



## Osborne pays Beavers respect, but ask *after* Saturday's game

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — When all else fails, Nebraska coach Tom Osborne has taken to score comparisons to try to get fans of his third-ranked Cornhuskers to believe the next opponent has the upper hand, or at least an even chance on game day.

Oregon State, 2-1, comes to Lincoln Saturday to meet the Cornhuskers, 3-0, in Memorial Stadium

Oregon State's record includes a 20-16 season-opening win against Stanford. The Beavers then lost to Washington State 41-3 and scored late to edge Boise State 37-30 last Saturday.

Meanwhile, Nebraska had a sluggish start in wins over Northern Illinois (48-17) and Utah (42-30), then pounded Minnesota 48-0 last Saturday on the road.

"Now this week, having played a pretty good ball game, we certainly hope people don't come to believe they've got it made." Osborne said of his players. "I am personally a little bit anxious to see how we respond."

Not to be sidetracked by odds in his favor (Nebraska is a 28-point favorite). Osborne said the Beavers should keep the Cornhuskers' interest at a peak

"They've played some very good football and played some that wasn't so good." Osborne said. "Against Stanford, they played I think a pretty good team and beat them. It wasn't any fluke. They did it by doing a lot of blitzing. They put a lot of pressure on Stanford's quarterback.

made some big plays, and of course Stanford was able to beat Oregon last week. And I think Oregon has a good team. Oregon beat Iowa badly and were undefeated going into that game. I don't believe that by that comparison you'd say Oregon State is a bad team."

Oregon State lost decisively to Washington State the following week, but Osborne said Washington State also was a good team "and most of the problems in that game revolved around the kicking game." He said two blocked punts, one recovered for a touchdown and the other to set up a score, led to Oregon State's undoing.

"Last week against Boise State, they got a pretty good lead, Boise came back and tied them, and then they went right down the field and scored in the last two or three minutes in the game," Osborne said of the Beavers. "Boise is not well-known. They're probably not a great team but they didn't look too bad. Oregon State was probably a little flat."

Osborne, in his 17 years as Nebraska head coach, has learned over the years that flat is now what opponents generally are when they come to play in Lincoln.

"I doubt if we'll get the same kind of effort this week that Oregon State gave Boise State," he said. "People tend to understand when they play us they've got a job and they come in here with a certain amount of intensity that they wouldn't have maybe in some other games."

## Kansas retires frosh number, honors former All-American

(AP) — After only three games, Kansas is retiring the number of freshman linebacker Wes Swinford.

Swinford, a walk-on who played eight-man high school football in Morrison, Okla., is the team's second leading tackler. But that's not the reason his No. 48 will be retired during halftime of Saturday's home game against Oklahoma.

The ceremony will honor Gale Sayers, who wore the number as an All-American running back at Kansas in the early 1960s. Sayers, who went on to star for the Chicago Bears, is a member of the college and pro football Halls of Fame.

Swinford wore No. 48 for three games before switching to No. 58 last week at Baylor.

"Gee, I only wore it three weeks and they're going to retire it?" Swinford said. "I must be doing something right.

"Really, it's a privilege. It will probably mean a lot more to me later in life because I was the last one to wear it."

Auburn coach Pat Dye has long referred to his team's annual late-season stretch against Florida, Georgia and Alabama as "Amen Corner" because, like the famous holes at the Masters, championships are often won or lost there.

But this year Dye says the fourth-ranked Tigers must cross "Burma Road" before they get to "Amen Corner."

The Army built the road during World War II to reopen supply lines cut by the Japanese. Dye has applied the term to Auburn's next five games, a rugged stretch that includes Tennessee, Kentucky, LSU, Florida State and Mississippi State.

"Normally, I would say if we survive Amen Corner, we would be a Top Five team," Dye said. "But I can't say that this year because we've got to travel the Burma Road before we get to Amen Corner."

Saturday marks the 50th anniversary of the first football telecast.

On Sept. 30, 1939, a local station televised the Waynesburg-Fordham game to several thousand viewers in New York City. "We were trying not to fall over the cables and look bad." said Michael "Mo" Scarry, a Waynesburg player who later coached with the Washington Redskins and Miami Dolphins. "In those days, we figured, 'What's TV?"

Radio legend Bill Stern did the play-by-play and a young broadcaster named Mel Allen did pregame interviews. Fordham, which was then a national power, beat Waynesburg 34-7. But Scarry still has fond memories of the game.

"When you see the way TV is today and what it means to college and pro football, it's sort of nice to say we were part of the first TV game," he said. "I've been in five Super Bowls, but it's one of the thrills of my career."

Southern California used to be known as "Tailback U." Now Oklahoma State can make the same claim.

It started with Terry Miller in the late 1970s and continued with Ernest Anderson, Thurman Thomas and Barry Sanders. Now, Gerald Hudson is carrying on the tradition in Stillwater.

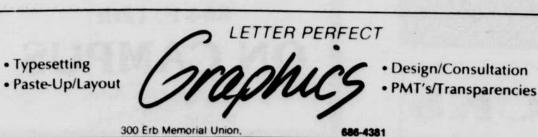
The junior is averaging 133 yards per game — third best in the country — even though the Cowboys have lost their first three games. Hudson ran for a career-high 157 yards against Texas Tech last week.

"Right now I'm not worried about my numbers," he said. "I'm worried about getting a win."

Victims of Hurricane Hugo are going to get a helping hand from college football fans.

Five Atlantic Coast Conference schools will collect canned goods at their home games on Saturday. The food will be shipped to areas hard hit by Hugo.

In addition to games at Duke, North Carolina, North Carolina State, Wake Forest and Virginia, canned goods also will be collected at The Citadel-South Carolina State contest in Columbia, S.C. The game was moved from Charleston because The Citadel's stadium was severely damaged by the hurricane.



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