

Sports

Long is Nebraskan's Heisman choice

By Bob Asmussen
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Auburn running back Bo Jackson might be the man to beat for the 1985 Heisman Trophy, but you couldn't tell from a sampling of Nebraska's Heisman voters.

The Heisman Trophy, won last year by Boston College's Doug Flutie, will be awarded Saturday at the Downtown Athletic Club in New York City. The award is presented to "the outstanding football player in America" but in recent years has become an award for running backs and quarterbacks only. And until Flutie won last season, the award hasn't gone to a quarterback since 1971.

If five of the nine Nebraska voters questioned have their way, however, Iowa quarterback Chuck Long will be the second consecutive signal-caller to win.

Long was named on eight of nine of the Nebraska's ballots. Jackson was left off two of the nine ballots.

Most of the Long voters acknowledged that Jackson probably would win the award. Jackson has been helped in his Heisman pursuit by an aggressive Auburn Sports Information Office that has been punishing him since day one.

While Jackson was helped by his school, Long might have been hurt by his. During the season, Hayden Fry said that Long should win the award. One voter said that Fry's pushing of Long for the award will not help his chances.

Criticisms of Jackson center mostly on his pulling himself out of both the Tennessee and Florida games with injuries. Auburn lost both games. Instead of playing for a national championship, as was predicted for it before the season, Auburn will play in the Cotton Bowl with little more than a win and a top-10 ranking on the line. Auburn's three losses were during conference play.

Following are the Heisman votes of those questioned and comments on their selections.

Mike Babcock — Lincoln Journal and Star — 1. Brian Bosworth, Oklahoma; 2. Jackson; 3. Doug DuBose, Nebraska.

"I think his (Bosworth's) chances of

winning are nonexistent," Babcock said. "I think Bosworth is the best football player. I really do think Bosworth is a legitimate Heisman Trophy candidate."

Steve Riley — Grand Island Daily Independent — 1. Long; 2. Bosworth; 3. Jackson.

"Long because I think he was worth more to his team than any of the other candidates were to theirs," Riley said. "My idea of a good player is one who makes the most impact on his team."

Brent Robinson — Kearney Daily Hub — 1. Long; 2. Jackson; 3. Lorenzo White, Michigan State.

"I think Auburn would have done everything it did without Bo," Robinson said. "Iowa would not have done as well without Long."

Virgil Parker — Lincoln Journal and Star — 1. Jackson; 2. Long; 3. DuBose.

"I wasn't very imaginative," Parker said.

Mike Kelly — Omaha World-Herald — 1. Long; 2. Jackson; 3. White.

"I'm impressed by Long's passing statistics, not only this year, but in his career," Kelly said. "He's been able to help Iowa win some close games."

Kent Pavelka — KFAB Radio — 1. Jackson; 2. Long; 3. DuBose.

"I just think he's the best talent," Pavelka said.

John Knicely — KETV — 1. Long; 2. Jackson; 3. Bosworth.

"I went with Long because he has his team in a position to win the national championship," Knicely said. "Iowa without him would not be in the position it is in."

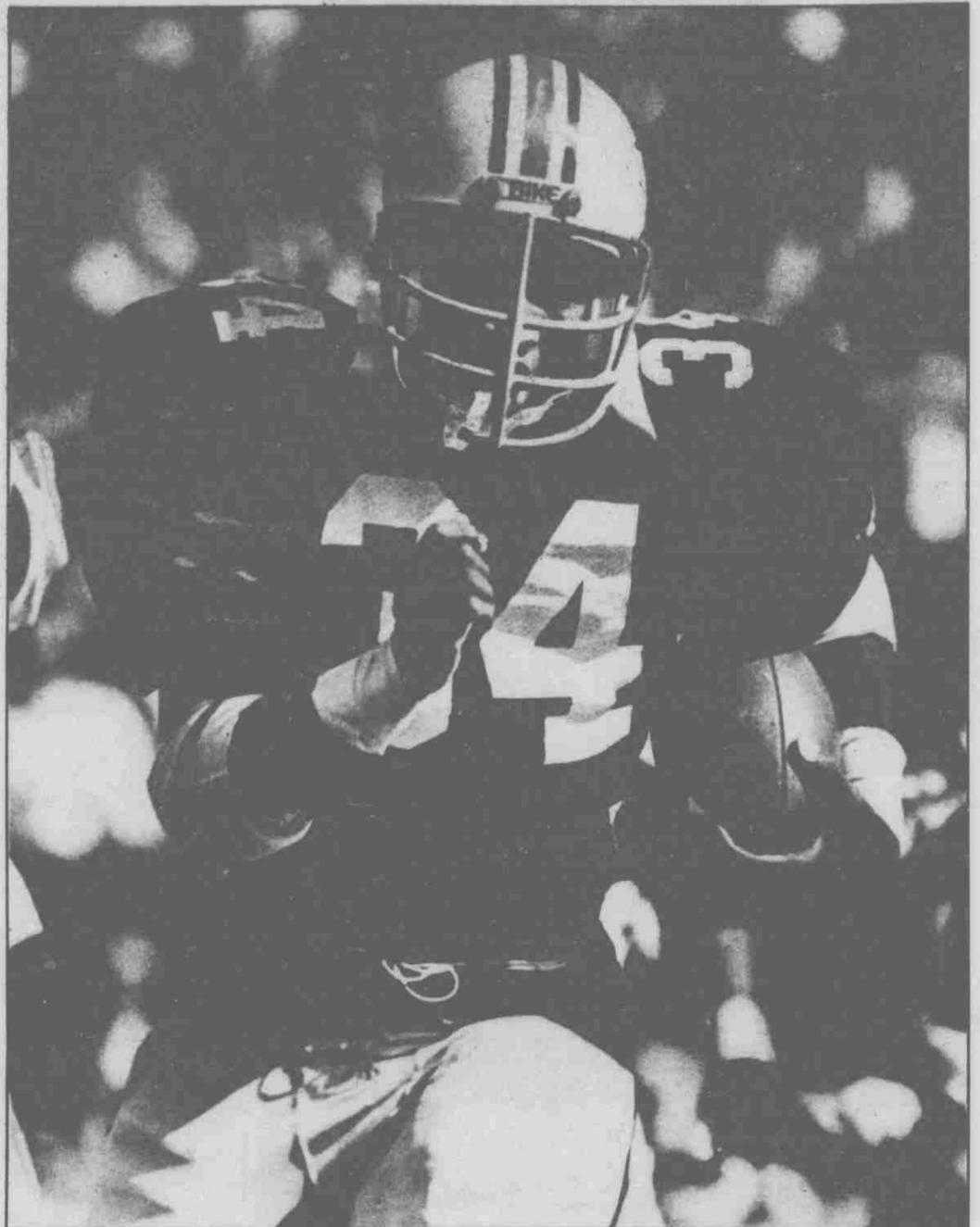
About Bosworth — "When you consider outstanding football players in the country, he has to be at the top of the list."

Terry Yeager — KMTV — 1. White; 2. Long; 3. Tom Rathman, Nebraska.

"He (White) was their whole offense," Yeager said. "He was the leading rusher in the nation and he has played with pain."

Dave Webber — WQWT — 1. Long; 2. Jim Skow, Nebraska; 3. Bosworth.

"I think he's meant the most to the success of Iowa as a team over the last three years," Webber said.



Jackson

Photo courtesy Auburn Sports Information

Team bounces back from 6-6 record in '84

Coach attributes Michigan's wins to attitude

By Jeff Apel
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Michigan coach Bo Schembechler was able to make amends for a somewhat disappointing season in 1984 by compiling a 9-1-1 record this season.

Schembechler, whose 1984 squad finished 6-6, said that the big difference between that squad and his current team is attitude.

"We had a great team in terms of having fun, being together and doing all the things that a good ball club should do," Schembechler said of his current team. "It was a tremendous year from my standpoint, one of the most rewarding years I have had."

Michigan began the 1985 season by facing three nonconference opponents who all rated in various collegiate top 20 polls at the beginning of the season.

But, Schembechler was able to deliver early on his promise to improve his record. The Wolverines posted consecutive victories over Notre Dame (20-12), South Carolina (34-3), and Maryland (20-0).

"I knew we had a better ball club than we had a year ago, but I didn't know if we could do what we have done (earning a trip to the Fiesta Bowl)," Schembechler said. "Once we started and got into (the season), all of us expected to win everything. But the time we got into the season we just didn't think anybody could beat us."

Michigan then opened its Big Ten conference play with a 31-0 victory over arch-rival Michigan State.

The following week, the Wolverines were handed their only 1985 loss when they dropped a 12-10 decision to the then No. 1-rated Iowa Hawkeyes.

That setback, which dropped Michigan's record to 5-1, resulted from tremendous crowd noise, said Wolverine quarterback coach Jerry Hanlon.

"It's critical that our quarterback, Jim Harbaugh, is allowed to audible, and in that particular situation in Iowa City the noise level was so great that no one could hear themselves think, much less audible," Hanlon said. "In modern day football, situations sometimes arise where the quarterback needs to change the play at the line of scrimmage. If we are not able to do that because of a situation like the crowd noise then yes, it hurts our offense."

Michigan was able to rebound from its Iowa loss the following week with a 42-15 victory over Indiana.

The Wolverines faced a situation similar to Iowa.

In Champaign Ill., the Wolverines were forced to settle for a 3-3 tie against Illinois.

"Again, the tie with Illinois can largely be traced to the fact that the crowd noise was so intense that Harbaugh couldn't audible properly," Hanlon said. "Different stadiums will pose different problems for us. We know Nebraska fans like to cheer, but we don't know how bad the noise level will be because we have never played in the Fiesta Bowl before."

The Wolverines closed out the regular portion of their 1985 season by post-

ing a 47-0 victory against Purdue, a 48-7 victory against Minnesota and a 27-17 victory against Ohio State.

The win against the Buckeyes, Schembechler said, was a perfect way to conclude Michigan's regular season.

"From the standpoint that we beat Ohio State and we finished as high as we did (second in the Big Ten), it was a great season for us," he said. "We would have liked to have won the national championship, and we would have liked to have won the conference championship. But we just missed them

both."

Despite being a member of the Big Ten, Hanlon said the Michigan offense favors neither the run nor pass.

Harbaugh already has broken three Wolverine single season passing records. He now is throwing for 1,913 yards this season, a school record.

Hanlon said that while Harbaugh's performance this season is noteworthy, it can't be considered the major source of Michigan's offensive production. Running backs Jamie Morris and Gerald White also have played a vital role in

the Wolverine offense, Hanlon said.

Morris, a sophomore, has rushed for 874 yards this season. White has rushed for 526 yards.

"Generally, we'll take whatever the defense dictates," Hanlon said. "If they want to take away the pass, then we will run. If they want to take away the run, then we will throw."

Hanlon said the Wolverines' offensive line and receiving corps are Michigan's strong points.

The offensive line, he said, is big and Please see MICHIGAN on 13

NU faces Penn State Saturday

By Lisa M. Henkel
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The Nebraska volleyball team will be host to Penn State for the first round of the NCAA tournament Saturday afternoon at the Coliseum.

The Cornhuskers are the No. 1 ranked team in the midwest region and have a 26-2 record going into the match to meet the 31-4 Lady Lions.

Nebraska is only three matches away from the Final Four and have been consistently improving since the Big Eight tournament, Coach Terry Pettit said.

"We're moving toward playing our best volleyball. We're a team that takes what other people give us, because all five attackers are very strong, we take the ball wher-

ever the block isn't. We're a very well-balanced team," he said.

This will be Penn State's sixth consecutive appearance in the NCAA tournament.

"They're a very good team. Probably the strongest team in the east. We expect them to be a very good defensive team," Pettit said.

Having the first round match in Lincoln is an advantage for the Huskers, Pettit said, especially at this time of the year.

Kussell Rose, Penn State's coach, said he isn't excited about playing in Lincoln.

"We're pretty much realistic about it. If we play anything under a perfect game we're not going to win. We want to force Nebraska to play well and hope they're flat," he said.

Rose said Nebraska is a solid favorite in the match. He said that the Lady Lions are currently in a rebuilding stage. They start two seniors, two juniors and two freshmen.

Rose said the team's goal for this year was to win the conference championships and said they're proud just to get in the NCAA tournament.

The match starts at 2 p.m., and Pettit said he expects a good crowd.

"I expect the Coliseum to be packed. If people want to get a good seat they'll have to get here probably by one," Pettit said.

If the Huskers defeat Penn State, the NCAA regionals could be in Lincoln at the Bob Devaney Sports Center next Friday and Saturday.