

Sports

Osborne: Game against K-State won't be 'typical'

By Larry Sparks •

Saturday's football game against Kansas State in Memorial Stadium won't be a typical Husker-Wildcat match-up, Nebraska football Coach Tom Osborne said Monday at the Extra Point Club Luncheon.

"We're going to play a team that is very much in things yet. A lot of times when we've played Kansas State, they were maybe one and three coming off their non-conference season and had maybe lost a couple of games in the conference," Osborne said.

"They're three-one-and-one now," he said. "They certainly have nothing to be ashamed of in what they've done."

K-State is coming off a 7-7 tie with Missouri Saturday in Manhattan, Kan. Husker Assistant Coach Lawrence Cooley scouted that game and said the Cats should have won the game but allowed Missouri an early touchdown when they (KSU) fumbled a punt.

Cooley said he won't make any predictions about Saturday's homecoming battle but he did promise one thing.

"You'll see the Kansas State football team as being one of the finest in the

years since I've been at Nebraska. That I can guarantee," Cooley said.

The Wildcats can move the ball, Cooley said, although he pointed out that that might not have been evident in the regionally-televised game with Missouri.

Fifth-year players

Cooley said most of the K-State offensive line weighs about 260-pounds and several of them are fifth-year players who were redshirted last season.

Kansas State also has some good receivers and is able to throw the ball well, Osborne said.

Cooley and Osborne agreed that the Wildcats may have the best defense the Huskers will face this season.

"They probably have more quality athletes (on defense) than at any time in the past," Cooley said.

Assessing last week's 40-14 win at Colorado, Osborne said the most critical point of the game came in the third period after CU scored a touchdown to come back within six points, 20-14. On the extra point attempt, CU kicker Tom Field tripped over Nebraska's Ken Graeber who was called for roughing the kicker. The

15-yard penalty was tacked on to the ensuing kickoff.

"You don't realize what a big call that was because if you were kicking off from our 45-yard line, about 80 to 90 percent of the time, the other team is going to try an onside kick," Osborne said. "Onside kicks are almost 50-50 deals."

Osborne said the Huskers put in their onside receiving team, which features most of the pass receivers on the front line, and that may have been why CU elected to kick deep into Nebraska territory.

Sealed win

I-back Mike Rozier had trouble handling the kickoff, however, and the Huskers had to start from their own 9-yard line before mastering a 91-yard drive that sealed the win.

"If we had turned the ball over at that point, we were in danger of losing the ball game," Osborne said. "We probably would have had to come back and win it at the end because they had a lot of momentum."

Osborne said the offense played well against Colorado except for the early

part of the third quarter. The Buffaloes were able to shut the Huskers offense down on its first three possessions of the second-half and Osborne said that momentum was important at CU's third-quarter comeback.

Osborne said he wasn't totally satisfied with the performance of the defense, but he wasn't as alarmed as many people were at the 361 yards of passing CU gained.

"If you go back and throw the ball fifty-some times, you're going to get some yards," he said.

Osborne said the Huskers defense has been vulnerable at times this season but he said he hasn't seen a lack of effort or a bad attitude from any of his players.

"I guess that's all you can ask for — that they play as well as they can play," he said. "We've got to coach them as well as we can coach them and after that, there really is not much else you can do. If you get beat, you get beat. Hopefully, that doesn't happen very often."

"We can be beaten. We're not an invincible team. There's no question about that," he said.

Soccer Club's quick start slows near end of season

By Kevin Warneke

After bursting out of the starting blocks with a 3-1 record, the UNL Soccer Club has run into its share of obstacles and has seen its record fall to 4-3.

The club defeated Nebraska Wesleyan University 6-0, but fell to York College 4-2 and UNO 5-0 in recent matches.

"Things were really picking up the last three years," Coach Mike Bosilevac said. "But this year there has been a lack of interest mainly due to financial problems."

"We have had a slight mental breakdown," Co-President Greg Barmettler said. "Last year we defeated UNO twice and our loss to them this year has set us back. The big losses have hurt the morale of the team."

Other problems, according to Barmettler, have been the scheduling of home games, finding money to pay referees, lack of attendance at practices and lack of experience.

The financial problems are a combination of factors, according to Barmettler and Bosilevac.

"We are sponsored by the Miller Brewing Company and not by the university," Barmettler said.

"Most small colleges in Nebraska get help from the intramural departments and student activities organizations, but we don't," Bosilevac said. "I guess the money's just not there."

"We talked to Bob Devaney and he said that the sport has to be voted on by Big Eight schools in order for it to go

university," Barmettler said. "He did say that soccer would be the next sport to go but he didn't say when so I guess we won't see it happen for awhile."

Bosilevac said the UNL team is made up of a lot of new players this year and that has contributed to some of the poor showings.

But the efforts of Joe Casey and Rich Bene, both of whom play midfield, have been two bright spots of the club, Bosilevac said.

"They've been playing really well and have kept us in a lot of games," he said. "They have to control the middle of the field and play both offense and defense. The lack of scoring and defense breakdown can't be attributed to them."

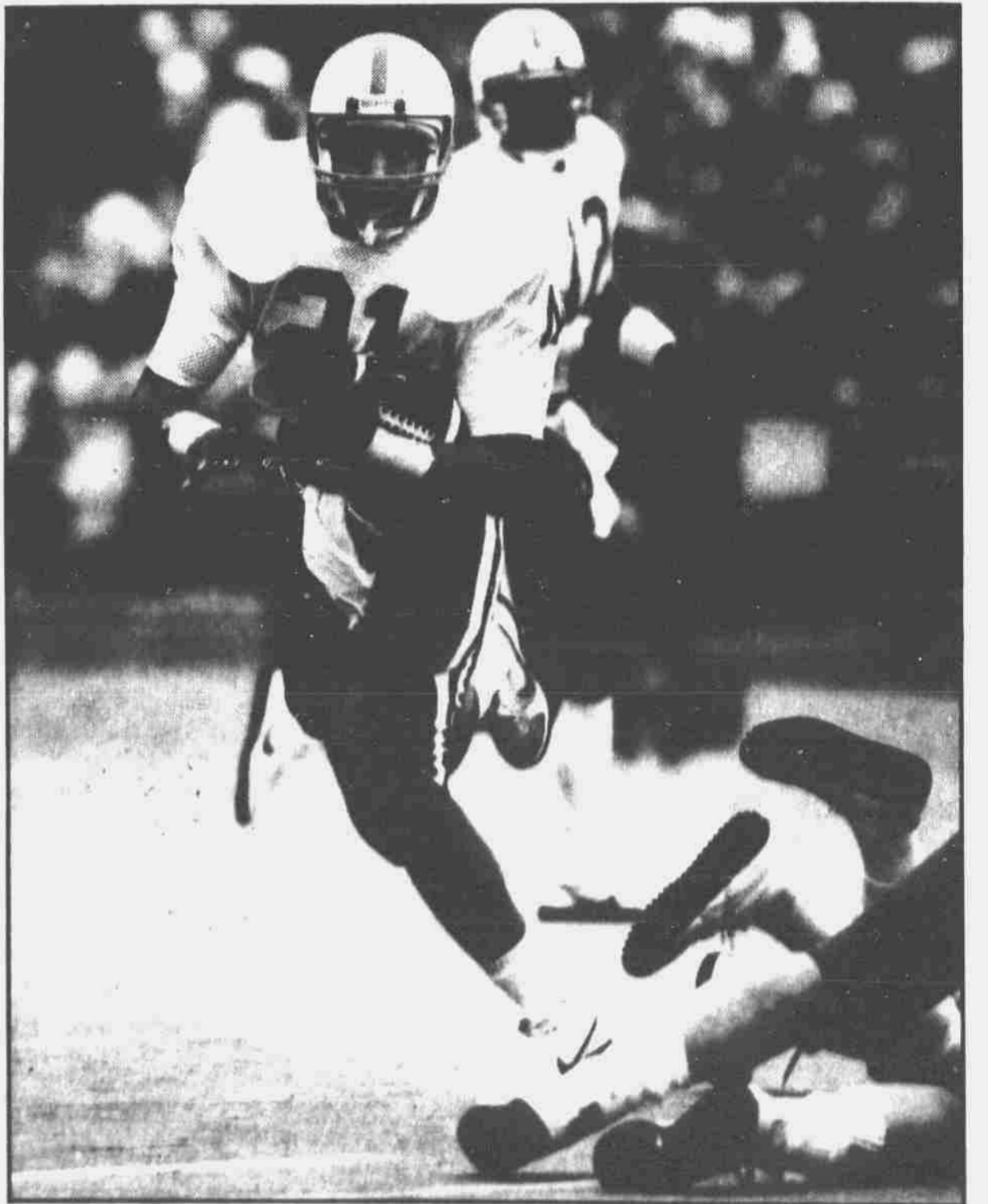
The club is in the final stages of its fall season and will be competing at the Ed-Chartrand Tournament in Manhattan, Kan. this weekend.

Bosilevac said that there was talk of making this tournament into the Big Eight Tournament because of the lack of finances of many of the clubs in the Big Eight, but he said it won't happen for a couple of years.

"It's hard to say how we'll do this year. Hopefully, we will win two games and play respectably," Bosilevac said.

Another reason why Bosilevac said he hopes the club fares well in Manhattan is the possible upcoming match with Creighton University tentatively set for Nov. 4.

"If we have a good showing this weekend and pick up a few games between then, we should have a good showing against Creighton," he said.



Staff Photo by Craig Andresen

Nebraska running back Roger Craig (21) breaks free for yardage in Saturday's game against Colorado in Boulder, Colo. The Huskers defeated the Buffaloes 40-14.

World Series commands well-deserved attention

Last year about this time I was sitting down at O'Rourke's watching the World Series. At one point we began talking about the significance of the World Series. One of my friends uttered *the* definitive statement on the World Series.

Fixing us with his glassy stare, he said, "This is one of the three most important things in the world."

To some people that may be overstating the case but it's a statement that can easily be defended by any ardent baseball fan.

The World Series is the premier sports event in America. You can talk all you want about the Super Bowl, but nobody is going to feel they've missed anything if they don't see the Super Bowl. To tell you the



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truth, I slept during part of last year's Super Bowl and it was a wise investment.

No one ever talks about great Super Bowls of the past.

That's because almost without exception, they've been boring.

Of course, there are other great sporting events — the Kentucky Derby, the Indy 500, the NCAA basketball playoffs — but they don't command the interest the Series does. If you don't believe me ask someone who won this year's Derby. Then ask who won the Series last year. More people are going to know the Dodgers won the Series than that um, oh you know, what was that horse, oh, yeah, Gateo del Sol won the Derby.

Even people who don't follow baseball at all watch the World Series.

Another thing the Series has going for it is the time of year it's played. October is the perfect month for the Series.

Some people say the baseball season is too long. To those people I say: Phooey! The season has to be as long as it is to allow the Series to be played in October.

This year's Series promises to be a good one. On paper, the Brewers appear to have the stronger team but, as some genius once said, they don't play the games on paper.

If the Brewers get hot with the bat they could make

mincemeat of the Cardinals' pitching staff. On the other hand, once you get past Don Sutton and Pete Vuckovich, the Brewer's don't have a pitching staff. When you have Pete "Big Foot" Ladd as your stopper in the bullpen, you have problems.

The Cardinals have Bruce Sutter, the Goose Gossage of the National League and the stopper the Brewers wish they had.

OK, now for a prediction. You've all been waiting for this one, I know. How about the Brewers in seven? — with Gorman Thomas hitting a home run in extra innings.

JV game postponed

This Friday's junior varsity football game at UNO has been postponed until Nov. 5, JV football Coach Frank Solich said. No date has been set yet for a possible replay.

The final home game for the Husker junior varsity is Oct. 29 against Waldorf Junior College.