

# Huskers Still Alive As Jayhawks Wilt

## First Half Splurges Shock 38,000 Fans

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Kansas football followers had their sunflowers for Homecoming last Saturday, and nearly all of them planned to put them on the grave of Nebraska's Big Eight title hopes.

But the flowers began to wilt as 38,000 fans sat in awe while the Cornhuskers were rolling up an impressive victory, 40-16, to stay within range of the Orange Bowl.

With a 7-1 record the Huskers played clean football minus the costly fumbles, interceptions and penalties of the previous week in a dismal showing against Missouri.

Next week the Huskers were supposedly going to have a "vacation" against Oklahoma State before the last game of the season against Oklahoma.

### O-State Wins

But Oklahoma State whipped Army, 12-7, last Saturday, which rules them out as a pushover.

It was simply a question of the Cornhuskers getting the jump on the Jayhawks whose defensive line left much to be desired.

Nebraska simply kept driving into the middle and left side of the KU line to roll up a 32-0 halftime lead, leaving the Kansas boys in bewilderment and literally no chance for a comeback victory.

### Not Much Passing

The passing game, which had been the NU forte, early in the season, was used very little as the Huskers threw only three passes through the entire game.

Willie Ross led the tremendous rushing game by scoring three touchdowns on runs of four, 26, and 32 yards in carrying the ball 12 times for 111 yards.

The Nebraska defense also had a big hand in the offensively-minded game.

### Sayers Gains 107

Gale Sayers, Omaha Central product, was held to 107 yards in 15 carries after rolling up 200 plus yards several times this season.

The defense also thwarted any Kansas momentum by forcing a fumble and intercepting a Jayhawk pass in the explosive first period.

The main Jayhawk offensive threat was through the air as it gained 149 yards much of which was in the last period.

### NU Gets Jump

Nebraska got the jump on the Jayhawks the first time

## Statistics

	NU	KU
First Downs	21	14
Rushing	20	7
Passing	1	7
Penalties	0	0
Net Rushing	369	122
Plays	68	27
Net Passing	11	149
Passes	3	20
Completions	1	10
Total Yardage	380	271
Interceptions	1	0
Yards	26	0
Punts	4	5
Average	43.0	34.0
Returns	3	1
Yards	11	8
Penalties	3	3
Yards	15	15
Kickoff Returns	4	5
Yards	86	106

### Nebraska

RUSHING		Att.	Net
Ross	12	111	
Powers	11	44	
Claridge	4	9	
Young	5	17	
Theisen	5	22	
Johnson	4	22	
Thornton	12	50	
Martin	2	10	
McCloughan	4	31	
Stuene	6	21	
Paschall	2	10	
Tucker	2	6	
Bonistall	1	7	

PASSING		Att.	Comp.	Int.	Net
Claridge	3	1	0	11	

PUNTING		No.	Blkd.	Avg.
Claridge	1	0	36.0	
Baffico	3	0	44.7	

### Kansas

RUSHING		Att.	Net
Sayers	15	107	
Coleman	3	18	
McFarland	4	18	
Baughman	4	9	
Leiker	1	10	
Palmer	1	3	
Crandall	1	3	
Brooks	1	3	

PASSING		Att.	Comp.	Int.	Net
McFarland	11	5	0	59	
Keating	2	0	0	0	
Sayers	2	1	0	13	
Palmer	6	4	0	79	

PUNTING		No.	Blkd.	Avg.
Leiker	4	1	42.3	
Kansas	0	0	8-16	
Nebraska	36	16	8-40	

it got the ball as it marched for a touchdown in five minutes and ten plays.

Ross and Warren Powers split the running assignments, consistently whipping through holes in the center of the line.

Ross ended the 68-yard march by going over right tackle for the touchdown from four yards out.

### Claridge for Two

Dennis Claridge, who engineered the Husker drives beautifully, added two more points by going over the right side of the line on the conversion.

After KU picked up its only first down of the half on its first play, a penalty bogged down the Kansas drive and the Jayhawks were forced to punt.

The Huskers took the ball on their own 22 and marched all the way in much the same manner as the first TD drive.

### Ross Scores

Bill (Thunder) Thornton, Gene Young and Dave Theisen moved the ball to the Kansas 32 where Ross went through the right side and cut to the outside, following his blockers beautifully, to score the second Nebraska TD with 1:56 left in the first quarter.

Claridge threw his first pass of the game to Larry Tomlinson for the two-point conversion.

After the kickoff Roger McFarland threw a pass to Gale Sayers in the center of the field. But John Kirby, NU guard tipped the ball into the hands of Doug Tucker, who played his best game of the season, who ran the ball back 26 yards to the Kansas 16.

### Denny Scores

Four plays later Nebraska had its third score of the contest as Claridge jumped over the center of the line from the one on the first play of the second quarter.

This time it was Thornton who slipped over for the two point conversion.

And once again the Huskers scored the next time they had the ball.

### McCloughan's Turn

Kent McCloughan got his revenge on Sayers as he knifed for 14 yards before turning on the speed from the 20 and scoring two plays later.

Thornton picked up another two-point conversion with 11 minutes left in the half.

Nebraska had another strong drive going late in the half, but after the Huskers threw their three passes for the day (only one of which was complete), the drive ended.

The second half offered little except for the Nebraska fans with white cowboy hats and two of them dressed like Huskie the Husker.

### Once Again

Even though the Huskers had a commanding lead, they marched for their final touchdown after the opening kickoff.

Starting for the KU 27, NU promptly marched to paydirt in 11 plays as Ross capped the drive with 9:18 left in the third quarter on a 26-yard scamper.

A Claridge-to-McCloughan pass ended the scoring for the Huskers as the two combined for the two-point conversion.

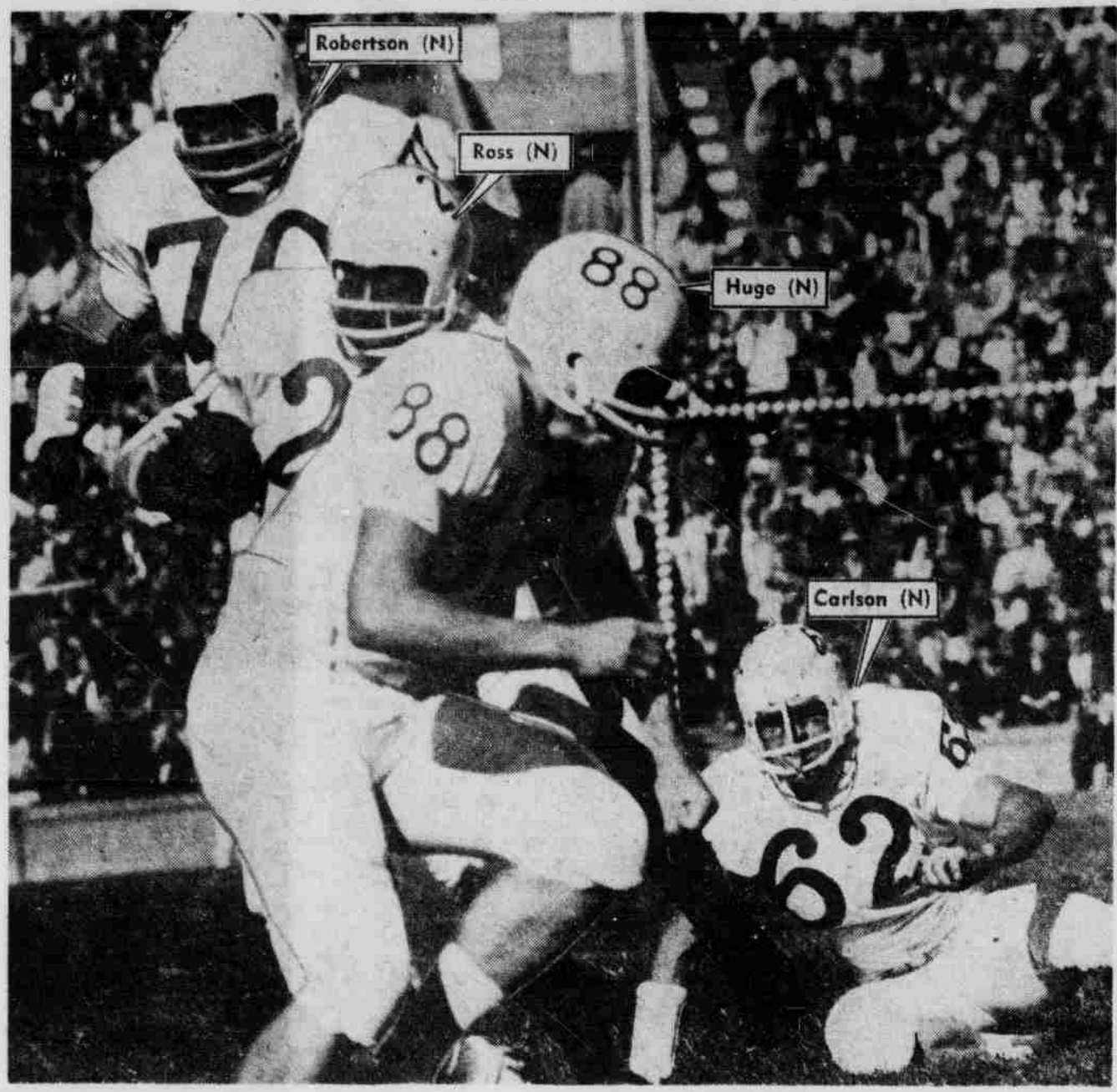
Too Late for KU

Kansas outplayed Nebraska statistically in the second half, but it was just too late. The Jayhawks scored with 4:58 remaining in the third quarter as McFarland threw to Armand Baughman, who made a beautiful catch, for the TD. McFarland ran into the end zone, for the two-point conversion.

Closing out the scoring with 2:08 left in the game, Kansas started on its own 21 and completed the drive with a 15-yard scoring pass from Brian Palmer, a third string quarterback, to end Andy Graham. Lloyd Buzz skipped over for the two-pointer.

Both of the Kansas scores came on fourth down plays.

## Wonderous Willie Ross On the Prowl



WILLIE HIDDEN BY BLOCKERS — Willie Ross, who scored three of Nebraska's five touchdowns, is almost hidden by teammates Jim Huge and Tyrone Robertson. Also shown is guard Dwain Carlson.

## Melton's Rampaging Freshmen End Season With Help of Lebsack's Arm in 33-0 Victory

Nebraska's freshman footballers wrapped up their second victory and their season last Friday with a 33-0 trouncing of Iowa State at Ames.

The Husker yearlings had previously shut out the Kansas State frosh, 31-0. The Cyclones had been stopped, 21-0, by Missouri earlier in the season.

Coach John Melton's yearling defense proved too much for the Cyclone squad and the most impressive factor of the game. The Huskers held Iowa State to a mere 117 yards.

NU's offensive was sparked by the passing arm of Lincoln's Dave Lebsack. Lebsack connected with 9 of 14 attempts for 129 of the Huskers' total 294 yards.

Jeter, White Snare

Tony Jeter and Freeman White, top end prospects, were Lebsack's number one and two targets. Jeter grabbed three for 59 yards while White, 6-5 Detroit product, snared four for 42 yards.

The winning frosh managed to score twice in the first period and added one score in each following frame.

Ted Vactor, speedy half-back, opened the NU scoring when he ran in from the Iowa State four yard line. A 35 yard, Lebsack to Jeter pass set up the counter. Vactor made the count 7-0 when his kick sailed between the uprights.

### Senkbeil Pirates

Alert second unit guard, Lynn Senkbeil, who turned in one of the finer defensive performances of the afternoon pirated a Cyclone pass late in the first frame and returned it 47 yards for the second Husker score.

The Huskers continued onslaught when a 55-yard punt return by Ron Poggemeyer of Nebraska City kept the yearlings rolling.

The half closed with Nebraska holding a 19-0 edge.

### Just Five First Downs

Nebraska managed to give the Cyclones only 5 first downs — the first one on a penalty. They also gave Coach Melton his 22nd straight freshman football victory. Melton managed 20 victories at Wyoming before

coming to Nebraska last year.

A 57-yard Cyclone screen pass to speedster Dave Montgomery brought the Iowa State crew into Nebraska territory the only time in the afternoon.

The attack ended at the NU 27 and the Huskers scored 10 plays later.

### Lebsack Passes

Three 13-yard Lebsack passes set up Nebraska's fourth score with fullback Stan Farar pushing it over from the Cyclone one.

Lebsack again sparked for the final Husker tally. A 24-yard toss to Vactor was good to end the Nebraska scoring.

Melton managed to clear the Husker bench utilizing all 49 players. Fifteen NU backs received ball carrying experience.

Statistics		ISU	NU
Total First Downs	5	17	
Yards Rushing	80	136	
Passes Attempted	15	23	
Passes Completed	3	11	
Passes Had Int.	2	1	
Yards Passing	37	160	
Total Yardage	117	294	
Punts	10	2	
Punting average	32.4	27.7	
Yards Penalized	15	35	
Fumbles Lost	1	0	

## Big Eight Hopefuls Narrow

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The Big Eight Conference's big four became only three Saturday, as the Scarlet and Cream's true colors streamed from the Husker halyard at Memorial Stadium, Lawrence, and the Huskers eliminated the Kansas Jayhawkers from championship contention with a 40-16 win Saturday.

Visiting Husker fans were delighted to hear Jayhawk fans say: "Kansas has never been so ineffective. Nebraska is good. We're all for NU. They should get a bowl bid."

The Huskers gained no ground on Oklahoma and Missouri, however, as both clubs remained undefeated in league play.

Oklahoma had no difficulty with Iowa State, defeating them, 41-0, at Ames. All that need be said about the Sooners' effectiveness is that they scored the first six times they got the ball and led at halftime, 35-0.

Missouri had even less trouble with Colorado, beating them, 57-0, at Columbia. Johnny Roland carried the ball only eight times, but scored three touchdowns.

The Oklahoma State Cowboys distinguished themselves and the Big Eight by out-marching the Cadets of West Point, 12-7. The Cowpokes had been a three-touchdown underdog.

The Cadets scored on a 40-yard run by Ray Waldrop in the first five minutes, but the Cowboys came back with two touchdowns in the second quarter to complete the upset.

State's first touchdown came on a 24-yard pass thrown by the Big Eight's leading passer, Mike Miller. The winning touchdown came after Tommy Jackson intercepted a pass on the Army 40 and ran to the Cadet 9.

The Kansas State Wildcats almost escaped a winless season, but they lost to Arizona, 14-13. Kansas State lost when Arizona deflected the K5 pass attempt for a two-point conversion late in the fourth quarter.

## Standings

CONFERENCE		W	L	T	Pct.	Pls.	Opp
Missouri	5	0	0	1,000	100	15	
Oklahoma	4	0	0	1,000	100	7	
NEBRASKA	4	1	0	800	100	66	
Kansas	4	2	0	667	167	85	
Iowa State	2	4	0	333	125	155	
Okl. State	1	3	0	250	66	109	
Colorado	1	5	0	143	55	278	
Kansas State	0	5	0	0	0	6	184

ALL GAMES		W	L	T	Pct.	Pls.	Opp
Missouri	7	0	1	358	197	36	
NEBRASKA	7	1	0	675	227	84	
Oklahoma	5	7	0	714	183	32	
Kansas	5	3	0	625	178	89	
Okl. State	3	4	0	459	105	157	
Iowa State	3	5	0	375	175	190	
Colorado	1	7	0	125	76	215	
Kansas State	0	8	0	0	0	15	223

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