



THE GAME STORY . . . Lynn Dickey (11) fades back under pressure by Nebraska's Monte Johnson (37). But he gets the pass off and it's caught by Dickey's top target (?), Nebraska's Joe Blahak (27). Blahak, who caught three Dickey passes, turns up-field with help from Doug Johnson (64) and Bob Terrio (45).

Purple bubble pops, 51-13

Kansas State has been living in a bubble since Big Eight play opened . . . a purple bubble. But Nebraska's unbeaten and once tied Cornhuskers popped it Saturday to the tune of 51-13.

The win assured the Huskers of at least a share of the Big Eight championship (the sixth NU title in eight years) and set the stage for a second "championship game" this week against Oklahoma.

"This was probably the most satisfying win of the year," said Husker quarterback Jerry Tagge. "We've worked so hard for things all season and everything was put on the line against Kansas State today. If we would have lost this one, we would have lost everything."

But as it turned out, the games real loser was Kansas States outspoken quarterback Lynn Dickey. The white-shoed signal caller saw seven of his

passes intercepted by Husker defenders.

That established a new Nebraska record. The Huskers grabbed six interceptions against Georgia in the Sun Bowl last year.

Nebraska safety Bill Kosch, who leads the conference in interceptions, swiped two Dickey tosses while cornerback Joe Blahak collected three to tie a Nebraska mark. Monster back Dave Morock and linebacker Jerry Murtaugh each grabbed one.

Morock returned his for a 43-yard touchdown. "If we had it all to do again we couldn't do any better," said Kosch. Blahak claimed, "I was lucky, but we did have them covered pretty well."

"I'm glad I don't have to make as many statements before a game as Dickey does," smiled Tagge. "You can't talk your way to victory.

You have to prove it on the field."

And Tagge did "prove it on the field." He completed 13 of 19 passes for 162 yards including a 12-yard touchdown strike to fullback Dan Schneiss.



It was Tagge's 10th TD pass of the year giving him the Nebraska season record.

The Tagge-engineered Huskers took a quick 14-0 lead

— scoring on their first offensive play. Murtaugh's interception, which put the ball on the Kansas State 25, set up the first score.

Sophomore Johnny Rodgers dashed the remaining distance to the goal on an inside handoff from Tagge and Paul Roger's kick gave the Huskers a 7-0 advantage.

Nebraska marched 48 yards later in the quarter before Joe Orduna raced three yards to give the Huskers a 14-0 lead. Nebraska settled for a 21-7 halftime advantage.

The second half, (or the Kansas State nightmare if you like), was all Nebraska. The Wildcat offense, minus fullback Mike Montgomery who was

ejected for striking an official, couldn't muster any momentum.

The Black Shirts dominated the second half and the Huskers sailed to the convincing 51-13 outcome.

Nebraska rushed for 179 yards in the game while the purple powered Wildcats could manage only 70. It was no wonder Kansas State coach Vince Gibson didn't blame officiating for the loss as he had indicated earlier in the week.

"Nebraska might be the best team in America," he said. "They not only have some fine athletes, but they're the best coached team we've played."

Bowl bound Cornhuskers set for 2nd championship game

Bowl talk, thoughts of a national championship and "Who is Lynn Dickey?" comments were obvious in the Nebraska post-game locker room. But nobody forgot the Oklahoma Sooners.

"I feel if we had the opportunity we could beat any team in the country," snapped quarterback Jerry Tagge. "But we're just thinking about Oklahoma now. We don't want to share that title with anyone."

The Sooners, who have just one Big Eight loss, came from behind to nip Kansas 28-24 Saturday. A victory over Nebraska Saturday and Oklahoma State the next week would give Oklahoma a tie for the league title.

"We knew Oklahoma was behind most of the way," con-

tinued Tagge, "but it doesn't matter if someone else knocks them off or if we beat them. Besides, it will probably make it easier for us to get up for the game."

That brings up a point. The Huskers will be playing their second straight championship game. But the players scoffed at the idea that there may be a let down after the big win over Kansas State.

"Sure beating Kansas State was the big one," admitted offensive captain Dan Scheniss, "but we won't have any problem getting up for Oklahoma. We want this thing all to ourselves and nobody can stop us now."

Split end Guy Ingles called Nebraska's 51-13 win over Kansas State, "the best team effort I've seen since I've been

associated with this university.

And the Omaha senior was even willing to make some predictions about the Oklahoma game. "If we can beat these guys (Kansas State) by almost 40 points, I think we can beat Oklahoma even worse," said Ingles.

Big Eight

	W	L	T
Kansas	2	4	0
Oklahoma	4	1	0
Kansas St.	5	2	0
Colorado	3	4	0
Nebraska	6	0	0
Missouri	2	4	0
Oklahoma St.	1	4	0
Iowa St.	1	5	0

Saturday's Results
 Nebraska 51, Kansas 51, 13
 Oklahoma 28, Kansas 24
 Colorado 30, Oklahoma St. 6
 Iowa St. 31, Missouri 19

Next Saturday
 Oklahoma at Nebraska
 Iowa St. at Oklahoma St.
 Kansas St. at Florida St.
 Colorado at Air Force
 Kansas at Missouri

Frosh hit record book

Nebraska's freshman finished their season with a 4-0 mark by topping the Kansas State frosh 63-29 at Memorial Stadium Friday afternoon.

And in the process, the record breaking frosh continued to leave their names in the record books.

Los Vegas product Dave Humm hit 12 of 17 passes en route to setting new passing and total offense records. It was one of Humm's most satisfying afternoons of the season.

He had 913 yards in total offense and 789 yards passing for the year. That erases Van Brownson's 1968 marks of 671 yards passing and 778 total offense.

In all, there were 11 teams

and individual marks established by the Nebraska frosh.

Don Westbrook tied the record for most touchdowns in a season (6) set by Jeff Kinney in 1969 and Johnny Rodgers in 1969. Team records were set for total points in a game (63), most first downs in a season (130), most passes attempted in a season (61), most passes completed in a season (61), most yards total offense (1,691) and most fumbles lost by an opponent (11).

The 63-29 win over K-State completed the sixth unbeaten freshman season in the nine years Bob Devaney has been at Nebraska. The overall frosh record since Devaney's arrival is 27-3.

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