

# Where the Action Is

By Larry Eckholt

"The use of a stretcher for removing an injured player from the playing field does not necessarily mean that the injury is that serious," said Ralph Beechner, announcer for the Husker home games. During the Nebraska-Utah State game.

Whether Beechner made that announcement for the benefit of the crowd in the stadium or as a reassuring gesture for the Utah State football team as they watched their teammates file by on stretchers is hard to determine.

Saturday's game with the Aggies was probably the hardest fought defensive battle at Memorial Stadium since Nebraska's victory over Missouri two seasons ago. Two weeks of road games will give the turf the time it needs to recover from the treatment it received Saturday.

Nebraska beat the Aggies on Saturday for a number of reasons, the most obvious being that defensively Nebraska is the best team in the nation. After holding TCU to 10 yards rushing a week ago, the Husker Black Shirts held the boys from the Mormon state for no gain. Pass interceptions, blocked punts, recovered fumbles, a 72-yard punt return for a touchdown—all of these helped to demoralize a team that had been pegged for a great season by some polls.

Another determining factor was the "extra effort" that a number of Nebraska players gave. Joe Armstrong's fantastic punt and Larry Wachholtz' brilliant display of All-American quality made Big Redders momentarily forget that things weren't running smoothly during most of the game.

One thing stands out, almost prophetically, when Saturday's game is recalled:

For two and a half quarters the 63,543 people who sat in Memorial Stadium groaned and moaned when Nebraska's offensive showing sputtered. Then, after Wachholtz' 39 yard field goal, the fans showed a little life.

The cheerleaders managed to get the students on their feet yelling, the three thousand bandmen started rooting instead of tooting and excitement spread throughout the stadium.

In three minutes and 7 seconds Nebraska turned a 7-7 tie into a 22-7 rout. In the end Nebraska out-ran, out-casted and out scored (by 21 points) a good Utah State team.

This all has to indicate something. Is it the same team that is to bring the crowd to life or the crowd that brings the team to life? It's a hard question to answer.

A few things have happened that make it hard to understand how football fever ever reached Nebraska this year.

1. The distasteful cartoon on the front page on Saturday's Lincoln Star showing a monstrous Utah man-handling a puny Husker.

2. The sports editor of the Omaha World-Herald covering the ISU-Oklahoma game at Ames, playing up the Sooners who "some day could be the scourge of the Big Eight," but who, as yet, has not had much good to say about the Huskers.

3. The press' attack on the Athletic Department for banning the bands to march on the field this Band Day, the major damage doesn't come at half-time but in the morning when all six thousand feet tramp on the field during a couple hours of practice.

Sometimes I'll bet a lot of people long for the day's when Bob Devaney took over at Nebraska and winning was a dream come true.

Remember when Nebraska beat Oklahoma 25-21 and ended a 75 conference game winning streak for the Sooners? How many of you remember what that team's season record was? In those days, beating Oklahoma WAS the season.

Now the tables have turned. Any team beating Nebraska has made their season. Any team on the Husker schedule this season could beat them. But I'm going to stick with Nebraska. I think they're great and any victory is one step closer to a great season.



Larry Wachholtz (36) begins a 72-yard touchdown punt return against Utah State.

## Huskers Outlast Aggies As Wachholtz Sparkles

By Bob Flasnick  
Sports Editor

Utah State coach Tony Knap said following Nebraska's 28-7 win over his team Saturday that he was appreciative of the way he and his boys were treated while in Nebraska.

North Platte football boosters named the Saturday of the Texas Christian game "Larry Wachholtz and Pete Tatman Day," but it was evident Saturday that their celebration for Wachholtz came a week too early.

Wachholtz, who was second in the nation last year in punt returns, had what he called the best game of his career and it would be hard to find anyone that would disagree.

### Punt Return

His biggest thriller of the afternoon, a 72-yard punt runback for a touchdown early in the fourth quarter, brought a record crowd of 63,543 to their feet to witness a run that even Wachholtz will be hard-pressed to improve upon this year.

Wachholtz took the punt on the Nebraska 28-yard line, floated to the eastern sideline and cut straight for the southern goal line. After a bout 25-yards of straight running, Wachholtz faked a pack of Aggies to the outside and then cut diagonally across the field with the Aggies in hopeless pursuit.

It was the first time in his college career that Wachholtz had ever taken a punt back the full distance.

### 'Best Day'

Late in the third quarter Wachholtz kicked a 39-yard field goal which broke a 7-7 deadlock. In the fourth quarter he intercepted two Aggie aerials and he finished the game having a part in five tackles.

Throughout the course of the afternoon, he returned five punts for total of 133 yards. It's easy to see why he called it his "best day."

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One of the few times that the Nebraska number one offensive unit moved the ball with any consistency was following Wachholtz' first punt return of the afternoon.

Nebraska drove from the Utah State 32 down to the Aggie four yard line without any trouble. The play that gave the Huskers possession of the ball on the Aggie four was a 16-yard pass play from quarterback Bob Churchich to tight end Dennis Morrison.

But with first and goal to go Churchich fumbled a handoff in the Nebraska backfield. Churchich picked the ball up, was hit by a Utah Stater, fumbled again and this time Utah State recovered.

Luckily for Nebraska, USU had been offside on the play and on the next run from scrimmage full-back Charlie Winters went over from the two to give Nebraska a 7-0 lead following the extra point by Wachholtz.

### USU Passing

Utah State didn't try to fool anybody concerning the way they were going to play football Saturday. Their first three plays from scrimmage were all passes and when the game ended they had accumulated 206 yards passing on 46 attempts and no yards rushing.

An Aggie defense spear-headed by 250-pound tackle Bill Staley kept the Husker offense pretty much in toe during a penalty infested first half.

But late in the second quarter with third down and two to go on the Nebraska 47, Churchich hit sophomore split end Tom Penney with

a 41-yard pass completion and ran down to the Utah State 12. There the offense sputtered as three passes went incomplete and a field goal attempt by Wachholtz was blocked. Utah State took over and had time for only one play before the half ended.

Coach Bob Devaney gave his second offensive team a chance to see action following one of Wachholtz' fourth quarter pass interceptions.

### Wayne Weber

Utah State held the Wayne Weber directed second stringers after they had driven from the Nebraska 25 to the Utah State 46, but the next time they got the ball they scored. Wachholtz again gave them the chance to run the ball with another pass interception.

With first and 10 at the Utah State 26, Weber flipped a quick pitch to left halfback Paul Critchlow who scampered 30 yards in a play that was nullified by Nebraska holding.

Weber quickly made it up with two quick eight-yard pass completions to left end Miles Kimmel. Then with first down on the Utah State 25, Weber faded back, ducked his head, emerged from the other side of a pack of Nebraska and Utah State linemen and hustled down to the Aggie eight-yard line.

Critchlow took a handoff three plays later from the Utah State six and broke over for the final TD of the afternoon.

Nebraska weathered the battle in good shape, with apparently no one sustaining a serious injury.

## Intramurals

### Football Results Thursday, Sept. 22

Sigma Alpha Epsilon B 15, Phi Gamma Delta B 0  
Abel V 26, Abel I 7  
Abel VI 30, Abel II 6  
Abel VII 21, Abel III 0  
Rogers I, Carson 0 (forfeit)

Glenn 25, Penn 7  
Pike 22, Governors 12

### Friday, Sept. 23

Abel XI 25, Abel VIII 12  
Abel IX 17, Abel XII 2  
Abel 30, Abel XIII 27  
Custer 19, Kennedy 13  
Selleck 13, Fairfield 8  
Gus I, Seaton 0 (forfeit)

### Saturday, Sept. 24

Sigma Phi Epsilon B 28, Phi Kappa Psi B 0  
Kappa Sigma B 14, Farm House B 12  
Beta Theta Pi B 13, Phi Delta Theta B 0  
Delta Tau Delta B 31, Beta Sigma Psi B 13  
Theta Xi B 32, Alpha Gamma Rho B 12

### Football Schedule Monday, Sept. 26

City Campus

NE Phi Epsilon Kappa vs. Burners

NW Phi Delta Phi vs. Misfits

SE Playboys vs. Dirty Old Men

SW Mousers vs. Mavericks

East Campus

E Kiesselbach vs. Benton Center Gooding vs. Avery

W Air Force vs. Aggies

## 30,000 Expected For ISU Game

### ISU Sports Information

Iowa State gets deeper and deeper into the power of the Big Eight football world this week as it faces a Nebraska team seeking a fourth straight conference title.

The two teams will clash before an estimated 30,000 fans, largest football crowd ever assembled in Ames.

Coach Bob Devaney once predicted "that no team would again dominate the Big Eight as Oklahoma had done." Right now he is making every effort to show that he is as poor a prophet as he is a fine coach. No other Big Eight team has won the title — except Nebraska — since he made his forecast. In the series of three title sweeps Devaney has moved to the top of the list among active winning coaches in America.



Nebraska's Ben Gregory (face hidden) upends Utah State's MacArthur Lane as Wayne Meylan looks on.

## Saturday's Comments

Nebraska Coach Bob Devaney—"On the whole the defense was good. I couldn't see much improvement in the offense. The only time the offense rolled reasonably well today was when the reserves were in and Utah State was tired then.

Devaney on Wayne Weber—"Wayne Weber did a pretty good job today. We're not using him as much because his arm hurts. If Churchich isn't having a good day, I'll feel more secure (using Weber) after today's performance."

Nebraska's Larry Wachholtz on 72-yard punt return—"They must have thought I was going to run outside. I faked outside, cut back, and nobody was there.

Utah State defensive tackle Bill Staley—"Bob Pickens gave me the most trouble—the backs won the game for them — they weren't the hardest hitting team I've played against. Utah State quarterback Ron Edwards—"I thought Nebraska's defense was really good. I was really impressed with number 72 (Carel St'ch). He was a good ball player and a gentleman as well."

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### Lindley Records Iowa State Mark

Ernie Lindley, outstanding Iowa State freshman distance star from Hayward, Calif., is the new owner of the three mile mark for Cyclone first year men.

Lindley, less than two weeks into his collegiate career, toured the Iowa State 3-mile cross country course in 15:35 Thursday. The old mark of 15:35.4 was held by Dave Lee of Des Moines.

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