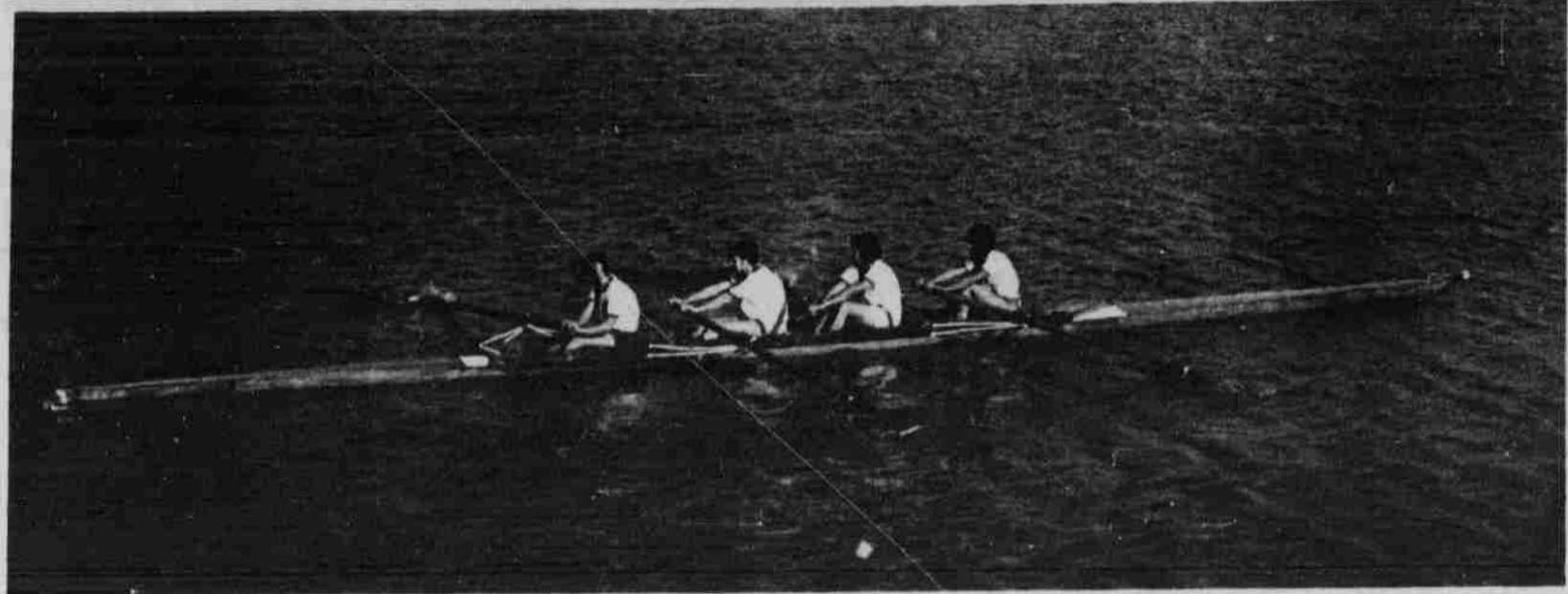


Crew — afloat at UNL



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Crew, the oldest collegiate sport, still is relatively new at UNL. But despite its young age, crew captain Peter Zandbergen is optimistic as the Nebraska crew team enters its third year of competition.

Zandbergen is optimistic because last year's five best oarsmen are returning this season. The five, Jeff Dodge, Joe Mahaffy, Steve Shaneyfelt, Larry Albers and Zandbergen all are juniors and have been rowing together since the team started three years ago.

"With the people we have returning, coupled with last year's victories (Minnesota, St. Thomas and

Notre Dame), I can see no reason why we can't do well this season," Zandbergen said.

Exactly how well the Nebraska crew will do can not be determined until Oct. 22. On that date Nebraska, along with 3,000 other oarsmen representing 76 teams, will congest Boston for the Head of the Charles Regatta.

"Last year when we entered the Charles Regatta, Nebraska rowed in the hardest class—the elites," Zandbergen said. "We raced against such powerhouses as Harvard, Yale and M.I.T. We were a little out of our league. So this year we are dropping down a class into intermediates. We

have a good chance in the regatta to beat some well-known rowing schools."

But again, as in the past, the crew's success could be determined by its two biggest problems—money and equipment.

Presently the crew team receives no financial support from the Athletic Department. The reason is that crew can't be recognized as a varsity sport by the Athletic Dept. nor by the Big Eight until at least four Big Eight schools sponsor the sport.

According to Zandbergen, Nebraska and Kansas State are the only two schools now having a crew team.

Zandbergen hopes that in a few years Oklahoma and Kansas will develop a rowing program.

But until then, the crew team depends on Recreation and Intramurals, Corncobs and private sources for financial support.

"Equipment-wise we're in poor shape," Zandbergen said. "We are building a new boathouse on Branch Oak Lake. But all five of our shells are very old. The newest boat we have was built in 1933."

However, Zandbergen said Nebraska does not row in the old shells during a race. "Other schools let us borrow one of their shells which isn't quite so old," he said.

Huskers face tough A&M defense

Forecasts for the second week of the college football season continue to make Nebraska a two or three touchdown favorite over Texas A & M. But Cornhusker Head Coach Bob Devaney, as usual, remains cautious.

"Texas A & M is a hard-hitting defensive football team," Devaney said. "A pro scout told me they were the best defensive team in the Southwest Conference."

Devaney was quick to mention that the Huskers "didn't actually kick A & M around last year."

"Our defense just shut off a poor offense and gave us the ball," Devaney said. "Our offense didn't push them around."

Although the Cornhuskers won 34-7 in last year's match, Nebraska never was able to sustain a long drive. The Cornhuskers depended on a 67-yard run by Bill Olds, a 98-yard kickoff return by

Johnny Rodgers and a 95-yard pass interception by Bill Kosch for the majority of the scoring.

The Aggies return five defensive starters from last year's unit. Devaney knows the Huskers must eliminate offensive mistakes if they hope to move against Texas A & M.

Nebraska had five turnovers—three fumbles and two pass interceptions—against UCLA last week.

"Those mistakes aren't a matter of timing," Devaney said. "It's just a matter of someone not holding on to the football or the quarterback not getting the ball there."

The Cornhuskers have been going through routine practices this week.

"If you try to beat the hell out of the players, you're sure to lose the next one," Devaney said. "You don't get anything out of them that way."

The only alteration in practices has

been to allow Rich Sanger more time to work on kickoffs and fieldgoals.

"We'll use Sanger only as a kicker and punter," Devaney explained. "He doesn't have enough time to work on both parts of the kicking game and also practice at linebacker."

All-Americans Willie Harper and Johnny Rodgers, who missed practice Tuesday, returned Wednesday and no longer are listed as doubtfuls for Saturday. Rodgers, who was suffering from an ulcer flareup, also was involved in a car accident Tuesday afternoon, but was not injured.

First team split end Frosty Anderson injured his hand but is expected to be ready for Saturday's date with Texas A & M. Al Austin also is expected to be ready Saturday, but Marvin Crenshaw still will get the starting nod at offensive tackle.

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