It'll take a few quarters to work out the bugs, but NU should slip by Seminoles, predictor says

By Bob Asmussen Night News Editor

Accountability for a football prediction column is usually negligible. Oh Mom about. This game would be an sure, the guy will say he hit 86 percent even bigger margin of victory for Nebof the games last week, but does raska if the Cornhuskers had already team in the country. anyone ever really go back and check? If you did, you might find that 86 percent was actually the percentage of wrong guesses the columnist had made. It's true. Extensive research has led me to this discovery.

Predictions

when he hears someone say, "I wonder defense. how many what's-his-name got right last week?"

McLeon "your ship's captain" and Fred that would have been the logical thing Grandy "your yeoman purser." So, for to do. But 1986 brings us a weaker now on, I'd like to be known as "your Florida team and a new, improved bad football predictor."

played a game. But it will take a quarthe Huskers will roll.

UCLA 28, Oklahoma 21 at Norman, Okla. — This one is easy. The Sooners had a player on the cover of Sports Illustrated's Football Spectacular, a certain kiss of death. While they were at it, the good people at SI gave the Sooners a vote of confidence as the preseason No. 1-ranked team, So, how about a prediction colum- another kiss of death. But the key elenist who doesn't make outlandish claims ment in the OU loss will be turnovers. about his accuracy? How about a pre- It's always said, and it's always true, it diction columnist who's shooting for 50 takes a few games for the Sooners to percent right and will be happy with 40 warm up. OU's defense might be a tad umnist who won't shake and quiver exploit the weak areas in the Sooner hell of winning this game.

nesville, Fla. - One would be in-One of my favorite things on TV is clined to pick Florida simply because when the "Love Boat" calls Gavin the Gators are at home. Last season

at Lincoln - The Seminoles were Probably it's a little bit of both. This is great last week holding Toledo (Toledo?) a battle of Heisman Trophy hopefuls, to less than 200 yards total offense. Vinny Testeverde for Miami and Kerwin That's sure something to write home to Bell for Florida. Vinny will get the upper hand and probably will win the Heisman. Miami is probably the best

Kansas State 21, Texas Tech ter for the bugs to be worked out, then 20 at Lubbock, Texas - How can anyone not like and root for the Wildkittens? They've been so horrible for so long, but now they've finally got a coach who wants to take the team to the top. Stan Parrish has been able to restore the confidence at Kansas State. This Parrish guy has got some nerve, he's got guts. He's Rambo with a whistle, John Wayne in shorts, Clint Eastwood with a game plan. If he doesn't turn the program around, no one will notice. If he does turn the program around, Manhattan will be renamed Stanville. By the way, the Wildcats percent? How about a prediction col- overrated and the Bruins will be able to really probably don't have a chance in

Akron 35, Salem 3 at Akron, Miami 21, Florida 18 at Gai- Ohio - The Gerry Faust era has begun at Akron. The Zips couldn't have picked a better opening opponent than the Witch Trials. Akron will set Salem on fire and then tie rocks to its feet and throw it in a lake. Faust has taken a step down, but, will it be a successful Miami team. Either the Hurricanes are step down. Next coaching stop for Nebraska 31, Florida State 14 great or South Carolina is horrible. Gerry is Iowa School of the Armless.

Penn State 24, Temple 10 at decent uniforms and they'd be killers. In the late '60s and early '70s when Penn State kept getting the shaft in listed by voters were the Penn State changed. In this game, by the way, Temple's Paul Palmer will run for about 200 yards and continue to be the America.

Colorado 38, Colorado State 14 at Boulder, Colo. - The Buffaloes are a legitimate contender for the Big Eight title. You read it here first, and it will never be repeated again. With a solid offense and a strong defense, the Buffs have what it takes to win it all. Colorado State, on the other hand, is not a contender for much of Western Athletic Conference. Ralphie, field day and probably do his business on the Colorado State equipment bag. Way to go, Ralphie.

UTEP 14, Air Force 3 at El State College, Pa. - While Kansas Paso, Texas - UTEP is another State is a team that you have to love, team that has to be loved. They won one Penn State is a team you have to hate. game in 1985, but it was against those The uniforms they wear is reason enough. hated wimps from Brigham Young. Last The Penn State uniforms make the Saturday, UTEP blasted, I mean creamplayers run two seconds slower in the ed, Northern Michigan. It was ugly. So. 40-yard dash. Put these guys in some all of a sudden UTEP is building a dynasty. Well, not really a dynasty, more of a Knots Landing or a Falcon Crest. But still pretty good for UTEP. the national rankings, the two reasons Air Force had a bad game last week against Hawaii, beating the Jack Lords uniforms and Joe Paterno's wardrobe. by only seven. That kind of playing Sadly, 15 years later, nothing has might work against the Mai Tai drinkers, but it won't accomplish a win against the Miners.

Other games that I'll probably most ignored great football player in be wrong about - Hawaii 17, Wisconsin 7; Illinois 35, Louisville 21; Mississippi 20, Memphis State 17; Syracuse 30, Mississippi State 21; Tennessee 42, New Mexico 9; Washington 35, UNLV 3; Oregon 19, San Jose State 7; Virginia 17, South Carolina 13; Alabama 28, Vanderbilt 7; Arizona 38, Houston 2 (two-run home run by Glenn Davis saves the shut-out); Baylor 41, Wyoming 7 (and sorry they invited the Bears); anything, other than last place in the Boston College 21, Rutgers 15; North Carolina 40, The Citadel 6; Duke 10, the team's buffalo mascot, will have a Northwestern 10 (both coaches quit after the game, all players gain their Ph.Ds) and North Carolina State 23, East Carolina 8.

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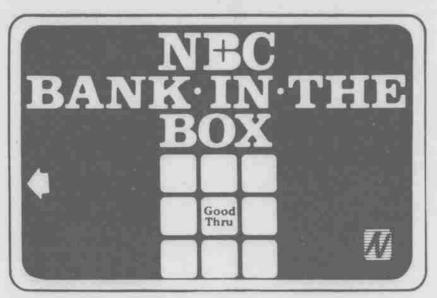








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