

Husker coach expects stingy Tiger defense

Missouri's defense has always caused problems for Nebraska. Even in 1971—when the Tigers finished last in the Big Eight—the Huskers had trouble getting their offense started against Missouri.

Although the Huskers scored a 36-0 win at Columbia last year, Missouri was the only team to hold Nebraska scoreless in the first quarter. And the Huskers led only 16-0 at halftime.

Nebraska head coach Bob Devaney is expecting the same difficulties with Missouri again this year.

"Missouri's defense is different from any other team we've faced this year," Devaney said of Saturday's Big Eight opponent at Memorial Stadium. "They line up in different formations and do a lot of stunting."

Teams preparing defensively for Nebraska, however, usually have a difficult time because of the Huskers' varied offensive formations. Nebraska works out of the spread, I formation both ways, sometimes with two wide receivers and now with Johnny Rodgers serving as a running back, there's also a variation of the Wing-T offense.

"When they prepare for a team like ours, they don't have time to concentrate on just one thing," Devaney said. "This should cut down on the different defenses they'll have time to practice."

Missouri's defense also will give the Huskers the first look at man-to-man pass coverage. That should work in the Huskers favor, however. There's not a back in the conference—possibly in the nation—that can cover Rodgers one-on-one.

"That's to our favor if we can get the ball to Johnny," Devaney said, "but that's not always so easy against Missouri. Sometimes they come at you with eight guys."

Devaney doubts if Missouri will switch to a zone coverage against Nebraska.

"They can't change a whole lot because those kids at Missouri haven't been taught anything but man-to-man coverage the past years," Devaney said. "I know I wouldn't change the whole defensive philosophy in one week."

Missouri has faced two pass-oriented teams this season, and the Tigers have won both encounters. Missouri stopped Oregon's Dan Fouts with a 24-22 win and then scored a 34-27 win over pass-minded California.

"People haven't exactly riddled Missouri's pass defense," Devaney said.

Missouri's offense, which operated out of the Wishbone, will be limited Saturday. The Tigers lost halfbacks Bill Ziegler and Chuck Link with injuries in a 17-16 loss to Oklahoma State. Fullback Ray Bybee also is a doubtful starter against Nebraska.

Nebraska fullback Bill Olds, who fractured a bone in his left hand Friday, may play Saturday, Devaney said. Starting offensive guard Mike Beran also worked out Tuesday after missing drills last week with a knee injury.

Phi Delt makes move to flag football

by Kim Ball

Two years ago, Mike Peetz was the starting monster man for Nebraska's freshman football team. Now Peetz is a standout for the Phi Delta Theta 'A' flag football team.

Peetz, a senior, quit football before his junior year. Why did he give up a full scholarship and a chance to play for Nebraska?

"There were two reasons," said Peetz. "I was no longer interested in being a jock. Football got to be a business. And secondly, I wanted to concentrate on getting into med school."

"Flag football is not a little kid's game," said Peetz. "It gets rough, especially when you play for keeps."

Peetz plays offensive guard and linebacker for the Phi Delt, the No. 1 team in the All-Fraternity ratings. He also played on last year's team that was upset by Triangle in the Fraternity 'A' finals.

Peetz scored the deciding touchdown in last week's 18-14 victory over Alpha Tau Omega. That was the league-leading Phi Delt's third straight win.

The Phi Delt was All-University champions two years ago and Peetz anticipates another championship. "I think we can go all the way," he said, "and I think we can beat the Pro Students (the defending All-University champions)."

Even if the Phi Delt and the Pro Students don't make it to the All-University finals, they will still probably play each other, according to Peetz, because seven former Phi Delt players play for the Pro Students.

Peetz's teammates also are optimistic. As John Long, the Phi Delt halfback, put it, "We're looking forward to playing in the All-University finals."

Archery Club schedules meeting

The UNL Archery Club will meet and practice at the Women's P.E. indoor archery range Oct. 11 at 6:30 p.m. Interested students may contact Allan Maybee or Nancy Sonner at the Recreation Dept. for further details.

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