

Reader faults sports desk for printing inaccuracies

Dear Sportswriters:

I'm writing this letter concerning the misinformation which you have been giving the readers in your Daily Nebraskan sports section.

In your Wednesday, Sept. 19, issue, John Adkisson had an article about the great talent of quarterbacks in college football this season. Adkisson failed to mention anywhere in his article David Klingler of Houston University. The sophomore, Klingler, has thrown for more yards per game, more touchdowns and less interceptions than the highly touted Ty Detmer of Brigham Young University. Perhaps more research should be done before talking about the nation's elite.

In that same issue, a co-rec flag football Top-10 list was published. This list had Schramm 6 as the seventh-ranked team. Being a resident of Schramm 6, I am well aware that we do not have a co-rec flag football team.

Finally, in the Friday, Sept. 21, issue, Chris Hopfensperger states in his "Huskies aren't bullies..." article that Nebraska defeated Northern

Illinois 54-10. You'd better double check that one. The final score was 60-14.

Keep in mind that you do have readers that are knowledgeable about the subjects in which you are writing, and they would like to see the correct information printed. Besides making yourself look foolish, you are cheating the readers from getting the proper information.

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Editor's note: Adkisson, in a column, can include or omit any quarterback he wants. Readers can disagree. . . The Husker Red ratings are done by the Office of Campus Recreation, and the office verified the existence of a team called Schramm 6. . . We regret, as we do any errors, printing the wrong score and other mistakes that ran in the Sept. 21 issue. . . By the way, it's the University of Houston.



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NU's Joy Rishel is called out at second against Wayne State on Sunday. NU plays UNO in a doubleheader at 6 p.m. today at the NU Softball Complex. The games are free to UNL students who show ID's.

Softball team's lack of focus in defense dismays coach

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In a fall season that so far has been a defensive disappointment, Sunday's sweep of Wayne State didn't do much to encourage Nebraska softball coach Ron Wolforth for today's doubleheader against the University of Nebraska at Omaha.

Nebraska goes into today's games, which start at 6 p.m. at the NU Softball Complex, coming off a pair of two-run wins at UNO Thursday, splitting two games at Kearney State on Friday and sweeping Wayne State on Sunday. Home games feature free admission to University of Nebraska-Lincoln students who show their student ID's.

"I think the four games this past weekend against UNO and Kearney State were as poor of a performance as I've ever had here," Wolforth said. "We turned it around Sunday, but I've never had a fan congratulate me on a sweep of Wayne State, and rightfully so."

But Wolforth admits the Cornhuskers are in a no-win situation

with a weak fall schedule, which might explain the sub-par performances.

"There's not much that can be an advantage when you play teams like UNO, Kearney State and Wayne State again and again in such a short time," he said. "Our girls have had a hard time getting motivated."

"(But) getting beat at Kearney State gives us a good positive pressure. Our girls are realizing that they're playing for personal pride or for their own personal improvement."

Wolforth said he is worried about Nebraska's defense. The Huskers will need good defense to win conference games this spring, he said.

"Defense continues to be my concern," he said. "I don't think we've ever won a Big Eight game where the opponents have scored over two runs."

Nebraska pitchers Marie Bowie and Stephanie Skogas have been injured this fall, but Wolforth is not looking for excuses.

"We need an improved effort

from our pitchers," Wolforth said. "I know they've been injured but if we don't improve in the next few weeks, it'll be a long off-season with a lot of sleepless nights."

"They're very capable, but they've been very unfocused."

The defense also hasn't been very focused, Wolforth said. So far, every time a Husker opponent reaches first base, there is a 36 percent chance that runner will score, he said.

"That's awful," he said. "The other teams have been getting runs far too easily. We need to get it down to 15 to 17 percent or it'll be a very long year."

On the other side of the table, Nebraska offense scores 47 percent of the time a runner gets on base," Wolforth said.

"That's tremendous," he said. That rate of scoring is helped by Nebraska's base stealing.

"We've had 24 steals and haven't been thrown out once," Wolforth said. "Our opponents have tried to steal seven times and have been thrown out every single time."

Missouri suffers, Oklahoma shines

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) - As if Nebraska didn't give the rest of the Big Eight plenty to worry about, along comes Derek Brown.

The Cornhuskers hadn't started a freshman at tailback for 16 years until Brown lined up Saturday against Minnesota. He gained 120 yards as the Huskers buried the Golden Gophers 56-0.

Nebraska did not let Minnesota past the 50-yard line. The Huskers had only three penalties for 30 yards and forced four Minnesota turnovers. They built a 42-0 halftime lead.

"I think it was a very complete football game that we played," said Nebraska coach Tom Osborne. "We

had the game in hand about as early as any game I can remember. We were able to control the line of scrimmage, sack their quarterback a few times and not give up a big play."

In stark contrast to the Huskers were the Missouri Tigers. In losing at Indiana 58-7, the Tigers let the Hoosiers set a stadium scoring record and handed Coach Bob Stull one of the most lopsided losses he has ever experienced.

"I don't think I've ever been in a game where there were more mistakes made in a row," Stull said.

"After an easy drive for a first touchdown for us, from there on we just made almost every mistake in football. They broke an 80-yard run because of poor coverage in the secondary, then we followed with two interceptions in a row to give them two easy scores. Then a coverage breakdown, then a blocked punt and then a punt return."

"They basically had two drives, 89 and 45 yards, late in the fourth quarter. Those were the only sustained drives they had all day."

The Tigers also laid waste to the old theory that says: "As you practice, so shall you play."

"It was the best week of practice we've had since we've been here," Stull said. "Our players wanted to play well against Indiana because they had had four years where they came close but always came away on the bottom end. Our practices were excellent. Everybody physically executed well. We practiced well and came out and played tentatively and

cautiously. It was tough."

The only Big Eight team doing as well as Nebraska is Oklahoma, and the Sooners are doing it in very uncharacteristic fashion. In their 52-10 squashing of Tulsa, Coach Gary Gibbs' team:

- Threw for 202 yards on 25 passes, six attempts short of the school record set in 1938.

- Completed 12 passes, three shy of the school record set three different times, most recently six years ago.

- Opened the game with a pass play for the third week in a row, something no Oklahoma team has ever done.

The last time Oklahoma attempted and completed more passes in a game was in 1969 when Jack Mildren was 15-for-30 against Nebraska. In scoring touchdowns via the pass on their first two possessions, the Sooners did something they hadn't done since Dec. 2, 1972.

"As we've said all along, we've got to throw the ball more than we have in the past, and we're going to," Gibbs said. "We went in and took what Tulsa gave us. They kind of forced us to throw the ball."

One reason for this passing upsurge is quarterback Steve Collins. Oklahoma has rarely had a quarterback who could throw effectively.

"There's no question about it," Gibbs said. "We've worked hard since last spring throughout two-a-days. And the more you do something and the more success you have, the more comfortable you feel doing it."

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