

### Purcell Receives Award For Fine Defensive Play

This week's Daily Nebraskan Star of the Week award goes to left end Don Purcell, for his fine defensive performance Saturday against Colorado.

Purcell, a senior and a member of Phi Delta Theta

fraternity, is a two year letterman. In the Buff game, "Purcy" was frequently in on tackles and blocked a Colorado field goal attempt in the fourth quarter.

Last year, a member of the Omaha World Herald's All Big Eight team, Purcell is again considered one of the finest Big Eight defensive ends this year.

So far this year, Don has caught nine passes for 119 yards giving him a 13.2 average per catch.

### IM Cage Slate

- Tonight's Games**
- 8:30 p.m. Farm House-C vs. Sigma Phi Epsilon-C
  - 7:30 p.m. Beasey-A vs. Goodding
  - 8:30 p.m. Kiesseltach vs. Avery-A
  - P.E. Court 1
  - 5:10 p.m. Delta Tau Delta-B vs. Delta Sigma Pi-B
  - 8:30 p.m. Alpha Tau Omega-C vs. Beta Theta Pi-C
  - 7:30 p.m. Phi Kappa Psi-C vs. Sigma Chi-C
  - 8:30 p.m. Kappa Sigma-C vs. Sigma Alpha Epsilon-C
  - P.E. Court 2
  - 8:10 p.m. Phi Epsilon Kappa vs. Play Boys
  - 8:30 p.m. Theta Xi-C vs. Sigma Nu-C
  - 7:30 p.m. Delta Upsilon-C vs. Delta Tau Delta-C
  - 8:30 p.m. Gamma III vs. Hitchcock

## NU Stopped Cold By Powerful Buffs

**By Dave Wohlfarth**  
The Nebraska Cornhuskers will try to beat Oklahoma for the third straight year Saturday and end a disappointing season with a victory.

Coach Bill Jennings' Huskers lost their sixth game of the year and fourth conference game as they bowed to the powerful Buffaloes of Colorado 7-0 Saturday at Memorial Stadium.

The game, which attracted 26,000 fans, was played on a muddy, snowy turf following heavy snows during the week.

Colorado, the undefeated league leader and heavily favored in the game, fought off the fired-up Huskers and completely dominated the game although only able to score one touchdown.

**CU Defense Tough**  
The Buff defense was superb, limiting the Husker offense to no first downs the entire game and keeping the Scarlet in their own territory all afternoon.

The Huskers, meanwhile, spent most of their time trying to contain the Golden Buffaloes' attack featuring the passing of quarterback Gale Weidner and the hard running of backs Loren Schweninger and Bill Harris. Colorado actually knocked on the NU end zone door seven times.

Buff end Jerry Hillebrand tried three unsuccessful field goals; Colorado was stopped twice when it lost the ball on fumbles inside the Husker 20 and was on the Husker one yard line when the gun sounded ending the game.

**Fumble Costly**  
A Husker fumble set up the Buffs' only score as NU quarterback Dennis Claridge was able to punt the Huskers out of trouble on all other occasions.

CU tackle Jim Perkins pounced on a fumble by Husker Dick Callahan at the NU 11 late in the third quarter to set up the only score of the game.

From the 11 halfback Leon Mavity rumbled around left end for two yards and the Huskers were penalized back to the three for a personal foul. Schweninger hit the right side to the NU one then Weidner sneaked over for the touchdown. Hillebrand's extra point made it 7-0 with 2:30 left in the third period.

The Buffs had threatened twice earlier in the quarter but fumble recoveries by Gary Toogood and Dick McDaniel had stopped the threats.

The shivering fans held on till the end of the game as the Huskers, although being pushed all over the field, were always within range if they could connect on a long pass then add the PAT.

The Huskers took to the air in the last quarter but without any success as the Scarlets failed to complete a

pass. Combined with only 31 yards on the ground the Husker offense was nil.

Colorado continued to storm up the field in the final minutes. Hillebrand's third field goal attempt was blocked by Husker end Don Purcell at the NU 16.

Claridge's only poor punt of the day gave the Buffs another chance. The ball went out of bounds at the NU 36 but on the second play from scrimmage, Harris fumbled and Husker tackle Monte Kiffin recovered.

Four Husker passes were attempted, all incomplete, and the Buffs took over on the Husker 28. With Teddy Woods shooting through the right side four straight times the Buffs were on the Husker one yard line when time ran out.

The statistics tell the story of the game. Colorado got twenty first downs to none

### Statistics

First Downs Rushing	NU	CU
First Downs Passing	0	12
First Downs by Penalties	0	7
TOTAL FIRST DOWNS	0	26
Number Attempts Rushing	24	27
Yards Gained Rushing	43	217
Yards Lost Rushing	17	34
NET YARDS GAINED	26	183
RUSHING		
Number Passes Attempted	12	14
Number Passes Completed	0	10
Number Passes Had Intercepted	0	0
NET YARDS PASSED	0	150
PASSING		
Number Plays Rushing	36	71
Number Opponents Passes	0	10
Intercepted	0	0
TOTAL YARDS INTERCEPTIONS	0	0
NET YARDS KICKOFFS	0	0
Number Times Punted	9	3
Number Punts Had Blocked	0	0
PUNTING AVERAGE	38.4	33.3
Number Punts Returned	1	3
RETURNED		
Number Kickoffs Returned	2	1
RETURNED		
Number Times Penalized	4	10
TOTAL YARDS PENALIZED	41	29
Number Times Fumbled	2	6
SUMMER OWN FUMBLES	2	6
LOST	1	4

for Nebraska. The Buffs gained 193 yards on the ground and 150 through the air compared to 31 (30 by Thunder Thornton) yards rushing for Nebraska and zero through the airways.

Schweninger and Harris led the Buff ground attack. Fullback Schweninger picked up 93 yards on 21 carries and Harris added 53 on 14 attempts.

The big difference was Weidner's passing. The rangy Buff quarterback completed ten of 14 passes for 150 yards. The number one receiver was Hillebrand, who caught four good for 84 yards.

Outstanding in the rugged Buff defense were tackle John Denvir and All-American linebacker Joe Romig.

The Husker defense was led by Thornton, Purcell, McDaniel, Bob Brown, Gary Toogood and the three Lexington "mayors," Dal Dyer, Mick Tingelhoff and Kiffin.

## Coach: We Couldn't Move Ball

**By Mike MacLean and Mel Hester**

"We just couldn't move the ball well enough to win. We got several breaks and then gave them right back," was the opening comment of Coach Bill Jennings Saturday after Nebraska's 7-0 loss to Colorado Saturday.

He went on to say, "We

just couldn't get the backfield going. At the end Thunder Thornton just couldn't go at all on offense. He has a bad leg and didn't practice at all this week. He plays on sheer determination."

Continuing on the subject of the Husker's inability to move the ball or score, he said, "We should have passed earlier, but this is easier said than done when the score is tied. Whenever Meade went in, a tackle came out. We put Callahan out wide on the line of scrimmage, we actually had five backs in the game at one time that way. We were just trying to find a way to get outside."

When asked about the Colorado team, he commented, they had better backs than I had anticipated. That Weidner is still dangerous. They have a big front line that we just couldn't handle. We had good pass protection at first, and then they started stunting up the middle. It is awful hard to pick them up when they do that, someone is bound to get home free. They (Colorado) sure were playing that middle in tight on defense."

Coach Jennings declined to make any comparison between Kansas and Colorado.

Husker player comments included:

Dwaine Carlson: "They have a well balanced team and extremely high morale. We just couldn't cash in on the breaks. Man, you just couldn't get any traction at all."

Don Purcell: "They aren't as good as Kansas. It looks like they rolled up a few more yards than we did."

Dennis Claridge: "Our de-

fense wasn't bad, we just couldn't get our offense going."

Ron Michka: "It was a muddy mess."

Bill Thornton: "We just couldn't go anywhere!!"

"I don't see how they can keep us out of the Orange Bowl," was the first happy statement made by Colorado's head coach Sonny Grandelius after the game.

Grandelius felt that Bill Jennings did a real fine job of preparing the Cornhusker squad and had compliments for Nebraska's Bob Brown and Dennis Claridge. Sonny summed up his team with a smile saying, "this is one of the finest football teams I ever been associated with. Except for the fumbles, we almost played a perfect game."

Colorado had only fumbled three times before the Nebraska game, and only one of those three was recovered by the opposing team.

Grandelius praised Joe Romig, Jerry Hillebrand, and Gale Weidner for playing tremendous ball.

Romig commented on Nebraska's size and strength and tabbed Thornton as being a tough defensive and offensive player.

Colorado's right end, Hillebrand, said that the weather made it difficult to move the ball, but didn't stop it from being a hard hitting game. "Don Purcell is a real fine ball player and Thornton is one of the best fullbacks I've played against this year," he said.

One of the shortest statements heard came from Walt Klinker. He summed up the game by saying, "It was wet and cold."

## Romig Is Top Scholar

**By Janey Sack**

Undoubtedly the finest lineman in Colorado football history. "They call him 'The Toad.'" One of the smallest All-Americans. The man behind the names: Joe Romig, All-American right guard from Colorado.

Behind the clear gray-green eyes is a man who has a mind to equal his powerful physique. Not only was Romig a consensus All-American football player as a junior, but he has made the Scholastic All-American team since he was a sophomore.

Currently Joe has an accumulative average of 3.87 out of a possible perfect 4 and is reported to be a fine prospect for a Rhodes Scholarship.

Quiet and unassuming always, Joe feels that Kansas State was his best personal game this year. "I made quite a few tackles and knocked down a few passes in that game," he said.

When asked about his chances for repeat All-American honors, Joe said, "I'll be extremely lucky if I made it this year. I'm not playing as good as I did last year."

Hardly recognizable as the mud-caked player who trotted off the field after the game, team captain Romig carried scars of the day's battle. Several cuts marked his otherwise friendly, but tired face.

Majoring in physics, Romig plans to go to graduate school upon getting his bachelor's degree. Pro football is definitely out for the silent strong man.

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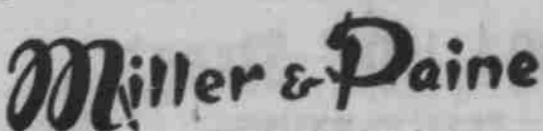
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