



Saturday's forecast

NEBRASKA 38, Kansas State O...The Black Shirts are starting to make shutouts a habit.

OKLAHOMA 47, Kansas 14...This one is on TV. The Sooners will try to collect a few more votes by proving their Wishbone is still explosive.

COLORADO 24, Oklahoma State 7...There's still a bowl bid (possibly the Sun) waiting for the Buffs.

IOWA STATE 21, Missouri 7...This will be the first time since 1955 that the Tigers finished in last place.

Kansas State's win over Oklahoma State spoiled the three-week string of flawless predictions. The season's total stands at 43-10 for 81.1 per cent.

Varsity athletes

Despite a split decision by the intramurals Student Arbitration Board, varsity athletes will be allowed to compete in intramural basketball this year.

New Intramurals Director Phil Sienna suggested to the student board that varsity athletes not be permitted to compete in intramural sports. The nine-member board, however, couldn't reach a decision and later the intramurals department decided to allow varsity athletes to compete.

"It's just a philosophy of what intramural sports are for," Sienna explained. "Is the purpose of intramurals to get the best team possible and win or allow the average student to get involved in recreation? I believe the varsity athlete has his program. It's the other students that I want to see get involved."

Sienna said the type of athlete that competes on the varsity level at Nebraska has some of the best talent in the nation.

"Why should the average Joe Student be expected to compete against athletes with such ability? Sienna asked. "I don't think the average student should be subject with this type of competition just because he wants to participate in some recreational activity."

Sienna explained that teams with varsity athletes dominated much of the play last year.

"The varsity athlete shouldn't be able to take priority in intramurals," said Sienna. "I'm afraid other students will lose interest when faced with such competition."

Varsity football players will not be permitted to compete until after a bowl game. All athletes participating in winter sports are not eligible for IM basketball.

Regardless of the feelings students have towards the intramural department's position, they should be thankful for one thing. There are finally some individuals in the intramural department that are taking a sincere interest in the program.

Bowl talk

When people play politics—including those associated with sports—it's always tough to believe what you hear. Such is definitely the case with bowl scouts.

But, despite the understanding that it's tough to out-guess bowl scouts, it appears that Nebraska will receive invitations from the Orange, Cotton and Sugar Bowls Nov. 20. That's the first day bowls can talk to teams—five days before Nebraska plays Oklahoma.

Should Nebraska score a lopsided win over Kansas State Saturday, the Orange Bowl bid should go to Nebraska before the game against Oklahoma.

The Orange Bowl will gamble on Nebraska. The Huskers appear to be a better bet than Oklahoma.

For the Record

For those fans wondering if the Nebraska defense can establish a school record for most shutouts in one season, forget it.

The Black Shirts have three shutouts this season, but the season record is 10. That was established in 1902 when coach Bummy Booth's Nebraska team didn't allow a point all season while recording a 10-0 record.

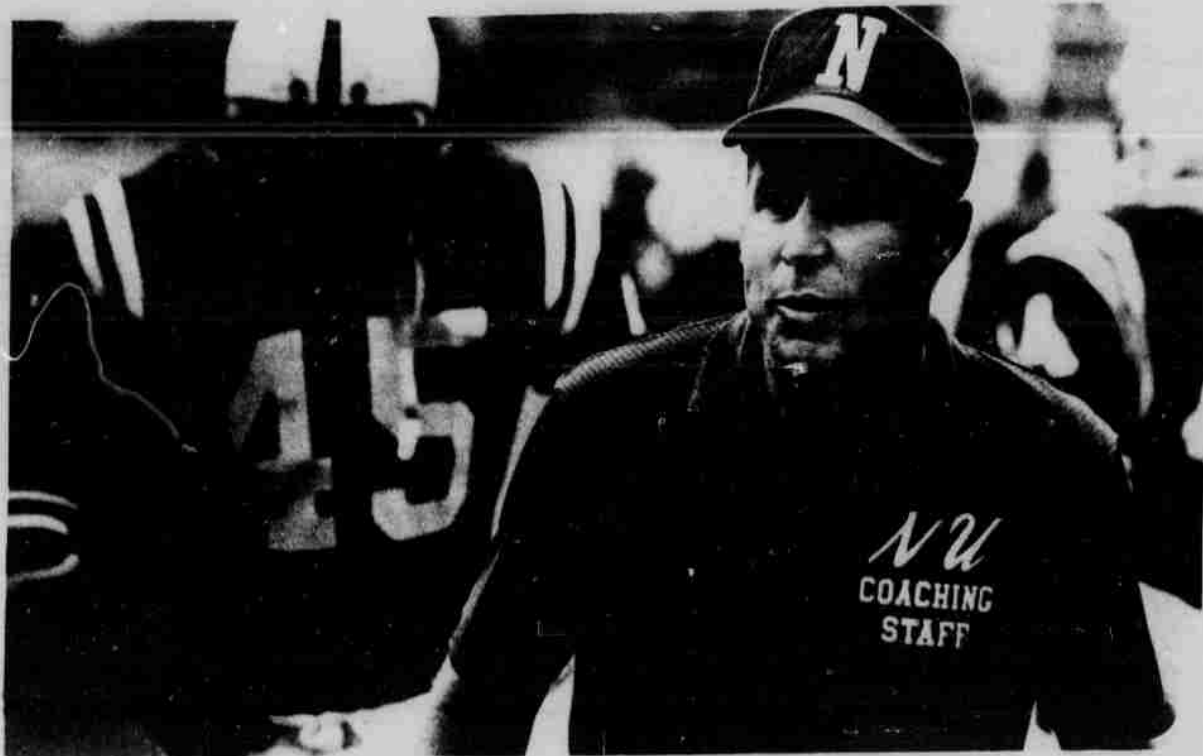
The wins came against Lincoln High, Doane, Colorado, Minnesota, Grinnell, Missouri, Haskell, Kansas, Knox and Northwestern.

So they say:

Chuck Fairbanks, Oklahoma football coach after the Sooners' hard-fought 20-3 win over Missouri last week: "I hope we don't get to the point where we get disappointed with not winning by enough points. I'm happy if the score is 1-0."

Jim Walden, Nebraska assistant coach who still talks with a Mississippi accent: "When I scout the game at Oklahoma this weekend, I'll just wear my red coat and talk with my accent and they'll never know I'm from Nebraska."

Bob Devaney, Nebraska athletic director: "The reason the intermission was so long during the Bob Hope Show last week is because we had a hard time convincing Hope to go back inside the Coliseum. He was afraid the bats might attack him."



Freshman coach Jim Walden... gets chance as head man.

Devaney pupil takes frosh post

The Nebraska coaching staff is noted for the length of time its members have been intact as a group. The newest member of that group, assistant freshman coach Jim Walden, came to the Huskers because of his former college coach.

Walden, who joined the full-time Husker staff in January of this year, quarterbacked two of Bob Devaney's Wyoming teams to conference titles and one bowl appearance, and said he took the opportunity to join the Nebraska staff to have the chance to learn from his college mentor.

"I FIGURED this was as good a staff as there is in America to get in with and learn from," Walden said.

He filled the vacancy left when assistant coach George Kelly left Nebraska for Notre Dame. He served as a graduate assistant with the frosh for two years until taking the full-time assistant freshman post this year.

Walden led Devaney's 1958 Wyoming squad to the Western Athletic Conference title as a junior, a season which included a post-season victory over Hardin-Simmons in the Sun Bowl.

FOLLOWING their 8-3 record that year, Walden quarterbacked the Cowboys to a 9-1

mark as a senior and another conference crown.

He then went to the Canadian Football League and played for two years at Vancouver and two at Calgary.

Walden followed his professional career with a five-year coaching stint at Amory (Miss.) High School before moving to Nebraska.

In addition to the coaching duties, which include handling the offensive line, Walden has also split time with frosh head coach Jim Ross and varsity assistant Bill Thornton the last two years in scouting opponents.

THE HUSKER frosh close their 1971 season Friday at Manhattan when they take on the Kansas State yearlings.

"We think they're a pretty good football team, Walden said of the Wildcat frosh. "Anytime these teams play Nebraska, they give an extra effort to try to get things started on the right foot for the next years."

"Generally in freshman ball, it just boils down to what type of athletes you've recruited," he said, noting that a freshman team's record is not always a good indication of whether they have individual players who can help the varsity.

NU-OU bone-picking nears

by Jim Johnston

The odds were against it. In September it would have probably been listed as a 100-1 longshot.

How could Nebraska and Oklahoma both be undefeated when the two teams meet on national television Thanksgiving Day?

Who would have thought Oklahoma could survive three straight weekends against Southern Cal, Texas and Colorado? Was it possible for Nebraska, the nation's No. 1 rated team, to survive the upset bug?

The meeting of the nation's two top undefeated teams isn't official, yet. But the odds have definitely changed. Nebraska and Oklahoma are big favorites to win Saturday, the final game for both teams before Thanksgiving Day.

Nebraska, however, draws the toughest assignment this weekend. The Cornhuskers must travel to Manhattan, Kan., to meet a much-improved Kansas State team.

Oklahoma, meanwhile, entertains lowly Kansas in the Sooners' homecoming which will be televised to a nation-wide audience. Game time is 12:50 p.m. It will be televised in Lincoln.

The Cornhuskers have been "playing 'em one at a time" this season and head coach Bob Devaney promises no peeking at Oklahoma.

"This game means too much to our players," said Devaney. "I'm not worried about a letdown. We look at every game we play as the most important game of the season."

There's no reason to fear a letdown by the Nebraska players. The opportunity for a letdown has presented itself in other games this season, but the Cornhuskers have overcome such feelings.

Kansas State will provide a good test for Nebraska's pass rush. Wildcat quarterback Dennis Morrison, a drop-back passer, is suddenly developing into one of the best passers in the Big Eight.

But adjectives such as "good" in describing a quarterback seem to bring out the best in Nebraska's defense. Remember Oregon quarterback Dan Fouts, Minnesota's Craig Curry and Kansas' David Jaynes. They also brought impressive passing statistics into games against the Huskers.

They left the games, however, with the taste of pigskin sandwiches in their mouths.

Kansas State, as usual, also has an abundance of running backs. Tailback duties are shared by 220-pound Bill Butler and sophomore sensation Isaac Jackson.

Butler has been the leading Wildcat rusher for the last two years. Bill Holman, also a sophomore, holds the fullback slot.

Morrison's favorite receiving target is sophomore tight end Henry Childs, who hasn't started a game yet. Even so, Childs caught seven passes for 90 yards and two touchdowns against Oklahoma State last week and will probably start against the Cornhuskers.

Kansas State's defense, which was second in the nation against the rush before facing Colorado and Oklahoma, has slipped to fifth best in the Big Eight.

The Wildcats are giving up 186 yards on the ground per game.

In other Big Eight games Saturday, Oklahoma State visits Colorado and Missouri travels to Iowa State. The Tigers are the only winless team in Big Eight competition, while the Cyclones are still struggling to finish in the upper division of the conference.

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