

Hawkeyes Paint the Big Red Blue

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Iowa City, Iowa — It was the toughest of days for Mark Mauer, who had hoped his debut as the University of Nebraska quarterback would go more smoothly.

It was just as tough a day for Roger Craig, who had been a high school hero in the eastern part of this state as a running back for Davenport Central High School.

Nebraska playing Iowa at Kinnick Stadium was supposed to be a day of triumph for Craig, the Huskers'

junior I-back, and his teammates.

The Huskers were ranked sixth and seventh in preseason polls, favored by 17 points over the Hawkeyes and had beaten the same team 57-0 last season in Lincoln.

It was a tough day for Nebraska because Iowa, which has suffered through countless tough days in a span of 19 straight losing seasons, outplayed the Huskers for most of 60 minutes Saturday and ended a 10-7 winner.

"It's tearing me up inside," said Craig, who was held to 74 yards on 19

Sweet Revenge

	Nebraska	Iowa
First downs	11	14
Rushes-yards	50-150	50-172
Passing yards	81	28
Total yards	231	202
Return yards	39	23
Plays	6-18-2	7-11-9
Sacks-by-yards lost	5-10	6-54
Fumbles-lost	5-0	3-3
Penalties-yards	2-18	7-53
Time of Possession	29:48	30:12

carries by an inspired Iowa defensive team. Eight of the Hawkeye starters held that same status last year when

the Huskers drilled them for 564 yards and eight touchdowns.

Mauer was equally crestfallen. "I just can't shake it," Mauer said of the feeling of failure.

Craig was most upset about the two fumbles he lost. Fumbles and pass interceptions were the most haunting errors made by the offense. Nebraska fumbled five times, losing three, and had two passes intercepted. Mauer threw one and Nate Mason the other.

"I can say this," said Craig. "In the future I'm not going to worry about scoring. I'm just going to con-

centrate on holding onto the ball. My goal now is not to fumble anymore. It's a terrible feeling."

The biggest fumble recovery for Iowa was made by tackle Mark Bortz with 2:51 left in the game. It was big because Nebraska's offense was eating up chunks of yards in its bid to repeat its comeback of 1979 here.

In that game the Huskers rallied from a 21-7 deficit to win 24-21.

This time the Huskers were denied the delight of the record Nile Kinnick Stadium turnout of 60,160. Nebraska started the fateful drive at its 16 with 4:29 left in the game. Mauer

completed a 19-yard pass to Anthony Steels, Craig ran for 13 yards, Mike Rozier for 5 and Craig again for 13 to give the Huskers a first down on the Hawk 34.

The drive ended when Mauer pulled away from center Dave Rimmington's snap without the ball and Bortz smothered it.

"I had a lot of bad plays today," said Mauer, the fifth-year quarterback who was making his first start.

"That fumble at the end hurt."

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Who'll Be No. 1?

Michigan Falters, 21-14

Madison, Wis. (UPI) — Michigan Coach Bo Schembechler has a simple explanation for Wisconsin's 21-14 upset Saturday over his top-ranked Wolverines.

"Our offense wasn't any good; our defense wasn't any good; our kicking game wasn't any good, and our coaching was poor," he said. "It's a miracle we only lost by seven points."

"It's as simple as this. We're not as good as everybody thought we were, and they're a lot better than anyone thought they were."

Wisconsin's victory over Michigan was its first since the Badger Big 10

championship team defeated the Wolverines 34-12 at Ann Arbor in 1962.

It marked the first time Michigan began the season with a defeat on the road since it lost at Harvard in 1881.

"I told the squad before the game that outside the guys right here in this room, there probably isn't anyone who believes or knows we can win this football game," said Wisconsin Coach Dave McClain. "A lot of people didn't give us much of a

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Nebraska quarterback Nate Mason, left, is tackled after a 1-yard gain on second down to the Iowa 29 with about two minutes left in the second quarter. Making the tackle is Lou King (43) while Pat Dean (58) and Mel Cole (31) are waiting to assist. Nebraska I-back Roger Craig is No. 21. Following an incomplete pass, Nebraska's Kevin Seibel missed a 46-yard field goal attempt.

Alabama Upset by Tech

Birmingham, Ala. (UPI) — Bear Bryant said he wasn't surprised that his third-ranked Alabama team was shocked Saturday by lowly Georgia Tech.

"I wasn't nearly as surprised as you probably are," Bryant said after his first shot at career win 308 fell short, 24-21. "It was no fluke or upset — they whipped us, period."

Freshman tailback Robert Lavette scored two Tech touchdowns — including the winner, a 2-yard plunge with 3:57 left in the game.

Yellow Jacket quarterback Mike Kelley hit 9 of 19 passes for 137 yards

and a touchdown. His 54-yard strike to tight end Ken Whisenunt on the deciding drive was a key factor.

Alabama got a last-ditch shot at a tie as the gun sounded, but Korean-born Peter Kim's 50-yard field goal attempt fell just short of the crossbar.

"The snap and the hold were both good," said Kim. "I guess I just didn't get enough foot on the ball."

Bryant blamed the loss on three fumbles, an interception and 84

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Mav Defense Rescues Sputtering Wishbone

By Jerry Fricke
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Maryville, Mo. — The University of Nebraska at Omaha can chalk up another victory for the defense — 3-0 over Northwest Missouri State before a sun-bathed crowd of 5,050 at Rick-enbro Stadium Saturday.

The schools were well on their way to equaling the 0-0 tie of 1929 when things began to happen late in the fourth quarter.

The Mavs called an all-out blitz and right cornerback Chuck Spencer drilled Bearcat quarterback Brian Quinn, who was back to pass, from the blind side. Quinn fumbled into the waiting arms of UNO tackle John Walker at the NW Missouri 16.

The Mavs' newly installed wishbone offense, which sputtered all day, did more of the same. And after gaining only six yards on three rushing plays, UNO settled for a 22-yard field goal by sophomore Mark Pettit, who had missed twice in the first half from 36 and 41 yards.

The three points were enough to send UNO into next Saturday's North Central Conference opener against

Morningside with a 2-0 record. But barely.

The 1-1 Bearcats of Coach Jim Redd, who were held to 101 yards for the game and had a minus 11 yards in the first half, finally generated some offense after recovering a Barry Lee fumble at their own 22 with 1:59 to play.

From there, they put together the best offensive display of the day and moved beyond the UNO 49 for the first time in the game to gain a first down at the UNO 9 with 30 seconds remaining. Quinn ate up those 69 yards by completing four passes for 61 yards and scrambling himself for another 8.

On first down at the 9, Quinn nearly completed a pass for the big upset. But tight end Gary Hogue was smacked hard in the end zone by safety Dave Thoreson, and was unable to hold the ball.

Quinn threw two more incomplete passes, and on fourth down was sacked by Walker for a 9-yard loss. It capped another great game for Walker who had four of UNO's six

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Osborne: Circumstances Not Right for Using Gill

By World-Herald Staff Writer

Iowa City, Iowa — Nebraska Coach Tom Osborne said he may consider using sophomore quarterback Turner Gill this week against Florida State after he reviews films of the 10-7 loss to Iowa.

Senior Mark Mauer started against Iowa and was relieved by junior Nate Mason.

Mauer completed six of 12 passes for 60 yards and was intercepted once. He also fumbled twice. One of those was lost. Mason passed for 21 yards, completing two of six throws. He was intercepted once.

Commenting on his decision not to use Gill, Osborne said, "I know there will be a lot of questions about who played when, and why more guys didn't play."

"The only thing I can say is we

were trying to give our quarterbacks a feel for the game. We tried to look at two quarterbacks in the game. It's very hard to get three quarterbacks in there. I'll look at the films to see how things went and may play Turner next week."

Osborne said he didn't use Gill in the second half because of the game's circumstances.

"There was no point in the second half when I felt like I wanted to put him in there," said Osborne. "The two other guys were beginning to get a feel for the game. With the pressure we were under, being behind, I didn't want to bring him (Gill) in there and break him in, too. In hindsight, maybe I should have."

Osborne dismissed the notion

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Dejected Mauer Says I Had Chance, Blew It

By Dave Sittler
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Iowa City, Iowa — Physically whipped by an aggressive Iowa defense and then verbally abused by some outraged Nebraska fans, Mark Mauer accepted his punishment Saturday as one of the hazards that comes with the job of being Nebraska's No. 1 quarterback.

The senior from St. Paul, Minn., who had seen a five-year dream to be a Nebraska starter turn into a three-hour nightmare, suffered in silence for several minutes in the Nebraska locker room before facing the press.

Head bowed, Mauer eventually dropped to one knee as he discussed his performance that included a pass interception and a crucial fumble when Nebraska appeared headed for the winning touchdown.

Mauer admitted his ears were still

ringing from the catcalls that were hurled at him as he stumbled glassy-eyed up the ramp and into the Nebraska dressing room following the 10-7 defeat.

As Mauer made his way up the tunnel, a Nebraska fan pressed his face hard against the fence that was separating him from Mauer and screamed, "Why don't you go back to Minnesota, you bum? Why the hell did you ever leave and come to Nebraska in the first place," the belligerent fan continued. "Why don't you move to Oklahoma."

Mauer said he wasn't surprised that followers of Nebraska, who have prided themselves on good sportsmanship, decided to turn on him.

"He had a right to what he was saying, and he was right," the Nebraska co-captain said. "I was a bad ballplayer today. But, hey, I don't

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Sports on TV

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- Noon, NFL, Houston at Cleveland.
- 3 p.m., NFL, Denver at Seattle.
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- Noon, NFL, Tampa Bay at Kansas City.
- 3 p.m., U.S. Open Tennis.
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- 1 p.m., Baseball, Boston at New York.
- 10:30 p.m., "Maverick Football."
- 11 p.m., "Hayden Fry Show."
- Channel 10**
- 10:30 p.m., "Tom Osborne Show."
- Channel 26**
- 5:30 p.m., "Maverick Football."
- Monday**
- Channel 7**
- 8 p.m., NFL, Oakland at Minnesota.
- Midnight, "Donnie Duncan Show."

Florida St. Wins; Cornhuskers Next

Tallahassee, Fla. (AP) — Senior fullback Michael Whiting ran 3 yards for a touchdown and freshman Mike Rendina booted a 46-yard field goal Saturday night as 18th-ranked Florida State downed stubborn Memphis State 10-5.

The victory hiked the Seminoles' record to 2-0, while the Tigers lost for the second time in as many outings. Florida State plays Nebraska next Saturday in Lincoln.

Whiting, a 6-1, 210-pounder from Largo, Fla., bullied his way through the right side of the Memphis State defense for a touchdown and a 7-2 Florida State lead midway through the second quarter.

McEnroe, Borg to Renew Rivalry

'Older' Austin Appreciates Open Title More

New York (AP) — Tracy Austin overcame swirling winds and Martina Navratilova's devastating serve and volley Saturday to win the U.S. Open tennis championship.

She overcame all three with her patented baseline game to capture her second Open singles title, 1-6, 7-6, 7-6.

Defending men's champion John McEnroe, the top seed, shook off an ankle injury to outlast No. 15 Vitas Gerulaitis 5-7, 6-3, 6-2, 4-6, 6-2 and move into today's final against second-seeded Bjorn Borg of Sweden,

who beat No. 14 Jimmy Connors 6-2, 7-5, 6-4.

Borg appeared unbothered by a death threat. According to an announcement made in the press box at the National Tennis Center, a man had telephoned the center threatening Borg's life.

Miss Austin's first title, in 1979, made her the youngest singles champion in the history of America's premier tennis event.

"I think this means more to me than the first one," said Miss Austin, who received more than \$60,000 for the victory. "At 16, everything came

too fast. . . I think I was too young to realize how important it was."

The loss crushed the hopes of Miss Navratilova, who broke down and cried as she received a standing ovation at the awards ceremony immediately following the match.

Miss Navratilova, who has won Wimbledon twice, defected from her native Czechoslovakia following the 1975 U.S. Open and became a naturalized U.S. citizen earlier this year. This was the first time she had reached the finals here.

Miss Navratilova began the match as if she would crush Miss Austin

easily, winning 10 of the first 11 points with her powerful serve and accurate volleys.

"I thought she really had me after the first set," Miss Austin said. "She came on like gangbusters. She came out of the blocks really fast."

But the teen-ager from Rolling Hills, Calif., who said she was bothered by the swirling winds and Miss Navratilova's serve, settled into her own rhythm and realized she was hitting short to Navratilova's backhand. She fought back with her own

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Inside



A New Era

Notre Dame began a new era under Coach Gerry Faust Saturday as it rolled to a 27-9 victory over LSU. "It is a dream come true," said Faust, who replaced Dan Devine last November. At left, Irish linebacker Mark Zavagnin rides LSU quarterback Alan Risher down to the ground for a 7-yard loss in the first period. Story on Page 11.

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