

LIKE DIDN'T WE?

By Herb Probasco
They said it couldn't be done.

But 34,000 loyal Nebraska Homecoming fans saw it done Saturday as the come-from-behind Cornhuskers toppled the mighty machine from Soonerland, 25-21.

The fieldhouse was resounding with one big, "Yahoo, we did it."

First Since 1942
Not since 1946 had a Big Eight team defeated the mighty Oakes. Not since Bud Wilkinson has been at the Sooner helm has a Conference team been on the long end of a score. Not since 1942, when the Scarlet and Cream edged Oklahoma 7-0,

has Nebraska beaten the Sooners.

But Saturday the day of reckoning was at hand. The Huskers not only accomplished the unbelievable, they won their first conference game in three starts.

A madhouse of husky red-shirts were shaking the rafters loose in Schulte Memorial Fieldhouse with the biggest celebration in many a decade of Cornhusker grid history.

Into The Showers
"Let's shower the coaches," the cry went up.

And in they went—Don Strasheim, Don Scarborough, Bill Jennings, LeRoy Pearce, Jack Braley.

"Where's Schneider? Get

Sullivan," the players shouted as they headed for the Husker trainers.

But nobody had any complaints about the wet clothes. All of the coaches would have probably jumped in on their own.

Fricke Modest

A modest Don Fricke was accepting congratulations from well-wishers in the training room. "It was a good game, I guess," the Husker fullback smiled. He still had that "Did we really do it?" look on his face.

Assistant Coach Don Strasheim, dripping wet, grinned and yelled, "I think it was the greatest thing that has

ever happened since I've been coaching."

"I kinda thought we'd play well, today," a shower-soaked, unusually calm Bill Jennings said as he sat in the fieldhouse with the members of the press.

The Husker coach had just seen his team defeat his alma mater. He had also accomplished the dream that many a coach has had for more than 13 years.

Intense
"This means a lot to the squad and a lot to the coaches," he smiled.

"It was so intense," Jennings said, "and then all of a sudden it was over."

"It was just a bunch of

guys who wanted to win," he pointed out.

"Those two great kicks by Meade (a pair of field goals) and Tolly's kick into the wind (a fourth quarter punt that stopped on the four-yard line)," he cited as major plays in the game.

Big Decision

"Harry (Tolly) played just like he always does, as hard and as well as he can. But the whole team did that," he added.

"It was a big decision to go for the field goal in the fourth quarter and make them win by two touchdowns," the Norman, Okla. native pointed out.

Carroll (Papa) Zaruba stood grinning by the training room.

"Everybody's happy," he said. "Every man played his heart out."

Center Jim Moore, co-captain for the game along with LeRoy Zentic, jubilantly announced, "This is the biggest thrill of my life."

Pat Fischer, who electrified the stands with his fourth quarter punt return that set up the Huskers' final touchdown, was nursing a bruised leg.

"How does it feel Pat?" he was asked.

"Just a little sore," he responded.

"How does it feel to win?" came a rephrased question. "Great," he smiled. "I don't think there's a better feeling."

Old Time Spirit
Among the scores of congratulators in the Husker training room was Link Lyman, a former line coach on Nebraska's Rose Bowl team, now living in Los Angeles.

"You can tell your readers that 40,000 fans saw Nebraska return to its old time spirit," Lyman quipped to the members of the press.

He was a little off on the attendance figure, but there was plenty of seconds to his statement.

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K Sig, SAM, Tri Delts Win House Display Honors

Weeks of work, worry and fun were climaxed Saturday evening when the winners of house displays and floats were announced before the 2,900 attending the Homecoming dance.

Delta Delta Delta and Kappa Sigma were selected to receive the traveling trophies for the men and women's divisions.

The Tri Delts' pink animated elephant crushing a Sooner under its foot titled "Victory Is No Fantasy" was rated by the judges as carrying out the best idea of display objectives.

The Old Loc
Kappa Sigma's "The Old Loc Rocks the Sooners,"

which consisted of animated locomotive that overturned a covered wagon while a Sooner was tossed into the air, was chosen as the overall best in the men's division.

First place in the men's small house division was Sigma Alpha Mu's "It's a Sure Bet."

A unanimous decision by the judges called for a trophy of originality to be awarded to Phi Kappa Psi who took the idea similar to the scrap campaign of the war years and said "dump em" and depicted a junk yard.

Other women's division winners were Kappa Kappa Gamma's "Peanuts to Okla-

homa," second and Pi Beta Phi's, "Dinner Will be Sooner Tonight," third.

Beta Sigma Psi won second in the men's small house division with "Husker Type Yogi."

In the men's large house division Beta Theta Pi won second with "Boil 'Em In Their Own Oil," and Theta Xi was third with "Sooners Fall Prey to Huskers."

Judges considered originality, attractiveness, construction and general identification with opponents on an equal basis in making their decision, according to Innocents, sponsors of the events.

Float Honors

Farm House, Fedde Hall and Varsity Dairy Club took home the first place trophies from the float entries in the parade Saturday morning.

Farm House had the theme, "Put the Sooners Into Orbit," and second went to Season I with "Happy Hunting Ground."

In the women's division, Fedde Hall's "Recipe for Oake Stew" was the winner while Terrace hall took second with "Make Those Sooners Crawl."

Varsity Dairy Club's theme was "It's In the Bag" and Red Cross received second with "You Beat 'Um, We'll Fix 'Um."

After the announcement of the winners by Dave Godbey president of Innocents and

Lexy Lou Bell, chairman of the Student Union dance committee, Fred Bliss, vice president of Corn Cobs, presented the queen while Eddy Haddad provided the background music of "Dear Old Nebraska U."

Cheers arose from dancers as Harry Tolly, quarterback of the "most talked about" football team escorted Homecoming Queen Skip Harris to the stage.

Skip and her two attendants, Kay Hirschbach and Judie Williams, were presented bracelets by their escorts Tolly, Brent Chambers, Yell King, and Don Binder, president of Corn Cobs. The royal party then was honored by a special number while students and alumni viewed the dancing royalty.

The Hi'Lo's came on stage next to present what they called a "second fiddle show" after what the football players had done during the afternoon.

Tired feet welcomed the hour show of favorite popular, jazz, barbershop and sentimental numbers. Impersonations by the four brought cheers from the crowd.

Later the four complimented the tremendous spirit shown by the group and especially the pep organizations Tassels and Corn Cobs for what they determined was a "real spirited" homecoming.

Governor Gets Goalpost



GOVERNOR'S GIFT—The Huskers presented the students a win ever Oklahoma Saturday and these happy students then presented a goalpost to Gov. Ralph Harbin. The Governor promptly got in the mood and presented Admiralships in the Nebraska Navy to the football team and pencils to his visitors. With the governor are students (from left) Jim Hayward,

John Hildebrandt, Lowell Sauter, Bill Eastwood and Jim Laska. In front are Nebraska rooters Sharon Lou Hal and Patty Hill. The other goalpost was taken to the Administration Building to remind Chancellor Hardin of his promised holiday and then disappeared towards the Alpha Tau Omega house.

Promise Made Two Years Ago Fulfilled by Chancellor

A promise made two years ago was fulfilled Saturday when Chancellor Clifford Hardin called off Monday classes in celebration of the Husker's 25-21 upset over Oklahoma.

It was during basketball season two springs back when Jerry Bush's boys whipped

Kansas in one of those tight, tight hoop battles of 1958. After the game, students surged toward the Chancellor's house to demand a day off to celebrate the victory.

They were told then that the Chancellor was at his office. He came out to confer with a delegation. Classes

were dismissed on the condition that students would not ask for another victory holiday until we beat Oklahoma at football.

Today is the fulfillment of that promise.

By half-time the Chancellor, sensing that this was to be the day, had alerted police that a victory celebration would probably be storming the town.

A student delegation waiting for the Chancellor after the game composed of Jack Nielson, president of Student Council, Dave Godbey, president of Innocents, Gretchen Saeger, treasurer of Mortar Board and Diana Maxwell, editor of the Daily Nebraskan, was too late. Hardin had already made good his promise.

Amazed Sportswriters Write Frenzied Leads

The gallant Husker victory over Oklahoma Saturday sent the nation's sportswriters into a frenzy.

The Sunday Journal and Star quoted some of the following leads:

Daily Oklahoman
Lincoln, Neb. — The millennium in Oklahoma's fabled football fortunes was recorded here this black afternoon when Nebraska, nothing more than a conference whipping boy up to this historic point, etched a miraculous 25-21 triumph, the proud Sooners' first Big 8 loss since 1946 and the first ever under Bud Wilkinson, circa 1947-59.

Bud Still Looked Like A Winner
You couldn't tell by looking at Charles "Bud" Wilkinson that he was a losing coach Saturday.

"He was smiling and shaking hands. One Nebraska student manager was getting autographs on his arms. As Wilkinson signed his name to the growing list he grinned and said, "Tell your boys we're real proud of them."

"We made a lot of bad plays," he remarked, "and you don't win ball games that way."

Contrasted to the youthful-looking mentor's expression were the stone-faced Sooner players.

As they sat on the bus waiting to ride back to the airport, not a word was said. They knew they were the first team to lose a conference game since Wilkinson has been coaching at Norman.

The only comment to come from the silent Sooners was an answer to the question, "Are you going to start another win string next week?" "You're damn right," was the reply.

Defeating OU for the first time in 17 seasons, the Cornhuskers in reality won going away with a roaring 10-point burst in the final quarter as two ancient rivals threw defense to the wind in a hammer-and-tong orgy which both dumbfounded and delighted a near-capacity homecoming crowd of 34,000.

Ron Meade, 18-year-old reserve quarterback, and Pat Fischer, junior halfback, were the giant killing Huskers' co-heroes in this almost unbelievable outcome which found NU a two-to-three touchdown underdog.

Associated Press
Lincoln, Neb. — The walls came tumbling down on Oklahoma and Yale Saturday and Southern California just managed to climb out of the rubble unscathed.

Oklahoma, which hadn't been beaten in the Big 8 in 74 games dating back 13 years, was shined by Nebraska, 25-21. Thus college football's longest conference victory streak in history was shattered.

United Press International
Lincoln, Neb. — Nebraska's fired-up Cornhuskers snapped Oklahoma's 74-game unbeaten string in Big 8 play Saturday with a come-from-behind 25-21 victory.

The Huskers chose to come up with their peak performance of the year before a wild homecoming crowd of 34,000.

He contended the credit should go to the team rather than to him. Coach Jennings expressed the hope that the spirit and support shown at Saturday's game would continue throughout the season. The enthused rallyists then sped to the governor's mansion to pay their respects to Governor Ralph E. E. E. The cheer, "Go Big Ralph," set the stage for several comments from the governor.

He said he was delighted with the goal post trophies but that it would require several welders to repair them in time for the next Nebraska foe, Iowa State.

Sooner (Or Later) Records Are Broken

By Doug McCartney
Notes: Memorial Stadium seats got little use Saturday.

The crowd spent much of its time surging to its feet and jumping up and down. This was due to the alert Huskers and the wide open, slashing Oklahoma attack.

Many persons near the stadium were amazed at the tremendous amount of noise that issued from the stadium that afternoon. Not only was it loud but continuous.

When Sooner coach Bud Wilkinson got off the plane Friday he told reporters he had lost his coat. When he got back on Saturday he had lost his shirt also, one wit commented.

Speaking of coats, someone else lost theirs. During several of the more exuberant moments of the game, even coats were observed flying through the air in the student section.

One national newscaster was giving scores that evening. He came to the words, "Nebraska-25, Oklahoma-21." There was a pause, then a querulous voice asked, "Are you sure that's right?"

Stoned-faced Sooners had trouble fighting their way to the locker rooms after the game. They had to contend with the goal post-minded crowd surging on the field. The roar from the packed stadium was so great even the Husker band was drowned out.

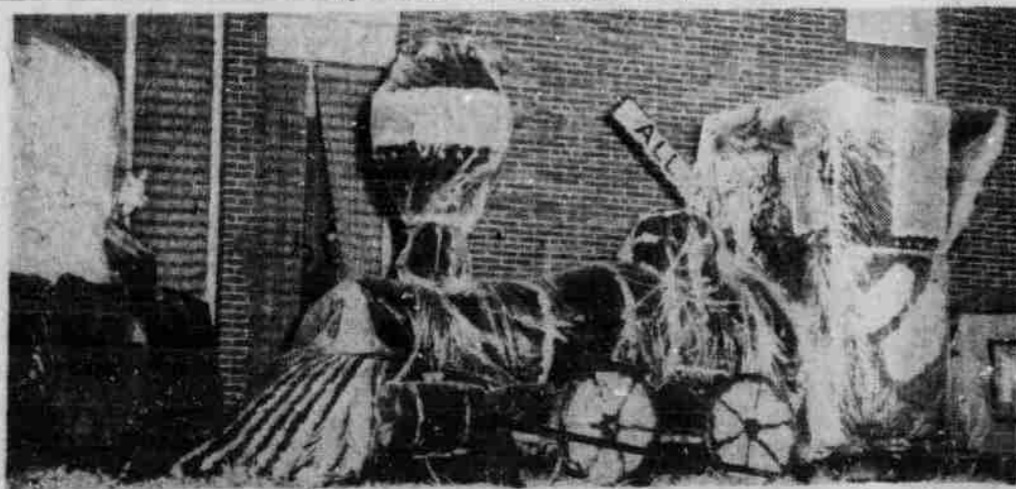
Referees probably have the most changeable personalities in the world, at least according to Husker fans. First they were soundly booed for not calling intentional grounding of the ball against Oklahoma, then a few minutes later received an ovation as they paced off a long penalty when the Sooners tried to run a "fair catch" ball.

Seniors of this year can

reminisce in the future that they were in school when Nebraska was known for its big upsets. Two years ago we upset two great Kansas basketball teams.

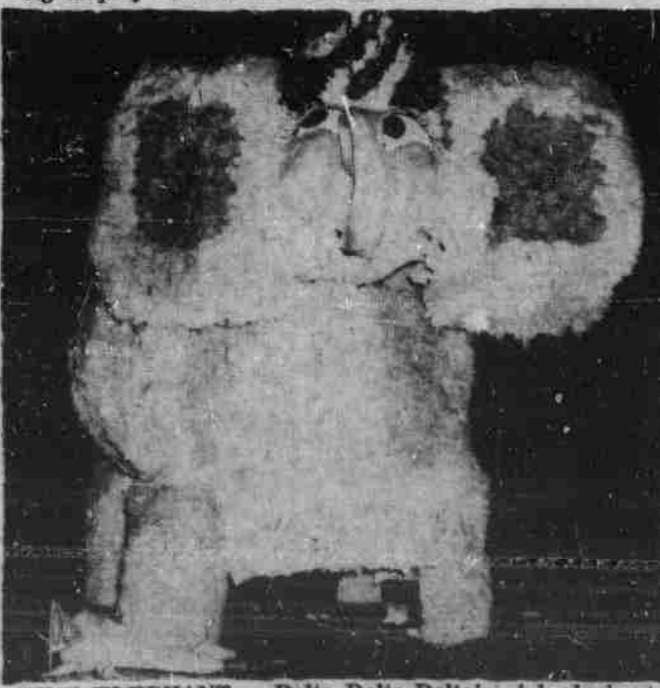
Then last year the football team became "Champion of Pennsylvania," dumping Pittsburg and Penn State.

Some teams make a reputation building winning streaks. Others make theirs breaking same.



SOONERS ROCKED — Kappa Sigma's prophetic "Old Loc Rocks the Sooners" won top honors among male houses in Homecoming display competition. The K Sig display showed an NU train bearing

down on an Oklahoma prairie schooner. When the locomotive hit the covered wagon, an "Okie" flew up and away as the covered wagon tipped on its side.



PINK ELEPHANT — Delta Delta Delta's pink elephant topped sorority Homecoming displays. The Tri Delt's proclaimed in their sign that "Victory Is No Fantasy" and turned fence and gate posts into candy canes to go along with the fantasy theme.

Goalposts Are Spoils Of Victory

To the victor goes the spoils and to the NU fans went the Cornhusker goalposts.

Laid in cement, the posts were as matchsticks to the crowd. Waving wildly with one student anchored precariously to the crossbar, the north end post was the first to fall.

Scuffles marked the carrying of the posts home as fans jealously guarded their hard-fought prize.

Portions were finally found in the Alpha Tau Omega, Sigma Phi Epsilon, Phi Gamma Delta and Phi Delta Theta houses and the governor's mansion.

The poles stood firm last year after NU's victory over Pittsburg.

AWS Joins In

AWS joined in celebration festivities Sunday and granted women students an extra hour. Closing hour for sororities and women's residence halls was midnight rather than the usual 11 p.m.