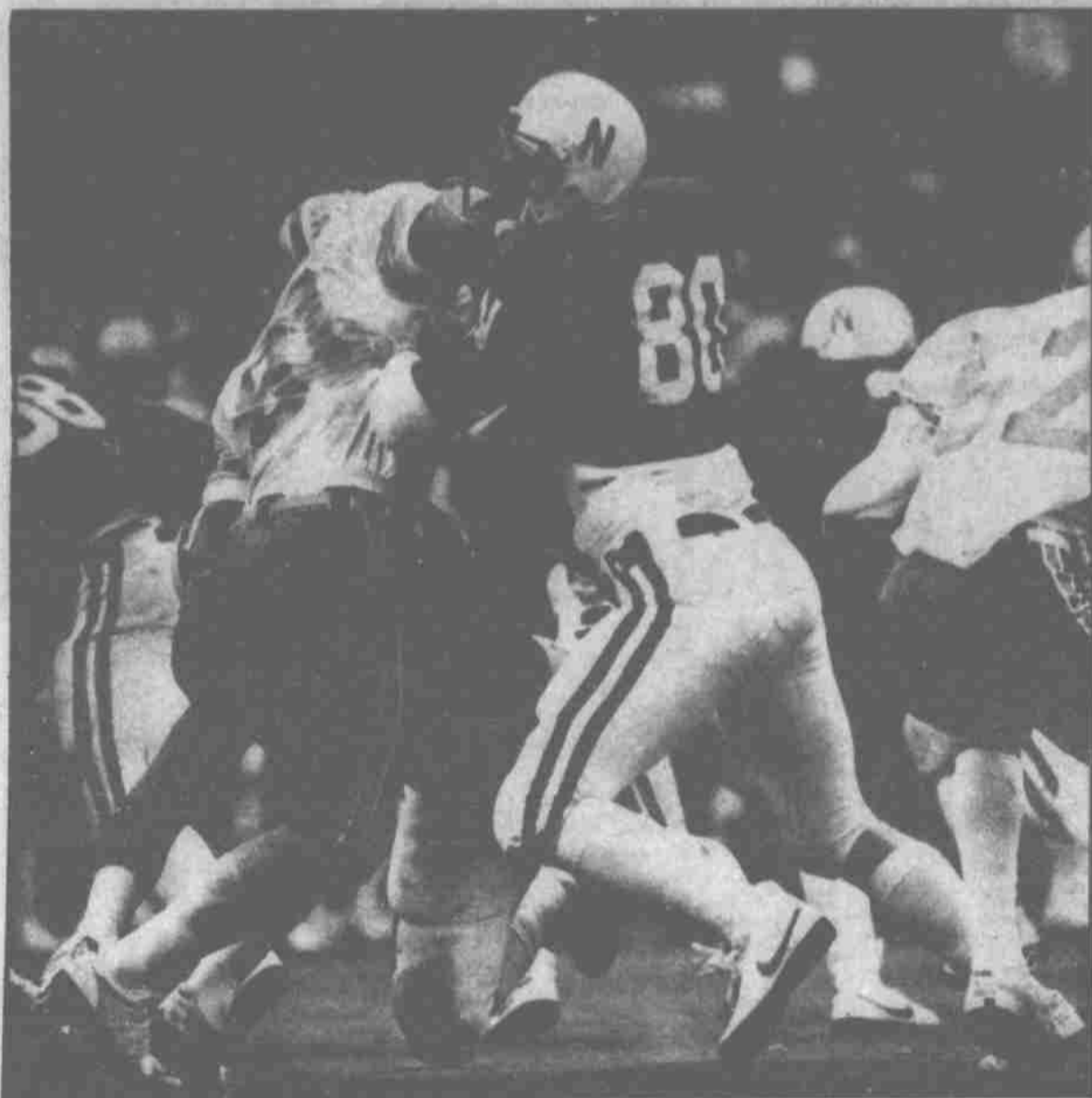


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Staff photo by John Zoz
Todd Frain blocks Colorado's Dave Adler during a Nebraska series Saturday.

Osborne: Bad plays 'burst Buffaloes' 'emotional bubble'

Speaking at Monday's Extra Point Club Luncheon, Nebraska football coach Tom Osborne said emotions played a big role in Colorado's off-and-on performance in Saturday's game.

The Buffaloes allowed the heavily favored Huskers only 14 first half points, and trailed by two points, 14-12, at half time. In the second half, Colorado fell apart, allowing Nebraska 55 points.

Osborne said Colorado coaches tried to motivate their players at a higher level for their game against the Huskers.

"Colorado considers this (the UNL-CU game) their big game of the year," Osborne said. "I wasn't surprised that Colorado played hard and played well."

In addition to being highly emotional, Osborne sighted Colorado's "surprises" on offense as aiding the Buffaloes in the first half.

"They took us out of some of the things we do on defense," Osborne said. "You can only prepare for what you've seen."

Osborne said a change in momentum was the key in the Huskers' third quarter explosion.

"The big difference in the second

half, was the early momentum. If we had come out in the second half and had the same thing happen (that happened in the first half), the game could have gone down to the late stages of the fourth quarter."

Osborne said several of the Buffalo miscues could be attributed to the let down they experienced. The Husker mentor said when a team is playing emotionally, and they experience a few bad plays, their "bubble bursts."

Although no Nebraska players were severely injured in the Colorado game, Osborne said, the team got its share of bumps and bruises.

"We're at the stage where a lot of players are playing with problems," Osborne said.

Osborne singled out the linebackers as being particularly "beaten up" and said the coaches are trying to deal with the problem by lightening up during practices.

"We feel like we've got to back off a little," Osborne said. "You've only got so many train wrecks in you."

The Huskers' opponent this week is the 2-5 Kansas State Wildcats. Nebraska leads the series with a 55-10-2 mark.



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RENEE BOSLE
Senior Omaha

*Transfer from Oral Roberts... earned scholarship last season... finished third and seventh in Big Eight on uneven bars past two seasons.

Wrestlers begin season Friday

By Ward W. Triplett III

For most collegiate wrestling teams, the season isn't scheduled to begin for another two weeks. For four of the best, however, the season begins this weekend in Stillwater, Okla., in the fourth annual Hall of Fame Classic.

One of those four this season is Bob Fehrs' Nebraska team, which finished sixth in the NCAA tournament and final rankings last season.

"It's (the Hall of Fame Classic) equivalent to the Kickoff Classic the football team played in," Fehrs said. "It's strictly by invitation, and the invitation is based on a team's record over the past couple of years."

The tournament, which will serve as a fund-raiser for the Wrestling Hall of Fame in Stillwater, includes Oklahoma State, defending Big Eight champion and last year's No. 2 team, Arizona State, which finished 14th, and Penn State, which finished 7th. The Huskers will wrestle Penn State and Arizona State in dual matches in the Classic.

Fehrs said Nebraska accepted the invitation in mid-September.

"Obviously, we had to rearrange our practice schedule," he said. Nebraska had been scheduled to see its first action in the Bison Open in Fargo, N.D., Nov. 12.

Although the squad has had less time to prepare for a first meet, particularly against what should be tougher competition, Fehrs said he was pleased with the team's progress.

"I think practice is going quite well for this time of

the year," he said. "Our first line looks like it's going to be very good, but at a few weights we are untested because those guys are young."

Nebraska's three all-Americans, Jim Scheer (177), Bill Scheer (190) and Gary Albright (heavyweight), are the obvious strength of the team based on their past performances and honors, Fehrs said.

Albright is coming off an injury-redshirt year while Bill Scheer placed 3rd at nationals, Jim Scherr went into nationals ranked second, but lost in the second round, partly due to an injury.

"The bullwork of our scores should come from those weights," Fehrs said. "That threesome would have to be the best in the nation as far as the final three weights."

But, Fehrs said, his staff thinks there are other people on the squad who are quite capable of their own stardom. Sophomores Matt Campbell and Gil Sanchez, starting at 118 and 124 respectively, are expected to continue improving after switching off at 118 last season, Fehrs said. Chris Marisette at 134 and Lance Milsap at 142 each have two years of competition behind them.

At 150, freshman William Taylor from Portland, Ore., is slated to start, while Eric Koehler, a junior college transfer from Garden City, Kan., will start at 158. Jake Sabo, a redshirt freshman, will start at 167.

"Our main fear now is a lack of depth," Fehrs said. "An injury anywhere in the starting line will hurt us. We don't have much backup strength."

Nebraska will not open its home schedule until Nov. 26th with a dual against Oregon State.

Season basketball tickets are here

The lines at the Athletic Ticket Office, South Stadium 117, were long but moved smoothly Monday during the first day students could pick up their season basketball tickets.

"Over all, it's gone pretty well," Jean Walcott of the ticket office said. "If students have everything in order, with their ID and marriage certificates (when applicable), the lines move pretty fast."

Students who chose lottery numbers in the 9,000s appear to be getting the floor level bleachers, Walcott said.

"Some students with numbers in the high 8,000 have been getting on the floor but for the most part it's been the students in the 9,000s. We reached that first 1,000, then we had to start moving students around," she said.

Tickets can be picked up at the ticket office until Friday at 4 p.m.

Walcott said students who want a full re-

fund must inform the ticket office in writing by Nov. 23.

Walcott said the ticket office did not expect students who were placed in the top seats to demand refunds.

"They (the tickets) were sold with the understanding that it would be a lottery," she said. "They (students) knew what their chances might be."

Walcott added that season tickets for the general public may not meet the demand either.

General public seating is between the student bleachers and the student seats on the top level of the Bob Devaney Sports Center.

Gymnastics season tickets also are available at the ticket office. Tickets are available for the five home meets, the first of which will be Nov. 4 and 5 against Iowa State and Oklahoma. That meet will be \$3 per day. Reserved seating for the four meets next semester costs \$4.

Correction

This week's final freshman football game will be played in Manhattan, Kan., Friday against the Kansas State junior varsity.

Athletes open seasons

Nebraska's men's and women's swimming teams will open their 1983-84 seasons at home next weekend.

The UNL women will be hosts for Colorado State at the Bob Devaney Sports Center pool while the men's team will be hosts for the U.S.S. senior meet.

The Nebraska men's gymnastics team will open its sixth national title defense Nov. 4, in the main arena of the sports center in the Big Eight Invitational.

Tickets for the two-day meet are \$3 per day and are available at South Stadium. Nebraska, Iowa State and Oklahoma will compete in the meet.