

Nebraska Escapes In Demoralizing Victory; 27-17

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Some guys just don't know when to quit. Take the cadet wing from the United States Air Force academy for instance. After parading onto the field for the pre-game pageantry Saturday in Falcon Stadium, Pine Valley, Colorado, they ran to their seats on the side of the natural bowl raising a roar which continued throughout the afternoon.

Or take Paul Stein. Now there's a courageous cadet, who believes a quitter never wins. And Devaney knows Stein had reason to quit.

In the opening period the Air Force defensive unit spent the bulk of their time trying to bring down Frank Solich as the abbreviated Husker traveled overland for 110 yards and two touchdowns. Solich's effort helped pile up a prodigious 230 yard Nebraska offensive thrust good for a 21-0 first period bulge.

If the last three periods had been anything like the first one, Stein never would have gotten his chance.

The first quarter was played as if a routine had been worked out between the Huskers and the Falcons. The Air Force would give Nebraska the ball and watch Solich run. Nebraska would give Air Force the ball for a few minutes so Solich could be with the team. (Otherwise, Flyin' Frankie might have been the loneliest man on the field, running by himself as he did most of the time.)

Then Nebraska took back pigskin and Solich would run away with it like the little kid stealing the ball from all the big kids on the block.

But that was the first quarter. As the second period began, Nebraska began to lose its breath in the thin air of the Colorado mountains, just as I lost mine charging up 84 rows to the dizzy heights of the press box.

Now it was Stein's turn. For the late comers the last three quarters may have looked like the upset of the week.

Nebraska defenders spent most of the late afternoon chasing down Stein, or his receivers, as the scrambler

cranked up again and again and again to put the football in the air and meaning into the Air Force attack.

In all Stein cranked up 41 times, hitting 20 for 290 yards. But Stein was not to overcome the Huskers. He had problems beyond Nebraska's defense.

With :04 to go in the first half, Stein, who had driven his team up and down the Nebraska side of the fifty yard line for three minutes, was taken out in favor of a field goal attempt.

Holding for ace Falcon kicker Dan Radtke was substitute quarterback Sonny Litz. Litz took the snap from the center, but instead of putting the ball down, he got up, rolled to his right, and fired at end Carl Jansses on the goal line. A mass of white and blue jerseys blurred the scene as officials dug in to try and spot the ball.

When a decision was made,

the ball was a foot short of paydirt and time was gone in the first half.

Still not willing to give up, Stein directed his team to field goal range after the second half kick-off, and this time Radtke did boot the ball. A thirty yard three pointer gave the cadets even more incentive.

On the ensuing kick-off an inside kick was fumbled by a Husker in the front line and recovered by Jim Hogarty of Air Force.

Stein brilliantly hit the stunned Huskers with a bomb to Guy Hogle good for forty yards. Then a pitch-out to Bob Barnes for the final six yards and the TD. Score: Nebraska 21, Air Force 17.

An adjusted defense put the clamps on Nebraska's outside running game which had inflicted heavy losses on the Falcons in the first half. Noticing Nebraska's indifference to the

passing game, Air Force outside linebackers moved up close and the defensive tackles spread to stop the wide staff.

Then another in the list of disputed calls. Nebraska had the ball on the Air Force 49. Three plays netted seven yards despite a fumble by Solich. Then Flyin' Frankie took a hand-off from Churchich and started to go. At the line of scrimmage he was stopped—dead.

However, the official, who was calling a penalty on Air Force threw his flag and did not blow his whistle. Frankie broke into the clear and went 41 yards for the clinching score.

Stein came back on the field and directed a determined Air Force offense, but could not get in for the score they so wanted.

The question looming largest in the peoples minds was the quality of the victory.

In Big 8 Action . . .

Tigers, Cyclones Win

This week's opponent Iowa State stopped the University of Pacific 38-13 last Saturday in the Cyclones home opener at Ames.

The Cyclones yielded the visitors two touchdowns before they could get their game attack going which turned in a game performance of 259 yards on the ground and 143 in the air.

The Cyclone defense limited the Californians to only seven first downs while limiting the visitors rushing to a game total of three yards. The secondary allowed 105 yards as the visitors connected on 6-17 attempts and pirated two Pacific passes.

The Cyclone passing attack was directed by quarterback Tim Van Galder who connected on 12 of his 26 aerial attempts.

The Cyclones will be trying to extend their victory string to three behind Van Galder's passing and their running attack as they move into Saturday's game with the Huskers at Memorial Stadium, the conference opener for both teams.

Cowboys Stopped
Oklahoma State and Missouri opened Big Eight conference action as the Tigers downed the Cowboys in a 13-0 outing.

Missouri was led by quarterback Gary Lane and halfback Charlie Brown and a tiger defense which didn't allow Oklahoma State to cross the 40 and limited the Cowboy's total offense to 137 yards.

Lane completed seven of 12 attempts for 94 yards and added an 80-yard touchdown run to his afternoon's performance. Brown battered the Cowboy defense for 101 yards and grabbed three passes to add 38 yards to his 139 yard total.

Other Missouri scoring came off the toe of Bill Bates who was successful on field goals from 10 and 14 yards.

Delong's Series Tops
Ralph DeLong took an easy lead in the bowling roll-offs held Saturday morning. DeLong rolled a nine game series average of 185 and leads second place Jerry Steinke by 49 pins.

Games manager Dan Greer stated that he was generally disappointed with the scores and has scheduled Tuesday, Sept. 28 for another roll-off. The Tuesday night roll-off will begin at 7:00 p.m. and is open to all bowlers who did not compete Saturday.

The top ten bowlers from the two roll-offs will compete Saturday for the seven team positions.

out. After Bates added the extra point he failed on two more field goal attempts.

Oklahoma State's most serious offensive threat was stopped on the Missouri three in the third quarter when Johnny Roland pirated a Glenn Baxter pass.

Fullback Walt Garrison turned in the Cowboys best performance, carrying 21 times for 91 yards.

Rest of Big 8
In other Big Eight action the conference could muster only one win against their inter-sectional rivals.

Kansas made too many first-half mistakes in their 15-23 encounter with Arizona.

The visitors capitalized on these mistakes for two touchdowns and a field goal before Kansas got going behind two unheralded reserves, halfback Richard Abernathy and quarterback Bill Fenton who figured in on both touchdowns.

Jayhawker halfback Sims Stokes tied a conference mark for game receptions when he pulled in nine, one a 41-yard touchdown strike from Fenton.

Sandy Buda added a first half 25-yard field goal for the rest of the Jayhawker's scoring.

Pittsburg came up with a 13-9 victory over Oklahoma behind two touchdown passes by Pitt quarterback Kenny Lucas. Lucas connected with 42 seconds left in the half to put the game out of the Sooner's reach.

The Sooners held the statistics margin over Pitt but were unable to convert it to a victory advantage.

Colorado downed Fresno State 10-7 while Kansas State fell to Brigham Young 21-3 to round out the Big Eight.

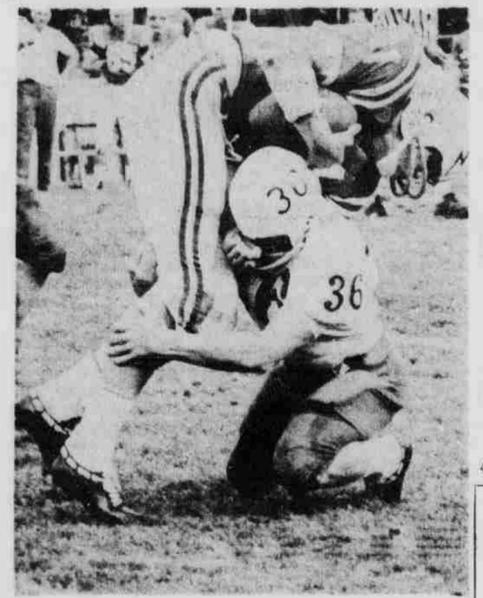
National Leaders

In action between the nation's leaders Purdue stopped Notre Dame 25-21 behind the arm of quarterback Bob Griese. Griese completed 19 of 22 attempts for 283 yards while the lead changed five times.

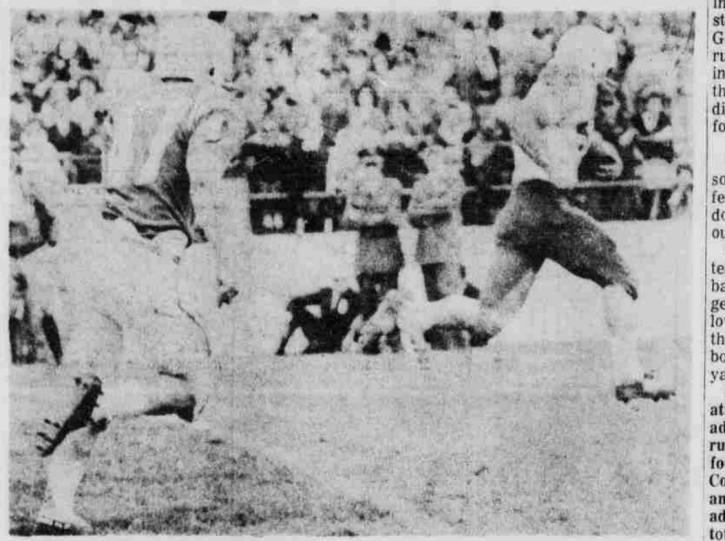
The winning touchdown came in the final quarter after Griese had completed a 19-yard pass on the Irish three.

Eighth-ranked Florida was upset 18-13 by Mississippi State; while ninth-ranked Syracuse followed suit with a 24-0 loss to Miami of Florida.

Third-ranked Texas stopped Texas Tech 33-7; fourth-ranked Michigan outlasted California to a 10-7 victory; fifth-ranked Arkansas downed Tulsa 20-12. seventh-ranked Louisiana State downed Rice 42-14.



SAFETY LARRY WACHHOLTZ . . . on one of his five unassisted tackles. Photos by Jim Swartz



FRANK SOLICH BREAKS AWAY from Falcon defender Starkey enroute to his 41-yard touchdown run.

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Interviews For Women

Kay Huffaker, president of the Women's Athletic Association has announced that interviews for positions of the board of directors will be held Tuesday, September 26 at 4:30 p.m. The interviews will be held in Bancroft room 202.

Requirements for consideration are a 5.0 average and upperclassmen standing. Miss Huffaker reports that the duty of the board is to coordinate intramural competition for women.

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