

# Orange Bowl to make early bid

by Jim Johnston

How much would you bet on the outcome of the Thanksgiving Day game between Nebraska and Oklahoma? Would you bet everything that you've been striving to achieve for the past 11 months?

If you're a member of the Orange Bowl selection committee, you might bet the prestige of your bowl. And that prestige is something you've worked on since Jan. 2, 1971.

**BOWL BIDS** can be submitted at 6 p.m. Nov. 20, five days before No. 1-rated Nebraska and No. 2 Oklahoma meet. Will the Orange Bowl gamble and try to pick the winner of the game by extending a bid Nov. 20? Or will the Miami Classic talk to the two schools and agree that an invitation will be extended to the winner after the Thanksgiving Day game?

Indications are that the committee will gamble.

If the Orange Bowl's gamble pays off, the No. 1 team in the nation will be in Miami New Years night. If the gamble loses, the No. 1 team will probably be at the Sugar Bowl in New Orleans.

When asked if the Orange Bowl will extend a bid to either Nebraska or Oklahoma before Thanksgiving Day, Orange Bowl representative Jim Lewellyn said, "That possibility exists."

**LEWELLYN**, former Orange Bowl president, fears that neither Nebraska nor Oklahoma would agree to an agreement where the winner of the Thanksgiving game receives the Orange Bowl invitation.

"We haven't talked to officials from either school yet," said Lewellyn at the Nebraska-Iowa State game Saturday, "but I seriously doubt if either school would agree to a situation where the winner goes to the Orange Bowl. Each school would be afraid that the loser would have too much to lose."

Asked if extending a Nov. 20 bid wasn't an extreme gamble, Lewellyn replied, "Yes it is, but we just have to hope we gamble right."

A Nov. 20 invitation might favor Nebraska. The Orange Bowl has adopted an unofficial policy of inviting the highest ranked team available. Assuming Nebraska was still No. 1 and Oklahoma No. 2, would that mean a pre-game bid might be extended to the Cornhuskers?

**THE ORANGE** Bowl was impressed with Nebraska's fan following at Miami last year. Nebraska people put on quite a show. Nebraska would have the

advantage if the Orange Bowl submits a Nov. 20 bid.

But Bob Hurt, highly respected sports editor of the Daily Oklahoman, talked to long-time Orange Bowl official Ernie Siler and left the opposite impression.

"When I looked at Oklahoma's schedule, I decided in my own mind they would be No. 1 if they could get through that three-game stretch," Siler told Hurt. That three-game stretch was USC, Texas and Colorado.

**OF COURSE**, Hurt noted, Siler may be more prejudiced toward Oklahoma than other members of the selection committee. He went to high school in Oklahoma City and played basketball at Oklahoma A & M in the early 1920s.

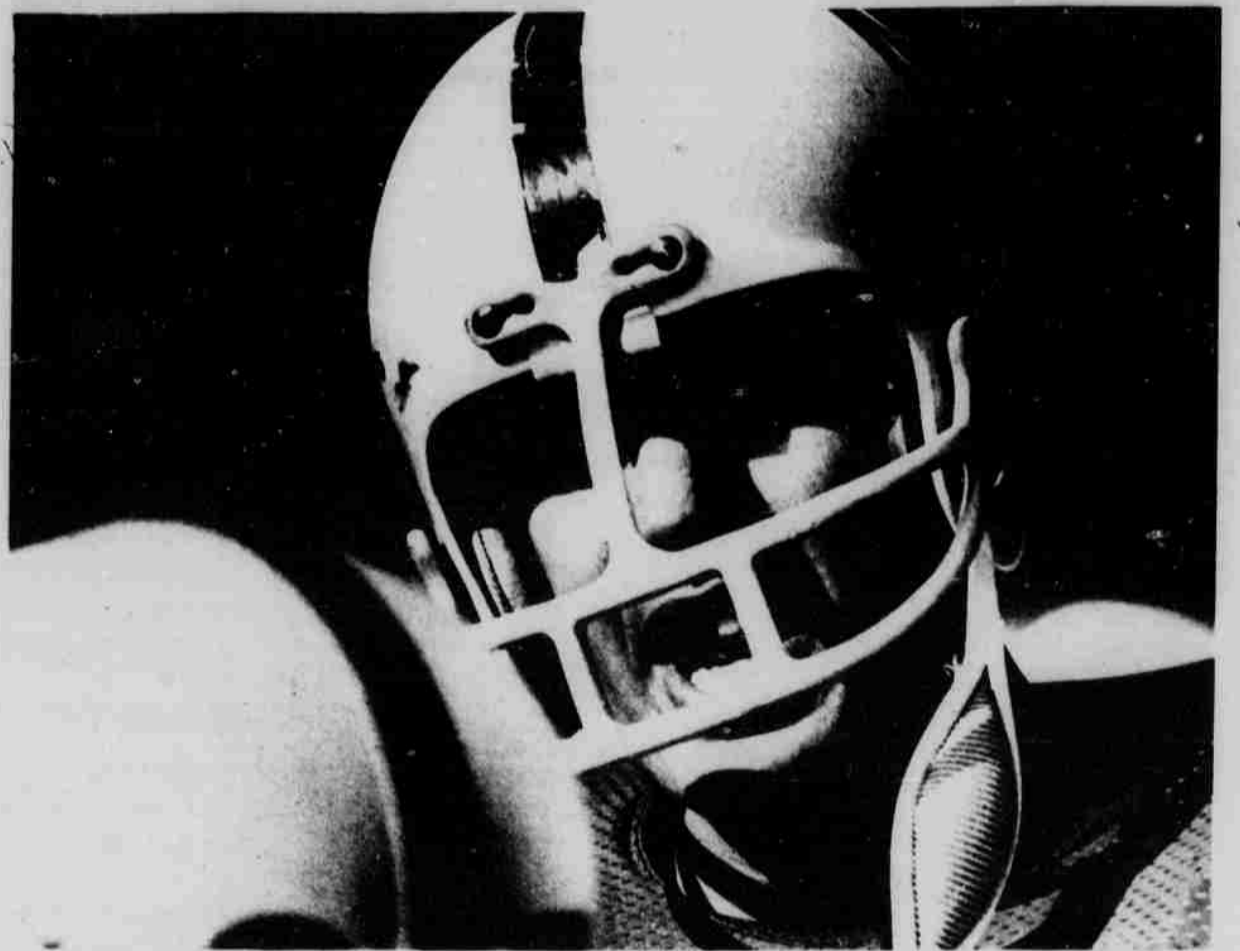
The Orange Bowl committee may have more than the Nebraska-Oklahoma game to gamble. Auburn and Alabama, the two other leading contenders for an Orange Bowl bid, play Nov. 27. That's a week after bids can be submitted.

That problem could be partially solved Saturday, however, when Auburn plays Georgia. An Auburn loss would eliminate the Tigers from consideration.

The pressure of selecting either Nebraska or Oklahoma might have been lessened Saturday when the Sooners scored a narrow 20-3 win over Missouri. It showed that the Wishbone can be stopped.

**WITHOUT** issuing policy statements, Sugar and Cotton Bowl officials have indicated they will offer bids before Thanksgiving. But the Cotton Bowl has lost most of its appeal this season since the Southwest Conference champion (the host team) will not have a high national rating.

It's no secret that the Orange Bowl has developed into THE bowl. Its night time TV viewing and the glamour of Miami have turned it into the biggest attraction on New Years Day.



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## Flag football final ratings

### All-University

- 1-Pro Students (11-0)
- 2-Alpha Tau Omega B (9-2)
- 3-Triangle A (7-2)
- 4-Phi Gamma Delta A (-2)
- 5-Abel VI (-2)
- 6-Phi Delta Theta A (-2)
- 7-Kerngers (-2)
- 8-Harper III (6-1)
- 9-Hawks (7-1)
- 10-Phi Gamma Delta B (6-1)



### Fraternity A

- 1-Triangle (7-2)
- 2-Phi Gamma Delta (-2)
- 3-Phi Delta Theta (-2)
- 4-Delta Tau Delta (5-2)
- 5-Phi Kappa Psi (6-2)
- 6-Beta Theta Pi (4-2)
- 7-Ag Men (4-2)
- 8-Acacia (4-1)
- 9-Beta Sigma Psi (4-2)
- 10-Alpha Gamma Rho (4-2)

### Dorm A

- 1-Abel VI (8-2)
- 2-Harper III (6-1)
- 3-Schramm IV (5-2)
- 4-Glen (7-1)
- 5-Abel V (6-1)
- 6-Gooding (5-2)
- 7-Carson (5-2)
- 8-Abel VIII (5-1)
- 9-Gus II (4-1)
- 10-Kennedy (4-2)

### Independent

- 1-Pro Students (11-0)
- 2-Kerners (7-2)
- 3-Hawks (7-1)
- 4-Know Buddies (6-2)
- 5-Dirty Dozen (6-1)
- 6-Fagowies (6-1)
- 7-Phi Delta Phi (5-2)
- 8-Apple Huskers (4-2)
- 9-Stoned Cowboys (5-2)
- 10-B. Gang (4-2)

### Fraternity B

- 1-Alpha Tau Omega (9-2)
- 2-Phi Gamma Delta (6-1)
- 3-Phi Delta Theta (5-1)
- 4-Triangle (4-2)
- 5-Sigma Nu (3-2)
- 6-Theta Xi (4-2)
- 7-Sigma Phi Epsilon (4-2)
- 8-Delta Upsilon (3-1)
- 9-Beta Sigma Psi (3-1)
- 10-Tau Kappa Epsilon (3-2)

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