

Sports

Win raises hopes for Orange Bowl

By Mike Reilley
Senior Reporter

Talk of Miami's sunny beaches sifted through Memorial Stadium's lounge following Nebraska's 49-0 win over Iowa State Saturday.

The weather may have had something to do with it. Temperatures hovered near 30 degrees and a brisk northerly wind blew during the game.

But several players gave another reason for talking about the Sunshine State's largest city. They anticipate a New Year's day clash in Miami with undefeated Penn State in the Orange Bowl.

It's a possibility, too. Florida, which was ranked ahead of Nebraska and Penn State in the Associated Press poll, lost to Georgia Saturday 24-3. The Gators aren't ranked in United Press International's poll because they're on NCAA probation.

Huskers win 48-7

New quarterback 'Taylors' junior varsity win

By Jeff Apel
Staff Reporter

A Taylor of a different type led the Nebraska junior varsity to a 48-7 victory over Ellsworth Junior College Friday at Memorial Stadium.

Jeff Taylor, a redshirt sophomore, replaced freshman quarterback Steve Taylor and led the Cornhuskers to their fifth victory of the season.

"Jeff and Steve are two different types of quarterbacks," said Nebraska junior varsity coach Dan Young. "Steve is more of a big-play type quarterback

"That makes us a legitimate No. 2," said fullback Tom Rathman, who rushed for 97 yards and a touchdown against the Cyclones.

Rathman said he would like to play the Nittany Lions, but, "They may be out for a little revenge because of the Kickoff Classic." The Huskers trounced Penn State 44-0 in the inaugural game two years ago.

Defensive tackle Jim Skow said he would "just love" to play the Nittany Lions for the national title.

"I'm not looking forward to it, but I'm not putting it out of my mind," he said.

Skow hesitated to make an early prognosis because both the Huskers and the Nittany Lions have two games left to play before bowl invitations go out. Nebraska hosts Kansas next week before traveling to Norman, Okla., the following week to play the Oklahoma

Sooners. Penn State has Notre Dame and Pittsburgh remaining on its schedule.

Skow sacked Iowa State quarterback Alex Espinoza for an 8-yard loss in the second quarter to tie a Nebraska record for most career tackles for a loss. His total of 30 ties Kerry Weinmaster, who amassed the total from 1976-79.

"Records are fine," Skow said, "but let's go to Miami."

Husker linebacker Mike Knox shared Skow's controlled anticipation.

"We'd like to win the national championship, but we have a couple of tough games ahead of us," Knox said as he munched on a roast beef sandwich after the game. "Kansas and Oklahoma aren't going to be cakewalks."

Against the Cyclones, Nebraska rolled up 573 yards, including 538 on the ground. Iowa State mustered only 137 yards total offense and seven first downs.

Seven players scored touchdowns for Nebraska. Quarterback McCathorn Clayton was the first, scoring on a 3-yard run with 6:29 left in the first quarter.

I-back Doug DuBose scored the second touchdown. His 3-yard touchdown run came two plays after he left the game with an eye injury. DuBose was poked in the eye by a Cyclone player when he was driven out of bounds after a 5-yard pitch play.

"He was sweeping to the outside, trying to get a piece of me," he said. "He caught me in the face."

That hurt, DuBose said. "I thought my eyeball fell out," he said. "But once I knew I still had my eyeball, I knew I'd be all right."

DuBose recovered and finished with 114 yards rushing. That total gave him 1,006 yards rushing for the season. In doing so, he became the third Husker

I-back to have back-to-back 1,000-yard seasons. Jarvis Redwine and Mike Rozier were the others. DuBose had 1,040 yards last year.

Nebraska's other scores came on:

- A 12-yard pass from Clayton to tight end Tom Banderas in the second quarter.

- Rathman's 32-yard run in the third quarter.

- Sophomore I-back Keith Jones' 1-yard run.

- A 20-yard run on a reverse play by split end Von Sheppard.

- A 4-yard run by freshman quarterback Steve Taylor in the fourth quarter.

After the game, DuBose said that he's looking forward to playing Kansas and Oklahoma and going to the Orange Bowl.

"I think I'll go home and get my beach hat," he said, smiling.

who is a better runner, but, Jeff knows the offense better and likes to throw more."

While Steve Taylor awaited his chance to work out with the Husker varsity, Jeff Taylor engineered Nebraska's first scoring drive of the game. He hit tight end Chad Stoner with a 34-yard pass late in the first quarter to set up a 7-yard touchdown run by fullback Sam Schmidt.

The game remained scoreless until early in the second quarter when Charles Fryar intercepted a pass thrown by Ellsworth quarterback Jim Arneson

and returned it 28 yards to the Ellsworth 6-yard line.

Taylor then added Nebraska's second touchdown one play later when he scored on a 1-yard run.

After the ensuing kickoff running back Darren Myles fumbled on Ellsworth's first play from scrimmage and Nebraska's Mike Mauch recovered at the Ellsworth 21-yard line.

From there, it took the Huskers four plays to increase their lead to 20-0. Taylor scored on a 5-yard run, but the extra point attempt by Nebraska's Chris Johnson was no good.

Nebraska then added its last score of the half when reserve quarterback Mike Preston hit wingback Richard Bell with a 7-yard touchdown pass with :45 remaining in the half.

"Defensively, we really played well because Ellsworth is the type of team who can score a lot of points," Young said. "Offensively, we moved the ball pretty well throughout the game."

The Huskers added three more touchdowns after halftime.

Taylor scored Nebraska's first touchdown of the second half on an 8-yard run and Tyreese Knox had an 8-yard

touchdown run to bring the game to its final 48-7 score.

"This has to be our best overall game," Young said. "We did a good job of shutting them down."

Volleyball team gets 10th Big Eight title

By Lisa M. Henkel
Staff Reporter

The Nebraska volleyball team captured its 10th consecutive regular season Big Eight title by defeating Iowa State in three sets Saturday. The Cornhuskers have only lost three matches against Big Eight opponents in 10 years.

Nebraska Coach Terry Pettit said he hadn't given much thought to the title streak.

"It's obviously a nice achievement and probably in that period of time 45 to 50 players have been responsible for that," he said. "It goes without saying

that had we not had that kind of talent and that kind of commitment from those individuals it wouldn't have been possible."

Nebraska had little trouble dispatching the Cyclones, 15-7, 15-3, 15-6. The Huskers jumped out to a quick lead the first set and never looked back. The closest Iowa State came was 13-6.

Nebraska's blocking was key in keeping Iowa down.

"Our blocking was good, our passing was so-so and our serving was so-so," Pettit said. "We're coming out of a slump and we're getting better each match."

Nebraska won the second and third

sets easily despite frequent substitutions.

"Before the match began my plan was to use nine or 10 people and give those people some playing time," Pettit said. "Michelle Smith had been sick, and I wanted to give her some playing time. Angie Millikin has worked hard in practice, and I wanted to see what she could do and Lori Endicott is returning from a sprained ankle."

The Cyclones were 12-12 going into the match and 0-7 in Big Eight play.

"Overall our intensity level was pretty low. It wasn't a real real strong effort, at times we were playing OK," said

Vicki Mealer, Iowa State's coach. "Nebraska's the type of team you can't make too many mistakes against. Our blocking was one of the things that hurt us, definitely."

Iowa State was led by Linda Evans with six kills. Enid Schonewise led Nebraska with 11 kills followed by Kathi DeBoer with eight and Karen Dahlgren with six.

Next Saturday, the Huskers will play Missouri here at 5 p.m. for the Husker's last regular season game. The team will travel to Kansas City November 22 through 24 for the Big Eight tournament.

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