

# Costly 1976 upset gives Huskers added incentive

By Pete Wegman

Playing in front of 76,000 screaming, red-clad fans in Memorial Stadium on a Saturday usually gives the Cornhuskers all the motivation they need to win. Today, however, the Huskers will have some added incentive.

First, the Huskers will be playing their Big 8 Conference home opener. Second, the Huskers will be playing the Iowa State Cyclones. The Cyclones have defeated the Huskers only once in the last 15 meetings between the schools, but that win came last year and is likely to be remembered by Nebraska fans for years to come.

Last year the Huskers traveled to Ames with a 4-1 conference mark, needing a win to clinch a share of the Big 8 title. Orange Bowl officials were in attendance and reportedly were prepared to offer a bowl bid to Nebraska if the Huskers won. The afternoon proved to be a long

one for Nebraska fans, however, as Iowa State scored 17 first-quarter points and never trailed en route to a 37-28 upset win.

Nebraska managed only 77 yards on the ground against the Cyclones last year, but netted 199 yards in the air. The situation could be reversed today, however, as the Cornhuskers appear to have developed a devastating rushing attack.

With an experienced offensive line consisting of two-year lettermen Tom Davis, Greg Jorgensen, Steve Lindquist and Stan Waldemore and one-year letterman Kelvin Clark and a backfield with Rick Berns and I.M. Hipp, the Huskers have rushed for 1,498 yards in five games, a 299.6-yard average. That pace is far ahead of the record 252.5-yard average set by the 1971 national championship team.

The attack has been led by sophomore sensation Hipp,

with 621 yards in 76 carries, an 8.2-yard average. Hipp became the first Husker ever to rush for consecutive 200-yard games last week with 207 yards against Kansas State, which followed his 254-yard performance against Indiana a week earlier. Three weeks ago Hipp carried for 122 yards against Baylor.

Hipp, second-leading rusher in the Big 8 behind Oklahoma State's Terry Miller, ranks sixth in the nation with a 124.2-yard average per game. A walk-on from Chapin, S.C., Hipp has earned the respect of Iowa State head coach Earle Bruce who said Hipp "is a tailback who can break it from anywhere on the field."

Complementing Hipp in the backfield is Berns, a junior who now ranks tenth on the Husker all-time rushing charts. Berns has carried 66 times for 362 yards this season, a 5.5-yard average. Berns has two 100-yard per-

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