being rated No. 1 in the world, instead of No. 1 in the nation.

## So they say:

Larry Laceywell, Oklahoma defensive coach, after Kansas State set a new school offense record against the Sooners in a 75-28 losing effort: "I wonder if the bowl people ever invited the offense and not the defense."

Herb Orvis, Colorado defensive tackle: "I think our defense played Nebraska as tough as anybody will."

Susan Pena, quarterback of a sorority flag football team at the University of Oklahoma: "We run the Wishbone-T because it's so much fun. I can see why Jack Mildren (OU quarterback) runs it so much."

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