

Top teams lose to underdogs

The past weekend was filled with upsets as four members of college football's Top Ten fell victim to fired-up underdogs. Nebraska was one of those teams jolted from the ranks of the undefeated and this week the Huskers take off on the rocky road to redemption against Northwestern. This week's predictions:

Nebraska 40, Northwestern 3

Battered and bruised Nebraska may be playing without some key performers as they try to battle back after last week's stunning defeat. Northwestern is a good team to recuperate against and ordinarily would have trouble handling UNO. However if the Huskers don't tighten up the defensive secondary, Wildcat quarterback Mitch Anderson will cause plenty of trouble.

Oklahoma St. 33, Baylor 0

Baylor has proved surprisingly tough against the likes of Oklahoma and Missouri but the Cowboys are a team that doesn't fiddle around. Oklahoma St. has five or six breakaway runners and a defense that has allowed only one touchdown in two games.

Colorado 20, Wisconsin 10

Nothing will ever be more sickening than getting engulfed in the Wisconsin fans' victory celebration as I did Saturday. However this prognostication

isn't entirely sentiment as the Buffs are not as bad as most people think. The game is at Boulder and hopefully Colorado will finally get untracked. Badger fans who were screaming: "We're number one" last weekend will be jarred back into reality because Wisconsin simply isn't that good.

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Oklahoma 45, Utah 10

After sputtering in their first game, the Sooners really shouldn't have too much trouble against the Aggies. Skittery Joe Washington and Steve Davis propel the Wishbone that will try and steer Oklahoma back into the top ranking. Utah State's last big win was against the Japanese All-Star team.

Notre Dame 37, Purdue 7

The Fighting Irish will continue their masquerade as the nation's top team for another week. Notre Dame does have possibly the best quarterback in the country with Tom Clements.

Changes unlikely; Earl Everett to play

By Larry Stunkel

With two members of his starting backfield injured and a game this weekend, UNL football coach Tom Osborne doesn't have time to dwell on last weekend's loss to Wisconsin.

"Naturally we're disappointed, but there's nothing we can do about it now except get ready for the next game," Osborne said.

Osborne said he doesn't plan any change in the offense despite the four-week loss of I-back John O'Leary and the doubtful status of quarterback David Humm, but plans to put more emphasis this week on plays designed to take advantage of back-up quarterback Earl Everett's running ability.

"Earl may not have played like a veteran Saturday, but he didn't play that badly," Osborne commented. "He hadn't had much experience running the first team offense, but he'll be better prepared this week."

Osborne said the pass defense will receive special attention this week, while some execution problems on offense will be worked out with more practice time.

"Of course you learn something from every game, and you learn more from a loss than you do a win," Osborne remarked, "but we don't plan on learning too much that way."

Volleyball season opener against Peru State

By Bob Cullinan

The UNL women's volleyball team heads into its season opener today against Peru State and the first-year Head Coach, Pat Sullivan, is hoping the team can continue its winning ways.

Last year, the volleyball team had an impressive 14-3 record and finished as the top team in the state. They finished sixth in the regional championships.

This season, 80 people tried out for 19 spots on the combined varsity-reserve roster. Sullivan calls it "one of the biggest showings we've ever had."

"I've seen volleyball all across the country and Nebraska is definitely a competitive team," Sullivan said. "We may not be the best in the nation, but we're comparatively good."

The varsity plays an 18-game schedule this year, with the reserves playing six or eight games. The stiffest competition is expected to come at the Kansas University Volleyball Tournament, where UNL will compete against Kansas, Drake and Concordia colleges.

Volleyball workouts are held daily from 4:30 until 6 p.m. in the Women's Physical Education Building. Team members are

encouraged to work out on their own time doing such things as running, weight training and climbing steps in Memorial Stadium.

Activities such as these have often brought ridicule of the volleyball team with many saying women should not do that much physical exercise.

"The University as a whole doesn't look at any women's team with respect," Sullivan said, "and we hope to change that."

"The women who compete on other athletic teams look at the volleyball team very highly," she said.

Fan support has been on the rise for the volleyball team, as well as for all other women's sports but it is still below the level Sullivan says she wished it to be.

This is the first year of athletic scholarships for women, with the total allotment for the Women's Athletic Dept. set at 35 to 40 awarded. Of these, about seven will go to members of the volleyball team who are considered the top athletes.

Sullivan notes a definite improvement in the quality of athletes coming to the university. She attributes this to the expanded program in Nebraska's high schools. "The people that are coming in are very good—in fact, they're top-notch ath-

letes."

Better-trained athletes allow Sullivan to do things not possible with a more novice team. This year, she is installing a new team offense, one that most Nebraska teams have not tried. She says it is "more complex, and better for us in the long run."

Sullivan also hopes to instill pride in the volleyball team. She said, "On their level, they're very successful. They deserve a lot of credit."

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Any woman interested in playing for the UNL women's rugby team should meet behind the Women's P.E. Bldg. tonight at 6:30, or call 432-4803 or 435-2561.

The women's team is planning a game with the Omaha Women's Rugby Club for Oct. 5.

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