

**The Top 25:  
How they  
Fared**

The Associated Press ratings

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Florida (3-0) did not play	Nebraska (4-0) beat Pacific 70-21	Florida State (4-0) beat North Carolina 37-18	Michigan (2-1) beat Colorado 27-26	Penn State (4-0) beat Rutgers 52-27	Miami (2-1) lost to Washington 38-20	Colorado (3-0) beat Michigan 27-28	Arizona (3-0) beat Stanford 34-10	Noire Dame (3-1) beat Purdue 36-21	Auburn (4-0) beat E. Tenn. St. 38-0	Alabama (4-0) beat Tulane 20-10	Texas A&M (3-0) beat Southern Miss 41-17	North Carolina (2-1) beat Florida State 31-18	Virginia Tech (4-0) beat W. Virginia 34-6	Texas (3-0) beat Texas Christian 34-18	Wisconsin (2-1) beat Indiana 62-13	Washington (2-1) beat Miami 38-20	UCLA (2-2) lost to Washington St. 21-0	Southern Cal (1-1) played Baylor, tie	Ohio State (3-1) beat Houston 52-0	Oklahoma (2-1) did not play	Washington St. (3-0) beat UCLA 27-0	Tennessee (1-3) lost to Miss. State 24-21	NC State (3-0) beat Western Carolina 38-13	Indiana (3-1) lost to Wisconsin 62-13

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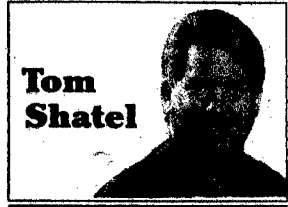
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**Tom Shatel**

**'Money Game Is Big Loser'**

Lincoln  
Where's that remote control when you need it?  
At halftime Saturday at Memorial Stadium, we were in desperate need of the world's largest remote control, to switch off the ugliness that protruded on the two biggest TV screens in Nebraska.  
Surely there was a good, old movie on somewhere. Anybody seen "Double Indemnity" lately?  
Better yet, could someone turn it over to a real football game, like Colorado's last-second victory over Michigan?  
—Oh, some might say that would be insulting to show another game during State U's weekly performance. I say it was more insulting to Nebraska fans to stage this "game" at all.  
Then again, this wasn't a game. It was a business deal.

**Tigers Gave Up**

That 70-21 victory over out-of-place Pacific was a sad day for Nebraska football. It was the day that two schools bowed down and kissed the almighty dollar. It was the day that college football died.  
Nebraska scored 70 points Saturday and didn't prove one. What's the point of playing when your first team is done for the day in the second quarter? Why bother?  
"After we scored our first touchdown, they gave up," Nebraska tight end Eric Alford said. "Like they were saying, 'We're just here for the money.'"  
There was no feigning dignity with Nebraska vs. Pacific.  
Alford's blunt commentary raised the only point of the day: Brook Berringer and Co. got some major battle scars, but at what speed? Who got more for the future out of Saturday, Nebraska or Colorado?  
Once upon a time, Nebraska took on the world. Love those 1982 and 1986 schedules. But that was before inflation and gender equity held the athletic director hostage.

**\$1 Million Games**

Home games now are precious commodities worth \$1 million. Very few football powers now play more than one road non-conference game because they need the home revenue to support the rest of the athletic department. Because \$1 million will buy a lot of softball uniforms.  
There are loopholes called state funding and student fees, two things foreign to Nebraska but two things that bring \$4.5 million to Colorado's athletic department each year and allow the Buffs to skip a home game or two. There were times Saturday when you wished Nebraska would sacrifice the \$1 million and play at Penn State or Michigan. But you tell the women's track team that it can't have a program. Those athletes will see you in court.  
The bottom line is that it's all about money. Pacific was a last-minute stand-in for Utah State, but don't look now: The Tigers will be back — next Sept. 23 and probably beyond, which is good news for them. Pacific made a cool \$400,000 Saturday for providing us with this monstrosity.  
Then again, everyone plays a Pacific. Sadly, this is what college football has become all too often. On Saturday the stately inscription on the Memorial Stadium cornerstone should have read: "Not the victory but the paycheck, not the goal but the greed; in the deed the gender equity."

**Faithful Fans**

Meanwhile, it's college football and its fans that suffer, though after Saturday you have to wonder how much. Who were those people still in their seats in the fourth quarter?  
Whoever you are, Athletic Director Bill Byrne would like to thank you. You don't have to wonder if Nebraskans will mind paying \$250 per seat to watch Pacific players fall down. Saturday was more living proof that there is no place like Nebraska.  
You won't hear any complaints from Adam Kucera, the former Nebraska team manager who suited up at quarterback Saturday. Thanks to Pacific, the Kearney native got to run out in front of thousands of Nebraska fans and live out his fantasy.  
"It was a dream come true," Kucera said.  
Funny, but the business manager was saying the same thing.

**Buff Finds Miracle on His Fingertips**

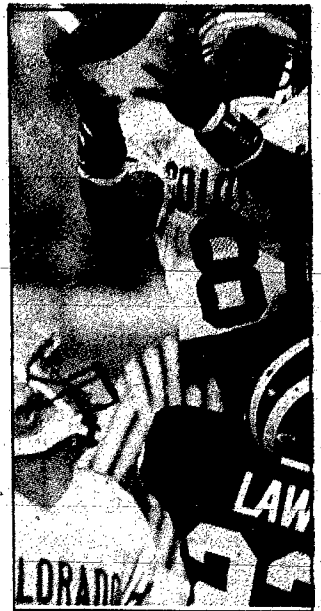
BY STEVEN PIVOVAR  
WORLD-HERALD STAFF WRITER

Ann Arbor, Mich. — The play Colorado calls "rocket" delivered a football miracle Saturday afternoon to the Buffaloes.  
Kordell Stewart's 64-yard touchdown pass to Michael Westbrook, who caught the ball after it was tipped, gave the Buffaloes a 27-26 victory over fourth-ranked Michigan on the final play of the game. The six-second turn of events stunned most of the 106,427 at Michigan Stadium into an eerie silence.  
Stewart's final pass, which traveled 74 yards in the air and reminded many of Doug Flutie's famous "Hail Mary" connection a decade ago against Miami, completed a 13-point rally in the game's final two minutes and 16 seconds. The comeback kept the seventh-ranked Buffaloes unbeaten after three games, while Michigan dropped to 2-1.  
"It was a miracle," Stewart said later. "A gift from God. There's no other way to describe it."  
Colorado Coach Bill McCartney called the victory a testament to his

**Huskies Halt Miami Streak**

Miami (AP) — The Washington Huskies did something Saturday that no team had done since 1985.  
They beat the Miami Hurricanes in the Orange Bowl.  
Washington scored 22 points in the first five minutes of the second half and rallied past Miami 38-20, ending the Hurricanes' NCAA record 58-game winning streak at home.  
"As you grow up, you recognize UM as one of the finest programs in the country," Washington fullback Richard Thomas said. "If you don't dream about playing here, you dream about beating them."  
The Huskies' onslaught began when Thomas caught a screen pass

for Colorado in 1982. "For this group of players, it gives them a chance to look forward to bigger ones."  
It might be impossible to duplicate the swing of emotions that engulfed the Buffaloes in the final six seconds Saturday.  
"Words can't describe what we're feeling right now," McCartney said. "We had to overcome adversity all day, and up until that final play, everyone still believed we were going to win."  
Once ahead 14-3, Colorado found itself trailing 26-14 after Michigan took control by scoring on four straight possessions late in the second quarter and into the third.  
The Buffaloes appeared ready to cut into that lead in the fourth quarter, but Stewart fumbled just short of the goal line to kill the threat with 5:08 remaining.  
"We could have given up then, but we didn't," Stewart said. "Guys came up to me and told me to keep my head up. One of them told me I still had time to work some magic, and I thought, 'What Please turn to Page 8, Col. 1



HEAVEN SENT: Colorado's Michael Westbrook hauls in the game-winning pass against Michigan with no time left.

team's character, as well as the crowning moment to a coaching career that includes guiding the Buffaloes to the 1990 national championship.

"For me personally, this is the ultimate victory," said McCartney, a former Michigan assistant-making his first return to Michigan Stadium since leaving



TEN TOUCHDOWNS: Quarterback Brook Berringer scores the fifth of 10 Nebraska touchdowns against Pacific, a 6-yard run with 14:31 left in the first half that gave NU a 35-0 lead. Berringer also threw three TD passes in Saturday's 70-21 home victory, the Huskers' fifth-highest scoring total during the Tom Osborne head-coaching era.

**NU Point Parade Drowns Pacific**

BY LEE BARFKNECHT  
WORLD-HERALD STAFF WRITER

Lincoln — Against Pacific on Saturday, Nebraska used three I-backs in the first series, three quarterbacks by half-time and no defensive starters in the third or fourth quarters.  
And it still got ugly.  
The No. 1- and 2-ranked Huskers scored on their first seven possessions, punted once, then scored on three of the

next four series in a 70-21 rout of the Tigers before 75,273 fans at Memorial Stadium.  
NU Coach Tom Osborne said he was happy that 104 players got in the game.  
"If there was anything we accomplished today," he said, "we got a lot of playing time to some guys who need to play."  
Four threw passes, including scout-team quarterback Adam Kucera, who until a month ago was a student manager.

Eleven others caught passes and 16 players ran the ball as the Huskers (4-0) posted the seventh-highest offensive yardage total — 699 — in history and tied the modern-day school record for most points in a half with 49.  
"But I worry a little about not having the top units play more," Osborne said.  
Almost without fail in his 22 years as head coach, Osborne has used his No. 1 units in the first two series of the third quarter, regardless of the score.

But Saturday, the Blackshirts rested while the No. 2 defense opened the second half. Offensively, fewer than half of the starters ever returned to the field.  
"To be real selfish about developing a team for this year," Osborne said, "we maybe needed to play the top units longer today."  
"On the other hand, you'd hate to have the score be 35-0 or 42-0 and get a Zach Wiegert (an all-conference tackle) or somebody like that hurt."

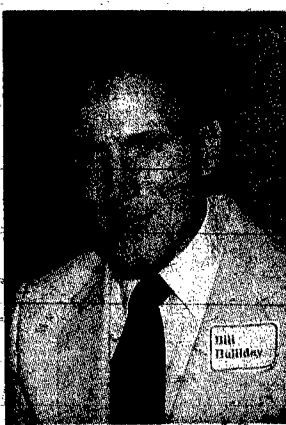
Injury awareness is what limited starting quarterback Tommie Frazier to nine snaps.  
Osborne said the three-year starter wasn't assured of opening the game Saturday because of recurring tightness in his right calf. Only after moving well in pregame warmup was Frazier allowed to start.  
He left after leading touchdown drives  
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**Step by Grueling Step, Coach Beats the Odds**

BY STU POSPISIL  
WORLD-HERALD BUREAU

Lincoln — One month ago, Bill Holliday walked through the front entrance to Denver's Craig Hospital.  
No wheelchair, no crutches. All the Loomis boys basketball coach needed to steady himself, as he took slow steps, was a short walking crutch on his left arm.  
Aug. 15 was Holliday's Independence Day, a celebration of a vow made in 1989 when he left the Denver hospital in a wheelchair. He had spent four months there after breaking his neck and suffering near-total paralysis in a hunting accident near Kearney, Neb.  
"I was not going back to Craig until I could go in on my own," Holliday said. "I worked on walking with only that forearm crutch for three weeks before going there."  
"The only time I had to visit before school started was a Sunday or Monday. And I wanted to be there on a Monday to see people, especially one

doctor."  
That doctor, Holliday said, told him he could not recover from his injuries.  
"He told me I never was going to walk or use my arms again, so I might as well be realistic and be in a wheelchair the rest of my life," Holliday said. "I didn't want to hear that. I knew I'd be able to accomplish those things."  
Holliday, 52, has been an achiever since he was a schoolboy in Wilsonville, Neb. He set the state's career scoring record in high school basketball with 2,748 points. He has more than 300 career coaching victories, with a Class B state championship in 1976 at Aurora.  
Friday night, he joined the Nebraska High School Athletic Hall of Fame as one of 26 charter inductees. This winter, he returns as Loomis' basketball coach after a three-year absence.  
His biggest milestone remains the walk into Craig Hospital.



BILL HOLLIDAY: A doctor told him he could not recover from his injuries.

"When I walked in, it was sort of emotional," Holliday said. "I don't know how to explain it. It was like being from Wahoo when you knew you'd win the state tournament. I had won the state tournament. It was the same gut feeling, the same inspiration."  
"I worked hard for three weeks to  
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**Coyotes Find End Zone; UNO Still Seeking Win**

BY MIKE PATTERSON  
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Vermillion, S.D. — Because South Dakota scored three touchdowns late, UNO's first football victory will have to wait.  
The Coyotes struck for 20 points in the final seven minutes to rally for a 30-16 victory Saturday over the Mavericks. The win boosted South Dakota to 3-1 overall and 1-1 in the North Central Conference and dropped the University of Nebraska at Omaha to 0-4 and 0-2.  
A crowd of 3,125 at the DakotaDome watched the two teams slug it out in a tight defensive battle for three quarters. The Coyotes led 10-6 entering the fourth quarter, but Brian Ruch's third field goal and a 1-yard touchdown run by Maurad Cave put UNO ahead 16-10 with 8:10 left.  
"We were in great position at that point," Mavs Coach Pat Behrs said. "But we just couldn't stop them when we needed to most."  
It took the Coyotes less than two minutes to drive 65 yards for the tying touchdown. Running back Jason Leber accounted for most of the yardage, rushing for 25 yards on one carry and 27

on the next play for the score.  
But with the game tied 16-16, the Coyotes inexplicably went for the two-point conversion off a fake kick. But quarterback Broc Halseth was run out of bounds short of the goal line and the game remained tied.  
"That was just a mistake from the sidelines," South Dakota Coach Dennis Creehan said. "There's no way we should be trying for two at that point."  
The Mavs were unable to move on their next possession, and the Coyotes took over on their own 33 with 4:10 left.  
Then came the play that broke the game open, and it was a Coyote from Omaha who made it.  
On second down, freshman running back Cliff Perry broke loose for a 61-yard gain to the UNO 4. The graduate of Omaha Westside put South Dakota in position for the win, and three plays later Reise Officer barreled in from the 1.  
"The whole game was that big play," said UNO linebacker Cedric Welch. "We needed to stop them and we didn't do it."  
Any chance UNO had to rally died on its next series when a pass by quarterback Troy Kloewer was picked off by linebacker Dan Holmberg and returned  
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