

Nebraska Waiting Is Over

NU's Rush Primed For Formidable Defense of Tigers



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Farewell to Two Husker Champs

MIAMI—This is the day of the fidgets, the long wait for Orange Bowl football players. If you sleep too late, you may feel dopy all day.

Black and White

OF SPECIAL significance to this Nebraska football reporter, the contest with Louisiana State will bring to a close the Cornhusker phase of the stories of two extraordinary young men.

Doctor Not Forgotten

BOTH WERE 17-year-old high school seniors when I first interviewed them, Orduna in the spring of 1966 and Ingles in the spring of '67.



Orduna had collected nine letters in football, track and wrestling at Central High, where he also was active in Youth for Christ and the Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

About Being Best

ORDUNA SAID to me: "This thing about being the best. It gets ahead of you and you can't shake it."

Guys You Admire

WITH NEBRASKA football enthusiasm at the bursting point and the Cornhuskers keyed strategically for the vital Big Eight opener with Missouri, rookie Johnny Rodgers fumbled away the initial kickoff.

He's Pressure-Proof

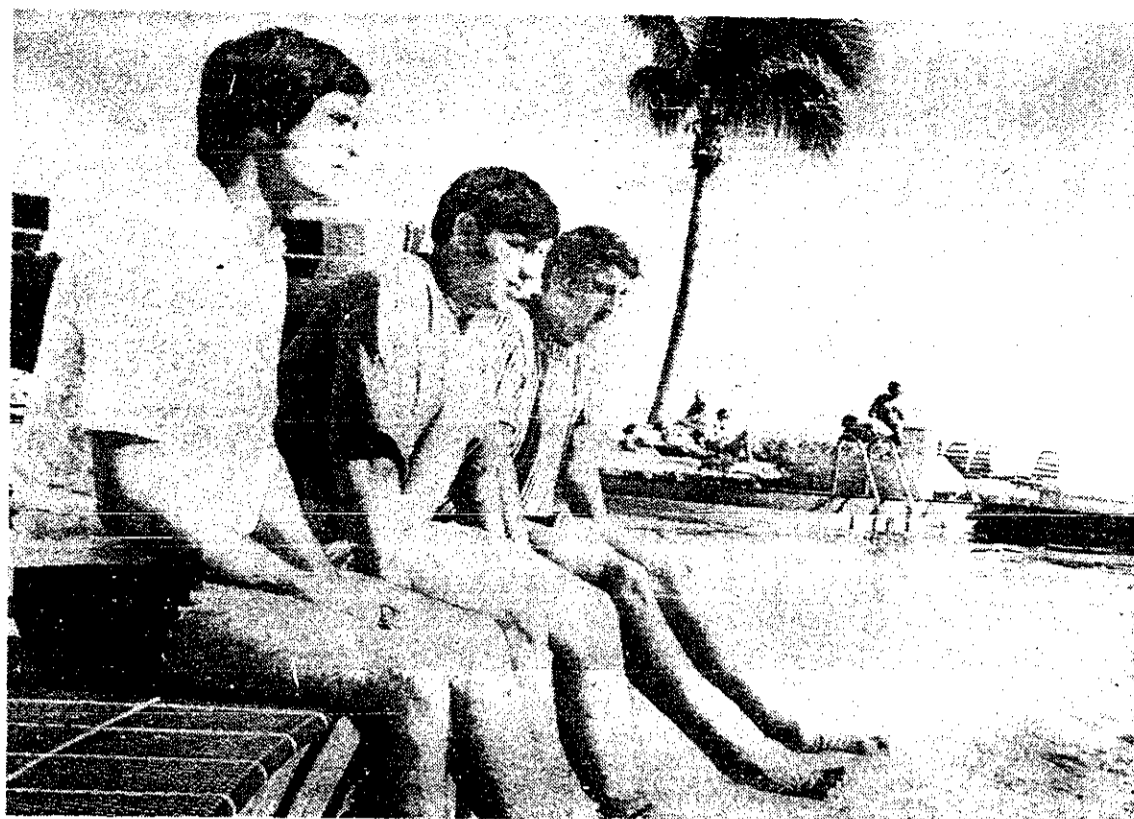
INGLES WON a total of six letters in football, basketball and track at Westside, where his favorite subjects were history and sociology.



Ingles' frame eventually stretched to 5-9. His listed program weight last autumn was 158.

For three years he got that treasured chance to play for Nebraska. He responded by gaining more yards as a pass receiver than any prior gridman in N.U. history.

What a pleasure it has been to know these two champions, Orduna and Ingles.



Husker quarterbacks, from left, Van Brownson, Jerry Tagge and Bob Jones . . . Cool feet and (hopefully) hot hands.

McClendon, Bob Are Still Calm

By Conde Sargent World-Herald Sports Writer Miami Beach — Charles McClendon, Louisiana State's football taskmaster, announced Thursday the Orange Bowl had passed the "talking stage. Now it becomes a case of doing."

Coaches Saluted

So cooperative were the head coaches that Miami sports writer Bob Elliott saluted both at the end of the press conference and said he hoped they would both return to future Orange Bowls.

Not That Late

"Oh, no," McClendon said, "we're not going to be out that late" the night before any game. Devaney was asked what limit he had placed on Nebraska's late hours on New Year's Eve.

Queen's Question

Earleen Carey, the Orange Bowl queen, turned sports writer and directed a question to both coaches. She wondered if they would feel as though they'd lost if the game should end in a tie.

Nebraska played a tie this year, 21-21 against Southern California. "When I went into the dressing room after that game, I thought we had lost. The players were disappointed in that tie," Devaney said.

Knights Hit Amarillo In Fight-Spiced Tilt

By Jerry Fricke The Omaha Knights rang out the old year with a bang Thursday night by brawling their way to a 4-2 Central Hockey League victory over Amarillo before 5,277 at Ak-Sar Ben Coliseum.

Florida Loses Stars, Still Beats Arizona

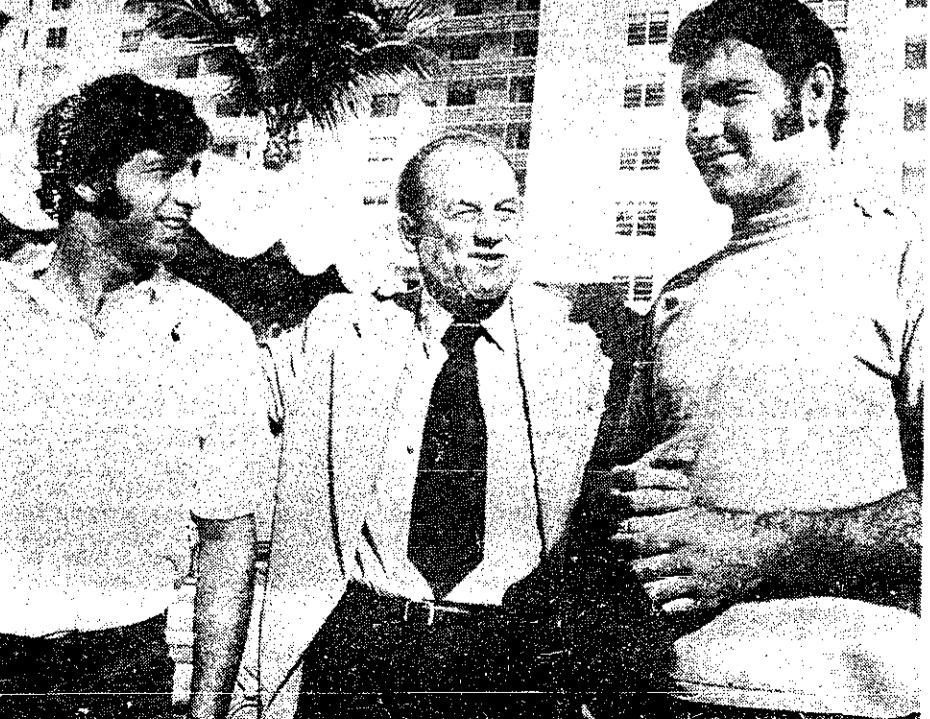
Tallahassee, Fla. (AP)—Florida State, with its two top rebounders on the bench much of the second half, fought off the University of Arizona for a 95-85 basketball victory Thursday night.

Probable Starters

Nebraska (Wt.) Player No. 88: Guy Ingles (158) Pgs. (197) Gerald Katoity 84 74: Bob Newton (248) L. (247) Glenn Alexander 77 73: Dick Robert (216) C. (251) Jim Ekins 69 54: Doug Dunster (230) C. (217) Jack Jaubert 50 70: Donnie McChes (255) R.G. (215) Mike Demerle 62 67: Wally Wirtler (248) R. (241) Mike Wright 74 65: Jerry List (210) R.E. (212) Jay Micholson 81 64: Jerry Tagge (215) C.B. (264) Buddy Lee 78 31: Joe Orduna (176) L.F. (196) Arthur Cantrelle 24 20: John Rodgers (171) R.B. (186) Andy Hamilton 80 22: Don Schneiss (222) F.B. (194) Jim Benoit 43

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Louisiana State (Wt.) Player No. 190: Arthur Davis 93 221: John Sore 73 196: Louis Casco 48 196: Richard Elicou 88 196: Buddy Millican 85 196: Mike Anderson 85 196: Bill Norgsworth 15 196: Tom Casanova 37 196: James Earle 30 196: Craig Burns 30



Countdown . . . From left, Dave Morock, Coach Devaney and Jerry Murtaugh.

Bowl Games Today

Sugar Bowl, New Orleans—Tennessee vs. Air Force, 12 p.m., Channel 7. Cotton Bowl, Dallas—Texas vs. Notre Dame, 12:45, Channel 4.

By Wally Provost

Miami — The football fan, beleaguered by statistics, ifs and maybes in recent weeks, is advised to focus on one particular of tonight's 7 o'clock (Omaha time) Orange Bowl contest.

This is the basic point of contention:

Can Nebraska's Big Eight kings effectively operate their ground game against a Louisiana State ground defense that has led the nation for two straight years?

"The thing we have to do is penetrate the defense, especially through establishment of the running game," said starting quarterback Jerry Tagge while calmly marking time.

Opponents of the Southeastern Conference champions have been held to an average gain of 1.6 yards per carry and a total of 52 per game. Nebraska averaged four yards per carry and 232 per game.

Only Baylor (104) cracked the 100-yard mark in rushing against LSU, and that was in a game which the Bayou Bengals won handily, 31-10. At the opposite end of the scale, Texas A&M finished with minus yards on the ground.

What makes the LSU rushing defense so formidable? "They use a lot of slants in their blocking," said Tagge, the Lincoln-born field marshal who in 1967 was a unanimous choice for Wisconsin all-state quarterback.

The slants tend to confuse the offensive blockers. Tagge added: "LSU is tough up the middle and it dares you to run outside."

The defensive middle is clogged by tackles John Sage and Ronnie Estay and bolstered by All-American linebacker Mike "The Tiger" Anderson, the southerners' counterpart of Husker All-American Jerry Murtaugh.

Nebraska is forced to wager that its offensive line, headed by All-American tackle Bob Newton, can block with enough devastation to open holes for the likes of Joe Orduna, Jeff Kinney, Dan Schneiss and Johnny Rodgers.

If the Cornhuskers succeed in springing their talented runners, Tagge pointed out, then the game plan of "keeping LSU off balance" will have a chance of working.

Tagge explained: "We want to run when they think we're going to pass, and pass when they think we're going to run."

However, the LSU pass defense, which made 25 interceptions during the regular season, also poses special problems.

"They give you a lot of pressure (on the quarterback)," Tagge observed, "and they do a good job of disguising the defensive secondary."

"You never really can tell whether they're in a man-to-

man or a zone defense, and if it is a zone it's hard to tell what type," Tagge said.

"That means the passer, after attempting to identify the defense, has less time to spot his primary and secondary receivers."

Louisiana State's foremost pest in fouling up aerial attacks is safety Craig Burns, whose eight interceptions in 1970 tied the school record. A slick runner, Burns also led LSU in punt returns.

The man most to be feared in the pass rush is tackle Estay, who is credited by his coaches with "terrorizing" Notre Dame's Joe Theismann.

Tagge, ably backed by fellow junior quarterback Van Brownson, echoes Coach Bob Devaney's claim that "this will be the toughest team we have faced."

Devaney also believes Nebraska will require a minimum of three touchdowns to defeat LSU. The points have varied, but N.U. is about a one-touchdown favorite.

Devaney has intimated that his defense should be able to contain the Louisiana State offense at least as well as it handled Southern Cal's. The 21-21 tie with Southern Cal was the only record blemish in Nebraska's 11-game season.

If Devaney has any surprises for twice-beaten LSU, they could involve alternation in his defensive five-man front. More accustomed to a four-man front,

Orduna Will Wed

By a World-Herald Sports Writer. Miami Beach — Nebraska halfback Joe Orduna and Valerie Ziesman of Los Angeles will be married June 20, the football player said Thursday.

The wedding will take place on the West Coast, Joe said.

LSU apparently has spent considerable time studying the Husker alignment and worrying about the tactics of All-Big Eight middle guard Ed Periard.

These LSU athletes, on their statistics alone, are expected to be troublesome: —Andy Hamilton, 6-foot-3 slotback. Led the nation in average yards per catch, 22.3. Totaled 39 receptions for 870 yards and six touchdowns.

—Tommy Casanova, a sprinter, described as his team's best athlete. He was at tailback early in the season, then switched to cornerback. Coach Charley McClendon says he "can't promise" that Casanova won't see some action on offense.

—Wayne Dickinson, punter. Although his average is only 37.5, he gets his kicks away quickly and they are high, affording excellent coverage. Only 16 of 64 punts were returned, the longest for 10 yards. The average return has been 4.3 yards, a major factor in field position.

—Tailback Art Cantrelle. Averaged 22.5 carries and 81.1 yards per game, both SEC records. He is vital to LSU's desire for ball control.

Although Husker split end Guy Ingles has practiced lightly because of a pulled muscle, both teams have been pronounced in top physical condition.

"I'm okay," insists Ingles, the record-breaking receiver. "I'm not going to miss this one."

A post-bowl vote will be taken in the Associated Press poll, which presently lists Nebraska No. 3, LSU No. 5. Upsets of undefeated Texas in the Cotton Bowl and Ohio State in the Rose Bowl could shoot the winner — particularly Nebraska — to the top.

Louisiana State has a 2-0 Orange Bowl record compared with Nebraska's 1-2. Coach McClendon's record against undefeated bowl opponents is, for Nebraskans, discomfiting. His Tigers felled Texas in the 1962 Cotton Bowl, Arkansas in the 1966 Cotton Bowl and Wyoming in the 1968 Sugar Bowl.

With capacity increased slightly, an Orange Bowl attendance record of 80,000-plus is indicated.

Washburn Grid Boss

Moves to Emporia

Topeka, Kan. (UPI) — Washburn University football Coach Bud Elliott resigned to accept a similar post at Emporia (Kan.) State. Both schools are members of the Rocky Mountain Conference, although Washburn will not be eligible for the football title until 1972.

Oklahoma Ties Alabama On 42-Yard Derr Field Goal

Houston (AP)—Oklahoma's young Sooners drove 61 yards, enabling Bruce Derr to kick a 42-yard field goal with 59 seconds to play and gain a 24-24 tie with Alabama in the 12th Astro-Bluebonnet bowl football game Thursday night.

It was a wild fourth period. Alabama first took a 24-21 lead. Tailback Johnny Musso fooled the Sooner defense with a razzle-dazzle 25-yard touchdown pass to quarterback Scott Hunter.

After Derr's tying kick, the Tide covered an outside kick. Alabama quickly moved to the Oklahoma 18, where a 34-yard field goal attempt by Richard Cienny was wide to the left with just one second left.

With sophomore speedster Greg Pruitt scoring two touchdowns, Oklahoma jumped to a 21-7 second-period lead and appeared to have things under control until Hunter and Musso took charge.

Aided by a 22-yard interference penalty at the Sooner seven, Hunter passed five yards to David Bailey to cut the deficit to 21-14 with just 14 seconds remaining in the first half.

Then, on the second half kickoff, Please turn to Page 28, Col. 7

Nebraska Players Land All-Star Berths

Kearney, Neb. — Six Nebraska college players have been named to the American Football Coaches Association District Six All-American football team.

They are running back John Makovicka and defensive back Jim Zikmund, both of Kearney; offensive guard Ron James and defensive tackle Kevin Hunt, both of Doane; guard Mel Washington of the University of Nebraska at Omaha; and wide receiver George Watson of Hastings.

The team was chosen by coaches from nine midwestern states. It is sponsored by Eastman Kodak and the AFCA.

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