

# Nobody wanted a 28-21 game

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It was a good game all right. But who came to see a good game?

Certainly Orange Bowl representative Frank Rentz, who made a comment similar to the above, didn't want to see a good game.

The Orange Bowl committee and Big Red fans were looking for another rout that would enhance Nebraska's chances for a national championship. Nobody, but nooooooobody wanted to see a game that wasn't decided until the final play.

But that's what they saw. It took an intercepted pass in the end zone by Nebraska's Jim Anderson on the final play before the Cornhuskers claimed a 28-21 verdict over Oklahoma. The slim win gave the Huskers an undefeated season (10-0-1) and sole possession of the Big Eight.

A few of the Nebraska players actually preferred the excitement of a 28-21 win to the dullness of a 63-18 decision.

"I probably wouldn't have said this during the last Oklahoma drive," smiled Husker middle guard Ed Periard, "but I like playing in a close game better than those 63-18 ones."

Quarterback Jerry Tagge felt the same way. "This type of game capped the season," said Tagge. "It was a thriller and a more exciting finish just couldn't be."

When Nebraska coach Bob Devaney was informed that Periard and Tagge liked the close games, the Husker boss couldn't understand.

"They must have been hit hard in the head or something out there," joked Devaney. "What I think is a good game is when you're ahead 40-0 at the half with the other team's star quarterback ineligible."

But Oklahoma quarterback Jack Mildren was not ineligible at the half and neither were his receivers who were in the end zone on the final play. Mildren tossed what he termed "a last gasp pass" on the final play of the game which popped in the air before Anderson picked it off.

The final play was staged after the Sooners had marched from their own 20 to the Nebraska 27 in what had to be

the longest 80 seconds this season for the Huskers. Mildren picked the Nebraska defense with short passes and one run during the final march.

Time was on Nebraska's side and Mildren was forced to go for the bomb on the final play with only five seconds remaining.

"That last play was a real dangerous situation for us," said Jim Anderson. "There were so many people around that ball just waiting for it to fall into their hands. I just waited for it to pop into my hands."

Nebraska, which missed two easy touchdown chances in the first half, fought back for a 14-14 halftime score.

The Huskers took the lead for the first time on a 13-yard scoring pass from Tagge to splitend Guy Ingles with 5:54 remaining in the third quarter. Oklahoma picked apart the middle of the Nebraska defensive line and marched 80 yards to score with 14:48 left in the game.

The extra-point kick tied the game, 21-21.

Nebraska had to drive 53 yards for the winning touchdown. The most crucial play of the game, if not the season, was when fullback Dan Schneiss caught a Tagge pass after a juggling act on the Oklahoma three.

Nebraska was faced with a third and 11 situation at the 27 when Schneiss made his catch.

"Dan's our ice man," said Tagge. "But he doesn't have ice hands. He's been telling me all week that he was the best pass catcher on the team. So there was no question about who to throw to in the must situation."

Tagge eventually plunged over for the score with 7:42 remaining. The Huskers had a chance to take a 10-point lead with 1:25 left but Paul Roger's field goal attempt was wide to the right.

That's when Oklahoma took over for the final drive. And that's when Nebraska finally claimed the Big Eight title.

It was the sixth Nebraska title in the nine years since Bob Devaney and Company arrived on the Lincoln campus.

After the game, defensive captain Jerry Murtaugh was put on the spot. Earlier in the

season Murtaugh had predicted the Huskers number one and said nobody could come close to defeating them.

Well, Oklahoma came close. But Murtaugh had an answer. "We won didn't we?" And who wants to argue with Jerry Murtaugh?

## Orange tickets available Dec. 1.

A special student sale for Orange Bowl tickets will be held at the Nebraska Coliseum Dec. 1-3.

According to NU ticket manager Jim Pittenger, approximately 2,000 tickets are available for Nebraska students. Each applicant must apply in person and present a University of Nebraska ID.

Married students will be allowed to purchase two tickets. Each ticket will cost \$7.50.

According to Pittenger, those students wishing to buy blocks must have all members of the block present upon purchase. Tickets will not be sold to individuals presenting other than their own ID.

Should applications exceed the 2,000 tickets available, a lottery will be held. The Coliseum will be open from 9-12 a.m. and 1-4 p.m. Dec. 1-3.

Tickets can be picked up Dec. 8-10.



Photo by Howard Rosenberg

Huskers clear hurdle... Nebraska's Cornhuskers cleared their final hurdle for an undefeated season by tripping Oklahoma 28-21 Saturday, but I-back Jeff Kinney (35) had an individual hurdle to clear during the game. That being his lead blocker Dan Schneiss (22).

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