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Badgers may pose offensive menace

Although the University of Wisconsin football team is 0-2, statistically they have outplayed both their opponents, said Jim Anderson, graduate assistant on the Nebraska freshmen football team.

Anderson traveled to Madison, Wis., last Saturday to scout Wisconsin's 28-25 loss to the University of Colorado. The Badgers lost their first game to Purdue, 14-13.

"Against Colorado, the Badgers gained 397 offensive yards to Colorado's 319 yards," Anderson said. Against Purdue, the Badgers got 392 offensive yards compared to the Boilermakers' 244 yards.

Offensively, the Badgers will employ a lot of different formations and sets, Anderson said.

"Wisconsin used 14 different offensive formations in their last two games," he said. "Usually, they'll run out of the Pro-I, Slot-I and Spread formations."

Wisconsin's running backs are quick and they have very good offensive linemen, Anderson said. Sophomores Bill Marek and Ken Starch are Wisconsin's running backs. Starch is the leading Wisconsin rusher with 181 yards in 37 carries and one touchdown.

"Their All American center candidate Mike Webster handled Dave Orvis, Colorado's middle guard, fairly easily," he said. The match between Webster and Nebraska's middle guard John Bell should be interesting to watch.

Gregg Bohlig is Wisconsin's junior quarterback and Anderson describes him "as a good quarterback, but not a great passer."

Defensively, the Badgers aren't exceptionally big, but they are quick, Anderson said.

"They don't have a big star on their defensive team like Nebraska does in John Dutton," he said. "But their right tackle Gary Dickert had a pretty good game against Colorado."

Wisconsin was leading Colorado 25-21 in the fourth quarter before the Buffs drove 70 yards for the winning score.

"Overall, the Badgers display ball control offense and play team defense," Anderson said.



Jim Anderson was a three year starter (1969-71) on the Nebraska football team. He's now a graduate assistant for the Husker freshman team.

Ankle injury slows I-back Tony Davis

Sophomore I-back Tony Davis may not be at full speed against the University of Wisconsin because of an ankle injury received against North Carolina State.

It's hard to imagine that Davis was ever injured, after looking at this week's Nebraska, Big 8 and national statistics.

"I hurt my ankle on the second offensive play of the ball game," said Davis. Despite the injury, he still gained 106 yards. He is now the Huskers' leading rusher with 253 yards in 46 carries and three touchdowns.

This week's Big 8 statistics rank Davis as the conference's leading rusher.

The Husker pass defenders also rank first in the conference and in the nation by allowing opposing quarterbacks only five completions of 25 attempts for an average of 18 yards a pass.

Tomorrow, Nebraska faces the University of Wisconsin. The teams have met three previous times, with Wisconsin winning in 1961 (18-0), and the Huskers winning in 1965 (37-0) and 1966 (31-3).

bill bennett on the bench

I predict Nebraska will make it three in a row with a 49-7 victory over the winless Badgers.

My predictions on other Big 8 games are:

Oklahoma 21, University of Southern California 17, at Los Angeles—Even though most Husker fans cringe at rooting for the Sooners, this is the game to set aside grudges. An Oklahoma victory would make Nebraska the No. 1 team in the nation and strengthen the already fearsome Big 8.

Kansas State 21, Tampa 17, at Tampa Fla.—Tampa is undefeated, but the Wildcats seem to be adjusting to Head Coach Vince Gibson's "get-tough policy." Kansas State beat Tampa last year in Manhattan 31-7.

Oklahoma State 49, Southern Illinois 7, at Stillwater, Okla.—The Cowboys are off to a great start and the game will be a minor battle as far as OSU is concerned.

Colorado 24, Baylor 14, at Boulder, Colorado—Last week, Baylor defeated Johnny Major's Pittsburg team 20-14. However, the Buffs will probably improve right up to the Nebraska game on Nov. 3.

Kansas 28, Minnesota 14, at Lawrence, Kan.—The Gophers poured it on against North Dakota last week 41-14, but against the Jayhawks, Minnesota will get a taste of its own medicine. Nebraska plays Minnesota on Oct. 6 in Minneapolis.

Missouri 28, North Carolina 14, at Chapel Hill, N.C.—The Tigers defeat their second Atlantic Coast Conference team after beating Virginia 31-7 last week. Missouri is looking forward to its Big 8 opener with Nebraska at Columbia on Oct. 13.

Iowa State 21, Arkansas 14, at Fayetteville, Ark.—Iowa State better be ready. After the Razorbacks lost to Oklahoma State 38-6 last week, a win over a Big 8 team Saturday would be satisfying.

sports shorts

All students who applied for tickets to the Missouri football game Oct. 13 will receive them, according to Nebraska ticket manager Jim Pittenger.

Winners must pick up their tickets by next Wednesday. Tickets cost \$7. Tickets can be picked up at the ticket offices which are in the new athletic office wing under the south end of Memorial Stadium.

An Oct. 5 canoe trip down the Elkhorn River is being sponsored by the Recreation and Intramural Department. Interested students must sign up in the Recreation Office, 1740 Vine St. by next Tuesday. For further information call Kermit McMurry at 472-3467.

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