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Miami (1-0)	Washington (2-0) beat Wisconsin (2-1-0)	Notre Dame (1-0-1) tied Michigan (1-1-1)	Florida (2-0) beat Kentucky (2-0-1)	Florida St. (2-0) beat Clemson (2-2-0)	Michigan (1-0-1) tied Notre Dame (1-1-1)	Texas A&M (2-0) beat Tulsa (1-0-0)	Alabama (2-0) beat Mississippi (1-1-1)	Syracuse (2-0) beat Texas (2-2-1)	Penn State (2-0) beat Temple (2-0-0)	Nebraska (2-0) beat Middle Tenn. St. (1-0-1)	Colorado (2-0) beat Baylor (2-0-0)	Oklahoma (2-0) beat Oklahoma St. (1-0-1)	Georgia (1-1) lost to Tennessee (2-0-1)	Georgia Tech (1-1) lost to Florida State (2-0-1)	UCLA (1-1) tied Fullerton (1-1-1)	California (1-1) lost to Purdue (2-0-1)	Mississippi State (1-1) lost to Louisiana State (2-0-1)	N Carolina (1-0) lost Maryland (1-0-1)	Tennessee (2-0) beat Georgia (2-0-1)	Stanford (1-1) beat Oregon (2-1-1)	Ohio State (2-0) beat Bowling Green (1-1-0)	Virginia Tech (1-0) beat Western Carolina (1-0-0)	Georgia Tech (1-0) beat Brigham Young (1-0-1)	Brigham Young (1-1) lost to San Diego St. (2-0-0)

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## Osborne's Words Light NU Fire



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### Trip Worth It For MTSU

Lincoln — There are 15 proud alumni of Middle Tennessee State University living in Nebraska and John Linke was one of the few crazy, brave or lucky enough to show his face Saturday at Memorial Stadium. At any given moment, it was any or all of the above.

"FUMBLE!" Linke screamed as a Husker did just that in the second quarter.

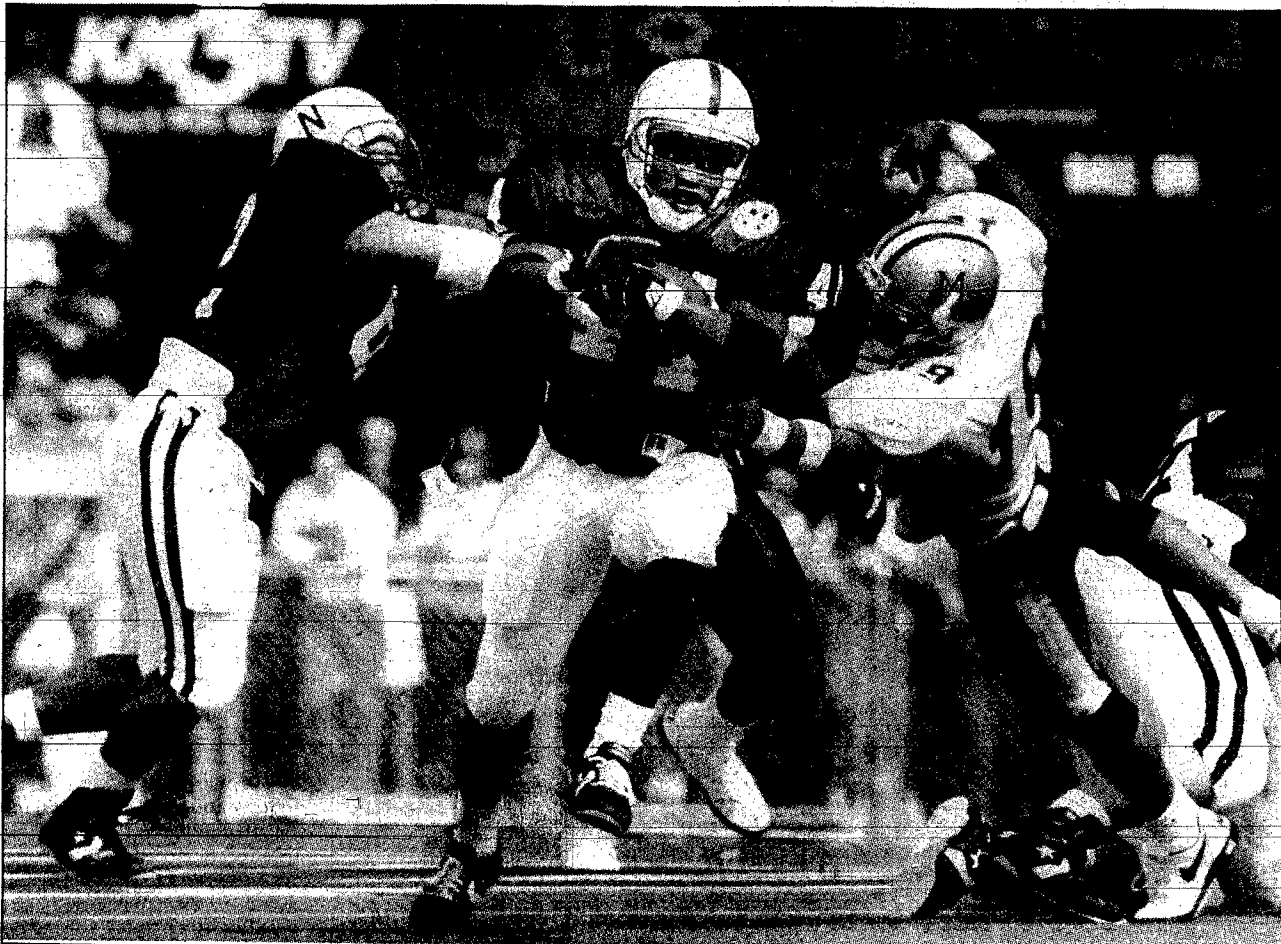
"Shut up, John," a friend yelled back.

He couldn't. Not today. Fifty-one weeks of the year, Linke is Mr. Big Red. But on Saturday, Linke, a chief of recreation for the V.A. Medical Center in Lincoln, was in his own cosmic world amongst the wheelchair patients he escorts to Nebraska home games.

And it was more than OK. The Blue Raiders had just thrown a bomb to tie the game at 7. Linke was making sure everyone saw his MTSU sweat-shirt.

"This is more than you could expect," Linke said. "But if we had made those two field goals, I'd really be yelling."

Fate brought the Ord, Neb., native to Murfreesboro, Tenn., much like it brought the Division I-AA Blue Raiders to Lincoln in 1992. After earning his undergraduate degree from Kearney State in 1971, Linke entered the Army and was stationed at Fort Campbell, Ky., where he was married and followed his wife to Murfreesboro. He earned his master's in 1975.



I-BACK SHOW: Nebraska I-backs Calvin Jones, No. 44, and Derek Brown combined for 273 yards and three touchdowns against Middle Tennessee State. Here, Jones, who rushed for 119 yards, blasts past blocker Ken Mehlin, left, and defender Derek Huggins for a 23-yard run. Brown rushed for 154 yards.

### 34-Point Burst In Second Half Ices Victory

BY LEE BARFKNECHT  
WORLD-HERALD STAFF WRITER

Lincoln — Nebraska Coach Tom Osborne's halftime speech Saturday won't qualify as an official "red-faced job."

"I only saw one vein pop out of his neck," 16-year assistant Charlie McBride said. "A real red-faced job is a two-veiner."

But the message still got through — the 11th-ranked team in Division I-AA should have more than a seven-point halftime lead at home against the No. 5 team in Division I-AA.

So the Huskers spent the next 30 minutes putting Osborne's blood vessels and Middle Tennessee State back in their places.

Nebraska gained 374 yards and scored 34 points in the final two quarters to blow out MTSU 48-7 before a Memorial Stadium crowd of 76,184. That makes the Huskers 2-0 entering this week's showdown at No. 2 Washington.

"I'm kind of relieved that's over," Osborne said. "Like I told you earlier, there is a lot of downside risk to a game like this."

Such as national embarrassment. Osborne said he noted that in his halftime remarks.

"They weren't real kind," said the 20-year coach, who has uncorked what his assistants say are three official "red-faced" halftime speeches — at the 1977 Liberty Bowl when down 14-7 to North Carolina, in 1981 when down 3-0 to Auburn and in 1986 when down 14-7 at Iowa State. Nebraska rallied to win all.

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### Patch of Blue

Almost two decades later, the 43-year-old found himself in his native Nebraska, finding it quite hard to believe he was seeing these two slices of his life colliding in Memorial Stadium. He wasn't alone.

"I was flabbergasted when I heard they were playing Nebraska," said Bill Kaltsounis (Class of '62), who lives in Omaha with his wife, Stella (master's at MTSU, 1978). "I really don't understand. Who made the arrangements?"

Bob Lamb, a former president of the Blue Raiders Booster Club, sat amongst the patch of blue, some wearing T-shirts and sweatshirts with the line "We did it for the money" on the back. How true. Reality wasn't 41-7 in the fourth quarter. It was the \$300,000 in Nebraska money that was going to MTSU spring sports. Tom Osborne, the Blue Raider women's softball team thanks you.

"You have to get mentally prepared for these," Lamb said. "You go in with the attitude that this is fun. It's interesting to see how we, with our 50-some scholarships, stack up to the best in college football. It's a good learning experience. No reason for the kids to hang their heads."

Or their fans.

"Hey," said Lamb, "when it was 14-7 at halftime, that had to raise some eyebrows nationwide."

### Comparisons

Chuck Shaw (Class of '78) had predicted 84-12.

"I'm happy that we're nowhere near that," Shaw said. "I think we'll do as well as other I-AA schools that Nebraska will play this year."

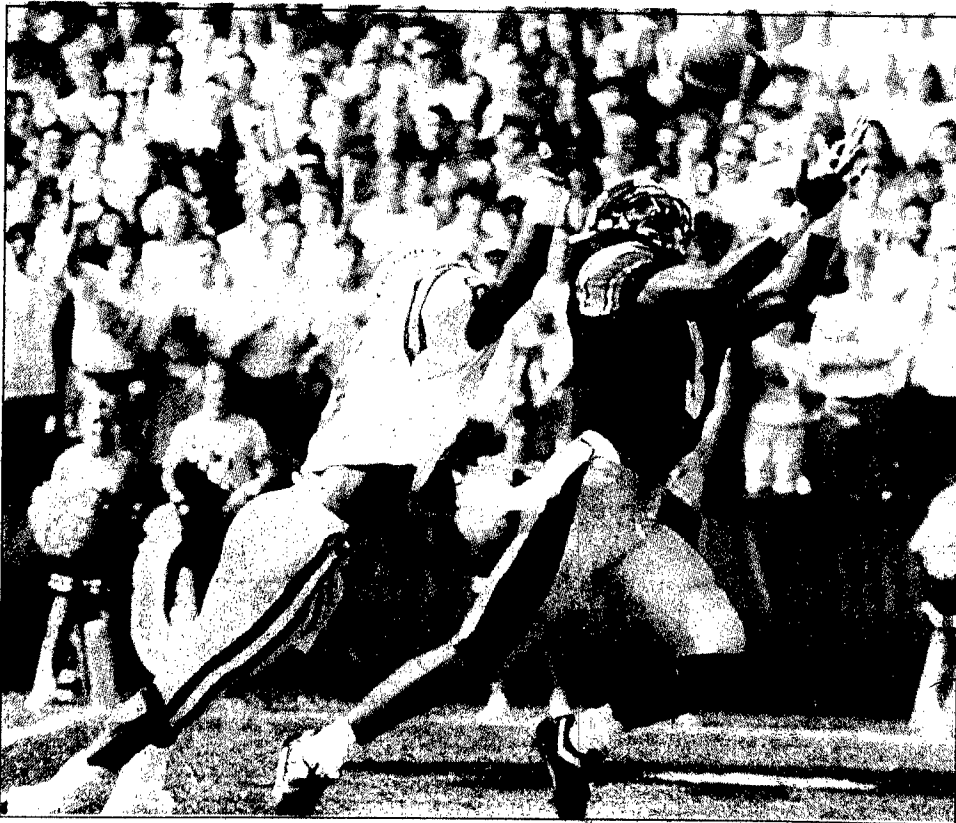
That was important. The comparison, MTSU, known for its mass communications and aerospace departments, has some 17,000 students, with officials estimating 25,000 by the year 2000. By then, it fully expects to be I-AA in football. Financing more sports will be necessary, so these payoff games are equally necessary.

"It's a good experience for everybody," said Dr. James E. Walker, MTSU president. "We came in last night and had a good time. I actually took my daughters to see the Clint Eastwood movie 'Unforgiven.' That's how we'll remember Lincoln: Clint and Nebraska. They were very unforgiving."

Funny how the MTSU faithful were able to find it in their hearts and their wallets to forgive.

"People in Nebraska don't understand how valuable the money is to us," Lamb said. "They beat the hell out of us. That's OK."

The check's in the mail.



HAWKEYES CONNECT: Iowa receiver Danan Hughes catches a first-quarter touchdown pass in front of Iowa State's Shawn Walker for a 14-0 lead.

### Mavs' Defensive Wall Stalls UNK in 17-3 Win

BY MIKE PATTERSON  
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The University of Nebraska at Kearney football team spent Saturday night running into a brick wall.

It was called the University of Nebraska at Omaha defense.

The Mavericks held the Antelopes to 88 yards in total offense to post a 17-3 victory before an estimated 6,700 at Caniglia Field. The win boosted UNO to 2-0 and dropped UNK to 0-2.

The Antelopes didn't pick up their initial first down until the final play of the first half. UNK finished with five first downs, 69 yards rushing and 19 yards passing.

"Our defense really played well and played consistently," UNO Coach Tom Mueller said. "We just flat got after them."

Despite the defensive domination, the Mavs led just 10-3 at halftime. After a scoreless first quarter, it was fitting that a UNO linebacker scored the first points.

Facing second down and 12 from the UNK 18, Antelopes' quarterback Ken Terry dropped back to pass. But defensive end Kirk Peterson forced him to rush his throw, which landed in the eager hands of UNO linebacker Rick Roh.

Roh, a 205-pound junior from Fre-

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### INSIDE SPORTS

#### YANKS WIN AGAIN

Randy Velarde's three-gun homer carries New York past Kansas City 11-9 for its sixth straight win. George Brett has four hits and needs 18 more for 3,000. Page 2.

#### BUFFS GET EVEN

Kordell Stewart throws three touchdown passes as Colorado dumps Baylor 57-38. The Buffaloes avenge a home loss to Baylor from last season. Page 9.

#### GROUSE HUNT

Nebraska's hunters surprise the Game and Parks Commission as the grouse season gets off to a better than expected start. Outdoor Recreation, Page 15.

### Hawkeye Defense Knocks Wind Out Of Cyclone Attack

BY STEVEN PIVOVAR  
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Iowa City, Iowa — Iowa's defense Saturday turned Iowa State's new offense into no offense.

The Hawkeyes stuffed the Cyclones' new triple-option attack, especially in the second half, to set the tone in a 21-7 victory before 70,397 at Kinnick Stadium. The victory, Iowa's first of the year, extended the Hawkeyes' string of wins over Iowa State to 10.

"They turned this into a field-position football game," Iowa State Coach Jim Walden said. "It's tough playing on 60 yards of turf. But that's a tribute to their defense."

"I thought our defense played lights out until we just got worn out at the end."

Iowa's defense, stung by allowing a total of 952 yards in season-opening losses to 19th-ranked North Carolina State and No. 1 Miami, held Iowa State to 269 yards. Half that total came on two drives — a 64-yard scoring march in the closing minutes of the first half and a 70-yard march after Iowa had scored the clinching touchdown midway through the final quarter.

Iowa State, which had totaled 435

yards in a 35-9 season-opening win over Ohio University, averaged almost 7 yards on 19 plays on those two drives. The Cyclones' other 39 plays produced an average of 3.4 yards per attempt.

"We didn't score as many points as we'd like to have — I'm not critical that we didn't," Iowa Coach Hayden Fry said. "The thing I'm extremely proud of was that we held them to seven points."

"It wasn't any shortcomings of Iowa State. Our defense played extremely hard."

Iowa's offense stacked up 447 yards and averaged 6 yards a play. Quarterback Jim Hartlieb threw for 218 yards, with Danan Hughes catching eight passes for 133 yards and a touchdown. Running backs Marvin Lampkin and Ryan Terry rushed for 83 and 80 yards.

"We needed something positive to happen," said Hartlieb, who completed his first eight passes and finished 14 for 22, with one interception.

"It seemed like forever since we had won a game. We've worked too hard to have that many losses in a row."

Iowa hadn't won since last November. The Hawkeyes tied Brigham Young University in the Holiday Bowl, then opened the season with losses of 24-14 to North

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### Seles Feeling Just Fine After U.S. Open Repeat

THE NEW YORK TIMES

New York — In her seventh and final match of the U.S. Open, Monica Seles faced her stiffest challenge Saturday. Unfortunately for Arantxa Sanchez Vicario, it wasn't until match-point.

Before she succumbed 6-3, 6-3, Sanchez Vicario saved five of them, a clear demonstration of the grit and determination that elevated her to her first Open final. She just wasn't strong enough to beat the defending champion, the grunting, groundstroking assassin who is clearly tennis' best.

For the second straight year, the 18-year-old Seles closed the Grand Slam

season by winning her third of four major tournaments, cementing her No. 1 ranking and adding \$500,000 to her savings account. She lost no sets during the Open fortnight. She dropped only 20 games.

Adding Saturday's 90-minute exercise, her court time amounted to about 7½ hours.

"Last year was special because it was the first time I won the Open, and up until then, I didn't play well here," said Seles, who lost in the Wimbledon final to Steffi Graf. "This year, I wasn't feeling too well in the second week, though the only match I really felt sick was the one

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