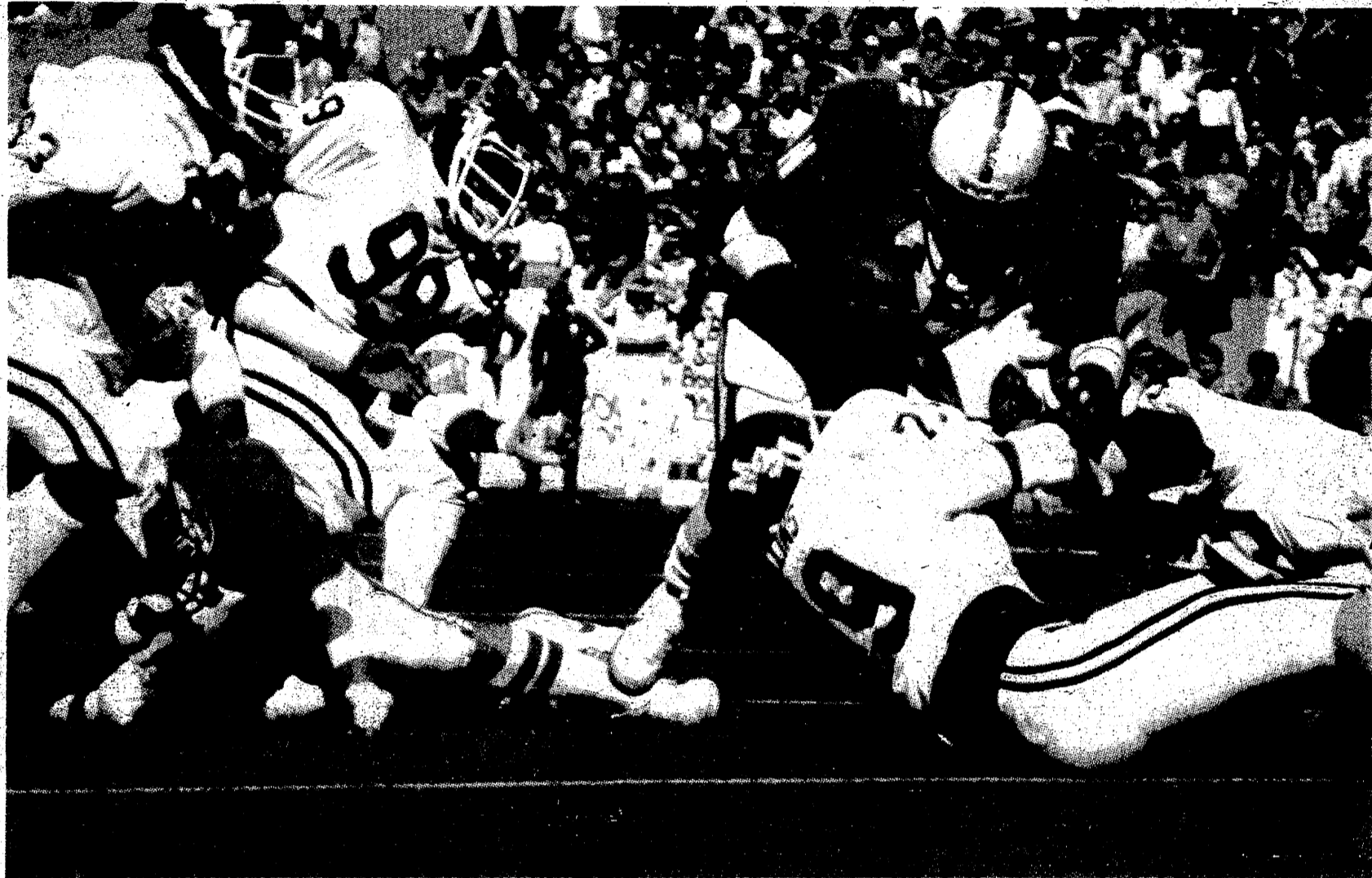


Nebraska Offense Displays New Tricks, But Old Blackshirt Magic Shines in Sun



Nebraska fullback Andra Franklin bulls into Bulldog line during fourth-quarter drive that ended when Tim McCrady caught 52-yard scoring pass...

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El Paso, Texas — Nebraska University's football team went behind closed doors to cook up secret plays for Saturday's Sun Bowl clash with Mississippi State.

"I think we used about everything we worked on," Nebraska Coach Tom Osborne said after his team displayed the fruits of secret practices since arriving last Sunday.

After the game, however, Bulldog Head Coach Emory Bellard said he didn't notice any "new" plays.

Mississippi State suffered two lost fumbles, one on a muffed punt, and an interception in the first half as the Huskers moved to a 17-0 lead.

Two more lost fumbles and another interception followed. The Bulldogs did not cross midfield until the third quarter and threatened at 24-10 in the fourth before the Huskers put it out of the reach of their Southeastern Conference adversary.

Top 10 Likely The largest crowd — 34,723 — in the history of the nation's smallest bowl saw the Huskers finish their season with a 10-2 record, win their first bowl game in the last three years and most likely assure a Top 10 finish for the 11th straight year.

Nebraska, therefore, became the last team to win in the 30,000-seat Sun Bowl Stadium. Another 27,000 seats are expected to be in place by the next game.

MVP Sweep

Nebraska grabbed more than a fistful of turnovers and a victory Saturday — both the offensive and defensive Most Valuable Players in the Sun Bowl were Cornhuskers.

Quarterback Jeff Quinn, who completed 9 of 19 passes for 139 yards and two touchdowns, earned the offensive honor while end Jimmy Williams was chosen defensive MVP.

Nebraska junked the conservative approach at the outset when Jeff Quinn opened with a screen pass to wingback Anthony Steels.

Mississippi State got an indication of what was to come when All-American McDole muffed Kevin Seibel's initial punt, and Nebraska tight end Steve Davies recovered on the MSU 23.

Trick Plays

On the next play, split end Todd Brown took a reverse pitch to his right, avoided end Tyrone Keys in the backfield, nearly ran over his own tackle Dan Hurley at the 15 and cut inside a block by center Dave Rittington at the 10 for a 23-yard touchdown.

The rest of the first half, the Huskers tried to extend the lead and force the Bulldogs to rely more heavily on the pass.

Trick plays the Huskers used included: —A lateral to 1-back Jarvis Redwine after a pass completion to Brown. The play gained 8 yards.

—A pump-fake and deep pass to John Noonan. Nebraska had not run the play in a game before. In the Sun Bowl, the pass was overthrown.

—A hand-back pass that went

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Foe's 'Best Effort' Stops Jays; Return Sour for Husker Duo

Creighton 7-1 After Defeat

Tampa, Fla. — The South Florida basketball team, playing what Coach Lee Rose called "its best game of the season Saturday," handed Creighton its first loss 77-62.

"A crowd of 3,791 at the newly constructed Sun Dome saw South Florida play as well as we're capable of playing and the best we've played all year," Rose said.

After trailing 34-30 at intermission, Creighton (7-1) rallied to a 43-30 lead with 14:51 to play. Freshman Alex Stivins came off the bench with two key steals, both of which resulted in layups; the second one in a three-point play.

It was then that South Florida stirred the crowd with its comeback. Starting guard Rob Rutledge and reserve Ingram Purvis led the way as the Bulls rallied from a 43-39 deficit to

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NCC Tourney Results Saturday

Games Today: 10 p.m. — N. Dakota St. vs. N. Colorado; 9 p.m. — S. Dakota St. vs. South Dakota

Defense Keys UNO Victory

Sioux Falls, S.D. — "The difference was defense," University of Nebraska at Omaha Coach Bob Hanson said of the Mavericks' 85-75 first-round victory over North Dakota State in the North Central Conference Holiday basketball tournament Saturday.

The Mavericks, 6-3, will play North Dakota tonight at 7 in a semifinal game. The Sioux, led by Dan Clausen's 29 points, clipped Northern Colorado 61-57

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Ball St. Rally Bounces NU

Muncie, Ind. — University of Nebraska basketball players Jack Moore and Jerry Shoecraft had their homecoming spoiled as Ball State overcame a sluggish first half to down the Huskers 67-62 before a sellout crowd of 6,880 Saturday night.

Moore and Shoecraft, who played high school basketball in Muncie, received a warm welcome from the Ball State fans before the game. But the partisan crowd did not forget its allegiance once the contest was underway.

The crowd booted Husker postman Andre Smith, who helped Nebraska open an early 17-4 lead. During that spree Smith scored 12 of his team-high 26 points.

His total might have been higher had he not left the game after being called for his fourth foul with 10:36 remaining in the

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Sports on Television

Sunday Channel 3: 4 p.m., NFL American Football Conference playoff, Houston at Oakland. Channel 6, 10: 12:30 p.m., NFL National Football Conference playoff, Los Angeles at Dallas. Channel 7: 11 a.m., Review of major 1980 United States Golf Association tournaments.

Purdue's Herrmann 'Unstoppable' in Win

Memphis, Tenn. (AP) — Mark Herrmann riddled Missouri for 289 passing yards in Purdue's 28-25 victory Saturday in the 22nd annual Liberty Bowl and the Boilermaker quarterback said he enjoyed every minute of it.

"I had a good time back there," said Herrmann, an All-American who wound up his career by completing 22 of 28 passes, including four touchdowns.

He threw scoring passes of 8 and 27 yards to Bart Burrell, his high school teammate from Carmel, Ind., who broke one Liberty Bowl receiving record

and tied two others by catching eight of Herrmann's tosses for 113 yards.

"Herrmann is just outstanding," said Purdue Coach Jim Young. "He did a great job of reading their secondary. I believe when he is on, he is just unstoppable."

Warren Powers, whose Missouri team had not yielded more than 267 passing yards in a game this season, agreed with Young.

"Herrmann played like we thought he was going to play," Powers said. "If you don't put

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That's What Coach Was Hiding New for NU: Wide-Open Fun

By Larry Porter

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El Paso, Texas — Nebraska Coach Tom Osborne "wasted little time Saturday in showing why he closed the Cornhusker practices during their preparations here for the Sun Bowl."

The Huskers triggered at least four trick plays during the first half of their 31-17 triumph over Mississippi State. None of the four proved to be game-breakers, but they did serve to heighten the anticipation of what else may be coming.

The plays were not all "new." One involved a Jeff Quinn pass to Todd Brown, who lateraled to Jarvis Redwine. One was just a long pass, with perhaps a new pattern being run by John Noonan (the pass was overthrown). One was a Quinn lateral pass to wingback Anthony Steels, who was to have passed to Brown but was tackled.

There was a fake field goal that saw Quinn pass to fullback Jim Kotera for a 5-yard gain and a first down.

"You can see why he (Osborne) closed practice all week," said guard Randy Schlessener, the offensive captain. "There was another one, too, but it didn't come off. It

Bowling Is a Ball!

Mississippi St. 9 0 3 17-31; Nebraska 7 10 7 17-21; Neb.—EG Seibel 22 (Seibel kick); Neb.—Finn 8 pass from Quinn (Seibel kick); MSU—FG Moore 47; Neb.—Franklin 2 run (Seibel kick); MSU—Bond 1 run (Moore kick); Neb.—McCrady 52 pass from Quinn (Seibel kick); MSU—McCrady 11 pass from Bond (Moore kick); A—34,723

First downs 15 16; Rushing yards 53 94; Passing yards 102 139; Total yards 155 233; Return yards 196 320; Fumbles 2-19-2 5-0; Penalties-yards 5-4 1-1; Points 4-30 4-37

looked like Jarvis (Redwine) ran just a pitch right on third-and-3 at the goal line in the second quarter. But Jarvis was supposed to throw back to Jeff (Quinn). You look at the films and you'll see Jeff was wide open.

That play resulted in a one-yard loss. Kevin Seibel kicked a 22-yard field goal on the following play to hike Nebraska's lead to 10-0 with 3:23 left in the half.

"I was going to throw it, but they had a monster fire," Redwine said. "They came in and I ducked down to keep from making a mistake."

That throwback to Quinn is

not exactly a new play. Redwine launched one pass last year that Quinn caught for a 13-yard gain in the 17-14 loss to Houston in the Cotton Bowl.

"It's fun to play that way," Schlessener said of the wide-open offense the Huskers trucked out before a Sun Bowl record crowd of 34,723, along with a national television audience.

"But towards the end... we didn't have a very good second half. They (Mississippi State) pretty much beat themselves with their turnovers (four lost fumbles, two pass interceptions). It wasn't pretty, but we got the job done."

Quinn said it was the most wide-open game the Huskers have played this season.

"That was planned from the start," he said. "We wanted to open things up. I didn't play well the first half, though. I missed a few passes I should have hit."

The Huskers enjoyed a 17-0 halftime lead, but held only a 9-5 edge over the Bulldogs in first downs and an 88-63 advantage in rushing yardage. The big difference at intermission was that Quinn had clicked on six of

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UCLA DeStroyed

DePaul Gets Its Revenge

Chicago — In your face, UCLA. Up your ratings, UPI. This was getting even day for DePaul.

What the Blue Demons wanted to do was pay back UCLA, 6-1, for last year's loss in the NCAA tournament. What they also wanted to do was convince UPI's poll voters to stop ranking Kentucky — which was upset by Notre Dame Saturday — ahead of them. The AP has rated Chicago's team No. 1 all season.

What 9-0 DePaul did was DePress and DeStroy third-ranked

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UCLA 93-77 Saturday afternoon before a national TV audience and the first sellout crowd (16,702) at the Rosemont Horizon.

It was a game that was 20-20 one minute and 39-23 the next. It was over in an instant — it seemed that way, anyway — and it ended officially with Coach Ray Meyer and star Mark Aguirre giving each other the biggest hug since soldiers came home from the war.

"You know," losing Coach Larry Brown said, "I sat back last year after we won the NCAA game and I looked at a man whose season ended at 26-2, whose team was very sad, whose team obviously hadn't played very well, and he said to me, 'Coach, we just plain got whipped.' That's what I'd like to say to Coach Meyer right now. We just got whipped."

Aguirre took care of the scoring, 23 points, and Terry Cummings was a tower of power at center, scoring 19 and dominating the boards.

Cummings, the born-again 6-10 sophomore, tried to play down the getting-even angle. "We shouldn't consider this a revenge type of thing. I'm a Christian, and I pride myself on being humble."

But Lord, it was hard to be humble. DePaul scored on 56 percent of its shots, hit 25 of 30 free throws and strangled UCLA with a full-court press and a sticky zone.



The faces of Switzer... in game against Nebraska.

Switzer's Winning Style He's Loose, but He Doesn't Miss a Thing

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Norman, Okla. — Some college football coaches prefer to watch their football teams practice from towers. Bear Bryant is known as a tower coach at Alabama.

Barry Switzer would get restless on a tower. Switzer is a wanderer at Oklahoma football practices.

The Sooner coach will stand on the sidelines of Owen Field, take a seat in the stadium, leave for a few minutes to do something in the locker room and return to a new location.

Pro scouts are regular visitors to Oklahoma practices. Reporters show up daily, so do alumni and friends of Switzer. As he wanders, Switzer stops to chat with the scouts, reporters, friends, anybody he notices, seemingly not paying attention to what is taking place on the field where his assistants are conducting the workout.

Once a practice begins, Switzer doesn't get that involved in coaching. "He lets us coach," said Rex Norris, Oklahoma defensive coordinator.

To many Nebraskans, it must seem that Oklahoma's football team can't lose... especially when the Sooners face the Huskers. Since 1947, Oklahoma has won more games — 291 — than any other major college football team. What makes up the Sooner magic? World-Herald staff writer Steve Sinclair spent several days in Norman, Okla., recently to find some answers to that question. This story, and the stories on Page 10-C, examine one of the nation's most consistently successful football programs.

"I've never seen him interrupt a practice to interject something he wanted to say," said Mike Treps, Oklahoma sports information director.

"He talks to the team before practice. He never once interferes when practice starts. When I say interfere, I don't mean from the standpoint of watching and being a part of huddles. I'm talking about taking over, stopping a drill and saying 'don't do it that way.'"

Switzer functions at practice as an observer and those who have observed him say he doesn't miss much. "He knows exactly what is going on," Treps said.

Similarly, Switzer oversees strategy sessions but his assistants are responsible

for most of the preliminary thinking. He bears responsibility for the final product, accepting what he thinks is good, vetoing what he thinks is bad and refining the rough edges.

"Barry is very busy, as anybody in his job would be," said Merv Johnson, assistant head coach. "He relies on his coaches as far as formulating game plans and as far as outlining recruiting procedures."

To watch Switzer operate is to see a coaching style that is as distinctive as the record it has produced. Switzer is a winner. He is on target to become the first college coach ever to win 100 games in his first 10 years. Victory No. 83 for Switzer

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