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No. 2 Huskers face Oklahoma State

By Mitch Sherman
Senior Reporter

In Pat Jones' coaching career at Oklahoma State, his Cowboy teams have played Nebraska 10 times.

Ten times Oklahoma State has lost.

On the surface, it appears to be a lopsided series, but as Nebraska coach Tom Osborne is quick to point out, the Cowboys' lack of success is not a result of poor effort.

"We have had some close ones," Osborne said. "And they have always had excellent athletes."

Jones will try again to notch his first win against the Cornhuskers at Memorial Stadium on Saturday at 1 p.m.

Last season, Oklahoma State led the Huskers 13-6 at halftime before Nebraska scored 21 unanswered second-half points. The Huskers escaped Stillwater with a 27-13 victory.

Osborne, who owns a 20-0-1 record against Oklahoma State, said he expected another battle from the Cowboys.

"They play hard," he said. "Overall, Oklahoma State has pretty good team speed. Defensively they move around well and have been fairly impressive in terms of the people they have."

The Cowboys, 3-1 this season, are emerging from one of the most unsuccessful periods in Oklahoma State football history. After two consecutive 10-win seasons in 1987 and 1988, the Cowboys fell to 4-7 in 1989 and 1990.

In 1991, they hit rock bottom, going 0-10-1 and suffering badly from the effects of NCAA probation. Since then, the Cowboys have gradually begun to move forward. A 4-6-1 sea-

son in 1992 was followed by a 3-8 season a year ago.

"I really think they are starting to come out of their effects from the probation," Osborne said.

The Cowboys rallied for their third win of the season last week. Place-kicker Lawson Vaughn drilled a last-second 43-yard field goal to defeat Division I-AA North Texas 36-34 last week in Stillwater. Nebraska beat North Texas 76-14 last year in Lincoln.

But Osborne dismissed the comparison between Nebraska and Oklahoma State just because both teams played the same opponent.

"In that game, I think it was a case of North Texas being excited to play Oklahoma State, and Oklahoma State probably not being quite ready for North Texas," Osborne said. "It came down to the wire, and it was an interesting ballgame."

Osborne said he expected a better showing this week from the Cowboys, who also have wins over Northern Illinois and Tulsa.

A key to Nebraska's success Saturday, he said, will be the Huskers' ability to contain Cowboy quarterback Tone Jones. Jones, who took over the starting job four games into his true freshman season in 1993, has averaged 154.5 yards of total offense per game this year.

"He seems to be a very good player," Osborne said. "He has good quickness, and he has a little more maturity now."

Nebraska's quarterback situation, Osborne said, is not quite as stable. Despite still feeling soreness in his chest, Brook Berringer will make his second career start for the Huskers.



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Nebraska's Reggie Baul breaks up a pass play to Wyoming's Greg Van Leer during the Cornhuskers' 42-32 win over the Cowboys last Saturday.

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Cowboy coach hopes to lasso Huskers

By Trevor Parks
Staff Reporter

Last season's 27-13 loss to Nebraska should give Oklahoma State confidence going into Saturday's game at Memorial Stadium, Cowboy coach Pat Jones said.

Jones said his team started six freshmen in last year's game, which helped his young ball club.

"Because of that we realize if we play well, we know we have a chance to win," Jones said. "As young as we are, I wouldn't say we're overconfident."

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However, the last time Oklahoma State visited Lincoln ended in a 55-0 victory for the Cornhuskers in 1992.

But Jones said the Cowboys were missing three starters, including flanker Rafael Denson, in that game.

This season the Cowboys are in the same situation they were when they played host to the Huskers last year.

Oklahoma State was 3-1 heading into the Nebraska game, and after losing to the Huskers, they lost six in a row to finish 3-8.

Jones said he hoped that same scenario didn't happen again this season.

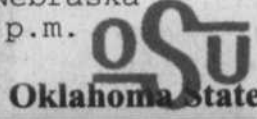
"If we lose a bunch of people to injuries like we did last year, we'll start losing," he said.

This season it is Nebraska that has been hit by injuries, with the biggest hit to quarterback Tommie Frazier, who may be sidelined for the rest of the season.

But Jones isn't expecting the Husker offense to have a letdown with Brook Berringer at the helm.

Game Day '94

Memorial Stadium
Lincoln, Nebraska
Saturday 1 p.m.



QB 18	Brook Berringer	6-4	210	QB 9	Tone' Jones	5-11	190
FB 40	Cory Schlesinger	6-0	230	RB 28	David Thompson	5-9	175
IB 1	Lawrence Phillips	6-0	200	FB 4	Joe Jefferson	5-9	205
SE 7	Reggie Baul	5-8	170	FL 22	Rafael Denson	5-8	180
WB 27	Abdul Muhammad	5-9	160	SE 80	Kris Lofton	6-1	185
RT 72	Zach Wiegert	6-5	300	RT 67	Scott Waterbury	6-5	298
LT 56	Rob Zatechka	6-5	315	LT 64	Derek Leinen	6-4	292
RG 55	Brenden Stai	6-4	300	RG 59	Alan Orts	6-2	294
LG 76	Joel Wilks	6-3	280	LG 62	Josh Henson	6-2	250
C 54	Aaron Graham	6-3	280	C 56	Bryan Hope	6-4	270
TE 85	Matt Shaw	6-3	235	TE 88	Derek Jones	6-2	266
PK 12	Tom Sieler	6-5	205	PK 13	Lawson Vaughn	6-0	180
LQB 86	Dwayne Harris	6-2	225	LT 98	Lorenzo Green	6-2	270
DT 55	Christian Peter	6-2	285	LE 58	Jevon Langford	6-5	260
NT 99	Terry Connealy	6-5	275	RT 95	Tyler Williams	6-2	253
ROLB 84	Donta Jones	6-2	220	RE 47	Demetrius Crowder	6-3	262
SAM 4	Troy Dumas	6-4	220	SILB 57	Linc Harden	6-3	225
MIKE 48	Doug Colman	6-3	240	WILB 40	Jame Elliott	5-11	245
WILL 32	Ed Stewart	6-1	215	MLB 42	Eric Hobbs	5-11	235
LCB 14	Barron Miles	5-8	165	LCB 3	Johnny Jones	5-9	165
RCB 8	Tyrone Williams	6-0	165	RCB 8	Cleavon Williams	5-10	180
ROV 29	Kareem Moss	5-10	190	SS 26	Jitu Criddle	6-1	185
FS 9	Tony Veland	6-2	200	FS 2	Louis Adams	6-1	217
P 6	Darin Erstad	6-2	195	P 7	Greg Ivy	6-0	190

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"If he was a guy who hasn't played much, that would be a lot different," Jones said. "They won't run anything different."

But Jones said there would be a slight difference.

"If they have got to make a great play on just individual talent, that might hurt," he said.

Otherwise, Jones said, there won't be any major discrepancies with the Husker offense, especially on the offensive line.

"They are big and strong, a lot like typical Nebraska," he said.

This season the Cowboys have victories over Northern Illinois and Tulsa and a 36-34 win over North Texas last Saturday.

The lone loss was a 14-10 game at Baylor in the second week of the season.

Jones said he was happy to open the conference season at No. 2 Nebraska.

"Any time the league race begins, it adds a little luster," Jones said. "It's not televised this year like it has been in the past, but it's not like any other ballgame, because it adds something special."

Frazier may get his eligibility extended to '96

By Todd Walkenhorst
Staff Reporter

Nebraska junior quarterback Tommie Frazier underwent surgery on Thursday morning as part of continuing treatment for a blood clot that was discovered on Sept. 25.

Dr. Deepak Gangahar performed a surgical procedure that tied off a vein with a smaller clot that was suspected of causing the recurring clot.

Gangahar said Frazier should remain in the hospital for a week to 10 days.

Frazier still is likely to miss the rest of this season, because he will be on blood thinners for a substantial amount of time, said Dr. Lonnie Albers, the director of athletic medicine for Nebraska.

"The need to be on blood thinners for a long period of time," Albers said, "will keep Frazier from contact sports for what appears to be the rest of the season."

Albers said that playing contact sports while on blood thinners would be dangerous because of the risk of internal bleeding if hit.

Nebraska coach Tom Osborne said he had not given up hope that Frazier would return this year.

"The doctors have indicated he won't play," Osborne said, "but you never say never in athletics. I wouldn't hold out that hope to anybody. The main concern now is down the road, to get him healthy."

Because Frazier's injury occurred early in the season, Nebraska officials are looking into applying to the NCAA eligibility committee for a medical hardship. If the request is approved, Frazier

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