

Wash up the Wave

Pay the guys who put on the stripes and call themselves football officials.

They go through life knowing that the signal indicating a touchdown is the noise gesture that starts the Wave.

That's right, the Wave. It's not much, but it's been here for several years.

Through the years, spectators have seen the motion of the Wave, and some people who weren't at all into it have come forward.



To this day, he wanders free.

There should be a manhunt. The guy's mug should be on milk cans. Lock your doors and call Joe Friday.

The guy who put the Wave in motion has corrupted the minds of once-attentive sports fans.

And unfortunately, the Wave isn't going the way of two-dollar bills and skinny neckties. Seems the Wave is more than a passing fad. Not one sports event can dodge it.

Way down in Dixieland, Alabama fans do the Crimson Tidal Wave. In Phoenix, it's the Heat Wave. Yale fans do the Brain Wave.

And at small Division III schools, the MicroWave unleashes its fury.

But what these versions have in common is that they all represent the lowest, most asinine form of spectator behavior known to sports fans.

Ask any Big Wheel-riding kid on your block to compare the Wave to some neighborhood classics.

They'll tell you that the Wave is less fun than the classics.

The first half will be Wave-free. The game's outcome is in doubt and it's tough to do the Wave with helmet in hand.

But then comes the third quarter -- that critical 15-minute period that gives birth to the Wave. Fans realize the opponent has been mathematically eliminated.

With the stage set, some red-clad ham turns to the crowd and starts rantin' and ravin'. He's the Y-avemaker.

If he wears brown and could sprout some extra hair under his pits, he'd be the spittin' image of an orangutan.

The guy tosses his hands to the heavens and belts out a husky, "Whoooooahhh." The first time it happened, I assumed the guy had lost a bet or had been goaded by a 7-Up vendor.

But then the person at his side did the same thing, and so on. Next time I saw 50 or 60 fans with their arms raised, the cheering and chanting was deafening.

It's a shame that this silly business once confined to junior high school hallways.

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McDermott

Jungs lose finals at championship

By Lori Griffin
Staff Reporter

Nebraska narrowly missed placing its first representatives in the National Indoor Tournament while competing at the Rolex Intercollegiate Tennis Coaches Association championships at Wichita, Kan.

The tournament was held Friday through Sunday with teams from the Big Eight and Missouri Valley Conferences competing. To qualify for the National Indoor Tournament, singles players had to reach Sunday's finals and doubles teams had to win the finals.

Nebraska's No. 1 doubles team of Steven and Stuart Jung lost during Sunday's finals. Kansas' Craig Wildey and Chris Walker defeated the Jungs 2-6, 6-4, 6-0.

The Jungs are ranked 11th nationwide while Walker and Wildey are ranked 10th, Nebraska's Head Men's Tennis Coach Kerry McDermott said.

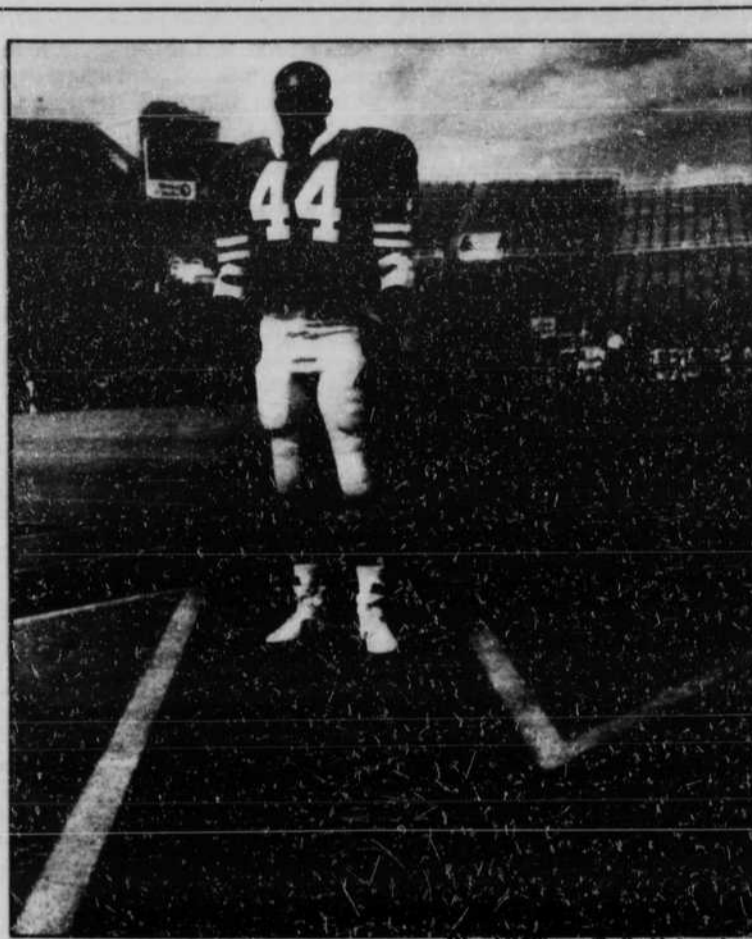
McDermott said he was impressed with the Jungs' performance.

"Steven and Stuart went out and took the first set and I figured they would have no problems," McDermott said. "They had a few key points that gave them problems or they would have won in straight sets."

Nebraska's No. 2 doubles tandem of Robert Sjöholm and H.C. Taylor lost in Saturday's semifinals. Walker and Wildey defeated Sjöholm and Taylor 6-2, 6-4.

In singles play, four Huskers made it to the round of 16 players. Three players went to Saturday's quarterfinals. The only Husker to reach the

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Nebraska junior varsity I-back Scott Baldwin stands in the end zone at Memorial Stadium. Baldwin also reached the end zone Friday on a 63-yard run in the Cornhuskers' 35-16 win against the Air Force junior varsity. He led Nebraska with 134 yards rushing against the Falcons.

NU's Baldwin not hoping for too much too soon

By Jeremy Felker
Staff Reporter

Even with the recent injury to Nebraska I-back Terry Rodgers, junior varsity I-back Scott Baldwin isn't getting his hopes up for an early varsity debut.

"I'm just going with the flow and doing what I know," said Baldwin, a 6-foot-2, 185-pound freshman from Roselle, N.J.

Rodgers, a sophomore from National City, Calif., underwent successful major surgery Sunday to repair a torn anterior cruciate ligament. He injured the knee last Monday in practice.

When it comes to running the ball, Baldwin has shown he knows what he's doing.

Against the Air Force junior varsity on Friday, Baldwin led the Cornhuskers with 134 yards rushing, including a 63-yard touchdown run.

Last year as a senior at Roselle High School, Baldwin rushed for 1,368 yards and led New Jersey's Union County with 122 points. He was named All-Conference, All-County, All-Metro (Newark) and All-State for coach Louis Grasso.

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Coach hopes for repeat

By Mark Derowitsch
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Nebraska recruiting coordinator Jack Pierce wants Oklahoma State running back Barry Sanders to experience a fate similar to Thurman Thomas' performance against the Cornhuskers last season.

Thomas was touted as a Heisman Trophy candidate going into the game with Nebraska. But the Cowboys' Thomas gained seven yards on nine carries against Nebraska before finishing the year with 1,644 yards.

Pierce said Monday he hopes Sanders fares as well as Thomas did against the Husker defense.

The Cowboys face Nebraska this Saturday at Memorial Stadium. Kickoff will be at 1:30 p.m.

"Barry Sanders is a great running back," Pierce said at the weekly Extra Point luncheon at Dillard's.

Sanders leads the NCAA in rushing with an average of 203.3 yards per game. He's also the nation's leading scorer, averaging 22.5 points per game. Pierce said Sanders has a different style than Thomas.

"He's a good back on a team with a lot of balance," Pierce said. "He has such strong legs and he's hard to bring down."

But Pierce said quarterback Mike Gundy is just as important as Sanders in the Cowboys' offense.

Gundy, a 5-foot-11, 185-pound junior from Midwest City, Okla., ranks third in the NCAA in passing efficiency with a rating of 167.3 points.

"He's very quick and very intelligent," Pierce said. "He has ran that offense a long time and he knows what to do with the football."

Pierce said the Huskers must concentrate on shutting down all phases of Oklahoma State's offense.

"We have to show Oklahoma State how aggressive we can play in the football game," he said. "That will set the tone for the rest of the afternoon. Then we'll just have to see what comes up."

Pierce said the Cowboys' offense can play mistake-free games. Oklahoma State, 4-0 overall and 1-0 in the Big Eight, didn't commit a turnover in its 41-21 win against Colorado last week. The Buffaloes lost the ball six times.

Coach Pettit looks for sixth starter

By Jeff Apel
Senior Reporter

A season-long policy will change when the Nebraska volleyball team faces Iowa State tonight at Ames, Iowa.

The match will begin at 7 p.m. at Iowa State's Physical Education Building.

Nebraska volleyball coach Terry Pettit said the match is critical because he wants someone to step forward and claim the sixth starting position. He said he is concerned because the Cornhuskers have been rotating players all year in an attempt

to find a replacement for outside hitter Kathi DeBoer, who graduated last season.

The players who have been involved in Pettit's rotation include senior outside hitter Angie Millikin, sophomore specialists Jarilyn Obermiller and Becki Bolli, sophomore outside hitter Sue Hesch and freshmen Janet Kruse and Chris Hall.

"We've been shuffling people in and out all year long," Pettit said. "Now we want to try some different lineups because we want to find someone that feels comfortable in a starting role."

Pettit said Nebraska, which is now

13-3 overall and 2-1 in the Big Eight, needs to find a definite lineup so the Husker starters can develop the unity that is acquired through repetition. He said unity is difficult to develop if a team lacks a definite starting lineup.

Pettit said a set starting lineup also would be an advantage down the season's stretch. He said he hopes to end his lineup woes by finding a permanent starter against Iowa State.

Pettit said he doesn't know what to expect from the Cyclones.

Iowa State coach Vicki Mealer said she isn't surprised by Pettit's response. She said opposing teams enter matches against Iowa State with question marks because the Cyclones lost four starters from last year's team that finished 20-11 overall and 8-4 in the Big Eight.

"At times, we don't even know what to expect," Mealer said. "We've got a talented but inexperienced lineup."

Mealer said Iowa State's inexperience showed early in the season. She said the Cyclones were plagued by inconsistency during the non-conference portion of their schedule.

But Mealer said Iowa State is beginning to play better. She said the Cyclones showed that they are a legitimate Big Eight contender defeating Kansas State 15-12, 14-16, 6-15, 18-16, 15-9 and losing to Colorado 5-15, 7-15, 13-15. Both matches were played in Ames.

Mealer said an upper-division

finish isn't unrealistic for Iowa State. The top four teams in the Big Eight's regular-season standings qualify for the conference tournament on Nov. 25 and 26 in Salina, Kan.

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"We've taken a patient attitude this year and it is beginning to pay off," Mealer said. "We've seen good, slow, steady progress. And with that good things can happen."

Mealer said Iowa State isn't treating the Nebraska match as anything special. She said the Cyclones, who are currently 9-6 overall and 2-1 in the Big Eight, are approaching the match with confidence.

"We're anxious to see how we look against them," Mealer said. "We've made some good progress this season. Now we want to continue improving."

Nebraska middle blocker Carla Baker said overconfidence won't be a problem even though the Huskers own a 27-0 record against Iowa State. She said Nebraska learned a valuable lesson when it dropped a five-set decision to Oklahoma earlier this season in Norman, Okla.

"We want to make sure nothing like that happens again," Baker said.

Volleyball tonight

IOWA STATE vs **NEBRASKA**

9-6	13-3
2-1	2-1
20-11	30-5
7-4	12-0/1st
7	8
2	4

7 pm at the Physical Education Building, Ames, Iowa

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