

Coach in the Sky favors bombshells

If the Great Football Coach in the Sky drops any more bombshells like Oregon's 33-19 win over Colorado and Tulane's 33-10 rout of Stanford last week, the Daily Nebraskan prognosticator may have to seek cover. Yet even with those surprises and a few more, we managed 70.8 percent (17-7-1) on last week's picks.

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And to launch headlong into this week's college games, here is a little bombshell of our own:

Purdue at UCLA—Bruin Coach Terry Donohue is trying to replace 23 graduated seniors from last year's 9-2-1 team. UCLA lost its opener to Houston and has been picked to finish as low as sixth in the Pac-10. Meanwhile, Purdue is this year's darling of the stodgy Big 10. But they've got Notre Dame at home next weekend, a game the Bolleermakers have been talking about ever since last year's 10-6 loss to the Irish. The moral to this story is: Don't get caught looking ahead. In our "Upset Special of the Week": UCLA 16, Purdue 14.

Utah St. at Nebraska—You might want to pack a lunch, a sleeping bag and a change of underwear for this one, for if the Aggies throw as much as they did last week, the game could last until Sunday night. A good pass rush by the Husker front five will turn this contest into a rout. Something less than that however, may leave some Big Red faithful squirming in their seats. Nebraska 31, Utah St. 13.

Maryland at Clemson—Even Ripley's has trouble believing this one: the nation's longest current winning streak in Division I-A belongs to Clemson at 11 games. (Evidently Woody Hayes' fourth quarter TKO in last year's Gator Bowl doesn't count.) Look for the Tigers to continue the streak in the day's top game in the South. Clemson 17, Maryland 13.

Iowa at Oklahoma—It's "Wipeout Time." Barry Switzer is burning because Hayden Fry wouldn't send him the game films from Iowa's loss to Indiana last week. Don't be surprised if a bunch of hot Sooners play their usual early-season game of dropsy, fumbling eight times, losing four of them—and rubbing Iowa's nose in it by 40 points or more. Oklahoma 51, Iowa 6.

Notre Dame at Michigan—There is no rationale for this choice, just pure hunch. Notre Dame 21, Michigan 17.

Oregon at Michigan St.—Okay, okay last week I said playing Oregon was as good as having the Little Sisters of the Poor on the schedule. Maybe they aren't the Little Sisters, but they aren't big enough to beat Michigan St. either. However, just in case they do, rumor has it that the NCAA is prepared to announce that absolute parity has been achieved in college football. Michigan St. 30, Oregon 14.

Other Games Saturday

Midwest—LSU over Colorado; Missouri over Illinois; Indiana over Vanderbilt; Iowa St. over Bowling Green; Ohio St. over Minnesota; Oklahoma St. over Wichita St.; Wyoming over Northwestern.

South—Arizona St. over Florida St.; Georgia over Wake Forest; Kentucky over Miami (O.); North Carolina St. over Virginia; Auburn over Kansas St.

Southwest—Arkansas over Colorado St.; Houston over Florida; Texas A&M over Baylor; SMU over TCU; Tulane over Rice; Texas Tech over New Mexico; New Mexico St. over Texas-El Paso.

West—Arizona over California; USC over Oregon St.; Washington over Utah; Washington St. over Montana.

East—Penn St. over Rutgers; Pittsburgh over Kansas; Tennessee over Boston College.

JV volleyball wins Wednesday games

The Nebraska junior varsity volleyball team captured a pair of wins from Nebraska Wesleyan and Omaha St. Mary's Wednesday night in triangular at Nebraska Wesleyan.

JV coach Lonnie Pohlman said the defensive play of Shandi Pettine and Deb Rupprecht at the net were important in the opening win, 15-3, 15-6 pasting of St. Mary's.

Pohlman credited Bonnie Pohlmeier with accurate spiking and Theresa Makovicka with handling the outside attack.

Joan Learch and Brenda Brinton were praised for controlling the offensive tempo of the game by mixing up their sets to the outside, middle and backcourts.

Pohlman said the leadership from Rupprecht, Pettine and Makovicka led the second win as UNL edged Nebraska Wesleyan 15-13, 15-13.

Jones starts as top golfer

UNL golfer Knox Jones longs for the good old days.

As a freshman, Jones placed sixth in the Big Eight conference meet, made the all-Big Eight team and helped UNL qualify for the NCAA national meet.

Now a junior, Jones' goals for the next two years sound similar.

"Before I am done, I hope we can get back to nationals and I can make the all-Big Eight team," Jones said.

Based on summer play, Jones enters the fall season UNL's top golfer. Jones' biggest win this summer was the Nebraska State Match-Play tournament. Jones also won the Wayne and Oakland tournaments, placed second in a Labor Day tournament at Norfolk, third in the Governor's Cup and sixth in the Nebraska Medal-Play tournament.

"I played pretty well this summer," Jones said. "My scores were pretty consistent. I never had any real low scores but I didn't have very many high ones either."

Jones said he hasn't practiced well since the Labor Day Norfolk tournament, but golf coach Larry Romjue said he isn't worried.

"It (bad practices) doesn't indicate how well he (Jones) can play," Romjue said. "It is just a matter of him teeing up against competition in a meet which will make him play harder. He is our top player."

JONES SAID his golf game has improved since coming to UNL, but added that there is still room for improvement.

"I want to be a little more consistent this year and not have as many high scores," Jones said.

Jones said there is a difference between playing summer tournaments and playing on the team.

"If you shoot a 90, you're the only one who has to live with it," Jones said. "On the team, though, if you shoot a 90, everyone on the team has to live with it. That puts more pressure on you to do better."

A 1977 Lincoln Southeast graduate, Jones was an All-City selection for three years, and took second in the state high school meet his senior year. Jones also was a starter on Southeast's football and basketball team's his senior year.

HE SAID he came to UNL because it was the only major college to offer him a scholarship. Jones said he received offers from Nebraska colleges to play both basketball and golf, but said that golf was the sport he wanted to concentrate on.

"If that same offer (basketball and golf) had come from a smaller school in Oklahoma or Texas, I might have considered it more because of the weather," Jones said.

Jones said he has no regret about coming to UNL.

"The golf program is getting better and the schedule is getting tougher," Jones said. "I've improved my game here."

Jones said this year's team will be pressed to do as well as last year.

"We lost our top two players and that will hurt a little," Jones said.

THE TEAM suffered another loss this week when it was learned junior Randy Sock was declared ineligible for the fall season.

Romjue said Sock's ineligibility was caused by insufficient hours, but he is expected to be eligible in the spring.

Sock had the lowest score in the qualifying round for the first meet.

"Up until Sock's ineligibility, things were looking fairly encouraging," Romjue said. "We have a very inexperienced team now going into the first meet. We need some tournaments to get going and to find out where we stand with our competition."

The team will open its fall season today at Lawrence, Kan., when Nebraska will play in a quadrangular against Wichita State, Kansas and Missouri.

Romjue said the team is playing in the meet to give the players a chance to play on the course where the Big Eight Conference meet will be held next spring.

On Sept. 18, 19, and 20, Romjue's squad will be competing in the 18-team Oklahoma City All-College Invitational.

Romjue said the favored teams in the meet are Oklahoma State, Houston, Arizona State, New Mexico and Oral Roberts, which are all rated in the top ten nationally.

"If we finish in the top ten, I'll be pleased," Romjue said.

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