

Sports

Rainbows end conference play without pot of gold

By Tad Stryker

Hawaii football came crashing back to earth this year after finishing 9-2 and being ranked as high as 16th nationally in 1981.

Rainbow Coach Dick Tomey said that although his team played its best game of the year last week against Air Force, he is disappointed with the Rainbows' 6-4 record and the season overall.

"The last couple of years we've been in the thick of the conference race," Tomey said. "This year, we're not playing or coaching as well."

Hawaii is coming off a 45-21 whipping of Air Force. The Rainbows held the Falcons' wishbone running attack to only 156 yards, but Tomey was not enthusiastic about his defense.

"We've given up a lot of big plays," he said. "The Air Force game was by far the best defensive game played this year."

"I feel that we have been capable of a good game, but we hadn't been able to get it out of our people," Tomey said. "But certainly we realize that playing well against Air Force is not the same as playing well against Nebraska."

The Hawaii players have not been

obsessed with the Nebraska game all year, Tomey said.

"I don't think this game has necessarily been a special game to them," he said. "I think they look forward to every game."

"Our conference is not as strong throughout as the Big Eight. We don't know how our players will stack up. We'll have to see by this game," Tomey said.

"It's a special challenge — nothing more than that."

The Rainbow offense has come together at the end of the season. Senior tailback Anthony Edgar scored on runs of 60, 70 and 1 yards to lead the way against Air Force.

Tomey said the Rainbows have been a running team during the years, but that they've been passing more this season. Senior quarterback Bernard Quarles has completed about 58 percent of his passes with very few interceptions, Tomey said.

The Rainbow offensive line is "as good as we've had here in my six years," he said.

Tomey also was pleased with his kicking game.

"We have one of the best kicking games in the nation," he said. The Rainbows are solid in placekicking, punting and coverage, and block a lot of kicks, Tomey said.

Wrestler makes a name for himself

By Kevin Warneke

Gary Albright has made a name for himself.

Despite being injured and not having completed a match this year, the UNL heavyweight wrestler is currently ranked fourth in the collegiate wrestling rankings.

Albright was injured in the Great Plains Open Nov. 13. While wrestling in the finals he tore the ligaments inside his right knee between the bones.

Albright said he hopes to start practicing in two weeks and hopes to begin competition at the beginning of the year.

"If I'm ready I would like to wrestle against Iowa State on Dec. 18," Albright said. "Their heavyweight, Ray Cole, is rated second, but he shouldn't be. He's not that good."

Albright tried to wrestle in the Oklahoma dual Nov. 19 but had to forfeit because he felt his knee give way.

"A minute into the match my opponent was stalling and then he shot at me and I felt my knee give," he said. "If I had been 100 percent, I could have pinned him."

According to Albright, it's not the injury but the waiting that is the hardest part.

"It makes me kind of jealous. I want to be in there," he said. "I've worked hard to get my position and then this injury comes along and it's something you can't control."

Both Albright and Coach Bob Fehrs said that the injury shouldn't cause any ill-effects in the latter part of the season.

"It shouldn't have any detrimental effects if his rehabilitation goes well," Fehrs said.

"I don't think it should have any bad effects. The only thing that matters is the Big Eight and national championships," Albright said. "You can go into those not having won a match and still win it all."

"The only thing I'll have to do is to get back into shape, and I'm not that out of shape," he said.

Once Albright finally returns to the mat he will have the task of trying to better last year's accomplishments, which included a seventh place in the NCAA Championships, a second place in the Big Eight Championships and a 21-6-1 record.

"I thought I did fairly well last season, but I could have done better," he said. "I was immature and kind of rushed

things. I wanted too much for myself."

"I'd like to go undefeated this year," Albright said. As for the team in the future, Albright sees good things happening.

"We're a young team. Next year we could beat Oklahoma if Bill and Jim (Scherr) don't redshirt, which is always a possibility," he said. "Oklahoma State is tough. They're one team I want to beat. When you look at a wrestler from OSU they look like they're from Dodge City ready to knock somebody off."

Albright, who is from Billings, Mont., said his decision to come to Nebraska was a difficult one.

"I was going to go to Oklahoma. I liked it there and they have good coaches," he said. "But they also had Dr. Death."

Albright was referring to Steve Williams, Oklahoma's heavyweight wrestler who also is a starting lineman on OU's football team. Williams now wrestles professionally.

"If you go to Oklahoma and are a national champion, you're just another national champion, but if you're a national champion at Nebraska that's something."

"I think the thing I regret about Nebraska is the fan support," Albright said. "In Oklahoma, fan support is big. It's getting better here, but I would like to see 1,000 people at the duals."

After his collegiate wrestling days are over, Albright said, he has many possibilities.

"I'm thinking about going to the Marines and wrestling on their team," he said. "They have good coaches and treatment."

Joining the Marines would keep him in shape for the possibility of making the United States Olympic team, Albright said.

"I have a good chance of making three Olympic teams," he said. "It'll be tough to make the freestyle team in 1984, but I can't see anybody ahead of me in Greco-Roman. And then there's 1988."

Another possibility for Albright is professional wrestling.

"I think professional wrestling downgrades amateur wrestling, but I've thought about it," he said. "I talked to Doc (Williams) and asked him if it was fake. He said it was real and if I thought it was fake I should step into the ring, but I still think it's fake."

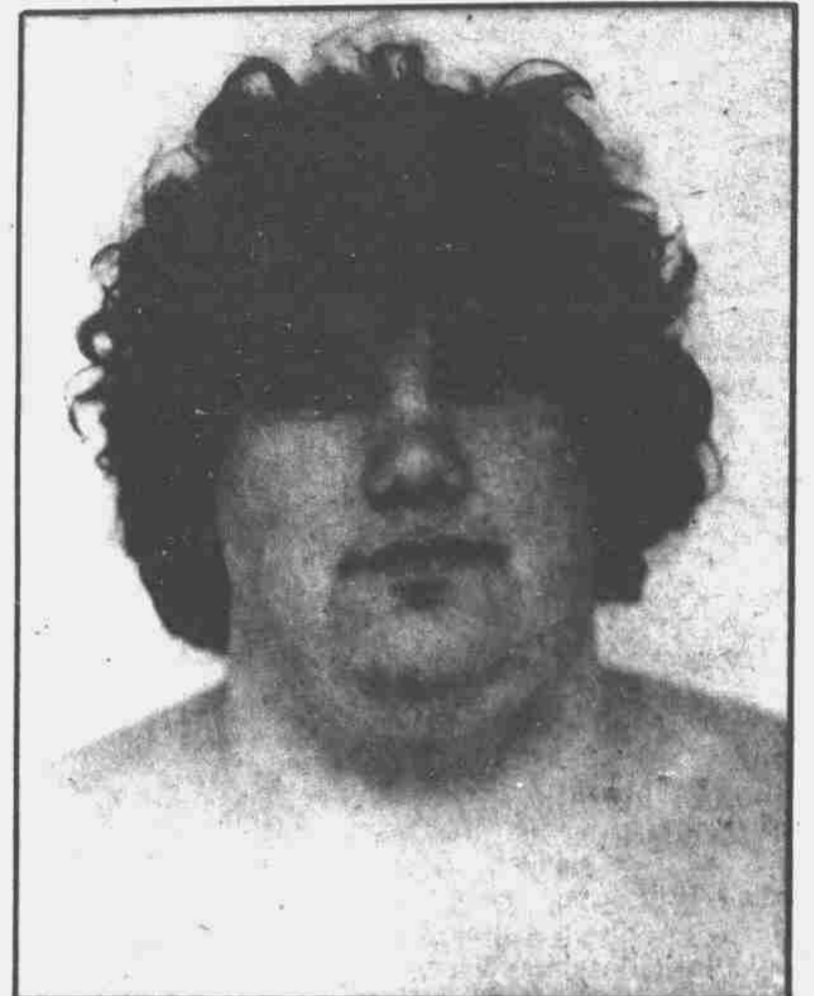


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Husker wrestler Gary Albright

Rodeo team places at meets

The UNL rodeo team recently placed second at a meet in Champaign, Ill., and third in competition at Dickenson, S.D.

At the Champaign meet, Todd Adamson placed second in calf roping while Bill O'Connor was third in that event. Paul Cleveland won the team roping and Von Svoboda won the bull riding at that meet.

At Dickenson, Cleveland won the calf roping and O'Connor was second. Denny Lawrence and Svoboda placed third and fourth, respectively, in the bull riding, and O'Connor and Russ Heskett teamed up to win second in team roping.

The next competition for the UNL club will be late January at Sioux Falls, S.D.

Wanted: A bowl game - anywhere

Hoped-for Wake Forest victory only a mirage

The Colleges

"That was the best 0-11 team I have seen by far," Houston Coach Bill Yeoman said of Rice Saturday. Unfortunately, it was also the only 0-11 team he saw, so the blinking Owls annexed their second Bottom 10 title in five years.

Memphis State (1-10), is sort of reverse Arizona State, blew everything in its final game with an untimely 12-0 win against Arkansas State. (Richmond, which finished



Steve Harvey

0-10, is ineligible for the rankings because of its nickname, the Spiders.)

Among the also-stumbles, No. 15 Wake Forest was beaten 17-21 by Clemson in the Mirage Bowl in Tokyo. (Clemson still is eligible for bowl games as long as they are not in the Western Hemisphere.)

The controversy about who has the worst team in the Northwest continued amid rumors that twin losers Oregon and Oregon State swapped uniforms before their game Saturday.

Final Official Rankings

SCHOOL, RECORD	LAST WEEK
1. Rice (0-11)	21-28, Houston
2. Kentucky (0-10-1)	

3. Columbia (1-9)	---
4. Memphis St. (1-10)	def. Arkansas St. 12-0
5. Minnesota (3-8)	---
6. Syracuse (2-9)	---
7. Michigan St. (2-9)	---
8. (tie) Oregon (2-8-1)	def. Oregon St. 7-6
9. Oregon St. (1-9-1)	6-7, Oregon
10. Virginia (2-9)	14-21, Virginia Tech
11. Texas of El Intercepted Paso (2-10); 12. Cal State-Fullerton (Disneyland) (3-9); 13. Bill & Mary (3-8); 14. Princeton (3-7); 15. Wake Forest (3-8); 16. Texas A&M (5-6); 17. Stanford (5-6)*; 18. Pentagon (Army, Navy, Coast Guard, Air Force, Hall of Fame Bowl) (18-23); 19. Superannuated Miss (4-7); 20. (tie) Notre Dame (6-4-1) and Alabama (7-4).	

*But was runner-up in NCAA water polo competition.
Crummy Traditional of the Week: Army (4-6) vs. Navy (5-5).

For the Record: The judge who awarded boxer Randy Cobb one round against Larry Holmes was not the same person who ruled that Southern California running back Michael Harper crossed the goal line before fumbling in the drive that defeated Notre Dame.

Attention stat fans: Notre Dame and Alabama are each within 31 losses of the NCAA Division I record for consecutive drubbings (34).

The Pros

Geologists, sifting through fossilized shoulder pads and carefully studying cave drawings inside the home team's

tunnel in Baltimore, believe that the last time the Dolts scored was Sept. 19, 1982. Still, San Francisco (1-3) may be remembered as the surprise dud of the year, especially if it becomes the first defending Super Bowl champ to capture The Bottom 10 title. Speculation has it that the off-season banquet tour hurt the club, now known as the Forty-Diners.

Elsewhere, the Rams finally won, but running back Fumble Tyler coughed up the ball three times to give him seven bobbles in four games. With the shortened schedule, Fumble is obviously in a hurry to catch the single-season record of 17, held (or dropped) by Dan Pastorini.

Denver rose to No. 4 without the services of quarterback Craig Morton, who was benched until he can gain more experience.

TEAM, RECORD	THE RANKINGS	NEXT LOSS
1. Baltimore (0-4)	Cincinnati	
2. San Francisco (1-3)	Los Angeles	
3. Tampa Bay (1-3)	New Orleans	
4. Denver (1-3)	Atlanta	
5. Philadelphia (1-3)	St. Louis	
6. Los Angeles (1-3); 7. Chicago (1-3); 8. Kansas City (1-3); 9. N.J. Giants (1-3); 10. Randy Cobb (0-15).		

Crummy Game of the Week: Los Angeles (1-3) vs. San Francisco (1-3).

Quotebook: Ram back Fumble Tyler, explaining his seven bobbles: "I don't hold anything back. Sometimes I get so excited I forget about the ball."

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