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Osborne: ISU game provided momentum

By Lee Barfknecht

At 4:30 Saturday afternoon, Nebraska Coach Tom Osborne said he had made no arrangements to sit and wait anywhere for information on post-season bowls.

Standing in the noisy Husker locker room after Nebraska's 34-3 thumping of Iowa State, Osborne said, "Last year I had a deal like that set up and it was one of the longest days of my life.

"I'd rather just get a surprise phone call at home." But Osborne didn't have to wait because a few minutes later, Cotton Bowl officials announced that the Big Eight runner-up would receive a trip to face the

Southwest Conference champion, probably Arkansas, in Dallas on New Year's Day.

With the Big Eight champion already guaranteed an Orange Bowl date with unbeaten Florida State, a 66-17 victor over Memphis State Saturday, the Husker bowl picture quickly cleared with the Cotton Bowl official's announcement.

"It's nice, at least, to know where you stand," Osborne said. "I think this is the first time since we've had the tie-in (with the Orange Bowl) that two Big Eight teams are going to go to major bowls."

But there was little talk of cotton in Dallas among Nebraskans. Most conversation centered on Oklahomans in Norman as a launching pad to the beaches of Miami.

"This is probably the best defensive team we've taken to play Oklahoma in several years, since '72 or '71," Osborne said.

WITH THE SOONER wishbone in high gear the last few weeks, it may take the best Husker defense to stop it. "From what little film I've seen of them, they have really improved," Osborne said.

"When I saw them against Iowa, they had a lot of things to iron out. But they've really improved the last four or five weeks."

While Oklahoma and Billy Sims (who had 282 yards Saturday) have been improving, Nebraska has had a pair of error-filled performances lately. But the Iowa State win made Osborne happy.

"I was pleased with the way we played on both sides of the ball. We regained some momentum."

Osborne also said he was pleased with the return of three Huskers to the offensive spotlight:

-I.M. Hipp, who wasn't expected to play, squirted for 61 yards in 13 carries.

-Junior Miller, who has been strangely silent in the Nebraska offense lately, latched on to six passes for 83 yards and two touchdowns.

-Jeff Quinn, who hadn't started a game in two months, engineered scoring drives on all five Husker possessions the first half to blow the game open.

HIPP, WHO HAS been nagged by a toe injury all season, said he was just happy to play.

"I didn't know I would get in until Coach Corgan asked me during the game if I was ready to play and I told him yes," Hipp said.

Hipp replaced Jarvis Redwine, who slightly reinjured the tendon just above his left ankle, after four first-quarter carries for 25 yards.

Sitting in the whirlpool after the game, Redwine said, "At the time, I thought I could go back in. But later it stiffened up, so it was a wise move on Coach Osborne's part not to put me back in."

As for Miller, Osborne said there were no special designs to get him the ball.

"It's just something that happens," Osborne said. "You can call all the pass plays you want to Junior, but if he doesn't get off the line, you can't throw it to him. Today, he was getting off the ball."

With Hipp and Andra Franklin doing the running and Miller the receiving, quarterback Quinn directed first-quarter drives of 75 and 79 yards for field goals and second-quarter marches of 55, 28 and 58 yards for touchdowns.

"I think Jeff Quinn had a great first half," Osborne said. "He played about as well as anyone has in a long time. The second half was just so-so though."

Quinn agreed. "I'd like to play that third quarter over. I made some mental mistakes and threw that interception."

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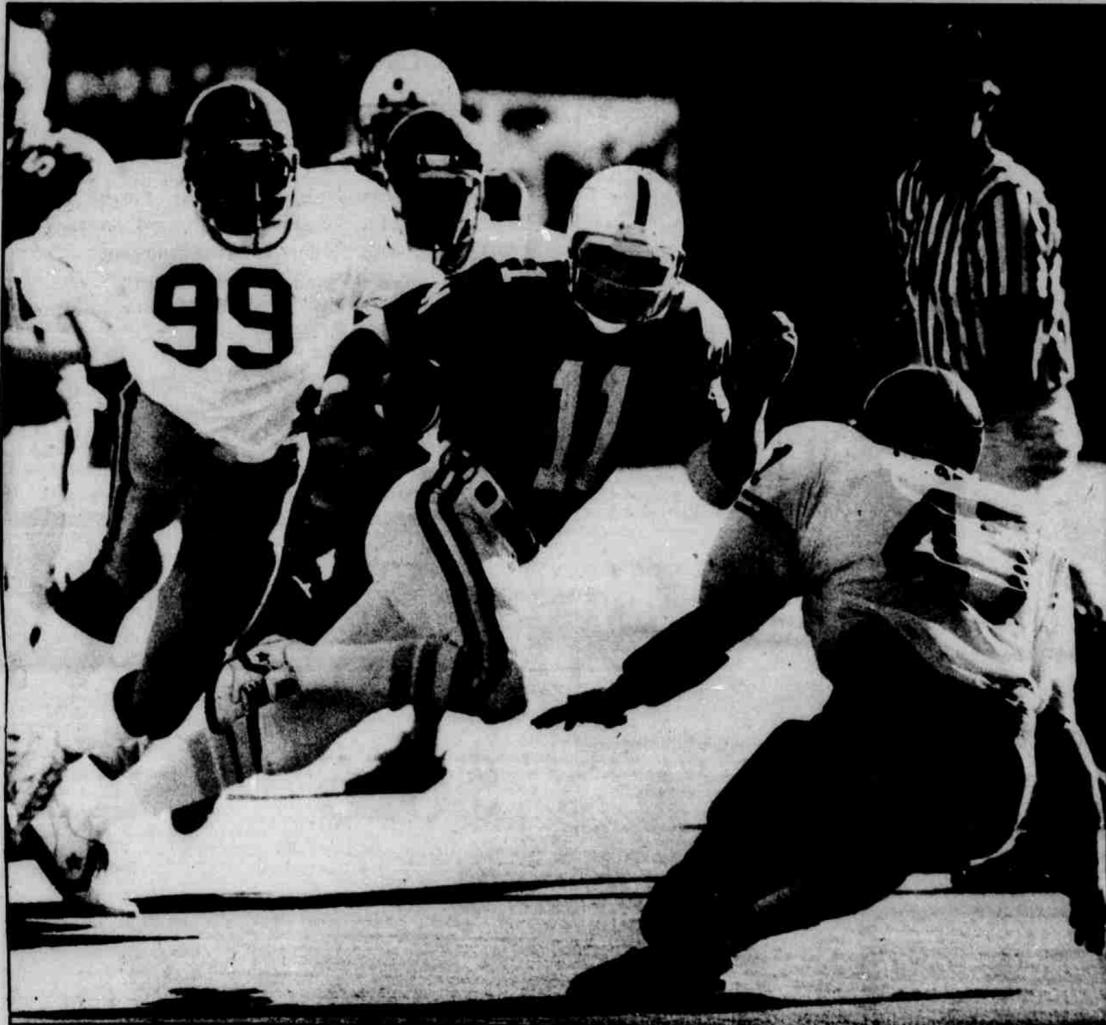


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Nebraska quarterback Jeff Quinn (11) squirms through the Iowa State defense in Saturday's 34-3 win over the Cyclones. Pursuing Quinn are Marc Butts (99) and Mike Leaders (47) for ISU. Quinn rejuvenated the NU passing game by completing 11 of 17 passes for 163 yards. He also rushed 11 times for 28 yards.

Lady Huskers win three games in weekend tournament

By Paul Huscher

Playing without their starting point guard and with a lineup loaded with freshmen it was hard to say how Nebraska's women basketball team would do in last weekend's Nebraska Invitational.

But a crowd of more than 100 persons saw second-year head coach Lorrie Gallagher's Huskers win their third game and go unbeaten in the two-day round-robin tournament by defeating Hastings College 81-43 Saturday night at the Bob Devaney Sports Center.

Nebraska defeated Midland College 84-54 and Weber State 83-68 in the two previous games at the sports center.

Gallagher said she was pleased with the Husker's performance in the three games.

"We played without (freshman) Carla Saveri, our starting point guard, who is in the hospital with an infection and a fever."

"Our freshmen came through magnificently," Gallagher said. "Especially Donna Unwin and Chris Leigh at guard and Kathy Hagerstrom and Molly Shanahan at forward."

"OUR FRESHMAN GUARDS really came through for us because we were hurting at that position," she said. In fact, Gallagher reinstated senior Laura Tietjen, who was helping coach the team, to bolster the guard corps. Tietjen started the first two games for Nebraska and was a "calming influence on the team," according to Gallagher.

Gallagher said she couldn't complain about the tour-

nament games.

"It's good conditioning, especially this early in the season," she said. "We needed this to give us a chance for the team to work together."

Along with the freshmen the upperclassmen contributed to the three-win effort.

All-time Nebraska scoring leader senior Diane DelVigna led all scorers with 54 total points, including 30 points against Weber State Saturday morning.

Hitting on 15 of 28 shots from the field, DelVigna tied the all-time single game scoring record she set last year.

DELVIGNA SAID she was a little tired after Saturday night's game, despite sitting on the bench for almost half the game.

"Lorrie (Gallagher) wanted to get in some of the people on the bench to give them some experience," she said. "Any kind of playing time they get helps. It gives them experience."

She added that "being 3-0 is better than being 0-3. It gives us a lot of confidence, especially the freshmen."

One of the top performances by a freshman came from forward Hagerstrom. With 33 total points and 21 rebounds in the tournament, she was third in both departments for the Lady Huskers.

Her 16 points against Hastings was second to Janet Smith's game-high 17, and her 10 rebounds in that game paced the Huskers. She hit 56 percent from the field and 87 percent from the free throw line.

Gallagher said Hagerstrom would be an excellent backup for the Huskers' leading scorer, DelVigna, this year. Sophomore center Smith led the team in rebounds

with 28 and was second in scoring with 37 points in the three games. She also led Nebraska with a 60 percent field goal average.

Senior forward Carol Garey finished the tournament with 32 points and was the Husker's no. 2 rebounder with 26.

Gymnasts second in Chicago meet

Nebraska's Jim Hartung won the still rings and captured second in the all-around as the Huskers gymnastics team finished second in the Windy City Invitational in Chicago Saturday.

Iowa State won the team title with 273.40 points, while Nebraska scored 269.6 points. Following those two were University of Illinois-Chicago Circle with 257.55, Indiana State 256.75 and Minnesota 254.05.

Hartung scored a 9.55 on the rings for first place and totaled 55.1 in the all-around. The Huskers Phil Cahoy finished third in the all-around with 54.9 points and Mark Williams was tenth with a score of 52.5.

The Cyclones were bolstered by Ron Galimore, who won the floor exercise, vaulting and parallel bars to capture the all-around with 55.9 points.

The defending NCAA champion Huskers travel to Chicago again Oct. 23-24 for the Midwest Open.