

Husker Offense Shines, But So Does Orange

Three Pass Interceptions Hurt Nebraska's Chances

By Dave Wohlforth
Offense was the whole show as Syracuse handed Nebraska its first defeat of the 1961 season, 28-6 Saturday before 36,000 fans at Memorial Stadium.

The powerful Orange men from the East had little trouble marching up the field to score three first quarter touchdowns and one in the last period.

Syracuse scored on drives of 99, 98, and 92 yards with All-American halfback Ernie Davis leading the way.

The game wasn't all Syracuse though as the Huskers demonstrated their best running attack of the season against the most powerful opponent they've faced.

Three times shifty running

Husker backs led by Thunder Thornton banged to within the Syracuse 10-yard line only to be stopped by the Orange defense.

Finally late in the last quarter Nebraska marched 58 yards in seven plays to score its lone touchdown of the day.

Running Duel
As the game progressed it developed into a running duel between two great backs, Davis of Syracuse and Thornton of Nebraska.

Davis was the man the Orange called on when they needed yardage. Time after time he broke through the Husker line for gains of five and six yards. The 210-pound powerful back gained 120 yards on 22 carries.

However, Thornton was even more spectacular. The junior halfback gained 133 yards in 15 carries, averaging almost nine yards a carry. He broke loose for runs yards, running to the right, of 33, 19, 19, 15, 14 and 11 left or off reverses. His longest jaunt, a 33-yard sprint around right end, set up Nebraska's only touchdown,

Stevens Paces NU Harriers

By Janet Sack
Ray Stevens and three sophomores, packed into the top six finishers Friday afternoon, led the Nebraska cross country team to victory over Drake and Iowa State.

The Huskers finished with 25 points for first as compared with 39 for second place Iowa State and 67 for third finishing Drake.

Stevens toured the three-mile hill and dale course in Pioneer Park in 15:07, slightly over the course record of 14:59 set by Bob Hanneken of Missouri last year.

John Raveling, Drake sophomore, finished a strong second in 15:12 followed by Carl Brown of Iowa State for third in 15:37.

Husker sophomores John Portee, Jim Lewis and Stuart Tucker finished fourth, fifth and sixth respectively. Portee was clocked in 15:38.5, Lewis in 15:46 and Tucker in 15:48.

Paul Nielsen and Clarence Scott of Nebraska finished ninth and 12th with times of 16:16 and 16:32 respectively.

"The boys performed a little better than expected," said Husker Coach Frank Sevigne.

Junior Bill Kenny was unable to compete because of an injured Achilles tendon, Sevigne said.

Order of finish:
1. Ray Stevens (N) 15:07; 2. John Raveling (D) 15:12; 3. Carl Brown (I) 15:37; 4. John Portee (N) 15:38.5; 5. Jim Lewis (N) 15:46; 6. Stuart Tucker (N) 15:48; 7. Kent Smith (I) 15:48.5; 8. Roger Rice (I) 16:13; 9. Paul Nielsen (N) 16:16; 10. Ed Tegtmeyer (I) 16:23; 11. William Lynn (I) 16:25; 12. Clarence Scott (N) 16:32; 13. Rodger Winstar (I) 16:36; 14. Dave Johnson (D) 16:32; 15. Charles Darby (I) 17:02; 16. Deane Thomas (D) 17:02; 17. Jim Moore (D) 17:18; 18. Larry Bess (D) 18:01; 19. Len Hutchinson (D) 18:24.

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NEBRASKA RUSHING

Player	Att.	Gain	Loss	Net
Claridge	3	9	23	-15
Thornton	15	134	1	133
Ross	4	22	3	19
Johnson	10	50	6	44
Comstock	3	8	0	8
Callahan	1	0	0	0
Stuewe	2	4	3	1
Meade	1	0	0	0

PASSING

Player	Att.	Comp.	Intc.	Yds.
Claridge	7	2	2	17
Meade	9	2	2	40

PASS RECEIVING

Player	No.	Yds.	TD
McDaniel	3	27	0
Stuewe	2	29	0
Purcell	1	4	0
Ross	1	3	0

PUNTING

Player	No.	Avg.	Yds.
Claridge	3	37.3	112
Thornton	1	25	25
Johnson	1	62	62
Comstock	1	13	13

KICKOFF RETURNS

Player	No.	Yds.	TD
Thornton	1	25	0
Johnson	1	62	0
Comstock	1	13	0

PUNT RETURNS

Player	No.	Yds.	TD
Stuewe	3	45	0
Clair	1	0	0

SYRACUSE

RUSHING

Player	Att.	Gain	Loss	Net
Sarette	1	0	4	-4
Davis	22	130	10	120
Brokaw	9	52	3	49
Schoonover	6	32	0	32
Meyers	6	36	0	36
Fallon	6	13	3	10
Gaskins	1	11	0	11
Solsan	1	0	5	-5

PASSING

Player	Att.	Comp.	Intc.	Yds.
Sarette	1	0	0	0
Lelli	2	2	0	25
Fallon	1	0	0	0
Solsan	1	0	0	0

PASS RECEIVING

Player	No.	Yds.	TD
Brokaw	2	29	0
Johnson	1	15	0
Davis	1	10	0

PUNTING

Player	No.	Avg.	Yds.
Snyder	3	39.6	119

KICKOFF RETURNS

Player	No.	Yds.	TD
Schoonover	1	18	0
Gaskins	1	12	0

PUNT RETURNS

Player	No.	Yds.	TD
Fallon	1	2	0

PASS INTERC.

Player	No.	Yds.	TD
Sweeney	1	50	0
Humphreys	1	9	0
Sarette	1	0	0



WILLIE ROSS (17), Husker halfback, heads around left end in Saturday's game against Syracuse. Blocking Syracuse's ERNIE DAVIS (14) is Husker fullback RUDY JOHNSON (12).

it was intercepted by Syracuse's Dave Sarette on the SU 2.

The Orangemen then marched 98 yards to paydirt in 10 plays as the big and strong Orange line opened big holes to break their backs loose.

Brokaw Scores
Right half Pete Brokaw scored from the Nebraska 23 on a quick opener and Syracuse led 6-0 with 8:20 left in the first quarter. The two-point extra point attempt failed.

On the first play of the second quarter quarterback Claridge (first NU team was back in) had another pass intercepted. The Orange's Walt Sweeney grabbed the pass at the Syracuse 49 and juggled it all the way back for another Syracuse score. This time the two-point try succeeded as Sarette hit Brokaw with a pass and the Orange led 14-0 with only 15 seconds gone in the second quarter.

Orange Drive Again
Syracuse scored again in the first half when they drove up the field on a 99-yard march after a Claridge punt had pinned them back to their

one. Fourteen plays later Davis scooted over right guard from the four to score.

Nebraska threatened again right before the half when Thornton, Ross and Johnson banged away to move the ball from the NU 35 to the Syracuse nine where it was first and goal.

That was as close as the Huskers got as three straight losses threw the Huskers back to the SU 30 where Claridge fumbled as the half ended.

NU Starts Fast
The Huskers came bursting out again in the second half eager to overcome the 20-0 deficit. After holding Syracuse, Nebraska gain drove 36 yards to the Syracuse 10 but couldn't penetrate much farther as they lost the ball on downs.

Six plays later the Huskers were knocking at the door again. Halfback Dennis Stuewe returned a punt 25 yards before being forced out of bounds at the Syracuse 33.

Stuewe picked up four yards then two Nebraska fumbles and recoveries put the ball on the Syracuse 21 where Meade hit Stuewe with a jump pass good for nine yards.

Another Interception
Bill Comstock picked up two to the Syracuse 10 before John Humphreys of Syracuse picked off a Meade aerial and once more the Huskers

were stopped by a pass interception.

The Orangemen scored their final touchdown on a 92-yard drive in the fourth quarter. Davis and Bill Schoonover picked up valuable yardage as Syracuse marched the distance of the field again, this time in 12 plays. Quarterback Bob Lelli ran for the extra point, making it 28-0 with 6:15 left in the game.

Johnson Sparks
The Huskers came back when Johnson caught Ed Ericson's kickoff in the end zone and sped straight up the right side to the Nebraska 42 before being hauled down.

'Rudy the Rocket' then hit the right side for seven and Thornton took off from the Husker 49 and motored around right end for 33 yards to the Syracuse 18.

The Huskers weren't to be denied this time, as Johnson banged for two, Thornton four and Claridge rambled around the right end for nine yards to the Syracuse four.

Thunder Scores
With first and goal Thornton failed to crack the Syracuse line on the first play but swept left end and stiff-armed his way into the end zone for the lone Husker score with 2:14 left. Claridge bobbled the snap on the extra point try.

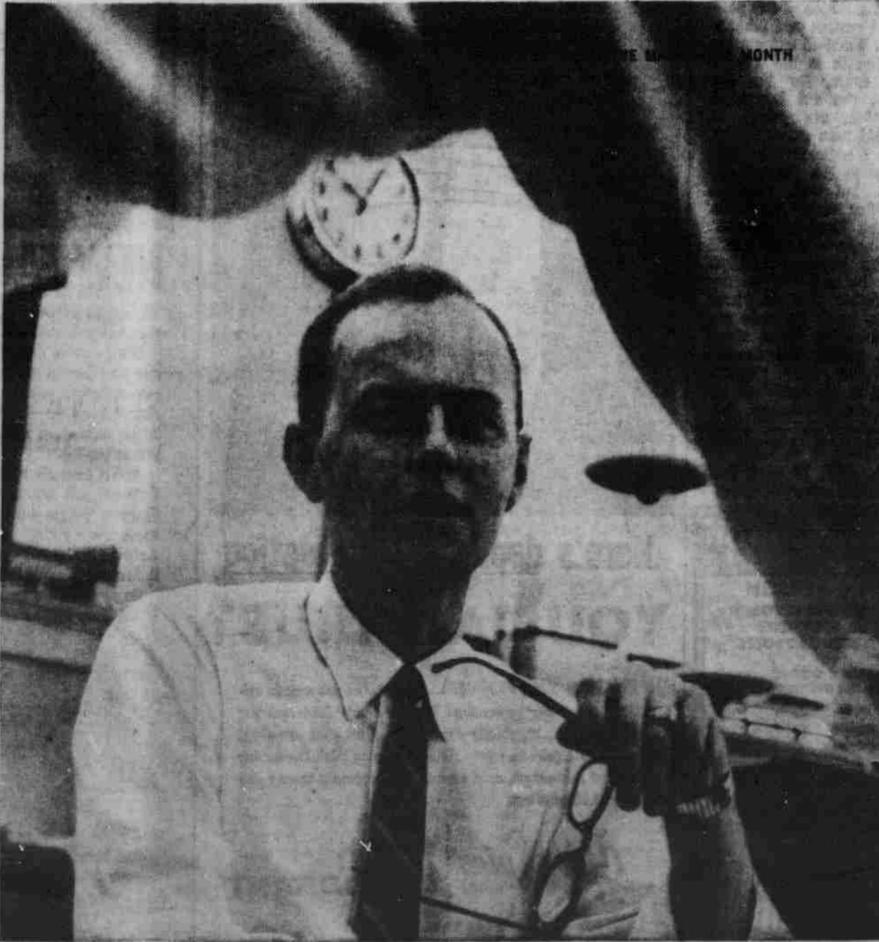
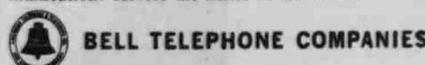
Individual Statistics

Category	Syracuse	Nebr.
First Downs Rushing	11	12
First Downs Passing	4	2
First Downs by Penalties	2	1
TOTAL FIRST DOWNS	17	15
Number Attempts Rushing	52	39
Yards Gained Rushing	294	228
Yards Lost Rushing	27	45
NET YARDS GAINED	267	183
RUSHING		
Number Passes Attempted	7	16
Number Passes Complete	4	7
Number Passes Had Intercepted	0	3
NET YARDS GAINED	64	87
PASSING		
Number Plays Rushing and Passing	64	57
TOTAL OFFENSE YARDAGE	331	270
AGE		
Number Opponents Passes Intercepted	3	0
NET YARDS INTERCEPTION RETURNED	59	0
Number Times Punted	5	3
Number Punts Had Blocked	0	0
PUNTING AVERAGE	38.4	37.3
YARDS		
Number Punts Returned	1	4
NET YARDS PUNTS RETURNED	2	42
Number Kicks Returned	2	4
NET YARDS KICKOFFS RETURNED	30	30
Number Times Penalized	5	2
TOTAL YARDS PENALIZED	41	30
Number Times Fumbled	3	2
NUMBER OWN FUMBLES LOST	2	1

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