

Orioles, Ump Ruffle Reds

Cincinnati (AP) — The Cincinnati players criticized the umpire after their loss to Baltimore in the World Series opener Saturday, but Reds Manager Sparky Anderson wasn't leaning on alibis.

"The umpires didn't beat us," Anderson said. "Baltimore beat us. The three home runs over that wooden thing out there did it."

And more specifically, it was Brooks Robinson's seventh-inning homer that toppled the Reds, 4-3.

In the sixth inning pinch hitter Ty Cline hit a high bouncer near the plate and Bernie Carbo, on

told the Cincinnati pilot that Hendricks tagged Carbo.

"I didn't think he was touched," Anderson said. "Only one of us can umpire the game. I have to go along with Burkhardt's decision."

The Reds got off fast, collecting three runs on a run-producing single by catcher Johnny Bench in the first inning and May's two-run homer in the third.

But then Baltimore starter Jim Palmer settled down and the Orioles displayed their own power against Cincinnati's Gary Nolan. First baseman Boog Powell, the hulking blond bomber, got two runs back with a homer in the fourth and Hendricks tied it with a homer in the fifth.

That set the stage for the heroics by Robinson, who also made a sensational fielding play in the sixth inning.

Palmer, a 6-foot-3, 196-pound right-hander who usually eats pancakes for breakfast before he pitches, got off to a shaky start but shared the first-game heroics with Robinson as he pitched five-hit ball before being relieved by Pete Richert with two out in the ninth.

For Robinson, it was an atonement for his performance in last season's series when he went 1-for-19 in the Orioles' loss to the New York Mets.

Table with columns for Baltimore and Cincinnati players, listing statistics like AB, R, H, E.

Carbo argued. Anderson argued. The crowd of 51,531 howled in derision. Four towels were sailed out of the Reds' dugout.

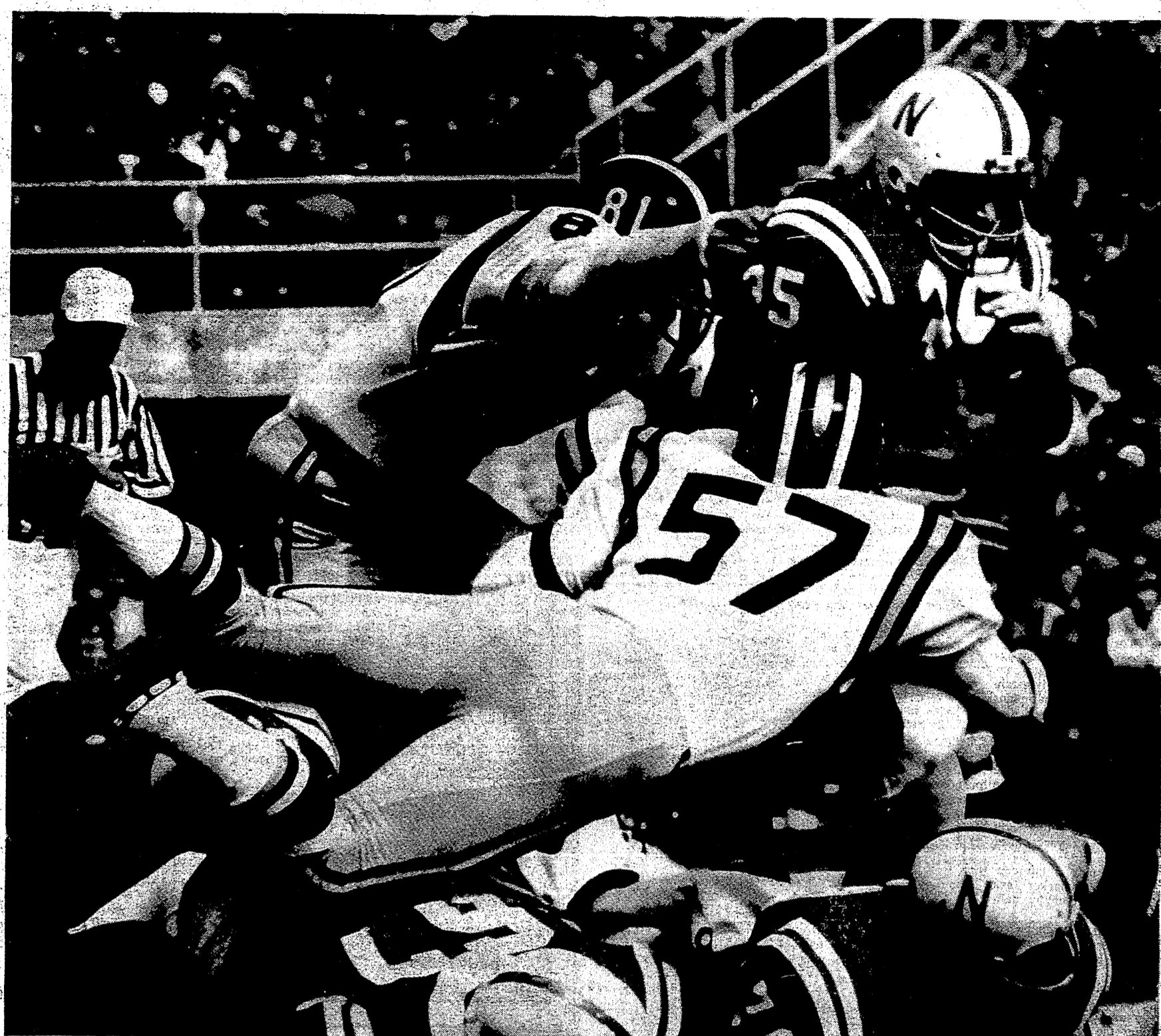
"I think we surprised the umpire," said Carbo. "He was so surprised he didn't know where the plate was."

"I might get my feet in hot water saying that," said Carbo, who had walked and moved to third on a single by Tommy Helms.

"It was a horrible call," Helms said. "It turned the whole game around. If one of us makes an error, you guys write it up. Why not the ump?"

"I was a little surprised. I didn't see Carbo coming," the National League umpire said.

Anderson, who vehemently protested the call, said Burkhardt



Tigers Mike Bennett, 81, and Roger Yanko, 57, converge on Jeff Kinney... Husker workhorse gains six on first-quarter scoring drive.

Blackshirts' Grit Gains Game Ball

By Conde Sargent World-Herald Sports Writer Memorial Stadium, Lincoln—Dan Schneiss, who represents the offensive unit in Nebraska's co-captain system, proudly held the game ball from the Huskers' 21-7 conquest of Missouri.

He didn't want it for himself. He wanted it for a post-game presentation.

The game ball went to Nebraska's defensive unit—the gang of tacklers who choked off Missouri's famous running game.

The defense deserved it, Schneiss said. Coach Bob Devaney agreed. "This defensive unit is coming along fast," he said. "It's a well-balanced defense. I think we are about as good as last year."

He declined to rate the Blackshirts ahead of last year's Big Eight championship group.

But Jerry Murtaugh didn't mind making that comparison. "Not at all. The captain of the defensive unit miced no words."

"We're better this year already," said the Omaha linebacker. "It's pursuit. That's what makes us better. The sophomores have come on, guys like the ends, Willie Harper and John Hyland. Jacobson (tackle Larry) is only a junior and (cornerback Joe) Blahak did a great job."

Murtaugh proceeded to name everybody on the defensive unit.

"It's a team thing," said Murtaugh. "The way we're playing and the way we want to win is great. The offense was sputtering today but that doesn't mean a thing. We are playing harder than last year, concentrating more and making fewer mental errors."

The defensive unit, he said, makes up for its inexperience by pursuing. "This team does read the ball well," said Devaney, "and I'll agree with Jerry that the pursuit is good. That's what keeps the long run from being broke on us."

The game ball presentation pleased Devaney: "They (defenders) got the ball and rightfully so. Right at the start we could have been behind, 7-0, because of fumbling. But the defense prevented them from even getting an easy shot at a field goal."

Alert Nebraska Blackshirts Turn Mizzou Into M-i-s-e-r-y

By Howard Brantz World-Herald Assistant Sports Editor Memorial Stadium, Lincoln — Opportunity knocked three times in the third quarter Saturday before frantic Nebraska took charge to win a bruising, 21-7 football verdict from Missouri.

The victory, assured with two fourth-quarter touchdowns, kept the Huskers undefeated and extended their unbeaten string to 11.

Three times the usually error-free Missourians fumbled the ball in the third quarter before the Huskers, amid chants of "Go! Go!" from the Big Red followers, caught fire.

The turnabout came with suddenness after the Husker attack had bogged down without a scoring effort for some 38 minutes.

Jeff Kinney, the tireless N.U. junior tailback who led all rushers with 108 yards, gobbled up a fumbled fair catch by Mike Fink at the Nebraska 34.

Missouri had just backed the Huskers into a deep hole and Jeff Hughes, a 43-yard-average punter this day, kicked from deep in his end zone.

The Kinney recovery came just three plays before the end of the quarter. Missouri, after yielding an 80-yard scoring drive in the first quarter, had held the Huskers to three first downs from the 8:32 of the first quarter to that point.

Van Brownson, who took over at quarterback as Jerry Tagge's replacement the second half, got one yard on an option. Kinney made a first down on the 44 in two cracks at the stubborn Mizzou line.

Then Joe Orduna broke it open. Wiggling free between left guard and tackle, Mr. Slyboots reeled off 41 yards to the Missouri 15.

There was no stopping the barreling Huskers at that point. Kinney gave Orduna a breather and pounded the middle four straight times to put the ball on the one.

Steve Conley fled through the Wildcat defense for the touchdown.

It was a see-saw contest all the way. Dan Heck, the Kansas quarterback, scored twice on runs of seven and 31 yards putting the Jayhawks ahead on both occasions.

Bob Helmbacher converted after each of the Kansas touchdowns.

The two Kansas State touchdowns came on one-yard runs, one by Henry Hawthorne and the other by quarterback Lynn Dickey, both in the second quarter.

All of the Kansas State extra point efforts failed but the Wildcats scored a first quarter field goal of 42 yards by Max Arreguin.

The touchdowns by Hawthorne and Dickey wiped out Kansas' lead but only briefly.

Kansas State football was placed on probation for three years last Wednesday by the Big Eight Conference and the team cannot appear in post-season games or on NCAA-controlled television during this period.

The Kansas probation was for two years in all sports. There were no restrictions otherwise.

Vince O'Neil, a reserve halfback who was involved in Kansas State's recruiting blunders and then wound up at Kansas, came back to the Wildcat campus and played a big role in the State defeat.

After K-State had gone ahead 9-7, O'Neil swept through a wave of Wildcats with the kickoff for

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Stanford Trips USC; Defensive Unit Stars

Stanford, Calif. (AP) — Jim Plunkett's passing and brilliant play by Stanford's defensive unit gave the Indians a 24-14 upset victory over fourth-ranked Southern California Saturday, dimming the Trojans' hopes of a fifth straight Rose Bowl trip.

Plunkett, the Indians' senior quarterback, started his team toward the decisive triumph with a 50-yard touchdown pass play to tight end Bob Moore in the first period. He set up another touchdown with his passes and completed 19 of 31 throws for 274 yards in the Pacific Eight battle.

Stanford's defense stopped USC twice inside the five-yard line, once just a few inches short of the goal.

Jimmy Jones, the Trojan quarterback, completed 21 of 36 passes for 225 yards, but one third period pass was intercepted by Stanford linebacker Jeff Siemon to stop a drive at the Stanford 14. Stanford held a 21-7 lead at that point.

Jackie Brown, scored two Stanford touchdowns, on one-yard runs. His first score, as Stanford took a 14-0 lead in the second quarter, followed a 47-yard punt return by Eric Cross.

Southern Cal's first touchdown was on a short run by Rod McNeill, closing a 74-yard drive at the start of the second half.

Jones passed 17 yards to Bob Chandler for the final touchdown of the game with four minutes to play, but a 36 yard field goal by Steve Horowitz three minutes later clinched the win for the 12th-ranked Indians.

Horowitz missed three field

goals in last year's heartbreaking 26-24 loss to USC.

Stanford, now 4-1, handed Southern Cal its first loss since the 1969 Rose Bowl. USC had a 25-game unbeaten string in regular season play.

Stanford, which hasn't been to the Rose Bowl since 1951, now is 2-0 in the conference race.

Southern Cal is 1-1 in the conference and 3-1 overall.

The game drew a near-capacity crowd of 86,000, despite a bomb threat received Friday night.

Table with columns for USC and Stanford, listing statistics like TD, Yds, Int, F, Pen.

Utah State Passing Beats Kentucky, 35-6

Lexington Ky. (AP) — Utah State, riding the arm of sophomore quarterback Tony Adams, riddled Kentucky Saturday night, 35-6.

Adams hit 24 of 37 passes for 318 yards and three touchdowns.

Steady Flash

Kent, Ohio (UPI) — Kent State's Doug Ober kicked four consecutive field goals Saturday to propel the Golden Flashes to a 25-22 Mid-American Conference win over Western Michigan.

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