

Sports

Injury, arrest hurts Tiger backfield

By Mike Reilly
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It wasn't just the game that the Missouri Tigers lost when they dropped a 38-7 decision to Colorado in their Big Eight Conference opener last week.

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Wallace finished with 95 yards rushing against the Buffaloes. The week before, he just missed setting the school's single-game rushing record when he sprinted for 186 yards in a 39-32 loss to California.

Early in the week, first-year Tiger coach Woody Widenhofer said Wallace's injury is "serious" and he would probably not play Saturday. But the Missouri Sports Information Office said Thursday that Wallace had improved to "questionable" for Saturday's game.

The possibility of losing Wallace has Widenhofer concerned.

"We really hate to lose him," he said. "He has been a very big part of our

offense this year."

Wallace isn't the only player in Missouri's backfield who will miss Saturday's game. His running mate, fullback Eric Drain, was suspended Wednesday by Widenhofer. According to an article from The Associated Press, Drain was suspended after he was arrested Tuesday for allegedly threatening another student.

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— Woody Widenhofer

Drain, who was dismissed from the team last April after being arrested for third-degree assault, will appear in

municipal court Oct. 28.

Missouri also will have a new starting quarterback Saturday. Warren Seitz, a senior, will replace Marlon Adler as the starter. Seitz moves over from receiver, where he caught eight passes for 128 yards this year. He also played quarterback last year.

Seitz replaced an ineffective Adler against the Buffaloes last week. Adler completed seven passes in 21 attempts for 67 yards.

"We decided to give Seitz the opportunity to start against Nebraska, although I don't know if that's much of an opportunity or not," Widenhofer said. "It's something we feel we have to do. I told the quarterbacks at the beginning of the year when I made my decision to go with one that I was going to give them all a fair opportunity to play."

Widenhofer said the Huskers are "getting better and better every week" since they lost their season-opener to Florida State.



Photo courtesy Missouri Sports Information
Eric Drain



Photo courtesy Missouri Sports Information
Darrell Wallace

"They've got everything going for them right now," he said. "I think all Florida State did was get them upset."

"If we don't play hard against them this Saturday, Nebraska will blow us out of the stadium."

NU picked to furnish 'rout of the week'

By Steve Harvey

THE COLLEGES

Don't blame No. 1 Missouri (0-5) if the Tigers are caught looking past Saturday's opponent — Nebraska (4-1). They can lose to the Cornhuskers, falling away. But then they face a real challenge, the Mildcats of Kansas State (0-5).

Bottom Ten

KO-State, whose conquerors this year include Division I-AA schools Northern Iowa and North Texas State, would be ranked ahead of Missouri if comparable scores were a factor. However, the Bottom Ten's exclusive Computer Glitch rating system doesn't take such details into account.

Turnovers were a problem Saturday for Missouri, a 7-38 loser, and for Yale's marching band, four of whose members dropped their pants during a halftime

show. (Certainly it was less educational than the recent performance by Stanford's band, which depicted the removal of a cyst from a nose in a routine titled "Tribute to Presidential Diseases.")

Checking in at No. 11 was Oregon State (2-4), which, like Oregon (2-3) and Rajneeshpuram, has suffered some big losses lately.

THE RANKINGS

SCHOOL	LAST LOSS	NEXT LOSS
1. Missouri (0-5)	7-38 Colorado	Nebraska
2. Kans. St. (0-5)	idle	Kansas
3. UTEP (0-6)	24-52, Kent St.	idle
4. Tulane (0-6)	21-38	Mississippi St.
5. Notre Dame (1-3)	idle	Pentagon
6. Stanford (1-4)	9-34 UCLA	USC
7. Yale band	four sets of pants	undisclosed
8. Columbia (0-4)	0-31, Princeton	Yale
9. San Jose St. (1-5)	17-37 Fresno State	Arizona
10. Indiana (4-1)	7-48 Ohio St.	Minnehaha
11. Oregon State (2-4)	12. Louisville (1-5)	
13. Cornell (0-4)	14. Pentagon (at sea) (1-4)	
15. Houston (1-4)	16. Wyoming (1-5)	
17. North Carolina State (1-5)	18. Boston College (3-4)	
19. Dartmouth (0-4)		
20. ALOHA: Hawaii (1-3-1)		

Although idle, Notre Dame moved from No. 6 to No. 5 after a review of the film of the previous week's game against Air Force.

ROUT OF THE WEEK: Nebraska (4-1) over Missouri (0-5).

CRUMMY GAME OF THE WEEK: Houston (1-4) vs. SMU (2-2).

THIS IS NO TIME FOR JOKES: Yale bandleader Thomas Duffy, emphasizing his plans to discipline those who dropped their pants: "I want to get to the bottom of this."

THE PROS

The Buffalo Shills (0-6), rapidly approaching preseason form, had just one serious drive against New England on Sunday. Several comical drives, but only a single serious one. Currently averaging 11 points a game, they left with a 3-14 loss and the Bottom Ten lead.

The biggest disappointment of the season has been QB Vince Ferragamo, obtained in the off-season from the Rams, who reportedly felt he was too tall for their offense. Ferragamo, whose problems seem to increase the nearer he is to Canada, threw an interception for a touchdown to spark the loss.

Elsewhere, the Curse of Macumba, the python hex against New Orleans opponents, failed for the first time when the Aints tumbled 13-23 to the Raiders, whose animal mascot is Lyle Alzado.

Meanwhile, William (The Refrigerator)

tor) Perry, the Bears' 325-pound defensive lineman, closed to within 13,727 yards of Walter Payton's all-time rushing record when he was inserted into the game against the 49ers as a running back. "Fridge," who runs from sideline to sideline even when he's moving straight down the field, swivel-hipped his way for 4 yards in two carries.

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TEAM	LAST LOSS	NEXT LOSS
1. Buffalo (0-6)	3-14	Indianapolis
	New England	
2. Houston (1-5)	6-21 Cleveland	Cincinnati
3. Tampa Bay (0-6)	27-31 Anaheim Rams	Miami
4. Atlanta (0-6)	26-30 Seattle	New Orleans
5. Macumba (3-1)	13-23 L.A. Raiders	his skin
6. Pitt (2-4)	7. NFC Central (9-15)	
8. San Francisco (3-3)	9. Indianapolis (2-4)	
10. Minnesota (3-3)		

*Rams continue to be hampered by the lack of a running attack since the benching of Charles White.

CRUMMY GAME OF THE WEEK: Buffalo (0-6) vs. Indianapolis (2-4).

QUOTE BOOK: 49er Coach Bill Walsh, on the pressure of being a defending Super Bowl champion: "People expect you to win. Then when you don't, they're disappointed." (Not the Bottom Ten selectors, Bill!)

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Women face tough test at Mizzou

The Nebraska volleyball team will travel to Missouri Saturday to begin a series of three away games against Big Eight opponents.

The Cornhuskers, now 17-2 on the season, take on the 10-6 Tigers at 7:30 p.m. in Columbia. Both teams are undefeated in Big Eight play.

Missouri coach Mike English, who is in his sixth season with the Tigers, is expecting the Huskers to be well-disciplined.

"They've got a well-balanced offense," he said.

Although Missouri is familiar with Nebraska's hitters, they don't know much about junior setter Tisha Delaney.

"We don't know her style," English said. "It's a lot different than that of Cathy Noth or even Mary Buysse. It's kind of the best of both worlds."

But Missouri also has a well-balanced team and hopes to beat Nebraska at its own game, he said.

"We're always a strong transitional team and we serve and pass tough," he said.

English said he thinks the Tigers play a team offense and defense without any players who stand out.

"We don't rely on any one player," he said. "We have people rise to the occasion."

Nebraska has dominated the series

between the teams, 19-2. The Tigers ended the 1984 season with a 15-15 record, but things could be different for Missouri because of their good start.

And the Tigers have a good start on getting motivated to play the No. 5 rated Huskers.

"We're always pumped to play Nebraska," English said.

Cross country teams to compete Saturday

The Nebraska men's and women's cross country teams travel to Fayetteville, Ark. Saturday to compete in the second annual Arkansas Invitational. The race will be run on the Razorback Golf Course in Fayetteville with the women's 5,000-meter race scheduled to begin at 9:30 a.m., followed by the men's 10,000 meter at 10 a.m.

In the men's race, host Arkansas, the defending meet and national champion, comes into the meet as the second-rated team in the nation. Other teams expected to compete include Oklahoma, Oklahoma State, Memphis State and Southwest Louisiana.

The Nebraska women lead an eleven-team field that includes Oklahoma, Oklahoma State, Kansas, Oral Roberts, Tulsa, Southwest Missouri State, Wichita State, Emporia State, Northeast Oklahoma and No. 19 Arkansas. In last year's meet, Arkansas won the team title and the Huskers finished second.

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