

Call by Davis Tames Texas

Jayhawk Is Target In Charge

K.U. Has (Goose) Egg on Face; Coyle Foots the Bill for Huskers

Longhorns Are Foiled By Late TD

Dallas (AP) - Second-ranked Oklahoma remained unbeaten Saturday thanks to a courageous call by quarterback Steve Davis when the pressure was the thickest in the annual Cotton Bowl showdown with fifth-ranked Texas.

Season Records

Table with 2 columns: Oklahoma (5-0) and Texas (4-1). Lists records for various games like Oregon, Pitt, Miami, etc.

many people on the right side and not enough on the left," said Davis.

Switzer's play was for fullback Ivory to go to the right. Davis' audible was to the left.

Switzer said, "I heard Davis call the audible and I knew he had made the right decision."

Ivory said, "As soon as I saw the hole open, I knew I'd make it."

Davis, who took the team on a 79-yard drive for the score, said, "I told them, 'everybody block their man. Nobody fumble, everybody do their job and we'll score.'"

Texas Coach Darrell Royal said of Ivory's touchdown run: "We had a man assigned to take the handoff. . . he wasn't blocked, but he made an improper charge."

Royal added: "It was a fiercely fought football game."

The touchdown came shortly after Texas freshman Russell Erleben had kicked a 43-yard field goal into the wind that barely crossed the bar for a 17-17 tie with 8:19 left.

With 72,000 fans on their feet in the Cotton Bowl, Davis gained a crucial first down to keep the drive alive.

Playing in brutal 90-degree heat which reached almost 100 on the field, Oklahoma extended its string of games without defeat to 34 and kept Coach Barry Switzer's unbeaten record alive.

It was the fifth consecutive victory for Oklahoma in the intense rivalry which took on new dimensions because of an off-season feud between Switzer and Texas Coach Darrell Royal over recruiting.

Oklahoma took advantage of three Texas fumbles for its first three scores in a bruising contest which saw numerous players limp to the sidelines.

Tony DiRienzo kicked a 45-yard field goal after a Texas fumble recovery and defensive end Mike Phillips pitched for a touchdown to give Oklahoma a 10-0 first quarter lead.



-World-Herald Photo by Ed Roth.

Crush Cromwell. That was one mission of the Nebraska Blackshirts against KU's yard-gobbling Nolan Cromwell. Jerry Wied demonstrates how masterfully the Huskers did the job as his widespread arms open a gate for him to crash 228 pounds viciously through Dave Scott, No. 75; Jim Michaels, No. 6; and a third Jayhawk. Cromwell's protection, above, wilts and he fails to gain on second-quarter play.

Cromwell's Total Is 62 On Ground

By Tom Ash
World-Herald Sports Writer
Lincoln - Nebraska didn't really need Terry Luck's 26-yard touchdown pass to Brad Jenkins in the fourth quarter Saturday, not with the Cornhuskers' tightwad defense playing shutout.

But it was the principle of the thing.
The Husker offense was en route to building a 397-177 total yardage margin over Kansas, which had come into the Big Eight Conference opener for both teams with a new wishbone offense that led the league in rushing.

Yet the Huskers had been deprived of all that hand-slapping and hugging they like to do in the end zone after touchdowns. They had been forced to settle for congratulating Mike Coyle for three field goals.

So the offense salvaged a measure of pride in an often frustrating afternoon that wound up with a 16-0 Husker victory and a still unblemished record of 5-0.

Trouble Coping
Nebraska's problems with offensive continuity could be traced to the Jayhawks' goal-line defense that materialized nearly every time the Huskers

Defense Stingy

Table with 3 columns: Kansas, Nebraska, and Coyle's stats. Includes records like 'Nebr.-FG Coyle 38' and 'Nebr.-Jenkins 26 pass from Luck'.

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came within sniffing distance of a first down or a touchdown. The Huskers had trouble coping with it.

But not as much as Kansas had when it confronted Nebraska's goal-line alignment with the clock running short in the first half, down where goal-line defenses got their name, on Nebraska's end.

Nebraska's Blackshirt defenders were three yards from giving Kansas a carload of inspiration after the Jayhawks had journeyed 70 yards with ridiculous ease on two plays.

With 11 seconds left, the visitors were shoved three yards farther away from the final stripe. With three seconds left, end Ray Phillips sailed in from the left side to block Dennis Kerbel's field goal.

So Nebraska rode the thunderous cheer of the bulk of the 76,285 fans to the locker room holding a 6-0 lead instead of a 6-7 deficit. The Huskers had snatched back the momentum, which coaches insist is so important in such situations.

While the goal-line heroics in the final seconds of the first half were doubtless the most significant plays of the game, the Husker defense drew appreciative cheers all afternoon. This was no humpty-dumpty wishbone the Jayhawks brought to town.

It had led the Big Eight Conference in rushing with 317 yards a game. It had Nolan Cromwell at quarterback, a young man who was a safety a year ago but a ground eater with an enormous appetite this year. He had a 294-yard game that had even relegated the great Gale Sayers to the second line in the K.U. record book.

Cromwell was good, for sure, but his 19 carries produced only 62 yards, 76 below his average. And he had little help. Kansas gained but 121 yards on the ground and 56 in the air, 50 of which came on one play that brought out the goal line unit.

A Challenge
Cromwell had challenged Nebraska's 6-0 lead on field goals of 38 and 22 yards by breaking his biggest gain, 20 yards. Then he passed deep to split end Waddell Smith, who had out-sprinted cornerback Chuck Jones. Smith caught the ball and fell at the three.

"I could tell when we ran down there that they wouldn't score," said defensive tackle Mike Fultz. "If we would have walked it, it might have been a

Cowboys Riddled By Tigers' Passes

By Bill Hord
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Columbia, Mo. - Many of the 60,323 spectators at Faurot Field Saturday hadn't seen anything like it.

That goes for the overall passing performance of Missouri quarterback Steve Pisarkiewicz and one play in particular: when he completed a pass to himself.

The Pisarkiewicz to Pisarkiewicz (Zark-to-Zark, as Missouriians say) pass play for four yards was an example of the way things went for Oklahoma State in a 41-14 loss to the Tigers.

The ball was batted back to "Zark" by an OSU lineman.

It was the first loss in five games for the Cowboys, who will try to rebound against Ne-

'Natural Runner' Likes to Dream

By Conde Sargent
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Lincoln - Curtis Craig broke tackles like a running back Saturday while leading Nebraska in rushing against Kansas and permitted himself to daydream about his days as a runner, strictly a runner.

"I'd still like to play I-back," the sophomore wingback said after his 77-yard day. "Running is just something I do naturally. It's easy. I missed a couple of blocks. That's something I have to work on, that and catching the ball."

Craig had a 41-yard run on Nebraska's popular wingback reverse play. His 77 yards on running plays beat out I-back Monte Anthony's 72 for the game high.

Longest Run
The 41-yarder was the longest of the season by a Husker.

Craig also became the fourth different Husker in five games to lead the team in rushing. John O'Leary has been the leader twice, fullback Tony

Not of Beauty

Fullback Tony Davis said the victory "wasn't a thing of beauty but we're 5-0 and we haven't been 5-0 since 'I've been at Nebraska and that's what counts."

"The offense feels bad because we make the defense spend a lot of time on the field. We need to do better if we're going to win the Big Eight or a national championship. It's coming. We're all learning."

Center Rik Bonness said the offense "obviously will have to get better. We moved the ball until we got close, then we had problems. We'll work on that."

Into the Wind

All three Coyle kicks were into the wind.
"There was a little bit of crosswind but it didn't make any difference," Coyle said. "The wind held the ball up when you kicked into it but it didn't blow the ball from side to side."

Maybe Later

"Maybe I'll talk to the coaches before spring ball," Craig said.
Craig's running was among the squad's offensive highlights in a 397-yard afternoon. Others were Mike Coyle's three field goals and Brad Jenkins' fourth-quarter touchdown pass catch.

Twice Red Sox runners had been cut down trying to score as Gullett squirmed out of trouble. Gullett tried to get away in the seventh but this time the Red Sox caught him.

Hesitation Hurt
After Tiant opened with his surprising single, Dwight Evans bunted. Gullett hesitated for a moment and then tried to get Tiant at second base. But his throw sailed into center field and Boston was in business with two on and none out.

Denny Doyle followed with a single to left and Tiant, advancing one base at a time, made it to third.
"I was hacking for that hole," said Doyle, whose hit went to the opposite field. "I was trying to go that way."

How AP's Top 20 Fared

- 1, Ohio State (5-0-0) def. Iowa, 49-0
2, Oklahoma (5-0-0) def. Texas, 24-17
3, Southern Cal (5-0-0) def. Washington St., 28-10
4, Nebraska (5-0-0) def. Kansas, 16-0
5, Texas (4-1-0) lost to Oklahoma, 17-24
6, Texas A-M (5-0-0) def. Texas Tech, 38-9
7, Alabama (4-1-0) def. Washington St., 52-0
8, Michigan (3-0-2) def. Michigan St., 16-6
9, Penn State (5-1-0) def. West Virginia, 39-0
10, West Virginia (4-1-0) lost to Penn State, 0-39
11, Arizona State (5-0-0) def. New Mexico, 16-10
12, Missouri (4-1-0) def. Oklahoma St., 41-14
13, Colorado (4-1-0) def. Miami, Fla., 23-10, Friday night
14, Oklahoma State (4-1-0) lost to Missouri, 14-41
15 (tie), Notre Dame (4-1-0) def. North Carolina, 21-14
15 (tie), Michigan State (3-2-0) lost to Michigan, 6-16
17, Arizona (4-0-0) def. Texas-El Paso, 36-0
18, Florida (4-1-0) def. Vanderbilt, 35-0
19, Tennessee (3-1-0) def. LSU, 24-10
20, Miami, Ohio (4-1-0) def. Dayton, 10-0

After 3 Years, Tiant Hits

Boston (AP) - After crafty Luis Tiant had dispensed with the Cincinnati Reds on a neat five-hitter and shut them out, 6-0, in Saturday's opening game of the World Series, Boston's pitching patriarch was asked what weapons he had used against the power-laden national League champions.

"Oh," he said, "slider, curve, change up, knuckleball, hesitation, and then, the motion."

He forgot to include his bat. It was Tiant's seventh-inning single that started a six-run Boston rally and shattered what had been a tense pitching duel with young Don Gullett of the Reds.

"The hit," shrugged the veteran right-hander who will celebrate his 35th birthday next

Throw Cut Off

When the ball dropped in front of Griffey, Tiant tottered toward the plate and Griffey gunned the throw in the direction of catcher Johnny Bench, who already had tagged out two baserunners. But first base-

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