

Cornhuskers Begin With Victory

75th Season Starts With Coyote Rout

Nebraska's Cornhuskers got the 75th football season off to a good if not sparkling start Saturday afternoon as the South Dakota Coyotes slunk home after a 56-0 beating.

Nearly 34,000 fans watched the 1964 edition of Bob Devaney's football team mount the school's largest victory in nearly 40 years. However, a lot of polishing is needed for the Huskers.

Sophomore Tony Jeter, voted the game's most outstanding lineman, recovered a South Dakota fumble to set up the first touchdown drive.

With Husker backs gaining well, senior left half Ken McCloughan finally carried the ball over from eight yards out.

Duncan Drum kicked a field goal with a little over two minutes left in the first quarter to make the score 9-0.

Jeter pounced on another Coyote fumble in the second quarter and five plays later junior fullback Frank Solich ripped through the middle for paydirt. Quarterback Fred Duda's run for the conversion was no good.

Solich was termed the game's outstanding back on the basis of 54 yards gained rushing in six carries. The little speedster was converted this fall and Coach Devaney has indicated Solich is likely to see a lot of action.

The Huskers scored three more times in the first half. Bob Hohn punched the ball over from three yards out after a Duda to Freeman White pass had put the Huskers within striking distance. Sophomore Harry Wilson, running under the signal calling of Bob Churchich, was impressive with a run around left end. With less than two minutes left in the first half, another soph, Pete Tatman, scored to make it 35-0 at half-time.

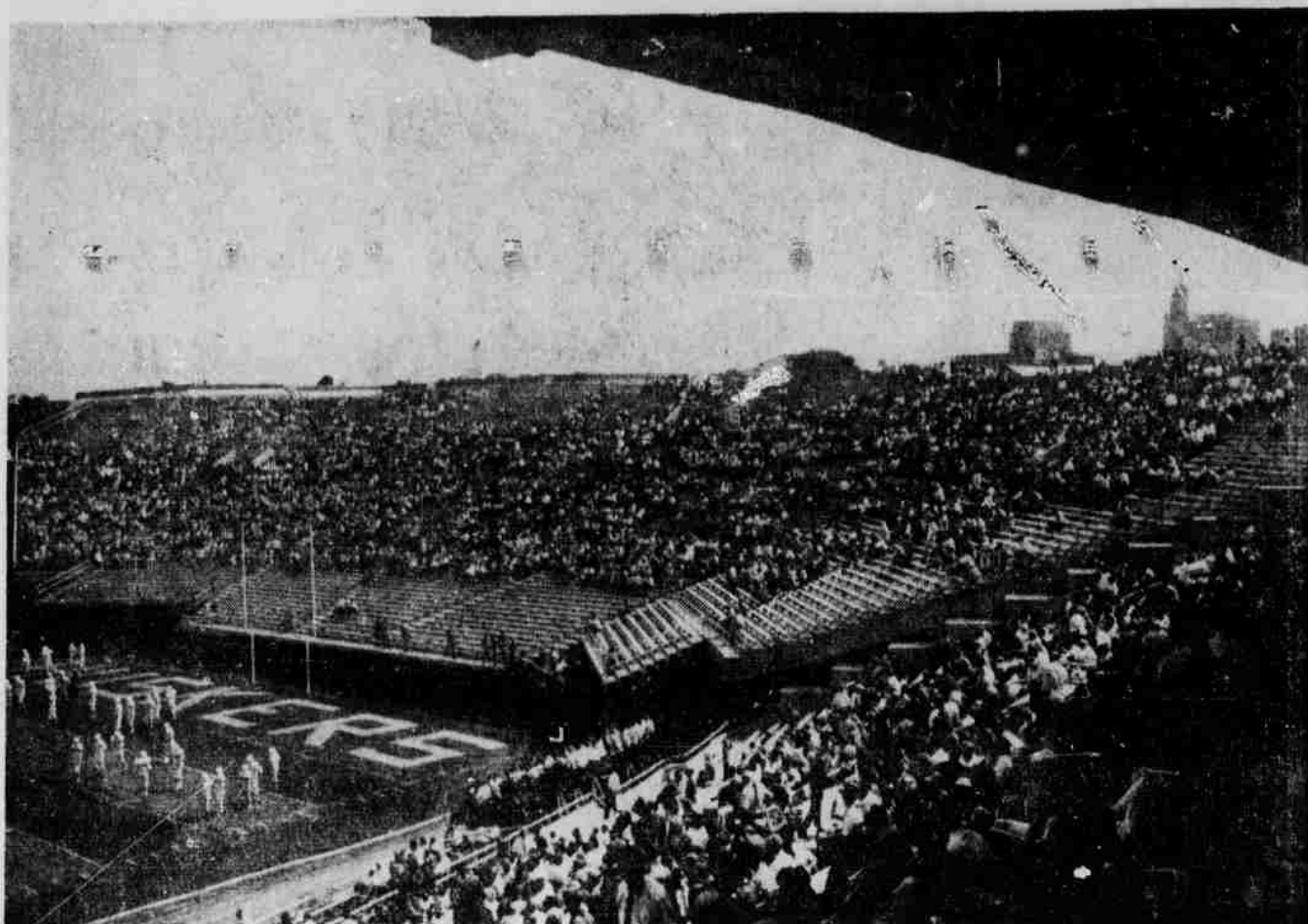
The second half started slowly with Duda having ers. The husky quarterback, who usually has little trouble with passing, seemed to have a case of the jitters.

Two-thirds of the way the Scarlet and Cream scored again, with McCloughan running over the left side from 25 yards out. Duda ran the conversion to make the score 43-0.

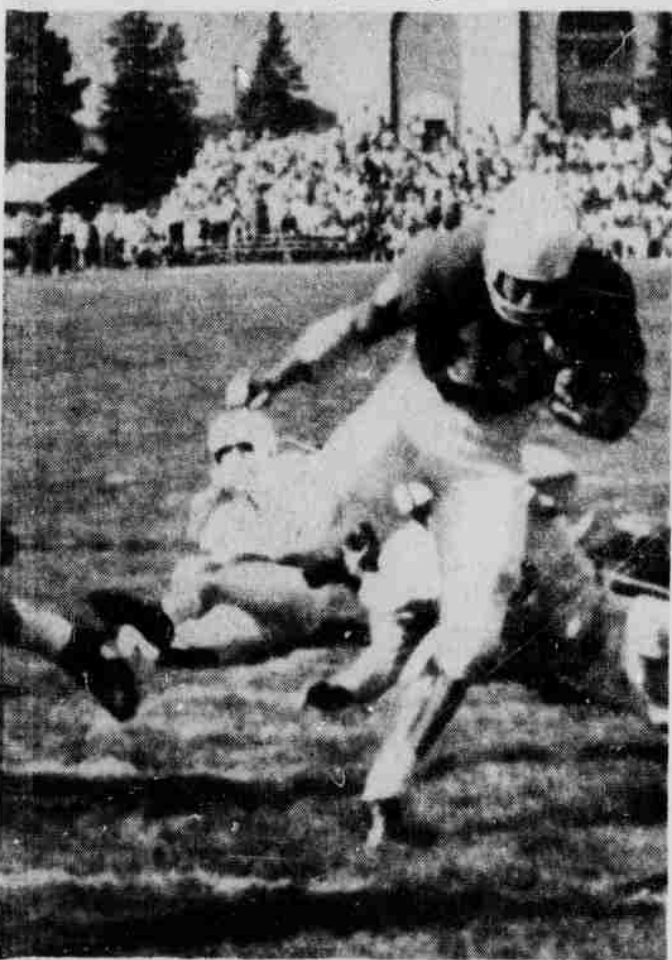
By the fourth quarter, Devaney was playing nearly everyone and the sophomores showed they have a lot of potential.

Tatman and Ron Kirkland provided the spark in a 52-yard touchdown drive climaxed with Tatman's score from the one yard line. Ted Vactor's kick was good.

Wayne Weber passed to Bill Haug for the final tally of the game in a play that covered 39 yards. Vactor again attempted the conversion but his kick was wide.



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Hohn scores six . . . Blocks scatter Coyotes as Bobby bulls.

Coach's Comments—

Need Practice On Fundamentals

Husker coach Bob Devaney was less than ecstatic over Saturday's drubbing of South Dakota. "Some of our better plays were stopped," he said. "There were too many missed blocking assignments and our fundamentals were generally not as good as they were at this time last year."

"Our kickoff coverage was very poor, and we will work on that in preparation for Minnesota." As an afterthought the Husker mentor added wryly, "If we get that many opportunities to use our kickoff coverage next week."

Asked about Quarterback Fred Duda's early passing troubles, Devaney said, "Fred threw badly the first quarter. In the first Husker offensive play of the game, Duda missed Bobby Hohn who was wide open on a pass play designed to go all the way . . . that seemed to throw his passing off for a while. Fred has a tendency to be nervous, and that is something he and I will have to work on."

Devaney said that after Fred settled down he did a fine job.

Devaney could not give enough praise to Frankie Solich and his running capabilities. "Frankie has a great deal of speed and the ability to change directions quickly. When Frankie gets into the secondary, he causes a lot of problems."

All-America candidate Larry Kramer will definitely be

ready to go against Minnesota next week, but Ron Kirkland re-injured his shoulder and his readiness his doubtful for next week.

Harry Wilson, sophomore back who reminds some of a cross between Thunder Thornton and Rudy Johnson, was asked who laid the key blocks in his beautiful touchdown scamper. "Why the whole team blocked beautifully," Wilson said.

Devaney singled out Mike Grace for special praise among the sophomores. "Most of the sophomore backs ran pretty well," Devaney said, "and that Ken Brunk is faster than I had previously thought."

Devaney is a speed minded coach, and during the interview he constantly made reference to the speed or lack of speed of specific players.

Devaney hinged the psychological attitude of the team this season on the next two games — Minnesota and Iowa State. "Minnesota will be 'up' for the game next week because it is the first game and it is very easy to get up for the first game. We had good spirit before this game, and the miscues of the first quarter came from nervousness, not apathy."

Coach Devaney did not add that 'Minnesota is always tough.' Apparently he thinks that the fact is all too obvious.

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