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Freshmen to meet Kansas JV's Friday

By Ron Powell

When freshman Head Coach Frank Solich's team hosts the Kansas JV's Friday, Solich will know what the Jayhawks are going to run but not who's going to run it.

Since there is no film exchange between JV teams, Solich said he has had to use the Kansas varsity film to prepare for the game.

"Without the exchange, you don't know a great deal about their personnel," Solich said. "You know a little about what they're going to do on offense and defense, because JV teams run the same thing the varsity does, but only on a smaller scale.

"It makes it harder to prepare for a game, but I don't think it will be that big factor," Solich added. "We feel we've got good players across the front so we're not worried about getting dominated by them."

The Kansas JV's are 1-1 on the season, defeating Oklahoma State 12-0 but losing to Missouri 16-7 last Friday. The last time the Husker freshmen played the Jayhawks was in 1976 in Lawrence. The Jayhawks spoiled the Huskers' bid for an undefeated season with a 19-18 win.

THE HUSKER FRESHMEN are 2-0 on the season, coming off a 63-0 win against Bethany College on Sept. 24. Solich said the Kansas game should be much tougher than the Bethany contest.

"Now that we're into the Big Eight season, I doubt very much you'll see a game like the Bethany game," Solich said. "I don't think Bethany plays the caliber of ball of the teams we'll play in the Big Eight."

Besides Kansas, the Huskers also play the Missouri and Kansas State JV teams.

The strength of the Huskers attack has been the ground game. In two games, the Huskers have averaged 439 yards a game rushing, with 13 players having rushing statistics.

Leading the Husker attack have been I-back Roger Craig and Dennis Rogan. Craig has gained 277 yards and scored three times while Rogan has 140 yards and two touchdowns. Craig is averaging 14.6 yards a carry while Rogan isn't far behind with his 14 yards a carry average.

A fullback, starter Craig Holmon has rushed for 131 yards and two touchdowns. He is averaging 8.7 yards a carry.

Solich said he plans to alternate the backfield as he did in the first two games. Holmon and Doug Wilkening will alternate at fullback with Rogan and Craig alternating at I-back. He added Nate Mason will open at quarterback, but that both Dave Haase and Russel Frazier could see playing time.

THE HUSKERS' PASSING game, which has averaged only 58 yards a game, has improved, according to Solich.

"The first game (Wyoming) the passing wasn't real good because we had't had time to work on it a lot," Solich said. Against Bethany, we didn't need to pass. I've seen improvement in our passing in practice, though, and hopefully we'll see that improvement in the Kansas game."

Solich and defensive coordinator Jake Cabell both said they are pleased with the defense, which has given up only 16 points in two games.

"I think they're playing better all the time," Solich said. "At first, the secondary was having trouble with

secondary calls, but we're trying to cut down what we're teaching them, and they're doing better."

Cabell said his defensive standouts have been noseguard Jeff Merrell, free safety Rande Johnson, defensive ends Todd Spratte and Tony Felici and moster back Ricky Mann. Johnson is a converted quarterback.

Although Solich temporarily lost some of his players to varsity practice the past couple weeks, he said it hasn't affected preparation for the game.

"You've got to expect it," Solich said. "The fact that we have had quite a bit of time between games has helped. "We've still had time to work on certain plays that require some work on timing."



Photo by Mike Sweeney

Huskers triumph

Nebraska's Kathy Foley rounds second base with the winning run in the second game of a double-header against Creighton Sunday. Shelley Scott hit the game-winning two-run double. The Huskers swept the games 6-1 and 4-3 to move their season record to 12-5. Saturday the Huskers host Kansas in a double-header at Ballard Field.

Kansas coach is feeling fortunate

The Kansas University Jayhawks are fortunate, KU Coach Don Frambrough said, considering who they play this weekend.

Kansas, 1-3 for the season, will be in Lincoln Saturday to open the Big Eight season against Nebraska, who is 4-0 and ranked fourth by UPI and fifth by the AP. Nebraska will be the third nationally ranked team the Jayhawks face this season.

There are a couple of points in the Jayhawk's favor, Frambrough said, including the absence of serious injury on the team.

"We have a lot of bumps and bruises, but physically we are in good shape," he said. The only exception is inside linebacker Monty Carbonell, senior captain of the team who will be out for the remainder of the season.

Carbonell is tied for second in total tackles for the Jayhawks but suffered a broken forearm in the Syracuse game.

Senior quarterback Brian Bethke is expected to start, despite the probable availability of sophomore Kevin Clinton, who missed last week's 45-27 loss to Syracuse because of rib injuries.

Clinton leads the Jayhawks in passing, completing 37 in 84 attempts for 367 yards. Bethke has completed 20 of 34 passes for 236 yards.

Frambrough said other Jayhawk strengths are linebacker Jim Zidd, a senior who earned second team all-conference honors last year, and free safety Leroy Irvin.

Zidd is the team's leading tackler with 11 assists and 22 unassisted tackles. Irvin is tied for second with 10 assists and 22 unassisted tackles.

Even with these defensive strengths, KU is last in the

Big Eight in total defense. Frambrough said he is leery of the Husker offense, which is rated number one in the nation in total offense with an average of 483.5 yards per game.

"They have a sound offense," Frambrough said. "I hope we can make them earn everything they get. You can't gang up on one aspect of their offense or they'll kill you with something else."

Frambrough said he is impressed with the Husker I-back corps of Jarvis Redwine, I.M. Hipp and Craig Johnson, but his defense will not concentrate on them.

"Junior Miller is probably the best in the nation. Concentrate on the backs and they'll throw to Miller," Frambrough added.

"We realize we are playing one of the better teams in the United States. It is a tremendous challenge. To do well we'll have to play the best football possible. I've been around the Big Eight for quite awhile and I think this might be one of the better Nebraska teams in the past few years," he said.

Kansas has had relatively little success against the Huskers in the recent past. The Jayhawks have not beaten Nebraska since 1968, coming close in 1973 in a 10-9 loss.

Last season, the Huskers beat Kansas 63-21 while the Jayhawks finished the season 1-10 overall and 0-7 in the Big Eight.

That victory came late in the season after injuries had severely depleted the KU squad.

Playing Kansas early in the season while optimism is high, could be a greater challenge for Nebraska, Coach Tom Osborne said.

"I think that Tom's being kind," Frambrough said, referring to the remark. "Our team is excited about playing in Lincoln before a full house. It's definitely big time football."

Big 8 standings

Big Eight Standings

	Conference				All games			
	W	L	Pts	Op	W	L	Pts	Op
Oklahoma	1	0	49	24	4	0	182	64
Nebraska	0	0	0	0	4	0	158	52
Missouri	0	0	0	0	3	1	92	49
Kansas State	0	0	0	0	2	2	65	57
Oklahoma State	0	0	0	0	2	2	64	63
Iowa State	0	0	0	0	1	3	68	81
Kansas	0	0	0	0	1	3	71	115
Colorado	0	1	24	49	1	4	69	155

Saturday's games

Kansas at Nebraska
Oklahoma State at Missouri
Oklahoma at Texas
Iowa State at Kansas State
Colorado idle

Volleyball team qualifies

The Nebraska volleyball team was idle during the weekend, but qualified for the Association for Intercollegiate Athletics for Women (AIAW) Region VI competition by beating Kansas 15-4, 15-9 and defeating Wichita State, 15-5, 15-6 last Wednesday.

Coach Terry Pettit said Nebraska will host the regional competition Nov. 15-17 in the Coliseum. The volleyball team will try to better its 21-1 record at the Windy City Invitational in Chicago Oct. 12-13.