

# NU Snaps Losing Streak By Trouncing IS

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WE DID! Nebraska's Cornhuskers rose to the occasion and rallied to drop Iowa State and win their first game of the 1951 football season. The game was probably the most wild and woolly of the long series between the two schools. Nebraska 34, Iowa State 27.

18,000 people filled the Ames stadium to capacity to witness what was expected to be the Cyclones' first peace time victory over the Huskers since 1938. But little did they realize that they were about to witness one of the most spirited scarlet touchdown rushes of recent years.

The Cyclones kicked off and Bobby Reynolds brought the ball back to the Nebraska 30 from the 15 yard line. The Huskers then went into a spread similar to that employed by Texas Christian, with Reynolds firing three passes in a row. Netting only nine yards on the attempts, the Huskers punted.

The Cyclones took over and the much feared passing arm of Dick Mann started operating. Mann hit end Bob Voetberg and Mal Schmidt and halfback Mel Meling with his bulls-eye pitching limb on a drive that was finally halted on the Husker 25 yard line.

After a loss of five yards on their first try, Reynolds faded back to pass for the Huskers and was trapped by a host of State linemen. Reversing his field, the Rambler knifed his way to the 45 yard line, with the aid of a timely Kay Curtiss block.

It looked like the Huskers were rolling as Reynolds pitched one into the arms of Frank Simon on the Cyclone 44, but Reynolds' next pass was intercepted on the 23-yard line and brought back to the 29.

Mann then unleashed a pass to Voetberg, who was stopped on the Iowa State 41. After picking up eight yards on their next three tries, the Cyclones punted to Bobby Decker, who returned the ball back to the Nebraska 46 after fielding it on his own 15.

The next series of plays was was disastrous for the Cornhuskers. On fourth down, the snap from center sailed over the head of Johnny Bordogna, and the Turtle Creek ace was thrown on the Nebraska 14.

It didn't take long for Mann to fire a pass to Maury Schnell in the end zone, and it looked as though the Huskers were in for a long afternoon of football. Clemendine converted, and the Cyclones led 7-0.

Bordogna returned the kickoff to the 38. This was to be the starting point of a sustained Husker drive which ended with a Husker tally. Bordogna passed to Jim Cederdahl on the 40 yard line of Iowa State, and then Bordogna put on a little running display, packing the mail down to the Cyclone 14 on three carries. Bordogna passed to Ray Novak on the three, and on the next play Novak crashed through tackle for the score. Decker's conversion tied the score at 7-7.

Mann refused to let the Iowa State attack be bothered with the mild Husker retaliation and threw a beautiful pass to Mal Schmidt from the Iowa State 36. Schmidt took it on the Husker 28 and raced across the double stripes. Clemendine's extra point effort was good and the Cyclones led again, 14-7.

The Huskers were unable to move the ball upfield after receiving the kickoff, and Mann led his group of victory-craved,



JERRY MINNICK

—Courtesy Lincoln Star.

corn-fed friends to the Husker 10 on a series of short passes. Mann fired to Meling in the end zone, and Clemendine added the extra point as the Cyclones were beginning to "lay it on," leading 21-7.

At the end of the first half, the Huskers depressedly headed for the dressing room as the score board confirmed the pre-game convictions for a Cyclone victory.

The third quarter of this game will probably go down as one of the Huskers' most glorious. Whether it was a superb job of interception by Coach Bill Glassford's part or sheer determination and grit for a victory, on the Huskers came off the ground and all but knocked the Cyclone

victory hopes cold.

The Huskers kicked off, and the Cyclones were running deep in their own territory, and Jerry Minnick was about to step into the hero's seat. Minnick busted in to mess up a handoff from Mann to Meling and then plucked the ball out of the air and scampered eight yards to fame, fortune and six Husker counters. Decker's extra point try was good, and the Huskers were back in the game, 21-14.

The Iowa Staters failed to reach a first down and were forced to punt to Bobby Decker who slashed back to the Husker 48. Bordogna heaved a pass to Dick Regier on the Cyclone 36 and on the next play flipped to Cederdahl, who danced down to the

Cyclone eight. Bordogna then pitched one to Ray Novak for a touchdown and a pandemonium broke loose among the Husker rooters. Decker's extra point made Huskers rub their eyes at the score on the big scoreboard, 21-21.

When the crowd was settled back in its seats ready to see what the Cyclones were going to do about stopping this outburst of Husker scoring, Jim Elsley intercepted a Mann pass and returned to the Iowa State 30-yard line. Two penalties sent the Huskers back to the mid-field stripe, and then Bordogna let loose with a 39-yard aerial that hit the breadbasket of Frank Simon. Bordogna then unwound a touchdown pass to George Paynich, and the Husker rooters burst into hysterics. Decker's try failed and Nebraska's offensive unit strutted off the field with a 27-21 advantage.

This must be the end! Cyclone fans were becoming a little weary about the rumors they heard concerning a poor Husker offense and defense.

The Huskers were about to start another sustained drive, this time from their own 25. Bordogna ran to the 30 and Reynolds pulled a "Missouri special" by running the ball from a punt formation which was good for a 29-yard gain.

Bordogna threw to Paynich on the Iowa State 23 and then hit Cederdahl on the Iowa State six-yard line. Bordogna then flipped one into the caressing arms of Ray Novak for the tally. Decker made the extra point, and Nebraska was in seventh heaven and led, 34-21.

The Staters tried to fight back early in the fourth quarter as Mann generated his cohorts down the field, but the attack fizzled out when Reynolds intercepted a pass on the 30 and fumbled to Viesley on 33 yard line.

The Huskers weren't able to capitalize the next time they had possession of the ball, and the Staters took over once again. Mann deliberately passed his mates to the Husker 13 by hitting targets Meling, Schnell and Stevenson. Mann then heaved to Voetberg for the score from the six-yard line, and the kick was no good. Nebraska 34, Iowa State 27.

The scoring was over for this game, but not the excitement. Carl Brettschneider intercepted a Reynolds pass on the Husker 40 and brought it back to the 29. The Cyclones' fury was tamed when Decker intercepted Mann's attempted completion on the Nebraska 20 and slipped back to the 50-yard line. Reynolds then had his second aerial attempt snagged by Brettschneider again on the Nebraska 36-yard line.

Mann again was piloting his crew down the field to what was hoped to be touchdown pay dirt. Mann threw to Schmidt on the Nebraska 25, and everyone was giving their fingernails a good gnawing.

On the next play, "old faithful" himself, Bob Mullen, came up with an interception that was sent from heaven. He captured the oblong article on the 10, and tucked his head down and plowed to the 16 with the entire Iowa State line wrapped around him.

The Huskers started a drive that was not successful as far as points



RAY NOVAK

—Courtesy Lincoln Star.

go, but served the purpose of who carried the rotund mentor off the field Saturday.

The game ended with the Huskers keeping possession of the ball. The defense played one of its finest games and even the Husker pass defense cannot be too seriously reprimanded for the number of completions by Dick Mann. In can be given the Husker team. Bill Glassford was one happy man and so were the scarlet-clad giants.

the Husker players who gave Nebraska its 26th victory over the Cyclones against 10 defeats, but John Bordogna did a superlative job of passing and running and Bobby Reynolds displayed his All-American talent on offense and defense.

Jerry Minnick was a terror on the line again, and Bob Mullen turned in his best performance of the year Saturday. George Paynich proved his pass catching ability, and Don Boll and Jim Sommers did quite well for themselves on tackling Cyclones before they could get too far.

The Cyclones deserve a great deal of credit for not completely folding up under the pressure of the Husker third quarter four-touchdown outbreak. They played as well together after the crash as they did in their second quarter display.

Dick Mann proved his passing adeptness and Mal Schmidt and Bob Voetberg their fine pass catching talents. The Mann-Schmidt passing combination is the league's tops and it is quite evident how they earned the honor.

The Huskers may have the spark that will carry them on to a surprising football finish this fall. The Huskers must win one of their next three games to avoid the label of possessing the worst record compiled by a Husker team. Saturday's play indicated that the worry is not too grave.

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## Nebraska B Gridders Defeated By Iowa State Nubbins, 22-19

The University of Nebraska B gridders battled the Iowa State nubbins to a standstill Saturday at Ames before finally succumbing, 22-19.

The Nebraska junior gridders arrived in Ames an hour before game time and did not have opportunity to recover from the wearisome bus ride.

The Cyclones put in their bid for victory early by scoring two touchdowns in the first quarter, but Nebraska proved equal to the task and rallied to make the halftime score 13-12.

On the first play from scrimmage after the half, Cyclone back Bill Spence broke loose through the middle of the Nebraska line and sprinted 41 yards for a touchdown.

After this bit of fireworks ended, the Nebraska defense settled down to play stellar ball. In contrast to this, the Husker offense sputtered and fizzled for the rest of the game.

One of the most effective weapons utilized by Iowa State was its tremendous punting, which kept Nebraska's back to the wall most of the game.

With seven minutes gone in the first period, Iowa State broke the scoring ice when Roger Burns crashed over from the three-yard line on a quarterback sneak. Jack Cozad converted.

Shortly after Nebraska received, fullback George Gohde fumbled on the Scarlet 33 and the Cyclones recovered. Jim Melkus

swept around end to the Nebraska goal line as he attempted an end run. This gave Iowa State a 22-12 lead.

Duane Rankin scored the last touchdown of the game when he intercepted a Cyclone pass thrown by Roger Burns on the Husker 34 and sped all the way for a TD. Radik made the extra point.

From this point halfback Lawrence Goll fought his way to the 17. Goll picked up five and Bill Thayer went to the four, but an off-side penalty set Nebraska back to the nine. Thayer again ran to the four, and on the next play Goll circled left end for a touchdown. Brown's placement was no good.

Nebraska got its second touchdown when Andy Loehr knocked down an Iowa State pithout and recovered on the Cyclone six. Dick Westin ran to the three, but an off-side penalty moved the ball back to the eight.

On fourth down Westin went around end from the five to score. Emil Radik's conversion was missed.

After Spence's 41-yard touchdown gallop, the two ball clubs settled down to play fairly evenly. However, Nebraska made two superb goal-line stands in order to ward off the Cyclone offensive machine.

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First downs	11	15
Net yards rushing	129	296
Passes attempted	16	16
Passes completed	5	5
Passes intercepted by	4	3
Net yards passing	96	51
Fumbles	4	3
Own fumbles recovered	1	0
Punts	5	1
Punt average	22	41
Penalty yardage	70	65



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