

'Huskies, OU playing for high stakes



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NORMAN, Okla. (AP) — The Big Eight Conference title will be on the line when No. 2 Nebraska and No. 5 Oklahoma collide today, but players on both sides say there is more at stake than that.

"This game is for the national championship," said Nebraska fullback Tom Rathman. "That's how I feel about it and I feel they (the Sooners) feel the same way."

"I think either one of us could go to the Orange Bowl and beat Penn State," he said.

"This is our season right here," said Oklahoma linebacker Brian Bosworth. "We've got everything on the line. It comes down to this every year."

A Nebraska victory would send the Cornhuskers to the Orange Bowl as conference champions, where they are likely to meet No. 1 Penn State should the Nittany Lions beat arch-rival Pitt today. Losing to Oklahoma reportedly would send Nebraska to the Fiesta Bowl.

If Oklahoma wins, the Sooners would need to beat Oklahoma State next week to go to the Orange Bowl. If they win Saturday but lose to Oklahoma State, they are expected to receive a bid to play in the Gator Bowl, with the Cowboys going to the Orange Bowl.

Saturday is the first day bowl bids officially can be extended.

Oklahoma coach Barry Switzer this week addressed the possibility of playing for a national championship, and said Nebraska has an advantage over his team because the Huskers are playing their final game of the year.

"We have to win three in a row for us to have a chance to go prove it, against three very good football teams," he said.

"Our row is a little harder to hoe than theirs. If they beat us, they've got a chance to go prove that they're the number one team in the country."

"If we win this ball game, then we're going to

try to stay in a position to play Penn State for the national championship," Switzer said. "To stay No. 2, you have to win on the road (against Oklahoma State) and then beat a good SMU team here. That's tough."

The Cornhuskers have averaged 395 yards rushing per game, best in the nation, and are ranked second in total offense. Oklahoma counters with a defense ranked second nationally against the rush, allowing 65 yards per game, and ranked first in total defense.

Both teams are outstanding on the other side of the ball as well. Nebraska ranks third in the country in rushing defense and third in total defense, while Oklahoma is third nationally in rushing offense and seventh in total offense.

The game has been characterized as a battle of Oklahoma's speed against Nebraska's strength.

"People seem to concede a certain edge to Oklahoma on speed," said Nebraska coach

Tom Osborne. "That may be deserved. They have great quickness on both sides of the ball."

Nebraska, known more for its power football, also has got decent speed. Defensive coordinator Charlie McBride has said this year's defensive squad is much quicker than last year's unit, which led the nation in total defense.

"I don't look at it as speed against power. It's power against power," Bosworth said.

The third-year sophomore, who had 19 tackles in this game last year, has been known to talk disparagingly about opponents but said he holds Nebraska's program in high regard.

"This is not one of those games where people go out and try to physically abuse you," he said. "You go out and respectfully abuse them."

Kickoff is scheduled for 2:30 p.m. CST, with the game to be televised by ABC.

Faust's fate with Notre Dame nears

SOUTH BEND, Ind. (AP) — A decision on Gerry Faust's future as head coach at Notre Dame will be made in two weeks, athletic director Gene Corrigan said Friday, and Minnesota coach Lou Holtz again is being mentioned as a likely successor should Faust be fired.



Faust

Faust is 30-24-1 with two games left on his five-year contract. Corrigan said it was not unusual for a decision to be made so soon after the end of the season.

"I think we've been telling people that all along," said John Heisler, Notre Dame's assistant sports information director. "It wouldn't be fair to the players or coaches to make that decision before then."

Corrigan would not speculate on the outcome.

Corrigan did say the Rev. Edmund P. Joyce, Notre Dame's executive vice president, would head the selection committee to find a new coach if Faust is not retained. However, he emphasized that "I don't know that there will be a selection committee."

Joyce would work in conjunction with the Rev. Theodore M. Hesburgh, Notre Dame president.

There has speculation for some time that Faust, a successful high school coach at Cincinnati Moeller, will not remain as head coach, but will stay at the school in another capacity.

The Irish lost last week 36-6 to No. 1-ranked Penn State, dropping the team's record to 5-4. It was Notre Dame's worst setback since a 55-24 loss in 1974 to the University of Southern California.

The Irish are at home Saturday against No. 17 Louisiana State, 6-1-1, then visit the Orange Bowl for the Miami game.

Indianapolis Star sports editor Bob Collins said in a column Friday that Faust is heading toward his final two games as head coach.

Collins said that Holtz, who is in his

second year as Minnesota coach, is the leading candidate to replace Faust.

Joyce reportedly had breakfast with Holtz the morning after the Purdue-Minnesota game on Oct. 5.

Holtz was traveling to Iowa City, Iowa, where his team will play Iowa Saturday, and couldn't be reached for comment.

Holtz also was mentioned as a leading candidate by the Cleveland Plain Dealer on Friday, along with Dick Vermeil, a CBS pro football commentator who was coach of the Philadelphia Eagles and UCLA Bruins.

A secretary in Holtz's office, Chris Baumgartner, said, "He really doesn't have any comment. He said he doesn't write, he just coaches."

Tom Greenhoe, assistant sports information director at Minnesota, said, "He's been asked the same question a hundred times. His only response has been 'I've got a five-year contract with Minnesota and I plan to finish out that contract.' That's the only answer he's given anyone."

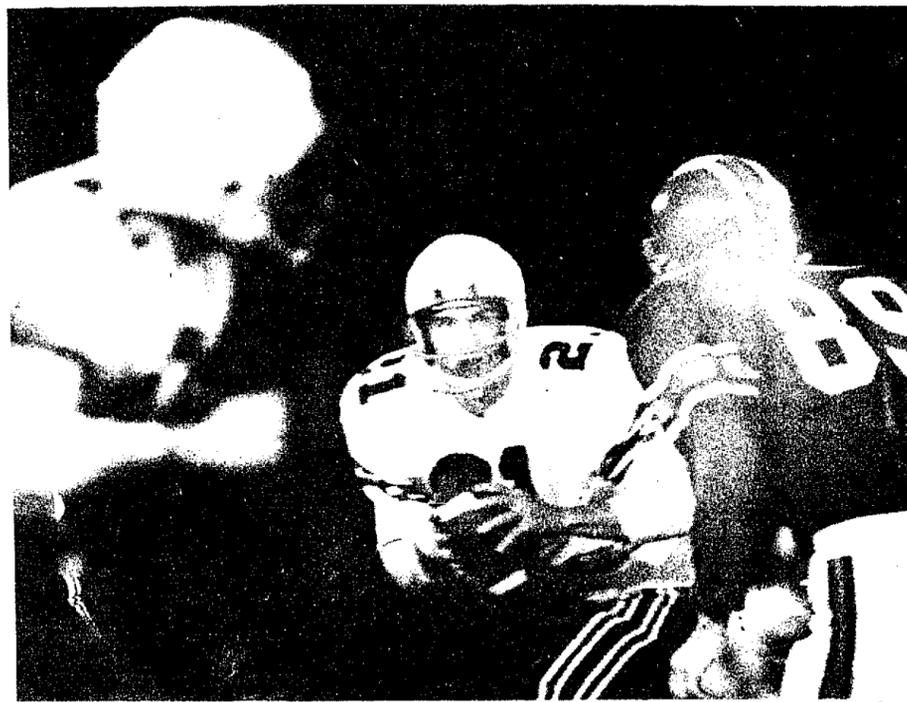
Greenhoe said Holtz has been asked about the Notre Dame coaching job at every weekly media luncheon this fall. "The only answer he's given anyone who's asked him is: 'Hey, I've got enough problems at Minnesota without worrying about something else.'"

The Plain-Dealer quoted a source at Notre Dame as saying, "The expectations the next time we hire a coach will probably be greater. The person will be someone who has had big-time success, which means he will have to produce right away. Having someone conduct a rebuilding job is not what we're after."

Jayhawks win

DENVER, Colo. — The University of Kansas opened its 1985-86 basketball season with a 67-61 victory over Pepperdine late Friday night in the opening round of the Big Apple NIT.

The win advanced Kansas into Sunday night's regional title game against Washington. The Huskies defeated the University of Texas-El Paso, 82-53, in Friday's other first-round game.



Cliffon-Clyde's Arlan Newell closes in on Plainville quarterback Grady Gaschler during first-quarter action in the Class 3A sub-state contest.

Plainville rolls past top-ranked Eagles

By TIM HOSTETTER
Sports Writer

CLYDE — When his team lost to Medicine Lodge in sub-state action last year, Larry Friend dreamed that this year's Cardinals would be in the same situation.

After all, gone were big, bruising running backs Rod Chard and Mike Malin and much of the offensive line.

But despite those minuses, Plainville was again playing for a championship game berth Friday night against unbeaten and top-ranked Cliffon-Clyde before an overflow crowd at Ed Buller Field.

This time, however, the Cardinals earned their trip to the Class 3A football championship with a convincing 34-12 victory over the Eagles.

"We felt like we had the better team last year, but the young players on this team really came on this season," Friend said. "The line has really come around. We have two sophomore tackles and two junior guards and they were the big difference tonight. Tom Smith has really done an outstanding job coaching our line."

Plainville's line dominated the Eagles up front all night while the Cardinal running backs rolled up 322 yards on the ground and quarterback Grady Gaschler threw for 87 more.

Defensively, Plainville was just as forceful, holding Cliffon-Clyde's single-wing offense to 42 rushing yards.

"Their line just beat us off the ball all night," said Bernard Debes, whose Cliffon-Clyde team finished 10-1 in his first year as head coach. "There's just not much to say. Their line was super and their backs run hard. They're well-coached and it's going to take a heckuva team to beat them."

The only team left in Plainville's path is Wellsville, which defeated Sedan in overtime to earn its chance at 11-1 Plainville in next Saturday's title game at KSU Stadium.

Plainville used the big play and ball-control offense to beat the Eagles.

Gaschler hooked up with Gerald Kennedy on a 47-yard touchdown pass four minutes into the game to give the Cards a 6-0 lead.

On Plainville's next possession, Gaschler used a 33-yard pass play to fuel an 80-yard, 15-play drive which

Prep playoff scoreboard

CLASS 6A Sub-State Results SM-West 16, Lawrence 0 Dodge City 26, Manhattan 20 Championship Saturday, Nov. 30 (6 p.m.) (At KSU Stadium, Manhattan) SM-West (10-1) vs. Dodge City (11-0)	CLASS 5A Sub-State Results Topeka Washburn Rural 19, Pittsburg 10 Wichita Kapaoun 24, Wichita Carroll 0 Championship Saturday, Nov. 30 (2 p.m.) (At Memorial Stadium, Lawrence) Washburn Rural (9-2) vs. Kapaoun (11-0)	CLASS 4A Sub-State Results Shawnee Aquinas 14, Fredonia 0 Mulvane (11-0) at Norton (11-0), Saturday, 6 p.m. Championship Saturday, Nov. 30 (11 a.m.) (At Memorial Stadium, Lawrence) Shawnee Aquinas (11-1) vs. Mulvane-Norton winner	CLASS 3A Sub-State Results Wellsville 21, Sedan 14	Plainville 34, Cliffon-Clyde 12 Championship Saturday, Nov. 30 (12 p.m.) (At KSU Stadium, Manhattan) Wellsville (10-2) vs. Plainville (11-1)	CLASS 2-1A Sub-State Results Centralia 28, Pittsburg Colgan 27 Victoria 8, Caldwell 6 Championship Saturday, Nov. 30 (3 p.m.) (At KSU Stadium, Manhattan) Centralia (11-0) vs. Victoria (8-4)	EIGHT-MAN DIVISION I Sub-State Results Axtell 38, Oils-Bison 30 Caldwaller 46, Jetmore 18 Championship Saturday, Nov. 30 (12 p.m.) (At Russell High School) Axtell (8-2) vs. Caldwell (11-0)	EIGHT-MAN DIVISION II Sub-State Results Midway-Danton 26, Tescoff 21 Lenora 26, Rolla 20 Championship Saturday, Nov. 30 (3 p.m.) (At Russell High School) Midway-Danton (11-0) vs. Lenora (10-1)
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was capped by Curt Patrick's 2-yard run with 18 seconds remaining in the first quarter.

Cliffon-Clyde got back in the game by taking advantage of a Kennedy fumble at the Cardinals' 15-yard line. On the Eagles' first play, quarterback Matt Bechard, who threw for 103 yards, hit Arlan Newell with a TD pass with 6:39 left in the first half.

"We did an good job of stopping the single-wing, but their passing hurt us in the second quarter," Friend said. "We made some adjustments at halftime and did a better job in the second half."

Plainville left the Eagles hanging on for life to the little bit of momentum it had gained from their first TD when it drove 60 yards in the last six minutes of the half to score and take a 20-6 halftime lead. Gaschler scored from the 2 with 28 seconds left.

"That was a big score," Friend said. "Then we had the big third quarter."

The Eagles stopped Plainville to start the third quarter, but couldn't move the ball themselves and had to punt.

Plainville put the game away on its first play when Kennedy broke free outside and raced 68 yards for a touchdown. Kennedy finished with 151 yards on 17 carries.

Plainville, which lost only to

Norton in the season-opener, made it 34-6 in the fourth quarter when Gaschler scored from the 1.

The Eagles got a late TD when Vincent Seifert scored from the 1 with 40 left in the game.

It's the second straight year the Eagles lost in sub-state. Eventual champ Pittsburg Colgan beat Cliffon-Clyde in 2A last year.

PLAINVILLE VS. CLIFFON-CLYDE GAME IN STATS					
	PLV	CC			
First downs	18	7			
Rushes-yards	33-322	29-42			
Passing yards	87	103			
Comp.-Att.-Int	3-5-0	11-18-1			
Fumbles-lost	4-4	3-1			
Penalties-yards	0	4-15			
Punts-avg	1-22.0	5-42.0			
Individual Statistics					
RUSHING — Plainville: Gaschler 17-151, Hemphill 9-77, Gaschler 13-60, Patrick 9-24, Russell 4-4, Dreher 1-6, Cliffon-Clyde: Bechard 10-27, J. Branfort 13-8, A. Branfort 3-6, Trambly 3-1					
PASSING — Plainville: Gaschler 3-5-0-87, Cliffon-Clyde: Bechard 11-18-1-103.					
RECEIVING — Plainville: Kennedy 2-54, Gehring 1-33, Cliffon-Clyde: Tremblay 3-32, A. Branfort 1-0.					
PUNTING — Plainville: Gaschler 1-22.0, Cliffon-Clyde: Newell 5-42.0.					
Scoring Summary					
Plainville	14	6	8	6	34
Cliffon-Clyde	0	6	0	6	12
P — Kennedy 47 yd. pass from Gaschler (kick failed)					
P — Patrick 2 yd. run (Gaschler run)					
C — Newell 15 yd. pass from Bechard (pass failed)					
P — Gaschler 2 yd. run (pass failed)					
P — Kennedy 68 yd. run (Gehring pass from Gaschler)					
P — Gaschler 1 yd. run (kick blocked)					
C — Seifert 1 yd. run (run, f. failed)					

Late free throws lift Baker by Wesleyan

BALDWIN — Carl Danzig poured in 30 points to lead Baker University to a 78-76 victory over Kansas Wesleyan Friday night.

The loss was the first in four outings for the Coyotes, who had been idle for 12 days since posting a 3-0 record in the Burger King-Kangaroo Klassic.

Baker scored the final two points in the see-saw contest with 49 seconds remaining when Jeff Pierce canned a pair of free throws. KW had four shots to tie the contest, including a 16-foot jumper by Gus Deering with four seconds left and a tip-in attempt by Russ Pleiman at the buzzer.

But none of them fell. "We got it to our best shooters but we couldn't get it down," said KW coach Jerry Jones.

Wesleyan outscored Baker by 10 points from the field but Baker capitalized on KW's 22 fouls by sinking 20 of 27 free throws. Wesleyan was 8 for 11 at the charity stripe.

"It was a game on the road where you have to overcome

some of those things," Jones said. "We didn't play badly but we just didn't quite get it done."

Danzig keyed Baker's perimeter attack by making 13 of 17 from the field. Maurice Taylor and Mike Wagers also finished in double figures for the Wildcats with 16 and 14 points, respectively.

David Frederick paced Wesleyan's attack with 26 points while Deering had 16 points.

The Coyotes will again take a break before entertaining Southwestern Dec. 4.

KANSAS WESLEYAN (76)
Wycott 0-0-0-0, Woods 3-4-0-1-6, Walters 1-6-0-0-2, Frederick 12-21-2-2-26, Phox 2-4-0-0-4, Gray 2-3-0-1-4, Deering 9-16-0-1-18, Smith 0-3-0-0-0, Upshaw 1-2-6-6-8, Brown 0-0-0-0-0, Pleiman 4-10-0-0-8. TOTALS 34-70-8-17-76.

BAKER (78)
Leon Smith 1-20-0-2, Jeff Pierce 0-1-4-4-4, Todd Kramer 0-4-2-2-2, Maurice Taylor 6-11-4-4-16, Dave McCullough 3-7-2-2-8, Carl Danzig 13-17-4-4-30, Mike Wagers 5-8-4-10-14, Russ Soms 1-2-0-1-2. TOTALS 29-52-20-27-78.

HALFTIME — Baker 41, Kansas Wesleyan 40. TOTAL FOULS — Kansas Wesleyan 22, Baker 16. FOULED OUT — None. TECHNICAL FOULS — Baker coach Rick Weaver.

Allen wants to be in middle of Raiders' action

Most working stiffers are 9-to-5 guys. And the trick is to turn those eight hours into three of actual production.

What you do is, you come in to work. You hang up your coat, then you go hunt up a colleague and you go out for coffee. You catch up on the latest gossip. You hang around the water cooler a lot.

You shuffle papers, call your bookie, have the switchboard tell callers you're "in a meeting." Maybe you go out for a shine.

You turn the lunch hour into two. First of all, you pretend it's a business lunch even if the only business you discuss is the Chicago Bears. You loiter at the newsstand a lot. Research, you convince the auditor.

Back in the office, the idea is to let somebody else stick his neck out. It's the key to corporate success. It's sure the key to longevity.

That's why I find it hard to understand the incomprehensible, totally unprofessional behavior of a young business executive in the well-respected conglomerate doing business as the Los Angeles Raiders, Inc.

Marcus A. Allen has done a great deal for that firm, about on the order of what Lee Iacocca has done for Chrysler. He has boosted sales, dumbfounded competition, opened up new markets.

If anyone was entitled to sit and do his nails and try to decide where to go to dinner on the expense account it would seem to be this quasi-chief executive officer, Marcus Allen.

The last thing you would think he would want to do is rock the boat.

Instead, Marcus Allen has set the art of how to succeed in business without really trying back by decades.

Allen's stock in trade is to carry or catch the football. He does that better than almost anyone in the game, give or take a rival executive like Walter Payton or so.

But lots of things can happen to you, career-wise, when you go back into the basic rough and tumble of everyday commerce. You can fumble the ball. You can drop the pass. You can get knocked down behind the line of scrimmage. You can get stopped on the goal line.

The really experienced executive bucks these chores to unwary junior partners, eager beavers on the way up, guys trying to be noticed, guys who, so to speak, don't have their names on the door yet.

When you're an exec who's got it made, what you do in football, for instance, is wait for the easy ones, the Tampa Bay Buccaneers, for example, and you say, "I'll handle this one." You duck the tough ones.

Otherwise, you run the risk of the office staff whispering, "The old boy doesn't have it anymore. Got caught from behind by a tackle the other day" or "Couldn't put it in from the one against the Bengals. Can you believe it?"

Even management seemed content to let Marcus play the Mr.-Allen-is-not-available-at-this-time-care-to-leave-a-message? game. When Marcus asked to run more, the managing general partner, Al Davis, suggested the beach at twilight.

But Allen wasn't interested in coupon-clipping, gliding toward his pension. He wanted the action. He wanted to be on the floor of the exchange.

He got noisy about it earlier this season. He felt he was getting like the executive whose phone stops ringing, whose number stops being called, who is not counted on anymore, who is treated like a guy who has been put out to pasture and carried on the books as a consultant.

Allen violated every canon of the business code. He screamed to be allowed to earn his pay. He didn't want to be just another vice president going around cutting ribbons.

He didn't like the way the company was going and he thought he could do something about it if they'd bring him back on line. That's a no-no for the exec looking for a cushy place to rest on his laurels or to keep out of the eye of the stockholders, or the industry analysts, in this case, the sports writers.

Marcus didn't have to do it. His salary was guaranteed for several years. His pension is vested. He could have artfully covered his aspects, picked his spots, run the ball out of bounds, said, "Give it to somebody else" on the one, showed up with mysterious ailments on the days they played the Seahawks, not gotten open when he knew the 49er secondary

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