

## Huskers pose threat to Gopher rebound

By Pete Wegman

Following four losing seasons in a row, Minnesota's Golden Gophers last year rebounded under head coach Cal Stoll to finish third in the Big 10 while posting a 7-4 record.

Stoll, in his third year at Minnesota, hopes for continued success with his '74 Gophers.

Minnesota's record now stands at 2-1. After a tough 34-19 opening loss to Ohio State, the Gophers defeated North Dakota 42-30 and Texas Christian University (TCU) 9-7.

Minnesota, with 27 lettermen returning, will be out to improve on its 29-15-2 series edge over the Cornhuskers. Nebraska, however, has been victorious in the last nine contests. Minnesota's last win over the Big Red came in 1960.

Senior Rick Upchurch heads the Gopher backfield. Halfback Upchurch rushed for 841 yards, scored nine touchdowns and was named to the All-Big 10 second team last season.

Sophomore quarterback Tony Dungy, who started the first three games, probably will miss the Nebraska contest with a bruised knee and shoulder. He played the entire game in the Husker's 48-7 victory over Minnesota last fall. Filling in will be Steve Olsen or Marc Trestman, both freshmen.

Minnesota quarterbacks will be looking downfield today for sophomore Mike Jones and senior Dale Henricksen. Jones caught four passes, all for touchdowns, last season. Henricksen was the Gopher's second leading receiver with seven catches in '73.

Seven starters return from a defense which allowed opponents nearly 27 points a game. The Gopher defense is led by junior tackle Keith Simons. Simons has started every game the past two seasons and is an All-American candidate.

Two-thirds of the linebacking corps return in seniors Ollie Bakken and Paul Glanton. Both are two-year regulars.

Senior Greg Engebos, junior Doug Beaudoin and sophomore Orville Gilmore, all starters for coach Stoll last season, key the defensive secondary.

A young man to watch today will be freshman safety Tommy Ash. Ash last week filled in for Beaudoin, who sprained his ankle, and intercepted two passes.

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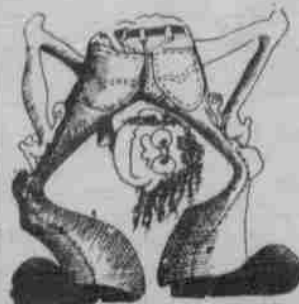
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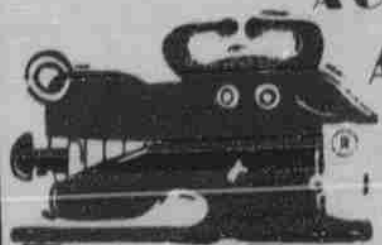
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