

Red-White contest could have surprise ending

By Scott Jones

Husker football fans expecting meager scoring in the annual Red-White game Saturday at 1:30 p.m. may have forgotten last year's 41-40 scoring parade.

Or, as Nebraska head coach Tom Osborne said Wednesday, they may have been deceived by reports of the offensive line's ineptitude.

Osborne said the defense has used many of its formations against the offense this spring and, except for a lack of depth, the offense has developed well.

"The defense has thrown a lot at the offense," he said. "We've probably done more things like slants and goal line defenses than ever before."

Praise linemen

"We try to get two deep at every position, but we're still about two people away from achieving this. But I think our first offensive line has done well," he said.

Osborne praised offensive linemen Nick Zanetich, Dan Schmidt, Steve Hoins, Bob Lingenfelter and Rich Costanzo. The first four of that group will start on the Red's offensive line as the No. 1 and 4 units

(Reds) will oppose the No. 2 and 3 units (Whites).

Rik Bonness, first string center, and monster back Wonder Monds will miss the game, as they will be in Chicago as members of a preseason All-America team.

I-Back John O'Leary will play some at wingback, Osborne said, to utilize his pass catching ability.

Osborne also complimented wingback Curtis Craig and split end Bobby Thomas, as well as all five quarterbacks, especially Terry Luck and Vince Ferragamo. Luck and Ed Burns will guide the Red squad Saturday while Ferragamo, Randy Garcia and Tom Sorley will direct the Whites.

No idea

Osborne said in practice scrimmages, "you don't get any cheap touchdowns" from fumbles or interceptions, adding that scoring may increase in the regulation game Saturday.

"I have no idea how the game will turn out," he said, possibly recalling last year's game, "but it should be pretty close. I think there'll be some scoring."

Defensively, the main concern this spring has been replacing the linebacker trio of Tom Ruud, Bob

Nelson and John Starkebaum, Osborne said.

"We've made some progress but we're still a long way from what we were last year," he said. Percy Eichelberger and Cletus Pillen will be the Red linebackers with Larry Young and Jim Wightman the probable starters for the Whites.

As expected, Ray Phillips, Ron Pruitt, John Lee and Bob Martin will start on the defensive line for the Red squad. But, surprisingly, George Mills will play the tackle spot opposite Pruitt instead of Mike Fultz, who has been hampered by injuries at times this spring.

Dress rehearsal

Although Osborne said there were many defensive players who played well, he singled out defensive end Dave Redding, Eichelberger and safety Ted Harvey for good spring performances.

Friday's practice will be a dress rehearsal for Saturday's game, with emphasis on extra points, kickoffs and punts, Osborne said.

Five players, most with knee injuries, will miss the game. They are Jim Belka, Dan Miller, Budge Porter, Willie Thornton and Dave Shamblin.

Admission for the game will be \$1 for college and high school students and \$2 for adults.

Coaching clinic sessions will be conducted Friday night and Saturday morning and will feature Jim Acree, Midland, Tex., High School head coach, Osborne, George Sullivan, Paul Schneider and Boyd Epley from UNL.

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All Sports Day — expect fan flood

By Pete Wegman

Cornhusker fans from across Nebraska, clad in scarlet and cream, will descend on Lincoln Saturday for a preview of the 1975 Husker football squad.

The annual Red-White game will be part of UNL's All Sports Day, which also will include a baseball game and a track meet.

At 11 a.m. Saturday, coach Tony Sharpe's baseball charges will meet the Kansas State Wildcats on the field northeast of Memorial Stadium. The two also will play a doubleheader Friday.

Nebraska, after losing three to Iowa State last weekend to fall from the Big Eight lead with a 5-4 league record, swept a double header from Washburn University Tuesday to up its overall mark to 11-14.

The Wildcats, 16-18 overall, are 6-6 in conference play, one-half game behind the fourth place Huskers.

Kickoff time for the Red-White game in Memorial Stadium will be 1:30 p.m. Quarterbacking the Red squad will be Terry Luck and Ed Burns. Vince Ferragamo, Tom Sorley and Randy Garcia will share the signal-calling duties on the White squad.

Two gone

Luck will have Monte Anthony, Curtis Craig and Tony Davis in the backfield while Ferragamo will be working with John O'Leary, Earl Everett and Dody Donnell. Center Rik Bonness and monster back Wonder Monds, both attending an all-star promotion in Illinois, will be absent.

Attendance at the Saturday contest could set a new All Sports Day attendance record for Nebraska and possibly for the Big 8.

Last spring, the Huskers drew 21,003, which ranks ninth nationally in spring game attendance records, prepared by University of Arkansas Sports Information Director Bill Curl. The all-time record is 35,000, set by Alabama in 1970.

Should Nebraska attract 26,000, the Huskers would move into the fourth place on the charts and establish a Big 8 record. The conference mark is held by Oklahoma with 22,421 in 1969.

Little push

Athletic ticket director Jim Pittenger said the attendance mark could be set with good weather.

"I would assume we would be over 21,000. We've been doing a little push for it," he said.

Athletic director Bob Devaney also would like to see Nebraska set the Big 8 record.

"We'd love to see a huge crowd on Saturday. Our fans have always been great and I'm sure they'd at least like to have the top Big 8 spring game record," he said.

All Sports Day will conclude with a track meet at 4 p.m. on the Ed Wier Field with Nebraska coach Frank Sevine sending his thinclads against Missouri.

Tickets will be \$2 for adults and \$1 for UNL and high school students. The ticket office in the South Stadium will open at 9 a.m. Saturday.



Photo by Ted Kirk

Saturday's Red-White game will feature Tony Davis (25), shown here scoring during last Saturday's scrimmage.

Women tracksters place; netters, softball team win

By Becky Morgan

UNL's women tracksters finished their first season by placing second Tuesday in the Nebraska Association of Intercollegiate Athletics for Women track and field meet.

Kearney State College placed first, winning all three relays and all but four events at Kearney's Antelope Field.

UNL's only winner was Eldeana Edeal. She placed first in the 200-meter hurdles with a time of 31.6.

Winning season

Winding up their season Tuesday, the women's softball team upped their record to 6-5 with an 11-10 win over Midland.

The game lasted nine innings. Jan Bartels was the winning pitcher, throwing six innings before being relieved by Jan Kreiger, who finished the game.

UNL has 12 hits in the contest. The team will travel to Omaha today for the State tournament at Dill Field at 72nd and Military Streets.

Defending champion Wayne State is seeded first, Midland second and UNL fourth. There are 11 teams entered.

UNL will play the winner of the Concordia-Creighton contest at 6:30 p.m.

Friday, according to coach Terry Baumbach.

"Young team"

"We're a young team and we have improved our hitting in general. The outlook for next year is good," Baumbach said. UNL will lose only four seniors from this semester's team.

Sweeping Doane College 7-0 Tuesday, the UNL women's tennis team brought its season record to 5-0.

Kathy Hawkins, number one player for the Huskers, did not play.

"Vicki Mazeman was our number one player for the first time this season," coach Gail Whitaker said. "She performed very well."

Good play

Whitaker also cited Barb Scribner for her play against Doane.

"The team has improved so much this season," she added. "Not only in competitive situations but also in handling pressure situations."

The Nebraska state tennis tournament will begin in Lincoln today UNL, Concordia, Doane and Nebraska Wesleyan will compete.

Whitaker said UNL's tennis program will expand next year. "We will play tougher schools, participate in two more tournaments and attend some tri-meets."

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UNL Athletic Director Bob Devaney announced Thursday that tickets for the Aug. 16 pro football game between Baltimore and Atlanta will cost \$7.25.

Over-the-counter sales will start July 1 at the ticket office. Mail orders will be taken from now until July 1 on a first-come, first served basis for

nonseason ticket holders. Checks must accompany orders.

Six Cornhusker football players and newly-named members of the Innocents Society will be honored at half-time of the Red-White

football game Saturday.

Among the players receiving honors are Ritch Bahe, the Guy Chamberlin Memorial Trophy; Tom Ruud, the Tom Novak Trophy; Mark Doak, outstanding offensive lineman; Dave Humm, outstanding offensive back; Ardell Johnson, outstanding defensive back; and Tom Pate,

outstanding defensive lineman.

For the third straight year, Chicago Coaitrain won the Intramural men's slowpitch softball title, beating Theta Chi 12-0. Minority Affairs won the women's slowpitch title by defeating Pound Friend's 12-11.