

Sports

Cowboy coach: Don't sell us short

By Scott Ahlstrand

The Wyoming Cowboys have been rated heavy underdogs in Saturday's game with Nebraska. On paper, the top-ranked Cornhuskers should have few problems with the 1-0 Cowboys. But Coach Al Kincaid of Wyoming puts little importance on predictions.

"Not too many people expect us to win," the third-year coach said. "But I expect us to win and I think our players do, too. I think that's all that really counts."

Wyoming's performance in its season opener backs some of Kincaid's optimism. Wyoming dominated South Dakota in typical Nebraska fashion. The Cowboys rolled over the Coyotes 28-0 in the first half and substituted freely during the second half.

"I was very happy with our play in the first half," Kincaid said. "We weren't playing a team of Nebraska's caliber, but we did play extremely well."

Kincaid said he was not especially pleased with Wyoming's performance in the second half, but it gave him a chance to "sit back and take a look at a lot of new players."

Wyoming is led offensively by fourth-year starter Walt Goffigan. Goffigan, an all-Western Athletic Conference fullback, switched to running back this season. He scored three touchdowns — including a 40-yard, fourth-quarter run — against South Dakota.

"Walt is our most experienced offensive player," Kincaid said. "We expect him to have a good game every time he plays."

Starting alongside Goffigan in Wyoming's wishbone backfield is running back Kevin Lowe. Lowe, a two-year starter, ran for 87 yards and scored a touchdown against the Coyotes.

Unlike the offense, the Cowboy defensive is not by one or two players. Kincaid said Wyoming tries to counteract its defensive inexperience by throwing several defensive schemes at the opposition.

"I don't think we are good enough right now to just line up in the same defense all the time and be able to stop people," Kincaid said. "We try to show a lot of different looks to help confuse the other team. We have a young defense, but I think they'll improve. They are all pretty quick and they like to hit people."

Kincaid said he thinks Nebraska's offense poses some special problems for the Cowboys.

"With the offensive personnel they have, they're going to move the football against anyone in the country," Kincaid said. "We're not going to be able to shut them down — I don't think anyone in the country can shut them down. We're just going to try not to give them the ball in our territory. We'll show them a lot of defenses and try to slow them down."

Wyoming has 10 seniors on its football team this season and Kincaid said he thinks he has the youngest team in Division One football.

"We have a lot of inexperience, but don't sell us short," Kincaid said. "Nebraska has a great program, but I think we're ready to play them."

The taps, most by junior Jodie Aguirre, worked by dropping over the Nebraska blockers and in front of the back row.

"It's hard to stop that little misdirection play," Pettit said. "They weren't hitting into our block very much. In the second set, we had to drop the blockers back a bit."

"They (Wyoming) played with a lot of emotion, and it's difficult to keep that up through a whole match."

Pettit said Wyoming forced Nebraska to handle the ball more than their last contender, the University of Iowa.

"This team pointed out some deficiencies we have that Iowa didn't," Pettit said.

Troubles with sloppy defensive ball diving and overhitting plagued Nebraska in the first game. Most of senior Erin Dean's spikes were overshot in the first game, but improved later in the match.

Pettit said he felt sophomore Michelle Smith came off the bench to intimidate Wyoming in the second game. "The entire team adjusted to Wyoming, and our setters performed well," he said.

Dean, sophomore Annie Adamczak, and Smith led the Cornhuskers in kills. Pettit felt a strong middle, led by Smith, Adamczak, freshman Karen Dahlgren, and junior Julie Hermann were a strong asset in Thursday's match.

Wyoming Coach Gerry Gregory, now 1-7 in his first year, said he felt Nebraska neutralized Wyoming's outside attack well.

"I'm realistic enough to know Nebraska is more experienced and has been at a higher level of competition. We're a team that's improving," Gregory said.

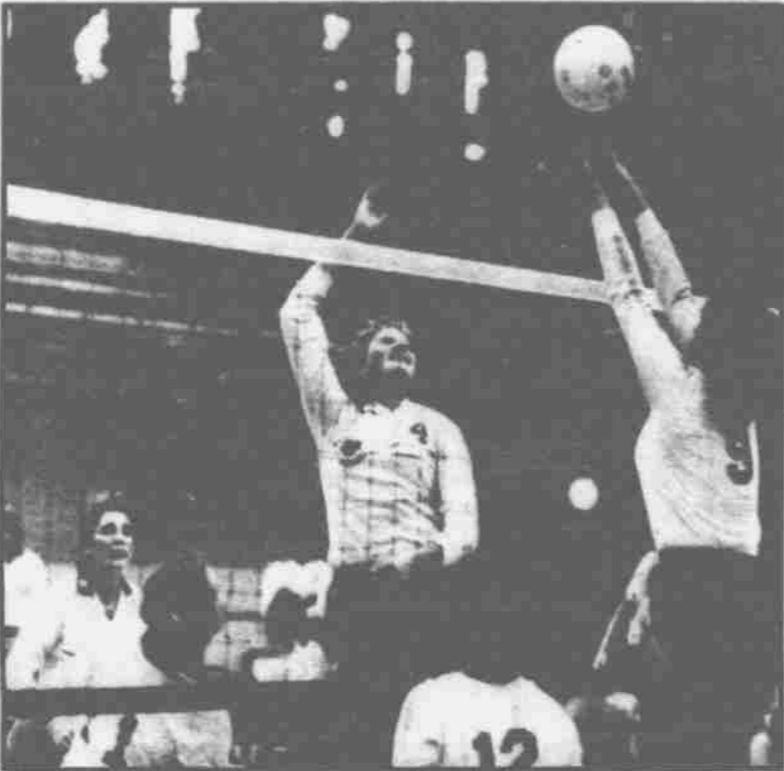
Gregory said he thought the Cowgirls needed to pass the ball better and be creative. According to Gregory, Wyoming won the serve-receive battle in the first game and Nebraska won it thereafter.

Nebraska's next game will be at Kansas Monday night.



CATHY NELSON
Omaha

Nelson led Nebraska to the 1983 Big Eight golf championship with a second place finish, one stroke behind Janice Burba of Oklahoma. The senior from Omaha also placed 13th in the Iowa State invitational last fall.



Staff photo by Dave Bentz

Nebraska's Sharon Kramer (4) and Wyoming's Jodie Aguirre battle for a point at the net.

Block switch helps Huskers beat Wyoming

By Janet Stefanski

Nebraska's volleyball team got a scare Thursday night, but managed a strong come-back to defeat Wyoming 7-15, 15-2, 15-7, 15-4, at the UNL Coliseum.

Nebraska coach Terry Pettit said a key adjustment after Wyoming's first-game win paced the victory. Pettit readjusted the pattern of Nebraska's middle-blockers to shut off the Cowgirl taps, as opposed to kill attempts.

KRNU

By Lauri Hoppie

In January, KRNU, the UNL student radio station, was featured in the Daily Nebraskan because students generally did not know about it. Many more also may be unaware that KRNU, 90.3 FM, is the only radio station left in direct competition with KFAB's otherwise exclusive Husker football coverage.

The UNL Athletic department gave KRNU encouragement to continue student coverage of varsity football games, although the department limited commercial coverage to only one radio station.

Previously, Lincoln's KFOR and KLIN and Omaha's WOW, as well as KFAB and KRNU, all broadcast the varsity football games. But, KFAB won the bid for an exclusive contract last fall, leaving KRNU as the only alternative to Lyell Bremser, Kent Pavelka and Jack Payne.

Despite the face-off, Hal Graves, assistant professor of broadcast journalism, said KRNU will not "actively pursue" KFAB's Husker audience.

"If the students do their job right, and I do mine right, we'll develop an audience," Graves said.

KRNU has broadcast Husker games since 1972, when the course was first established.

Sophomore John Coffey and senior Roger Mundt will be the announcers for the Wyoming game.

'Only game in town' status shared by KRNU football broadcasters

But, the voices coming from KRNU will most likely be different for each home-game broadcast, Graves said. The broadcasters will be rotated as much as possible to give experience to as many of the 20 students as is possible.

KRNU will send a play-by-play announcer, a color analysis announcer, a spotter engineer and statistician to each game. Pre-game previews, taped by other class members during the week, will begin 10 minutes before kick off.

"We don't really make any promises to anybody in the class," Graves said.

He added that everyone in the class will not get a chance to be a play-by-play or color analyst, because there are only six home games.

Graves said if he finds two students who work well together, he might consider having them cover the end-of-season Big Eight games.

Students who do not have the opportunity to broadcast UNL games will cover high school football games or tape coverage of a Nebraska game without actually broadcasting it, he said.

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Graves said he stresses three aspects of broadcasting in his class: game situations, daily sports-casts and a "magazine" radio program.

Game situations are limited to football, basketball and baseball, he said. Student daily sports-casts — three to five minutes long — air hourly between 7:20 a.m. and 5:15 p.m. weekdays.

The new, 10-minute magazine program begins Sept. 24, Graves said. "NU 90 Sports Saturday" will focus on the "whole gamut" of area university and high school sports events.

Graves said each magazine will include live interviews, taped interviews and a college football preview segment.