

Sooners and Steve Davis will hold Huskers at bay

Big Eight

The best team in the nation last year — Oklahoma (10-0-1), couldn't claim the No. 1 spot or go to a bowl thanks to a two-year NCAA probation for illegal recruiting.

Barry Switzer's Sooners must again suffer anonymity, but maybe to the better because after Oklahoma goes undefeated again, people may look at its schedule and bellow, "And they say Penn State has an easy schedule."

Yes people the Sooners have dropped Southern Cal and Miami for the likes of Wake Forest and Utah State this fall. The toughest team, Nebraska, takes on the Sooners Nov. 23 in Lincoln. (The Cornhuskers lost 27-ZIP last season).

Of the top 10 teams in the country, the Sooners come away with graduating the least lettermen — 11. Quarterback Steve Davis piled up 887 yards and 18 touchdowns last year, as a super soph.

Junior halfback Joe Washington is coming off 1,173 yards and senior fullback Waymon Clark was back after piling up 1,014 ground gainers until Switzer dropped him because of disciplinary reasons. ("No one individual is more important than the

team's discipline and morale.") His dismissal is costly.

Still there are others and the offensive line remains the same barring one lost tackle.

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Oh yes, almost forgotten about Tinker-the-speedy-little-stinker Owens is back at split end. He caught 18 passes and averaged a little over 26 yards a snatch last year.

Wildcats could be deceiving; Sun Devils energy depleted?

Western Athletic Conference

Arizona (8-3-0) and Arizona State (10-1-0) top this conference. However, Arizona State lost Woody Green, Danny White and Ben Malone.

Arizona quarterback Bruce Hill, a junior, threw for 1,529 yards. He ran for 386 himself. Running attack is anchor by Jim Upchurch (1,184 yds.) and Willie Hamilton (737 yds.)

Nine regulars on offense and eight on defense — Coach Jim Young will smile more this year.

As for the Sun Devils, receivers Morris Owens (1,076 yds.) and Greg Hudson (788 yds.) are back and Danny White's backup at quarterback, Ray Alexander will get the nod this season.

Arizona State returns but 20 lettermen, not even half of Arizona's returning unit. Maybe that tells the story right there.



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State College

The defense lost phenomenal Lucious Selmon at middle guard. However the family tradition goes on with Dewey and LeRoy at the tackles again.

The linebacking is susceptible and the corners are missing some people but there's enough remaining talent to win the Big Eight nonetheless.

Nebraska (8-2-1) led the nation in pass defense a year ago, yielding but 39.9 yards per game. That won't happen again and the Cornhuskers won't lead in anything this year except possibly for the runnerup spot to Oklahoma.

Two All-Americans are gone in defensive tackle John Dutton and offensive tackle Daryl White. Second year coach Tom Osborne will rely on senior quarterback Dave Humm who has over 3,600 total yardage in two seasons past.

Humm has senior tailback Rich Bahe (32 catches) and junior Tony Davis rolled up 1,114 yards last year. Three regulars return on the offensive line and three are lost defensively.

Linebackers returning are Tom Ruud, Bob Nelson and Mike Heydorff.

Although White is gone, Marvin Crenshaw will fill nicely at right tackle while junior Rik (sic) Bonness is back at center.

Nebraska has a grid card slightly easier than Oklahoma, but it won't survive against the Sooners.

The only other name team from last season in the Big Eight that made headlines last year is Kansas where the absence of All-America signal caller David Jaynes is gonna be felt this year. Enough so that Kansas won't be heard from for a while.

— Tim Panaccio

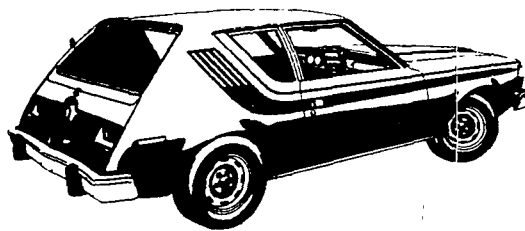
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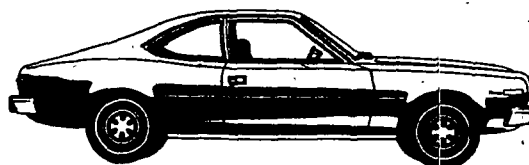
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