

Tigers Tamed 16-14 Huskers Escape From Irritated Tigers

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Nebraska bounced back from a 14 point first quarter deficit to squeeze by Missouri in a 16-14 cliffhanger at Columbia Saturday.

The Missouri Tigers apparently hadn't been reading press clippings as the Bengals took the opening kickoff and marched 80 yards in 11 plays.

Missouri didn't have long to wait for another scoring chance as two plays later Fred Duda's pass was pirated by Johnny Roland, which gave the Tigers their second and last scoring opportunity.

The Huskers finally got on the score board with 5:28 gone in the second quarter when Pete Tatman lunged over from the one. Harry Wilson set up the score with a 37 yard romp after a block by Frank Solich sprung him.

The 7,000 Husker fans didn't have long to wait as the defense stopped Missouri in the next series and it was the Husker's ball. The Scarlet marched 89 yards in 14 plays with Tatman taking the ball in.

The big play of the drive was on a fourth and one situation when Duda ran the option to the left and didn't stop running until he was dragged down on the one.

Larry Wachholtz missed on the conversion attempt but split the uprights in the fourth with a 26-yard field goal, gave the Huskers a two point victory and an unchallenged road to the third consecutive conference championship.

"It is too bad a team like that (Missouri) had to lose," said Walt Barnes after the game.

Barnes explained the Tiger early lead saying, "they came out to play ball and wanted more to win at first. Then we started playing together and settled down."

Defensive captain Mike Kennedy singled out the game as the best team effort ever had, everybody did a real good job."

They didn't give them anything either! The Blackshirts, led by Kennedy with eight tackles and five assists, limited the Tigers to three first and tens in the second half and cut their offensive output by one-third, allowing only a 61-yard second half total, which compared to the first half 182 yard total.

Wachholtz explained part of the difference saying "in their patterns they ran four

men rather than three and we were leaving the man in the middle open. This bothered us until we were able to make the switch at the half."

Sophomore Marv Mueller turned in a creditable performance, pirating two passes and running them back 66 yards. Duda led the offense with 76 yards in nine carries, followed by Wilson's 74 yard total.

Coach Bob Devaney credited Duda for calling and running a good game. Devaney said the team was never worried and "when they found they could run the ball, they settled down."

Devaney praised Lane, not-

ing that "Lane's running caused the greatest problem. Lane played a great game, he did a tremendous job."

The only game injury was Kaye Carstens, who had a tooth knocked out and Lynn Senkbeil, who had an ankle injury.

Ron Kirkland, injured for the last three games, was back in the lineup and after Saturday, showing, promises to give the Huskers even more power next week against Kansas.

The Jayhawks smothered Kansas State 34-0 at Lawrence Saturday and are out to extend their winning streak to three against Nebraska Saturday.

Frosh Suffer Defeat

Two fumbles and two intercepted passes made the difference between victory and defeat for the Nebraska Freshmen at Columbia Friday.

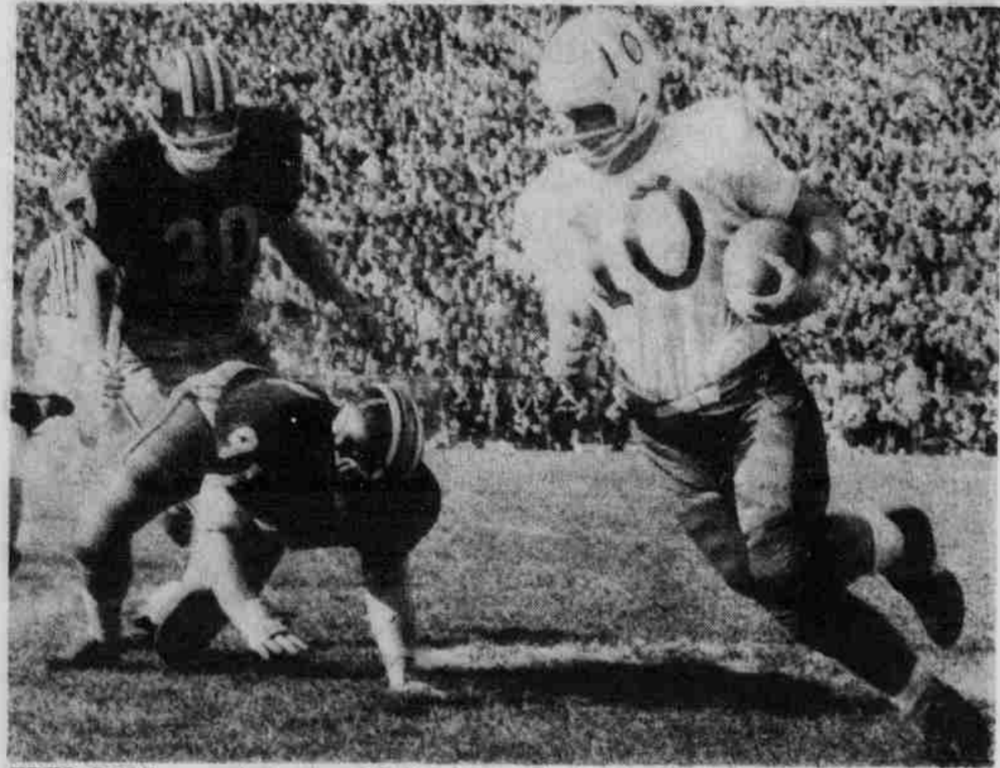
These miscues allowed Missouri to edge the Frosh in a 14-6 encounter, viewed largely by Husker fans.

Playing almost identical games statistically, Missouri 15 first downs, Nebraska 16; Missouri had a 282 total yardage, compared to Nebraska's 278. A pass interception on the Nebraska goal line provided the scoring difference.

Missouri got their first scoring break on a 53 yard pass play when the runner appeared to be stopped but stepped out of the grasps of two tacklers and romped to Nebraska's 12 before he was stopped.

Nebraska's one scoring tally came on a 14 yard pass from Frank Patrick to Sherwin Jarmon, who made a leaping catch in the end zone.

The loss was the first in nine games for coach John Melton. The frosh will see action this Friday against Iowa State at Memorial Stadium.



FRED DUDA . . . starts around left end enroute to his 38 yard romp to the Missouri one yard line which set up the Huskers second touchdown. Duda beat Missouri's Gary Lane at his own game as Duda totaled 79 yards rushing while Lane trailed with 64.

By Jim Pearce

A wounded tiger is more dangerous than an uninjured one. So Nebraska discovered Saturday.

The Missouri Tigers over the past two seasons, had painful defeats at the hands of Nebraska. This year coach Dan Devine, his band of angered Tigers, 16,500 students at MU, and most of the state of Missouri vowed revenge.

To help agitate the annoyed Cats, Mizzou officials picked the Husker hassle as Homecoming. The fervor for the Nebraska clash rose through the week until it reached the ponderous proportions of a super-Homecoming atmosphere.

The dedication to defeating Nebraska was religion at Mizzou last week. And the dedicated followers of the "beat Big Red" section wrapped themselves, their team, and their town (Columbia, Mo.) in victory ritual.

But the Nebraska fans, if a bit arrogant, made their feelings toward the contest known, too. Nebraska red painted Kansas City Friday night. From the Hotel Continental, home of the KC Playboy Club, to the more relaxing and sophisticated art galleries and exotic lounges of the Commerce Tower spirited Big Red boosters gave out a steady stream of Husker hopes for success.

The Big Red sea poured into Columbia; the Tiger band began to stalk their prey. Numerous Husker fans lost their red N-hats to hungry, irritated Tigers.

On the floor of the Pit Nebraska's gladiators squared off against the injured Tigers. Early the lame Cats struck furiously, gouging at Nebraska's defense. But as the contest evened tempers wore.

At halftime a group of Nebraska banner carriers were attacked by some insulted Tiger followers. All were hustled off the arena floor to make way for the teams and the final chapter to the game.

The last thirty minutes of gritty defensive action was broken only by the toe of Nebraska's Larry Wachholtz; a crack in the defensive battle large enough to inflict salting

defeat into the Tigers' scratched back.

But the Tiger Pit had not been kind to Nebraska. As the long shadows reached over the West Stadium, Big Red boosters, after receiving friendly congratulations from Missourians, quietly sat in the midst of half eaten sandwiches, spilled popcorn, torn programs, and other rubble, glad they had survived.

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