

Varsity Thunders to Win

Fischer's Run Thrills All-Sports Day Fans

By Dave Wohlfarth

A 100-yard kickoff return by Thunder Thornton paved the way for a 35-20 victory for the Nebraska varsity over the alumni in Saturday's All-Sports Day battle.

Thornton received the kickoff in the fourth quarter on his own goal, fumbled it, recovered it, and sped right through the middle of the alum's defense for the touchdown. Once he was past the varsity 35 there was no doubt that he was gone.

The 191-pound Toledo comet's run came with 8:40 remaining in the game and gave the varsity a convincing 35-20 spread.

Up until that time, the turning point of the game, there had been some doubt in the minds of the 6,000 fans at Memorial Stadium as to the outcome of the game.

The Alums, striking through the air and ground, held a 14-13 halftime edge and had just scored their third TD of the day to trail 20-29 before Thornton's run.

Top Alum Play
The spirited grey-beards also produced the top play of the day for their second score with 2:40 left in the first half.

With first and 10 on the varsity 37, alum quarterback Sam Vacanti rolled back and fired a pass to halfback Clay White on the NU 25. White lateraled to Pat Fischer, who outmaneuvered the whole varsity team as he reversed his field four times, then scampered over to complete the 37-yard TD play.

The varsity started the game as though it intended to romp. Coach Bill Jennings' Huskers took the opening kickoff and marched 92 yards in 10 plays, all on the ground.

Thornton was the big gun in this series, directed by quarterback Ron Meade. Thunder, aided by good blocks from end Dick McDaniel, picked up gains of 21, eight, 23 and eight yards. Meade sneaked over from the one and added the extra point kick to make it 7-0 with 5:11 gone in the game.

Late in the first quarter the varsity halted the alums inside the NU 10 after the alums had recovered Rudy Johnson's fumble of a punt on the varsity nine.

Forced to Fumble
The alums flowed down to the one-yard line before varsity tackle Gary Toogood broke through and spilled quarterback Tom Kramer on fourth down, forcing him to fumble.

The varsity got its second score on a 38-yard pass from Dennis Claridge to end Don Purcell with six minutes gone in the second quarter. This pass play was one of the few times the varsity was able to

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Statistics

ALUMNI VARSITY	
FIRST DOWNS (Total)	14 18
By rushing	7 14
By passing	7 4
By penalties	0 0
RUSHING	
(Number of Rushes)	22 43
Number Yards Gained	59 258
Number Yards Lost	25 11
Net Yards Gained	34 247
FORWARD PASSING	
(Number Attempted)	31 34
Number Completed	11 6
Number Had Intercepted	1 1
Net Yards Gained	181 68
TOTAL PLAYS	
(Rushes and Passes)	47 77
TOTAL NET YARDS	216 315
PUNTS (Number)	5 3
Average Yards	42.8 42
Number Had Blocked	0 0
KICKOFFS (Number)	4 6
Average Yards	49 34
KICK RETURNS	
Number Punt Returns	2 2
Yard Punt Returns	62 23
Yards Kickoff Returns	6-137 5-177
INTERCEPTION RETURNS	
(Number)	2 1
Yards Returns	34 0
FUMBLES (Number)	2 1
Ball Lost	3 3
BALL LOST ON DOWNS	2 1
PENALTIES (Number)	1 6
Yards Penalized	5 43
FIELD GOALS	
(Number attempted)	0 0
Number Successful	0 0

Individual Statistics

VARSITY			
	Rushing	Passing	Receiving
Meade	10 10 0 10 21		
Thornton	11 115 0 115 104		
Stuuss	2 4 0 4 2		
Comstock	6 24 0 24 4		
Younis	5 25 0 25 7		
Clare	5 24 0 24 4.8		
R. Johnson	1 3 0 3 7.7		
Fairman	1 0 0 0 0		
Claridge	4 25 11 14 2.4		
Purcell	1 7 0 7 2.4		
Johnson	1 3 0 3 3		
Powers	1 2 0 2 2		
Fischer		11 11 0 11 10	
White		2 2 0 2 2.5	
Zaruba		12 30 3 12 2.5	
Johnson		1 0 0 0 0	
Brown		3 8 0 3 2.5	
Vacanti		2 7 0 2 3.5	
Fischer		1 2 0 1 2	

Thornton Draws Praise From Alumni Gridders

—Alums Impressed—

By Hal Brown

The Nebraska alumni squad was generally impressed with the varsity's showing in Saturday's alumni-varsity contest.

Alumni quarterback Sam Vacanti considered the varsity passing attack as considerably improved over last year. "The entire team is very much improved and it is very encouraging," Vacanti said.

"Thunder Thornton is a terrific ballplayer and I just hope he doesn't get hurt," Vacanti continued. "The improved passing attack will also help Thornton because it loosens up the defense and gives him a chance to run."

LaVern Torczon, a pro griddler was also very much impressed with Thornton. "He will be an all-American if he gets some help," Torczon predicted.

Torczon also praised the varsity linemen for good pursuit tactics, but thought the Huskers lacked team speed. "Thornton is the only one who has shown me any speed," he said.

Torczon singled out Bob Brown for special praise among the varsity linemen and said, "He's going to be real good some day. He has a lot to learn, but he's only a sophomore."

LeRoy Zentic, a graduate of 1959 and now coaching at Tecumseh, thought the varsity played good ball. "The alumni had a good team and the varsity did a good job to score 35 points against a real tough defensive line. They were also moving up the middle against that big alumni line," Zentic commented.

"I thought the passing would be a little better and I was somewhat disappointed in that phase of the varsity attack," he continued.

Bill Hawkins considered the varsity passing 100 per cent improved over a year ago. "I thought all the quarterbacks threw pretty good," he said.

Grid Great Felled

Guy Chamberlin, a Husker griddler in 1914-'15-'16 was knocked from his chair near the alumni bench in the second quarter by three players going after a pass.

The nominee for the Football Hall of Fame picked himself up and remarked, "It'll take more than that to hurt me. I am used to that, except that I am usually the one knocking somebody down."

Alumni center and guard Darrell Cooper said to Chamberlin, "At least you can say you played in the 1961 alumni-varsity

game." Rex Hoy offered Chamberlin his helmet. Chamberlin refused.

Chamberlin also had some observations about the game. "This is of great value to the varsity," he said. "They work against each other in Spring drills and they know what the other team is going to do."

"But the alums are real smart, especially the professional players, and they give the varsity some different competition and some good competition. It gives the varsity a chance to see what they got."

'Alums Played Good'

Nebraska coach Bill Jennings credited the alumni with a "good game." They gave us a lot to look at with their offense—some things we had never seen before. In fact Pat Fischer and Sam Vacanti almost showed us too much.

"The alums played real good ball. Their timing was off a little but you have to expect that and if it hadn't been off a few times they might have beaten us."

"Our passing wasn't real good, but it wasn't too bad either. We were a little slow getting started deep in our own territory a lot of the time. Our passing picked up a little in the second half."

"I think our offense is ahead of what it was last year but we are a little behind on defense. This is probably because we spent a lot more time on offense this Spring."

"I thought all of our quarterbacks looked good. Ron Gilbreath didn't get in there much, but he was impressive while he was playing."

Outstanding Awards

Alumni halfback Pat Fischer was a double trophy winner. He received the Tom Novak trophy as the most valuable player on the 1960 varsity and was also voted the outstanding player of the game for the alumni. Thunder Thornton received the award as the outstanding varsity performer.

Short Sleeves Unpopular

Many of the older alumni players do not like the short sleeve jerseys worn by today's players. "It is too hard on the arms," they say.

TD But No Ball

Alumni fullback Carroll Zaruba said he was untouched as he went into the end zone on a fourth and one yard to go for a TD. But the quarterback didn't give him the handoff and the varsity held.

Lambert, Ferrel Win Honors In Nebraska Collegiate Rodeo

By Bob Nye

Don Lambert, 19-year-old Merna freshman at NU was selected all-around cowboy at the Inter-Collegiate Championship rodeo held Saturday at the State Fairgrounds.

Lambert won the calf roping, placed second in steer wrestling, and third in bull riding.

Vickey Ferrel, 18-year-old Imperial freshman at Nebraska Wesleyan University was selected all-around cowgirl, placing in all three girl's events, winning two of them.

Cordy Seward, 18, of Lincoln, a freshman at NU, was named the 1961 Rodeo Queen.

Cordy is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Seward of Lincoln and is a member of Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority. She is also active in Aquaquettes; Builders; Kernels; and is a member of Cadence Countesses.

Attendants

Her attendants are Connie Sterner of Franklin and Ann Hanna of Valentine.

Bud Reece of Valentine won the bareback bronc riding with second place going to Earl Stevens of York. Jim Scholer, Fairfax, Mo., placed third.

The steer wrestling championship went to Norman Eggle, of Stratton with second and third place going to Lambert and Reece respectively.

Lambert took the calf roping with Bob Kerby of Kearney placing second. Gary Hilmer of Kearney placed third.

Doug Simonson of Mullen won the bull riding championship and Jerry Waltz, Kearney State College, took second. Lambert placed third.

There were no winners in the saddle bronc riding.

In the girl's events Vickey Ferrel won the cowgirl's pole bending contest and Judy Maranville of Beatrice placed second.

Vickey Ferrel won the girl's goat tying with Margo Bragg of Kearney and Joellen Hanson of Newcastle placing second and third respectively.

Kathy O'Brien of Denton was the champion in girl's barrel racing with Vicky Ferrel and Judy Maranville placing second and third respectively.

Gary Greder of Alpha Gam-

ma Sigma was named the winner of the 4-H Club's Beard Contest.

The University Wildlife Club won the display both going to Ag-Y. The Block and the Bridle Club took third.

DAILY NEBRASKAN SPORTS

Husker Nine Sweeps Three From Sooners Wall Gets Credit for Three Wins In Relief Against Oklahoma Nine

By Hal Brown

Nebraska swept its first conference series of the season with three wins over Oklahoma Friday and Saturday on the Husker diamond.

Jan Wall received credit for all three wins as the Huskers won Friday's twinbill by 5-4 and 5-2 scores and took a 10-4 victory in Saturday's single game.

Wall relieved in all three games, boosting his win-loss percentage above the .500 mark at four wins and three losses.

Wall came on as the third Husker pitcher in Friday's opener and allowed only two men to reach base in two innings. One of the base runners was thrown out trying to steal.

Nebraska tied the game at 4-4 in the bottom of seventh in the scheduled seven inning game. Dick Becher started it with two out when he drew a walk and Pat Salerno went in to run for him.

Salerno Scores

Daie Anderson also walked and then Dave McClatchey, pinchhitting for Dave Myers, was safe on a two-base error by Sooner second baseman Buzzy McDonald as Salerno slid home with the tying run.

The Huskers tallied the winning run in the ninth as Anderson drove Steve Smith home with a single. Smith had lived on an error, stole second and was sacrificed to third by Salerno.

Nebraska scored three in the fourth inning of Friday's nightcap to break a 2-2 tie.

Wall pitched the final three and one-third innings and allowed only two base runners, one on a walk and one on a single.

Smith's three-run homer over the centerfield fence in Saturday's single game accounted for the winning runs in the seventh inning. Smith got three for five and drove in five runs during the afternoon.

The Huskers added three insurance tallies in the eighth.



WALL

Wall hurled the final three innings and retired the last seven batters in order. The Sooners threatened in the top of the seventh when Ken Burke singled and Jon Darby doubled with two out.

Husker coach Tony Sharpe then ordered Wall to walk George Kernek, loading the bases. The strategy worked as Wall got opposing hurler Lynn Overton to ground out to Bill Redmond.

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