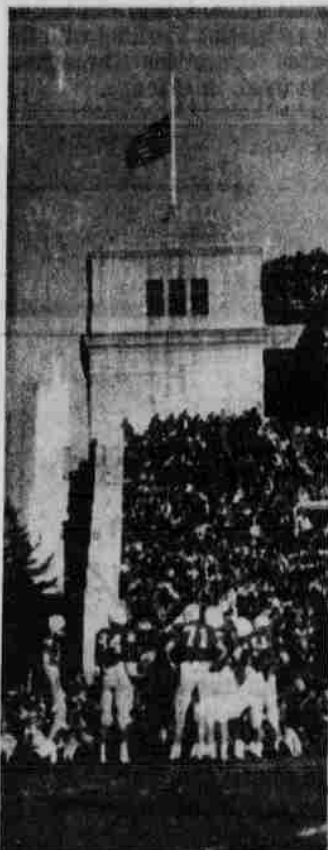


STUDENT ENTHUSIASM REIGNS — Nebraska students show concern for nothing but the Husker victory while Coach Bud Wilkinson ponders — about his losing team.



Nebraska's football team huddles under the Stadium's half-mast flag during the Oklahoma game.

SPORTS PAGE

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Rood Awakening—

It happened a week ago last Saturday, but should not be forgotten . . . it nearly was. As 38,000 Nebraskans roared at every action of the players on the field, the nation mourned the loss of a great leader. When the Husker field goal split the goal posts, the crowd screamed with delight while the nation whimpered with sorrow. As Nebraskans glued their eyes to the gridiron, the nation's millions stared in disbelief at television accounts of the President's assassination. As the Nebraskans stood to roar their encouragement to a football team, a nation could only sit down and ponder a tragedy.

And so it happened that 38,000 Nebraskans rushed to a football game only hours after their President had been shot. Thousands of people poured into the Memorial Stadium grandstands and bleachers with illusions of a vindication for their presence. This important game could be played at no other time; the nation couldn't stop everything in memory of the slain President; the President himself was a sports enthusiast.

One really didn't know whether to cheer or cry . . . comment here on the Oklahoma-Nebraska game is old, unnecessary, and absurd . . . about as old, unnecessary, and absurd as the game itself.

NU Rewrites Field, Gate Marks In '63

Nebraska's Big 8 football champions set a school rushing defense record during the 9-1 season just completed. The 1963 Cornhuskers limited 10 opponents to a net of 999 yards rushing for a 99.9 yard average. The old record was 1,437 yards (143.7 average) set in 1952. The total defense average of 212.0 and yardage total 2,120 also become new records.

Nebraska came close to some offensive records, too. The 1963 Huskers had a total offense of 3,474, compared to the record of 3,666 set in 1950; and the rushing offense total of 2,624 isn't far off the 1950 pace of 2,894.

Quarterback Dennis Claridge shattered two career passing records during 1963 to lead in all phases of Nebraska aerial records. Claridge completed 125 passes for 1,733 during his three-year career at Nebraska, erasing the old standards of 113 for 1,564 set by John Bordogna in 1951-52-53. Last year Claridge set season records of 829 yards passing and 56 completions.

Ten Huskers rushed for more than 100 yards during the 1963 season, with fullback Rudy Johnson netting the leadership with 573. Claridge is the total offense leader with 619 yards.

Nebraska set an all-time home attendance record, according to information released by ticket manager Jim Pittenger.

Total unofficial attendance for six games was 223,119, smashing the old six-game record of 199,973 set in 1960. The first five games, incidentally, attracted 184,634 fans, more than the five-game record of 179,444 set in 1951.

The Kansas game set an all-time single game attendance record, with 40,106 fans turning out. The old record was 39,770 set in 1950 with Penn State.

Table with columns: Player Name, No., Yds., Avg., TD. Lists statistics for Tomlinson, Thiesen, Woods, Michka, Duda, McCloughan, Smidt, Vactor, Brown, Callahan.

Advertisement for Gold's of Nebraska, featuring the slogan 'DAY AFTER DAY Gold's OF NEBRASKA HAS MORE OF EVERYTHING'.

\$95,000 MEN'S GIFT Sale!

Large advertisement for Gold's Men's Store featuring various clothing items like dress shirts, slacks, sweaters, and jackets with prices and discounts.

Tickets Left For Banquet

Tickets are still available for the Varsity Football Banquet to be held at the Nebraska Center tonight, according to Jim Pittenger, ticket manager.

The banquet, which will honor the Big 8 champs, is open to the public and ladies are invited.

Hugh (Duffy) Daugherty, colorful, humorous and successful coach at Michigan State, will be the featured speaker. Tickets are \$5 and may be obtained at the Coliseum Ticket Office or from Extra Point Club members.

Track Call

All men interested in varsity track, particularly freshmen, are urged to contact Coach Frank Sevigne this week. Mr. Sevigne's office is in the Coliseum; after 3 p.m. he can be reached at the Field House.

Final NU Stats

Comprehensive statistical table for Nebraska's 1963 football season, including rushing, passing, punting, and kicking returns.

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1964 COLLEGE BASKETBALL PREVIEW

The spotlight is on All-America college basketball in January SPORT. Read about the players who figure to star in college ball this season! Plus—don't miss the "exclusive" article, WHY PRO FOOTBALL PLAYERS REVOLT. Learn what's behind the bitterness that is festering in the pro football ranks? Who are the players involved? Why and how they get away with it? It's only one of the many starting articles in January SPORT, the magazine that keeps you abreast of all events on the college and pro sports scene. You'll enjoy expert coverage, sharp analysis, in-depth profiles and action-packed photos... Read

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Advertisement for Sartor Jewelry featuring 'Orange Blossom' engagement and wedding rings, with a price of \$135.00 and address 1200 'O' Street, 432-3616.

Advertisement for 'YOUR STUDENT DIRECTORY' featuring a cartoon clock character and text: 'IT'S TIME TO BUY YOUR STUDENT DIRECTORY IN THE STUDENT UNION & AG STUDENT UNION & THE BOOK STORES "Get Yours While They Last"'

Large advertisement for 'WE NEVER CLOSE' featuring 'SAVE 2¢ ON EVERY GAL.' and 'BALL POINT PENS 15¢ WITH GAS PURCHASE'.