

# nebraskan sports

## Nebraska defense rules Big 8 football statistics

By Pete Wegman

On Sept. 20, the UNL football team thrashed the Indiana Hoosiers 45-0. The Blackshirt defense held Indiana to six first downs and 97 total yards.

That defensive effort was indicative of the Blackshirts play in the Huskers 10-1 season, enabling Nebraska to lead all four defensive categories in final Big 8 conference statistics released last week.

The Blackshirts allowed only 137.7 yards a game on the ground and 86.4 passing for a 224.1 yard average to lead the rushing, passing and total defense categories.

Nebraska, with shutouts of Indiana, Kansas, Kansas State and Iowa State, allowed only 120 points in 11 games to lead the Big 8 with a 10.9 average.

### Scoring champs

Nebraska also scored 353 points (for a

## Study details injury causes

Recreation Dept. administrators are concerned about injury prevention in intramural sports, according to Intramurals Coordinator Gale Wiedow.

Wiedow will present a research paper focused on the UNL intramurals program at a meeting of Big 8 Conference recreation administrators in Norman, Okla. today. The paper details "the basic considerations of what we as administrators look for in a recreation program," he said.

Wiedow explained four points listed in his paper as things that should help to prevent intramural injuries:

- transportation to hospitals available on the athletic field and communication between intramural personnel, administrators and players.

- conditioning and skill of the individual performer.

- rule changes in sports, especially sports in which physical contact is required.
- providing proper protective equipment.

He said communication on the field between referees and participants is important because referees explain rules which may reduce injuries.

Communication between intramural administrators and personnel, Wiedow said, is a process of explaining rules.

"Things come up that we as administrators clarify," he said. "Most of the time rule changes involve clarification of existing rules."

## Swimmers open season with relays at Colorado

By Jim Hunt

UNL's swim team, anchored by junior Pat DiBiase and sophomore Bryan Moss, opens its season this weekend at the Big 8 Relays in Boulder, Colo.

DiBiase, an Omaha native, is a transfer student from Kansas University. He was elected team captain this year after sitting out UNL's entire season last year. He is entered in the 300 yd. breaststroke and the 200 medley relay.

Moss is defending Big 8 champion in the 100 and 200 yd. breaststroke with times of 58.215 and 2:09.21 respectively.

Husker swim coach John Reta said he also is looking for strong performances from senior Scott Ruser, juniors John Dahir and Paul Duxbury and freshmen Mark Crowder and Ed Johnson.

UNL's relay teams will suffer from the loss of junior Bill Davis, who cannot compete because of a death in the family, Reta said. Davis was entered in the 200 and 400 yd freestyle relays and the 300 yd. individual medley.

### Relay cancelled

The 1,400 freestyle relay team was cancelled in order to fill positions that Davis normally filled, Reta said.

All Big 8 conference schools except for

32.1 average), to lead the Big 8 in scoring offense. Nebraska finished on top in five of eight team categories, compared to one (passing offense) last year.

Behind quarterbacks Vince Ferragamo and Terry Luck, the Huskers placed second in passing offense with 158.4 yards. Missouri on the arm of quarterback Steve Pisarkiewicz was first with 175.2 yards.

Luck started for Nebraska early this season, but Ferragamo made his bid for the starting role in the season's fourth game against Miami.

Pisarkiewicz led the conference in passing with 1,792 yards while Ferragamo, with 1,153 yards was third and Luck was sixth with 554.

Nebraska's rushing attack averaged 247.6 yards a game, fifth in the conference. Kansas, paced by the Big 8's leading rusher, quarterback Nolan Cromwell (102.2 yard average), was first with 317.1 yards.

### Three-pronged attack

I-backs Monte Anthony (723 yards) and John O'Leary (599) and fullback Tony Davis (619) were the workhorses in Nebraska's ground game.

Davis needs 36 yards rushing in the Fiesta Bowl against Arizona State to break Jeff Kinney's career rushing mark for Nebraska of 2,420 yards.

The narrowest margin between the first and second teams in team rankings came in the conference's total offense category.

Colorado's Buffalos had 4,471 yards for a 406.5 average which edged the Cornhuskers' 4,466 yards and 406 average.

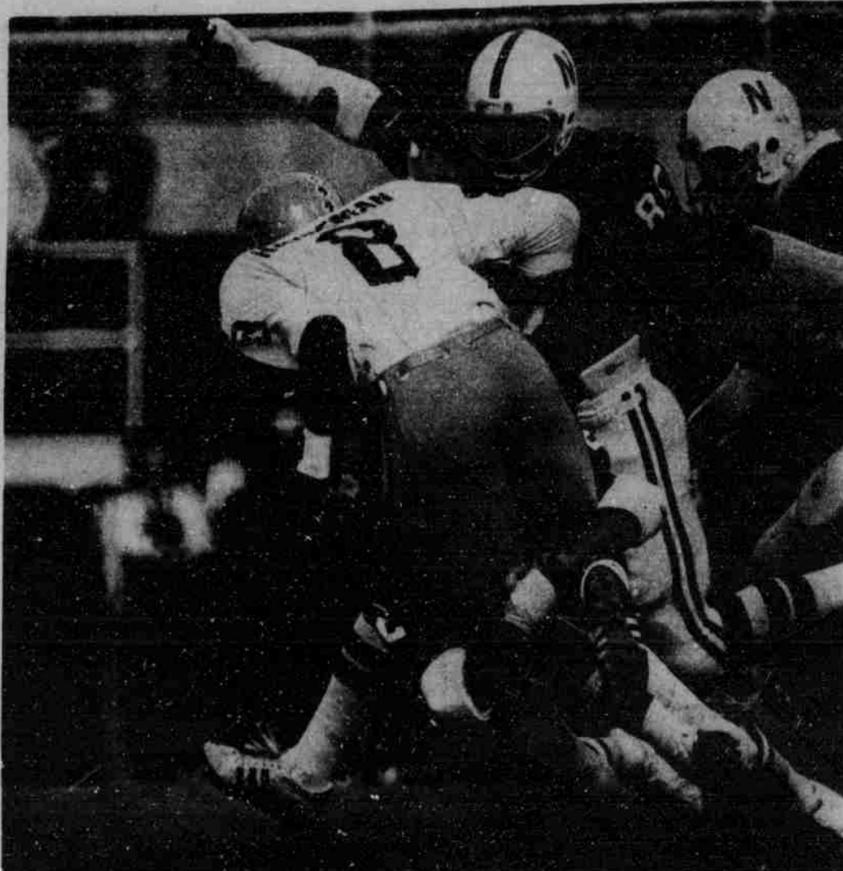


Photo by Ted Kirk

Ray Phillips (80) and other members of the UNL blackshirt defensive team demonstrate the kind of tackling that made the team the Big 8 Conference's top defensive unit.

However, when the two schools played Oct. 25 in Lincoln, the Huskers had the edge 515 to 454 yards, in their 63-21 butchering of the Buffalos.

### No individual leaders

Although Nebraska garnered a share of the conference title with Oklahoma and led five of the team categories, the Huskers had no leaders in the individual statistics.

Split end Bobby Thomas caught 24 passes (seven for touchdowns), good for fourth place in the conference receiving statistics.

Thomas also was third in Big 8 punt returns with a 7.1 yard average on 21 returns. This was the first season in recent years in which the Huskers have failed to score a touchdown on a punt return.

Kicker Mike Coyle had 10 field goals and 38 extra points to finish sixth in conference scoring average with 6.2 points a game. He was third in total field goals.

Coyle had his string of 37 consecutive extra points snapped when he missed following the now-famous Bumerooski play against Missouri.

pit stop

## Weather cancels car driving contest

By Jim Williams

Deep down, I knew it would happen. The Trans-Nebraska Open (TNO), scheduled for last Saturday, didn't come off.

Secretly, I was a little relieved—potential terrors of rending crashes, broken limbs, traffic citations and terminal burnout preyed on my mind as start time neared. Still, I was disappointed.

For those who have forgotten, the TNO was supposed to be an endurance driving test making an almost complete lap of the state.

Contestants were to pick a route that would take them through cunningly-chosen checkpoint towns of Alliance,

Bazile Mills, Funk and Long Pine. At each town they would have to find proof of arriving—gas receipt, photo, traffic ticket, hitchhiker, etc. Then back to Lincoln's Zoo Bar to clock in.

It all started with a barroom argument among three of my motorhead friends. Pud told Mark his GT-engined Vega would outrun Mark's 1600 Capri. Mark said Pud would have to prove this.

Somehow the Baron, whose 2-liter over-head-cam Pinto is National Hot Rod Association stock eliminator veteran, heard this and jumped in. Plans for a three-pronged match race were made, each member picking a venue he thought would show his own car to best advantage.

Somehow this idea metamorphosed into a one-lap contest around Nebraska, with a possible jog into Iowa to hit mysterious Hat City, object of much speculation and debate.

As soon as plans had been frozen, things began to happen. A mechanic told Pud the Vega's rings were about gone, and he traded it for an Opel two-seater—too small for a pair of relief drivers plus provisions required for a statewide sweep. An ill-advised lane change resulted in a truck reshaping Mark's right front fender, and in spite of many cans of stop-leak, his radiator developed a constant drool.

My column announcement attracted entries from about seven other teams, so we decided to consolidate—Mark and I would co-drive the Baron's car.

Then snow came. The Baron's fat street/strip tires couldn't handle it. Hope plummeted.

The start was scheduled for one minute past midnight Saturday morning. The last straws were a Friday-night forecast of more snow and a fog that plopped down like a wet sheep's belly over Omaha and Lincoln. We groped through it to Shoemaker's Truck Stop, (the starting site), to see if anybody was crazy enough to run.

We got there about fifteen minutes after 12 a.m. Then we ran amok through the restaurant calling "TNO? TNO?" and

collecting contemptful stares from truckerdom assembled.

Outside we found Jim Mazour and Larry Epmeyer, proprietors of an immaculate 1964 Comet and the only other entrants to show. A coin was solemnly produced—flipped—and placing declared. Mark/Baron/Williams first; Mazour/Epmeyer second; all others did not finish.

So it was all over. Thanks to all who expressed interest but didn't show up; we really don't blame you.

Did I say the race was over? Just the other day I heard Pud telling Mark his Opel GT could shut down Mark's Capri. Mark said Pud would have to prove it.

## sports shorts

The final score of the UNL-Kearney State women's basketball game Tuesday night was 61-59, UNL's favor, rather than 51-49 as reported in Wednesday's Daily Nebraskan.

Senior guard Jerry Fort scored 25 points Tuesday night when the UNL men's basketball team lost 72-65 to Iowa University in Iowa City. Center Larry Cox added 10 points to the Huskers' scoring efforts. Nebraska had a 34-28 halftime lead, shooting 59 per cent from the floor, but went cold in the second half hitting only 12 of 36 shots.

The UNL Recreation Dept. is sponsoring a five-day ski trip to Winter Park, Colo. Jan. 3-9.

The trip costs \$238, which includes round trip bus fare, transportation to and from the ski area, lift tickets, all ski equipment, lodging at High Country Inn (four per room), breakfast and dinner while skiing, insurance, taxes and gratuities.

For reservations contact the Recreation Dept., 1740 Vine St., 472-3467. A \$50 deposit is required upon registration, total payment is due Dec. 20.