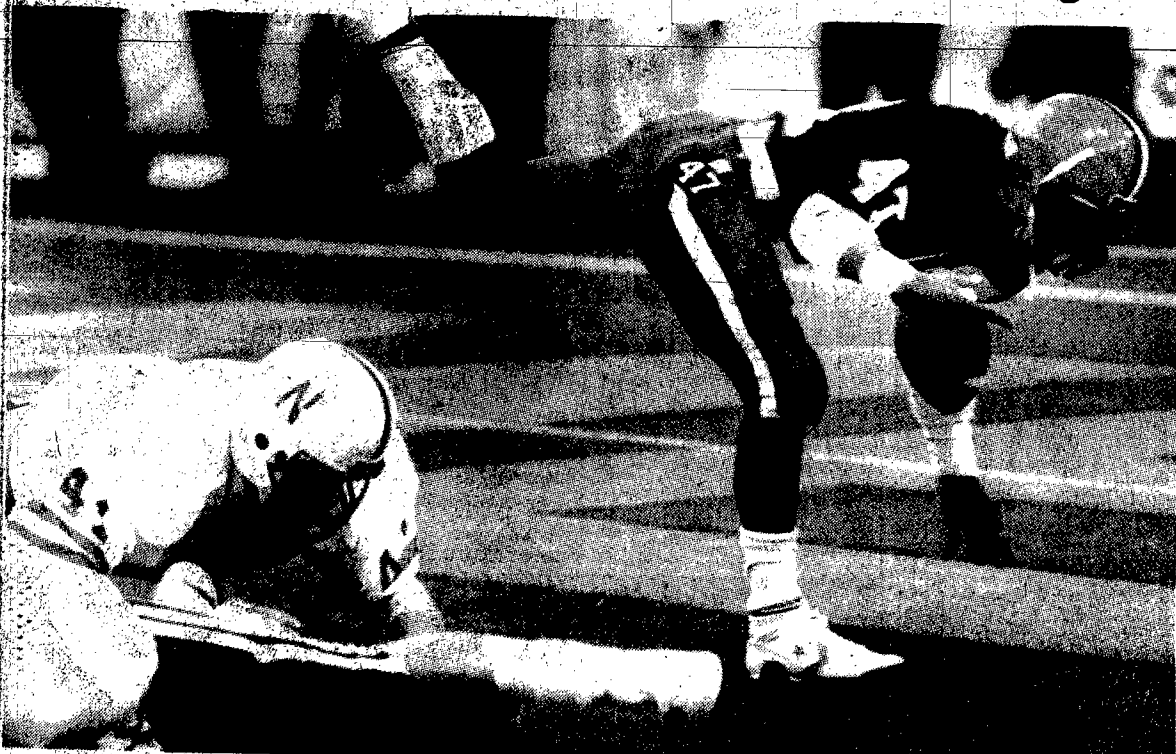


No. 1 Huskers Knocked Cold, 17-9, By Orangemen's Physical Defense



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Nebraska's Marc Munford, left, sees Harold Gayden score for Syracuse on a 1-yard run in the fourth quarter. . . . The TD drive, which put Syracuse in command 17-7 with 1:23 remaining, was kept alive when NU had 12 men on the field.

By Steve Sinclair
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Syracuse, N.Y. — The day started badly for Nebraska. I-back Jeff Smith didn't suit up and, on the opening kickoff, fullback Tom Rathman got knocked cold.

And that's the way it ended. The Cornhuskers got knocked cold.

Syracuse threw the punch that knocked out the top-ranked Cornhuskers 17-9. A crowd of 47,280, mostly delirious and success-starved Orangemen fans and about 2,800 Nebraskans, watched the biggest upset of the college season at the Carrier Dome.

No more No. 1 for the Cornhuskers, just questions.

—Can the Huskers still win the national championship? The last two national champions, Miami and Penn State, each lost a game in the regular season.

—Will they bounce back for next Saturday's Big Eight Conference opener against 10th-ranked Oklahoma State in Lincoln?

—What happened?

—Were they overrated?

—How good is this Nebraska team?

"I hope we're better than Rutgers," said Nebraska center Mark Traynowicz.

The Orangemen, a 19-0 loser to Rutgers last week and a 63-7 loser to Nebraska last season, won with a defense that roughed up the Cornhusker offense in a way that doesn't happen much.

"We just played hard," said Syracuse Coach Dick MacPherson. "It's not a secret. There wasn't one strange defense in the pack, nothing strange at all. We just lined up and played, and so did they. It was just a great game."

Nebraska Coach Tom Osborne didn't offer excuses. He discounted the im-

Crushed by an Orange

Nebraska	7	0	2	-9
Syracuse	0	3	7	-17
NU — Frain 25 pass from Sundberg (Klein kick)				
Syr — FG McAulay 24				
Syr — Siano 40 pass from Norley (McAulay kick)				
NU — Gayden 1 run (McAulay kick)				
NU — Syracuse punter Fox ran out of end zone				
A—47,280.				

	Nebraska	Syr
First downs	12	15
Rushes-yards	41-154	57-118
Passing yards	60	108
Total yards	214	224
Return yards	23	3
Passes	5-15-1	9-18-1
Punts	7-44	7-40
Fumbles-lost	5-3	0-0
Penalties-yards	5-46	7-52
3rd-down conversions	4-14	8-20
4th-down conversions	2-3	1-2
Time of possession	23:15	36:45

pact Smith, the nation's No. 3 rusher and the leader in all-purpose yardage and punt returns, might have had if he had played.

"Obviously, it hurt us a little bit," Osborne said. "It interrupted some of our continuity on offense, and maybe our punt returns weren't as secure. But I don't want to in any way point to that. Syracuse outplayed us. With or without Jeff Smith, it would have been tough."

Osborne praised MacPherson and his players at every opportunity.

"Their defense probably played as good a football game as we've had played against us in the last three or four years," Osborne said.

The statistics speak on that subject better than Osborne. Nebraska entered the game ranked second nationally in

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No. 3 Mavs Trampled In Stampede of Bison

By Jerry Fricke
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Fargo, N.D. — The University of Nebraska at Omaha couldn't slow the North Dakota State ground stampede Saturday.

The Mavericks, ranked No. 3 in NCAA Division II, were trampled 41-23 by the Bison, who piled up 444 total yards, 366 of them on the ground.

"We're all even now," UNO Coach Sandy Buda said. "They've got one loss, and we've got one loss. I know of a team that lost one game last year and went on to win the national championship."

That team was North Dakota State, which lost to UNO 18-10 in Omaha, but tied the Mavericks for the North Central Conference championship at 8-1, then won three playoff games for the Division II national crown.

This season, the Mavs are 4-1 overall after having a seven-game victory streak ended, and are tied with the 3-1 Bison for second place in the NCC at 2-1.

North Dakota, which whipped Northern Colorado 33-7, is the only unbeaten team in the league with records of 4-0 and 3-0.

Sophomore quarterback Jeff Bentrim led the Bison stampede. He dug in for 119 yards rushing on 27 carries and completed seven of 10 passes for 78 yards and three touchdowns.

His masterful running of NDSU's option offense was the main show for a Dacotah Field crowd estimated at 11,500.

For UNO, senior quarterback Randy Naran and sophomore wide receiver Terry Allen spearheaded the offense, which twice rallied the Mavs within 11.

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Inside Sports

U.S. Gains Finals In Davis Cup Play

The U.S. clinches win over Australia to gain a berth in the Davis Cup tennis finals against Sweden.

COMEBACK: Heavyweight Gerry Cooney ends his 27-month boxing layoff with a TKO victory.

Irish Hold Off Missouri Rally As Kick Fails

By Steve Pivovar
World-Herald Staff Writer

Columbia, Mo. — Brad Burditt's role in Missouri's 16-14 loss to Notre Dame Saturday lasted all of five seconds.

It's a safe bet he'll remember it a lot longer.

"If there's anyone to blame, I'm to blame," Burditt said after his 39-yard field goal attempt fell short with two seconds left, allowing the 19th-ranked Fighting Irish to escape with the kind of win that has so often eluded them in Gerry Faust's four years as coach.

The Irish won a close one.

"The difference between great teams and good teams is to win games like this," Notre Dame running back Allen Pinkett said. "We've been in this situation before, but now we've finally won one. This game meant a lot to our program."

In Faust's four years at South Bend, Notre Dame has lost 16 games, Eleven

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Husker Players Take Loss Hard Because of 'Some Dumb Mistakes'

By Dave Sittler
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Syracuse, N.Y. — It wasn't Miami and the Orange Bowl. Instead, it was the Syracuse Orangemen who put the squeeze on Nebraska this time.

And Saturday's 17-9 loss was almost as tough for some Nebraska players as the national championship defeat to Miami last January.

"This is tough," defensive end Scott Strasburger said. "This is as hard a loss as I've ever been around."

Several Huskers took the loss hard because they felt had beaten themselves with turnovers, penalties and mistakes.

"It's a lot different when you get whipped," defensive end Bill Weber said. "But we didn't get whipped. We beat ourselves."

"We had no offensive ball control when we needed it. And the defense was soft when we had to shut them down."

"And we did some very dumb things out there. The long pass, what can you say about that? And having 12 men on the field on fourth down is a bunch of crap. Those things shouldn't happen."

Weber was referring to the game's two key plays that helped the Orangemen end Nebraska's 23-game regular season winning streak.

The 12th man incident occurred in the fourth quarter with Nebraska trailing 10-7. Nebraska appeared to have good field position after it forced Syracuse to punt, but the Orangemen were given a first down when the Huskers were penalized for having too many men on the field. Defensive tackle Jim Skow ran onto the field.

Syracuse took advantage of the break

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Nebraska tight end Todd Frain is disconsolate — and hurting from a mild fourth-quarter head injury. . . . He scored the Huskers' only touchdown, a 35-yard pass from Craig Sundberg in the first quarter.

Pokes Head for Nebraska With Full Head of Steam

By Lee Barknecht
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Tulsa, Okla. — The chant started slowly through the Oklahoma State cheering section Saturday night, then gathered steam about the same time some oranges splattered on the turf at Tulsa's Skelly Stadium.

"We want Nebraska! We want Nebraska! We want Nebraska!" booned the Cowboy boosters.

Oklahoma State's players weren't quite that loud about it after thumping

Tulsa 31-7 and spilling the Hurricane homecoming before a stadium-record crowd of 40,235.

But the 10th-ranked and 4-0 Cowboys, rated in the top 10 for the first time in 39 years, left little doubt about what their mission will be this week in Lincoln.

"We knew we could beat them last year, but we came a little short," OSU running back Shawn Jones said. "I don't think that will happen again this

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How the AP and UPI Top 20s Fared

AP/UPI	Next Opponent
1/1 — Nebraska (3-1) lost to Syracuse 17-9	Oklahoma State
2/2 — Texas (2-0) beat Penn State 28-3	at Rice
3/3 — Ohio State (4-0) beat Minnesota 35-22	at Purdue
4/4 — Penn State (3-1) lost to Texas 28-3	Maryland
5/7 — Boston College (4-0) did not play	Temple, Oct. 13
6/5 — Washington (4-0) beat Miami, Ohio, 63-7	at Oregon State
7/4 — Oklahoma (4-0) beat Kansas State 24-9	Texas, Oct. 13
8/8 — Brigham Young (4-0) did not play	at Colorado State
9/9 — Florida State (4-0) beat Temple 44-27	at Memphis State
10/11 — Oklahoma State (4-0) beat Tulsa 31-7	at Nebraska
11/12 — Southern Methodist (3-0) beat Texas Christian 26-17	at Baylor, Oct. 13
12/10 — Georgia (2-1) lost to South Carolina 17-10	at Alabama
13/3 — Clemson (2-2) lost to Georgia Tech 25-21	North Carolina
14/13 — Michigan (3-1) beat Indiana 14-0	Michigan State
15/14 — Southern Cal (2-1) lost to LSU 23-3	at Washington State
16/16 — Miami, Fla. (5-2) beat Rice 39-3	at Notre Dame
17/15 — UCLA (3-2) beat Colorado 33-10	Stanford
18/7 — Georgia Tech (3-0) beat Clemson 28-21	North Carolina State
19/18 — Louisiana State (3-0-1) beat Southern Cal 23-3	Vanderbilt, Oct. 13
20/17 — Notre Dame (3-1) beat Missouri 16-14	Michigan, Fla.
21/19 — Auburn (2-2) beat Tennessee 29-10	at Mississippi
22/9 — Iowa (2-2) beat Illinois 21-16	at Northwestern

Jockey Breaks Nebraska Record, Ties National Mark With 8 Wins

WORLD-HERALD BUREAU

Lincoln — Rob Williams rode eight winners at the Lincoln Fairgrounds Saturday to set a Nebraska record and duplicate the best performance by any jockey in 10 races in North America.

Williams, 26, broke the state mark of six wins on one program, held by several jockeys. He surpassed a personal career high of five winners in one day, which he's accomplished several times.

Dave Gall is the only other jockey in United States history to ride eight winners in 10 races. His feat was on Oct. 18, 1974, at Cahokia Downs in East St. Louis, Ill.

Williams booted the winner in all but the first and fourth races over the fast track for a crowd of 5,157.

He included victory with Admiral's Dream in the \$8,825 State Fair Breeders Special ninth race. Williams had Admiral's Dream in front for the whole six furlongs and beat Rumpke Stalstin by a neck to pay \$8 to \$2 bettors. The win was worth \$5,293 to owner Rockingham Ranch of Bellevue, Neb.

The best price of Williams' spree was the \$18.40 returned by Whistleby in the seventh. His other winners:

Full Of Hoc, \$6 in the second race; Charlie's Sister, \$4.80 in the third; Sandhill, \$8.40 in the fifth; Duke Of Zooks, \$8.40 in the sixth; Cuzzin Charlie, \$3.60 in the eighth, and Lockupthejudge, \$3.60 in the 10th.

Williams was out of the money with

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Longhorns Rip Penn State To Lay a Claim to No. 1

By Mark Blaudschun
The Dallas Morning News

East Rutherford, N.J. — For now, it is theirs. Two games into a season that has yet to really get started, the Texas Longhorns have reached the summit.

With a performance that earned them respect from the 78,883 fans at Giants Stadium and almost certainly will earn them the No. 1 ranking in the country Tuesday morning, the No. 2 Longhorns climbed all over No. 4 Penn State in a 28-3 victory Saturday.

That win, combined with top-ranked Nebraska's loss to Syracuse, apparently assures coach Fred Akers' team of being No. 1 for the first time since 1981.

"Well, if there's any justice. . . ." said Akers.

The last time the Longhorns were No. 1, earning the ranking by beating Oklahoma, they then lost big-time to Arkansas the next week. With Rice up

this week, Texas should be No. 1 when it faces Oklahoma on Oct. 13. And beyond that?

"We think we've got the ability to go all the way," said center Gene Chilton. "We do have some offense. The way we made yardage wasn't a fluke. And we do have defense, as usual."

The Longhorns came into Saturday's game with a 35-27 victory over Auburn two weeks ago and little else. There were doubters who looked at a defense that gave up 436 yards in total offense to the Tigers.

There also were skeptics who said the 35 points were merely a one-game eruption, not the start of a season trend.

But the doubts dissipated with the destruction of the 3-1 Nitany Lions, as the Longhorns — using a combination of power and some bombs-away

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Inside College Football

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