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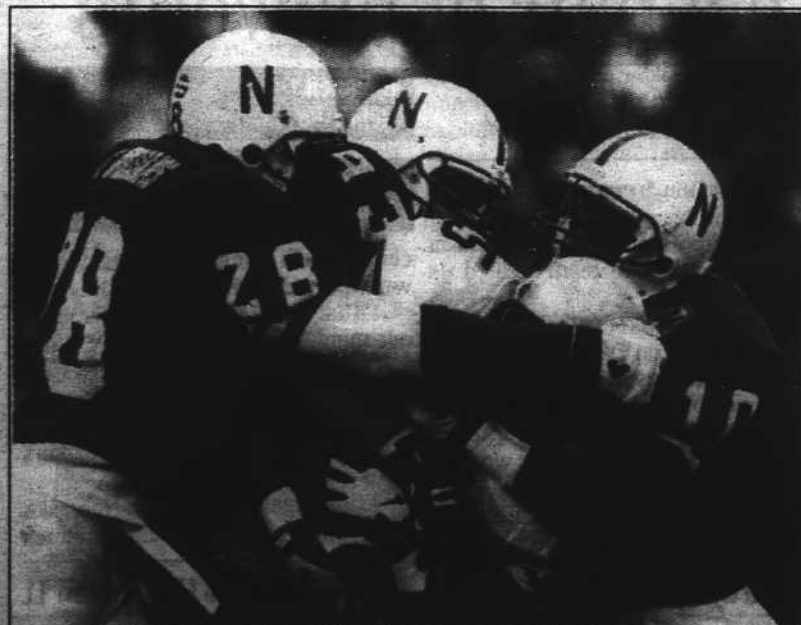
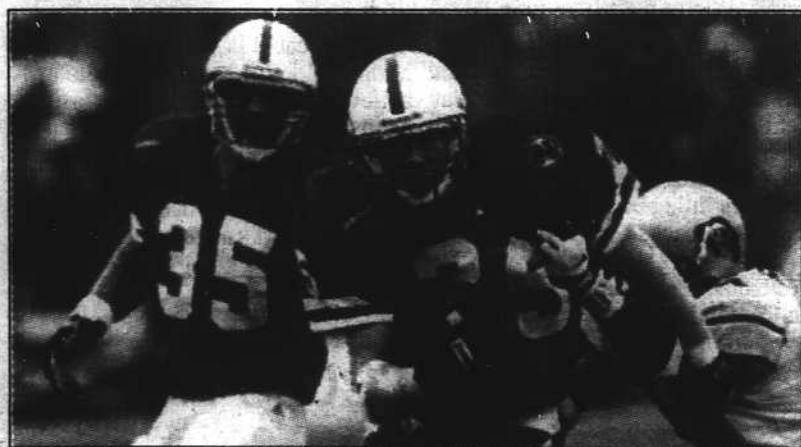
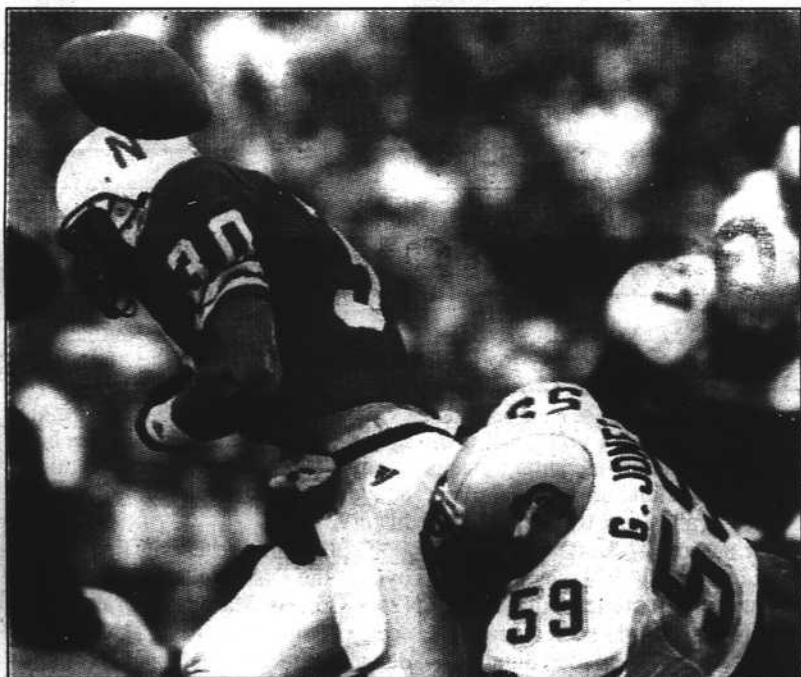
MIKE MINTER rejects a Koy Detmer pass Friday as Herchell Troutman tries to block. Minter moved from rover to Will linebacker before the game.

AHMAN GREEN loses the ball in the first quarter on one of his three rushing attempts. Green left the game with a toe injury.

JON VEDRAL runs for a first down on a fake field-goal in the second quarter as place-kicker Kris Brown watches.

JAMEL WILLIAMS (No. 28), Jared Tomich and Minter stop Troutman, who ran for 66 yards on 27 attempts.

WILLIAMS reaches out to grab Detmer, who was sacked three times by the Husker defense.



Five-point loss saddens Buffs

Colorado seniors are proud of the Buffs' effort against NU.

By **MIKE KLUCK**
Senior Reporter

Colorado did everything it wanted to do against Nebraska on Friday — but score a touchdown, and win.

It was CU's inability to find the end zone that cost the Buffaloes as they fell 17-12 for their fifth-straight defeat to the Huskers.

The win gave Nebraska the Big 12 North Division championship and a date with Texas on Saturday for the Big 12 championship in St. Louis.

The Buffaloes held Nebraska to just 56 yards passing for the game and 99 yards of total offense in the second half. The 17 points scored by NU were its fewest since a 19-0 loss to Arizona State on Sept. 21.

"We thought if we could keep this game close and hang in there through at least the third quarter, Nebraska would go. 'Wait a minute, we're playing a real good team here,'" Colorado Coach Rick Neuheisel said. "Hopefully we would catch a break down the stretch and find a way to win the game. It almost turned out exactly like that."

Six times in the second half, Colorado moved the ball inside the NU 40-yard line — once starting at the Husker 37 and another time at the NU 24. Through all of those drives, the Buffaloes came away with only six points.

"Everything we got, we earned it," Colorado quarterback Koy Detmer said. Detmer finished the day completing 12 of 38 passes for 226 yards, but he also threw two interceptions and was sacked three times.

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STEVE ROSGA
CU free safety



Russell

the end zone. We were getting field goals and moving the ball, but once we got down in there tight, they really tightened it up, too. I felt like we were down there all afternoon and we just couldn't punch it in or give it that little extra bit to get it in the end zone."

Colorado's inability on offense was almost overshadowed by the Buffaloes' domination on defense.

The Huskers' 56 yards passing was their second-lowest total of the season, and the 294 total yards of offense was their third-lowest output of the season.

Colorado free safety Steve Rosga said he was pleased with the Buffs' defensive performance, but the fact remains that he has never beaten Nebraska in his career.

"It hurts a little bit," Rosga said, "because we're 0-5 and that will always hurt me wherever I go. I will never forget that, and I will never forget the fact that we never beat Nebraska. There's no other way to look at it."

Senior middle linebacker Matt Russell, a CU co-captain, said the Buffaloes were disappointed they didn't win, but he was proud of their performance.

Prior to the game Friday, Russell stood in the middle of Colorado's pregame huddle at the 50-yard line and tried to fire up his teammates.

"I said, 'Bleep all these people in the stands. Bleep the Diamond Vision screens. Bleep the cheerleaders. Bleep everything that you all see as distractions and go out there and play bleeping football.'"

Football Polls Associated Press Poll

Team	Record	Prev.
2. Arizona St. (5)	11-0	3
4. Florida	10-1	1
6. Brigham Young	12-1	7
8. Penn. St.	10-2	8
10. Northwestern	9-2	11
12. Washington	9-2	12
14. Kansas St.	9-2	14
16. Michigan	8-3	18
18. Notre Dame	8-3	10
20. Wyoming	10-1	21
22. Syracuse	8-3	16
24. West Virginia	8-3	25

Coaches' Poll

Team	Record	Prev.
2. Arizona St. (6)	11-0	3
4. Florida	10-1	1
6. Brigham Young	12-1	7
8. Colorado	9-2	5
10. Tennessee	9-2	10
12. Northwestern	9-2	11
14. North Carolina	9-2	14
16. LSU	9-2	18
18. Notre Dame	8-3	13
20. Miami	8-3	23
22. Syracuse	8-3	17
24. West Virginia	8-3	25