

GOAL DUST...

By Jim Swartz
The Nebraska-Missouri game was billed as the top college grid clash Saturday, and the exciting hour of action certainly surpassed anyone's highest hope of top college football.

Missouri played better than Husker fans expected them to; but when the nation's top ground game started moving, it was all over for the Tigers but the excuses.

Missouri Coach Dan Devine offered a crying towel full of explanations. What he failed to fully explain is that Nebraska merely has a better football team. Missouri convinced me that they are worthy of a bowl bid, and the Huskers... they will just get a better one.

As one of the awed spectators who greatly enjoyed the Missouri students Homecoming version of a "Corny County Fair" with its variety of well done and attractive displays, I was greatly dismayed by the Missourians barnyard sportsmanship. Evidently, Tiger fans are not far enough North to be tolerant and not far enough South to be gentlemen.

The "spirited" school spirit seemed to be the only thing that Devine didn't have an excuse for, and it certainly needed one. It is my feeling that the conduct displayed by Missouri fans will long bring a bad taste to Nebraska followers.

Missouri should stand as an example of what school spirit shouldn't be. It shouldn't be bent on the senseless and wasteful destruction of anything that represents the opposition. It shouldn't turn hosts into savages.

It shouldn't offer anybody the excuse to steal, YES STEAL! red hats under the pretense of souvenir hunting. And most important of all, it gives no one the right to lower the dignity and respect of his school.

The crowning achievement of the maliciousness the Missouri fans showed was the regrettable Nebraska banner incident. Three couples from Nebraska carried the banner around the stadium for all to see.

Skip Abel reports, "We expected they might boo, but we never thought it would get so far out of hand."

"We just kept on walking," Abel said, "and at first they started throwing wadded up cups and boses at us, then they started throwing bottles along with all the rest of the litter."

Abel continued, "The next thing I knew, a guy came running out of the stands to grab the banner; somebody knocked him down, and cops were standing around us telling us to get that 'damned banner' out of here."

Abel continued that "It required police protection the rest of the game to keep people from stealing the banner."

This scene, reminiscent of the Keystone Cops, detracted from a hard fought and thrilling game. The implications to the outcome of such undirected spirit are obvious—and if this is school spirit, you can keep it.

Razorbacks Climb In Polls; Kennedy Big Eight Lineman

Nebraska remained third in the AP and tied with Arkansas for second in the UPI in college football polls this week.

For the second consecutive week Michigan State has drawn the pollsters top spot. An interesting sidelight in the voting is Missouri, Saturday's opponent, who jumped up to a ninth place ranking in the AP and slipped to tenth in the UPI.

Mike Kennedy, Blackshirt linebacker, was voted Big

Eight Lineman of the Week. Kennedy drew the honor for his strong defensive work against Missouri when he was in on 13 tackles. Kennedy is the fourth Husker this season to draw one of the Big Eight's weekly awards.

The Huskers finished strong in Back of the Week running, Harry Wilson, Fred Duda and Frank Solich finished second, third and fourth, respectively. Hale Irwin, Colorado defensive back, received the award.

Wachholtz Top Punt Returner . . .

Last Year's Standouts Fading

Unless this eighth week of the season proves to be the real comeback week of the year, only one of the six returning statistical champions in the Big Eight Conference will defend his title.

Well out in front in pass receiving is Freeman White of Nebraska. With 413 yards and five touchdowns on 24 catches, White is over 100 yards ahead of Iowa State's Eppie Barney, who is tied with Kansas' Sim Stokes for

runner-up honors in receptions with 23.

Two others, Walt Garrison and Larry Elliott, could still overtake the front runners. Garrison, the rushing champion last year, has climbed to second with 554, only 58 behind Missouri's Charlie Brown. Elliott slipped off the top spot in kickoff returns this week, giving way to Kansas State's Ossie Cain who has 276 in 20 tries. Elliott's total is 332 in 16.

Most prominent of the defending champions missing at the top of the heap are Missouri's Gary Lane, the total offense leader the past two years and a challenger for the 3,000-yard club, and Nebraska's Bob Churchich, best of the passers in 1964.

Lane is mired deep in the total offense list — ninth this week — partly because he has missed almost two entire games because of injuries and illness and partly because of

the added offensive support from Brown, who leads the rushers, with 612, for the fourth straight week.

With 543 yards so far, Lane is well behind the 895 marked up by Colorado's Bernie McCall, who has been steadily pulling away for the last three weeks. This gives Lane a 27-game total of 2,755 yards.

To become only the eighth Big Eighter to hit the 3,000-total-yards mark, Lane will have to average 82 yards a game. His current per-game mark is about eight yards over this figure, standing at the 90 level.

However, his chances of becoming the seventh man to make the 2,000-yard passing club are less. His career total now stands at 1,771. This leaves him 229 away from the plateau, an average of 76 a game, well above this year's Missouri team average of 61.7 and his per-game slate of 49.

Churchich, who threw for 893 last year, has been relegated to the alternate quarterbacking spot this year and now stands sixth in the standings with 336. Vic Castillo, bidding to become the third straight sophomore to win the passing bauble, leads this week, as he has all year, with 734 yards.

Also apparently denied a chance to repeat is Oklahoma State's Charles Durkee, the place-kicking leader last year. Even though he has 20 points and one more, four field goals now than at a corresponding time last year, he has been caught by the surging toe-total rung up by Colorado's Frank Rogers, who has 11 PAT's and 11 field goals for 44 points to lead the

Other leaders this week include Kansas' Bill Lynch, punting, 28 for 41.2; and Nebraska's Larry Wachholtz, punt returns, 26 for 435, a total which will probably top the nation again this week.

Huskers Trail In Pass Defense

If Nebraska is going to become the first Big Eight Conference team to sweep all six team statistical categories, it will have to make its big bid this week, when the lone dissenter to the move, Kansas, is the opponent.

For the third straight week, Nebraska has held a lead in all three offensive divisions and in rushing and total defense. But for the sixth straight week, Kansas has kept its hold on the pass-defense top spot.

To attain supremacy the Huskers' offense will have to gain 134 more passing lengths than their defense allows Kansas and hope that Kansas State and Iowa State don't completely put the passing clamps on their respective opponents, Cincinnati and Oklahoma.

Seven opponents have tapped Kansas' secondary for only 576 yards via the aerial method. Nebraska has given up 710, the fourth-best mark in the league. In between these two are Kansas State with 644 and Iowa State with 684.

It isn't all safe on one of the other five fronts for the Huskers, either. Colorado is making its move to regain the lead in rushing defense it lost four games ago. Currently the Nebraskans' bulge is an uncomfortable 2.5 yards a game, or a total of 17. Against this 92.1 average, Colorado shows a 94.6 standard.

This is the only one of Nebraska's leads really being challenged. The other four pads range from 16 yards a game in passing to 102 a game in total offense, where the Huskers now show a 403.2. This makes them one of two

major teams maintaining a 400-yard total-offense average in the country.

Colorado continues to be the second best in total offense and total defense, with its offensive punch rated at 301 and its defensive might at 224.3. Both averages, and particularly the defensive mark, are helped along considerably by

18 pass interceptions (the Conference record is 28) by the Hale Irwin and Charles Greer lead secondary.

Missouri, ranked second in the nation last week in rushing offense with a 250 average, saw this slip back to 236.3 this week, still second in the Conference and probably still among the top five nationally.

Team	All Games			Opp.	Team	Conference Games			Opp.				
	W	L	T			W	L	T					
Nebraska	7	0	0	1,000	237	58	Nebraska	4	0	0	1,000	138	27
Colorado	4	1	2	786	116	66	Missouri	3	1	0	750	78	28
Iowa State	4	2	1	643	111	107	Colorado	2	1	1	709	106	39
Missouri	4	2	1	641	109	86	Oklahoma	2	1	0	667	41	20
Oklahoma	3	4	0	333	57	62	Iowa State	2	2	1	300	52	94
Kansas	2	3	0	296	79	108	Kansas	2	2	0	500	57	42
Oklahoma St.	2	6	0	143	66	129	Oklahoma St.	0	4	0	0	21	70
Kansas State	0	7	0	0	0	16	Kansas State	0	5	0	0	0	166

Team	FORWARD PASSING					Tot. Pnts	Yds. Fmk.						
	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th								
IS	7	86	303	1028	59	142	413	12	732	1790	48-37.3	415	13
KS	2	103	369	1112	51	118	432	8	684	1796	31-36.8	361	12
CU	7	73	246	768	69	181	381	18	823	1196	53-32.3	276	15
OU	7	142	526	1763	25	115	452	7	614	2007	33-38.1	304	12
OS	7	86	339	932	43	116	379	6	426	1378	47-38.5	237	8
CU	7	114	328	1368	79	133	526	3	863	2241	37-36.2	319	19
KU	7	95	301	1250	35	132	416	9	737	2107	43-33.9	489	21
OU	7	97	311	1062	76	184	413	18	908	1579	45-33.4	274	8
KU	7	90	275	902	37	139	410	11	680	1382	46-38.2	425	9
OU	7	83	258	1078	45	101	345	8	378	1633	41-37.6	433	15
MU	7	114	387	1654	41	100	410	6	432	2096	41-40.0	311	8
NU	7	84	270	823	68	157	432	8	809	1832	38-34.4	294	7
OU	7	141	384	1840	63	144	377	8	942	2822	38-36.4	300	6
OU	7	72	250	645	62	130	389	12	710	1355	39-37.9	239	11
OU	6	85	305	1038	33	84	302	8	293	1451	40-35.8	423	12
OU	6	101	308	1230	33	129	452	7	814	1644	38-35.9	406	5

Team	Avg.	Passing	Total Offense	Avg.	
Nebraska	288.6	Nebraska	171.6	Nebraska	460.2
Missouri	236.3	Kansas State	118.3	Colorado	354.6
Colorado	192.8	Colorado	108.1	Missouri	290.9
Oklahoma	176.3	Iowa State	103.1	Iowa State	279.4
Iowa State	146.9	Kansas	97.1	Oklahoma	244.0
Oklahoma State	136.0	Oklahoma	65.3	Kansas	226.3
Kansas	128.9	Missouri	61.7	Oklahoma State	196.9
Kansas State	82.6	Oklahoma State	60.3	Kansas State	179.9

Team	Avg.	Passing	Total Defense	Avg.	
Nebraska	96.1	Kansas State	82.3	Nebraska	181.1
Colorado	94	Kansas	82.6	Colorado	214.3
Missouri	117.6	Iowa State	97.7	Missouri	215.3
Oklahoma	128.3	Nebraska	101.4	Kansas	236.9
Kansas	133.7	Missouri	115.6	Iowa State	256.6
Iowa State	138.9	Oklahoma State	133.9	Oklahoma	274.0
Kansas State	280.4	Colorado	159.7	Oklahoma State	318.7
Kansas State	372.1	Oklahoma	133.7	Oklahoma State	355.4

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