

NU coach: backs should've zagged

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carry in a 23-14 win over Texas A&M in the Kickoff Classic. I-back Ken Clark led all rushers with 80 yards on 20 carries. Terry Rodgers, who backs up Clark, averaged 6.5 yards a carry against the Aggies.

Osborne said the I-backs need to show some improvements on deciding when to cut up field.

"There were two or three times when we zigged when we should have zagged and we had a couple of potential touchdown runs but we cut back into somebody," Osborne said. "And we'd also like to see the passing game improve."

Quarterback Steve Taylor, a senior from Fresno, Calif., completed 11 of 22 passes for 125 yards and one touchdown.

"One thing I was pleased with this last week was that Steve Taylor took 83 snaps and was not involved in a turnover," Osborne said. "He had one pitch out that went out of bounds and one bobbed snap but he really graded out pretty well and did a good job of taking care of the ball when he was throwing it."

But the defensive line reacted well to its first test of the season, Osborne said.

FSU favored in '88 preseason consensus

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With eight of nine 1st-place votes, Florida State has established itself as the 1988 preseason favorite in a magazine consensus.

The Seminoles, who defeated Nebraska 31-28 in last season's Fiesta Bowl, garnered 179 out of a possible 180 points and easily outdistanced second place Oklahoma and third place Clemson. The Sooners finished with 146 points while Clemson tallied 142. Points were awarded on a one through 20 basis, with 20 points awarded for a 1st-place vote.

Florida State was ranked 2nd only on The Sporting News' poll. Michigan, which finished 10th overall on the consensus, was The Sporting News' top pick.

Rounding out the consensus top ten were Southern California, Nebraska, Texas A&M, UCLA, Miami, Auburn and Michigan.

The 2nd half of the consensus poll included Iowa, Notre Dame, Tennessee, Michigan State, South Carolina, Louisiana State, Georgia, Alabama, Texas and West Virginia.

Jerry McCoin, publisher of Athlon's Magazine, which picked Florida State No. 1, said the Seminoles have all the right tools to win the national championship.

"This team has great talent," he said. "It has experience. It has a favorable schedule. It has (coach Bobby) Bowden. That means style and success, an unexpected end around, a bomb on third-and-two, a fake punt and pass. It means wins, maybe 12 this time."

The Sooners, who have been the preseason favorite for the past three seasons, received two 2nd-place votes from Lindy's and Football Action.

Lindy Davis, publisher of Lindy's, said the Sooners' season will be predictable.

"As usual, the Sooners will win a lot of games, defeat Nebraska to win the Big Eight and go to the Orange Bowl," he said. "But, *deja vu*, their inability to throw the ball effectively against a quality opponent will cost them in the biggie."

Nebraska, which finished 5th in the consensus with 134 points, defeated 6th-rated Texas A&M last Saturday in the Kickoff Classic 23-14.

"Nebraska, as always, is a fixture in the Top 10," he said. "If (quarterback) Steve Taylor and company can get by A&M in the Kickoff Classic, the Huskers should be in the fight for No. 1. Odds are, they'll finish about 4th."

in brief

SPORTS

Volleyball team loses two players for entire season

Nebraska's volleyball team will be without the services of senior Barbie Young and junior DeLisa DeBolt when it opens its 1988 season Friday.

DeBolt, a two-year letterwinner from Dubuque, Iowa, underwent reconstructive shoulder surgery in August and will be out for the entire season, said Cornhusker coach Terry Pettit.

DeBolt, an outside hitter, registered 88 ace spikes, 158 digs and 14 ace serves while playing in 31 of the 35 Husker games last season.

Young, a defensive specialist from Sidney, quit the team after last season to concentrate on her studies, Pettit said.

Young, a pre-med major, had 101 digs last season and 28 service aces.

The Huskers open their 1988 campaign Friday by hosting the Husker Invitational.

Club plans first practice and meeting for Thursday

The UNL men's volleyball club will hold its first practice Thursday at 4:30 p.m. in the Mabel Lee gymnasium, southwest section of the second floor, according to Scott Hygnstrom, the club's adviser. A team meeting will follow. The practice, Hygnstrom said, will consist of drills and pickup games, and the meeting will involve the election of club officers.

Hygnstrom said the club also will sponsor a "grass-triples" tournament Sunday at 8:45 a.m. outside the Harper-Schramm-Smith residence hall complex. Nets will be set up on the field next to the complex, he said. There will be "A" and "B" divisions for both men and women.

The entry fee is \$25 per team, with proceeds going to the UNL men's volleyball club. Those interested can contact Hygnstrom at 472-6822 during the day.

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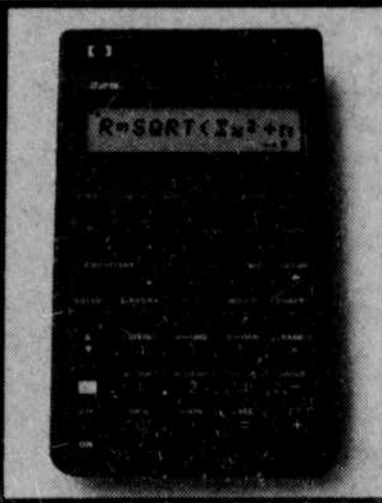
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