

# '82 Huskers will have more to tackle in Hawaii

**Editor's Note:** This is the final part of a series previewing Nebraska's 1982 football opponents.

By Bob Asmussen

Nebraska has played Hawaii in football three times the last 10 years, the combined score of those games is Nebraska 169, Hawaii 16. Dec. 4 the Huskers again will play the Rainbow Warriors in Honolulu, but this trip isn't expected to be a vacation.

Hawaii is coming off a 9-2 record in 1981. At one point last season, the Rainbows had the nation's second-longest winning streak of 11 games. They were ranked as high as No. 16 in the wire service polls and finished second to Brigham Young in the Western Athletic Conference. Under Coach Dick Tomey, the Rainbows have had four straight winning seasons.

"I think it's harder to gain a reputation than to lose one," Tomey said. "Some-

times we feel we're overlooked but we just have to keep plugging away."

Tomey said he thinks the Rainbows are overlooked by the respective bowl committees. Despite its 9-2 record, Hawaii did not receive a bowl bid last year.

"I thought we should have been in a bowl game last year," Tomey said. "We were every bit as good as some of the teams that were in bowl games."

Tomey said that during his five seasons at Hawaii, the program has made significant improvement in the areas of respectability, facilities and attendance, but he said he'd like the program to continue to improve even more. Tomey's overall record at Hawaii is 34-21. One of those losses was a 58-10 loss to Nebraska in 1978.

### Strong lines

Hawaii returns eight starters from last year's team. The standout returner is expected to be nose guard Falaniko Noga, who has been all-conference his last two

seasons. Noga runs the 40-yard dash in :04.5

"The strengths of our team will be the offensive and defensive lines," Tomey said. "Those are the two areas where we have the most returning experience."

Leading the offensive line will be tackle Jim Mills and center Jess Sapolu. The leaders on defense besides Noga are expected to be tackle Itai Satava, linebacker Anthony Woodson and cornerback Daryl Williams.

The quarterback position is a battle between Rapel Cherry and Bernard Quarles. Tim Lyons was the starter most of last season but had surgery on his shoulder. He is expected to miss most of the season.

Anthony Edgar is expected to take over the tailback position from graduated all-conference player Gary Allen. Tomey said he felt Edgar has comparable talent to Allen.

"I think we have comparable talent to last season," Tomey said. "The thing

we have to try and do is improve from week to week. If we do that the wins will take care of themselves."

### Experience needed

Tomey said he expects the Rainbows' weaknesses to be the receiver positions and the outside linebackers. Tomey said Hawaii has good athletes at those positions but that they don't have any game experience.

Tomey said that Hawaii's home field advantage is played up more than it should be. The Rainbows have a better record on the road over the last four seasons than at home. The thought that teams use the Hawaii game as a vacation is one that appeals to Tomey.

"If a team is napping we're going to beat them," Tomey said. "I don't think a team coached by Tom Osborne would ever come to a game and take it lightly. I'm sure they'll come out here to play."

## Water-skiers place in event

Several members of the UNL water skiing team tuned up for the 1982 collegiate season by participating in the Omaha Open Saturday and Sunday.

Jerry Althouse placed third in Division I of the men's slalom event. He missed first place by one and one-fourth point, being edged out by Pat Hill and Mike McCormick, both of Kansas. UNL's Todd Peterson placed 15th in the event.

Nebraska's Greg Riley placed fourth,

leading the Huskers in the novice slalom division. Bill Schneiderwind finished seventh in that event, Steve Reeder was 13th and Bill Zimmer and Todd Osborn tied for 15th place.

Peterson leaped 139-0 for a fourth place finish in the ski jump. Lee Larson went 129-0 to take eighth place.

Nebraska opens its collegiate season Sept. 25 at Kansas.

## Athletic abuses . . .

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"But we must be concerned with the academic integrity of all our institutions," he said. "We can't tolerate violations which have occurred in some widely publicized situations."

In one such situation, the University of San Francisco in July dropped its mens basketball program after a series of what USF President John Lo Schivao called alumni-prompted illegalities, including players' abuse of long-distance phone privileges, payoffs of athletes and the financing of abortions for players' girlfriends.

"If that's what it took to eliminate the problems at USF, then (Lo Schivao) did what he felt was necessary," he said.

The NCAA recently formed its own 16-member panel to investigate abuses in intercollegiate athletics. The panel includes athletic directors and coaches as well as university presidents.

"Athletics is an integral part of the college experience," Roskens said. "It needs to retain that position."

"But it must be justified. We must make sure that it remains merely an integral part of universities, and not bigger than the universities themselves.

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