

Sports Opinion



Antone Oseka Frost earns more than just respect

It's time to face the facts. Scott Frost is a good quarterback.

Before you begin to boo, I will remind you that he bailed Nebraska's butt out of the Washington fire that was supposed to burn the Huskers' national championship hopes.

I'll admit it, I was not a Scott Frost fan.

As a matter of fact, I thought there were a couple other players on the team who could do a better job than Frosty the Snowman. After witnessing the Stomping in Seattle, I'm still not a Frost fan.

But now I respect him and have confidence in him.

Frost played with a determination and poise that could have easily dissipated with the chorus of boos from the crowd two weeks ago. That type of treatment, after a year of media bashing, could demoralize a person to the point that he could lay down in front of a tough game and die.

But Frost didn't.

Don't forget, he gave NU a 14-point lead at the start of the game. He stunned the loud Washington crowd into silence several times. That was a difficult task.

As a Nebraska native, I was proud of him. There are some people out there who think I'm merely a Husker fan.

They forget, sometimes, to be a student and have pride in their university and their state.

As a student here, I like watching my university be successful. I now think Frost can lead the Huskers to success all season.

He deserves the starting nod for the rest of the year. Whatever small quarterback controversy there was should have been laid to rest in the Washington end zone.

He also deserves the respect of the fans when he walks on the Memorial Stadium field against Kansas State on Oct. 4.

In fact, I would like to see the student section give Frost an ovation as he runs on to the field against the Wildcats. We need a mutual sign of appreciation.

A few years ago, the fans of Nebraska did a special salute to Kenny Walker, a deaf defensive tackle for the Huskers. I suggest something similar for Frost.

The student section, particularly those who booed, should stand and wave their arms, exactly as they do after NU scores.

He's not asking you to do it, in fact, he said that a gesture from the students wasn't necessary. I'm asking you to do it. That simple gesture would let Frost know that you support him and it's time to forget about the past and simply play football.

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New NU wrinkles shake up offense

BY ANTONE OSEKA
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It's not often that a team changes 25 percent of its offense for a single game.

In Nebraska's 27-14 win over Washington last Saturday, that's exactly what happened. NU coach Tom Osborne said the Cornhuskers ran seven or eight new plays and added a new formation specifically for the Washington game.

Osborne said one-third to one-fourth of the total offense in the Washington game was new.

Washington coach Jim Lambright was surprised with Nebraska game plan.

"They changed a whole lot of their offensive tendencies completely," Lambright said.

The first score of the game, when senior quarterback Scott Frost followed junior I-back Ahman Green up the hole for 34-yards and a touchdown was a new play.

"We knew it had a chance to be a big play," Frost said. "Ahman (Green) got a good block down field and there

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The Best of the Best

The fifth-ranked Nebraska volleyball team has compiled a 4-2 record against ranked opponents this fall.

| Opponents | Results |
|------------------|-----------------------------------|
| No. 2 Florida | 15-13, 12-15, 11-15, 15-7, 7-15 |
| No. 23 Arkansas | 15-13, 12-15, 15-11, 14-16, 15-13 |
| No. 10 Pacific | 15-12, 15-6, 12-15, 10-15, 17-15 |
| No. 21 Ohio St. | 15-5, 15-13, 15-11 |
| No. 1 Penn St. | 14-16, 12-15, 14-16 |
| No. 11 Wisconsin | 15-10, 15-9, 15-12 |

NU preps for Big 12

BY SHANNON HEFFELFINGER
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A three-game weekend loss to No. 1 Penn State rests far from the thoughts of Nebraska volleyball coach Terry Pettit as his Cornhuskers prepare for their first Big 12 Conference competition of the season.

The Huskers (9-2) open league play on the road Friday against Kansas (7-6) and Saturday against 8-3 Kansas State after completing a rigorous non-conference schedule that included six matches against ranked teams. NU suffered two losses

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JAIME PAULI (right) finished sixth at the Woody Greeno Invitational Saturday. The NU women won the team title.

Pauli adjusts to college life

BY SHANNON HEFFELFINGER
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Bob Pauli remembers watching NFL games with his daughter Jaime Pauli, a sophomore on the Nebraska women's cross country team, and wondering what path her skills and talents would lead her someday.

An unusual love of sports consumed Jaime Pauli at a young age. As a child, she sat in front of the television with her father, discussing the NFL teams and players. Often, she could identify more players than her father.

As she matured, Pauli's love for athletics expanded to other sports. As early as her freshman year of high school, she participated in state competitions. By the time she graduated from Milbank High in Milbank, S.D. she had earned 19 state track titles and a cross country state title. She was named the outstanding female trackster in 1993, 1994, 1995 and 1996 at the South Dakota State Track Meet.

Pauli also commanded Milbank's varsity basketball team from the point guard position and helped the volleyball team to a second-place finish at the state competition.

A four-sport athlete who was



JAIME PAULI trains near her home in Milbank, S.D., before coming to NU.

named the 1995 South Dakota female athlete of the year, had a difficult choice to make when she graduated. Pauli chose to accept a cross country scholarship from Nebraska.

The elder Pauli couldn't be happier with the path she chose.

"If she wants to get something done," Bob Pauli said, "She'll do it. She wanted to be there, and we were happy with her decision."

Making the transition from high-school superstar to a newcomer on a Division I cross country team last year was difficult for Pauli, who not only felt homesick, but also naive to

the pressures of collegiate competition.

Pauli began the season slowly, but finished as the Cornhuskers' No. 2 runner in the Big 12 Championships (22nd overall) and the NCAA District Five Championships (22nd overall).

A year older and wiser to the pressures of the higher level of competition, she predicts improvement in 1997.

"It's different this year because I know a lot more about running," Pauli said. "I have more experience."

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Scrimmage to showcase newcomers

BY DAREN IVY
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Today's 5 p.m. softball scrimmage between the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and the University of Nebraska at Omaha will give both teams a chance to iron out some early season glitches and give younger players some game experience.

"It will be good for them and good for us since they are one of the best teams in Division II," Nebraska coach Rhonda Revelle said of the game, to be played at the University of Nebraska at Omaha campus. "It will give our players a chance to face a different team, and gain valuable playing experience."

Instead of playing a normal seven-inning game, the teams will play 10 to 15 innings, use open substitutions, and start some innings with runners on base. Since the teams will be using open substitutions, Revelle said she hopes to get several injured Husker players some limited action for the first time this year.

Because of injuries to several players, Revelle was forced to reconsider how she would approach the fall season. In the past, the Huskers have played as many as 22 games, but this season they are only scheduled to play 10 times.

"I am looking at it differently than in past seasons, Revelle said. "We are looking at the fall as a developing season this year."

As the younger Huskers have been developing and the more experienced players rehabilitating, the Huskers have taken some lumps. Last weekend, the Huskers opened their season in Rock Island, Ill., where they went 1-3 against Eastern Michigan, Drake, Southern Illinois and Indiana State. Their lone victory came against Eastern Michigan.

Despite going 1-3, Revelle said, she saw some positives. She said the biggest positive is that the group understands how much work they need to do by Feb. 15, the starting date for the spring season.

Revelle said some of the things the team needs to work on are learning patience and pitch selection at the plate. In the field, she wants everyone on the team to learn the defensive system and work together as a unit.

"I don't put much stock into wins and losses during the fall season,"

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