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Cornhuskers will get a good look at AW (after Woods) Mizzou team

By Jim Hunt

The Husker football team will confront a revitalized University of Missouri (MU) team Saturday when it travels to Columbia, Mo., to face the Tigers in Big 8 Conference play.

The Tigers' starting quarterback, Pete Woods, will be back in the lineup against the Huskers.

Woods, who stretched knee ligaments during spring practice last year, re-injured his knee in the Tigers' opening season loss to Southern California University. He did not return for action until Oct. 8 when the Tigers, 3-5, lost to Iowa State University, 7-0.

"We look at Missouri as having two different seasons," Husker head coach Tom Osborne said. "Before Pete Woods and after Pete Woods."

"They have been a different team the last three weeks with Woods in the line-up. They had very little consistency and little confidence in themselves earlier. They won two of the last three games (Kansas State University and the University of Colorado) and played Oklahoma close, losing 21 to 17, in a game they could have won."

Woods has completed 52 of 101 passes in five games for 627 yards to rank fourth in the Big 8.

"They have a good passing game with Woods and three fine receivers; Leo Lewis, Joe Stewart and tight end Kellen Winslow," Osborne said. "They could throw 30 or 40 times a game."

Husker fans may remember last year's game with the Tigers when Woods connected with Stewart for a 98-yard touchdown pass, the longest in Big 8 history. The Tigers won 34-24.

Stewart will be trying to set a record of his own Saturday. The senior from Evanston, Ill., has a chance to set a career receiving record for the Tigers.

Stewart, who has 85 career receptions, including 21 this season, needs two catches to surpass John Henley's record of 85 receptions.

Stewart is ranked second among Big 8 receivers behind teammate Winslow, who has 22 receptions.

However, it will be up to the Tiger's defense, currently ranked fifth in the Big 8 in total defense to stop the Husker rushing attack. The Huskers rank second in the Big 8 in rushing, averaging over 295 yards a game.

Fleet-footed I.M. Hipp became the fourth Husker rusher to surpass the 1,000-yard rushing mark in a season in UNL's 31-14 win over Oklahoma State University.

Bobby Reynolds, Tony Davis and Jeff Kinney are the only other Huskers who have broken the 1,000-yard rushing mark.

Hipp has rushed for 1,029 yards in eight games this season.

The Huskers' defense is ranked first in the Big 8 against the pass this season, allowing 101 yards a game.

The defense will be without senior middle guard Jeff Pullen, sophomore defensive tackle Rod Horn and senior linebacker James Wightman. Each are injured and will not make the trip.

The Huskers have a 6-2 record and are ranked 10th in UPI and 11th in the AP polls.

Kickoff is set for 1:30 p.m., and can be heard on KFAB, KOLN, KFOR, and WOW.



Photo by Ted Kirk

Tiger quarterback Pete Woods has led MU to two straight victories after missing the first four games this season. In this game last year against the Huskers, Woods led the Tigers to a 31-24 victory.

UNL freshman football team faces toughest test

By Kevin Schnepf

The UNL freshman football team will face its toughest test this season when it plays the University of Missouri (MU) junior varsity at 12:30 p.m. today in Columbia, Mo.

Freshman coach Guy Ingles said MU will be a big challenge despite the Tigers' 1-2 record.

"They have a very balanced team and are in much better shape physically than when they lost to Kansas and Iowa State," Ingles said. "They have their players back who were injured during those games so this will easily be our toughest game."

The Tigers won their first game Oct. 21 against Kansas State University, 40-21, but lost to University of Kansas, 29-6 and Iowa State University, 21-0. The Huskers' last game was three weeks ago when they beat Iowa State, 38-20.

"We'll probably be a little stale but the players are looking forward to playing," Ingles said.

The Huskers, 3-0, lead the MU series, 7-3. The Huskers

upset the Tigers last year in Lincoln, 33-14. The last time UNL played in Columbia, however, MU won 24-22.

"It's always a little tougher to play on the road," sometime," Ingles said. "But every team has to play on the road sometime."

Ingles, in his second year as freshman coach, said this year's team has improved as much as any team he has coached.

"They had further to go than any other team," he said. "We have fewer great players but they're very intelligent. They learn quickly which compliments their physical talents."

"Over a period of years, the freshman success is indicative of the varsity success," Ingles said. "The varsity squad is basically a cumulative of three freshman squads."

Husker I-back Anthony Steels enters today's game with a 7.2 yard per carry average and two touchdowns. Steels has rushed 31 times for 225 yards. Quarterback Mark Mauer has completed 12 of 19 passes for 186 yards and four touchdowns.

Middle guards Kelvin Roehrs, a sophomore, and Bill Bryant will bolster the defensive line. Roehrs also will play for the varsity Saturday.

Sophomore offensive linemen Mark Goodspeed, Dan Steiner, Mark Stroh and Paul Potadle also will play. The Husker's final game will be Nov. 11 against the Kansas JV's in Lincoln.

Nebraska Probable Starters

Offense		Defense	
TE	Greg Rabas	LE	Scott Sherry
LT	Bob O'Rourke	LT	Dave Stromath
LG	Greg Lynch	MG	Curt Hine
C	Jay Hopkins	RT	Peter Boll
RG	Matt Brandl	RE	Dick Peterson
RT	Pat Buhrman	SLB	Terry Brubaker
SE	Scott Woodard	WLB	Darwin Miles
QB	Mark Mauer	MON	L.G. Searcy
FB	Jim Kotera	LCB	Rod Lewis
IB	Anthony Steels	RCB	Ric Lindquist
WB	Anthony Branch	S	Monte Gilbreath
K	Dave Brumagen	P	Doug Barth

'Professional' advice aids team

The C.C. Riders, intramural flag football's fifth ranked team, are flying sky high thanks to the sideline support of three varsity football players.

Charles Carter, C.C. Riders' coach, said he hopes that support from Husker gridgers, Jim Wightman, Larry Young and Tony Samuel continues through Monday when his team enters first round action in the playoffs.

Carter, an Omaha junior, said Wightman, a linebacker, and defensive ends Young and Samuel have offered their "professional" advice in helping the C.C. Riders to a 6-0 record.

The C.C. Riders won their final regular season game Monday night by defeating previously rated Big Knox Knockers, 28-20. The C.C. Riders intercepted a pass for a touchdown with three plays left in the game. Carter said he was worried because the Knockers were on their five yard line when the interception occurred.

"We rushed four men instead of three and just hoped for the best," he said. "If any team was going to give us competition, I felt it was the Knockers. I was shocked when we were ahead 14-0 early in the game."

"We played for the division championship last year and I hope we can play in the all-university finals this year,"

Carter added. He said he hasn't seen the top-rated Thunderchickens play this year.

"I really couldn't pick a team we would like to play," he said. "The team we wanted to play the most all year was the Knockers."

The C.C. riders are sponsored by UNL's Culture Center (C.C.).

Carter said Samuel, Young and Wightman give the players an emotional lift.

"Jim (Wightman) is a little more emotional and with all three Big Red players standing on the sidelines, it helps the team," Carter said.

Carter said many teams think the C.C. Riders play rough but he said that isn't true.

"We just try to set the tone of the game and get our opponents to play our game," he said. "We probably have more roughness penalties than any other team, but that's because we try to get into the opponent's offensive backfield quicker."

The team, which has beaten one team 91-0, includes two backs from Wisconsin and New York and Russell Greene who was an All-Metro selection for Omaha Benson.

Rowing regatta favors Huskers

The UNL crew team is looking forward to Sunday for a chance to really get stroked in the morning.

Crew adviser Pete Zandbergen said the Huskers should be one of the vaored teams in the Midwest's biggest fall rowing regatta at Branched Oak Lake.

Oklahoma State University, Kansas State University, Creighton University, Washburn University and Wichita State University will compete in the regatta.

Zandbergen said Wichita State and UNL are favored. "Wichita State has a real strong team and so does Nebraska," he said. "Both crews raced strongly in Boston at the Head of the Charles Regatta."

UNL Head Coach Frank Sands is looking for a better performance from his team than the one in Boston, according to Zandbergen.

"Frank Sands thought the varsity lightweight team could have done better," Zandbergen said. "He's going to row the varsity lightweight team in the heavy-weight eight race. He expects them to do well."

There will be a full schedule of varsity and freshmen men and women's events Sunday. Races are scheduled to start at 6:30 a.m. because of expected rough water conditions in the afternoon.

"It gets windy in the afternoon and the water gets choppy," Zandbergen said. "There probably won't be much of a crowd anyway so we'll hold it in the best race conditions"

Zandbergen said this will be the third year for the races.

"This is actually a traveling regatta," Zandbergen said. "This is the first time we've hosted it. Last year, it was held down at Kansas State. It also will be the last meet of the fall for most of these teams."

Women harriers are finally healthy

The UNL women's cross-country team will field a healthy team, for the first time in several weeks, at the regional competition Saturday in Iowa City, Iowa.

"Our injury situation is much better," Husker Coach Carol Frost said. "We are at full strength except for sophomore Donna Most who will not make the trip."

UNL has been plagued with injuries in the last several meets with injuries to four starters.

"At this point, we are lacking only in conditioning," Frost said.

To qualify for the nationals, a team must place in the top three at regionals. Individual runners can qualify by placing in the top 13.

Frost said she doubts UNL will be able to finish in the

top three, but thinks Cindy Dixon and Donna Fox could qualify for national berths.

"It will be a team effort, but qualifying individuals must go hand-in-hand," she said.

Frost predicts Iowa State University will place first and expects strong competition from Kansas State University and the University of Missouri.

"It would take a tremendous effort on our part to place in the top three with the class of the three other Big 8 schools," she said.

Husker Donna Fox said UNL could qualify for nationals.

"We have all been working hard and have the potential of getting there if we can put it all together," Fox said.