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Powers' Tigers next challenge for UNL

By Paul Huscher

This week's Nebraska-Missouri football clash in Columbia matches two former UNL assistant coaches against each other.

When Nebraska won the national championship in 1970 and 1971, Husker Coach Tom Osborne and Tiger Coach Warren Powers assisted Bob Devaney.

Saturday's game is the third meeting of the two former UNL assistants and the first in Columbia.

Powers, former Husker defensive back, whose career coaching record is 18-12, has a 2-0 edge against Osborne. Osborne's career mark stands at 62-16-2.

Two years ago, Powers brought his Washington State Cougars to Lincoln and upset the seventh ranked Huskers 19-10 in the season opener despite being outyarded 470 to 294.

Last year the Tigers ruined Nebraska's shot at a national title with a 35-31 upset win in Lincoln.

Missouri's third straight win in Lincoln, caused the Orange Bowl to settle for Nebraska-Oklahoma rematch

and helped the Tigers gain a Liberty Bowl invitation.

In last year's contest Missouri fullback James Wilder ran for a career high 181 yards and scored four touchdowns.

Wilder, a 6'2", 215 pound junior fullback has rushed for just 305 yards this year, but he has been plagued by injuries all season.

Wilder, and Company will run up against Lance Van Zandt's defense which is the nation's second best against the run.

The Husker defense's three-game shutout string was snapped last week against Colorado. The Blackshirts haven't allowed a touchdown since the Penn State game and have held all their opponents to less than nine points per outing. Colorado scored six points on a second quarter interception last week.

Missouri has scored a combined total of 29 points the last four games, Nebraska scores that and more every week (39.1 points per game.)

Osborne said last year's game will have no bearing on this year's game.

"I hope our execution can improve over last year's game. We didn't do the things we had to win," he said.

Osborne said last year's game may effect the fans and the press but he said "once the whistle blows last year's game won't make any difference."

Middle guard Kerry Weinmaster agreed that there won't be any kind of revenge factor in this year's game.

"We'll just go in and play our best," Weinmaster said. "If you're thinking revenge then you're taking your mind off the game."

Weinmaster said everyone is concentrating on Missouri this weekend and they aren't thinking ahead to Oklahoma.

Missouri's stadium is the only one in the Big Eight with natural grass. This is the first and only time the Huskers will play on natural grass during the 1979 regular season.

Weinmaster said he doesn't think the grass will make much difference despite the fact that Nebraska was unable to practice very much on grass because of rainy weather this week.

"We played down there on the grass two years ago and we played pretty well (NU won 21-10)," he said.

Missouri is coming off a 19-3 upset loss to Kansas State last week in Columbia, while Nebraska (7-0) is coming off a 38-10 win over Colorado.

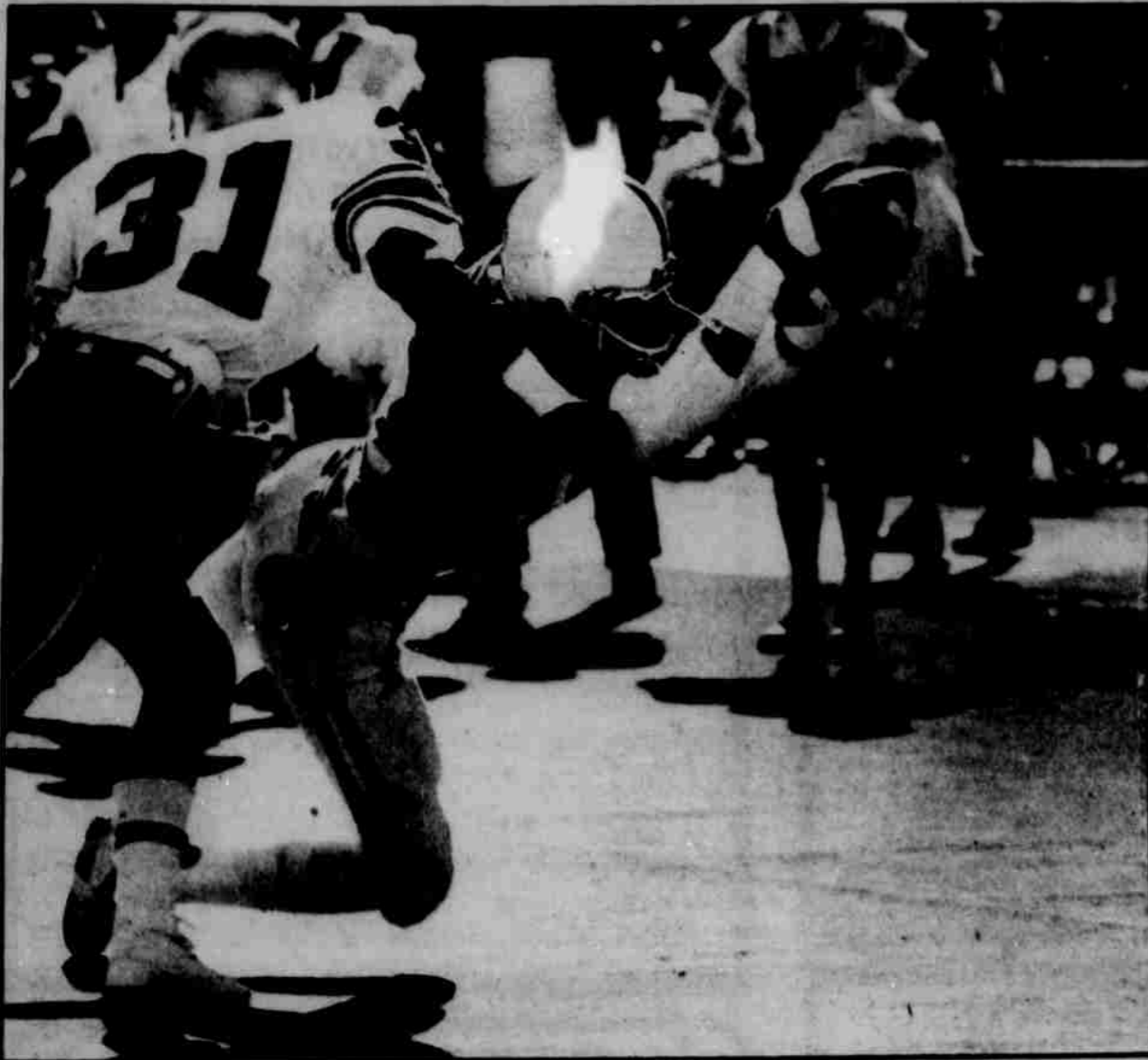


Photo by Tom Geesner

Nebraska running back Jarvis Redwine reaches for the corner of the endzone for his third touchdown last week against Colorado. Redwine needs 111 yards Saturday against Missouri to reach the 1,000-yard mark on the season.

Oklahoma ticket lottery set

The ticket lottery for the Nov. 24 Nebraska-Oklahoma football game in Norman will be Nov. 5-7, according to Jean Wolcott of the ticket office.

The ticket office will take ticket orders from 9-12 a.m. and 1-4 p.m. on all three days.

Wolcott said the stipulations for students wanting to apply are (1) one ticket per I.D. unless married, (2) each person should present their own I.D., (3)

groups are limited to six members and must all be present to apply and (4) tickets must be paid for individually at the time of application by personal check, cash or money order.

Wolcott also said that no refunds will be given after the application has been made and the tickets assigned. Duplicate orders will be cancelled, she added.

The winning lottery numbers will be published in the Daily Nebraskan on Nov. 9.

Anyone interested in becoming a batgirl for the 1980 Nebraska baseball team should attend an orientation meeting at 9 p.m. Nov. 11 in the South Stadium Lounge. For Additional information call Genon Rost, 477-8598.

Men's and women's and co-rec intramural officials are needed for volleyball

and basketball. If interested apply at the Recreation Office. For more information call Intramural Coordinator Stan Campbell at 472-3467.

A Lady "N" Club meeting is scheduled for Nov. 6 at 8 p.m. Because of a change of plans, the entire meeting will be held in the South Stadium Lounge.

Rugby coach stresses skill; 'need to use, not lose, head'

By Shelley Smith

The best way to win a rugby match is not to play like animals, according to one UNL Rugby Club member.

Tim Flynn, in his third season with the club, said many people think rugby is a vicious, brutal sport.

"Sometimes it is if you get some really mean guys," he said.

However, consistency, ball control and continuity are the skills necessary to out-smart mean opponents, he said.

"If you use your head and play consistently, you're going to be a lot better off. If you do lose your head, you're just going to get a penalty slapped on you, because the refs don't like it," he said.

Assistant coach Adrien George said he constantly tells the players to think while they play.

"They realized it is a game that could get out of hand, and one that could be very violent," he said.

"I tell them to use their heads, to think, because by thinking better than the other team, they'll win," he said.

The club, with a 3-5-1 season record, has been playing good this year, according to Flynn.

Although they lost their first game and then a consolation game in a Kansas City tournament two weeks ago, Flynn said the team's attitude is good and members have confidence in their ability to win.

A personal in the Daily Nebraskan classified ads last week read:

"We didn't win the tournament, but we won the party. Congratulations UNL Rugby Club."

Flynn explained: "Some clubs were raising hell after the tournament in Kansas City. After a while, one of the guys in the band yelled out 'Hey Nebraska, you guys are doing good. You're winning the party.' That's how it all got started," Flynn said.

Flynn said winning the party was fun, but the club also wants to win matches.

"UNO went to the consolation finals in Kansas City, and we beat them 12-6 this year, so we know we can win," he said.

Saturday, the club travels to Columbia, Mo., to play the University of Missouri. Flynn said he thinks it will be a tough match, but is confident because of the club's spirit.

"We're always hustlers. We're good hitters and we'll work this week in trying to hold our position," he said.

George said although the team hasn't played Missouri this year and can't evaluate their skill, he agreed it will be a tough match.

"I think we have a very good team this year. In Kansas City we came up against a team which was very experienced and that's why we lost," he said.

The club has been fortunate this year, George said, because no one has suffered major injuries.

"Our people are just learning how to play better and learning how to play without getting hurt," he said.

Although the club is playing with more losses than wins, Flynn said it doesn't really bother team morale because members know most of their losses came from city clubs that have been long established.

Right now, the club is concentrating recruiting "third generation" members, Flynn said. He explained in 1972, when the club was formed, those first members were called the first generation.

"Last year was the tail end of the first generation, now we're in the second generation and recruiting for the third," he said.

The club recruits mainly by "word of mouth" or through the Daily Nebraskan, Flynn said, and both produce good results.

"We had about 40 or 50 guys coming out this year and that's pretty good," he said.

Flynn complained the club has difficulty getting a playing field because it is not recognized as a university team.

"We've talked with the intramurals director and the athletic director, but we can't get any games at the university. We always go other places and play at their universities, but when they come here we have to play at the Nebraska Humane Society field," he said.

Flynn said the club asked UNL Athletic Director Bob Devaney for permission to play on the football practice field this week. Devaney declined because the football team will play Missouri this weekend on the same kind of natural surface.

"So we just practice at Mabel Lee Hall fields. Of course we have to share it with the soccer team, and the women's softball team, but it's not really so bad," he said.

Swim team dives into new season

The men's swimming team opens its 1979-80 season with an intra-squad meet Saturday at the Bob Devaney Sports Center.

The meet starts at 10 a.m. and is open to the public. Admission is free.

The meet will feature all three of Nebraska's Big Eight Champs from last year, Rick Rhodes, Will Douglas, and Steve Elliott.

Next action for the Huskers will be the Iowa State Invitational at Ames on Nov. 16-17.

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