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Routine different, but defense still rules in workout

By Lee Barfknecht

Despite some major alterations in the regular football scrimmage routine, one thing remained much the same in Nebraska's Saturday workout: defensive domination of a sputtering offense.

After butting heads for 38 minutes in a game-type situation, the first offense scored only once in 10 possessions against the No. 1 defense, while the second offense was shut out by the No. 2 defense.

Nebraska Head Coach Tom Osborne instituted several changes in the scrimmage, including the way the teams were paired, use of the scoreboard clock and incorporation of the kicking game.

Osborne said he was happy with the simulated game setup.

"It was a good scrimmage from the standpoint of evaluating players," Osborne said. "The game-type experience today should help everyone and we got to look at our kicking game and some field position situations."

Subpar offense

However, Osborne was far from overjoyed with the offensive production of only seven points from the first two units.

"We didn't get much of a running game going and then at times we didn't protect the passer very well either," he said.

Osborne pointed out, as he has before, that some of the offensive headaches are being caused by the experience advantage of a veteran defense.

"But we're not blocking our basic plays very well," Osborne said. "We've really got a lot of work to do."

First-team quarterback Jeff Quinn echoed Osborne's thoughts about the offense needing work.

"We really need a lot of repetition, but since we've put most of the offense in and we're looking at a lot of people, it's hard to get repetition," Quinn said.

Quinn breaks loose

Quinn connected on just one of five passes for 19 yards, but twice stirred the crowd with run-for-your-life scrambles away from the swarming defense front five. Quinn's runs netted him 14 yards one time and 18 yards the next.

Quinn also engineered the only touchdown drive for the first two teams, which was set up largely by the No. 2 defense.

That group pushed the No. 2 offense into a fourth-and-40 to go hole at their own 11 and, after Scott Gemar's 21-yard punt, the first unit had the ball just 32 yards from the goal line.

It still took 10 plays and a pass interference penalty against Andy Means in the end zone before fullback Andra Franklin ran over two people to score from four yards away.

The second unit, quarterbacked by Tim Hager and Mark Mauer, had two major threats but both stalled when a pair of 36-yard field goal attempts, one by Tim Bergkamp and the other by Dean Sukup, sailed wide.

Besides the continued fine play of the defense, another bright spot was the play of wingback Anthony Steels. Steels caught three passes for 58 yards and snaked his way 22 yards on a punt return.

Craig Johnson carried 10 times for 38 yards. Jarvis Redwine 12 for 27 and Isaiah Hipp 5 for 26 to lead the rushers.

Hager completed 4 of 11 passes for 97 yards while Mauer clicked on 5 of 10 for 67 yards.

Jumper is NU's only Drake champ

By Shelley Smith

Des Moines—When Sharon Burrill leaped six feet over the high jump bar to win UNL's only first place title in both men's and women's competition at the Drake Relays, the crowd of 14,800 was with her.

Marilyn Dubbs, from Kearney State, won the event in 1977 and 1978, yet the wind-chilled crowd seemed to hunger for a new champ.

Burrill shared her jump with Julie White of Ontario, Canada who also jumped 6-0. However, Burrill cleared the bar on her first attempt. White needed two. Dubbs finished fourth at 5-10.

It was also the same wind-chilled crowd who saw Scott Poehling, who recently ran the world's fastest 800-meter race this year, lose his first race this year.

It was the special 800-meter race that had been billed a "pre-olympic trial race" and boasted of the three fastest middle distance runners in the nation—Poehling, Evans White of Prairie View, and Dan Futrell of Northeast Missouri.

First turn

Poehling became crowded by the other runners at the first turn, and from then was never in serious contention.

After the race, Poehling said that the 800 is too short a race to get boxed in at any time.

"My legs were in gear," he said, "but they just didn't go."

He also said he should have pushed himself earlier in the race. As he went into the last turn, it looked like Poehling might have been able to move ahead of Scott Clark of Missouri, however, Clark also surged and Poehling was left to finish fourth behind White (1:46.44), Futrell and Clark.

There was some speculation that Poehling, because he

was billed so high, buckled under the pressure, causing him to run poorly.

However, Poehling denied this.

Positive attitude

"You can't win every race," he said.

"That's part of track and field. This is the first one I've lost all year, but you've got to look at it positively. I learned a lot too," he said.

Saturday, it was Poehling who led UNL's distance medley team after his 800 leg at 1:47.44. Sophomore Everton DaCosta increased the lead to about 20 yards with a 46.6 400-yard leg. Brian Dunnigan, also a sophomore ran his three laps in 2:44.8, but lost a bit of his lead with a bad hand-off to miler Mark Fluitt.

Fluitt led most of the way in the mile, however, brilliant anchor laps by defending champions Baylor and Indiana forced Fluitt into a third place finish.

Janet Bates, a junior from Lincoln also finished third in the long jump with a leap of 19 feet 1 1/2 inches. A Drake record was set by the young jumper winner, Themis Zambrycki of Brigham Young University at 20 feet 2 1/2 inches.

Friday's events were highlighted by Drake's first sub-four minute mile by Steve Scott of California Irvine. Scott ran the mile in 3:55.26.

Six new records were set at the conclusion of the relays, and although team scores were not kept, Prairie View won six titles.

Lee Kunz, the mens discus thrower finished fourth with a throw of 176 feet. Womens discus throwers Sue Kobza and Pam Koontz finished fifth and sixth.

Randy Brooks finished fifth in the 110-yard hurdles with a time of 14.23, and the womens two-mile relay team of Cindy Vickers, Donna Fox, Lisa Kramer and Cindy Dixon also finished fifth with a time of 8:50.59.

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Steve Elliott, Nebraska diver and gymnast, won a gold medal in the floor exercise in the AAU Senior National Gymnastics Championships in Houston, Texas Thursday.

Elliott scored a 9.5 for third place in vaulting. Jim Hartung won the still rings and placed fourth in the pommel horse competition.

Chuck Chmelka placed eighth place in the all-around competition.

First-year freshman football coach, Frank Solich, has announced that the 1979 freshman football team will play five games next fall, two home and three away.

The freshmen will play Bethany College, of Lindsborg, Kan., on Sept. 24 and the Kansas University junior varsity Oct. 12 in Memorial Stadium.

The away games are an opening season Sept. 7 game at Wyoming, a Nov. 2 game at Missouri and a Nov. 9

clash at Kansas State.

Bill Toscas, a sophomore I-back on the Nebraska football recently won the 181 1/2 pound division of the AAU National Collegiate Powerlifting Championships by lifting a total of 1,609 pounds in the bench press, squat and deadlift.

Toscas' total set an intercollegiate record for the most pounds ever lifted in his weight class. He also set the intercollegiate mark in the deadlift by shattering the old record by 42, lifting 672.2 pounds.

He was given the meet's "outstanding lifter" award.

The Nebraska baseball team blew its two-game lead in the Big Eight Eastern Division by dropping three of four games to the Missouri Tigers this weekend in Columbia.

Nebraska split a doubleheader with the Tigers Friday, winning the first game 7-5 and losing the second

game 10-5. The Cornhuskers then dropped both ends of a doubleheader Saturday losing to the Tigers 13-0 and 6-4.

Missouri and Nebraska both have identical 12-4 records in the Big Eight.

Nebraska's victory on Friday was a landmark of sorts because it was Missouri's second loss at home in the last 29 games.

The Tigers scored six runs in the second and third innings of the first game Saturday while the Cornhuskers were charged with seven errors in the first game.

Ranked 20th in the nation, Nebraska, now 40-9, will battle intrastate rival, the University of Nebraska at Omaha, Tuesday in a doubleheader at Buck Beltzer Field. The game with UNO will be the Cornhuskers last home games.

The Cornhuskers will close out their Big Eight season at Kansas with doubleheaders Friday and

Saturday. Despite high winds and cold weather, the Nebraska men's golf won the Drake Relays golf tournament Friday at Des Moines, Iowa.

Nebraska had a slim one-shot lead going into the final day but finished eight strokes ahead of Kansas and Missouri with a three-day total of 961. Kansas and Missouri tied for second in the 18-team field with 969.

Steve Statton led UNL with an 80 on the final day to finish with a 238 overall. Three other Huskers finished in the top 10 individually—Rick Reynolds was fifth with a 239, Jim Julian finished eighth with a 242, and Knox Jones tied for 10th at 243. Bill Henderson's 258 rounded out NU's scoring.

Nebraska women tennis players Sue Slatoff and Sue Moore won two matches Saturday in Columbia, Mo., to advance to the semifinals in the Missouri Valley Tennis Tournament.

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