

Nebraska braces for Hurricane force

By Pete Wegman

Miami should present UNL's Huskers with their most difficult test so far this year, according to Husker Head Coach Tom Osborne.

Osborne and assistant coaches Dick Beechner and George Darlington spoke Monday at the Extra Point Club meeting at the Elk's Club.

The Miami (Fla.) Hurricanes lost to the Associated Press' No. 1 team, Oklahoma, 20-17 last Friday at the Orange Bowl.

"They're a fine football team," Osborne said. "There's no mistake about it. They probably should have won the game."

Osborne said he talked to Barry Switzer, Oklahoma's head coach, on the phone Monday morning and Switzer said his team should have been beaten.

Hurricanes speedy

"Switzer told me that they (Miami) have a lot more speed than most people think," Osborne said.

Dick Beechner was in Miami to scout the team for Nebraska.

"Oklahoma was in a tremendous football game," he said. "Miami is a good

football team; they played an exceptional game. They should have won.

"They played very aggressively. Oklahoma was not mentally ready, Miami was. It will be interesting to see if they (Miami's coaches) can keep the team at an emotional peak," Beechner said.

Offense varies

Miami runs a variety of offenses, including a split back, a pro set and an I-slot like Nebraska, he said. The Hurricane defense is basically similar to Nebraska's, but Beechner said the first two teams Miami faced both ran wishbone offenses.

"I think Nebraska can win this football game, but we'll have to play better than we have at any time this year," he said.

Osborne said he was pleased with the improvement Nebraska has shown in its first three games.

"As far as the TCU game goes, the

defense obviously played quite well," he said. Nebraska defeated TCU 56-14 last Saturday.

Osborne cited defensive linemen Mike Fultz and John Lee for playing well against TCU.

Line a concern

He said the offensive line was still an area of major concern for Nebraska's coaches, however.

"The offensive line is still making improvement, but we're probably not as solid there this year as we were a year ago because of inexperience," he said.

Center Rik Bonness, who missed the TCU game because of a pulled hamstring which is still "pretty touchy," should be ready to play Saturday, according to Osborne.

The offensive backfield has been playing well, but still needs a breakaway threat, he said.

"We'd like to have a breakaway back," he said. "(Dave) Gillespie might fit this bill, but he's been hurt so much."

The officiating at last Saturday's game was not as good as it could have been, Osborne said.

"Frankly, there were some lousy calls," he said. "That kind of officiating scares you. If that happens in a close ball game, the difference can be the officials."

Osborne said the bad calls went against both teams, and pointed out a play in the third quarter when a TCU defender was called for pass interference on Nebraska receiver Bobby Thomas.

"The call should have been against Bobby," he said. "It resulted in a 30 or 40 yard gain for us."

No action has been taken against Nebraska starting linebacker Jim Wightman, arrested Saturday night in Omaha and charged with assaulting an officer, Osborne said.

"It's a serious thing," he said. "but I honestly can't give an answer now. I'll listen to Jim's story and the policeman's story. If they're close, I'm not going to make the decision. I'll let the judge decide it."

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New coach, young team roll into bowling season

UNL will field a young bowling team under the direction of first year coach Rollie Hughes for the 1975-76 bowling season.

There is one senior on the team, which has nine men and nine women.

Senior Gene Cochrane, juniors Ray Koziol and Jim Krebs, who rolled a 300 game in try-outs, and freshmen Bob Gebler, Pat Masters and Jim Thompson appear to be the best bowlers on the mens team, Hughes said.

Koziol and Krebs are the only returning members of last year's mens team.

Four return

The women's team has four juniors returning from last year—Sue Fredricks, Deb Holland, Randi Brehm and Eileen Pazderka. Freshman Karen Montee is the other top woman bowler, Hughes said.

The five that represent each team are selected by qualifying rounds during practice each week.

The team practices formally on Tuesdays and Thursdays and has informal practices three other days a week.

The bowling team is a member of two conferences, the Kansas-Nebraska conference and a postal league. Other teams in the Kansas-Nebraska conference include Kansas, Kansas State and Wichita State. All

Big 8 conference schools except Colorado, plus Wichita State, Southwest Missouri State and Central Missouri State make up the postal league.

Defending title

UNL's mens team is the defending champion of the postal league, and was runner up in the face-to-face tournament held at the end of each season. This year UNL will host that tournament, which is tentatively scheduled for March 13th and 14th.

Because the team is self-supporting, bowlers pay their own way to meets, Hughes said.

Last week at Kansas the team had to forfeit its first two games because it arrived late and was beaten in all three series.

"During tryouts we had high hopes for the team," Hughes said. "We have some good qualifiers, but after last week's performance we will have to reevaluate the team. It will take us at least three weeks to climb out of the cellar."

1975 Kansas-Nebraska Bowling Conference Schedule: Oct. 5—at Wichita State; Oct. 19—at Kansas State; Nov. 2—at Nebraska; Nov. 16—at Kansas; Dec. 7—at Kansas State.

intramurals

Intramural football games tonight

Vine No. 1—6 p.m.—Abel 7 "A" vs. Selleck Quadrangle "A", 7 p.m.—Acacia "B" vs. Alpha Gamma Rho "B", 8 p.m.—Theta Xi "B" vs. Sigma Chi "B", 9 p.m.—Harper 10 "A" vs. Harper 4 "A".

Vine No. 2—6 p.m.—Abel 3 "A" vs. Burr 1st East "A", 7 p.m.—Delta Tau Delta "B" vs. Sigma Nu "B", 8 p.m.—Chi Phi "B" vs. Phi Kappa Psi "B", 9 p.m.—Burr 3 "A" vs. Cather 3 "A".

Vine No. 3—6 p.m.—Cather 6 "A" vs. Cather 13 "A", 7 p.m.—Ag Men "B" vs. Sigma Phi Epsilon "B", 8 p.m.—Alpha Gamma Sigma "B" vs. Tau Kappa Epsilon "B", 9 p.m.—Schramm 2 "A" vs. Abel 5 "A".

Cather No. 1—6 p.m.—Jets vs. Phi Delta Phi (A), 7 p.m.—Alpha Gamma Rho "C" vs. Sigma Phi Epsilon "C", 8 p.m.—Phi Gamma Delta "B" vs. Alpha Tau Omega "B", 9 p.m.—Delta Tau Delta "A" vs. Alpha Gamma Rho "A".

Cather No. 2—6 p.m.—Aspen Gentlemen vs. Sr. Dental School (A) (Rinne), 7 p.m.—Phi Delta Theta "C" vs. Cornhusker Coop "C", 8 p.m.—Abel 5 "B" vs. Abel 6 "B", 9 p.m.—Ag Men "A" vs. Acacia "A".

Cather No. 3—6 p.m.—MASA vs. Soph. Dental School, 7 p.m.—Delta Tau Delta "C" vs. Sigma Alpha Mu "C", 8 p.m.—Abel 9 "B" vs. Abel 4 "B", 9 p.m.—Delta Upsilon "A" vs. Phi Delta Theta "A".

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UNL's football team was ranked fourth in both the Associated Press (AP) and United Press International (UPI) football polls Monday.

Rival Oklahoma was ranked first in the AP poll and second in UPI ratings. Missouri remained at fifth in both polls.

Two other Big 8 teams, Colorado and Oklahoma State, advanced in both polls. The Buffs were rated 19th and 16th in the AP and UPI polls respectively. Oklahoma State was ranked 11th in UPI and 15th in the AP.

Jim Wightman, a UNL starting linebacker charged with assaulting a police officer Saturday night in Omaha, will play in Saturday's football game against Miami, Nebraska Head Coach Tom Osborne announced after Tuesday's practice.

"I have to go on what he says to me," Osborne said. "He's going to practice and he's going to play."

"I'm just sorry about the incident," Wightman said. "I want to get back to playing ball. I'll be ready to play Saturday."

'Bushels of Christmas cards' repay head trainer

By Susie Reitz

Rewards of being an athletic trainer to more than 500 athletes a year come at Christmas, according to Paul Schneider, UNL head athletic trainer.

"You know it is worth it when you have bushels of Christmas cards from athletes you worked with," said Schneider, who has been head trainer at UNL for 27 years.

"Even if it takes four months to read them all, it's worth it," he said.

Schneider meets about 150 new athletes a year, but does not have trouble with names, he said.

"For the ones who are around all the time it isn't hard to learn names," he said. "And for the ones I don't remember, I use a trick."

Name games

"I say 'What was your name?' and they'll say their first or last name and I'll say 'I knew that, I meant your last—or first name—whichever they didn't say.'"

Schneider was graduated from Lincoln High in 1935 and attended NU for a semester, he said. He had to quit school to work because of finances, and sold bread for the next five years, he said.

In 1940 he married and enlisted in the Air Force. He was first stationed in South Carolina and later transferred to the Pacific Theater, he said. Schneider was discharged with the rank of major in 1946.

With money he saved while in the service, he bought a Hastings golf course and ran it for two years. He said golf was catching on fast in the Midwest then and in two years he earned enough money to return to school.

Schneider, his wife and their two daughters moved to

Lincoln where he reentered NU as a physical education major.

Former assistant

Schneider worked under chief trainer Blaine Rideout as a student assistant. In 1952, when Schneider was graduated, Rideout quit to go into business and Schneider was appointed head trainer.

Since then he has supervised many successful student trainers, he said.

"Every man who has worked for me as a student trainer is now a physical therapist, trainer, dentist, or M.D.," Schneider said. One former assistant, George Sullivan, is the team physical therapist.

As the athletic program at UNL has expanded, Schneider said the student training staff has grown. There are currently 11 staff members.

Difficult decision

With more than 200 applicants a year, selection of two or three new trainers is difficult, Schneider said. Choices are based on previous athletic managing experience, coaches' recommendations and interviews.

Student trainers work an average of 22 hours a week and spend volunteer time in the training room learning skills, Schneider said.

In addition to the more than 40,000 athletes he has met and the lasting friendships established in his 27 years, training has other advantages, he said.

Schneider has 16 watches from bowl games and tournaments and two national championship rings among his souvenirs, he said.



Paul Schneider, UNL athletic trainer.

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