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Osborne says Huskers 'fairly healthy' for Buffs

By Pat Beecham

Nebraska will head into its game with Colorado this weekend in a fairly healthy situation, Head Coach Tom Osborne said.

At practice Thursday, Osborne said I-back Jarvis Redwine would start in the game against Colorado if he felt up to it.

"We'll probably start him," Osborne said. "It depends—as long as he's confident and feels he can play well—he'll start."

Osborne then asked Redwine as he was walking into the locker room if he would be ready to play Saturday.

"I'm ready to go," Redwine said. "It's up to Coach Osborne though. He has to make the decision."

As far as injuries, Osborne said that everyone is pretty healthy, but there are a few players that are a "little sore." Osborne said that Dave Liegl, who is recovering from a bruised arch in his right foot, practiced a little better Thursday and may make the trip.

'Limping a bit'

"Liegl practiced fairly well today," Osborne said. "He's still limping a little bit. We may take Liegl with us, but if we don't, Tony Felici will go in his place," Osborne said.

Russell Gary, who was suffering from a slight hip-pointer, was back at practice Thursday and will play against Colorado Saturday, Osborne said.

I-back Craig Johnson, who was suffering from a minor groin pull, and offensive tackle Dan Hurley, who suffered a slight ankle sprain, were back at practice Thursday after leaving early Wednesday. Osborne said both should be able to play in the game Saturday.

Osborne said fullback Mark Moravec is also likely to make the trip this weekend.

The only other changes in the travel roster from the Kansas game will be Redwine taking the place of full-

back Phil Bates and Dave Stromath going instead of Tom Godowski.

If Liegl is unable to go, Osborne said, Ric Lindquist would be the Huskers number one punt return man, with Anthony Steels as the "personal protector." Osborne said that sophomore Ricky Simmons may also see some action running back punt returns.

Cannot afford letdown

Osborne said the Huskers cannot afford a letdown against Colorado Saturday, a team which has "good athletes," he added.

"We've got to stop their offense which I consider no worse than the third best we've played this year," Osborne said.

Osborne said that the Buffs' defense was a gambling type of defense, which may put 11 men on the line at a time. Osborne said Colorado is capable of playing good football and the Huskers must play a good game against them.

"I hope we play our best football game of the year," Osborne said.

Osborne said that Colorado's defense has played well in games this year, but because of its gambling, defense has been vulnerable to the big play.

"Their defense has played well at times, but they've given up a lot of big plays," Osborne said. "I think they've got good athletes. They might on any given week, rise up and play a good ball game."

Nebraska is hoping to have a big day against Colorado again this year. Last year in Lincoln, the Huskers defeated Colorado 38-10.

In that game, Redwine ran for 206 yards and scored three touchdowns.

The Huskers dominated the final statistics, outgaining the Buffs 479-146 in total yards.

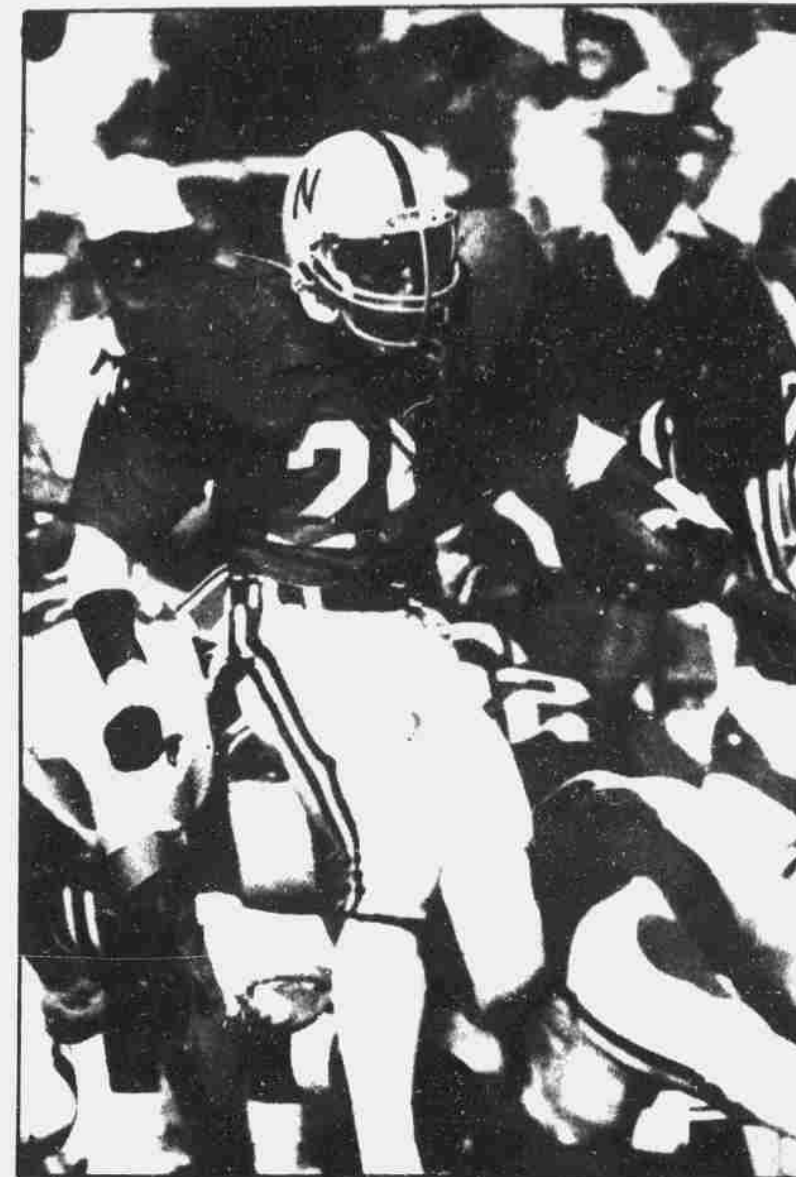


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Despite record, Colorado's Olander optimistic

By Scott Ahlstrand

Lance Olander said he leads a very uncomplicated life. Despite playing for an 0-6 team, he said he has confidence in his own abilities, although he has had a few difficulties in his athletic career.

Olander, who is the Colorado Buffalos' starting half back, started playing football in grade school.

"I don't think there's anything special about how I got started in football," Olander said. "I started playing with my brother (who is one year older) and some of my friends."

Although Olander said he feels he had a very common start in football, he does admit that the sport always seemed to be easy for him.

"I never had too many problems with football. The only real problem I had was with my size," Olander said. "In the early levels of football you were assigned positions by your weight. I always wanted to play running back, but I was too big until high school."

In high school Olander received All-American honors as a running back, and rushed for over 1,100 yards as a senior. The Littleton, Colo. native was one of the state's heaviest recruited athletes, and received scholarship offers

from several major schools including powerhouses like Oklahoma and Nebraska.

Chose home state

Despite receiving offers from all over the country, Olander chose to stay in his home state and attend the University of Colorado in Boulder.

As a junior, the 6-4, 204-pound Olander led the Buffalos in both rushing and punting. Although handling two positions does put more pressure on Olander, he said the extra duties don't bother him.

"I enjoy doing both the punting and the rushing," Olander said. "I think it makes me more of an asset to the team."

So far this season, Olander has rushed for 324 yards on 64 attempts and is averaging 49 yards per game. He has also punted 10 times for a 43.4 yard average.

Although Olander has had personal success so far this year, Colorado has remained winless in its first six games.

"We've had a tough season, but we're not done yet," Olander said. "We've had our problems but we've improved each game. You have to remember that we're a very young team, and we've had our share of injuries."

Even though the Buffalos haven't won a game, he said their attitude has remained high. "I think we've remained very optimistic," Olander said.

"I know I've never had problems with motivation. I'm always pumped up and ready to play."

Crack down on studies

When the 1980 season does draw to a close, Olander said he will crack down on his studies in physical education.

"After I'm through with college, I'd like to give pro football a chance," Olander said. "If I can't get a shot at the pros, I'd like to stay involved with athletics, maybe as a coach."

If Olander does get drafted by the pros, he believes his versatility will give him a chance at making the team.

"I think being both a punter and a runner will help me with the pros," Olander said. "I think I'm the rugged, straight-forward type who doesn't mind lowering my head and going for the tough yardage."

For relaxation Olander likes to spend his time in the mountains surrounding Boulder.

"I enjoy this area. It's one of the reasons why I chose to come to Colorado," Olander said. "I like to fish and hunt and the skiing is really great too."

When Nebraska visits Colorado Saturday, Olander believes they will be in for a surprise.

"We know we'll be playing one of the best teams in the nation, but we've played a lot better the last four games and a win or even a good showing against Nebraska would do a lot for our program," he said.

Buff's to be Husker tune-up for Missouri game

A wildebeast is an animal found on the plains of Africa. It's not fast enough to outrun a cheetah or strong enough to fight off a lion. As a result, it usually ends up as the Blue Plate Special.

Colorado is the wildebeast of college football. They're not fast enough to keep up with Oklahoma or strong enough to outmuscle a team like Missouri. Nebraska has both speed and strength. Watch out, Buffs.

Jeff goodwin

This game marks the return of Jarvis Redwine. He should be able to maintain his average of 166 yards a game, as he will be running against the worst defense in the nation. This should be a great tune-up for the Missouri game. It has fresh air, beautiful scenery and a blow out: **Nebraska 55 Colorado 7.**

Missouri at Kansas State. Last year the Wildcats upset Missouri in Columbia. But that was a different Missouri team. This year Missouri has managed to

avoid, except for the Penn State game, its roller coaster pattern of the last few years.

Two things could give the Tigers problems in this game. The first is the status of Phil Bradley. He was injured last week and may not play. The second is the fact that Missouri may be looking past the Wildcats to Nebraska. But Warren Powers should make sure that doesn't happen. With or without Bradley, the Tigers still win: **Missouri 34 Kansas State 14.**

Oklahoma at Iowa State. For Sooners coach Barry Switzer, these are the times that try men's souls. Well, it's about time Switzer had his checked anyway. He was long overdue for a checkup.

The Sooners are in such bad shape that Switzer has put linebacker Mike Reilly back on the team. He had been suspended after being arrested on assault charges.

Apparently Switzer wanted at least one player on the team who could hit. It's a good deal for Reilly, too. He can deck Dwayne Crutchfield all he wants and not get arrested for it.

Last week's loss to Kansas has got to have the Cyclones a bit depressed. Who wouldn't feel depressed after losing to Kansas? Oklahoma is only favored in

this game by about seven points, but it's hard to believe the world has changed that much. Oklahoma wins this one on tradition: **Oklahoma 31 Iowa State 14.**

EAST: Clemson 24 North Carolina State 20, Maryland 35 Duke 9, Tulane 28 Georgia Tech 14, North Carolina 45 East Carolina 10, Wake Forest 26 Virginia 21, Boston College 17 Army 7, Penn State 33 West Virginia 20, Syracuse 28 Rutgers 21.

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