

# Busy Weekend Adds to NU Football Tension

By Dave Wohlfarth  
The tension continued to mount in the Nebraska football situation over the weekend as the Huskers lost their fourth straight game and rumors continued to circulate concerning a new athletic director.

Chancellor Clifford Hardin said Saturday that no formal action has been taken by the Board of Regents in finding a replacement for the long vacated AD post (Bill Orwig left April 1), but "we will be doing something before long."

The job will probably be only the athletic director's position, not a combined AD and football coach as had been speculated. Head football coach Bill Jennings, who has come under some criticism lately, present contract expires in February.

Duffy Daugherty, Michigan State football coach, was the latest name mentioned in the Nebraska situation but Hardin said the Daugherty is "not in the picture."

Other names mentioned in connection with the NU job have been Ray Elliot, assistant athletic director at Illinois; Jack Curtice, football coach at Stanford; Virgil Yelkin, athletic director at Omaha University; George Sauer, former coach and director at Navy, Kansas and Baylor; Paul Amen, former coach at Wake Forest, and Norm Van Brocklin, coach of the Minnesota Vikings in the NFL.

### Kansas Drops NU

Nebraska lost its fourth straight game (NU has now won two, lost four and tied one) when all-American quarterback John Hadl of Kansas proved too much for the Huskers as the Jayhawks handed NU a 28-6 licking Saturday.

Hadl was the big difference as he plugged for one TD, passed for another and directed a consistent KU offense which piled up 387 yards total offense in the game, witnessed by 33,000 Homecoming fans at Memorial Stadium in cold, windy weather.

The Husker offense continued to sputter except for a third quarter drive when Nebraska took to the airways. When Thunder Thornton scored the Scarlet's only touchdown on a six-yard end sweep on the first play of the fourth quarter the Huskers trailed 21-6.

But Kansas came back to cinch the game when Jayhawk halfback Tony Leiker broke through the NU line for

35 yards to score with 2:30 left in the game.

After Hadl, who proved himself "Mr. Everything" with his fine running, passing and kicking, led KU to two second quarter touchdowns, the Jayhawks had scored again in the third quarter on a 29-yard pass play from Hadl to halfback Rodger McFarland.

It was at this point that the Huskers took to the air. Quarterback Dennis Claridge completed a 14-yard pass to end Dick McDaniel to the Husker 48 then three plays later hit Don Purcell on a 22-yarder at the KU 26. Purcell made a great catch on the ball, fighting off KU defender Jim Marshall with a leaping catch.

Another strike to McDaniel moved the ball to the Jayhawk 14 but the NU drive was halted on the 12 when Claridge overthrew three targets.

Hadl quick kicked from a halfback position and the punt was partially blocked by Mick Tingelhoff and rolled out of bounds at the KU 37.

After two more incomplete Claridge passes, senior quarterback Ron Meade was sent in and on his first play fired a 30-yard pass to end Jim Huge, who was behind the KU defense and made a diving catch on the Kansas six-yard line.

### Thunder Scores

On the first play of the last period Thornton, who was again the leading Husker rusher with 46 yards in 12 carries, swept around right end and into the end zone untouched for the score. The

NU extra point attempt to go for two with a pass failed as Meade was swarmed under before he could throw.

The Huskers got another scoring opportunity when, after being pushed back to their own five because of two 15-yard penalties, Claridge quick kicked and Purcell, racing down field, busted into the two safety men causing KU's Con Keating to fumble and Husker McDaniel recovered on the KU 30.

After Meade loss seven, Claridge (running at a half-back spot) gained two, and a Meade to Dick Callahan pass clicked for 14 to the KU 21. But Thornton was stopped short on a fourth and one try and KU took over.

The Huskers again penetrated Jayhawk territory in the fourth quarter when a penalty against Kansas Coach Jack Mitchell for coaching on the sidelines and a 50 yard gain on an illegal use of the hands penalty gave the Huskers the ball with a first and ten at the KU 31. Four Husker passes failed, however, and Kansas took over and marched in for their final score.

## Jennings Has Plenty Of Praise for KU's Hadl

"Kansas is undoubtedly the best football team we have played," declared Nebraska coach Bill Jennings after the Huskers' 28-6 loss to the Jayhawks.

"They've got a world of quickness," Jennings continued. "Their line quickness, plus (Ken) Coleman, (Curtis) McClinton, and (John) Hadl — what a combination!"

When asked about specific quickness of the Kansas team, Jennings singled out All-American quarterback Hadl. "You just can't get your hands on him. We tried everything; we tried to rush him and we tried to wait for him. He can run to the left and turn and throw to the right, which is really something," he commented. "He makes that option play so tough. We were right on top of him many times but we just couldn't reach him."

Jennings also praised Kansas fullback Coleman.

Questioned about playing two quarterbacks at the same time, the Husker coach stated that the purpose was to give Bill Thornton a rest. At one stage of the game, Ron Meade was playing quarterback and Dennis Claridge was playing left halfback. Claridge quick-kicked from this position.

### Other Jennings Observations

"We were moving the ball pretty well in the first quarter, but you can't pass against that wind."

"Claridge ran more today because he had the opportunity. He's improving all the time," Jennings said.

"We were watching him all the time," said Jennings concerning the Kansas player who was allegedly giving signals to the team from the sidelines. "As a matter of fact, we were trying to pick up their signals."

"Boy, that McClinton, we never could bring him down the first time we hit him," Jennings concluded.

### Other Husker Comments

"The backs are what make that team. You hit them and they just keep goin'," said Husker fullback Bill Comstock. Specifically, he praised Jayhawkers Hadl and McClinton.

Quarterback Claridge stated, "They were good, but we made too many little mistakes. They have a more varied attack than Missouri does. The temperature didn't bother us, it wasn't bad once we got started."

"I've never played against anyone that moved that fast," said Thornton about Hadl. "They are not as tough as Missouri, though," he added.

"Losing Carries Over" "We are a good young team," but this losing carries over, particularly with the younger players," Thornton added. We have got to get the winning spirit, and win three or four games in a row, then

we would be over the hump and really rolling."

"I'm looking forward to playing against Hoppman next week," Thornton said concerning Iowa State's tailback, Dave Hoppman. "We've played against each other since we were freshman and there is a kind of rivalry between us."

"The coaches had us up for the game, our offense just didn't move the ball right," said halfback Willie Ross. Ross, who was involved in a Kansas pass interference penalty, explained, "he was tackling me everytime I started to get behind him, and the ref finally called it."

### Mitchell Satisfied

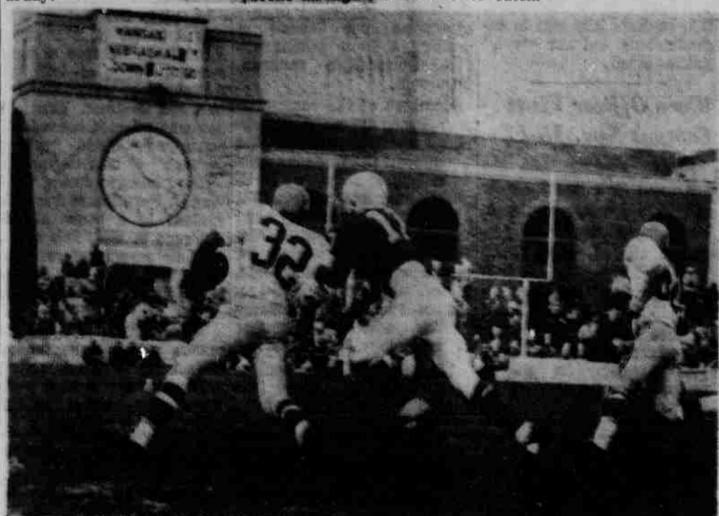
Jack Mitchell, Kansas head coach, was very satisfied with his players performance Saturday, although the same satisfaction didn't extend to one of the referees who called a 15-yard penalty on him for coaching from the bench.

Mitchell explained that the signals were not to his quarterback, but to his spotters in the press box, giving them, for instance, the spacing of Nebraska's defense, which is impossible to see from up so high. His disapproval of the call was of a more humorous nature after the game when the victory was final.

Mitchell believed that Nebraska's greatest fault is their inexperience. "You don't react as good when you're young," said Mitchell. Coach Mitchell believed that Nebraska was a well coached team and when the experience was acquired they are going to be tremendous.

Right halfback McClinton thought Kansas played one of their better games Saturday. He stated their strategy was to give Nebraska the flat passes but be sure not to let them have the long ones. He summed up the game as a good, hard football game.

In the conversations among the linemen, the speed of Thunder Thornton was always mentioned. He was a little faster than expected, the KU linemen said.



THE SPIN—Nebraska defensive halfback Willie Ross gets ready to spin Kansas back Curtis McClinton out of bounds in the fourth quarter of Saturday's game.

## Statistics

|                                | KU  | NU   |
|--------------------------------|-----|------|
| First Downs Rushing            | 12  | 8    |
| First Downs Passing            | 6   | 4    |
| First Downs by Penalties       | 7   | 1    |
| TOTAL FIRST DOWNS              | 25  | 13   |
| Number Attempts Rushing        | 62  | 37   |
| Yards Gained Rushing           | 275 | 123  |
| Yards Lost Rushing             | 1   | 32   |
| NET YARDS GAINED RUSH-         |     |      |
| ING                            | 274 | 90   |
| Number Passes Attempted        | 30  | 23   |
| Number Passes Completed        | 7   | 0    |
| Number Opponents Passes Inter- | 0   | 0    |
| cepted                         |     |      |
| NET YARDS GAINED PASS-         |     |      |
| ING                            | 70  | 0    |
| Number Plays Rushing and       | 118 | 106  |
| Passing                        |     |      |
| TOTAL OFFENSE YARDAGE          | 344 | 126  |
| Number Opponents Passes Inter- | 0   | 0    |
| cepted                         |     |      |
| NET YARDS INTERCEPTIONS        | 0   | 0    |
| RETURNED                       | 0   | 0    |
| Number Times Punted            | 4   | 6    |
| Number Punt Returns            | 0   | 0    |
| PUNTING AVERAGE, YARDS         | 35  | 20.6 |
| Number Punt Returns            | 0   | 0    |
| NET YARDS PUNTS RE-            |     |      |
| TURNED                         | 0   | 0    |
| Number Kickoffs Returned       | 2   | 4    |
| NET YARDS KICKOFFS RE-         |     |      |
| TURNED                         | 35  | 82   |
| Number Times Penalized         | 2   | 6    |
| TOTAL YARDS PENALIZED          | 35  | 39   |
| Number Times Fumbled           | 4   | 1    |
| NUMBER DOWN FUMBLES            |     |      |
| LOST                           | 3   | 1    |

## Fleming, Stevens Finish 1-2 in Cross Country Meet

By Janet Sack  
Mike Fleming and Ray (Skip) Stevens of Nebraska romped to an easy one-two finish in the Midwest AAU Cross Country Champion ships in Omaha Friday afternoon with Kearney State Track Club winning the team title.

Fleming, competing unattached for Nebraska until he becomes eligible next semester, was clocked in 21:34 with Stevens a stride behind timed in 21:35.

Dean White of Doane, co-holder of the course record with Stevens, faded in the last half mile to finish third with a 21:38. Gary Shubert of Kearney State Track Club led his team to victory with a fourth place finish in 21:42.

Jim Lewis of Nebraska rounded out the top five in a field of 44 runners on the four-mile course in Elmwood Park. Kearney State Track Club

picked up 25 points; Nebraska, defending champion, took second with 38; and Nebraska Wesleyan garnered third with 62. The above three were the only schools entering full teams.

Order of finish for the top 15:

1. Mike Fleming (unattached) 21:34;
2. Ray Stevens (N) 21:35; 3. Dean White (D) 21:38; 4. Gary Shubert (KSTC) 21:42; 5. Jim Lewis (N) 5; Maurice Altiss (N fresh unattached); 7. Hyllis Van Der Wal (KSTC); 8. Clarence Wiedel (KSTC); 9. Tom Souster (D); 10. Don Petersen (KSTC); 11. Stuart Tucker (N); 12. Ron Wiser (KSTC); 13. Mel Carlson (NW); 14. Larry Ribble (NW); 15. Larry Toothacher (N fresh unattached).

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