

# Pass-minded TCU to test Big 8 defense leader

By Pete Wegman

Balloons filled the air above Memorial Stadium last Saturday when UNL's football Huskers scored six touchdowns and a field goal against Indiana.

This Saturday, the sky may be filled with footballs when the Huskers host Texas Christian University (TCU).

TCU's Horned Frogs passed 47 times last week in their 33-10 loss to Arizona State. Two weeks ago, TCU threw 33 times in a 24-7 loss to Texas-Arlington.

Arizona State head coach Frank Kush said, "In many ways we were fortunate to beat them. It seemed like they had 7,000 yards passing."

The TCU passing attack is led by quarterback Lee Cook, a senior, and sophomore Jimmy Dan Elzner. Both completed 11 passes against Arizona State last week.

TCU Head Coach Jim Shofner said Cook will start against the Huskers, but Elzner also would play.

### Top pass defenses

TCU will face one of the nation's top pass defenses in the Huskers. Nebraska has allowed an average of 53 yards through the air in its first two games and leads the Big 8 in total defense with 147 yards a game.

The Huskers also are second nationally in total defense, following Texas A & M. Saturday's game will be the first away

game for TCU, 1-10 overall and 0-7 in the Southwest Conference last fall.

The Horned Frogs returned six offensive and four defensive starters from last year's squad.

On offense, Cook and Elzner will be aiming their throws at split end Mike Renfro and tight end Ronald Parker.

"We felt last year that our tight end Ronald Parker was as good as any around. We still feel that way. He's an outstanding blocker," Coach Shofner said.

"Split end Mike Renfro did a lot of good things for a freshman. He's going to be outstanding and should be of all-conference caliber."

### Renfro leads Frogs

Renfro leads the Frogs with 12 receptions for 179 yards. Parker has caught five passes while flanker Vernon Wells, a junior college transfer, has grabbed six aeriels.

TCU's rushing attack was hurt by the loss of fullback Mike Luttrell. Luttrell, now graduated, was the school's second-ranked career rusher.

Ricky Wright, a freshman halfback, is the leading ground-gainer for TCU this fall with 56 yards on 24 carries in two games. As a team, TCU has rushed for only 41 net yards in their two losses.

On defense, the Frogs have the most

experience in the secondary, where they return three starters: cornerbacks Dennis McGehee and Allen Hooker and strong safety Tim Pulliam.

McGehee started eight games at safety as a sophomore before being switched to offensive halfback last season because of injuries, where he started five games.

### Leading tackler

Pulliam, the team's leading tackler in the secondary this fall, started six games as a sophomore at fullback after being switched from defensive end. Last year he started every game at safety.

The line is led by end Scott O'Glee and tackles Alan Teichelman and Lynn Davis, with 17, 16 and 13 tackles, respectively.

"This is our first trip, so we've got to be careful and remember we're going on a business trip and not just for a good time," Shofner said. "I think we will be facing one of the best teams in the country in Nebraska. They obviously are a great football team."

The two teams last met in 1967 when Nebraska won 29-0. The Huskers lead the series 3-1.

## Chess Club seeks title

By Scott Jones

UNL's Chess Club may be the best collegiate chess team in the western hemisphere.

They'll have the chance to claim that title in late December at the Pan American Intercollegiate Chess Championships. The American collegiate champion also is crowned at the meet.

UNL was fourth in the tournament last year. Harvard won the American collegiate title by finishing second to Toronto, the grand champion.

All of last year's UNL players return, and they may have the services of John Watson, a former high school national champion and now a chess professional.

"I think we'll have an excellent chance of winning the tournament because all of our players are back from last year, and we'll have John with us," said Loren Schmidt, club president.

"I think we'll be first or second with him for sure," he added. "We've got a shot at it either way."

Schmidt said Watson could play for UNL because no distinction is made in

chess between amateurs and professionals. Whether or not he would play depends on his schedule, Schmidt said.

"I think we've got a good chance (of getting him)," Schmidt said. "He said he'd play when I talked with him in August," Schmidt said. Watson, from Omaha, takes his classes by correspondence.

All five of UNL's top players finished in the top 80 in the U.S. Open Chess championships this summer in Lincoln. Schmidt and Mike Blankennau tied with about 15 others for 20th, while Watson, who has a masters ranking and is in the top 50 nationally, was 11th.

Schmidt, Blankennau, and brothers Mike and Richard Chess combined to take fourth in the Pan American tournament last year. One would have to give way should Watson play, although Schmidt said UNL will enter more than one four-man team.

Schmidt said the 25-member club will participate in the Midwest Open Oct. 17-19 in Lincoln. Last year Schmidt and Richard Chess tied for the title, which determines the Nebraska state champion.

## sports

### Cross country team faces Wisconsin in dual meet

UNL's cross country team opens their season with a dual meet against Wisconsin this Saturday at Pioneer Park.

"The team looked pretty bad the first few days," said UNL's assistant cross country coach Dan Morran. "However, they have shown a lot of improvement in the last two weeks."

Junior Keith Whitaker, sophomores Gale Wheeler, Dave Johnston and Harold Stelzer and freshmen Pat Coburn and Mark Fluitt, are expected to be solid performers on the squad, Moran said.

Wisconsin comes to Lincoln with a 15-50 double dual victory over Loyola of Chicago and Western Ontario. In cross

country the low score wins.

In the meet, five Wisconsin runners tied for first place. They were Steve Lacy, Alf Nelson, Jeff Randolph, Mark Randall and Dan Lyndgaard. The runners finished the five mile course with a time of 25:07.5.

Morran said, "We feel that we will be able to compete against Wisconsin this year. I don't think they will shut us out like they did last year."

"With a solid team effort we can get out of the Big 8 cellar," he said.

Nebraska finished last in the Big 8 cross country meet last year.

This Saturday the teams will run a four mile course beginning at 10 a.m.

## sports shorts

Three UNL women's intercollegiate athletic teams see action this weekend. The field hockey team travels to Lamoni, Iowa where they will meet Graceland College today and Northern Iowa Saturday.

The golf team also travels to Iowa, participating in the Iowa State Invitational in Ames today and Saturday.

The volleyball team meets Midland

College of Fremont Saturday at 9:30 a.m. in the Women's P.E. Bldg.

UNL's rugby team hosts Simpson College Saturday morning at Ed Weir Field.

The freshmen football team takes on the Kansas State junior varsity today in Manhattan.

## UNL drag racer qualifies for world finals contest

By Pete Wegman

Usually he "runs" the quarter-mile in about eleven seconds, reaching a speed of 122 miles per hour.

No, he's not the Superman of UNL's track team—he's Lincolnite Rick Haas. At 21, he's one of the youngest drag racers in the Midwest.

Haas, a UNL freshman, has been racing in National Hot Rod Association (NHRA) point meets for three years.

He was named the NHRA Rookie of the Year in 1973 and qualified for the NHRA World Finals in California to be held October 12.

### Placed third

Haas qualified for the world finals by placing third at the Ontario Motor Speedway, over a ten-state NHRA district.

"I would say that that's the big one. This is what everyone's been working for," he said. "I know it's an honor just to be there. Everyone who'll be out there, belongs out there."

"I've always admired the sport of auto racing, part of which is drag racing," Haas said.

"I think probably the biggest reason I've been fairly successful is that I'm getting in touch with the right people to help put my car together," he said.

Haas races a Chevrolet II with a 330 cubic inch engine. He has no definite racing or pit crew, but at least four people across

the country are helping with his car.

### Car to beat

"I've got to be the car to beat at Ontario, as far as Chevy's go, based on the past two meets," Haas said.

Two weeks ago he placed second in the super stock eliminator class at an NHRA Series Points meet in Pueblo, Colo., missing first place by about three inches.

"Like anything else, in drag racing there's a fine line between success and failure," he said.

While he admitted possible dangers were involved in drag racing, Haas said the possibility of an accident never occurs to him during a race because so many other things are on his mind.

### Risks involved

"There's an element of risk in anything," he said.

To be eligible for the World Finals, drivers must have an NHRA license.

Drivers get the licenses through an accumulation of points, according to Haas. Drivers start at a low level and eventually qualify for meets where points are given.

Although Haas said Nebraska is a virtual desert for drag racing, he added, "It's kind of neat living in Nebraska, where the sport is dead. Nebraska's so centrally located, I can get to almost any event."

### Integrated goals

Haas, a business major, said he hopes he can integrate drag racing and a business

degree. "I hope I can handle both of them. I

don't think I could stand being involved in just one or the other," he said.



You don't have to be superman to succeed in drag racing. All you need is a car with an engine and four wheels and a driver with a lot of guts.