

## Nebraska, Notre Dame - Nothing Between

Nebraska and Notre Dame between them produced NCAA8's first ever tied game (the first of many, I'm sure). Coach Denyer had this to say after the game: "I was pretty confident going into week 2 and hosting the Cornhuskers. But Martyn didn't read the same script and fought back from 7-0 to intercept Montana and with a short field scored easily. Montana made amends though with a 75 yard TD pass to the Rocket and we led 14-10 going in for the half time oranges.

"The Irish extended the lead after Ferragamo was sacked and fumbled but again the Cornhuskers would not go



Nebraska's running paid off in the fourth quarter at South Bend

away and trailed by 8 going into the final 15 minutes. We were first to strike with Montana throwing his 4th TD this time to Bavaro from 24 yards out on a 3rd & 8 but Ferragamo drove Nebraska 68 then 84 yards to tie the game on the last play of the day with a 3 yard TD pass to Jamie Williams then con-

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verted to the two pointer to snatch a well deserved tie, final 28-28.

"The running game didn't back up Montana as in week one and we need to get that right for the trip to Colorado where I feel we can run on the Buff's even though they rank one against the run they concede an average 5.0 per carry so hopefully we can keep that average up!"

A points fest occurred in Ohio, a full report appears elsewhere in this issue, but Coach Milnes had this to say after the game: "The turnovers killed us. I don't want to

heap the blame on Craig Krenzels shoulders because this is a team game but we were always chasing after those Turnovers and we aren't designed to chase. Another big factor was time of possession. You can't win a game of football with only 21 minutes possession. They

just kept grinding down our defence. I'd like to see the boys playing harder on that side of the ball. They've got to forget about the consequences and force mistakes. We've got 2 good Senior DB's who will take advantage of bad decisions and mistakes. I think you'll see this team become more aggressive over the next few weeks and we'll be prepared to take a lot more chances."

Washington got off to a fast start in Miami, three first quarter touchdowns gave them an 18 point lead. Miami made most of it back in the second quarter but were always one step behind the high octane passing attack of the Huskies. Washington averaged over 20 yards per completion, the running game chipped in with a healthy seven yards per carry and, despite losing the time of possession battle, their big plays proved too much for the Hurricanes.

Auburn travelled to Penn State and early indications were all for a full blown shootout as the two teams combined for nine first half touchdowns. The Tigers had the wind taken out of their

## Colorado at Ohio State

Gordon Milnes

Colorado came to Ohio Stadium knowing they had to avoid the trap that caught Michigan in week one - the early game explosives from the Buckeyes. What they didn't count on was Sophomore WR and KR Michael Jenkins taking the opening kickoff 82 yards to the house and putting 6 points on the board 22 seconds in. After a 12 play, 5 minute 90 yard drive to tie the game at 7, the Buckeyes burst out again - Michael Jenkins taking 2 receptions 70 yards for another 7. Not to be outdone however, Colorado took 1 play to tie the game, as Hagan threw a 79 yard TD strike to Campbell. With just over 7 minutes gone there were 28 points on the board with over 300 all purpose yards. Ohio State then made the mistakes which would eventually cost them the game. Krenzel threw Interceptions on consecutive drives, leading to another 10 Colorado points with only seconds gone in the 2nd quarter. The teams continued to blaze past one another as Clarett and Jenkins added TD's for OSU while Rouson and Campbell did the same for CU. Jim Harpers audacious 63 yard Field Goal as time expired for Colorado, fell well short.



"The first two drives of the second half ended in punts before Rouson added another TD for Colorado. OSU were determined not to lose touch and Chris Vance turned a 7 yard check down into a 50 yard Touchdown. Colorado were looking to run down the clock and prevent the Buckeyes making a comeback and their tactics were blatantly obvious as Hill ran 10 straight times. The Buckeyes weak D could not stop him though and when Hagan was allowed to throw again, he found Campbell for a 20 yard score. Krenzel threw 5 completions for 69 yards before running in for a 1 yard score to keep Ohio State in sight. Colorado wasted another 6 minutes ending in a Hagan-Perak 7 yard touchdown pass. Krenzel drove 76 yards for the score but the job was made harder when the PAT was missed. As time wound down, Colorado added another 7 points to leave the final score Colorado 66 Ohio State 48.

sails somewhat by a very poor showing from their kicker, including a missed field goal on the last play of the first half. In the second half defenses started to exert more of a grip as both teams forced some turnovers and started coming up with big stops on third down. The Nittany Lions kept their cool and extended their lead on an increasingly frustrated Auburn team.

Alabama, one of the pre-season favourites for the National Title, travelled to Pittsburgh with high hopes for their first win. The Panthers had struggled in week one and their defensive woes continued as they gave up 33 first downs to Alabama. That was always going to be too much for their offense to match but they at least

showed some resiliency with a fourth quarter comeback. The Crimson Tide, however, we're too good and were able to keep their noses in front.

Michigan and UCLA combined for yet another shootout. The Wolverines fell just short of 400 yards of total offense while the Bruins were virtually unstoppable, amassing well over 300 yards through the air and adding over 200 on the ground. Michigan fell behind in the first quarter and never quite recovered.

## Week Two Preview

Ohio State at Miami - Miami looked somewhat vulnerable to the passing at-



The Michigan QB under pressure as he tries to direct a comeback

tack of Washington, Ohio States is, if anything, even more dangerous. On the other hand, the Buckeyes' defense is a danger only too itself. OSU will score some points, but the Hurricanes will have every chance of keeping up. Miami by 3

Crimson Tide look to have found their feet, though Coach Coleman may have some concerns about his offense in the redzone. Michigan have a useful looking passing game but not much else so far. Alabama by 7

at the top of the table behind a solid rush led offense and a half decent looking defense. The Penn State offense exploded into life last week but that was not against a defense of the quality of UCLA. UCLA by 3

Alabama at Michigan - The

UCLA at Penn State - The Bruins are sitting pretty

Notre Dame at Colorado - Colorado have been outscoring their opponents so far, but the Notre Dame defense may present them with more of a challenge. The Irish need to show more of a killer instinct than they did last week, however, if they don't put the Buffaloes away when they have the chance it will come back to haunt them. Colorado by 1

Washington at Pittsburgh - The Panthers have looked fairly poor so far, while the Huskies have played possibly the best football in the league. Unless Pittsburgh can find some way to get more out of their offense there's only one winner here. Washington by 10

Nebraska at Auburn - Neither team has managed to win a game yet. The Tigers have been poor on defense and terrible kicking the ball. The Huskers have had their offensive struggles but may fancy their chances against this defense.

## News from Penn State

The season has started the way I expected...and then some. I thought offences would rack up more yards and points than Basic, but I still didn't expect the points-fest we got in week two. I prefer offensive football with lots of yards and points which is why I put my name forward to join the league, not because I'm any great follower of college football (I'm not & don't know too much about it). That first half against Auburn was a hell of a lot of fun! (which no doubt, is easier to say when you come out on top)

At Penn State, as you may have noticed, our gameplan is centered round the arm of Jeff Graham and the passing game. He's been given the starters job this season and has responded well with 3 four hundred-yard games in his first four starts along with 18 tds. The run will be used to keep defences honest and stop them from keying on the pass but its unlikely we'll have a game where we run as much as we pass.

I've been pleased with the way the offence has worked so far, never less than 460 yards in any of the four games played, while the running game, although not the focus of the attack, has been working well, with a five-yard per carry season average (which I think is second only the impressive Huskies).



while the offence performs the way it is, we can always win games. However, if they defence continues the way its performed so far, we can always lose games too! The unit gave up three TD plays of over 60 yards in the last game alone. If we want to be bowl contenders, the D needs to start making

the opposition work harder for their points, and as well as getting some more turnovers, we did get 3 in the last game (our only win) but only 1 in each of the rest.

Next week we get a chance to avenge a pre-season loss to the Bruins, who got off to a fast start in the first, which we couldn't haul back, despite out-gaining them by 135 yards. Their offence looked hugely impressive last week so we're likely to have our work cut out, should be another higher scoring affair.