



Ice on flek.

ISU slips one over

By Pete Wegman

Old Smitty and O'Brien were sitting around the potbellied stove at the firehouse on the cold night of Nov. 8 in Ames. No fires had been reported during the day and things were pretty slow.

The two were discussing the prospects of an Iowa State victory over Nebraska the next day.

"I remember the last time them ol' Huskers came to town," O'Brien said. "They got lucky and tied us."

"Yeah," reminisced Old Smitty. "I don't think we put enough water on the field that time."

O'Brien suddenly sat up. "That reminds me," he said. "Coach should be calling any minute now."

Sure as Penn State doesn't belong in the Top Ten, as Oklahoma should be number one and as Nebraska is the best team in the nation with two losses, the phone rang shortly after midnight O'Brien answered it.

Coach Bruce

"Hello," said the voice on the other end. "This is Coach Bruce from ISU. Nebraska looks pretty good this year. I think we're gonna need you guys again."

Coach Bruce added a plea for urgency. "Hurry over," he said. "We just chased away those Nebraskans who were watching the field, so this is going to have to be quick."

Old Smitty and O'Brien hopped into their boots, threw the water hose onto the truck and slipped Fire Engine No. 9 into gear.

Fifteen minutes later, they were at the field checking things out. From the shadows of the nickel seats came a solitary figure, wearing dark glasses, a large overcoat and a hat. It was Coach Bruce.

Old Smitty was looking at the sky when the coach walked up to the two. "It's really cold," Smitty said. "If we water the field it may turn to ice."

Ice on field

Coach Bruce began to jump up and down with shouts of joy. "With ice on the field, Anthony won't be able to cut upfield on those sweeps around end, Davis won't be able to get untracked in the backfield and Westbrook won't get in the flat to catch those passes. Hell, we could even make the score respectable," he said.

Bruce turned to Old Smitty and O'Brien. "Put a lot of water around the ten-yard line. That Coyle kid can't kick extra points when it's wet. Make sure you really soak the ground in front of the Nebraska bench. I don't want that wildman Kiffin out on the field all day.

"Oh yeah," he added. "Don't get anything inside the five yard lines wet. Everyone knows Nebraska can't score from inside the five and if we get down there, they won't need any extra help to try to stop us.

"Yep," he said, surveying the soon-to-be-sodden turf, "maybe we can make a game out of it."

Bowl bid 'sweet' to Husker back

Nebraska's New Year's Eve bid to the Sugar Bowl in New Orleans has earned the firm approval of Husker defensive back Jim Burrows.

Burrows, a junior from Amory, Mississippi, had special reason to be pleased with the Sugar Bowl decision.

"New Orleans is only 300 miles from Amory," Burrows said. "My parents and friends will be able to attend the game."

the Kansas Jayhawks. Burrows had a good game and has retained the position. The position switch has not damaged the friendship between Burrows and Butterfield, however.

"We're good friends," Burrows said. "Dave helped me out when I wasn't starting and now we offer each other pointers all the time."

Punt returning is also on Burrows' talent list. He is becoming known as a scrambler, a potential threat to Cornhusker opponents. Burrows had a 67-yard punt return for a touchdown in the Minnesota-Nebraska contest. He credited playing quarterback in high school and on the scout squad as sharpening his running versatility.

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Burrows played freshman football at the University of Mississippi. "I came to Nebraska because Mississippi wouldn't put me on scholarship. They thought I was too small," he said.

Jim Walden, a former UNL coach now with the University of Miami, scouted Burrows and offered him a scholarship with the Cornhuskers.

Redshirt year long

A year of ineligibility followed, with Burrows quarterbacking the scout squad.

"Your red shirt year is a long year," Burrows said. "I played against Glover and Harper and that gave me some valuable experience."

An injury to right cornerback Dave Butterfield in the Missouri game gave Burrows that starting position against

'Toughest contest'

Burrows pulled a hamstring in the spring of 1973, which slowed him down last season. He was second string left cornerback and "up man" on punt returns. Burrows' starting break this season in the punt return department came when sophomore wingback Bobby Thomas was suspended for one game.

Burrows said he thought this Saturday's contest against Iowa State will be the Huskers' toughest so far.

"The Cyclones are up for the game," he said. "They will be tough to beat."

Iowa State runs out of a power-I formation.

"They will come right at the center of our line," Burrows said, "and they will be more on the run."

Look for a good defensive contest.

Nebr., Iowa State

First game on natural turf

Preview by Steve Taylor.

You can be sure Sugar Bowl officials will be watching closely when Nebraska takes on Iowa State tomorrow in Ames.

The New Orleans representatives put the prestige of their Mid-Winter classic on the line by naming Nebraska and Florida when both teams have three games yet to play.

Nebraska's first contest on natural turf this season will be against a team that outyarded powerful Oklahoma last week.

Had the Cyclones not lost a few key fumbles to the Sooners, they might have made a battle of it, but instead they saw their record fall to 4-4.

Quarterback undecided

Iowa State coach Earle Bruce is undecided on who will start at quarterback for his squad against the Huskers.

Luther Blue, who has returned 10 kickoffs this year and averaged 35 yards per return, will kick in Saturday's game.

Compared to Colorado

The Huskers will be hoping to repeat their offensive performance of the first three quarters against Colorado. At the

same time, they will hope to avoid a repeat of their defensive performance in the fourth quarter.

With the intoxicating roar of a home crowd and the confidence-inspiring knowledge that they played Oklahoma closely, the Cyclones will be positive they can more the ball on the Huskers.

However, the fact remains that Iowa State has the worst offense in the Big 8, averaging only 278.8 yards a game.

They also have the worst pass defense in the conference, a statistic that might have David Humm flicking his left wrist more often than usual.

Westbrook receives

Though Ritch Bahe is doubtful for the contest, Humm will have the advantage of throwing to the Big 8's leading receiver, Don Westbrook.

Also scheduled for receiving duty are Bobby Thomas and Chuck Malito, Bahe's replacements at split end.

The Husker running chores will be in the capable hands of Monte Anthony and Tony Davis who rank 10th and 12th in the Big 8 in rushing.

Nebraska leads the series with Iowa State, 55-12-1.

'Fast' 1641 is football champion

Capitalizing on four interceptions, speedy 1641 defeated Beta Sigma Psi 31-19, to capture the men's all-university intramural flag football title Thursday night.

Ending their season unbeaten, 1641 held a slight 13-12 lead at halftime before scoring on the first play of the second half. The Beta Sigs countered with another touchdown, tying the score at 19-19. 1641 came back and scored two more touchdowns in the third quarter to preserve the win.

Co-Rec flag football finals

Loser's Lost beat Alpha Xi Delta/Alpha Gamma Rho, 23-22

Men's flag football semi-finals

1641 beat Abel 8 by one penetration point with scored tied 20:20

Beta Sigma Psi beat Ag Men, 22-6

Women's Volleyball

Alpha Xi Delta beat Alpha Omicron Pi by forfeit

Smith 3 beat Late Comers 15-9, 15-7

Alpha Chi Omega/Kappa Alpha Theta beat Alpha Delta Pi 15-12, 15-0

Independents beat Tri Deltas 15-11, 15-10