

Vince Ferragamo to start as quarterback for the Huskers

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By Pete Wegman

Any doubts in Nebraska fans' minds concerning UNL's starting quarterback for Saturday's Homecoming contest against Kansas were dispelled Monday by Head Coach Tom Osborne.

Junior Vince Ferragamo will start Saturday against the Jayhawks, Osborne told Extra Point Club members attending a luncheon at the Elk's

Club. players at the split end and I-back positions in the last four games, Osborne said he would avoid rotating the quarterbacks.

Develop confidence

A quarterback needs to get the feel of the game and develop some confidence, he said.

But, he added, "It's comforting to have two good quarterbacks we wouldn't hesitate to play at any time."

fullback Tony Davis. "He's as good an all-around back as we've had here in a long time," Corgan said. "When he wants to label somebody, he can stamp them good."

Poor officiating

For the second consecutive week, Osborne mentioned poor officiating during the Husker's game.

He cited a holding penalty in the second quarter when quarterback Terry Luck was dropped from a 1 yard loss.

The officials measured the 15 yard penalty from the point where Luck was tackled but Osborne said the penalty should have been measured from the line of scrimmage.

"They turned down what should have been a 15 yard loss into a 26 yard loss," he said.

Osborne, Corgan and Freshman Coach Guy Ingles, who scouted Kansas at Wisconsin last Saturday, said that the Jayhawks, who the Huskers play this week, are a better team than preseason polls predicted.

"They were picked to finish seventh or eighth in the Big 8," Osborne said, "but after their opening loss to Washington State they've gotten better every week."

Jayhawks

Ingles said he went to the Wisconsin game thinking that Wisconsin would beat Kansas. The Jayhawks surprised Wisconsin and won 41-7.

"Kansas displayed the quality of a good team -- getting stronger later in the game," Ingles said. "Kansas is not going to be a team we can beat 56-0 (last year's score against Nebraska)."

Kansas' wishbone offense is led by quarterback Nolan Cromwell, who has gained more than 400 yards rushing the last two games.

"Cromwell makes their offense go," Ingles said. "He's probably the fastest wishbone quarterback I've seen -- faster than Steve Davis, Oklahoma quarterback and Jack Mildren (OU quarterback from 1971-73)."

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Club. "I feel Terry (Luck, the Huskers' starting quarterback against Miami last week) played reasonably well the first half," he said, "but we'll stay with our normal procedure and start the one who finished the job."

Ferragamo directed the Huskers to four scoring drives in the second half after replacing Luck. Nebraska, down 9-7 at halftime, beat Miami 31-16.

While Nebraska has been rotating

According to Osborne, the Husker defense was playing the best it has since 1971 when Nebraska won the national championship.

"Bob Martin (defensive end) probably played as fine a game as I've seen him play since he's been here," Osborne said. "Curtis Craig also had an excellent ballgame. He made two or three catches in crucial situations."

Osborne and Mike Corgan, offensive backfield coach, praised senior

Iranians take embassy

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Carter to seek the release of the 60 hostages.

The UNL Iranian students said that the government of Iran is in serious trouble because of its emphasis on religion. "Religion and government should be separate," said one of the students.

The students added that the government is also in trouble because it is not unified and there is nothing the present government

can do about it. "I think the only way Iran will overcome its economic and political troubles is to become democratic," he said.

One of the students said that the whole world is a brotherhood, but that, "our governments are keeping us apart."

"I don't hate Americans," he said. "It's just that information given on both sides is biased and the only way to get to the truth is to figure out what the truth is and take out the lies."

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Cornhusker gymnasts win first NCAA championship

April 9, 1979

The Nebraska Cornhuskers won their first NCAA championship in any sport Saturday in Baton Rouge, La., and Francis Allen's gymnasts had to come from behind to knock off a twice defending national champion for it.

Ironically enough, the two-time champion was Oklahoma, who has been the Huskers' football nemesis for years. And although the Nebraskan football team won national championships in 1970 and 1971, they were not NCAA titles since the football titles are determined by The Associated Press and United Press International polls.

Awesome performances by senior Larry Gerard and freshman Jim Hartung sparked the Nebraska effort Saturday, after the Huskers had found themselves trailing OU Friday following the optional round.

Gerard fell off the pommel horse in the first event during the championship session and scored 7.8. But he followed that with a 9.6 on the rings, 9.55 on the parallel bars, 9.5 in the floor exercise, a 9.4 on the high bar and a 9.35 in vaulting.

Hartung's gems included a 9.7 in floor exercise, 9.65 on rings,

9.55 on the parallel bars, 9.5 on the pommel horse and vaulting and a 9.4 on the high bar.

Freshman Steve Elliot, who doubles for the NU swim team, averaged 9.55 on the floor exercise and 9.775 in vaulting. Chuck Chmelka scored nine plus in every event but the floor exercise. Richard Brindisi scored 9.2 or higher in three events. And Terry Nowels, Steve Todd, Kirk Fridrich, Kevin Dunkley and Mark Williams each scored over a nine in at least one event.

Allen said he couldn't believe his team could hit so many routines for three straight days. Looking back at the scores, Allen said they made up three points difference -- and that was the difference between winning and losing.

After being named Midwest Regional Coach of the Year by the National Association of College Gym Coaches earlier in the week, Allen was automatically named National Coach of the Year after Saturday night's finals.

Now Francis Allen knows the good feelings after a long season. But, Allen admitted, he and his assistants, Jim Howard and Jim Gottschalk are already thinking about next year. To him, that means just as much.

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