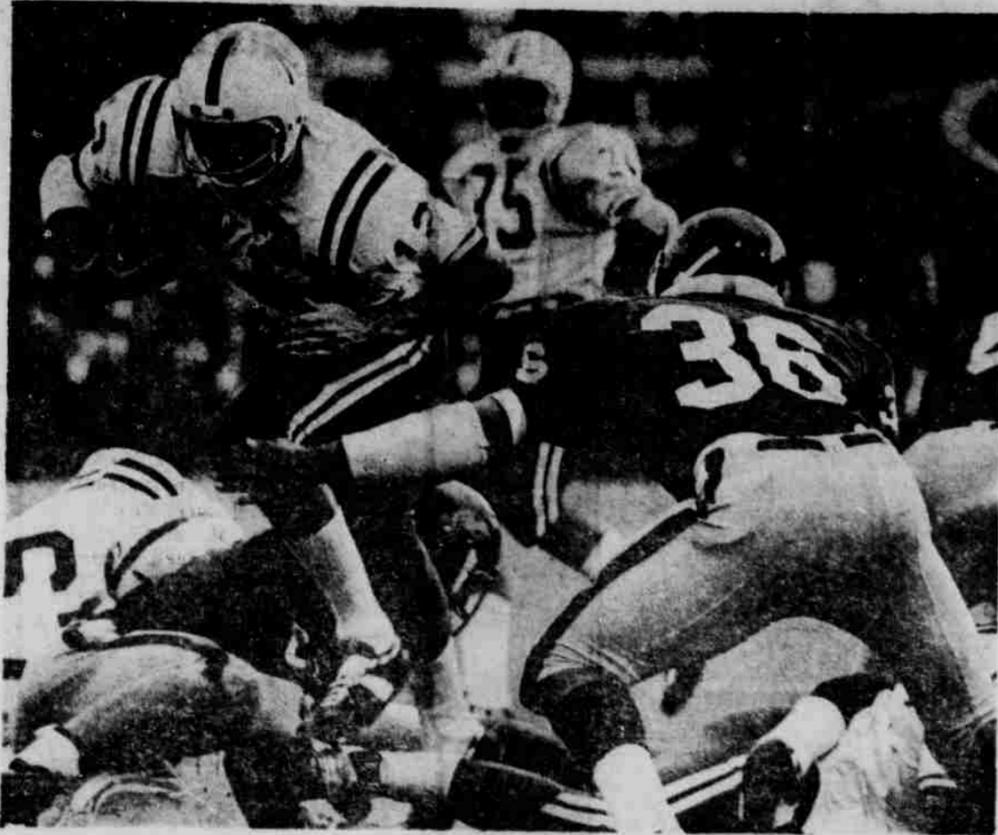


Huskers humble 'hawks, 41-20



Brownson bolts over . . . Nebraska quarterback Van Brownson drives over from the three-yard-line for Nebraska's final touchdown against Kansas. The NU signal caller scored twice in the Huskers 41-21 romp over the Jay hawks.

Blackshirts collapse; offense saves day

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Lawrence, Kan. — Bumper stickers in Jayhawk country may read "Kansas is Back," but it was the Nebraska Cornhuskers who came back for a 41-20 win here Saturday.

The Huskers opened the scoring action fast, but fell behind with the same amount of speed.

Husker monster back Dave Morock intercepted a pass on the Jayhawk second play from scrimmage and moved from the KU 22 to the 17-yard-line.

Four plays later, fullback Dan Schneiss crashed over from the two-yard-line and Paul Rogers kicked the extra point for a 7-0 Nebraska lead.

It was a quick, easy score. And it might have given the Huskers too much confidence. But NU linebacker Jerry Murtaugh didn't agree.

"We knew one touchdown wasn't good enough against Kansas," offered the defensive captain. "One touchdown isn't going to stop them."

But the Husker defense collapsed after Rogers booted his first field goal of the year — a 28-yarder — to give Nebraska a 10-0 lead with 1:22 to play in the opening stanza.

The following kickoff was received by Kansas' Vince O'Neil in the corner and the sophomore from New Jersey raced 96 yards down the sidelines for a touchdown. The extra point failed, but Kansas was back in the game 10-6.

"We knew Kansas had a great kickoff returner," admitted Husker coach Bob

Devaney after the game. "But when the kick goes deep in the corner they shouldn't get a return. We just did a poor job of covering. We may have to evaluate some of the people on our kickoff team."

But the KU offense didn't stop with the kickoff return. The Jayhawks cracked the Nebraska defense for two more touchdowns before the Huskers could get back on the board. Kansas led 20-10.

"Nothing surprised us in the Kansas offense," said Murtaugh. "We saw everything they did on films, but it was just hard to read their keys. It's something we've never seen before."

But Murtaugh didn't take anything away from the Kansas offense. "They have a good offense," admitted Murtaugh. It may be better than any we've seen this year."

But despite the Black Shirts' problems, the Husker offense continued to bounce back. "We've got a bunch of guys on this team with a lot of guts," offensive captain Schneiss said.

And the Nebraska offense didn't have a letdown as the Huskers exploded for two more touchdowns — one an 80-yard bomb from Van Brownson to Guy Ingles — before the first half ended.

Nebraska held a 24-20 halftime lead.

"We knew that the defense wasn't holding," said quarterback Van Brownson who was in his first starting role. "I think it was this that got the offense fired up. We knew we had a job to do."

It was only a week ago against Missouri that the Nebraska defense made up for the offense's inabilities. But in Lawrence Saturday, the story was just the opposite.

"We just weren't equipped to stop the thing they were doing," offered Devaney. "But the defensive coaches made

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Pepper confesses: Huskers too salty

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Lawrence, Kan. — Kansas coach Pepper Rodgers is a talk-active man. He's the type of fella who could strike up a decent conversation with a worm at the end of his fishing line.

But following Nebraska's 41-20 win over his Jayhawks Saturday, the KU boss kept his comments short and not-so-sweet. He was more interested in his post-game ham sandwich than discussing the game with Reporters.

"Nebraska is great," fired back the Kansas Pepper when asked to comment on the Husker squad. "There was no difference in the first or second half. They're just great."

What convinced Rodgers that the Huskers were great? "The end of the game convinced me," snapped Pepper.

But the KU boss said little during the interview session except "great" (he said that seven times) and "I don't know." He sat on the floor in the corner of the Jayhawk locker room eating sandwiches and cupcakes, waving good-bye to his players and staring reporters right in the eye.

"I don't know if anything took away our momentum," snapped Rodgers in his fast-version of the southern drawl. "I don't know who Nebraska ran on different situations. I didn't pay any attention."

"I don't know if this Nebraska team is better than last year, but they looked better to me."

Rodgers didn't feel there was a key play for Nebraska.

"There was no key play," he said. "They would have beaten us no matter what."

He was asked by a reporter his opinion on three calls disputed by Kansas.

"Who says they were disputed?" questioned Rodgers. "You said that, not me. Let me tell you what I questioned so you will be a smart young fellow. I asked only who did it. I have a right to know that."

But Pepper also cracked a few smiles during the session as he flashed his 1953 Orange Bowl watch in reporters' eyes.

"We did pretty good," he said. "I think we played as good as we could. But I give Nebraska full credit."

"By the way," concluded Rodgers as he said farewell to Nebraska writers. "Good night, and tell coach Devaney for me he's got a great ball club." "That was great number seven."

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Nebraska	2	0
Oklahoma	1	0
Kansas State	2	1
Kansas	1	1
Missouri	1	1
Colorado	1	2
Oklahoma State	0	1
Iowa State	0	2

Saturday's Results

Nebraska 41,	Kansas 20
Oklahoma 23,	Colorado 15
Kansas St. 17,	Iowa St. 0
Notre Dame 24,	Missouri 7

Next Saturday

Oklahoma St. at Nebraska
Iowa St. at Kansas
Kansas St. at Oklahoma
Colorado at Missouri



Two better than one . . . Cornhusker quarterbacks Van Brownson (12) and Jerry Tagge (14) offer congratulations following Saturday's 41-20 win over Kansas. It was the first start of the season for Brownson, but the pair combined once again to make it a team effort at quarterback.