



Photo by Ted Kirk

Clete Pillen drew praise from linebaker coach Bill Miles after his performance against Missouri. Pillen is the Huskers' leading tackler with 75.

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Coach warns against overconfidence

By Scott Jones

Nebraska's football team has many reasons to be over-confident about defeating its next opponent, Kansas State. Season records, national rankings and reputation all point to a lopsided Husker win at Manhattan Saturday.

But head Husker coach Tom Osborne gave a better reason Monday in his Extra Point Club address for not being over-confident.

"At the present time this is a football team that wants to win very much," Osborne said. "We prepare the same every week and we're expecting the same intensity this week as last week."

Such intensity can't be guaranteed, but Osborne said this year's team hasn't been the type to let up.

Three phases improve

Osborne said that in downing Missouri 30-7 Saturday, Nebraska improved in all three phases of its game—offense, defense and kicking.

"I think on defense the key was that they couldn't run consistently against us," Osborne said. "People can go out there and throw for 150 to 200 yards but that yardage is sporadic."

Missouri quarterback Steve Pisarkiewicz

passed for 151 yards, but the Tigers only had 71 rushing yards. Unlike past games, Missouri was unable to complete the "home run ball," with the longest pass completion being 20 yards.

Tackle Jerry Wied and linebaker Jim Wightman played their best games and end Ray Phillips showed definite improvement, Osborne said.

Kicking game

Phillips's blocked punt leading to Nebraska's first touchdown was typical of Nebraska's "definitely superior" kicking game Saturday, "possibly the big difference," Osborne said.

"This is very rare when you can say your kicking game is better than Missouri's," he said.

Bill Myles, linebaker coach, had general praise for his linebackers, especially junior Clete Pillen, who leads the team in tackles with 75.

"Clete Pillen is playing as well as any linebaker in the conference," Myles said. Osborne was more reserved in his praise of the offense.

"Offensively we were a little sporadic at times. I was a little upset with third quarter mistakes that stalled drives," he said.

"I felt there were opportunities to put them away earlier than we did and I think that was the main negative thing about our offense."

However, the offense capitalized on scoring opportunities and didn't commit many turnovers, he added.

Osborne said the remaining schedule will be tough "because we don't have any tricks left," referring to the Bumerooski fake punt play.

"It is a pretty deceptive thing," he said. "Once you show it you've got to be careful someone doesn't do it to you."

Leading rebounder hopes to improve his own ability

Improving all aspects of his basketball game is the goal of UNL's leading rebounder, junior Bob Siegal.

Siegal, a 6 ft. 6 in. forward, averaged 10.5 rebounds and 10.3 points a game in Big 8 Matchups last year. His rebounding average was fourth in the conference and first among forwards in the Big 8.

"Bob has improved every year," said head coach Joe Cipriano. "He always has been a fine rebounder and outside shooter. This year he has been doing some work to help develop his inside moves, and he still has to work on building his stamina," he said.

Siegal, a two-year letterman from

Fairbury, said he thinks UNL will have a sound basketball team this year, but added that it is too early to make predictions because the team is still reviewing fundamentals.

"I think playing without the 30-second clock will help us," he said. "Last year we got big leads in four or five games that we couldn't hold. This year we can go into a delay game and hold those leads."

Siegal said the Big 8 probably will be stronger this year than last, and there will be more competition for the top four spots. Big 8 teams have many returning players, including good guards and some strong forwards, he said.

Local wrestling tourney hosts national grapplers

By Pete Wegman

One of the nation's most important wrestling tournaments will be held in mid-November at UNL, according to Newt Copple, Senior Division Chairman of the Amateur Athletic Union (AAU) for wrestling.

The Great Plains Collegiate Open Nov. 14-15, will involve both team and individual competition. Outstanding individual wrestlers will be picked by an AAU selection committee to represent the U.S. for a series of matches in Russia, in early 1976, Copple said.

Entries for the tournament have been taken from Olympic Gold medal winner Ben Peterson, National AAU champions Greg Wojciechowski, Stan Dziedzic and Russ Hellickson, and outstanding NCAA wrestlers Wade Schalles, Joe Corso and Mike Taylor, Copple said.

The tournament will involve freestyle wrestling, used in international competition, which differs from collegiate wrestling.

"Probably the big difference in the two styles is that in freestyle you can lock your hands anytime," said UNL head wrestling coach Orval Borgialli. "College wrestling

allows no handlocking around the waistline."

Borgialli also cited a slight scoring variation between methods.

"Freestyle helps the individual realize he shouldn't expose his back to the mat at any time, because if he does, he'll give up some kind of points," he said.

There will be 12 weight classes in the tournament, compared to 10 in collegiate dual meets. Each team is allowed to enter 15 wrestlers in team competition.

The Husker squad will hold elimination matches Friday and Saturday, Borgialli said, to determine the 15 wrestlers on UNL's team. Nebraska's remaining wrestlers will enter individual categories.

"We can't really afford to spend a lot of time on international style, because we've got to be preparing for competition during our NCAA season," Borgialli said.

Nebraska will probably rely on its seven returning seniors and its upper weight class wrestlers in the tournament, he said.

Overtime goals boost soccer team

Two overtime goals helped UNL's soccer club beat a combined Indiana-Purdue team at Fort Wayne, Ind., 4-2 Sunday.

The game was played under the lights in a steady downpour before fewer than 100 paid spectators, according to soccer club president Jim Fullerton.

"The weather turned out about as bad as we could have hoped," he said. "We

were hoping to make enough money (Nebraska was guaranteed one-third of the paid attendance) to pay for new uniforms. Unfortunately, we didn't make any money."

Victor Bishop, Dave Egr and Rob Babcock (twice) scored for Nebraska.

The Huskers, 8-2-1, close the fall season Saturday when they host York College at 2 p.m. in Memorial Stadium.

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