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Revised Nebraska offense faces strong, quick defense

By Brad Horkey

An evenly balanced attack will confront UNL Saturday as the University of California at Berkeley Golden Bears come to town for the Huskers home opener.

Nebraska will attempt to bounce back after last week's 20-3 loss at Alabama, but Saturday's game will be the season's first for California.

The Bears, who run their offense out of the pro-set, feature a strong passing attack. Quarterback Rich Campbell has two favorite receivers in split end Matt Bouza and flanker Floyd Eddings. Eddings runs a 9.4 100-yard dash.

First year California head coach Roger Theder said the sophomore Campbell is suited to play at quarterback for California.

"We've come to a staff decision that Rich Campbell will start," Theder said. "We think he has tremendous potential. We watched him in camp and in the spring and we believe Rich is ready to handle any situation thrown at him. Even in a game the magnitude of this one."

"He has the most tools of any of our quarterbacks. A good arm, size and good speed. So we'll give the game to Rich and see what happens."

UNL defensive coordinator Lance Van Zandt said, "California has an explosive offense. They are as good on the ground as well as they are in the air. Cal's got a good running back in Paul Jones. He finished third in the Pac-8 (now the Pac-10) Confer-

ence last year in rushing with 805 yards."

For the Husker defense, Van Zandt plans on starting sophomore Derrie Nelson at right end ahead of Lawrence Cole. He also plans on alternating middle guards Kerry Weinmaster and Oudious Lee.

Theder said he was impressed with Nebraska's defense and in particular Lee Kunz and the Husker linebackers.

For the second straight week the Husker offense, which could muster only 174 yards in total offense against Alabama, will face a strong, quick defense. The Golden Bears return eight of eleven starters from the 1977 team.

California's defenders will be led by All-American candidate Ralph DeLoach, who plays defensive end, and last year's *Football News* Freshman All-American Pat Graham, who plays defensive tackle. The other front line starters on defense for the Bears are tackle Daryle Skaugstad and end Bob Rozier.

"California has one of, if not the best, defense in the Pac-10 Conference," said Nebraska offensive line coach Cletus Fischer.

According to Fischer, Husker fans could see some changes in UNL's offensive line on Saturday. Offensive guards Barney Cotton and Lawrence Cooley and tackle Steve Glenn may start in place of John Havekost, Steve Lindquist and Tom Ohrt, respectively.

But last week's backfield of quarterback Tom Sorley, fullback Rick Berns and I-back I.M. Hipp will remain intact, he said.

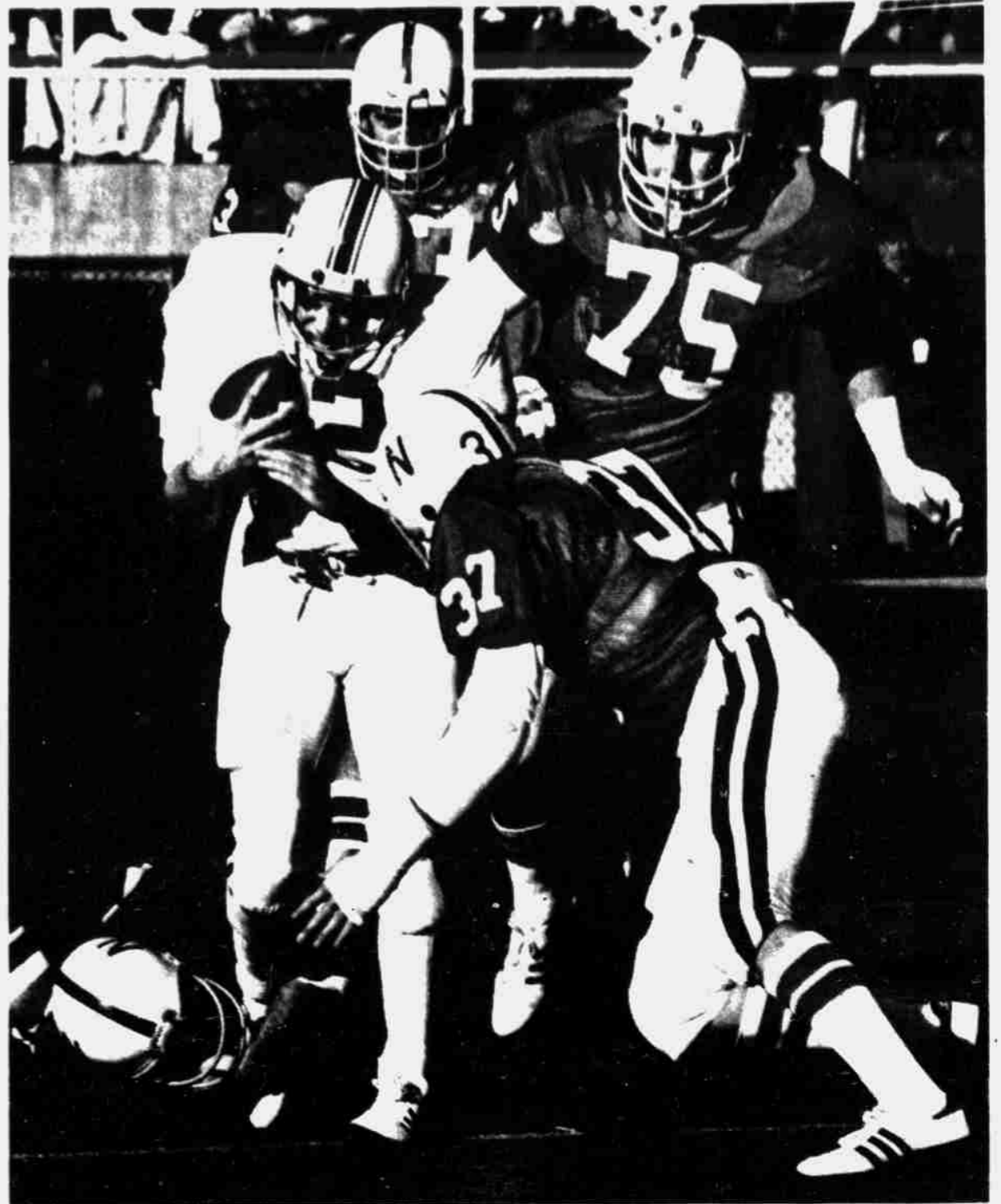


Photo by Mark Billingsly

Nebraska prepares for Saturday's game against the University of California. Nebraska plans to make some changes in the offense but the offensive line will remain the same.

New coaches and recruits hope to end losing tradition

By Rick Huls

Cal Bentz and Bob Fehrs are your normal optimistic coaches. But considering the challenges they face this year, that's saying something.

Bentz, who coached 11 boys championships and three girls championships in 15 years at Omaha Westside, was hired in April to replace John Reta as UNL men's swimming coach. He has the task of picking up a Husker team which has finished last in the Big Eight for the past seven years.

Fehrs will attempt to build up UNL's wrestling team, which has finished last in the conference for the past three years. Fehrs who previously coached at Northern Michigan University, also was hired in April to replace Orval Borgialli, now administrative assistant at the sports complex.

The Husker swimmers will begin full practices Sept. 18, although many have been working out already, Bentz said.

"I'm very excited about this year," Bentz said. "It was a difficult spot to come into but we want to build a good program."

Bentz said he tried to sell his recruits on the Sports Complex swimming facility, and the city of Lincoln.

"We've got the best facility in the Big Eight and one of the best in the nation," he said. "And I tried to expose the city of Lincoln. Face it, Lincoln is a fine city, we've got a nice campus, and it's a good place to live."

One of Bentz's goals is to get the students involved in the swimming meets.

"We need support for the meets," Bentz said. "A large home crowd does wonders for a swimming team."

Bentz has recruited swimmers from four different states and Sweden for this year's squad.

Bengt Jonsson, a Swedish Olympian and a Junior College all-American, and Anders Rutqvist, a Swedish freshman, join Swede Goran Westerland at UNL this year.

Bentz's other recruits include Lance Green, the California State College three meter diving champion; Steve Elliott, a High School all-American and world age-group champion tumbler from Texas; Jerry Olszewski, Junior College all-American in four events from California;

Will Douglas, Junior College all-

American in five events from California; Joe Standfield, Junior College all-American High School all-American and National Junior Olympic breastroke champ from Omaha Westside; Guy Foster, three-time National Junior Olympic qualifier from Washington; and Gary Peters, Minnesota state runner-up in the 500 yard freestyle.

Eight high school swimmers and two junior college transfers are also walking on at UNL, according to Bentz.

Returning starters besides Westerland are Mark Crowder, Mark Shapland, Kris Rutford, Dick Conradt, Bob Mizelle, Gary Cox and Al Panec.

Bentz said he expects a squad of about 25 or 30 swimmers this year.

Fehrs' wrestlers began practice Tuesday and 45 athletes, including 21 freshman and eight returning starters, reported for the sport.

Although Fehrs took over the head job after the national signing date, he said recruiting went "reasonably well."

Crew team to get things rowing tonight

By Buck Mahoney

The UNL crew, preparing to defend its Big Eight title for the fourth consecutive year, will hold an organizational meeting at 7:00 p.m. tonight in the crew boathouse at 1000 N. 16 St.

Anyone interested in trying out for the crew should attend the meeting. Freshman and coxswains are especially needed.

Both men and women compete on the varsity, junior varsity and freshman levels in lightweight, heavyweight and four and eight oar divisions.

For the past few years, the Nebraska crew team has established itself as one of the premier teams in the Midwest. Last year, besides winning the Big Eight title for the fourth year, the team also did well at the Midwest Sprint Championships. The women's lightweight four won the gold medal while the men's lightweight eight placed second. The freshmen women's eight placed third.

Team undefeated

The women's team was undefeated in

"We may have quite a few freshman trying to step into starting positions," Fehrs said. "If anything we may be lacking some in the upper weights."

Fehrs said the team will practice four days a week for several weeks before starting heavy wrestling workouts.

"We'll have two days of running and lifting and two more days of light wrestling," Fehrs said.

A new idea Fehrs will implement this year is the "show me what you're worth" program.

"Everybody will have the chance to prove what they can do, Fehrs said. "I just want to be able to get 10 good starters out of the group."

Some of the recruits Fehrs picked up are: Al Freeman (142-150 lb.), Iowa state champion; Mike Heindmarsh (118), Michigan state champion; Daryl Meyer (190), three-time Nebraska state champion from York; Kevin Mills (126), Michigan state champion; Judd Norman (158), Nebraska

state champion from Chadron; Steve Peck (150), two-time Kansas state champion; and Pat Delaney (158), National Age-Group Greco-Roman style champion from Minnesota.

Returning starters are Al Patton, Agron Vasha, John Ruettiger, Kirby Trump, Marty McCurdy, George Mink and George Rambour. Court Vining is being redshirted and will compete next year.

The Husker swim team will host the first-ever Nebraska Invitational on January 19 and 20.

The wrestling squad faces a murderous December schedule which includes national powers Oklahoma, Oklahoma State and Iowa State in an eight-day period. UNL will also participate in the Oklahoma Open on Nov. 24-25 and the Iowa State Invitational on Dec. 1-2.

Fehrs' squad opens the season Nov. 10 and 11 when they host the Great Plains Open. Bentz's swimmers go to Norman, Okla. for the Big Eight Relays Dec. 1 and 2.

dual meets last year.

The crew usually practices for an hour to an hour and a half during the afternoons, but some morning practices are also held.

Last year an indoor rowing tank was built for the crew to practice in all year long. The tank is the 11th one of its kind to be built in the country.

The University Foundation donated money to the team for new oars and a new eight-oar shell to be used this year. The new equipment, housed in the crew boathouse, makes the Husker's one of the best outfitted teams in the Midwest.

Nancy Weaver, one of the two women's captains, said she thought this would be one of the best years in the seven-year history of the Nebraska rowing team.

Rowing at peak

"Nebraska rowing is almost at its peak," Weaver said. "Back East, people are looking for us to show up and do well."

In recent years, the Husker rowing team

has traveled to Boston, San Diego, Philadelphia, Florida, Wisconsin and throughout the Midwest.

This year, the crew plans to go to Wisconsin and Pennsylvania.

Head coach Frank Sands, beginning his second full year at UNL and assistant women's coach Mark Potadle will open the Husker season by taking the team to the fall regatta in Omaha in early November. About 50 men and women are expected to return from last year's team.

Raise money

Because crew is not a sanctioned sport in the Big Eight, it does not receive any money from the university, so the rowing team has to raise its own money to finance trips. This year, the rowing team plans to have a fish feed after a home football game, to clean the Sports Complex after basketball games, and to have row-a-thon for muscular dystrophy.

Anyone who is interested but cannot attend the meeting should contact one of the coaches at the boathouse after 3 p.m.