

**The Top 25:
How they
Fared**

The Associated Press ratings

- Florida State (7-0) **beat** Old Dominion
- Nebraska (6-0) **beat** Colorado 24-21
- Florida (7-0) **beat** Georgia 52-17
- Ohio State (6-0) **beat** Iowa 35-15
- Tennessee (7-1) **beat** South Carolina 36-21
- Kansas (7-1) **beat** Iowa State 36-21
- Colorado (6-2) **beat** Nebraska 44-21
- Northwestern (7-1) **beat** Illinois 17-14
- Michigan (7-1) **beat** Minnesota 52-17
- Oregon (6-2) **beat** Arizona State 31-14
- Auburn (5-3) **beat** Arkansas 30-28
- North Dakota (7-2) **beat** Boston College 20-10
- Washington (6-1) **beat** Kansas State 17-10
- Kansas (6-1) **beat** Texas 41-7
- Texas (6-1) **beat** Penn State 6-2
- Penn State (6-2) **beat** Indiana 45-21
- Washington (5-2) **beat** Southern Cal 21-21
- Alabama (6-2) **beat** North Texas 49-19
- Texas A&M (5-2) **beat** Houston 31-7
- Virginia (5-3) **beat** Duke 10-7
- Syracuse (6-1) **beat** Texas Tech 52-21
- New Mexico 34-7
- Oklahoma (5-2) **beat** Missouri 15-7
- UCLA (6-2) **beat** California 33-16
- Iowa (5-2) **beat** Ohio State 58-35

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It's Tommie For Heisman

Boulder, Colo. — First thing Monday morning, I'm making reservations for Tempe, Ariz., on Jan. 2.

And while I'm at it, I think I'll book a flight to New York City for the second weekend in December.

That's because Nebraska is going to win the national championship.

And quarterback Tommie Frazier should win the Heisman Trophy.

Those two facts were undeniable as the Rocky Mountain sunset over another Husker mauling of Colorado late Saturday. In one fell swoop, the Huskers beat CU, 44-21, and showed the Buffalo nation — as well as the rest of the country — that they mean business. And when this bunch gets Lawrence Phillips back, it will be downright untouchable.

But as the Huskers proved with an exclamation point Saturday, their main man is already on the field.

Tommie Heisman is the straw that stirs the Big Red.

National championship, Tommie Frazier. On the best day of his career, Frazier showed how intertwined he and the prize have become.

Near-Perfect Game

On a brilliant autumn day, with poll position to the Big Eight title and loftier goals at stake, it was a day made for Tommie Frazier. This is why he came to Nebraska. And this is how we should remember him: leading the Huskers to a near-perfect game in a hostile setting. Having the game of his life and the time of his life.

The Huskers rose to the occasion on Saturday in championship-form. Their stepladder was No. 15.

"Frazier is a great player," Nebraska Coach Tom Osborne said. "He holds everything together. He's a difference-maker."

One play said why. One unbelievable, unforgettable, totally Tommie-like play. A play Nebraskans will always talk about; one that will be the framed memory of how to remember Frazier.

Midway through the second quarter, Nebraska had a 21-14 lead and first down at the Buffs' 42. Frazier dropped back to pass. Tight end Mark Gilman was open deep. But then, suddenly, Colorado defensive end Mike Phillips blindsided Frazier.

He took the hit. And with Phillips pulling him down, Frazier managed to flick a pass out to I-back Ahman Green on the sidelines for a 35-yard gain to the 7-yard line.

Rave Reviews

The Huskers could only get a field goal out of the magical play. But no matter, Frazier's play had thrown down the gauntlet. The Huskers had come to play. Tommie would not be denied.

And the rave reviews haven't stopped.

"He's tough," Osborne said. "He took a hit that would have knocked a lot of people over. He has a lot of poise."

"He's a tough guy," said wingback Jon Vedral. "I didn't see it, but if someone tells me something like that about Tommie, I believe it."

"It was absolutely phenomenal," said outside linebacker coach Tony Samuel, who saw it from the press box. "He's going down and he just flicks the ball over to Ahman... that was as great a play as I've ever seen. It's unbelievable. He played himself to the top of the Heisman list."

Nebraska Secondary Coach George Darlington said, "It had to be devastating to the Colorado team. It was a Heisman Trophy candidate-type play. Just unbelievable. If he's not the Heisman Trophy winner, I'd hate to see who is."

More on that later. But first a word from Frazier on how you take the full impact of 215 pounds and still get off an accurate pass across the field. Just where does this magic come from?

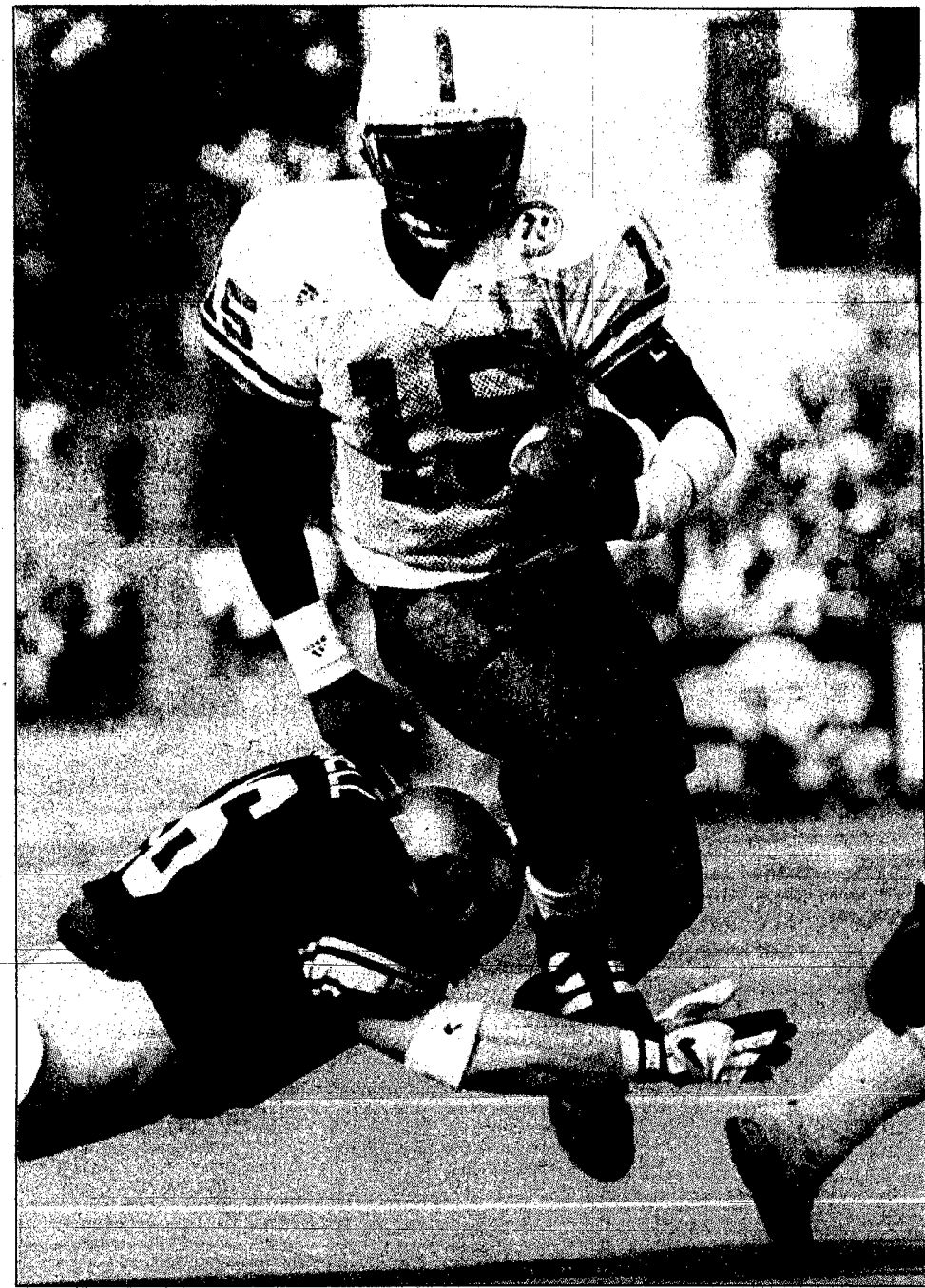
Best of Career

"The guy hit me. I knew where Ahman was and I tried to get the ball there as quickly as I could," Frazier said.

Oh.

Perhaps the geniuses can't really tell you how they do it. Or maybe they don't like to give out trade secrets.

In any case, it was the best game of Frazier's career. Better than the fourth



FRAZIER'S DAY: Nebraska quarterback Tommie Frazier crafted his best passing day ever (241 yards) and second-best total offense performance (281 yards) while throwing two touchdown passes and rushing for one in Saturday's 44-21 victory over No. 7 Colorado. Here, Frazier avoids Matt Russell's diving attempt before reaching the Buffs' 1-yard line.

Mustang Win Over Lancers Is 'Too Late'

Rochester Head Coach Doc DeCastillo said there was only one thing wrong with his team's 5-4 victory Saturday night over the Omaha Lancers.

"It came about six months too late," he said. "But we'll still take it."

DeCastillo, a former assistant with the Lancers, was referring to his team's first-round loss to Omaha last season in the United States Hockey League playoffs.

The underdog Mustangs won the first three games of the best-of-seven series but lost the final four games — including the decisive Game 7 in overtime.

Saturday's victory over the Lancers in front of the 153rd straight home sellout of 6,124 at Ak-Sar-Ben Coliseum was the first time since those playoffs that the two teams have met.

"We've got 10 guys back from that team, and they all remember what happened," DeCastillo said. "It was a classic series, and one that really hurt to lose."

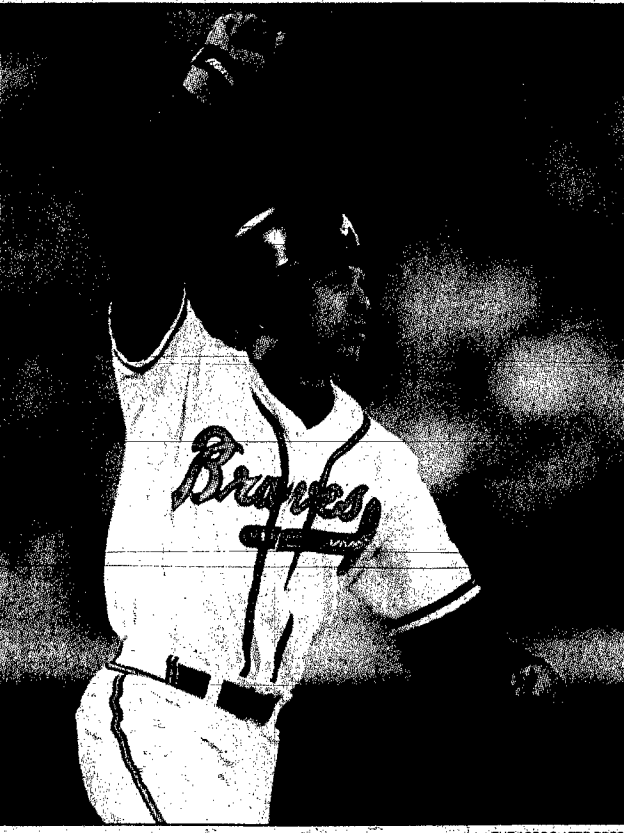
The Mustangs have bounced back nicely from that discouraging postseason. Rochester picked up its ninth straight win and sits atop the 11-team USHL with a 9-1 mark and 18 points.

"We're playing pretty well," DeCastillo said, "and we're getting the bounces. I think that was the case again tonight."

Rochester got one of those bounces with 1 minute, 46 seconds left when forward Wes Ruprecht pounced on a rebound and fired it past Omaha goalie Mike Correia for the game winner. The Lancers (5-3) threatened in the final minute but couldn't tie to force overtime.

"We just didn't play well enough," Omaha Coach Mike Hastings said. "Not for this team, and not for this crowd. We've got to figure out a way to maintain our intensity level for 60 minutes, and we didn't do that."

Hastings also was upset that his Lancers had been outshot at home for the second straight night. Rochester held a



ONLY RUN: Atlanta's David Justice celebrates his solo home run in the sixth inning off Cleveland reliever Jim Poole. Justice added a double in the game.

Fast Start Helps Kansas State Slow Kansas

Manhattan, Kan. — Kick-started by the Kansas punt team, Kansas State made the Jayhawks wilt, 41-7 in the "Sunflower State Showdown."

The Wildcats also tried to make their national reputation blossom again in Saturday's game before a record KSU Stadium crowd of 44,284.

KSU, thumped by Nebraska 49-25 last week after falling behind 42-6, took advantage of two bad punts for nine early points and never lost control.

"I think it was big that we got the quick points," KSU quarterback Matt Miller said. "We did a great job on special teams, we got the safety, and came out and got a touchdown pass. I think it showed them that we had come out ready to play."

The Wildcats, ranked 14th, gained back some measure of respectability after being labeled as "frauds" for much of the past week after NU handed them their first loss.

KU, ranked sixth, had already beaten Colorado and Oklahoma on the road, but the Jayhawks barely had a chance to extend their record to 8-0.

On KU's first series, Sear McDermott's snap to punter Darrin Simmons

Frazier's Aim Perfect as NU Drops Buffs

Boulder, Colo. — It would be easier to list the things second-ranked Nebraska didn't do right in Saturday's 44-21 thumping of seventh-ranked Colorado.

But that wouldn't do justice to what eventually may be remembered as the best all-around performance by an NU team in Tom Osborne's 23 years as head coach.

In front of a record crowd of 54,063 at Folsom Field, including college football writers from 15 of the nation's largest publications, the Huskers:

- Rolled past a Top 10 opponent for the second straight week without trailing.
- Were assessed no penalty yards — despite deafening crowd noise at times — for the first time since the 1976 Oklahoma game.
- Had no turnovers for the third straight game.
- Allowed no sacks.
- Scored on their first play from scrimmage on I-back Ahman Green's 57-yard run.
- Showed a balanced offense (226 yards rushing, 241 passing) against a Colorado defense that loaded up to stop the run.
- Held CU's Top 10-ranked offense 20 points and 122 yards under its average.
- Got a perfect kicking job from freshman Kris Brown (3 of 3 field goals, 5 of 5 extra points).

And then there was Tommie Frazier. The senior quarterback from Palmetto, Fla., might want to clear his calendar for Dec. 9. That's the day the Heisman Trophy is awarded in New York, and his presence as one of the three finalists for college football's top award may be requested after his showing Saturday.

"I'm an option quarterback, but I can throw when I have to," Frazier said after posting career passing highs of 14 completions (in 23 attempts) and 241 yards.

His 52-yard touchdown bomb to wingback Clester Johnson put Nebraska ahead 21-7 in the first quarter. His 7-yard

NU Total Offense

Tommie Frazier now ranks No. 3 on Nebraska's all-time total offense list after his 281-yard performance Saturday against Colorado:

Yards	Player	Final Year
5,283	Jerry Tagge	1974
5,027	David Humm	1974
4,948	Tommie Frazier	1995
4,940	Steve Taylor	1988
4,780	Mike Gill	1983
4,634	Turner Gill	1983
3,270	Vince Ferragamo	76
3,153	Calvin Jones	1993
3,037	Ken Clark	1989
2,814	I.M. Hipp	1979

strike to wingback Jon Vedral with 10 seconds left in the first half completed a momentum-swinging 83-yard drive that put the Huskers ahead 31-14.

"I saw them deflate after that," Frazier said. "They expected to go in down by 10, and instead it was 17."

He added 40 yards rushing, including a clinching 2-yard touchdown run with 2:46 to play.

"They seemed determined to get a shot at me," said Frazier, who had tacklers ganging up on him throughout the game. "But I had a good pay back with my last touchdown."

With such a stunning all-around team performance, the buzz in the press box was whether Nebraska might jump past No. 1 Florida State when this week's polls come out today. The Seminoles, who haven't played a rated team, were idle Saturday.

"I don't want to get into that No. 1 vs. No. 2 controversy," Osborne said. "We'll just let the voters take a look."

Osborne also showed little interest in comparing this team to last year's national championship squad.

"I don't want to get involved in superlatives," he said. "About the time

Braves End Quest With One-Hitter

Atlanta (AP) — Atlanta pitcher Steve Avery took a victory lap around the bases and slid into home plate.

Fans lingered long after the last out. That's how winners act.

The Atlanta Braves have the look of World Series champions at last.

Five years of frustration ended Saturday night when Tom Glavine pitched one-hit ball for eight innings and David Justice homered, bringing the city of Atlanta its first major sports title with a 1-0 victory over the Cleveland Indians in Game 6 of the World Series.

"This has been a long time coming. This organization and this group of guys has worked so hard to get here and we've come up short," said Glavine, whose two wins made him the Series' Most Valuable Player.

"That bitterness of losing the World Series games is really fresh in everyone's mouth," he said.

But it's gone now, drowned out by champagne — sprayed and guzzled all over the locker room.

"We worked hard and we deserved it and we're going to enjoy it," said team owner Ted Turner, walking around the locker room repeating, "At last, at last."

Series losers in 1991 and 1992, National League playoff losers in 1993 and denied a chance in 1994 by the players' strike, the Braves had won more games

than any team in the major leagues over the past five years, but were still compared to the Buffalo Bills, who lost four straight Super Bowls. No team in baseball history had gone to the postseason four times in a row without winning the championship, and the Braves made sure it didn't happen to them.

Justice, who had criticized Braves fans for being too quiet, gave them reason to cheer when he homered leading off the sixth inning against reliever Jim Poole. After the game, Justice blew kisses to the crowd.

"I was really a nervous wreck coming in today because I'd been in this situation before, where you're up 3-2," Justice said. "I really had a good feeling that it was our time. We had suffered enough. It was time for our club and time for our city to get one."

Glavine and Mark Wohlers combined on the fifth one-hitter in Series history and first since Jim Lonborg for Boston in 1967, allowing only a soft single by Tony Pena starting the sixth inning. Glavine

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