

Huskers to slay K-State

Analysis by Jeff Goodwin

Nebraska at Kansas State. In the immortal words of The Clash, "It has been suggested in some quarters" that Nebraska's offense could have taken Grenada quicker than the U.S. task force assigned to the job.

I disagree for two reasons: 1) The team would be playing on the road and 2) Grenada has natural turf. After all, look at all the trouble the Huskers had down at Missouri.

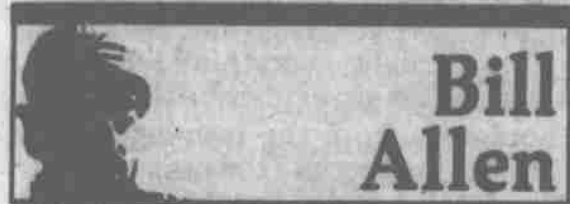
Things look dim for the Wildcats. They'll be lucky if they can hold out until the second ballot: **Nebraska 49, Kansas State 6.**

Michigan at Illinois: This will be the

'Allen poll' scans sportsland

Ah, it's good to be on the sports page, where Beirut and Grenada seem a million miles away, where the results of last night's game are more important than the unemployment rate, and the toughest question you have to answer is who hit the first grand-slam home run in World Series play?

But even in the seeming simplicity of the sporting world, some questions do come up for debate:



Bill Allen

Does the latest controversial Penn State victory (against Alabama) show the need for an instant-replay system to over-ride officials' decisions?

Are drugs ruining the reputation of professional sports?

Do we need a college football playoff system to determine a national championship?

There are good arguments both ways on all of these questions, and I'm not a master debater, so I conducted a random survey of UNL students to see what you thought about each of these issues.

The results showed conclusively that no conclusive conclusion could be concluded.

They also showed that the average UNL student doesn't know much about sports. But anyway, UNL, here's what you thought.

On the Penn State issue:

—47 percent thought Penn State was a brand of motor oil endorsed by Arnold Palmer.

—22 percent thought the referee who made the calls (first against NU and then against Alabama) should donate the money he received from Coach Joe Paterno to charity.

—11 percent couldn't believe they were really talking to Bill Allen and asked for an autograph, which I gave them, of course, for only \$1 each.

—10 percent said "No, thank you I'm not religious."

—9 percent said "No, thank you, I'm a Democrat."

And one guy actually said yes, he

biggest game for Illinois since they played (and defeated) Ohio State two

weeks ago. This game figures to be very close and should go right down to the last few minutes, but my crystal ball — cloudy though it may be — sees a Wolverine victory: **Michigan 23, Illinois 20.**

Penn State at Boston College: The Lions, formerly the hunted, have now become the hunters and are on the prowl for the Eagles.

But the Eagles, led by Doug Flutie, have had a pretty good year themselves. But not even Flutie can help the Eagles in this one: **Penn State 34, Boston College 28.**

thought a review system would be beneficial, as long as it has set limitations and did not interfere with the flow of the game.

On the drugs question: —42 percent refused to answer until they had talked to their lawyers, and furthermore, demanded to see a search warrant.

—31 percent said if they made \$100,000 a year they would buy cocaine, too.

—12 percent said it showed a lack of responsibility on the part of the players, moral corruption, and that yes, it definitely hurt the reputation of the sport.

—10 percent agreed with the previous 12 percent.

—5 percent offered me a joint.

A couple of days later, I went on to the third question.

After the first two questions, seeing that a random survey gave fairly distorted results, I worked out what is known in the survey business as a demographic breakdown. Of 100 students, I polled 40 whom I knew were knowledgeable about sports, 15 sorority women, 20 agriculture students, 15 international students, and 10 of my old girlfriends.

Even then the results weren't startling when I asked them if there should be a playoff system to determine a national champion:

—40 percent said a playoff system would settle once and for all who was the best team in the country, and the biggest problem would be determining who made the playoffs.

—15 percent said they never knew what to wear to football games, and wasn't it great the way those bug lugs looked in tight pants.

—20 percent said a football field was a waste of good farmland.

—15 percent said soccer was the only real sport, except war.

Finally, 10 percent wanted to know when I was going to pay back all the money I owed them. I offered to make it up in autographs.

Mostly, the surveys showed that in sports you don't have to make sense, you just enjoy them.

By the way, it was Elmer Smith, of Cleveland, in the 1920 Series.

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