

# Sports

## Multicultural duckball with host Mr. Rogers

Add a little spice to your life today. While you read this highly informative and entertaining column, pretend that I am imitating Mr. Rogers. OK, I know it sounds crazy, but it'll be fun. Besides, you've already read the personals, what else do you have to do?

Hello ... how are you? I'm glad you could be here today.

Now, as soon as I change into my sneakers and sweater, we'll start talking about el pato.

Can you say that? El pato.

There ... I knew you could ... see?

Today, boys and girls, we are going to be multicultural. You don't have to say that. It's a big word. Do



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you know what famous TV star rhymes with "big word?"

That's right ... Big Bird, from Sesame Street.

Pato in Spanish means duck. Which is a kind of bird. But maybe not a big bird ... oh well.

Pato is also an ancient Spanish sport that is kind of like basketball on horseback.

No, boys and girls, tell your mommies I'm not making this up. I learned it in my Spanish 211 language and culture class.

The object of the game is to throw a leather ball through a ring that has a net while riding a horse. There are four on a team and the ball has handles so you can grab it, kind of like the way you nasty little boys grab your sister's hair and pull it so she screams until your mom comes in and beats you with a stick to show you that violence is bad.

When the game first started it was played with a leather bag that had a live duck inside it. Really ... a live duck ... that's why the game is called pato.

I guess this was before they had a humane society. But that's OK, because we don't like ducks anyway, do we, boys and girls?

In Spanish, the word for ball is pelota. Can you say that? Pelota. There ... I knew you could ... see?

(Knock knock).

What's that? Someone is at the door. Why, it's Mr. McFeeley, the mailman. Mr. McFeeley, I was just telling the boys and girls about el pato, the spanish sport where —

"I know all that, Mr. Rogers, I work here, I read the script. And you know what I was thinking?"

What, Mr. McFeeley?

"It's a good thing the Kansas City Royals don't play pato."

"Why's that?"

### Men's Intra-mural Flag Football Ratings

#### "Husker Red's" Top Ten

(Based on games played through Oct. 17)

- 1. Sigma Chi A-1 3-0
- 2. Bucateers 4-0
- 3. Phi Kappa Psi A 3-0
- 4. Sweets 4-0
- 5. Mondello's 3-1
- 6. Kappa Sigma A 3-0
- 7. Airway Express 2-0
- 8. Abel 11 A 3-0
- 9. Selleck 8300 A 3-0
- 10. Alpha Gamma Rho A 4-0

Husker Red's Notes: The Mondello's make the biggest advance in this week's poll. After being unranked last week the Mondello's, who forfeited their first game, move up to fifth place after impressive victories against last weeks third and eighth-ranked teams (Mad-baller's Revenge and Amos Alonzo Stags, 44-26 and 40-25 respectively). Kappa Sigma A also moves into the Top Ten after posting a 25-12 victory against Tau Kappa Epsilon A last week's seventh ranked team. Another Top Ten casualty was sixth-ranked Abel 8A losing a close game to this weeks ninth-ranked team Selleck 8300 A, 26-24. Other teams contending to break into the Top Ten include the Helmsmans, Unknowns, Harper 7 A, Abel 6 A, Abel 9 A and Girth Vaders.

The spotlight game of the week will match first-ranked Sigma Chi A-1 against third-ranked Phi Kappa Psi A, tonight at 7:30. Another top game will be the Abel 6 A vs. Abel 9 A game at 9:30 p.m.

"Well, boys and girls, if the Royals played pato, a typical game on the radio would sound like this: 'Hi, and welcome to another broadcast of Kansas City Royals pato.' It just doesn't sound right, Mr. Rogers. It's downright unAmerican."

"But pato is Spanish, Mr. McFeeley. You're not being very multicultural."

"I'm sorry, but come on, would Commissioner Bowie Kuhn have to throw out the first duck?"

"Why are you being so ridiculous today, Mr. McFeeley?"

"Well, Mr. Rogers, in order to be like my beloved Royals, I've started snorting cocaine. You know, just like I started using Preparation H when George Brett got hemorrhoids a few years back."

Boys and girls, we only joke about snorting cocaine when we want to go to the Magic Kingdom and talk to King Friday.

Do you want to snort cocaine just because some big league ballplayers do?

I don't think you do ... do you? If you did, you might end up walking around in your own little neighborhood ... just like me.

## Women's tennis team ends season Friday

After losing three dual meets last weekend, the Nebraska women's tennis team will host Texas Tech Friday at the East Campus tennis courts.

"All the teams we went up against were strong teams," said Coach Kathy Hawkins. "The duals were good competition for us and our girls were able to compete with them."

Wichita State defeated the Huskers 6-3. Winners for Nebraska were Liz Mooney in No. 2 singles, Jean Halahan in No. 4 singles and Jamie and Jill Pisarcik in No. 2 doubles.

Next stop for the Huskers was Minneapolis. On Saturday, Nebraska lost a dual to Wisconsin by the score of 6-3. Winners for Nebraska were Jamie Pisarcik in No. 1 singles, Mooney in No. 2 singles and Lisa Brooks and Mimi Mageira in No. 3 doubles.

On Sunday the opponent was Minnesota. The Gophers won the dual 8-1. The only winner for the Huskers was Mooney at No. 2 singles.

"The weekend was a little disappointing," Hawkins said. "We had a shot to win a couple games, but we never came through."

"We've progressed since the Husker Invitational," Hawkins said. "The girls are playing more aggressively. They're getting off the baseline and going to the net to win the point."

"My expectations for the Spring season are high," Hawkins said. "This team has the potential to be one of the strongest teams ever at Nebraska. There's a lot of talent here, and I feel that a couple individuals could go as far as nationals."

The team closes out their fall season this Friday at 1 p.m., hosting the Texas Tech Red Raiders.

## Student tickets ready

Students who bought tickets for the 1983-84 Husker basketball season can pick them up from the Athletic Ticket Office, South Stadium — beginning at 9 a.m. Monday through 4 p.m. Friday.

Students must present their current student ID card in order to pick up their ticket. Office hours at 9 a.m. to noon and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

# Around the Big Eight

Analysis by Scott Ahlstrand

### BIG EIGHT STANDINGS

	W	L	T	PCT.	PF	PA
Nebraska	7	0	0	1.000	337	79
Missouri	4	2	0	.667	143	116
Oklahoma	4	2	0	.667	135	114
Oklahoma State	4	2	0	.667	120	80
Kansas	3	2	1	.539	199	120
Iowa State	3	3	0	.500	134	168
Colorado	2	4	0	.333	119	148
Kansas State	2	4	0	.333	92	147

## Big 8

### THIS WEEK'S TOP GAMES

Oklahoma State at Kansas: The Cowboys and the Jayhawks will pit strength against strength in what should be an exciting game. Kansas, led by quarterback Frank Seurer, has the best passing attack in the Big Eight. Oklahoma State, on the other hand, has a highly acclaimed defense that has limited opponents to a measly 13.3 points per game. If you combine KU's offense with the Cowboy defense (the Cowhaws? the Jayboys?) you'd have one whale of a team.

Iowa State at Oklahoma: This will be game II A.D. (after Dupree) for the Sooners, who eeked out a narrow win last week. The Cyclones, to everyone's surprise, are 2-0 in the Big Eight and are looking for bigger and better things. Oklahoma has a slight historical advantage, as they lead the series 49-4-2.

### HEROES

TIM LASHAR: The OU kicker crossed up everyone, including his own teammates, when he kicked onsidies late in the OU-OSU game.

"Nobody told me I was supposed to kick it long," Lashar said. "Guys were switching back and forth, running around and I didn't know what they were doing. So I just kicked it onside."

Needless to say, Oklahoma recovered the ball and won the game 21-20.

BOBBY JOHNSON: Johnson, a wide receiver for the Jayhawks, caught 10 passes in Kansas' 31-3 victory against Kansas State. His 208 yards in receptions was only 14 yards short of this Big Eight single game receiving mark. For his efforts, Johnson was named Big Eight offensive player of the week. (Nebraska's Mike Knox was the defensive player of the week.)

### QUOTES

Kansas State Coach Jim Dickey on the Wildcat's blitzing failure versus Kansas: "It's one of those things. It's like being in a rowboat that springs a leak. You fix that leak, and then it springs another one somewhere else."

Iowa State Coach Jim Criner on the difference of being 1-3 in pre-season to 2-0 in Big Eight play: "We're very happy to be 2-0 in the league. We played hard and stood tall and gained confidence. Three weeks ago, I was lower than a whale at the bottom of the ocean."

Kansas City Star correspondent Steve Fainaru describing Nebraska's offense ... "The greatest show on turf."

Kansas freshman defensive back Derrek Berry on

his first collegiate interception: "I just didn't want to drop it. If I had dropped it, they might not have let me back into the huddle."

### BIG EIGHT REPORT CARD

COLORADO: The Buffs lost their third game in a row last week in what appears to be a trend. CU's offense and defense are alternating. One plays bad one week, the other plays bad the next. The Buffalo offense lives and dies on the forward pass, and as last week's 22-10 loss to Iowa State shows, they are currently in a state of severe rigor mortis. They merit our grade of C-minus.

IOWA STATE: The Cyclones are the most improved team in the Big Eight. Written off by many as damaged goods, Iowa State has bounced back and recorded a 2-0 conference mark. As mid-term draws near, the Cyclones are raising their scores. This week's grade is a B.

KANSAS: The Jayhawks are the Jekyll and Hyde of the Big Eight. They've got more personalities than Sybil. After losing to the Cyclones two weeks ago, the Jayhawks bounced back with a solid tromping of Kansas State. Seurer and the KU defense continue to impress. Their grade for this personality is a B-plus.

KANSAS STATE: My mother told me that if I can't say anything good about somebody, not to say anything at all. Enough said? Kansas State's grade — D.

MISSOURI: You have to give Tiger coach Warren Powers credit. He's always able to get his team pumped up against the Cornhuskers. The Tigers played NU tough for three quarters and earned a B for their efforts.