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How to Stop The Huskers

Minneapolis

Is Nebraska unstoppable? Of course not.

Here's what you do:
First, you string some barbed wire across the 50-yard-line. Lots of it. About eight feet high and five yards deep. Then you dig a trench at the 40 about eight feet deep, and cover it with brush. Put a few snakes in there just in case.

A concrete-block wall at the 30 would be nice, and then maybe some vicious dogs at the 20. Build a moat at the 10 and raise the drawbridge. And then make some hard tackles.

That should hold Nebraska to, oh, about 28 points. And then maybe you'll be in the game.

Three games and 184 points into the season, the Nebraska Cornhuskers look like the most powerful offense anyone has seen in football. After Saturday night's 84-13 win over Minnesota, everyone asks the question:

Is Nebraska that good or is the opposition that bad?

UCLA Is Next

"I just don't know what we've played so far," Coach Tom Osborne said. "I hope Minnesota's a good football team. But I'm sure we'll play a lot better teams down the road, and UCLA is a good example."

Nebraska, averaging 61 points a game, plays UCLA in Lincoln next Saturday and Osborne will try for his 100th career victory.

The Husker coach didn't throw a block Saturday and didn't catch a pass. He's not a Heisman Trophy candidate. But that seemingly unstoppable offense is Osborne's creation.

"Coach Osborne knows what he has out there — what kind of talent," said wingback Irving Fryar, who scored three touchdowns against Minnesota. "We're deep. It's not just the first team. And he uses all of us to the best of our abilities. He gets the best talent out of all of us."

Penn State Coach Joe Paterno called Osborne "the greatest offensive genius ever to come down the pike. And now Osborne approaches his milestone victory at the peak of his career."

Offensively, at least, he has brought it all together: He has the artist's imagination and the craftsman's tools.
Oh, those tools.

84 Points, 1 Ball

What other team can put a Heisman Trophy candidate in motion as a decoy while another Heisman candidate takes the snap and pitches the ball the other way to a third Heisman candidate? Mike Rozier, Turner Gill and Irving Fryar seem too much to handle.

Gill was the star of the first Husker victory, Rozier of the second and Fryar of the third. Can Osborne keep them and the rest of the team happy when you're allowed to use only one ball at a time?

"Oh, yeah," Fryar said. "We scored 84 points with one ball."

On Saturday night in downtown Minneapolis, playing at the Hubert H. Humphrey Metrodome, the Huskers turned the game into a track meet. And tried for the American indoor record.

A sign on the scoreboard before the game instructed the crowd that Metrodome officials permitted no smoking. So what did the Huskers do?

Came out smoking, of course. When it was over, the line score looked so methodical, so cold, so even:

21 21 21 21—84

It was the most Nebraska ever scored against a major college team. It was the most ever scored against a Minnesota football team, and was bearing down on the most scored against a Minnesota basketball team.

Solid No. 1 Claim

Maybe rain would have slowed the Huskers. But when it rained Saturday night in Minneapolis, it just pattered and pattered on the roof of the dome while the Huskers rolled up touchdown after touchdown in air-conditioned comfort.

Nebraska's No. 1 national ranking is more solid than ever. No team is unbeatable, but it will take an unusual team and unusual circumstances to stop this Nebraska offense.

"They're great," Husker linebacker Mike Knox said. "They're phenomenal. There's nobody to compare with those guys."

Osborne achieved his 99th coaching victory on a day when Oklahoma lost to Ohio State, and now Barry Switzer and Osborne are dead even: 99 victories each. They'll try for No. 100 on the same day.

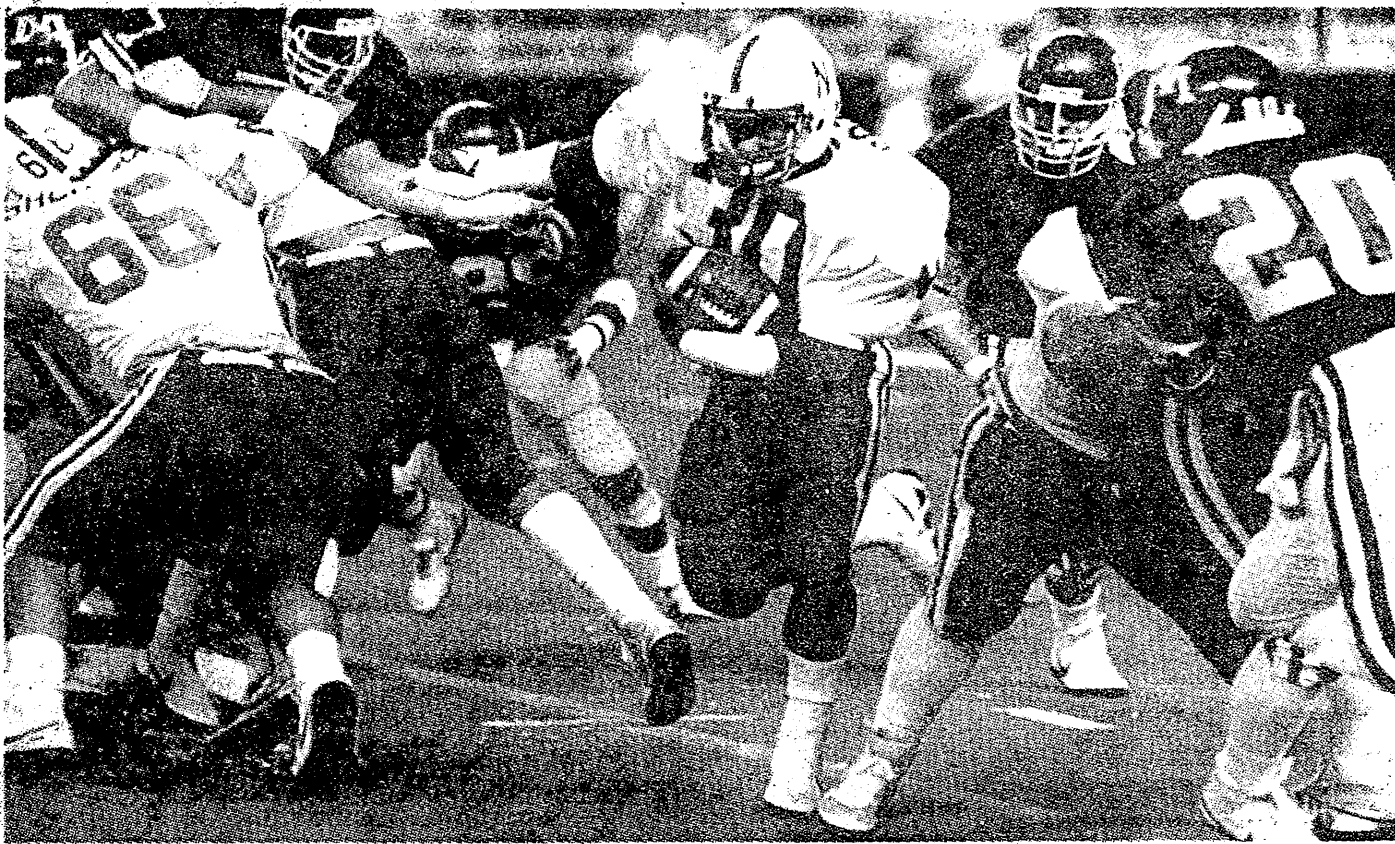
Osborne might get his national championship this year, and then maybe he won't feel that he's still in the shadow of Bob Devaney. But that's many games away — if it happens.

Nebraska won't score 60 points a game all season. Some teams are good enough to slow the Husker offense. But it's hard to imagine anyone holding Nebraska to fewer than four or five touchdowns in a game.

One team that can stop the Nebraska offense is the Nebraska offense. And the Huskers haven't stopped themselves much the first three games.

Maybe barbed wire would do it.

Quick-Strike Huskers Bury Gophers



Jim Burnett/World-Herald

The Huskers opened lots of holes in the Minnesota line. . . Mike Rozier rips for 52 yards to the Minnesota 27 in the first quarter to set up the first touchdown. John Sherlock, No. 66; helps open the way for Rozier, who gained 196 yards.

Nebraska's Saturday Night Live Kills Gophers

By Dave Sittler
World-Herald Staff Writer

Minneapolis — Irving Fryar, the lead character as Nebraska's offense displayed its television version of Saturday Night Live against Minnesota, still insists he wants Mike Rozier on center stage.

Fryar, who scored three touchdowns and compiled a whopping 253 all-purpose yards as the Cornhuskers whipped the Golden Gophers 84-13, said he doesn't want his performance to

bring out any mention of the Heisman Trophy.

"I still concede the Heisman to Mike," said Fryar, who said after last week's win over Wyoming that Rozier should win college football's most prestigious award. "I still feel that way."

"Mike is a great running back. He deserved to win the Heisman last year. Since he didn't, I want him to win it this year. I'll just push him to do better."

Fryar did a load of pushing against Minnesota. The Mount Holly, N.J. product

caught two passes for 138 yards, rushed three times for 92 yards and returned three punts for 23 yards.

"I was just having fun out there," Fryar said.

Both of Fryar's pass receptions resulted in touchdowns. He hooked up with quarterback Turner Gill on 68 and 70-yard scoring passes. When Fryar added a 41-yard touchdown run and caught a two-point conversion from Gill, he had outscored Minnesota 20-10 the first half.

Fryar was wide open on the 68-

yarder in the first quarter.

"We caught them in a blitz," he said. "The pass was supposed to come to me anyway, but Turner threw it early. Both our eyes got very big when we saw them blitzing because we knew it was going to be a touchdown."

Fryar said the team's goal each week is to score 35 points. He said that when the score got out of hand, the game became a bit of an embarrassment for

Nebraska's other long-range strikes were a 51-yard pass from Craig Sundberg to Jeff Smith and Sundberg's 44-yard run in the fourth quarter, and Mark Schellen's 27-yarder in the first quarter of the game's first score. It followed one play after a 52-yard zigzag run by Rozier.

"If they can beat us by that many points, we deserve it," Minnesota Coach Joe Salem said. "We can't be concerned about somebody pouring it on. We knew they were going to show us they are one of the greatest offen-

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Iowa's 'Baited Trap' Claims Lion Defense

By Bill Jauss
The Chicago Tribune

University Park, Pa. — Chuck Long, Ronnie Harmon and Hayden Fry looked like they had caught the biggest, toughest fish in the whole lake. And they had.

Fry, the coach, sent in the play. Long, the quarterback, threw the pass, and Harmon made the acrobatic catch for 77 yards and a touchdown in the fourth period to clinch Iowa's 42-34 victory over Penn State Saturday.

Long set an Iowa record with 345 yards passing.

Penn State lost its third straight for the first time since 1976. Penn State hadn't lost its first three games since 1964.

"This was one of the most exciting games ever played," Fry said. "We had to be real patient because Penn State is so well coached. We set the trap. Then it was bait, bait, bait."

Baited for Big Play
The bait was the short passing game used by Long.

"We were baiting them for the big

play," Long said. "We threw underneath them, and little by little, they kept coming up tighter."

Long threw passes of 40 and 46 yards to Dave Moritz and 39 yards to Owen Gill. Gill rushed 22 times for 131 yards.

Iowa led 35-28 with 8:28 to play but was going against a stiff wind when Fry sent in the play.

Asked why he waited until he was deep in his own territory and going into the wind before he called the bomb, Fry said, "Because I hoped the people on the other bench were thinking that way."

Harmon easily won his one-on-one matchup.

He'll Get It
"Ronnie one-on-one is just one of those guys," Long said. "Throw it up there, and he'll go get it."

Penn State Coach Joe Paterno was critical of his team's "poor tackling" but lauded Fry's offense.

"When you have a kid throwing like Long did, with the receivers and the good offensive line they have, it's tough

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Sox Clinch 'Hard Way'

United Press International

The Chicago White Sox, who had taken almost all of the drama out of the 1983 American League West pennant chase, injected a final bit of theatrics Saturday night to clinch their first flag in nearly a quarter of a century.

The Sox, who hadn't won a pennant since 1959, used a dramatic, bases-loaded sacrifice fly by Harold Baines in the bottom of the ninth to edge the Seattle Mariners 4-3, sew up the flag and ignite a celebration before 45,646 fans — second-largest crowd of the baseball season at Chicago's Comiskey Park.

"It just kind of symbolized the entire season, winning it that way," said catcher Carlton Fisk in the wild scene in the clubhouse where champagne flowed freely and hugs were exchanged to toast the title. "We did it the hard way. We came back; that's our style on this club."

Meanwhile, the Baltimore Ori-

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Win Over OU Is Best For Buckeyes' Coach

By Herschel Nissenon

Norman, Okla. (AP) — Earle Bruce has coached 50 games since coming to Ohio State in 1979 and the Buckeyes have won 40.

Saturday's, however, was the best.

"By far the best team game — both offensively and defensively — that we've played since I've been here," Bruce said following sixth-ranked Ohio State's 24-14 triumph over No. 2 Oklahoma.

"All of our hard work — our two-a-days in the hot weather — really paid off. Offensively, we controlled the game. I'll bet we had the ball the big percentage of the time."

The Buckeyes did — 35 minutes and 50 seconds to 24:10 for Oklahoma.

The game was over in effect when quarterback Mike Tomczak fired his fifth and sixth touchdown passes of the season, both to tight end John Frank in the first 22 minutes.

Tomczak, who was the nation's No. 1-rated passer after completing 21 of 25 passes for 273 yards and four

touchdowns in the Buckeyes' opener against Oregon, threw a 16-yarder to Frank to cap an 80-yard drive following the opening kickoff. He made it 14-0 with a 15-yarder to the senior tight end early in the second period.

That came on the first play after a fumble by Oklahoma's Marcus Dupree was recovered by Ohio State linebacker Rowland Tatum.

Less than a minute earlier, a superb goal-line stand by Oklahoma thwarted the Buckeyes without a point when cornerback Dwight Drane threw Ohio State tailback Keith Byars for a short loss from inside the 1-yard line on fourth down.

Oklahoma scored less than two minutes later, going 85 yards in four plays. Spencer Tillman raced 37 yards for the touchdown after a 39-yard pass from Danny Bradley to Buster Rhymes and a 9-yard run by Dupree.

The game was played in 93-degree weather — it was a reported 135 degrees on the artificial turf — and left

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Quaites Rallies UNO to Victory

By Jerry Fricke
World-Herald Staff Writer

Vermillion, S.D. — The comparison was a complimentary one:

"I've always said there's a lot of Danny Fulton in James Quaites," UNO Coach Sandy Buda said. "And I think he showed it tonight."

James Quaites, a 6-foot-3, 171-pound sophomore split end, caught two touchdowns passes Saturday night in the Mavericks' 17-10 last-minute victory over South Dakota.

Fulton was a UNO All-America wide receiver in 1976 and 1977. He went on to

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How the Top 20s Fared

AP/UPI	Opponent	Saturday	UCLA
1/1	Nebraska (3-0)	beat Minnesota 84-13	Tulsa
2/2	Oklahoma (1-1)	lost to Ohio State 24-14	North Texas State
3/3	Texas (1-0)	beat Auburn 20-7	Miami, Fla.
4/4	Notre Dame (1-1)	lost to Michigan State 28-23	Tennessee
5/5	Auburn (1-1)	lost to Texas 20-7	Iowa
6/6	Ohio State (2-0)	beat Oklahoma 24-14	Wisconsin
7/7	Arizona (3-0)	beat Washington State 45-6	Idaho
8/8	Michigan (1-1)	lost to Washington 25-24	William & Mary
9/9	Florida State (2-1)	lost to Tulane 34-25	South Carolina
10/10	North Carolina (3-0)	beat Miami 34-25	Vanderbilt
11/11	Georgia (1-0-1)	tied Clemson 16-16	Ohio State
12/12	Alabama (2-0)	beat Mississippi 40-0	Kansas
13/13	Iowa (2-0)	beat Penn State 42-34	Mississippi State
14/14	Southern Cal (1-0-1)	beat Oregon State 33-10	Louisiana State
15/15	Florida (2-0-1)	beat Indiana State 17-13	Pittsburgh
16/16	Washington (2-0)	beat Michigan 25-24	Texas Christian
17/17	Maryland (1-1)	lost to West Virginia 31-21	Wichita State
18/18	Southern Methodist (2-0)	did not play	Maryland
19/19	Arizona State (1-0-1)	tied UCLA 26-26	Boston College
20/20	Pittsburgh (2-0)	did not play	West Virginia
21/21	West Virginia (3-0)	beat Maryland 31-21	
22/22	Boston College (3-0)	beat Rutgers 42-22	



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