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Test of students' football expertise could weed out undeserving clods

The Scene: Less than 10 minutes were left in the Nebraska-Oklahoma football game last fall. The game was to decide the Big Eight champion and a spot in the Orange Bowl. The Huskers were trailing but driving. From my 40-yard line seat I watched Doug DuBose break a long run off of a screen pass to put the Huskers in business deep in OU territory.



Bob Asmussen

But above the din of the crowd I could hear a lone voice from a nearby block of students. The question, addressed to no one in particular, was a simple one. "Who is it that we're playing anyway?" the semi-inebriated voice said with a giggle as Jeff Smith failed to get the go-ahead touchdown on fourth down.

That question and millions of other similarly stupid ones have been heard rising from student sections at Nebraska games. Granted, the questions don't hurt anyone but they do lead to another question. Wouldn't someone else enjoy those seats a little bit more?

It's just a darn shame to see seats go

to people with no interest whatsoever in the game. Oh sure, they like the wave, and the drinks and the food, especially the food. But they don't have a single clue as to what is going on down there on the field.

Those guys are working hard down there and they get questions like "Who are we playing?" They're going to start feeling unappreciated after awhile. Maybe those 10-1's and 9-2's will turn into 1-10's and 2-9's.

So what is all this leading to? Simple, a test.

This is a test that can be taken by anyone but is specifically meant for those who sit in the 50-yard-line seats with hardly a clue or a concern as to what's transpiring on the field.

Take this simple test in the privacy of your own sorority, fraternity, dorm room or whatever. If you get seven out of 10 right then you should be allowed to have your seat this fall. Less than seven right should cause you to sell your ticket without making a killing. Well, ready, here goes. (And remember, don't peek at the answers, cheaters never prosper.)

1. Who is Nebraska's football coach?
2. Nebraska plays in the — Eight Conference. Fill in the blank.
3. Name any Nebraska player ever.
4. Mad Mike is a) the next character to be played by Mel Gibson, b) a mass murderer who killed hundreds with a single pair of tweezers, c) the obnox-

ious guy at the football games who tries to get people to cheer, d) all of the above.

5. Mike Rozier and Johnny Rodgers are the only two Nebraska players to win the Heisman — a) Trophy, b) blender, c) helmet, d) watch.

6. Name Nebraska's football captain in 1913?

7. How many career rushes did Rex Fischer have?

8. What was Nebraska's exact attendance average in 1956?

9. Name the five coaches who preceded Bob Devaney?

10. What college did Bob Devaney attend?

How'd you do? Hope it wasn't too tough. How'd you like those last five questions? Weren't they dandy? How many did you get right? I'll bet there will be some cheap tickets to be had for football games this fall.

Answers:

1. Tom Osborne
2. Big
3. Any name will do, try Smith
4. c
5. a
6. Leonard Purdy
7. 188 carries
8. 32,919
9. Bill Jennings, Pete Elliott, Bill Glassford, B.E. Masterson and George Clark
10. Alma College

NFC Central preview includes ugliness, senility

Analysis by Kevin Warneke
Staff Reporter

Let's hear it for the Bears, for they at least make the NFC Central Conference tolerable.

For years, the NFC Central has been the yawn conference of professional football. The Green Bay Packers have no offense, the Detroit Lions have no healthy players, the Tampa Bay Buccaneers have nothing at all and the Minnesota Vikings have ugly uniforms.

NFC Central Preview

Football is back in Chicago, although some may argue that it never left.

The Bears have it all: speed, strength, agility and "Sweetness."

Walter Payton returns as one of the NFL's best running backs. After all, he's only rushed for 13,309 yards in his career. For those who thought Payton may be slowing down, the 10-year veteran rushed for 1,684 yards last season.

And the Bears have The Refrigerator. Sure William Perry is a big boy. He's fat.

Fine, I say. But he's good. And he's going to get better. Team him up with linebacker Mike Singletary and the Bears have one tough defense.

The only thing holding the Bears back may be the status of quarterback

Jim McMahon. If he can stay healthy, San Francisco watch out.

After the Bears, it's almost like drawing them out of the hat to see who will finish second. Not that anyone would care.

The Packers should finish second, even without the use of the hat.

If the Lynn Dickey-to-James Lofton aerial show is in sync, the Packers could be tough. Throw in a little defense and who knows how far they could go?

The Detroit Lions appear to be without their leader again. Once again, Billy Sims is injured.

Too often, as Sims goes so go the Lions. This year it could be down the tubes.

The big question: Why would the Lions want an archaic quarterback in Joe Ferguson? The man is old.

The Buccaneers have James Wilder at running back and Steve DeBerg at quarterback. That's all and that's not enough.

Now for the once-mighty Vikings.

The Vikings even have ugly players. Add lousy to that and the Vikings need no more words.

But I'll keep going. I don't care that Bud Grant is back. The man is old, senile and out-of-touch with reality. After all, who in their right mind would want to return to Minnesota?

Then there's Tommy Kramer. Fran Tarkenton he's not.

Enough said.

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