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## Osborne: Cyclone 'injuries' don't sideline players

By Bob Asmussen

What Donnie Duncan is selling, Tom Osborne isn't buying.

"I keep hearing how beat up Iowa State is, yet, I don't know of anyone who isn't going to play for them," Osborne said. "That's a little puzzling."

Osborne said running back Dwayne Crutchfield is a perfect example. Crutchfield reportedly has been slowed down by several minor injuries.

"He made a great move and a great catch for a two-point conversion (against Kansas)," Osborne said.

"I'm sure he's got some problem, but it

didn't seem like he couldn't function," Osborne said.

It appears Husker quarterback Turner Gill will be able to play during the Iowa State game, but his starting status is uncertain.

"I think he's to where he can play," Osborne said. "We'll wait until later to decide about whether or not he'll start."

Injuries to other key players appeared to be clearing up. Center Dave Rimington was able to practice Wednesday as was tight end Mitch Krenk and offensive guard Tom Carlstrom. Tight end Jamie Williams' starting status for Saturday is questionable.

"Jamie is not full speed yet, but he'll be

able to play some," Osborne said.

Fullback Phil Bates left practice early Wednesday with the flu but he should be able to play Saturday.

"Sometimes the worst injuries are the ones you have in the beginning of the game," Osborne said.

Osborne said he is impressed with Crutchfield. He described the Cincinnati native as a "different" type of back.

"He's big and durable," Osborne said. "He's hard to stop for less than four, five or six yards a carry. He's the biggest back we'll have played all year."

Osborne said Iowa State has good size all the way around. He also said they have a good team.

Osborne said it was not up to him to explain why Iowa State lost to both Kansas State and Kansas the last two weeks.

"That's Donnie Duncan's job," Osborne said. "All I know is that they have good

football players and a good team. What happened in the past is no concern to me. I'm just concerned how things go this week."

"If they're (Iowa State) going to go to a bowl game, they are going to have to win Saturday," Osborne said. "I have no reason to believe they are going to come over here hurt or not trying or giving up. I know they are going to play, and I know they have the athletes to give us a good ball game. Our players have to be thinking about that and I think they are."

Nebraska senior wingback Anthony Steels will sing the National Anthem prior to Saturday's game, Nebraska Sports Information Director Don Bryant announced prior to Wednesday practice. Bryant said the coaches and players voted to have Steels sing as a tribute to the 22 seniors who will be playing their final home game. Steels will be the first Husker player to sing the National Anthem before a game.



Photo by Mark Billingsley

Nebraska I-back Roger Craig (21) tries to break free from tacklers in a game earlier this season. The Huskers will close out their home season Saturday against the Iowa State Cyclones.

## ISU lineman fights injuries but is up for Husker battle

By Kevin Warneke

Injuries, not opposing offensive linemen, would have to be the greatest foe of Iowa State's defensive lineman Chris Boskey.

Boskey appeared on the scene as a defensive tackle his freshman year and broke into Iowa State's lineup. He received numerous post season awards after his freshman year such as Newcomer of the Year in the Big Eight. He was also named second team all-Conference.

After his freshman year things went downhill as he was injured in 1979 and played sparingly. Last year he was redshirted. This year he has been bothered by the same injuries but Boskey says he will be ready to go all out for Saturday's game at Nebraska.

"It has been a long frustrating road, but I'll be 120 percent on Saturday," Boskey said.

"I don't know if it is right for freshmen to play varsity ball. I could personally handle it, but many can't," Boskey said. "The coaches must decide whether to play a freshman and risk the chance of him never playing again, but I'm glad I did as it was my only healthy year so far."

Boskey is not famous for his boast at

the beginning of the season that the Big Two's (Nebraska and Oklahoma) dominance was breaking up. He still feels that way even after Iowa State's two recent losses.

"I wouldn't be coming on Saturday if I still didn't feel that way," he said.

"Everybody says the reason why the competition is evening out is because of scholarship and recruitment restrictions and I guess that's basically true," he said. "But I also think another reason is because a lot of freshmen are staying closer to home."

"Look at some of the smaller schools in Texas. For example, Rice and Houston are no longer pushovers because a lot of Texas recruits are staying closer to home," he said. "I'll bet Nebraska is not drawing from Iowa as well as they used to."

Even with Iowa State's two recent losses to Kansas State and Kansas, Boskey sees no letdown in intensity on Iowa State's part.

"We could be 0-6 and there would be no letdown on our part against Nebraska. It doesn't take much to get psyched up for teams like Nebraska, Oklahoma and Missouri," Boskey said. "We would love to knock Nebraska off their pedestal."

Boskey said Iowa State still has an excellent chance of going to a bowl game.

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## Huskers to be calm ISU, but who goes to bowls?

It's that time of year again. Bowl time. In the next few weeks thousands of trees will die so sportswriters may inform the public who is going to which bowl game and why.

Of course, none of that will really matter in the end. The bowls will pick the teams they want, just like they always do.

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But to ensure there will be at least one bowl game where everyone will know in advance who is playing, I propose the creation of a new bowl game — the William Faulkner Bowl to be played every year in Oxford, Miss. The teams to be invited will be Temple and Drake. This is only fitting as it is the only way either team will ever get to a bowl.

Iowa State at Nebraska. One team that had high hopes for a bowl bid two weeks ago was Iowa State. Those hopes have dimmed somewhat as a result of losses to Kansas State and Kansas. But a win against Nebraska would cause the bowls to sit up and take notice.

Of course, Nebraska already is assured of a bowl bid from somebody, but the one they want — the Orange Bowl — still is a way off.

The Huskers have to guard against over-optimism, but Tom Osborne won't let them screw up this late in the game. The Huskers march on toward their appointment with destiny in Norman: **Nebraska 28, Iowa State 13.**

Alabama at Penn State. This game marks the beginning of three tough games for Penn State. After this they must play Notre Dame and Pitt.

Except for a win against a Nebraska team that bears no relation to the powerhouse that rolled over Oklahoma State, the only tough team Penn State has faced is Miami, who beat them.

Alabama had last week off to get ready for this game. You can bet the farm Bear Bryant had the boys doing more last week than reading Ibsen: **Alabama 24, Penn State 17.**

Oklahoma at Missouri. I don't know why, but for some reason Missouri always gets more fired up for Nebraska than they do for Oklahoma.

Why is this? Don't they know who the really bad guys are? Apparently not.

As for Oklahoma . . . well, they usually don't have to get fired up for Missouri. They handle Mizzou with the same aplomb that Nebraska shows when handling Colorado.

The Sooners will bag the Tigers and look for bigger game: **Oklahoma 31, Missouri 21.**

Kansas State at Oklahoma State. Officially, last week's game against Oklahoma will go down in the record books as a loss for the Wildcats. But, like Sen. George McGovern's campaign for the presidency, it was a moral victory.

This week the Cowboys get a real victory: **Oklahoma State 21, Kansas State 14.**

Colorado at Kansas. This game matches a team with the worst tight song in college football (Colorado) against a team with one of the best fight songs in college football (Kansas). On that basis, which is as good of a criteria as any to judge these two teams, the nod goes to KU: **Kansas 24, Colorado 14.**

East: Clemson 21, Maryland 0; North Carolina State 23, Duke 7; Navy 27, Georgia Tech 7; Pitt 38, Army 10.

South: North Carolina 22, Virginia 3; Tennessee 35, Mississippi 21; Texas 31, TCU 7; Arkansas 35, Texas A&M 31; Baylor 13, Rice 0; Miami 24, Virginia Tech 21.

Midwest: Ohio State 37, Northwestern 7; Michigan 24, Purdue 7; Iowa 27, Wisconsin 24; Notre Dame 35, Air Force 14.

West: USC 27, Washington 21; UCLA 27, Arizona State 26; Arizona 31, Oregon State 14; Washington State 30, California 14; Stanford 35, Oregon 26.

Last week: 23-10, 69.7 percent; Season: 197-77, 71.9 percent.

## NU-OU game on KETV

KETV, Channel 7 in Omaha will broadcast the Nebraska-Oklahoma football game Nov. 21 live, Ron Tillery, program director, announced Thursday.

ABC-TV had announced earlier in the week that the game would not be shown as a national or regional game over the network but KETV received exclusive broadcast rights to the annual Big Eight battle.

Tillery said KETV entered negotiations with the Nebraska Athletic Department and the NCAA with the hope of

feeding the broadcast to the Nebraska Television Network in Kearney so the entire state could view the game. NCAA regulations state, however, that only the originating station can show exception games such as this.

Because ABC bypassed the game, KETV had to receive permission from the NCAA, ABC and both universities involved to broadcast the game, according to James Shaffer, assistant director of NCAA productions.

Game time will be 1:30 p.m.