

## Sports Illustrated ranking eases past snubs

Finally, after not being mentioned for a month, Nebraska was ranked in the Midwest division of this week's *Sports Illustrated* (SI) college football rankings.

Ohio State (2-0) was ranked No. 1, the Huskers (3-0) were ranked No. 2 and Michigan (3-0) was ranked No. 3. Last week, Michigan was the top ranked team, followed by Ohio State and Notre Dame.

Of course, SI's love of Nebraska is widely known. One of the Huskers' brighter moments in SI occurred after the 1970 college football bowl games.

Nebraska had beaten Louisiana State University in the Orange Bowl, Notre Dame had defeated Texas in the Cotton Bowl and Stanford had defeated Michigan in the Rose Bowl. Because of the losses to Texas and Michigan, Nebraska and Notre Dame were vying for the No. 1 national ranking.

### bill bennett on the bench

SI's issue covering the bowl games had Notre Dame's quarterback Joe Theisman on the front cover leading the Irish over the Longhorns.

In the upper right-hand corner of that same cover there was a small banner which proclaimed "Nebraska

is No. 1." I'm surprised it didn't read, "Nebraska is No. 1?"

Another great Husker moment in SI occurred in its 1973 preview of college football. Nebraska was ranked 12th behind UCLA (10th), Colorado (9th) and Notre Dame (7th).

But as all Husker fans know, Nebraska settled the UCLA issue with a 40-13 win, will have a chance to tackle Colorado Nov. 3 in Lincoln and may meet Notre Dame again in a bowl game on Jan. 1.

Although certain actions by SI regarding Husker football aren't always complimentary in the eyes of the Nebraska fan, SI reporter John Underwood did write a fine article about the Huskers following their victory over UCLA.

After four weeks of college football, my predictions haven't been too bad. Although I have been badly mistaken on some predicted scores, I have chosen 21 games right, one game wrong and there has been one tie.

I picked Iowa State to beat Arkansas, 21-14, but they lost, 21-19. I picked Oklahoma to beat the University of Southern California, 21-17, and the game ended 7-7.

The Huskers will face Minnesota Saturday in Minneapolis. Nebraska needs a solid win over the Gophers to start the Big 8 season with some momentum.

But by a solid win, I don't mean the Huskers need to score a lot of points. Nebraska needs a tough, error-free football game to end the preseason

schedule on a convincing note. I predict Nebraska will win, 31-14.

My predictions on other Big 8 games are: Colorado 24, Iowa State 21, at Ames, Iowa—But I wouldn't bet money on it. The Big 8 schedule is ushered in by two teams still having problems. Anything can happen.

Kansas State 21, Memphis State 10, at Manhattan, Kan.—The Wildcats have turned into a surprisingly tough defensive team, as it has shut out its last two opponents. Memphis State has lost only to Houston, 35-21. If the Wildcats win, their game at Kansas next week will be a real showdown.

Oklahoma State 28, Texas Tech 10, at Stillwater, Okla.—It's too bad that Tech can't run up the score on Oklahoma State like the Cowboys did to Southern Illinois (70-7). The conference championship game could be on Oct. 27 when Oklahoma State plays the Huskers.

Tennessee 28, Kansas 14, at Memphis, Tenn.—If Kansas can beat the ninth-ranked Volunteers, it will be a remarkable reversal from last year's season. Last year the Jayhawks were 4-7 overall.

Missouri 24, Southern Methodist University 21, at Dallas, Texas—A battle of unbeaten, and Missouri wants to make sure it stays that way going into the Oct. 13 game with the Huskers.

Oklahoma 35, Miami 10, at Norman, Okla.—The Hurricanes may have derailed Texas, but they won't do it to the Sooners. Oklahoma will be sky high after their tie with the University of Southern California.



Graduate assistant Guy Ingles

## Minnesota to attack from three formations

Minnesota has some good athletes, and if they put it all together, it could be all over for Nebraska, according to Guy Ingles, graduate coaching assistant for the Nebraska freshman football team.

Last Saturday, Ingles traveled to Lawrence, Kan., to scout the Gophers' 34-19 loss to Kansas. Minnesota lost their first game to Ohio State, 56-7, but won their second game by beating North Dakota, 41-14.

"With a better team effort and better field position, Minnesota could have beaten Kansas," he said.

Offensively, the Gophers will run out of dive option, veer T, and Wishbone formations, he said. Minnesota usually uses the Wishbone for short yardage situations, Ingles added.

"The veer T offense is similar to the Wishbone, except the Wishbone has three running backs and the veer T only has two," he said.

Minnesota's running backs are halfback Rich Upchurch and All Big Ten fullback John King. Ingles said both men have good speed but have a tendency to fumble the ball.

After three games, King is the Gophers' leading rusher with 168 yards in 53 carries and three touchdowns. Upchurch has 147 yards in 36 carries and two touchdowns.

Sophomore John Lawing started the first three games at quarterback for Minnesota, but Gopher Head Coach Cal Stoll has indicated that freshman Tony Dungy might start against

the Huskers. Lawing hasn't recovered completely from an injury he received in the Kansas game.

Another highly touted Minnesota performer is tight end Keith Fahnhorst. Stoll said Fahnhorst is a definite first round pro draft choice. After three games, Fahnhorst has three catches for 23 yards.

"Overall, the Minnesota offense will put a lot of pressure on our middle guard and linebackers," Ingles said.

He said defensively the Gophers are big, strong and have good speed at the positions where it's needed.

Ingles cited linebacker Mike Steidl and tackles Jeff Gunderson and Keith Simons as "fine defensive ballplayers."

"Their weakness may be in their inexperienced defensive secondary," he said. Minnesota has no seniors in their secondary and are starting two sophomores.

"I played against Minnesota for three years, and they always wanted to beat us badly," he said. "I just hope we can get the job done this year."

Ingles said a good game at Minnesota would give the Huskers momentum going into the Big Eight opener at Missouri Oct. 13.

Saturday's game starts at 1:30 p.m. at Memorial Stadium in Minneapolis. Nebraska beat Minnesota last year in Lincoln, 49-0, and has won the last eight games against the Gophers. Minnesota leads the series, which began in 1900, 29-14-2.

### sports shorts

There will be a UNL intercollegiate women's volleyball tournament Saturday at 10 p.m. at Wayne State College. Teams participating will be UNL, Wayne, Peru and UNO. For further information call Denise Stange, 475-7566.

Professional basketball comes to Lincoln Saturday night when the Kansas City-Omaha Kings play the Detroit Pistons. The game is at 7:30 p.m. in Pershing Auditorium.

### Correction...

An error appeared in Thursday's *Daily Nebraskan* sports. In an article concerning intramural football, a paragraph read:

Phi Delta Theta, after crushing previously undefeated Alpha Tau Omega 47-18 Tuesday night, reaps *Daily Nebraskan* class A flag football team of the week honors.

The score should have read: 40-25.

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