Baylor game . . .

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Baylor was behind 23-10 at the time and had moved to the Nebraska seven-yard line after recovering a Husker fumble. Carpenter said a blitz was called on four straight plays, including a safety blitz by Larry Valasek that resulted in a five-yard Baylor loss. The Bears' drive was stalled, and they missed an attempted field goal to insure the Husker win.

Carpenter admitted there is a greater possibility of long plays by the opponent under the new system, but it also is designed to force the opponent into more errors. As evidence, the Huskers already have seven interceptions this year compared to 13 for all of last season.

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Several Huskers are among the Big 8 leaders in the latest statistics released by the Big 8 office.
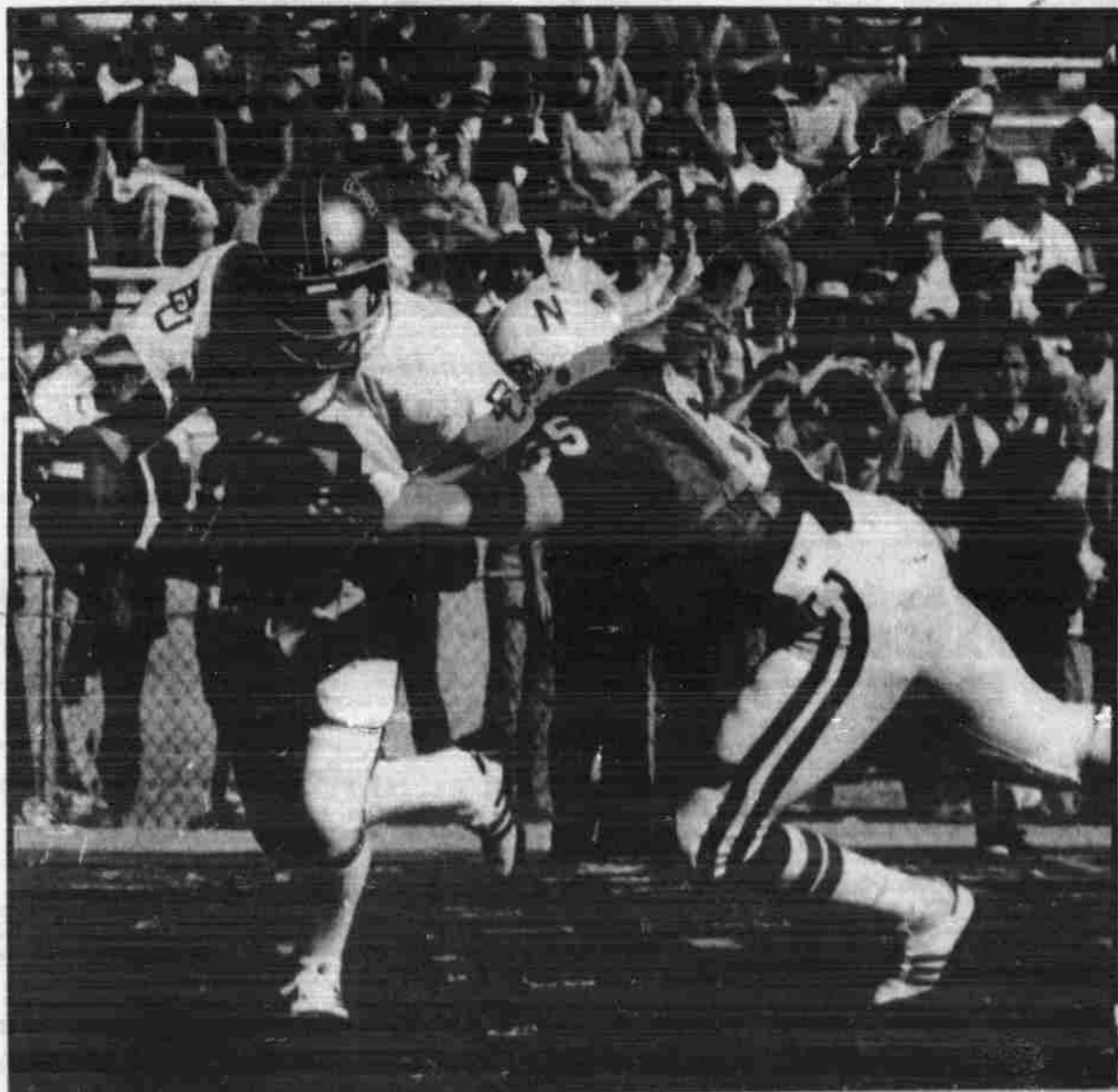
Tight end Ken Spaeth is tied for the lead among receivers with 10 catches for 168 yards and one touchdown. Split end Tim Smith is sixth with six catches.
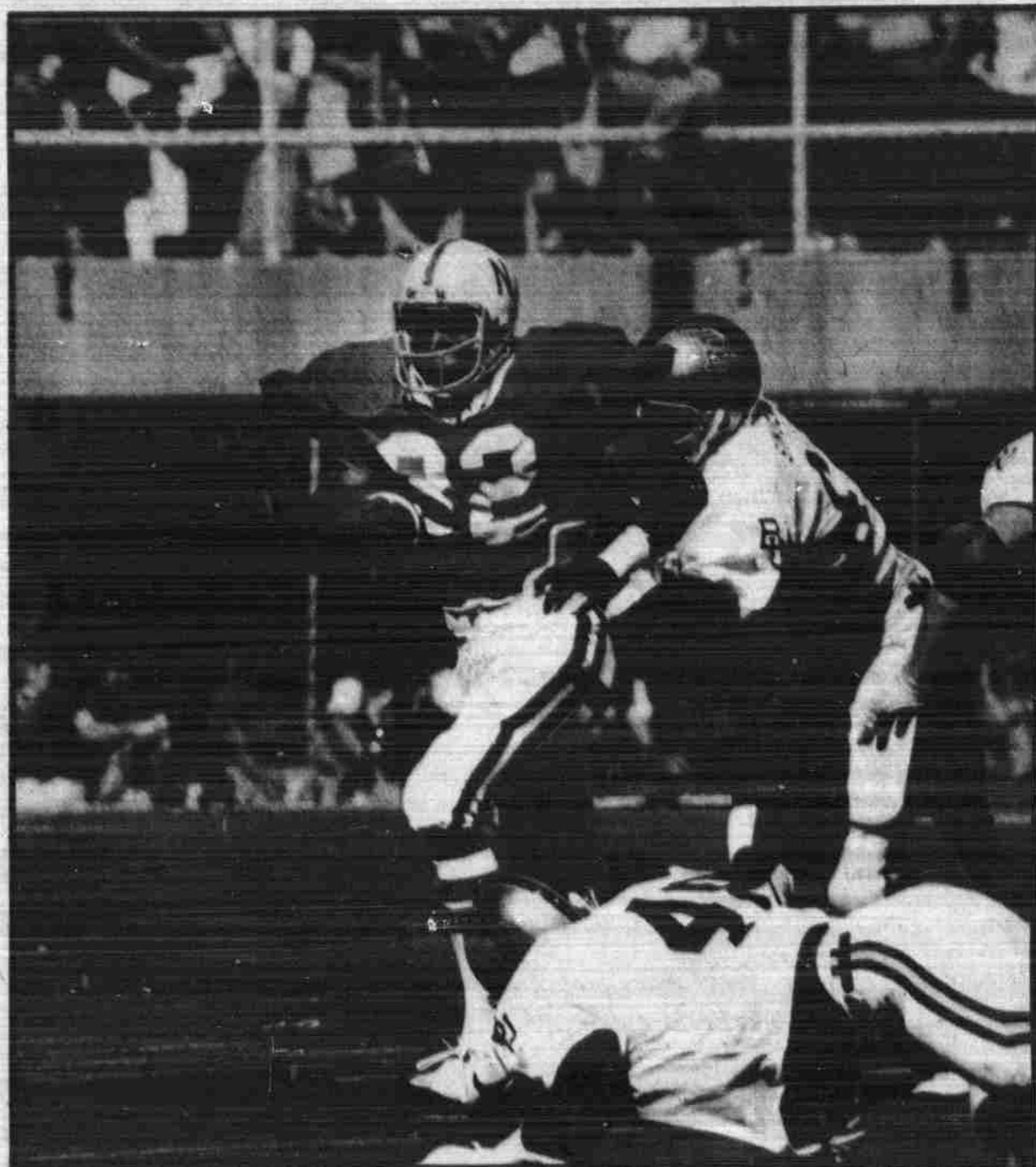
I-back Rick Berns ranks high in five categories. He is second behind Oklahoma State's Terry Miller in both rushing (102.3 yards a game) and all-purpose running (115.3 yards a game). He has scored four touchdowns for an average of eight points a game, good for fourth among league scorers. He also is fourth in total offense and tied for fifth in receiving.

Randy Garcia and Tom Sorley are second and fourth among Big 8 passers with 235 and 220 yards passing, respectively. Billy Todd is second behind Oklahoma's Uwe Von Schamann in field goals with three, while monster Jim Pillen is tied with Kansas' Tom Fitch for the league interception lead with three.

Among the Huskers, linebacker Lee Kunz is the leader in total tackles with 33. He is followed by Pillen with 25, linebacker Jeff Carpenter with 21 and safety Larry Valasek with 19.

I.M. Hipp (32) will start at I-back today as Rick Berns recovers from a hip pointer. Hipp rushed for 122 yards against Baylor last week and has averaged 6.4 yards a carry this year.

Middle guard Oudious Lee (65) drops Baylor quarterback Greg Wood for a 12-yard loss.