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Duda Sparks Drives . . .

Huskers Stun Cyclones, 44-0

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Nebraska opened its Big Eight schedule at Memorial Stadium Saturday with a 44-0 stunning of the Iowa State Cyclones.

Playing a first quarter of what appeared to be matched football the Cyclones watched the Huskers explode for a 16 point second quarter total engineered by Fred Duda who came off the bench to spark the Huskers after a dazzling 48 yard punt return by Larry Wachholtz.

Playing before the overflow Band Day crowd of 54,125 the Huskers were unable to cash in on Dick Czap's first quarter fumble recovery on the Iowa State eight yard line. Czap pounced on the fumble after Langston Coleman jarred the pigskin away from a Cyclone ball carrier on an end sweep.

Starting quarterback Bob Churchich sent Harry Wilson into the line for two yards

and then Frank Solich tried to sweep the end and was stacked up after a one yard gain. With third down and five Churchich overthrew Dennis Richnafsky in the end zone. A bad pass from center spoiled Wachholtz's field goal attempt, and the Huskers scoring threat.

After Wachholtz's punt return to the Iowa State four it looked like a repeat performance as Pete Tatman was stopped at scrimmage and Duda slipped for a three yard loss. With third down and seven to goal Richnafsky took in a Duda pass and bulled his way into the end zone with 11:14 left in the half, to put the Huskers on the score board.

With this showing the Huskers came alive and the Black Shirts stopped the Cyclones for a three down series loss of one yard. Following a 12-yard punt return by Wachholtz it looked dark for the Huskers after a clipping penalty put the ball on Nebraska's 35. Tatman then rambled 42 yards to the Cyclone 18 and the Huskers were knocking on the touchdown door again. After a 13 yard run by Solich Harry Wilson powered his way in from four out standing up for the second tally and putting the Huskers on solid ground.

Following an exchange of the football the Huskers had it on their own four yard line with less than two minutes to go. Duda then mixed his plays and had the ball on the Cyclone 34 when he hit Tony Jeter on the goal line. Jeter bobbed the ball and it was taken by Dennis Esselmann who was dropped in the end zone by Tatman to add a two point safety tally to the first-half scoring.

The second half opened anyone's ball game and the Huskers were out to prove it was their's as Duda capped a 75-yard scoring drive running out of seven tacklers as he ducked in from the Cyclone three yard line.

The Huskers took quick advantage of Bill Johnson's kickoff fumble recovery on the Iowa State 26 as Duda connected with Freeman White to add the second tally in 23 seconds and giving them a 30-0 lead.

It was all over but the scoring then as head coach Bob Devaney cleared the Husker bench the rest of the second half. Third-string fullback Charlie "Choo Choo" Winters scored the other two touchdowns on scoring drives of 73 and 41 yards. Wachholtz added the extra points to push his season mark to 13 of 14 to finish up the game scoring.

The Huskers put the nation's number one offensive unit in gear as they piled up 294 yards on the ground and 207 yards in the air. The Black Shirts, led by Senkbell and Coleman, checked the Cyclones to a 74 yard game total and limited hard-running Leslie Webster to a four yard average.

failed to materialize as the Huskers limited Tim Van Galder to four for 12 with one interception keeping him under pressure with hard, bruising charges.

Iowa State's bright spot came off the toe of Steve Balkovec who punted nine times and ended up with a fine 46 yard average.

Nebraska's ground game was led by Wilson who accounted for 69 yards in nine carries and by Tatman who carried six times for 62 yards.

Churchich got over his first quarter jitters to complete seven of 13 for 95 yards while Duda connected on eight for 15 which was good for a 112 yard total.

Richnafsky grabbed six for 66 yards and a touchdown to lead the receivers, followed by White who came up with three for 52 yards and a touchdown.

Most serious injury of the game was halfback Ron Kirkland who was knocked out of the game with a shoulder injury.

Goal Dust

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With Saturday's 44-0 drubbing of Iowa State Coach Bob Devaney and company showed Husker fans the two things the experts were talking about before the season started.

First, Nebraska is definitely the nation's number one team. In Saturday's conference opener the Huskers flashed the power and balance that they have used to take two consecutive Big Eight titles and the reason they've been tabbed to repeat again. The balance between the running and passing attack that was displayed against the Cyclones will probably be the winning formula for the rest of the season.

Although the scoring was lopsided the statistics weren't. The Huskers grounded out 294 while totaling 207 through the air to add up to an impressive 501 total yardage. The total is even more impressive when compared to the Cyclone 74 yard afternoon total.

It'll be interesting to see where the Huskers are ranked this week and for my money they should be an unquestionable Number One.

The second thing that the game showed was the remarkable depth and the amount of it on the Husker bench. When Devaney played his second unit, composed largely of sophomores, the second half a spectator couldn't help but feel optimistic.

Now is a good time to point out just the type of depth the Husker's have. As they showed Saturday, a lot of the "subs" are pressing for the top spots.

This is a typical situation where you have a large number of "unheralded heroes." The player that's waiting his chance for a break, a "good look," anything to be able to start and play. Take away the numbers and I'm sure the fan would have a hard time telling who's who in the Scarlet lineup.

Of course one game does not make a season and Wisconsin with Saturday's come-back effort promises to be a tough-nut to crack next week. However, the Scarlet showed that they have the manpower and the overflow of potential to fully qualify any vote cast for it as the nation's top team.

Defense Toughens

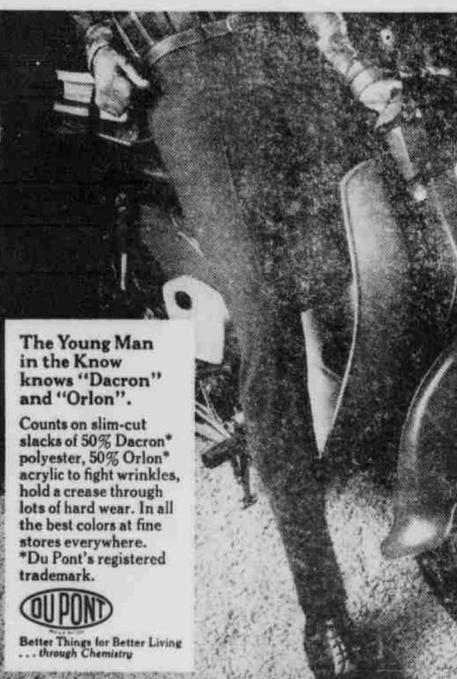
The fabulous "Black Shirts" should have quelled anyone's fear of their defensive ability. Their hard-nosed defensive tactics stopped any hope of a would be Iowa State passing attack and made the Cyclones wish they'd stayed home as they were only able to net a game total of 74 yards.

Defensive back Bill Johnson gave his hometown fans something extra to cheer about as he was all over the field and his fumble recovery in the second half killed any of the Cyclone's victory hopes. Johnson's hometown of Stanton had declared Saturday as "Bill Johnson Day" and over 300 people made the trip.

Leftend Langston Coleman turned in another one of his fine game performances again proving to the opposition that his end is just not the place to run for yardage. Coleman teamed with right-end Bill Haug in making the Cyclones bite the dust for repeated losses of yardage.



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HUSKER LYNN SENKBELL . . . wraps up Cyclone ball carrier. Senkbell led the defense Saturday with five solos and two assists.



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Buffs Stop Wildcats 36-0; Tigers, Cowboys Winners

Colorado and Kansas State rounded out Big Eight competition Saturday as the Buffaloes downed the Wildcats in a 36-0 romp at Manhattan.

Kansas State was unable to pose a threat to Colorado as they were kept in check by a tough Buffalo defense that held them to a minus 19 yards rushing and 56 yards passing.

Colorado's scoring came in the form of four touchdowns and the field goal kicking of Frank Rogers, who accounted for three three-pointers from 32, 30 and 48 yards out.

The Buff's attack was sparked by the running of sophomore halfback William Harris who logged 96 yards in 18 carries before sitting out the final quarter.

Wisconsin Wins
Sophomore quarterback Chuck Burt dropped a 42-yard bomb to left end Louis Jung with less than four minutes left to spark Wisconsin to a 16-13 decision over Iowa.

The Badgers came from behind to upset the favored Hawkeyes with the bomb, a 49 yard punt return by Tom Brigham and when Iowa elected to take an intentional safety to get the ball out of their territory.

Burt went into the contest the nation's number two passer in total completions. He connected on 10 of 23 attempts, and had three pirated by the Hawkeye defense.

Burt was trapped five times while trying to get rid of the ball and finished the afternoon with a minus eight

yards. The Badger attack managed only 24 yards on the ground and 124 in the air against the Iowa defense.

Sooners Stopped
Navy downed Oklahoma 10-0 in a one-sided victory at Norman. The Middles held the Sooners attack to 77 on the ground and 6 in the air while piling up a 376 yard total.

The Sooners managed to keep the game from becoming a rout with defensive stands on their one-foot line and the six and 17-yard line.

Tigers Win
Missouri notched its second victory with a 17-6 decision over Big 10 foe Minnesota. Quarterback Gary Lane provided the Tigers spark as he scored on runs of 11 and 20 yards with place kicker Bates accounting for the other points.

Cowboys Win
Oklahoma State used a fourth quarter field goal by Charley Durkee enroute to a 17-14 upset win over Tulsa. Durkee connected for three field goals of 38, 48 and 23 yards to give him a Big 8 Conference record mark of 11 and the Cowboys the win.

California in a 17-0 match at Berkeley. The Jayhawks found the Golden Bears, defense too much to handle as they were unable to launch any offensive threats.

Three of the nation's top ten were beaten, and one was tied in Saturday's game action. Texas beat Indiana 27-12, while Purdue was tied by SMU 14-14; fourth ranked

Arkansas beat TCU 28-0; fifth ranked Louisiana State lost to Florida 14-7; sixth ranked Kentucky lost to Auburn 23-18; seventh ranked Michigan was downed by tenth ranked Georgia 15-7; eighth ranked Notre Dame came back with a 38-7 decision over Northwestern; Michigan State, ninth, stopped Illinois 22-12 to round out the top ten.

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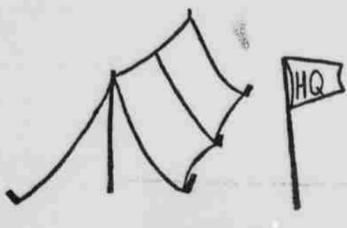
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