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BYRON HANSPARD, Texas Tech's junior tailback, leads the nation with a 217.7 yards-per-game rushing average.

NU invades Raider country

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But playing against a versatile backfield will present NU with a number of challenges.

Besides trying to contain Hanspard—who has not rushed for fewer than 194 yards since the season opener—Nebraska must control Texas Tech quarterback Zebbie Lethridge. He has thrown for 771 yards and seven touchdowns this season. Lethridge has also run for 197 yards in six games.

“Those guys are both capable runners, and you just can't key on one,” Husker rush end Grant Wistrom said. “You've got to respect both of their runners.”

“If we can shut down their running game, we've really accomplished something.”

Lethridge made his collegiate debut as a freshman against the Huskers in NU's 42-16 win at Texas Tech two years ago. That game marks the last time the Red Raiders lost at Jones Stadium. Since then, Texas Tech has won 11-straight home games.

“He's a much more confident guy, and he knows the offense a lot better,” NU Defensive Coordinator Charlie McBride said. “His running ability is that of a tailback.”

Many things need to fall into place for NU if it wants to win a third-straight national champion-

Starters

Lubbock, Texas
Saturday, 2:34 p.m.
Jones Stadium



Nebraska Offense				Texas Tech Offense			
Pos.	No.	Name	Hl. Wt. Yr.	Pos.	No.	Name	Hl. Wt. Yr.
QB	5	Brendan Halberst	6-9 196 Sr.	QB	94	Kyle Allamon	6-3 247 Fr.
LT	77	Adam Treu	6-6 305 Sr.	LT	75	Ben Kaufman	6-5 277 Sr.
LG	76	Chris Diahman	6-3 310 Sr.	LG	66	Chris Whitney	6-2 278 Jr.
C	67	Aaron Taylor	6-1 305 Jr.	C	63	Jay Pugh	6-3 287 Jr.
RG	64	Jon Zatschka	6-2 290 Jr.	RG	68	Shane Dunn	6-3 296 Sr.
RT	70	Eric Anderson	6-4 305 Jr.	RT	67	Lynn Scherler	6-5 285 Sr.
TE	90	Tim Carpenter	6-3 256 Jr.	FL	87	Field Scovall	5-11 189 Sr.
QB	7	Scott Frost	6-3 215 Jr.	QB	8	Zebbie Lethridge	6-0 192 Jr.
FB	28	Brian Schuster	5-11 230 Sr.	TB	4	Byron Hanspard	6-0 193 Jr.
IB	30	Ahman Green	6-0 215 So.	FB	43	Ryan Jones	6-2 229 Sr.
WB	26	Jon Vedral	5-11 205 Sr.	SE	17	Malcolm McKinnis	6-2 211 Jr.
PK	35	Kris Brown	6-10 205 So.	PK	97	Jarel Greaser	6-0 180 So.

Nebraska Defense				Texas Tech Defense			
Pos.	No.	Name	Hl. Wt. Yr.	Pos.	No.	Name	Hl. Wt. Yr.
LB	93	Jared Tomich	6-3 260 Sr.	LB	24	Montae Reager	6-2 249 So.
DT	97	Jeff Ogard	6-6 310 Sr.	DT	56	John Abendschan	6-2 272 Sr.
DT	55	Jason Peter	6-5 285 Jr.	NT	74	Cody McGuire	6-5 278 Jr.
RR	98	Grant Wistrom	6-5 250 Jr.	RE	86	Tony Daniels	6-5 249 Jr.
SAM	29	Jamel Williams	6-3 210 Sr.	SLB	7	Robert Johnson	5-11 194 Sr.
MIKE	44	Jon Hesse	6-4 250 Sr.	MLB	48	Eric Butler	6-1 251 Jr.
WILL	43	Tyrell Farley	6-1 208 Sr.	WLB	37	Anthony Armour	5-1 230 Sr.
LCB	20	Michael Booker	6-2 205 Sr.	LCB	11	Tony Darden	6-0 196 Jr.
FS	16	Eric Stokes	5-11 195 Sr.	K	80	Jody Brown	6-0 200 Sr.
ROV	10	Mike Minter	6-10 190 Sr.	FS	13	Dane Johnson	5-11 196 Jr.
ROB	22	Ralph Brown	6-11 180 Fr.	ROB	21	Cory Turner	5-9 173 So.
P	19	Jesse Koch	6-0 185 Jr.	P	14	Jeremy Hernandez	5-11 190 So.

ship, Benning said, something the Huskers need not think about before the sixth week of the season.

“We're definitely not thinking about winning the national champi-

onship right now,” Benning said. “We are a lot more focused on immediate goals. And the main one right now is trying to get a W on Saturday.”

Linebacker aims to stop run

Red Raiders rival the Blackshirts in run defense.

By DAVID WILSON
Staff Reporter

Though Nebraska ranks sixth in the nation in scoring offense, averaging 41.6 points per game, Texas Tech strongside linebacker Robert Johnson said the Red Raiders are ready for the Cornhusker offense.

“It's been a really intense week,” Johnson said. “Everybody is fired up. It's probably one of the most important games we've played in a long time.”

Johnson, who leads the 4-2 Red Raiders with 63 tackles this season, said Texas Tech must stop the run first in order to defeat the 4-1 Cornhuskers Saturday.

Nebraska is averaging 324.4 yards on the ground this season, which ranks third in the nation.

“Right now, the key to stopping Nebraska is stopping the run,” Johnson said. “Our guys need to step it up a notch. Ahman Green is a strong runner and their quarterback is really fast.”

Against Kansas last week, Texas Tech had two fourth-quarter interceptions and a safety, which sparked a 30-17 come-from-behind victory.

The Raiders held Kansas running back June Henley to just 43 yards on 22 rushing attempts and held the Jayhawk offense to just 61 yards on the ground.

“The Kansas game gave us a lot of confidence,” Johnson said. “We know we can go out and play with the best.”

Johnson, a 5-foot-11, 194-pound senior, is a three-year Tech starter. “I'm more mature this year,” he said. “I'm approaching the game with a lot of balance as far as emotions go.”

Last season, Johnson finished fourth on the team with 65 tackles, while accounting for eight turnovers.

And though the matchup Saturday in Lubbock will pit two of the top running backs in the nation, Johnson said, both team's passing games could be just as important.

“It's going to be a hard-fought game between corners and wide receivers,” he said. “That is going to be one of the most important keys of the game. This is a game when you should expect the unexpected.”

Dykes says Tech is ready for NU

By MIKE KLUCK
Senior Reporter

Texas Tech has come to the banquet table of the Big 12 Conference and filled its plate. Now, the Red Raiders will find out if they feast or famine.

A win Saturday against fifth-ranked Nebraska could cure their hunger.

However, for Texas Tech to enjoy the sweet taste of victory, Coach Spike Dykes said the Red Raiders will have to play their best game of the year.



Dykes

“We have to go out and play a near-perfect ballgame,” Dykes said. “Then we have to have some dang good fortune and have Nebraska not play one of their better games.”

But Dykes said the Raiders aren't prepared to back down from the two-time defending national champions.

“Anytime you step in a ring with a heavyweight, you have to be ready to take some knocks,” Dykes said. “If you are a true competitor, it's a lot of fun to play against a great team like Nebraska. We see this as a great privilege to go out and play.”

The Raiders have taken their knocks this season, losing to Kansas State 21-14 to open the season and then 15-12 to Georgia.

Since the Georgia game, Texas Tech has won three straight, including a 58-20 victory over Utah State and a 45-24 win against Baylor.

Last Saturday, the Raiders beat Kansas 30-17 in Lawrence, Kan. Dykes said he was pleased to see his team experience some success away from Jones Stadium.

The last time the Raiders lost at home was Sept. 8, 1994, to Nebraska, 42-16 on a Thursday night. Part of the reason for the home winning streak, Dykes said, is because of Tech's fans.

They will be a major factor if the Raiders upset Nebraska Saturday, Dykes said. Jones Stadium, which seats 50,500, is sold out for the game.

“They're (Nebraska) used to crowds,” Dykes said. “But I'm not sure if they are used to hostile crowds. If we have a live crowd in our corner, I expect that to be a big, big benefit.”

But if the Nebraska offense scores

early, Dykes said, the crowd may not become a factor. The possibility exists, Dykes said, for his team to be blown out.

“Scott Frost is a great quarterback,” Dykes said. “He is as strong as a bull and runs the ball hard. You can't take all of them away when they line up with their offensive power.”

KU, CU set for rematch

By JAY SAUNDERS
Staff Reporter

There has been a sense of revenge in Boulder this week.

A year ago, the Colorado football team was 5-0 heading into a game with Kansas.

The Jayhawks upset CU 40-24, leaving 10th-ranked Colorado hungry for Saturday's 11:30 a.m. rematch in Lawrence, Kan.

“We had a couple of tight games, and last year out in Boulder, we found a way to win,” Kansas Coach Glen Mason said.

Colorado Coach Rick Neuheisel said his team is certainly aware of last year's loss.

“There is no question that it was a setback,” Neuheisel said. “We know we can't go in there without emotion and focus.”

Football Picks

The Daily Nebraskan sports staff members pick the winners in both of 10 college football games this weekend. The staff is 49-21 this season and was 8-2 last week.

Southern Cal	at	Arizona St.		
California	at	Washington St.		
Auburn	at	Florida		
Colorado	at	Kansas		
Northwestern	at	Wisconsin		
Kansas St.	at	Texas A&M		
Iowa St.	at	Oklahoma St.		
Oklahoma	at	Baylor		
Penn St.	at	Wyoming		
Nebraska	38	at	Texas Tech	14

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