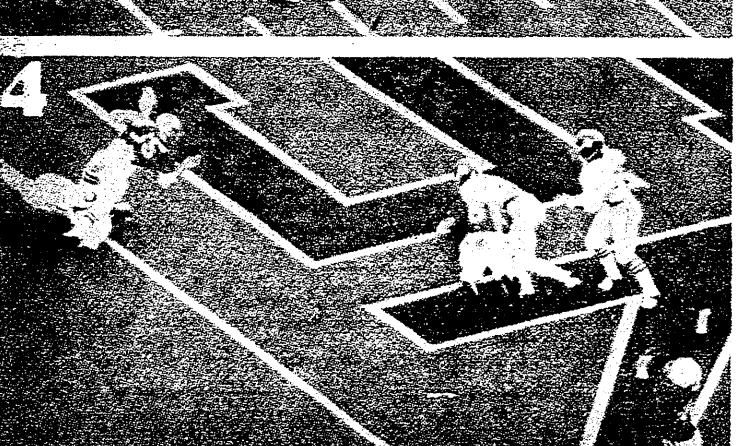
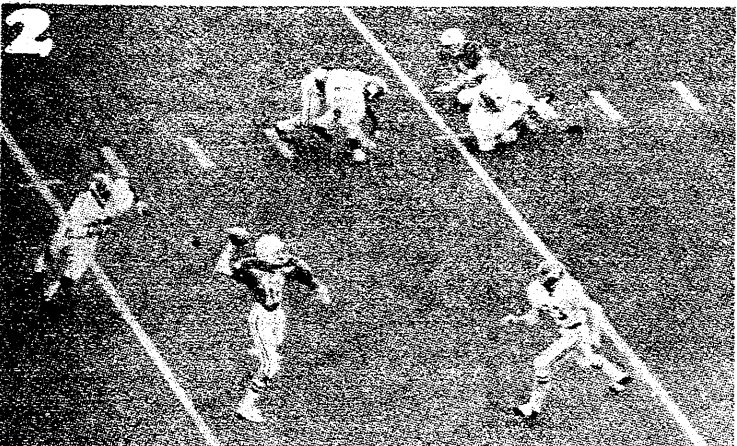
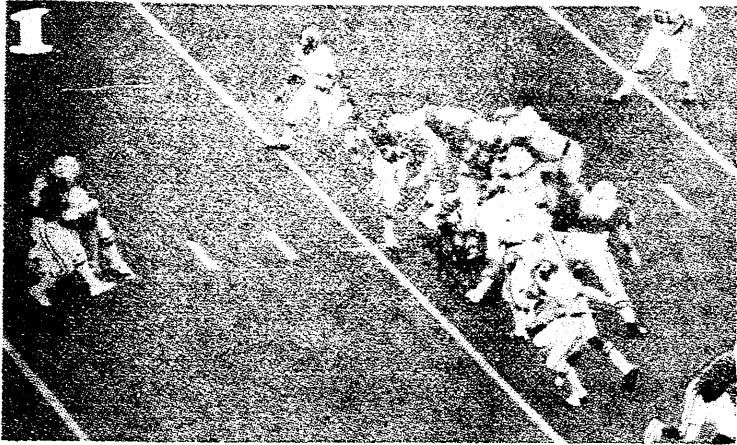


Believe It! A Galaxy of Tricky Stars Proves Big Red 'Force' Is Not Dead



Surprise! Surprise! Surprise!

Nebraska had a chance to close the gap from 7-3 to 7-5, a simple field goal for Billy Todd with a fourth-and-three situation from the 7-yard-line. But, no, the Huskers had bigger ideas. The play unfolded with the fake field goal as Berns streaked parallel to the line of scrimmage. Garcia rolled to the right as Todd threw a block. Berns took the pass and eluded a tackler at the 4-yard-line before toppling over Alabama's Mike Tucker (21) into the end zone.

By Tom Ash

World-Herald Sports Writer Lincoln — It was showcase football, and, coming when it did, the 31-24 upset of Alabama Saturday ranked as one of Nebraska's proudest moments.

Tom Osborne, the whippersnapper coaching the Cornhuskers, outfoxed the Bear. The sometimes daring, sometimes brutal Husker offense, which had sometimes looked like a winner the week before, finished the job.

The defense, which had sprung leaks in the secondary a week earlier, gamely hung on while trying to slow down the finely-tuned Alabama wishbone, then came to the rescue of the offense with four of its five pass interceptions when they were most needed in the second half.

It was a game that kept a roaring Husker turnout of 75,899 in its seats at Memorial

Big Red Ain't Dead

Table with 3 columns: Team, Points, and other stats. Includes Alabama and Nebraska scores.

Stadium until the final play had ABC-TV moguls beaming about the ratings.

The 'Force'

From the moment the hyped up Huskers and the visitors

from Dixie mobbed their captains following the pregame coin toss until the locker room pandemonium finally died out afterward. There was ample proof that Nebraska football is very much alive.

What was that Washington State score?

In an emotional scene, defensive captain Jeff Carpenter presented the game ball to Osborne on behalf of the coaching staff. "They believed in us. They never gave up on us like a lot of the fans did," he said. "But the fans sure stuck with us today."

It had been a "quiet week" for the Huskers following the 19-10 upset by Washington State, Carpenter said, but the squad started pumping up Friday night after watching the movie "Star Wars."

"You gotta believe in the force," Carpenter said, refer-

ing to the movie theme. The major force that did in the Crimson Tide, the No. 3 and 4 team in the major national polls, was an offense that hammered out 417 yards. It included 129 yards and three touchdowns by I-back Rick Berns and an 80-yard march to the winning touchdown in the final 7:12.

'Class Game'

But with Alabama's precision attack that accounted for 430 yards, 7:12 could have been a century.

Front and center, Black-shirts.

Monster back Jimmy Pilleen cut in front of Tide receivers twice in the last 4 1/2 minutes to steal Jeff Rutledge passes to let the defense share hero honors.

"It was just a class game. Please turn to Page 6, Col. 5.

Honey Bear Greet Writers... Pronto

By Tom Allan

WORLD-HERALD BUREAU. Lincoln — Alabama's Coach Paul "Bear" Bryant didn't look like a bear caught in a hornets nest after the upset defeat by the Nebraska Cornhuskers Saturday.

But he may have set another of his legendary records getting the heck out of Lincoln.

Alabama writers had warned their Nebraska counterparts: "The Bear usually takes a long time before talking to the press after a game, and today it'll probably be a lot longer."

But Bryant met the press exactly two minutes after he'd entered the silent Crimson Tide lockerroom.

Asked about such unusual alacrity, the Bear took another slow puff on his cigarette and a grin spread across his otherwise glum face.

"Well, I figured there was not a helluva lot to talk about and the squad feels like I do, we want to get home."

But the Bear did have a lot to say.

And no way was the 'Bama legend the cantankerous villain he's been pictured to be for sidestepping Nebraska in bowl games.

He was a honey bear, not a grizzly. He was gracious in defeat and drew sweet accolades of Nebraska in his native Moro Bottom, Ark., accent.

He'd stood watching his "boys" for a moment in the eerie silence of the lockerroom, then slowly walked over to a horde of reporters as he methodically lit a cigarette.

"I appreciate you gentlemen coming but I don't know what you are doing in our dressing

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Iowa Celebrates 2nd Comming(s)

By Howard Brantz

World-Herald Sports Writer Iowa City, Ia. — It wasn't World War III, or even a Civil War, but almost.

It was a second Comming(s) as young Bob Commings, son of the Iowa coach, successfully guided the Hawkeyes to a bruising 12-10 victory over Iowa State in the first meeting of the two state rivals in 43 years.

With a turnout of 59,725 attending at Kinnick Stadium, plus a regional television audience, Commings was given his first start. He managed to survive the battle of two very cranky defenses.

First Start

The freshman might not have been a successful quarterback in his first start had it not been for a hostile Hawk defense that never let the favored Cyclones get untracked all afternoon.

All of the scoring was packed into the first 15:27 in a game marked by 21 punts — 12 the last half.

Neither team mustered a serious scoring threat, a sustained drive in a game that turned into a rather dull affair for offensive fans the last three periods. Defensive advocates had to be impressed.

Iowa, a three-point underdog, stopped the Big Eight Conference Cyclones with a meager 41 yards on the ground, shutting off Dexter Green with 46 yards on 21 carries.

The on-the-job training for quarterbacks for both teams went in favor of Commings, the nervy son of Coach Bob Commings, a starting guard for the Hawkeyes' Rose Bowl champs in 1956.

Conservative

The freshman from Iowa City High completed seven of 10 passes, all of them of the conservative variety, for 32 yards. While nursing a two-point lead through most of three periods, he took losses totaling 21 yards on eight carries rather than risk putting the ball in the air.

Iowa State relieved sophomore Terry Rubley after the third series with a freshman of its own, John Quinn of Des Moines Dowling.

Quinn, running into a how-

Hawkeyes Hostile

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First downs 25 17 Rushes-yards 57-232 50-238 Passing yards 196 179 Total yards 439 417 Returns yards 14-32 11-70 Fumbles-lost 4-4 6-7 Penalties-yards 4-22 9-75 AH — 75,899.

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS RUSHING — Iowa St., Green 21-46, Cummings 10-23-1.

PASSING — Iowa St., Quinn 11-4-55-2. RECEIVING — Iowa St., Hixon 3-36, Green 1-12, Iowa, Lazar 3-18, Brady 1-10.

of it applied by Jim Molini, a soph from Norfolk, Neb., who had three tackles, totaling 13 yards in losses.

Molini's big play stopped an Iowa State drive in the second period. He nailed Quinn for a nine-yard loss when the Cyclones were moving toward a go-ahead touchdown with a first down at the 15.

The third-down sack by Molini forced Iowa State to settle for a Scott Kollman field goal, the barefooted specialist's boot into the tooth of 15-20-mile-an-hour wind barely skimming over the bar from 42 yards out. The field goal completed the scoring with 11:33 to go in the second quarter.

The first quarter produced some fireworks that fans hadn't been prepared for — a 63-yard touchdown on a punt return by Iowa State's Tom Buck, and a

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Fulton Idle; Tie by Mavs Lacks Steam

By Jerry Fricke

World-Herald Sports Writer Sioux City, Ia. — The University of Nebraska at Omaha was a football machine without its steam as it battled Morningside to a ragged, 13-13 North Central Conference tie Saturday night.

While the Mavericks' All-America wide receiver Danny "The Steam Machine" Fulton watched on the sideline, his teammates lost four of six fumbles, had four passes intercepted, and were called for nine penalties totaling 87 yards in a generally lackluster display.

Fulton, who was in uniform, was held out of action because he had suffered a badly bruised right thigh in last week's 17-17 tie with North Dakota State.

"There were times I thought about sending Danny in," said UN-Omaha Coach Bill Danenhauer. "But then I remembered there are eight games left, and it wasn't worth the gamble."

"We just stopped ourselves too often tonight with too many mistakes."

Penalty Irks Danenhauer Danenhauer was especially upset by one penalty call that thwarted a UN-Omaha opportunity late in the fourth quarter.

The Mavs had moved 49 yards to a first down on the Morningside 11. Then, after Bobby Bass had apparently gained five yards to the two, the gain was wiped out on a clipping penalty against fullback Clarence Elliott.

"I thought that was a very bad call," said Danenhauer. "I thought he made a good block, but those are the breaks."

As it turned out, the ball was moved back to the 19, and, after Bass gained eight yards on a pass from Mike Mancuso, Mark Schlecht was wide on a 27-yard field goal try.

Bass Gains 200 Bass had a great night, penetrating the Morningside line on draws and wide pitch-out plays, finishing with 200 yards on 32 carries. He now has 438 yards rushing in three games.

But even the 160-pound scooter was plagued by fumbles.

On the Mavs' first scrimmage play of the game, Bass gained four yards up the middle, but lost the ball and

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Sports on TV

Table listing TV programs: Sunday Channel 3, 8 a.m., "Notre Dame Highlights," Noon, NFL, Kansas City at New England, 10:30 p.m., "Tom Osborne: Football," Channel 6, Noon, NFL, Los Angeles at Atlanta, 3 p.m., NFL, Dallas at Minnesota, Channel 7, 1 p.m., "College Football: '77."

Courageous Wins No. 3

Newport, R.I. (AP) — Veteran defender Courageous, responding to the commands of skipper Ted Turner, clamped challenger Australia in her wake and held off a late threat Saturday, winning race No. 3 of the America's Cup finals.

The victory upped Turner's record to 3-0 in the best-of-seven final series.

Anticipating wind shifts, Turner took Australia at the start by 12 seconds and built his lead at the fourth mark to 3:27.

However, Australia skipper Noel Robins repeated Friday's performance on the fifth leg and cut Courageous' lead to 1:57.

Turner, owner of baseball's Atlanta Braves, steered his 12-meter yacht without error on the final windward leg.

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How AP's Top 20 Fared

Table listing AP's Top 20 teams and their records: 1. Michigan (2-0-0) beat Duke, 21-9. 2. Southern Cal (2-0-0) beat Oregon State, 17-10. 3. Notre Dame (1-1-0) lost to Mississippi, 13-20. 4. Alabama (1-1-0) lost to Nebraska, 24-31. 5. Oklahoma (2-0-0) beat Utah, 62-24. 6. Ohio State (2-0-0) beat Minnesota, 38-7. 7. Texas A-M (2-0-0) beat Virginia Tech, 27-6. 8. Texas Tech (2-0-0) beat New Mexico, 49-14. 9. Houston (1-1-0) lost to Penn State, 14-31. 10. Penn State (2-0-0) beat Houston, 31-14. 11. Maryland (1-1-0) lost to West Virginia, 16-24. 12. Colorado (2-0-0) beat Kent State, 42-0. 13. Mississippi State (2-0-0) did not play. 14. UCLA (1-1-0) beat Kansas, 17-7. 15. Oklahoma State (1-1-0) lost to Arkansas, 6-28. 16. Pittsburgh (1-1-0) beat William and Mary, 28-6. 17. Georgia (1-1-0) lost to Clemson, 6-7. 18. Texas (2-0-0) beat Virginia, 68-0. 19. Florida (1-0-0) beat Rice, 48-13. 20. BYU (1-0-0) did not play.

Insiders

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big play, not always by a storied player."

Notre Dame Coach Dan Devine said the 10-yard pass was tipped and that a Irish defender was in position to intercept.

"It's a game of inches... that ball was darn near a touch-

down the other way," he said. Ellis said that he told the Rebels as they made their winning drive "this is it — you get down this close, you don't come away without a touchdown."

Asked if the victory over third-ranked Notre Dame was the biggest of his career, Cooper smiled and said: "It was the biggest of this week."

"We showed some class and real determination to come back and win the game after it appeared everything went down the drain."

Cooper said the Rebels created problems for themselves with a pass interception which led to the Irish touch-

down, and two fumbles which led to Dave Reeve field goals. Devine said his team was not

over-confident. "Obviously we weren't as physically strong as I thought we would be, or maybe they played better defensively," he said. "I'm not sure which it was."

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INDIVIDUAL LEADERS RUSHING — ND, Heavens 16-70, Eulrick 6-31, Miss, Perry 9-45, Richards 11-39, Gornier 12-39.

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