

Nebraska picked to buffalo Colorado once again

For a sports fan this must be the best time of the year. College football is in full swing, the World Series is right around the corner, and hockey and basketball will soon be getting under way in earnest. But since I only predict football, on with the show.

Nebraska at Colorado. This is the last of three consecutive road games for Nebraska. It's pretty clear that the Huskers have



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improved over the last two games. Last week's win at Auburn showed they are still a legitimate contender for national honors.

Colorado, on the other hand, seems to be headed nowhere fast. The Buffs did beat Washington State earlier this year, but they still have a lot of problems.

The Buff players and coaches have said repeatedly this year that Nebraska is the team they really want to beat. The last time that happened was 1967. That was a very long time ago. Lyndon Johnson was president, Bobby Kennedy and Martin Luther King were alive and the Beatles were still together. But I digress.

The point is that the Huskers have dominated Colorado for a long time — even when the Buffs were good. This year they're not even good. What this means is

another Nebraska romp — although not on the scale of last year's 59-0 massacre: **Nebraska 44, Colorado 7.**

Penn State at Alabama. Why this isn't a national telecast is beyond me. (OK, OK, a lot of things are beyond me.) Write letters to CBS protesting this insanity.

Anyway, to the game. Both these teams were idle last week, the only difference being that Alabama played Arkansas State and Penn State didn't play anybody.

Alabama is favored in this one and with good reason. The Tide is very hard to beat at home. But Penn State should win, mainly because they've played somebody good and Alabama hasn't. Add in the fact that the Tide only beat Vanderbilt by three points and you have a Penn State victory. The only problem with this is that the Lions have a habit of dropping big games every once in a while. But their win over Nebraska might have cured them of that. Penn State dams the Tide: **Penn State 28, Alabama 21.**

Oklahoma vs. Texas. Television is a strange thing. More specifically, the people who run television sports are strange. Take this game. This is one of those big traditional rivalries and, even though neither team is as strong as they have been in recent years, it still will be a good game. But it's not going to be shown on television. Remember this when you're watching the Army-Navy game which will be on. Texas should win this. The Longhorns

don't have the offense they've had in recent years, but their defense could stop Rommel on a first and goal at the five. The Sooners drop another one: **Texas 21, Oklahoma 13.**

Missouri at Kansas State. Missouri has been unimpressive this year, but they are 3-1. Kansas State has been sort of impressive this year but they haven't played anyone. So what's a guy to do?

You can always say that Kansas State will be looking ahead to Nebraska, but no one in their right mind wants to play Nebraska. So that doesn't work. Let's just say that sometimes Mizzou has to start playing better and Kansas State has to start playing bad: **Missouri 35, Kansas State 21.**

Other Games
East: North Carolina 33, Wake Forest

21; Duke 21, Virginia Tech 14; West Virginia 14, Boston College 10; Clemson 17, Virginia 0; Tulane 24, Georgia Tech 7.

Midwest: Oklahoma State 31, Kansas 27; Iowa 24, Indiana 20; Michigan 35, Michigan State 28; Ohio State 24, Wisconsin 17; Illinois 24, Purdue 14; Minnesota 35, Northwestern 6; Notre Dame 16, Miami, Fla. 7.

South: Arkansas 31, Texas Tech 14; Georgia 23, Mississippi 10; Auburn 14, Kentucky 3; Houston 24, Texas A&M 12; Southern Methodist 33, Baylor 21; Florida 27, Vanderbilt 14; Louisiana State 28, Tennessee 14; Arizona State 21, Stanford 20.

West: UCLA 27, Arizona 24; Washington 34, California 21; Washington State 28, Oregon State 7.

Tranmer achieves ambition of playing for Cornhuskers

By Jeff Goodwin

Every time Mike Tranmer runs out on the field before a Nebraska home game he fulfills a childhood dream.

Tranmer, a middle guard for the Huskers, said he used to dream of playing for Nebraska when he was a child.

"It was exciting for me — watching guys like Johnny Rodgers and Rich Glover," Tranmer said. "I thought there was no way I was ever going to play for Nebraska."

Tranmer, a walk-on from Lyons, passed up scholarship offers to play at Nebraska.

"I was offered scholarships by UNO and North Dakota State," Tranmer said. "I strongly considered going to North Dakota State, but if you grow up in Nebraska you want to play for Nebraska."

Tranmer said he is not disappointed in his playing time this season in spite of the fact that he was the first string middle guard after spring practice.

"I think I'm still playing well. The situation is fair. Jeff (Merrell) and Ken (Graeber) are playing well. I don't have any complaints," he said.

Tranmer said he thinks Nebraska's de-

fense will continue to improve as the season progresses.

"Everyone's wondering what our defense is really like," Tranmer said. "We played well against New Mexico State and in the second half of the Auburn game, but we let up a little against Penn State. I think we're starting to improve. We're going to come around."

Tranmer said he is taking the season one game at a time.

"Right now I'm just concentrating on Colorado," he said. "We can't afford to slip up. If we work hard and concentrate, we can do a good job this season."

Tranmer said the Huskers' chances of winning the Big Eight are good.

"I think we can do it," he said. "I hope so. The Orange Bowl is a long way off, of course, but that's our main goal this year."

He said he hadn't set any personal goals for himself this year.

"I know I'm not going to get all-American or all-Big Eight or something like that," he said. "My main goal is just to contribute to the team. I didn't feel last year that I did that."

The Cornhuskers are first in rushing offense, averaging 398.7 yards per game; scoring offense, scoring 43.7 points per game; total offense at 590.5 yards per game; scoring defense at 10.2 points per game; and kickoff returns, averaging 23.2 yards.

The Oklahoma-Texas shootout at Dallas highlights the Big Eight football schedule Saturday. Other games are Nebraska at Colorado, Missouri at Kansas State, Kansas at Oklahoma State and Kent State at Iowa State.

Sports Shorts

The Nebraska softball team will close out its fall season in the Oklahoma State Invitational today and Saturday in Stillwater, Okla.

Nebraska still leads five categories of the Big Eight football team statistics.

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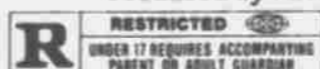


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