

All-America choice says he wants 'fun in the sun'

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they are when they face No. 2 Miami (Fla.), 10-1, in the Jan. 2 Orange Bowl in Miami.

Young said he's looking forward to the challenge.

"They're a great team," Young said, referring to Miami. "It's a great game, it's great to be able to go down there and have a little fun in the sun, hopefully."

"They're big, strong and fast. You can tell they're going to be good -- just look at the stats."

Nebraska's offense will try to solve a Miami defense that's yielded just 82.5 yards per game on the ground and 91 yards through the air. The Hurricanes have allowed 10.3 points per game, while averaging 35.9 points per contest.

"They're probably the most aggressive team in the country," Young said. "They'll line up and come at us. We'll just have to handle it."

"It's just going to be pretty much a brawl."

Young said he's not concerned about Nebraska's role as the underdog against Miami. Various oddsmakers have listed Nebraska between a 4- and 8-point underdog.

"I really don't look at (the game) that way," Young said. "The game is never won in the press, or on the (betting) line. It's going to be won on the field."

Next season, Nebraska returns just Young and junior right tackle Doug Glaser from this year's starting offensive line. Sledge, Keeler, right guard John Nelson and tight end Todd Millikan will have completed their eligibility.

"We're going to be young," he said. Still, he said, Nebraska's ability over the years to replace talented players with equally talented players give him confidence about next season.

Next season's offensive line "won't miss a step. People will just step in and rise to the occasion," Young said.

Dooley quits Georgia post

ATHENS, Ga. (AP) - Vince Dooley resigned as football coach at the University of Georgia Wednesday after a quarter century spent transforming the school from also-ran to traditional power.

"It is certainly no secret that I have considered for the past several years a change in careers," Dooley said.

He answered speculation about a political career by saying: "I have several possibilities which interest me, including opportunities in business as well as a long-standing interest in the politics of this state."

Dooley said he would not decide his future until after the Bulldogs' Jan. 1 Gator Bowl game against Michigan State.

University President Charles Knapp said he had accepted Dooley's offer to remain as athletic director until a new coach is

appointed. Dooley's resignation as coach is effective Jan. 2.

"As you can imagine this is the most difficult and painful decision I and my family have ever made," Dooley said in his resignation letter, which he read at a news conference held jointly with Knapp.

Dooley said he made his decision Dec. 1 and decided to announce it now because he could not "in good conscience" participate in recruiting new players.

Knapp said he had appointed a search committee to screen coaching candidates.

"I have asked the committee to move speedily in recommending candidates to me from which I can select a new football coach," Knapp said.

"As soon as a new football coach is chosen, I will move expeditiously to appoint a search committee to recommend a new ath-

letic director to me."

Knapp said the search committee, headed by Athens banker Bob Bishop, would begin work Thursday.

Georgia assistant head coach George Haffner, who was hired as offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach in 1980, Georgia Southern coach Erk Russell and North Carolina State coach Dick Sheridan were among those mentioned as Dooley's successor.

Dooley, who began his head coaching career at Georgia in 1964 and won 200 games in 25 years, has been rumored all season to be considering retirement from coaching and contemplating a political career.

"I, for one, hope Coach Dooley will run for governor," said Lt. Gov. Zell Miller, the only announced candidate.

NU team similar to '84 bowl losers

On Jan. 2, 1984, a highly emotional Miami (Fla.) football team defeated a highly touted Nebraska team 31-30 in the Orange Bowl at Miami.

The top-ranked Cornhuskers had come back from a 17-point, first-quarter deficit. I-back Jeff Smith, subbing for injured Heisman Trophy winner Mike Rozier, scored a touchdown with 48 seconds left to cut Miami's lead to one.

Nebraska coach Tom Osborne decided to go for the two-point conversion and possible victory. But when Miami strong safety Ken Calhoun tipped a Turner Gill pass away from Smith, the Huskers' dreams of a national championship slipped away -- just as the ball slipped out of Smith's outstretched hands.

Five years later, Miami and Nebraska meet again: Jan. 2, 1989, again in the Orange Bowl.

Osborne said at a press conference Tuesday that he saw few similarities between the 1983 Nebraska-Miami teams and this year's squads.

Osborne is correct in his assessment. All of the players from both squads are gone. Miami has a new head coach and a revamped coaching staff -- and neither team is ranked No. 1.

But there are many underlying similarities that have helped Nebraska fans keep the memory of the 1983 season alive in their minds.

Perhaps the biggest similarity between the two Husker teams is in their defenses. Earlier this season, the Husker defense was criticized for giving up too many points. The 1983 team heard the same complaints. In 1983, Nebraska's defense gave up 25 points in a win against Kansas State and 29 points in a victory against Iowa State.

This season, the Huskers surrendered 42 points to Oklahoma State -- but Nebraska's offense scored 63 points in the victory.

Nebraska has needed strong efforts from its defensive units both seasons to get victories, especially against Oklahoma. This season's defense held Oklahoma to a season-low 138 yards of total offense. In 1983, cornerback Neil Harris batted away a pass from Oklahoma quarterback Danny Bradley to Buster Rhymes in the end zone to preserve a

28-21 Husker victory.

Also in 1983, Husker defensive back Bret Clark intercepted an Oklahoma State pass from quarterback Ike Jackson in the end zone on the last play of the game to seal a 14-10 Husker win. This season, the defense held Colorado scoreless.

Comparisons can also be made between players from this year's squad and those on the 1983 team.

One of the quarterbacks Husker senior quarterback Steve Taylor admires most is Gill. Taylor is 6th in the Husker record books with 2,815 career passing yards and Gill is 3rd with 3,317 passing yards during his distinguished career.



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Taylor is 6th on Nebraska's all-time list in pass completions with 184, 5th in touchdown passes with 30, and has a school-record 62 total touchdowns (30 passing, 32 rushing). Taylor also has the most rushing yards by a quarterback with 2,125.

Nebraska won't have a Heisman Trophy winner at the I-back spot this season when the Huskers face the Hurricanes. But junior Ken Clark has amassed numbers this season that are almost as good as Rozier's 1983 statistics.

Clark finished the season with 1,497 yards -- the 3rd highest in a season by a Husker running back. He trails Rozier, who in 1983 had 2,148 yards and in 1982 had 1,689.

The difference between Clark and Rozier is the entire nation knew about Rozier all season. Rozier was a pre-season Heisman Trophy and All-America candidate.

Clark had never started a game before this season and only had 481 yards in the Huskers' first six games. The second half of the season was the key for Clark as he piled up 256 yards against Oklahoma State -- the second highest by a Husker I-Back -- and 165

yards against Colorado and 167 against Oklahoma.

Equally effective is the Huskers' offensive line. In 1983, the Huskers had center Mark Traynowicz, offensive tackle Scott Raridon and offensive guard Dean Steinkuhler. This season, All-America center Jake Young, All-Big Eight left tackle Bob Sledge and All-Big Eight left guard Andy Keeler will all be facing the Hurricanes.

Nebraska's schedule has also been comparable to the 1983 team. Both teams opened the season by winning the Kickoff Classic in East Rutherford, N.J.

This season, the Huskers defeated Texas A&M 23-14 on Aug. 27, and in 1983 Nebraska trounced Penn State 44-6. The only difference between this year's Orange Bowl and 1983's is in 1983 Nebraska entered the game undefeated and holding the top spot in the polls.

This season, the Huskers have one blemish on their record -- a 41-28 defeat to UCLA -- and have been fighting for their No. 6 ranking.

Miami enters the game with the same record it had in 1983 -- 10-1. The Hurricanes lost in 1983 convincingly to Florida, while this season Miami suffered one-point set back to Notre Dame. Miami was ranked 4th in 1983 and 2nd this season.

One final similarity is the game is being played on Jan. 2, just like five years ago.

There are also some interesting contradictions between the two Orange Bowls. Nebraska was heavily favored to win 1983's game and oddsmakers weren't giving Miami a chance of even keeping the game close.

This season, Miami is heavily favored and many people have already put a mark in the Hurricanes' win column.

Nebraska was the clear choice before the 1983 as the nation's top team. Although this season Miami isn't ranked in the top spot, many coaches and fans think they may be the best team in the nation.

Although there are many similarities, let's hope one similarity doesn't occur again -- the score.

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Nation's sportswriters predict outcome of Nebraska's showdown with Miami

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Natalie Meisler, sportswriter, The Denver Post:

"Gotta love Nebraska's defense, giving up a combined three points to Colorado and Oklahoma. Conversely, Nebraska only scored 14 points in the last two weeks of the season."

"Weather conditions prevented any passing against Nebraska in those two weeks. Nebraska is vulnerable to the pass. And Tom Osborne has said himself that the home-field advantage is worth a touchdown to Miami. Miami 24-17."

Kirk Bohls, college football writer, Austin (Texas) American-Statesman:

"Although Nebraska has a solid defense -- I saw the Cornhuskers kick Texas A&M in the Kickoff Classic -- I think its defense is vulnerable to the pass. Miami is tough on both sides of the ball."

"With their home-field advantage and a slim shot at the national title, I don't think the Hurricanes will be denied. Miami 34-28."

Dan Kelly, sports editor, the Columbia Missourian:

"If Miami's offense plays as well as it did, against Missouri (55-0), Nebraska will be unable to stop the Hurricanes. And Nebraska will need to execute its offense much better than it did against Missouri."

"What it comes down to is this: When is the last time a Big Eight team stopped a sophisticated passing attack? Miami 31-17."

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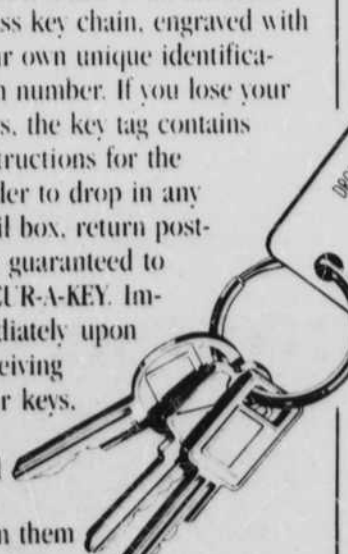
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