



Cheering dads and pleading Cowboys... and the Huskers pull out a win and a Cotton Bowl bid.

Cornhuskers Down O-State; Next It's OU And Arkansas

By Bob Samuelson

The press box was noisy before the Oklahoma State-Nebraska football game Saturday. The talk was mostly how many points Nebraska was going to win by.

Various point sheets were quoted. "I got thirteen and Nebraska," bragged one press boxer.

"I only could find seventeen, so I took that," said another.

Then the game began, and Nebraska received the kickoff. Three plays and no yards later, Kirkland punted. The Cowboys could not gain a first down, and Glenn Baxter punted to the Nebraska eight.

The Cornhuskers then began one of the best sustained offensive marches of the campaign. Bobby Hohn ran as well against OSU as he did against Kansas the week before, and Bob Churchich mixed up his plays beautifully.

The Huskers were in trouble only once during the drive, and that was a fourth-and-five situation on the Oklahoma State twenty-five. Frankie Solich proved up to the occasion running up the middle for nine yards.

In addition to Hohn's fine running, Kent McCloughan,

Harry Wilson and Solich sparked the drive. McCloughan scored his eleventh touchdown of the year on a plunge inside the one. Nebraska balloons filled the sky.

Nebraska kicked off and held OSU, but an illegal use of hands penalty on fourth down gave the Cowboys the ball again. This time Walt Garrison ran for almost all the Oklahoma State yardage and Baxter ran the ball into the end zone.

The score was 7-7, and the press box was quiet all of a sudden. So were the Sugar Bowl, Cotton Bowl and Orange Bowl representatives up in the press box.

The Cowboys kicked off and Frankie Solich fielded the ball on the Nebraska eleven. A crunching block was laid on the kicker and it signaled what was to come.

Solich headed straight up the middle of the field into the horde of Cowboys. Larry Kramer, Lyle Sittler, Kent McCloughan and Bobby Hohn all paved the way with blocking, and Frankie scooted by all the rest of the white shirted Oklahomans, for an eighty-nine yard touchdown runback.

The press box was noisy again, and one would swear

he could hear an audible sigh of relief from the Cotton Bowl representatives.

Later McCloughan fumbled the ball on the Nebraska 32, but OSU was unable to take advantage of the opportunity to score.

Nebraska took over on its own twenty-seven, and proceeded to move the ball well again. Finally, after Harry Wilson had dropped a pass to him on the preceding play, Churchich faded back under heavy Oklahoma State pressure, and threw a pass to Wilson.

He jumped high in the air to come down with it, then fouced off three Cowboys, received good blocks from Tony Jeter and Freeman White, and danced in for the score. "I enjoyed the touchdown," he said later.

Wilson's mother was in the stands watching the game. It was the first time she had

seen Harry play in a Nebraska uniform.

"I like to perform for my mother," Harry said. "I do well when she is in the crowd."

The third quarter was all Oklahoma State, and ended with an OSU score.

The fourth quarter, however, saw the Cutchin-coached-Cowboys having possession of the ball only five plays.

The big play for the Scarlet and Cream was an interception by Mike Kennedy, and at the time of the interception OSU still had a chance to win the ballgame.

Nebraska played hardnosed football, and McCloughan ran for his twelfth touchdown of the year. The game ended Nebraska 27-Oklahoma 14.

Coach Devaney was pleased with the game, but he thought the Black Shirts had played better football.

"This was one game that we won over the breaks," Devaney said. "I thought the offense played very well."

The players were in agreement about one thing — that Oklahoma State had a hard-hitting ball club.

Mike Kennedy said that OSU was the hardest hitting club he had ever played against. Bob Churchich thought they hit as hard as anybody, but Harry Wilson still had to give the nod to Missouri as the toughest club.

Nebraska is assured now of at least a co-champion status in the Big Eight, after Oklahoma was knocked out of the running when they tied Missouri. Kansas is the only team left that has a chance to tie the Huskers.

Kansas faces Missouri at Columbia next week. Nebraska needs a win over Oklahoma next week to preserve its record, its title and its prestige.



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