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NU cautious as it enters Cyclone game

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Despite an 0-8-1 record, Nebraska coach Tom Osborne thinks Iowa State is a much better team now than the Cyclone team that opened its season with a 28-14 loss to Northern Iowa.

And Osborne has the facts to back it up. The Cyclones have been averaging 422.5 yards a game, including 453 yards last week in a 38-20 loss at Kansas State. Nebraska gained 262 against Kansas State on Oct. 15 in Manhattan.

The No. 1 Cornhuskers will try to stop the Iowa State offense on Saturday in Ames, Iowa, at 1 p.m.

Osborne said Iowa State's offensive performance against the Wildcats shouldn't be taken lightly.

"Iowa State has a good football team, and that may sound strange to say," he said. "Offensively, right now, I think they are playing very well. The thing that kind of grabbed my attention is that they had 440 (453) yards against Kansas State, and that's almost double of what we had."

"I would say there is a definite difference in their offense over the last three or four games as to what it was the first four or five games. They're executing better."

Nebraska's last trip to Ames two years ago resulted in Iowa State's 19-10 upset of the seventh-ranked Huskers — the only game Osborne has lost to a team that finished with a losing record.

Osborne said the Cyclones had a recent history of playing Nebraska close, including last year's 49-17 Husker win in Lincoln, and he hoped his players didn't forget that.

"Even last year we got off to a 21-7 lead, and we had a couple of turnovers, and it wasn't



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Nebraska I-back Lawrence Phillips dives into the end zone for the first of his two touchdowns against Kansas last Saturday. Phillips will be going for his 10th straight 100-yard game Saturday against Iowa State.

decided until late in the game that we definitely had the thing put away," he said. "So I think they'll (players) understand that we have to play."

In 1992, Iowa State was more motivated to win than the Huskers were, Osborne said.

"(In 1992) We had beaten Colorado 52-7, then Kansas 49-7, and I don't think our players consciously let down; I just don't think they were really ready to play," he said. "I think Iowa State was very ready to play, and they

played the game of the year."

Osborne said he knew the Cyclone players — 11 of which are Nebraska natives — would be ready for the top-ranked Huskers.

"I'm sure that we'll get their best effort," he said. "They've got nine, 10 or 11 Nebraska players that are playing key roles for them. They're certainly going to give us everything they've got; they always do."

"I think Iowa State will come to play. In many respects, for a lot of those players, this

will be the most important game of the year. I'm not taking anything for granted here at all."

Despite waving a caution flag for his team, Osborne said that if the 10-0 Huskers played well, they should win.

"I'm not trying to paint a negative picture here that we're in big trouble and we can't win the game," he said. "We just have to pay attention to business, and it may not be as quick and simple as people think."

Walden expounds on nightmare season

By Trevor Parks
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The Iowa State football season has been filled with one nightmare after another for Coach Jim Walden.

This Saturday, Walden's nightmare season will end when the Cyclones play host to No. 1 Nebraska in Ames, Iowa.

But the Cyclones have two games remaining. The Big Eight Conference on Thursday suspended Walden from Iowa State's final game on Nov. 19 against Colorado.

Walden announced his resignation on Nov. 3, and Saturday's game will be his last on the Iowa State sidelines. Walden also was fined \$5,000 for his comments on the officiating after Iowa State's 38-20 loss to Kansas State last Saturday.



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Walden said Nebraska would cause his team numerous problems, but then the Cornhuskers caused problems for opponents all year.

"We'll have the same problems the other 10 did," Walden said. "We didn't create their record."

However, being the opposite of Nebraska at 0-8-1, Walden said he wished things were better for his program.

"It's been one of disappointment," Walden said. "The frustration comes from not getting the team on an even keel. I feel so rotten for the players."

Injuries have hampered the Cyclones, and Walden said that was one reason why his high hopes for this season were crushed.

"We're not strong enough to lose eight or nine starters for an extended period of time," Walden said. "We couldn't overcome it, and that's a fact."

Walden said his team had done its best to make the most of the injuries.

Although their record doesn't show it, the Cyclones have improved as of late.

In its last five games, the Iowa State offense

Game Day '94 Cyclone Stadium/Jack Trice Field Ames, Iowa Saturday, 1:00 p.m.

Nebraska				Iowa State			
OFFENSE							
QB 18	Brook Berringer	6-4	210	QB 4	Todd Doxzon	6-0	170
FB 40	Cory Schlesinger	6-0	230	HB 25	Calvin Branch	5-11	189
IB 1	Lawrence Phillips	6-0	200	HB 28	Troy Davis	5-9	170
SE 7	Reggie Baul	5-8	170	FB 26	Jim Knott	6-0	210
WB 27	Abdul Muhammad	5-9	160	SE 88	Mike Horacek	6-1	196
RT 72	Zach Wiegert	6-5	300	SE 86	Ivory Mhoon	5-7	172
LT 56	Rob Zatechka	6-5	315	RT 69	Brian Wilkinson	6-6	290
RG 55	Brenden Stai	6-4	300	LT 77	Tim Kohn	6-5	282
LG 76	Joel Wilks	6-3	280	RG 73	Tony Booth	6-3	293
C 54	Aaron Graham	6-3	280	LG 74	Doug Ragaller	6-1	285
TE 85	Matt Shaw	6-3	235	C 58	Mike Sakalas	6-3	268
PK 6	Darin Erstad	6-2	195	PK 2	Ty Stewart	5-11	194
DEFENSE							
LOLB 86	Dwayne Harris	6-2	225	OLB 49	Marcus Allen	6-4	210
DT 55	Christian Peter	6-2	285	OLB 42	Marc Lillibridge	6-1	223
NT 99	Terry Connealy	6-5	275	OLB 38	Michael Cooper	6-0	200
ROLB 84	Donta Jones	6-2	220	LDT 98	Kevin Fleecs	6-3	244
SAM 4	Troy Dumas	6-4	220	RDT 92	Anthony Scott	6-4	253
MIKE 48	Phil Ellis	6-3	240	ILB 40	Tim Sanders	6-0	205
WILL 32	Ed Stewart	6-1	215	ILB 45	Matt Nitchie	6-2	220
LCB 14	Barron Miles	5-8	165	RCB 23	Jason Brown	5-10	181
RCB 8	Tyrone Williams	6-0	165	LCB 27	Daryl Hall	5-7	174
ROV 29	Kareem Moss	5-10	190	SS 11	Matt Straight	5-11	192
FS 9	Tony Veland	6-2	200	FS 29	Cedric Linwood	5-11	194
P 6	Darin Erstad	6-2	195	P 16	Marc Harris	5-11	185

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has averaged 422.5 yards per game, primarily because of quarterback Todd Doxzon, Walden said.

Walden said this game would be important not only for Doxzon but also for 14 other Cyclone players from Nebraska as well.

"There isn't one of them who wouldn't rather be at Nebraska," Walden said. "There is nothing they'd rather do in life. However, it's like loving your brother. He might love you

to death, but when you play golf or tennis or something, he wants to kick your ass."

Walden has taken advantage of the opportunity he has to criticize the officials, and he paid for it on Thursday.

Walden said he liked the freedom, but it rarely did any good.

"They'd like to strangle me if they could," Walden said. "I am just expressing my American right, but no one will argue with me."

Volleyball team keeping an eye on Big Eight

By Mitch Sherman
Senior Reporter

The Nebraska volleyball team heads into its match against Missouri on Saturday not just hoping to win.

The Cornhuskers want to improve. Coach Terry Pettit said he would like to see the Huskers improve 3 to 5 percent each time they set foot on the court, even against the Big Eight's lower echelon teams.

The Tigers, who visit the NU Coliseum for a 3:30 p.m. match on Saturday, are 9-17 overall and 0-9 in the Big Eight. Nebraska swept Missouri earlier this season in Columbia, Mo., 15-1, 15-4, 15-9.

The Huskers continue to keep one eye on the present and one eye on Nov. 16, when they travel to Boulder, Colo., to play No. 14 Colorado. It is at that time, Pettit said, that Nebraska can take a major step toward accomplishing its preseason goal of regaining the Big Eight championship.

Undefeated Nebraska, 24-0 and ranked No. 1 in both polls, lost the Big Eight title to the Buffs a year ago after winning the crown for 17 consecutive seasons.

"I think that, more than anything else, is our focus," Pettit said. "We are doing everything we can to take that back."

Pettit said the team hadn't changed its attitude because of the No. 1 ranking, which came as a result of previously undefeated Stanford's loss to UCLA last week. He warned, however, that the Huskers, who have lost only five games all year, had not played a difficult schedule.

"I would caution people," he said, "when I look at who we've played. We've not played any of the other teams ranked in the top 10. We scheduled a lot of teams we thought would be in the top 10, teams like

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