

## sports

## Long-awaited Penn State game 'could be toughest'

By Shelley Smith

It has taken a long time to prepare for Saturday's game.

Nebraska coach Tom Osborne said it has loomed in his mind ever since last spring. Tackle Mark Goodspeed said he's studied and concentrated on films all fall.

And quarterback Tim Hager said he can hardly believe the intensity of the players in the last week.

Nebraska faces eastern power Penn State Saturday, in what both Osborne and Nittany Lion coach Joe Paterno have said could be the toughest game they'll coach all season.

"I've been looking forward to this opportunity for a long time," Osborne said.

"Penn State has one of the finest football programs in the country and one of the top coaches—if not the top coach in the country."

PENN STATE, who slipped from sixth to eighteenth in the polls this week after being upset by Texas A&M 27-14, will be "playing awful hard to beat us," Osborne said.

"They have a strong defensive team and up front they'll be as good as any we play all year."

Osborne said that Penn State's two All-American tackles, Bruce Clark and Matt Millen, although not as tall as most tackles,

"are quick and active."

"They're almost like linebackers."

And, despite the Nittany Lion's strong defensive line, Osborne said he doesn't know-how much the Huskers will pass during the game.

"WE WANT to go into the game with the idea that we can do both pass and run. We just have to find out what we can do,"

Osborne said.

Osborne said it is likely that he will use injured quarterback Jeff Quinn in the game, but said injured I-back I.M. Hipp's condition is still doubtful.

Jarvis Redwine, who replaced Hipp in Iowa game, will start along with Tim Hager at quarterback.

"All of these guys have practiced with each other all fall and there shouldn't be

any problems that way," he said.

Hager agreed and replied that handoffs with both Redwine and Hipp are "just about the same."

Osborne said the Husker offensive line will have to adjust blocking schemes used against Iowa and Utah State.

He explained that the Penn State defense lines up with an even front—four men on the line.

"This is different than what we played against Iowa and Utah State. We worked on this during fall camp so it was kind of a review this week," he said.

Osborne also said the Huskers will be ready for any "unusual" plays the Nittany Lions might use.

"Joe's not primarily a gimmick coach, but every team has one or two unusual plays," he said.

"Everyone was expecting wild things from Iowa they really didn't use any," he added.

Offensively, Osborne said Penn State depends a lot on fullback Matt Suhey.

"He's strong and tough—like Tony Davis (Nebraska I-back who gained 2,501 yards in his career).

Penn State's quarterback situation, Osborne said, is similar to Nebraska's.

"It's kind of formulating and not formulating," he said.

The Nittany Lions are expected to start Dayle Tate at quarterback Saturday.



## Tougher defense needed by volleyball team, says coach

With the possibility of eight matches in four days, UNL volleyball coach Terry Pettit might be glad when the weekend is over. Especially if his team is 19-1.

19-1 would be the Husker's record if they win the fourth annual Husker Invitational that starts today, but Pettit said his team is going to have to improve on some things if the Huskers want a chance to win it.

"To win the tournament, we're going to have to block well and play better defense than we have," Pettit said of his 13-1 squad. "Right now we're running our offense well, but we need to play tougher defense."

The long weekend for the Huskers began Wednesday in Manhattan, Kan. where the team beat Kansas State 15-9, 15-1, and Wichita State 15-3, 15-1.

Today's action begins with pool competition at 1:30 p.m. The Huskers will play three times. They begin with a 1:30 p.m. match against Kansas, then have a 4:30

p.m. match.

Pettit said his team's feature match today will be their 7:30 match against the Invitational's defending champion, Illinois State.

"They're a good team," Pettit said about Illinois State. "They block well on the front line and play good defense. I don't think their outside hitters are as strong as ours, but they get the job done."

## sports shorts

All female athletes are required to attend a Lady "N" Club meeting Monday, Oct. 1 at 7 p.m. in the South Stadium Lounge.

\*\*\*

The Nebraska JV volleyball team won a pair of games Wednesday night in a double dual meet at the Nebraska Coliseum.

The junior varsity defeated Wayne State 15-7 and 15-1 and outlasted Nebraska Wesleyan 15-7, 12-15 and 15-3. Wayne

State recovered to edge Nebraskan Wesleyan in the other contest 15-5, 7-15 and 17-15.

JV Coach Lonnie Pohlman said Shandi Pettine dominated the net play and Laurie Schadegg hustled to make some good plays at several different positions.

"When the girls play serious ball like against Wayne State, not too many teams will stay with us," Pohlman said.

The next game for the junior varsity is Oct. 8 at Doane.

## Football: Is it an act of love, or like 6-pack and girl?

Before we get to this week's predictions, we'll take time out to seek an answer to that burning philosophical question: "What is the meaning of football?"

From Joe Paterno, Penn St. coach: "If it's just a question of winning and losing, football is a silly game. But when you see these young men lose themselves in something bigger than they are, it's really almost an act of love."

## lee barfknecht

A slightly different view came from New England Patriots' linebacker Steve Nelson last Sunday after intercepting a pass to preserve a win: "Football makes a kid of you, and I feel like a 15-year-old with a 6-pack and his best girlfriend."

So much for philosophy.

Last week's mark was 24-7-2 for 77.4 percent, making the season total 66-21-3 for 75.8 percent.

This week's prognostication path is filled with at least a dozen booby-traps, such as USC at LSU, Ohio St. at UCLA, and Iowa St. at Iowa. But the biggest fire-fight of all could occur at high noon in

Lincoln when a pair of "stung" football teams square off at Memorial Stadium.

Penn St. at Nebraska—Last week's hour exam at Iowa City saw the Huskers cramming at the end to pull out a passing grade before the final bell rang. For this week's test, they had better have their homework done early. The Nittany Lions are boiling after a loss to Texas A&M that sent them plummeting from 6th-18th in the polls. The key for the Huskers? Pull out last week's statistics and check the Nebraska receiving totals: J. Miller-1 reception, 11 yards; K. Brown-0 receptions, 0 yards. No matter how potent the Nebraska running game is, they can ill afford to continue ignoring two of the most explosive receivers in all of college football. With Tim Hager at the controls, that situation could be rectified... Nebraska 23, Penn St. 17.

Colorado at Indiana—Hootier Coach Lee Corso is well-known for being one of the funniest quipsters in college football. But if he can extract a smile from Buffaloes Coach Chuck Fairbanks this week, he gets our vote over Steve Martin for Comedian of the Year. Tom Osborne probably says one extra prayer every night before bed, thanking whatever force it was that made him turn down the CU job last December. How low can the Buffaloes go? Last week

against Drake, after three fumbles, an interception and 15 (yes, 15) penalties, Ralphie the mascot threatened to go out to pasture for the rest of the season. If things continue like they have been, don't be surprised if Fairbanks goes with him... Indiana 24, Colorado 13.

Texas at Missouri—Longhorn Coach Fred Akers has so much talent, he can't decide who to play where. And that lack of organization showed in last week's sloppy 17-9 season-opening win over Iowa St. While Texas is still looking for its hole card, Warren Powers is holding three aces in his hand: 1) The fact that the Tigers have played three games 2) This game is in Columbia, and 3) The human land rover, James Wilder, returns at full strength, ready to lead the Missouri scorched-earth policy ground game. Even though Texas has a fistful of wild cards, three aces wins this hand... Missouri 21, Texas 14.

Alabama at Vanderbilt—Bear Bryant's toughest opponent this season will be apathy on the part of his own players. The Tide's schedule is about as soft as a baby's behind, with only a Nov. 10 game at LSU posing any threat to an undefeated season. The Bear could get more competition this week by staying home and playing his scout team instead of making Vanderbilt the "Wipeout of the Week."... Alabama 63, Vanderbilt 8.

Michigan at California—Bo Schembechler's defense is rockhard, but his scatter-shot offense has been pulling an imitation of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde. Meanwhile, the Rich Campbell-led Californians have rolled to three straight wins. We see the Wolverines at a low, the Bears at a Berkeley high and an "Upset Special of the Week."... California 28, Michigan 17.

## Other Games Saturday

Midwest—Illinois over Navy; Iowa St. over Iowa; Kansas over North Texas St.; Minnesota over Northwestern; Notre Dame over Michigan St.; Purdue over Oregon.

South—Georgia over South Carolina; Georgia Tech over William & Mary; Maryland over Kentucky; USC over LSU; Florida over Mississippi St.; North Carolina St. over Wake Forest; Ole Miss over So. Mississippi; Tennessee over Auburn.

Southwest—Arkansas over Tulsa; Texas Tech over Baylor; Houston over West Texas St.; Texas A&M over Memphis St.; Oklahoma over Rice; SMU over Tulane.

West—Kansas St. over Air Force; Arizona St. over Oregon St.; Stanford over Boston College; Ohio St. over UCLA; San Diego St. over Wisconsin.

East—North Carolina over Army; Pittsburgh over Temple; Syracuse over Washington St.