

Discontented fans should check stats

Discontented fans should look at this week's Big 8 and national individual and team statistics before passing judgment on Nebraska's offensive attack.

Husker quarterback Dave Humm is the conference's total offense leader and is ranked eighth nationally in the same category. After six games, he has completed 67 of 105 passes for 949 yards, has had five intercepted and has thrown eight touchdown passes.

He is the league's second leading passer behind Kansas' David Jaynes.

Other Nebraska offensive players listed high in this week's Big 8 statistics are I-back Tony Davis, split end Frosty Anderson, tight end Brent Longwell, wingback Ritch Bahe and kicker Rich Sanger.

Davis is the conference's fifth leading rusher. After six games, he has gained 563 yards in 138 carries for an average of 93.8 yards a game.

The sophomore from Tecumseh also is the league's fourth leading scorer with 42 points.

Although Anderson still is out with a shoulder dislocation, he is the league's fourth leading receiver. He has caught 20 passes for 367 yards and six touchdowns.

Longwell and Bahe are the league's eighth and ninth leading receivers, while Sanger is the league's seventh leading kick scorer.

Big 8 offensive team statistics also prove that the Huskers are doing a good job.

The Huskers are ranked first in passing offense and second in total offense among Big 8 schools. As a team, Nebraska has completed 83 of 131 passes for 1,138 yards for an average of 189.7 yards a game. Nebraska has 2,437 yards in total offense for an average of 406.2 yards a game.

bill bennett on the bench

When Nebraska and Oklahoma State clash Saturday, the league's top two defensive teams will be facing each other. The Cowboys are the top team in total defense by allowing 196.6 offensive yards a game, and the Huskers are second by allowing 198.7 offensive yards a game.

However, I don't think Saturday's game will be all defense. The Nebraska offense should put on a show of its own, and combined with the always tough Blackshirts, I predict the score will be 24-7, Nebraska.

My predictions on other Big 8 games:

Kansas 28, Iowa State 10, at Ames, Iowa—The Cyclones (2-3) are reverting back to their losing days of old. Jaynes of Kansas (4-2) should have a field day against Iowa State after being stopped by the Blackshirts.

Oklahoma 35, Kansas State 7, at Manhattan, Kan.—The Sooners (4-0-1) should win, but it won't be that easy. The Wildcats (4-2) have developed a tough defense and have unleashed a runner named Isaac Jackson. Unfortunately, it won't be enough to stop Oklahoma.

Colorado 17, Missouri 13, at Boulder, Colo.—It's finally time for the Tigers (6-0) to lose, I think. The Buffaloes (4-2) upset Oklahoma at Boulder last year, so why not Missouri this year?

Two I-backs to alternate

Sophomore I-back John O'Leary will see some action with Nebraska's first string offensive unit against Oklahoma State, according to Head Coach Tom Osborne.

"O'Leary and (Tony) Davis will alternate," he said. "There has been no definite decision as to who will start."

Other lineup changes, according to Osborne, are Marvin Greshaw at right tackle in place of Alan Austin and Tom Pate at defensive right end in place of Bob Martin, who sprained his ankle during Tuesday's practice.

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Phi Delta Theta fraternity, the Daily Nebraskan's No. 1 ranked intramural football team, lost Tuesday night to Phi Gamma Delta fraternity, 20-19.

Thursday's ratings were based on games through Monday night, so the Phi/Delt loss was not included.

New intramural football rankings will appear next Thursday.

The UNL women's intercollegiate volleyball team will participate in a tournament Saturday at 9:30 a.m. in Women's Physical Education Bldg. 313. Other teams participating are UNO, Midland and Concordia.

The UNL rifle team will travel to Oklahoma State Saturday for its first Big 8 dual. The women's rifle team will compete in the Creighton University Invitational, also on Saturday.



Rich Sanger's (43) talents again may come in handy against Oklahoma State as they did against Kansas when he kicked the game-winning field goal.

Cowboys stress running attack

"I'm sure that if Oklahoma State has a choice, they'll run the ball throughout the entire ball game rather than pass it," said Jim Anderson, graduate coaching assistant on the Nebraska freshman football team.

He traveled to Columbia, Mo., Saturday to scout Oklahoma State's 13-9 loss to Missouri. The Cowboys also have lost to Texas Tech (20-7) and have defeated Texas at Arlington (56-7), Arkansas (38-6) and Southern Illinois (20-7).

"Oklahoma State's loss to Missouri was like our loss to Missouri," Anderson said. "They moved the ball pretty well, but they couldn't score."

Offensively, Oklahoma State will run out of the wishbone formation, he said.

"Their wishbone is set the same way as Oklahoma's and UCLA's," he said. "The only difference is that Oklahoma State will option more than those other teams."

Senior quarterback Brent Blackman leads the Cowboys' offensive attack. After five games, Blackman has rushed for 433 yards in 76 carries and has completed 16 of 38 passes for 278 yards. He has rushed for four touchdowns and passed for one.

"Blackman is a small guy (5-ft. 11 in., 162 lbs.), but he's also a quick, sneaky runner," he said. "He's not afraid to pitch the ball in a tight situation."

Against Texas Tech, Blackman suffered a slight shoulder separation, and Anderson said he didn't appear to be 100 per cent against

Missouri.

"But I'm sure he'll be 100 per cent against us," he said.

Oklahoma State's running backs are fullback George Palmer and halfbacks Leonard Thompson and Alfred Nelms. So far this year, Palmer has gained 302 yards in 70 carries.

Although most teams with wishbone attacks don't like to pass, Anderson said Blackman does like to throw to his tight end Reuben Gant. Gant has caught eight passes for 223 yards and three touchdowns.

"Oklahoma State will use an even, pro-type defense, which has a four-man front line, three linebackers and four secondary men," Anderson said. "But at times they'll also use a five-man front."

He said linebacker Cleveland Vann and left tackle Barry Price were fine defensive football players.

"Pro football scouts think Oklahoma State has the best bunch of defensive prospects in the Big 8," he said.

Oklahoma State's ability to hold onto the football will be a big factor in the game, he said.

"Their team has a history of fumbling," he said. "If they can hold onto the ball it will be a tough game, but if they give it away, we'll have some good chances."

Saturday's game will begin at 1:30 p.m. in Stillwater, Okla. Nebraska beat the Cowboys last year in Lincoln, 34-0, and leads in the series, 11-2.

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