

## Orange Bowl predictions...

In a rare breach of editorial egotism, you readers get a much-needed break from my cockamamie commentary.

I've written to sportswriters across the nation, asking them for their thoughts on a subject near and dear to the hearts of the Husker faithful.

Each was asked to predict the Orange Bowl, and to give a brief rationale to support their pick.



The first response comes from **Jim Murray**, sports columnist for *The Los Angeles Times*.

Murray, arguably the most renowned sports columnist in the nation, has long been known as the master of the analogy.

And so he wrote: "Playing Miami in Miami is like fighting a shark in a swimming pool or a leopard in a tree. Miami by plenty."

As for the rest...

**Tommy Carnes**, executive sports editor, the *Tallahassee (Fla.) Democrat*:

"I don't agree with Jimmy Johnson that -- if West Virginia beats Notre Dame -- Miami should be national champs. But Miami clearly has been the best team seen around these parts all year.

And my guess is that it has too much speed and experience for the Huskers -- especially playing a home game. Miami 31-15."

**Jim Weeks**, sports editor, the *Norman (Okla.) Transcript*:

"Nebraska has improved -- particularly on defense -- since early in the year. But Miami is overwhelming, especially at home and in a crucial game. Miami 17-7."

**Dave Moormann**, assistant sports editor, the *Baton Rouge Morning Advocate*:  
"Considering that Miami beat LSU this season, 44-3, and Nebraska hasn't defeated LSU in several years (Nebraska has actually defeated LSU during the team's last three games, in 1982, 1984 and 1986), Miami has to be considered the prohibitive favorite.

"With the most complex offense in college football, and a quick, pursuing defense, Miami has too many tools for Nebraska to overcome. Miami 28-14."

**Peter Finney**, sports editor, *The New Orleans Times-Picayune*:

"Miami will move the ball through the air, and Nebraska on the ground. Look for the home crowd to pull the Hurricanes through. Miami 24-17."

**Billy Mitchell**, sports editor, the *Tuscaloosa (Ala.) News*:

"Miami is obviously a powerful, well-balanced football team. And the Hurricanes are tough in the Orange Bowl. However, Nebraska may be able to match them in firepower, plus the Hurricanes may be too caught up in the No. 1 hype and have a little too much attention focused on the Fiesta Bowl. Nebraska 28-24."

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# Trapping defense catches Nebraska

By Jeff Apel  
Senior Reporter

A trapping defense caught the Nebraska basketball team during its 103-76 loss to Nebraska Wednesday night at St. John Arena in Columbus, Ohio.

Nebraska coach Danny Nee said the Cornhuskers committed a season-high 30 turnovers in front of an ESPN television audience because of a full-court, trapping defense employed by Ohio State. He said the defense turned the contest into a "nightmare."

"It was just a really bad experience," Nee said during his post-game radio show. "I never thought at any time we played well."

Nee said Ohio State's defense bothered Nebraska because it forced the game to be played at a quick tempo. He said that tempo did not favor Nebraska because it led to numerous transition points by the No. 14-ranked Buckeyes.

"We've got to get our act together. We just have to get our heads together," Nee said. "I'm really disturbed. Never in my dreams did I think we would make those kind of mistakes."

Nee said the early tempo and Ohio State's defense forced Nebraska out of its game plan. He said Nebraska needs to be more competitive.

"We had no consistency. We weren't even organized," he said. "The whole thing fell apart."

Ohio State raced out to a 10-0 lead when center Perry Carter and forward Tony White each scored four points and forward Jerry Francis added two. Nebraska cut the lead to 10-4 on a pair of baskets by center Richard van Poelgeest, but Ohio State used two free throws and a basket by White, free throws by guards Jay Burson and Jamaal Brown and a basket by center Grady Matcen to take a 20-8 lead.

Nee said he was disturbed by Nebraska's slow start. He said the

Huskers can not afford to dig themselves in early holes and expect to win.

"The starts have been horrendous," Nee said. "We've got to do a better job than that."

Nebraska cut Ohio State's lead to 27-23 with 6:29 remaining in the first half when guard Clifford Scales hit a

15-foot jump shot, but Ohio State used a three-point shot by Francis to increase its lead to seven points. The Buckeyes then outscored Nebraska 22-12 during the remainder of the first half, as Francis fueled the Buckeyes' rally by converting a three-point play that followed a Nebraska turnover.

Burson, a 6-foot-1 senior who tallied a career-high 38 points during Ohio State's 97-93 loss to Oklahoma earlier this season in the Maui Classic in Lahaina, Hawaii, also contributed to the Buckeyes' late, first-half spurge as he tallied eight of his game high 22-points during the six-minute

barrage.

Ohio State extended its lead to 58-37 early in the second half on a layup by Burson, then countered a pair of baskets by Nebraska forward Pete Manning and a basket by guard Eric Johnson by using two baskets by Carter and single tallies by Francis, Burson and White to take a 68-43 lead.

Ohio State extended its lead to 73-48 on a free throw by Carter, then used three-point plays by forward Chris Jent and guard Eli Brewster to take a 79-56 lead. The Buckeyes used seven points by freshman forward Treg Lee and six points from Burson to cruise to the easy victory.

Manning led Nebraska with 17 points, while forward Ray Richardson added 13 and Scales and center Rich King 10 each.

Nebraska's next game is on Saturday, when the Huskers face Furman. The game begins at 7:35 p.m. at the Bob Devaney Sports Center.

## NU's underdog status won't matter in Miami 'brawl,' All-American says

By Steve Sipple  
Senior Editor

Forget trying to live up to All-America standards. Nebraska center Jake Young is just trying to play as well as the rest of the Cornhuskers' offensive line.

"I try to bring myself to that level," said Young, a 6-foot-4, 260-pound junior from Midland, Texas.

And that level isn't always easy to achieve, Young said. That's one of the reasons being named to The Associated Press All-America football team and the Football Writers' All-America team surprised him.

"I was very, very surprised," Young said. "It caught me off guard. I just try to play at the level of my teammates."

Young apparently has done a good job keeping up with the likes of United Press International All-Big Eight selection Andy Keeler, a 6-3, 265-pound senior left guard from Omaha, and consensus All-Big Eight selection Bob Sledge, a 6-2, 270-pound senior left tackle who's also from Omaha. Young, a finance major with law school aspirations, also was named second-team All-Big Eight last season.

Young, Sledge, Keeler -- and the

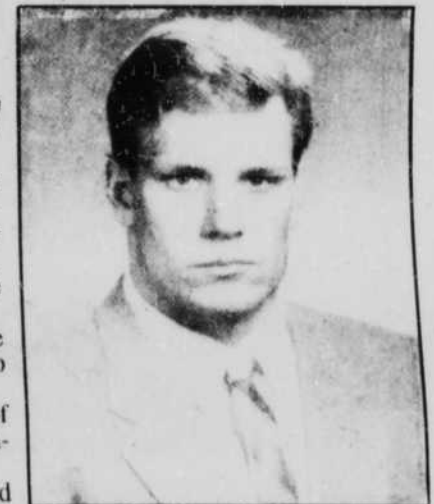
remainder of the Huskers' offensive line -- have helped Nebraska's offense average 478 total yards per game and 39.5 points per contest. Included among the total yards are 382 yards rushing per game.

Those numbers are due in large part to the offensive line's ability to execute, Young said.

"I think we definitely have one of the best offensive lines in the nation," he said.

Young said the Huskers, 11-1 and ranked No. 6 in the AP college football poll, will find out just how good

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## Shoulder injury continues to keep Pete from practice

By Nick Hodge  
Staff Reporter

Nebraska coach Tom Osborne said starting middle guard Lawrence Pete is still nursing a sore shoulder, which kept him out of Wednesday's football practice in Cook Pavilion.

Osborne said Pete will probably miss a couple more practices to allow his shoulder to completely heal. Pete has not practiced since injuring the shoulder in Monday's workout.

Osborne said backup defensive back Bruce Pickens threw out his back and left early during the Huskers' shoulder-pad-and-helmet practice session.

Osborne said he was concerned about Pickens, but the extent of the injury wasn't known.

Two other Huskers sat out of the hour-and-a-half practice to rest nagging leg injuries, Osborne said. Defensive back Mark Blazek has been nursing a chronic hamstring injury that he originally hurt last year, while fullback Sam Schmidt is recovering from a broken ankle he suffered in Nebraska's Sept. 10 loss to UCLA.

Osborne said Blazek and Schmidt will require a day off every so often to rest their injuries.

Osborne said he has scheduled practices so that Nebraska alternates between wearing full pads and just helmets and shoulder pads.

No practices will be held during final exams to allow players to concentrate on their studies, Osborne said. Nebraska will depart for Miami Christmas Day, he said.

The Cornhuskers began practicing Friday in preparation for their Jan. 2 Orange Bowl game against the Miami Hurricanes in Miami, Fla. Nebraska had not practiced since defeating Oklahoma 7-3 Nov. 19.

### 1988 Nebraska volleyball honors

GTE District VII All-Academic Team--*Stahr, Endicott*

Firstier Invitational All-Tournament--*Endicott (MVP), Stahr*

Illini Classic All-Tournament--*Endicott, Stahr (MVP)*

Gillette Dairy/Prairie Maid Inv. All-Tournament--*Endicott, Stahr (MVP)*

**Lori Endicott**

**Virginia Stahr**

AVCA/Russell All-American first team--*Endicott, Stahr*

All-American Strength first team--*Endicott*

AVCA/Russell All-Midwest team--*Endicott, Stahr*

NCAA Midwest Regional All-Tournament --*Endicott*

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## Success brings pressure for Endicott

By Mike Kluck  
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Illinois volleyball coach Mike Hebert said Nebraska senior setter Lori Endicott is the type of player who would grab a team by the scruff of its neck when it's down and lead it to victory.

When the Cornhuskers lost a five-game match to Oklahoma in the semifinals of the National Collegiate Athletic Association Midwest Regionals last Friday, it marked the end of Endicott's Husker career.

Endicott said her emergence as a leader this season has occurred because of two reasons -- being a setter and being a captain.

"One of the major factors I think is, as a setter, you run the offense, you call the plays and pretty much you're in control of the game plan and whether it's successful or not," Endicott said. "The coach does a lot of

relating one on one in that respect."

Endicott's talent and leadership has helped her to receive numerous honors. This season she was named Big Eight player of the year for the second year in a row and was named to the 1988 AVCA/Russell All-America First Team. She joins teammate Virginia Stahr on that team.

Endicott said her success has not changed her personality.

"I never thought that I would have gotten as far as I have.

"I think it puts a lot of pressure on me," Endicott said. "It means their expectations are higher of me, which I don't mind because then I push myself to play better all the time. If I don't have a good practice or a good game or whatever, I feel like I disappointed a lot of people -- even though I should only try and do it for myself."

Endicott is bound for Minneapolis, Minn., today to receive her All-America award at the Final Four tour-

nament. She is hoping that in the future she will be able to play for the U.S. National team.

Endicott said she is still thinking about moving to San Diego, Calif., on Jan. 10, to start practice with the U.S. team. However, she said she will never forget about her years at Nebraska.

"I have been very fortunate to play for a program like Nebraska," Endicott said. "I wouldn't have wanted to have played anywhere else."

Endicott, a 5-foot-9 player from Springfield, Mo., was on the state championship volleyball team at Willard High School during her freshman year.

Endicott said she made her first visit to Nebraska during her senior year in high school. She said she was recruited by Nebraska through game films and that she chose Nebraska over Missouri, Kansas State, Rhode Island, Tennessee and Ohio State.