

Sports

Huskers attack Illini's pass patterns

By Mike Reilley
Senior Reporter

Nebraska fans can expect to see a new style of football when the Cornhuskers play Illinois at Memorial Stadium Saturday, said Coach Tom Osborne on Tuesday.

"Illinois is unique in many respects," Osborne said at his weekly press luncheon. "They're very different both on offense and defense than what you would normally see in our (Big Eight) conference."

What makes the Fighting Illini's offense unique, Osborne said, is that it uses only one running back in the backfield on most of their passing formations. That allows Illinois All-American quarterback Jack Trudeau an extra receiver to throw to.

"They have four receivers that are able to get into the pass patterns very quickly," he said. "They release to the running back at times, too. They have a very sophisticated passing game."

One of Trudeau's favorite targets is wide receiver David Williams. Williams, an All-American last year, led the

nation with 101 receptions and set a school record for yards gained receiving, with 1,278. He also scored eight touchdowns.

In his first two games this year, Williams has 15 receptions for 196 yards. In the Illini's 28-25 win over Southern Illinois last week, Williams surpassed Purdue's Dave Young to become the Big Ten's career reception leader. He also became Illinois' career receiving yardage leader in that game.

But Illinois' passing game isn't its only offensive weapon, Osborne said. It uses its passing attack to set up defenses for its running game.

"They have a draw-trap play that's their number one running play," Osborne said. "It's similar to the one that BYU runs and is difficult to read."

"They can threaten you in a number of ways."

Fullback Thomas Rooks, an all-Big Ten selection, led the team in rushing last year with 1,056 yards. He also caught 17 passes.

Osborne said Illinois had trouble running the ball in its opening game, a 20-10 loss at home to Southern Cali-

fornia. Their main concern after the USC game was that their rushing yardage was negligible," he said. "They worked hard to improve that in the Southern Illinois game, and they did."

Illinois' defensive formations may also cause the Huskers some headaches on Saturday, Osborne said.

"They have a different look than anybody we've played in some time," Osborne said. "They run a 60 defense, where most of the defense we see are odd (number) defenses."

"We've had to adjust quite a bit in our blocking patterns in terms of how we're going to attack them."

The Huskers' offensive plan, Osborne said, is to imply the same type of strategy the Illini do: Emphasize one aspect of the offense to set up another.

"We'll probably run at them and hopefully, every once in awhile, use a play-action pass to catch somebody out of position and make a big play."

In other matters concerning Satur-

day's game, preparations for the Farm-Aid concert in Illinois' Memorial Stadium have hampered the Fighting Illini's practice schedule this week, said Illinois Assistant Sports Information Director Dale Ratermann.

The marathon concert, which is

designed to raise funds for the farm crisis, will start Sunday. Crews began setting up for the concert on Monday, which forced Coach Mike White to move workouts from the stadium's artificial surface to a nearby grass practice field, Ratermann said.

Poll lists top intramural teams

The Husker Red poll, a rating of the top ten teams in men's softball and co-rec football, was released by the UNL Campus Recreation Department this week.

MEN'S SOFTBALL

- 1) Flex Express (1-0)
- 2) Delta Tau Delta A (1-0)
- 3) Soupbones (2-0)
- 4) Phi Kappa Psi A (1-0)
- 5) Sigma Chi A (1-0)
- 6) Playmakers (1-0)
- 7) Cather 2 (1-0)
- 8) Burr 1 West (2-0)
- 9) Off Campus Coalition (2-0)
- 10) Alpha Tau Omega A (1-0) tie
- 10) Schramm 6B (2-0)

CO-REC FOOTBALL

- 1) Gamma Phi Beta/Sigma Phi Epsilon (1-0)
- 2) America's Team (1-0)
- 3) Gators (1-0)
- 4) Harvey Smith (1-1)
- 5) LXIXERS (2-0)
- 6) Cather 11/Pound 11 (2-0)
- 7) Phi Gamma Delta/Pi Beta Pi (2-0)
- 8) Hokies (1-0)
- 9) Road Warriors (1-1)
- 10) TKE/Kappa Delta (1-0)

Reporter strikes out in baseball bid

By Brian Keenan
Staff Reporter

Editor's note: In this article, staff writer Brian Keenan became the Daily Nebraskan's version of George Plimpton. He was far from a Paper Husker.

Like most kids who have played baseball, I dreamed of playing in the major leagues. I dreamed of hitting home runs like Reggie Jackson does, throwing no-hitters like Nolan Ryan does and stealing bases like Rickey

Henderson does.

My dream, I thought, had ended after an undistinguished high school career. However, after interviewing Coach John Sanders for a story, my baseball fancy struck. After talking with my editor, it was agreed that I would try out for the baseball team.

I decided I needed to prepare myself for the tryout. I started running two or three miles a day. I was lucky that the tryouts were a week later than usual—that gave me a week and a half to

prepare for the tryout. I went to McCormack's in Omaha to practice my hitting and played catch with my brother to warm up my arm.

As the first day of tryouts came, I spent half an hour figuring out what position to try out for. I decided to try out for catcher because I knew they needed catchers and I caught in Little League.

Going to the tryout, I was really nervous. I met a kid named Tadd Delozier Broken Bow. He was relieved to know

that I was just as scared as he was. We talked for a while, and I found out he was trying out for outfielder—not my position. When I got there, I saw Mike Morris, a kid I have been coaching for the last couple of years. Seeing him reminded me of my age and the reason that I was here.

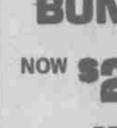
I sat talking with those two for a while and noticed all the candidates. Forty to 50 kids were trying out for that "chance of a lifetime."

A big guy (assistant coach Mark

Haley) came over and took roll and got through with all the trivial business. Then Sanders came over and told us about how nice it was that we were getting a chance to play. He then proceeded to tell us about our chances of ever playing if we were fortunate enough to get past the cuts. Our chances were minimal, to say the least. We were, however, getting a chance, which was better than any other Big Eight school, he said.

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