

# Huskies 'Fight For Lives,' Beat Texas Christian 14-10

A smaller than anticipated crowd of 60,974 showed some signs of disappointment Saturday as they left Memorial Stadium following Nebraska's 14-10 win over Texas Christian.

The Huskers failed to make a rout of the Horned Frogs, in fact they had to fight for their lives during the final quarter to preserve a four-point victory. It was Nebraska's closest win in Memorial Stadium since 1963 when the Huskers edged Oklahoma State 20-16.

But even though Nebraska was not overly impressive in the season opener, it is not yet time to fill the nightly draw down at Duffy's with tears of mourning.

The Horned Frogs were a good team and good teams don't like to subject themselves to routs.

### 'Lackadaisical'

"We're very happy to win," said Husker Coach Bob Devaney in the locker room afterwards, "I was glad when it was over."

The one thing that appeared to disturb Devaney most about the game was the loss in effectiveness of the Nebraska ground offense as the game progressed.

"I could see the lackadaisical offense coming and that's what I worried about throughout the week," said the Husker coach.

The Nebraska offense started in high gear with Husker backs Harry Wilson, Charlie Winters, and Ron Kirkland picking up good yardage through nicely sliced holes in the TCU defensive line.

Nebraska's first scoring drive, which started on the Husker 37 and was culminated by Choo-choo Winters' six-yard burst over right tackle, featured the powerful Nebraska runners and was spiced by a sprinkling of passes from quarterback Bob Churchich.

Following the successful extra point attempt by Larry Wachholtz with 4:35 gone in the first quarter, the Huskers jumped to a 7-0 lead and "Big Red" was off and running.

Texas Christian learned quickly that they would not be able to run through the Nebraska defense so they started to throw over it.

The lone TCU touchdown came early in the second quarter after a pass interference call on Nebraska's Kaye Carstens had given the Horned Frogs possession of the ball on the Nebraska 18.

Two plays later halfback Steve Landon connected with right end Sonny Campbell on the two yard line. After two successful tries up the mid-



Texas Christian defenders E. A. Gresham (55) and John Richards (14) stand helplessly as Nebraska end Dennis Morrison pulls in a touchdown pass from quarterback Bob Churchich.

die, quarterback P. E. Shabay lobbed a pass to wing back Dave Smith and after the extra point it was 7-7 with 10:43 left in the second quarter.

Nebraska then took the kick-off and marched 78 yards to complete the Husker scoring for the afternoon. The final play of the drive came from the TCU ten when Churchich, finding both Harry Wilson and Dennis Richnasky covered, hit left end Dennis Morrison on the TCU goal line.

Morrison had a Horned Frog on each side of him but made a beautiful leaping catch of the pin-pointed pass and fell into the end zone for six points. The extra point by Wachholtz was the final entry in the Nebraska scorebook.

Following that second quarter touchdown the Ne-

braska offense began to sputter. Nebraska's Coach Devaney called it "lackadaisical offense." TCU Coach Abe Martin called it better gang tackling on the part of the Frog defense.

Whatever it was, Nebraska picked up only four first and tens in the second half compared with 13 in the first half. The holes failed to open in the TCU defense, and the Nebraska backfield, with nowhere to run, became just another backfield.

Preservation of victory now rested on the defensive "Blackshirts" and after a third quarter TCU field goal which made the count 14-10, things got tense.

Credit Husker linebacker Lynn Senkbeil with three possible game-saving plays in the final quarter, if that is possible.

The first came after TCU

had driven from their own 43 down to the Nebraska 35. With about six minutes left to play Ross Montgomery took a handoff from his fullback position and headed into the left side of the Nebraska front wall.

Montgomery was jolted hard by Husker defensive tackle Carl Stith, the ball popped loose and Senkbeil recovered it.

Things looked good for Nebraska. All they had to do was eat up some time on the scoreboard clock which showed 5:21 left to play. But three running plays netted only six yards and the Husker were forced to punt.

On the second play from the TCU 34 Shabay hit Montgomery for 17 yards. The next play saw Shabay try for the third time of the afternoon a compact double reverse pass which had been successful against the Huskers whenever it had been called. This time Senkbeil saw it coming and intercepted the aerial on the Nebraska 40 with 3:20 left to play.

Now the Husker offense was even less potent than before as three plays gained only four yards.

After Nebraska's punt, Texas Christian set up shop on their own 23. On the first play of the series Shabay dropped back but was unable to evade Senkbeil who had red-dogged instead of dropping back on pass defense.

Shabay was thrown to the ground at the six but got off a stray pass in a desperate effort to stop the clock. The pass was ruled intentional grounding of the ball and a penalty of half the distance to the goal line made it second down and 31 to go for the Horned Frogs on their own three yard line. Texas Christian was unable to pick up the needed yardage and Nebraska ran out the clock in their last two plays.

The Horned Frogs are the kind of team that always gives Nebraska trouble, a team with fast receivers and a nifty passer for a quarterback. They knew enough to exploit the weaker part of Nebraska's defense and they were close to being successful.

It was a big win for Nebraska, but other good teams on the TCU schedule this year won't be able to experience the same.

## Freshmen Are Tall

Here is a thumbnail sketch of some of Nebraska's promising freshmen basketball players.

**Doug Anderson**—6'3", 180 lbs.—Superior, (Neb.) 23 ppg.—All-Area; All-Confer-All-State. Major: Journalism.—Coach: Ken Major.

**Mike Aspen**—6'5", 185 lbs.—Hastings (Neb.) St. Cecilia.—26 ppg.—All-State (Class B) 2 years.—Major: Business.—Coach: Ralph Vincent.

**Brian Berger**—6'8", 200 lbs.—Long Beach (Calif.) Millikan.—15 ppg.—12 rbs.—All Southern California 3d team.—24.3 h.s. record as senior. Major: English.—Coach: Howard Lyon.

**Larry Collins**—6'5", 190 lbs.—Engelwood (Calif.) Mt. Carmel.—20 ppg.—All-Catholic league.—Major: Business.—Coach: Phil Faist.

**Ken Cauble**—6'4", 190 lbs.—Midland (Tex.) Robert E. Lee.—19.8 ppg.—All-District.—won State 4-A High jump in Track.—Major: Dentistry.—Coach: Paul Steuckler.

**Bob Grattop**—6'4", 192 lbs.—Grafton (Neb.)—Geneva (Neb.) H.S.—28 ppg.—All-State 2 years.—Major: Physical Education.—Coach: Roger Trumper.

**Craig Jones**—6'6", 200 lbs.—Waymont (Pa.)—22 ppg.—23 rbs.—All-Conference.—Major: Physical Education.—Coach: Pat Walsh.

**Tom Line**—6'3", 190 lbs.

**Los Angeles (Calif.) Hamilton**,—23.4 ppg.—All-City (L.A.).—Major: Physical Education.—Coach: Yutaka Shimizze.

**Sam Martin**—6'0", 160 lbs.—Pawnee City (Neb.), 18 ppg.—All-State. Major: Pharmacy.—Coach: Jack Johnson.

**Ed McPherron**—6'6", 215 lbs.—Ten Sleep (Wyo.), 30 ppg.—Set all-time scoring record for state of Wyoming.—All-State for 3 years.—Major: Physical Education.—Coach: Joe Daniel.

**Ken Peden**—6'6", 185 lbs.—Alliquippa (Pa.) Southside.—24 ppg.—All-District.—Major: Business.—Coach: Paul Harless.

**Ralph Torrens**—6'4", 190 lbs.—Bellevue (Neb.), 20.2 ppg.—All-Metro (Omaha).—Major: Engineering.—Coach: Jack Woods.

## Huskies Lead Championships

Contrary to popular belief, Oklahoma has not won the most Big Eight Conference championships. This honor belongs to last year's winner, Nebraska, holder of 24 titles, including a share of the very first, back in 1907. Oklahoma is second with 19. Each team in the Conference today has won at least one football championship.

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## Utah State Quarterback Holds Passing Records

Nothing is more valuable to a football team than experience, and no position requires experienced personnel more than the key quarterback slot. This reasoning, barring injuries of course, has a lot to do with the Utah State University coaching staff viewing the 1966 season optimistically.

Ron Edwards, a two-year regular, returns for his final year of action for the Aggies and stands an excellent chance to break most of the USU passing and total offense records.

A gifted runner and accurate passer who can throw both short and long, Edwards led USU in total offense as a sophomore with 1071 yards, an average of 6.2 yards per play, and was second in 1965 with 1166 yards with a 5.3 average.

Edwards already holds the USU career record for most touchdown passes with 21 and is closing in on career records for most attempts (he needs 45 more), most completions (needs 27) and most yards passing (needs 365). He is also only 106 yards shy of the career total offense mark of 2443 yards set by Kent Harris.

In addition, he has tied the season record of most touchdown passes with 12 and has four single-game records to his credits—33 attempts, 273 passing yards, 48 rushing and 273 yards total offense—all against Utah as a sophomore in 1964.

USU coach Tony Knapp gives high praise to his star quarterback by saying: "Ron is as good a quarterback as I ever want to coach!" This is even more significant when it is re-

membered that Bill Munson who is now with the Los Angeles Rams paced the 1963 Utah State team to a fine 8-2 record.

"Ron is a quick thinker who can attack with the threat of run and still know just when it may be best to throw. A fine leader, Ron is liked and respected by all our players. In short, he has the ability to get the job done. I predict another great year for the guy," says Knapp.

Backing up Edwards is another senior letterman, Ron Stewart, who was very impressive as the number one signal caller this spring when Edwards was held out of heavy contact work. In limited action last year Stewart threw 29 times, completed 10 for 112 yards and one TD. He is also one of the top punters in the nation as evidenced by his 40.6 yard average of 21 boots in 1965.

### Letters For All

On lettermen, Nebraska's Bob Devaney chips in with: "It is true we have 37 lettermen back, but we're a little gracious with our letters here—if we stuck close to the rule, we would not have as many lettermen, I'm sure. But, I don't mind giving a guy a letter—the girls like him better."

## Cornhuskers, Frogs Comment On Saturday's Opening Game

Coach Bob Devaney said following the game that, "defensively I think our play against their running attack was excellent." On the other side of the scale the Husker coach was disappointed with the offense.

"In the first part of the game our offense looked good, but in the second half they stopped us cold. We were very disappointed in our inability to move the ball."

Devaney on Nebraska's ends—"We only completed two passes (to the ends) so I don't think they're of the All-American variety yet."

Devaney on Nebraska's short kick-offs—"We should have used the on sides kick today."

NU quarterback Bob Churchich—"The (touchdown) pass was intended for Harry Wilson on a half back out pattern. He was taken out of the play and so was Denny Richnasky, the second choice. I spotted Morrison open and threw. It was a good catch."

NU lineman Wayne Mey-

## Harris No Dancer

Dancing is for dancers, says Colorado halfback William Harris, who relies on the old adage that the shortest distance between two points is a straight line.

That approach to moving with a football was good enough to earn him Big Eight conference "sophomore back of the year" honors last fall and Harris hopes to get equal mileage from the same formula this season.

"I learned the hard way in high school that dancing around in the secondary just gets you in a lot of trouble," says Harris. "All that cutting around looks fancy but most of the time it just lets a lot of people catch up with you. I tried it a few times when I was a sophomore at Central High in Galveston and just got buried by tacklers. Now I just concentrate on cutting upfield and driving hard."

Harris drilled out 680 yards in 142 carries last fall, third best total in the Big Eight and most by a Colorado runner since All-American Bob Stransky stutter-stepped to 1081 in 1957.

Despite his impressive 1965 figures, Harris admits he spent most of the season learning—as did his offensive teammates.

"It takes a lot of time for the offense to get to know each others' moves and timing," explains the lean, 185-pound T-back in Eddie Crowder's Switching T attack. "I really felt like we were coming along well late season. I could tell it in my own running by the way I was co-ordinating with our guards, John Beard and Kirk Tracy. After I got used to running behind them I could almost sense the way they were going to attack a certain situation and prepared to adjust almost automatically."

Harris completed a fine sophomore season as one of the Buffaloes' top sprinters during the track campaign. He was clocked in :09.8 for the hundred and was a regular on the Colorado sprint relay teams. And, although he has to gear down his stride greatly, he has no problems shifting back to football.

Unlike many sprinters, Harris runs with excellent balance and power and can't be classified as front end heavy and easily tripped up like many men who double in track and football.

"The adjustment from one sport to the other isn't hard," says Harris. "You have to shorten your stride a lot in football to get better balance. But you have to stay low in football and that makes you shorten your stride automatically."

Harris worked on a Denver paving crew this summer and reported in top condition for fall practice and promptly duplicated his 1965 feat as he scored three touchdowns in the first game scrimmage of the practice season.

### Former Cager TD Club Head

Philip Gerelick of Omaha is the new president of the Touchdown Club of Nebraska, succeeding Clarence Mitchell, Jr., of Lincoln.

Gerelick, a former basketball star for the Cornhuskers, has been an active leader in the booster group's activities in Omaha for a number of years.

Emmett J. Jung of Lincoln is vice-president and treasurer, while Charles Wright, ex-NU baseball star, is secretary. Jim Pittenger is executive director of the TD Club.

### Football Games To Start Monday

#### Football Schedule

Monday, September 19th City Campus Fields, A Teams

NE Phi Delta Theta vs. Kappa Sigma.

NW Sigma Phi Epsilon vs. Phi Kappa Psi.

SE Delta Upsilon vs. Beta Theta Pi.

SW Phi Gamma Delta vs. Delta Tau Delta.

Tuesday, September 20th City Campus Fields

NW Farm House vs. Alpha Tau Omega.

SE Beta Sigma Psi vs. Triangle.

SW Sigma Chi vs. Alpha Gamma Rho.

East Campus Fields

E Theta Xi vs. Ag Men.

W Sigma Nu vs. Chi Phi.

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