

# Sports

## Coach says Hawkeyes no Saturday pushover

By Bob Asmussen

If Nebraska football Coach Tom Osborne had his way the Cornhuskers wouldn't be playing Iowa this Saturday.

"I don't dislike it but I don't like it either," Osborne said. "I'd like to start with an easy opponent. In recent years it hasn't started out that way that often — hardly at all."

Following Thursday's practice Osborne was asked if the Huskers would play Iowa again at some point in the future. Osborne commented that he doesn't get too involved with the scheduling. He pointed out that Nebraska's schedule is made into the 1990s.

"That's the thing about scheduling. I guess I'd get more into it if I even knew I'd be alive (when the games are played)," Osborne said.

Osborne said the Huskers have no major injury problems heading into Saturday's contest. Turner Gill will start at quarterback. Osborne said Nate Mason will also play.

"We'll try to play him for a series or so early," Osborne said. "He seems to be doing okay."

It was announced earlier in the week that Roger Craig will be the starting fullback and Mike Rozier will start at I-back. Irving Fryar will be the starter at wingback. The depth at wingback has been hurt by the injury to Tom Vergith.

"Vergith will be suited up and available to play," Osborne said. "We'll go with Jimmy Thompson first because he's healthy."

The offensive line is set with Jeff Kwapick and Randy Theiss at tackle, Dean Steinkuhler and Mike Mandelko at guard and Dave Rimington at center. Jamie Williams will start at tight end and will be backed up by Mitch Krenk. Todd Brown will start at split end.

On defense the Huskers will be led by Steve Damkroger. The senior linebacker from Lincoln was named co-captain earlier in the week, along with Rimington. The other linebacker will be Steve McWhirter.

Wade Paeuner was named as the starter at defensive end but will share time with Bill Weber. At right end will be Tony Felici. The tackles will be Toby Williams and Doug Herrmann. Jeff Merrell will be the middle guard. The defensive backfield will consist of Allen Lyday, Kris Van Norman, Bret Clark and Neil Harris.

Iowa is expected to start Chuck Long at quarterback. Long completed 78 percent of his passes during spring scrimmages. Starting for Iowa at tailback will be Eddie Phillips. Phillips scored the Hawkeyes lone touchdown in their 10-7 upset victory of Nebraska last season.

Iowa returns only two starters from last year's Big Ten representative team in the Rose Bowl. The defense will be spearheaded by tackle Mark Bortz. The Iowa defense will also be assisted by the punting of all-American Reggie Roby.

"I have no idea what's going to happen but I feel we've done about all we can," Osborne said. "There's no use worrying. We just have to go out and get things done."

## Huskers to play alumnae

The Nebraska softball team takes on former Husker softball players Saturday at 10 a.m. at the Husker Softball Complex behind Mable Lee Hall.

Coach Nancy Plantz, said the purpose of the game with the alumnae is to generate interest among alumnae and fans — if the team plays a lot of home contests this fall on campus, the fan interest established should carry over into the spring season, she said.

Shelly Scott, named all-Big Eight at third base, and infielder Linda McCrea are two top players scheduled to play for the alumnae team.



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Nebraska I-back Mike Rozier (30) tries to pick up yardage in last year's 10-7 loss to Iowa in Iowa City. The Huskers will get their chance for revenge when the 1981 Big Ten and Big Eight champions battle each other at 1:30 p.m. Saturday in Memorial Stadium.

## NU ready for Iowa in season opener

The season gets into full swing this week with most of the major powers except for Brown seeing action. And now . . . on with the show.

Iowa at Nebraska. The Hawkeyes shocked Nebraska in last year's opener and continued to shock people for the rest of the season.

But Iowa isn't going to sneak up on the Huskers this year. The Hawks lost everyone but Kurt Vonnegut to



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graduation. (He's been gone for a few years now.) It says something about Iowa's offense that the Hawkeyes' best player is their punter, Reggie Roby.

Nebraska is going to be ready for this game. There's no doubt about that. Ask Florida State what happens to teams that visit Memorial Stadium after beating the Huskers the year before.

Nebraska's only problem in this game is that it might be looking ahead to New Mexico State: Nebraska 35, Iowa 9.

Southern California at Florida. For some reason USC is only favored in this game by two points. I don't have the slightest idea why. Of course, I'm sure the bookies who set the spreads know more about football than I do. (They are after all, making more money off it than I am.)

USC did lose a lot of people, most notably Heisman Trophy winner Marcus Allen. But USC turns out tailbacks like Detroit turns out cars. And their offensive line still looks like the Great Wall of China.

The Gators' best offensive weapon is quarterback Wayne Peace. Peace is not the best quarterback in college football but he has managed to escape the dreary backwater town of Lakeland, Fla.

Look for the men of Troy to shatter Peace and his Gators: USC 28, Florida 17.

Brigham Young at Georgia. You can be sure of one thing when BYU plays — the ball will be in the air. For Georgia that's bad news. The Bulldogs will have had only four days to get ready for the Cougars' passing attack and that's not much time.

Georgia showed against Clemson that their offense is sorely lacking without Herschel Walker. And Walker doesn't figure to play that much in this game.

For BYU this is a big game. A win against Georgia, even a Georgia with a less-than-healthy Herschel Walker, would be a big boost to their program.

The Cougars pull an upset: BYU 31, Georgia 24.

Wisconsin at Michigan. Last year the Badgers upset Michigan in the first game of the season, dropping the Wolverines from the top spot. The Badgers don't appear to have the horses to beat Michigan again. Nor, for that matter, do they have the football players to beat Michigan: Michigan 28, Wisconsin 10.

### Other Games

East: Penn State 35, Maryland 17; Syracuse 21, Temple 10; Navy 16, Virginia 10; North Carolina State 34; East Carolina 14.

South: Alabama 35, Georgia Tech 7; Tennessee 24, Iowa State 7; Mississippi 34, Southern Mississippi 28; Miami, Fla. 27, Houston 21; Auburn 21, Wake Forest 13; Southern Methodist 36, Tulane 10; Memphis State 14, Vanderbilt 0.

Midwest: Missouri 28, Army 14; California 21, Colorado 17; Oklahoma State 27, North Texas State 20; Oklahoma 28, West Virginia 17; Kansas 23, Wichita State 7; Kentucky 24, Kansas State 20; Ohio State 31, Baylor 21; Illinois 27, Michigan State 17; Indiana 38, Northwestern 10; Purdue 20, Stanford 17.

West: Arizona State 24, Utah 3; Arizona 45, Oregon State 7; UCLA 39, Long Beach State 17; Washington 37, Texas-El Paso 7; Washington State 28, Idaho 6.

# Colorado State Rams rush to top of Bottom 10

**Editor's Note:** With this edition, the Daily Nebraskan begins publication of *The Bottom 10*, a weekly satirical column written by Steve Harvey of Universal Press Syndicate. Each week, Harvey will take a look at what he considers to be the low points of professional and college football.

### The Colleges

Proving that football really is a game of inches, Colorado State's running backs broke loose for four yards



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in 31 carries in their opener against Missouri Saturday. That works out to almost five inches per attempt.

The Rams also exhibited an impressive fumble completion rate of .714, losing five of seven bobbles. It all added up to a 14-28 loss to Missouri, proving that in this year's

Bottom Ten race, Colorado State is clearly under the driver's seat.

Highest-ranking newcomer was No. 4 Texas A&M, a 16-38 loser to Boston College. B.C. Coach Jack Bicknell entered the game a 15-point and \$210,000-per-year underdog to Jackie Sherrill, A&M's Quarter-Million-Dollar Man.

Meanwhile, Northwestern (dropped from The Bottom Ten pending the outcome of allegations that its players are legitimate students) fell for the 32nd time in a row, 13-49 to Illinois. The Mildcats, anxious to show that they don't play only tough teams to pad their losing streak, meet Miami of Ohio Sept. 18.

TEAM, RECORD	The Rankings LAST WEEK	NEXT LOSS
1 Colorado St. (0-1)	14-28, Missouri	Wyoming
2 Memphis St. (0-1)	10-27, Mississippi	Vanderbilt
3 Georgia Tech (0-0)	idle	Alabama
4 Texas A&M (0-1)	16-38 Boston Col.	healing
5 Long Beach St. (0-0)	idle	UCLA
6 Oregon (0-1)	3-34, Arizona St.	San Jose St.

7 Oregon St.* (0-0)	idle	Arizona
8 USC (0-0)	studying	Florida
9 Miami (Fla.) (0-1)	14-17, Florida	Wm. & Mary
10 Missouri (1-0)	edged Colo. St. 28-14	Army

11 Columbia (0-0); 12 Kansas (0-4)\*\* 13 Penn (0-0); 14 Wyoming (0-1); 15 Notre Dame (0-0); 16 Pentagon (Army, Navy, Air Force, Tennessee Volunteers) (0-2); 17 Clemson (0-1); 18 Cornell (0-0); 19 LSU (0-0); 20 Tulane (0-1).

Other receiving votes (in no particular order): Richmond (0-1).

\*Omitted from last week's rankings due to blackout in Northwest.

\*\*Includes four games from 1980 season that the school was recently ordered to forfeit for academic irregularities.

**Crummy Game of the Week:** Miami (Fla.) vs. William & Mary (twi-nite double-header).

**Rout of the Week:** UCLA at Long Beach State.

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