

Huskers do their homework



Kiley Timperley/DN

Nebraska I-back Derek Brown carries the ball in a Cornhusker game earlier this season. Brown, a junior, is second in the Big Eight in rushing behind teammate Calvin Jones. Brown is averaging 95 yards per game and six yards per carry.

Nebraska expects complex offense

By Nick Hytrek
Senior Reporter

Nebraska football coaches spent as much time walking to the pencil sharpener as they did to the practice field this week.

With all the time they had to spend charting Missouri's offensive formations, the pencils in the football office are undoubtedly shorter after preparing for the Tigers.

"They do a lot of things offensively," Nebraska coach Tom Osborne said. "They run 57 different sets is I think what we have charted."

All those sets added up to a lot of paperwork for Cornhusker coaches.

"Our defensive scouting breakdown looks kind of like a telephone book," Osborne said. "(Missouri) run every pass play known to man. And, surprisingly, most of the running plays ever invented. So it makes it a little tougher defensively just to get lined up correctly and not have yourself exposed in some area."

The No. 8 Huskers will see if their preparation has paid off Saturday at Faurot Field in Columbia, Mo. Kick-off between the 4-1 Huskers, 1-0 in the Big Eight, and the Tigers, 1-5 and 0-2, is at 1 p.m.

Last week against Oklahoma State, Missouri quarterback Jeff Handy made his first start and responded with a Big

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Colorado to challenge NU for Big Eight volleyball title

By Jeff Singer
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There will be a couple of rarities for the Nebraska volleyball team in this weekend's match against Colorado.

Not only are the Cornhuskers expected to be challenged by a Big Eight opponent, but Nebraska also will need a win to stay in the hunt for a conference title.

The Huskers have accumulated a career 222-6-1 Big Eight record and have won 16 consecutive conference titles, but that streak could be in jeopardy when they face Colorado 7:30 p.m. Saturday at the NU Coliseum.

The Buffaloes have been creating a stir this season as they have stampeaded over their Big Eight rivals and netted a 6-0 conference record and a 15-3 overall mark.

Nebraska volleyball coach Terry Pettit said his team would need to overcome 13th-ranked Colorado if the Huskers were to win another Big Eight title this year.

"It's a very important match," Pettit said. "If you want to win the Big Eight championship, you've got to beat the best team other than yourself."

Nebraska middle blocker Stephanie Thater, who leads the Huskers with a .368 hitting percentage, said Saturday's match was important for Nebraska.

"It's going to be a big match," Thater said. "We're the goal of Colo-

Probable Starters

Colorado at Nebraska
7:30 p.m. Saturday
NU Coliseum

Nebraska (12-2, 6-0)

Stephanie Thater 6-2 MB
Eileen Shannon 6-0 OH
Kim Tonniges 5-11 OH
Laura Luther 6-0 OH
Allison Weston 6-0 OH
Nikki Stricker 5-10 S

Colorado (15-3, 6-0)

Karrie Dowley 5-10 SH
Michele Kohler 5-7 SH
Heather Sweeney 5-11 QH
Nicole Vranesh 5-8 S
Staci Wolfe 5-10 SH
Janine Zumerchik 6-2 QH



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rado every year." Colorado volleyball coach Brad Saindon said a victory over Nebraska would be one of the biggest wins in Buffalo volleyball history.

"We're playing pretty well, but it's a pretty big chore to beat Nebraska,"

Saindon said. "It's good to see how we play against one of the best teams in the nation."

The fifth-ranked Huskers are coming off of a 15-2, 15-4, 15-5 pounding of Kansas State. The win over the Wildcats increased Nebraska's overall mark to 12-2 and conference record to 6-0, tying the Buffaloes for first place in the Big Eight.

Thater said if the Huskers play with the same intensity they had against Kansas State, then the Colorado match should be a formality.

"If we're at our top level, they won't beat us," Thater said.

The Buffaloes have had trouble beating Nebraska in the past, as the Huskers have a 13-0 career record against them. Nebraska swept both of its matches against Colorado last year.

The Buffaloes are led by their setter Nicole Vranesh. The junior earned all-conference honors last season and has been vital to Colorado's perfect Big Eight record so far this year.

Pettit said that players like Vranesh had helped the Buffaloes establish a trademark as a good passing team.

"They're a good ball-handling team, and they stay organized when things break down," Pettit said.

The Huskers are also expecting a big crowd to show up for the match Saturday night. Nebraska broke the Coliseum record with 4,373 fans in last week's Oklahoma match and lead the nation with an average of 2,955 fans per home match.

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"We've had some excellent outside blockers here and he certainly ranks right with them," Osborne said. "He's not as big as Broderick Thomas, or as fast as Mike Croel, but Travis provides all phases of the game."

Osborne praised Hill's dedication to academics and athletics.

"You couldn't ask for anything more out of a player other than what

Travis has given us."

The three finalists for this year's award will be announced on Nov. 19, and the winner announced on Dec. 12.

Osborne also said on Thursday that linebacker Mike Anderson will not make the trip to Missouri with the rest of the team for this weekend's game against the Tigers.

Anderson had his knee scoped on Tuesday, and is still "pretty sore," Osborne said.

Probable Starters

SE 33 Tyrone Hughes	5-10 175 Sr.	WR 2 Victor Bailey	6-4 200 Sr.
LT 77 Lance Lundberg	6-4 300 Jr.	LT 73 Coby Crowl	6-4 270 Sr.
LG 62 Ken Mehlin	6-0 265 Jr.	LG 66 Bob Petrus	6-5 268 Sr.
C 51 Jim Scott	6-2 295 Sr.	C 57 Doug Hembrough	6-1 270 Sr.
RG 75 Will Shields	6-1 305 Sr.	RG 79 Mike Bedosky	6-5 288 Jr.
RT 72 Zach Wiegert	6-5 310 So.	RT 67 Gene Sniasky	6-7 298 Sr.
TE 89 William Washington	6-2 260 Sr.	TE 49 Kent Gardner	6-3 228 Sr.
QB 1 Mike Grant	6-3 205 Sr.	QB 11 Jeff Handy	6-3 203 So.
FB 26 Lance Lewis	6-0 225 Sr.	TB 1 Joe Freeman	5-10 183 So.
IB 21 Derek Brown	5-9 185 Jr.	FB 26 Ronnell Kayhill	5-9 203 Sr.
WB 27 Abdul Muhammad	5-9 155 So.	FL 81 Kenny Holly	6-0 183 Jr.
PK 13 Byron Bennett	6-1 180 Jr.	PK 3 Jeff Jacke	6-0 190 Sr.



LOLB 93 Travis Hill	6-2 240 Sr.	E 92 Stacy Elliott	6-4 257 Sr.
LT 92 John Parralla	6-5 290 Sr.	T 98 Steve Martin	6-5 285 Fr.
NG 73 David Noonan	6-3 275 Jr.	N 72 George Hunt	6-3 270 Jr.
RT 90 Bruce Moore	6-6 240 Jr.	E 59 Rick Lyle	6-6 270 Jr.
ROLB 34 Trav Alberts	6-4 230 Jr.	BN 21 Andre White	6-1 185 So.
ILB 54 Troy Branch	6-0 235 Jr.	RV 23 Maurice Benson	6-0 197 Sr.
WLB 32 Ed Stewart	6-0 205 So.	LB 47 Mike Ringgenberg	6-4 235 Sr.
LCB 19 Kenny Wilhite	5-8 175 Sr.	LB 39 Travis McDonald	6-2 223 So.
RCB 6 John Reece	6-0 200 Jr.	LC 15 Kevin McIntosh	6-0 178 So.
SS 31 Steve Carmar	6-2 210 Sr.	FS 40 Jerome Madison	6-0 183 So.
FS 8 Tyrone Byrd	6-0 180 Sr.	RC 22 Jason Oliver	5-11 170 Jr.
P 47 Mike Stigge	6-2 190 Sr.	P 19 Kyle Pooler	6-0 186 So.

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Tigers hope to show own arsenal vs. NU

By Jeff Singer
Senior Reporter

With Saturday's football game between Missouri and Nebraska being the Tigers' homecoming, Missouri is hoping for some fireworks against the eighth-ranked Cornhuskers.

But Tiger coach Bob Stull is hoping Nebraska isn't the team that explodes this weekend.

"They have a lot of weapons — you can't lock into one thing," Stull said. "Everybody says how they're so one-dimensional, but they do more different types of things than anybody in the country."

Stull said the Huskers, who will battle the Tigers at 1 p.m. at Missouri's Faurot Field in Columbia, Mo., might ruin the homecoming festivities with their offensive arsenal.

But the Tigers have some weapons of their own, including sophomore quarterback Jeff Handy.

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Stull
Missouri football coach

career in last weekend's 28-26 loss to Oklahoma State and immediately impacted the Missouri coaching staff as well as the conference record books.

Handy had 43 completions in 73 attempts, and placed his name, along with Kansas' Mike Norseth, for first in passing yards in a game with 480.

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Osborne praises Hill for Butkus honor

From Staff Reports

Nebraska coach Tom Osborne took time out after Thursday's practice to praise Cornhusker outside linebacker Travis Hill.

Hill was named as one of 10 semi-finalists for the Butkus Award on Thursday, which is given to the nation's most outstanding linebacker.

"It's a nice honor for Travis," Osborne said. "I think he is very de-