



Photo by Ted Kirk

Shown here against Nebraska last year, Missouri quarterback Steve Pisarkiewicz came off the bench to lead the Tigers to a 21-10 upset.

Stats meaningless in Mizzou melee

By Scott Jones

Nebraska's nationally televised game at Missouri Saturday, based on statistics, should feature a passing game.

Missouri and Nebraska are ranked first and second respectively in passing offense in the Big 8. Missouri quarterback Steve Pisarkiewicz and his favorite target Henry Marshall lead the conference in passing and receiving.

The game should be fairly high scoring. Nebraska is averaging 35.6 points a game, first in the conference, and the Tigers have averaged 25.7 points a game.

But as anyone who knows the history of Nebraska-Missouri football games can attest, what should be rarely is.

Nebraska probably should have beaten Missouri the past two years but didn't. Missouri won 21-10, last year and nipped the Huskers 13-12, two years ago in Columbia.

Unpredictable game

Nebraska, ranked third nationally with a 7-0 record, should defeat the 12th ranked 5-2 Tigers Saturday, but the importance, location and history of the game work against this expectation.

Nebraska is 3-0 in the Big 8 while Missouri is 2-1, having lost to Colorado, 31-31-20, and beaten Oklahoma State, 41-14, and Kansas State, 35-3.

Missouri gained a passing reputation after passing for 408 yards against Oklahoma State. Pisarkiewicz completed 20 of 27 passes, for 371 yards and Marshall

caught seven passes for 209 yards and two touchdowns that game.

But the Tiger's also have shown the ability to run the ball. Last week against Kansas State, 318 of Missouri's 396-yard offensive total was on the ground. Junior tailback Curtis Brown gained 141 yards of that total.

Brown substituted for star tailback Tony Galbreath, out with an ankle injury since Missouri's third-game win over Wisconsin.

Galbreath, who along with Pisarkiewicz led Missouri's comeback win over the Huskers last year, didn't start until the sixth game and still gained 870 total yards.

Injured tailback

The 225-pound tailback ran for 123 yards in the Tiger's 20-7 opening game victory over Alabama. He leads Tiger runners with 461 yards although he didn't play in Missouri's 31-7 loss to Michigan and played less than full speed in two other games.

Joining Galbreath or Brown in the Tiger backfield will be senior fullback John Blakeman and slot back Joe Stewart, a 9.6 sprinter in the 100-yard dash. Split end Randy Grossart has caught 16 passes

for 217 yards, fourth in the conference, and Marshall has 26 receptions for 583 yards and six touchdowns.

The Tiger defense is led by defensive end Bob McRoberts and two-year starter Kenny Downing at cornerback. Downing leads the team with three interceptions and 59 tackles. McRoberts has 51 tackles, six for losses.

Missouri, traditionally tough on defense, normally plays a 5-2 front line like Nebraska but successfully has used an eight-man line as in the Alabama game.

Kicking game excels

Leo Lewis, a 5 ft. 9 in. 150-pound freshman, is leading the conference in punt returns with a 13.7-yard average. Place-kicker Tim Gibbon's 16 field goals is a conference best and punter Jim Goble is second in the conference with a 41.6 average.

Nebraska enters the game leading the Big 8 total offense(415.6), total defense (230.6), scoring offense (35.6) and scoring defense (11.1). Missouri is third (384.7), fourth (296.9), fifth (25.7) and seventh (18.1) in those respective categories.

The national telecast will begin at 11:30 a.m. and game time is noon.

UNL spikers travelling to Missouri tournament

By Susie Reitz

UNL's volleyball team travels to Missouri and the UNL women's A and B field hockey teams will host Emporia State Saturday in weekend action.

The spikers travel to Springfield, Mo. Friday for the Southwest Missouri State Tournament.

Seven teams will compete in the tournament, including Southwest Missouri State, University of Missouri-Columbia, University of Illinois, Kansas State, Kansas University and Graceland College.

UNL beat Kansas State earlier this year and lost to Graceland and Kansas in the Graceland Invitational Tournament.

Southwest Missouri State, favored in the volleyball tournament, beat UNL 15-3, 15-15-3 in their last meeting, according to Jay Davis, women's sports information director.

UNL has not played Missouri or Illinois before, he said.

The tourney will be round robin with two 15-point or eight-minute games. The top four teams then play off for the

championship.

UNL opens against Kansas at 7:15 p.m. today and plays Kansas State at 8 p.m. Nebraska then plays four games Saturday with the possibility of playing in the 3 p.m. semifinals and 5 p.m. finals.

The field hockey team plays two home games Saturday against Emporia. The A team match begins at 2 p.m., followed immediately by the B match, field hockey coach Elizabeth Petrakis said.

Although several players had the flu or colds this week, Petrakis said, everyone should be ready by Saturday.

Petrakis said she had no report on Emporia except that they defeated Kansas University. UNL beat Kansas on penetration time after tying 2-2 in the Big 8 field hockey tournament.

Because most fans probably will watch the televised Missouri-UNL football game, Petrakis said that "the girls were talking about putting a TV set behind Emporia's goal, to motivate them to stay down there and keep scoring."

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Cagers prep for Illinois

Fundamentals were stressed the first two weeks of practice as UNL's basketball team prepares for its opening game Nov. 28 against the University of Illinois.

"We had been hoping to get some knowledge of fundamentals to carry over from last year," said Joe Cipriano, head basketball coach. "There has been some carry-over from last year, but we were hoping to have a lot more."

New people have difficulty learning the system for the first time, Cipriano said, but added they are starting to catch on.

"We aren't trying to throw a lot of new things at them at once," he said, "but we still have a lot of stuff to add."

Cipriano said another important area is

Niobrara effort binds canoeists

Unlike last Saturday's football game, a common goal will bind seven University of Colorado (CU) and 14 UNL students departing on a cooperative canoe trip today.

Their goal is to canoe 24 miles down the Niobrara river, said Mark Ebel, UNL outdoor recreation director.

UNL and CU students will meet at Valentine, Neb., tonight and complete the trip together on Sunday, Ebel said.

Some trip highlights will include a night at 65 ft. Smith's Falls, Nebraska's largest waterfall, and a stop-over at another 30-ft. waterfall.

The Niobrara River is being considered as an addition to the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System, Ebel said.

The trip is an experiment to see if it can be continued on a cooperative basis.

"Students at the University of Colorado are interested in doing some flat water canoeing," he said, "and Nebraska has the water resources that Colorado can't provide."

Other plans for cooperative trips include treks to the Sierra Madre Mountain Range in Central Mexico during semester break, a cross country ski trip and a white-water rafting trip, Ebel said.

the development of a delay game.

"With the 30 second clock last season we had no need for a delay game, so we have to work on it," he said.

The team also started work on its basic offense, team defense, free throw shooting and rebounding, he said.

"Our team defense has looked good," he said. "The players worked a lot harder in practice this past week than the first."

"We need to work on sustaining effort and playing together."

Crew coach rows toward Olympics

By Pete Wegman

A summer spent in Philadelphia, away from his Nebraska home, was no vacation for UNL assistant crew coach Mark Stormberg.

Stormberg, a senior architecture major and varsity crew captain the past two seasons, rowed 20 miles a day from mid-June through late August in Philadelphia, the hot bed of rowing in the East.

"I had my own singles boat. I just needed to go somewhere to see if I had the potential to develop," he said. "I found out that I think I have the potential to go back and try again next year."

Stormberg joined the 120-year-old

Undine Barge Club, one of 12 boating clubs on the Schuylkill River in Philadelphia. The clubs are on a river section open only to crew coaches' racing shells and launches.

Stormberg, who has competed in only two singles scull races, said he spent much of the summer learning techniques.

"Like golf, first you have to get the swing down and then you add the power," he said. "It takes four or five years to develop to the caliber of international competition."

Racing shell

His racing shell is 27 feet long, 11 inches wide and weighs 34 pounds.



Photo by Mark Ebel

In an experimental cooperative canoe trip with the University of Colorado, 14 UNL students will travel down the Niobrara River this weekend.

"In a shell like that, you have to have a real keen sense of balance. Like when you learn to ride a bicycle and fall off and fall off; in a shell you just fall in," he said. "You also have to learn how to coordinate two blades (oars) instead of one."

Stormberg said his training is directed toward one major goal: the 1980 Olympics.

"There are world finals before then, but the Olympics are probably my major goal," he said. "That would work out best for me because by then I'd be in my prime physically."

He said he received some friendly ribbing in Philadelphia because he was from Nebraska. Club members couldn't picture where a crew could row in Nebraska.

"They had a big joke about irrigation ditches here," he said. "It was difficult for them to fathom how we could train effectively on a small lake (Capitol Beach). I think Boston changed all that."

Boston competition

Stormberg competed with UNL crew members in Boston's Head-of-the-Charles Regatta last weekend.

He entered the singles scull division, which included three races: novice, intermediate and elite. Beginners, like Stormberg, usually enter the novice division, but because of too many novice entries he was placed in the elite race.

"It was a race I shouldn't have been in," he said. "Basically I was worried about getting a time that would compare favorably with those in the novice race."

He finished seventh of 30 entries in the three-mile elite race. His time was one minute faster than any in the novice division.

Stormberg said he'd be back in Boston again next fall, adding "next year I'll make sure I get in the intermediate division."