



Black Shirts stop CU's offense

by Jim Johnston

Nebraska fans are coming over to the Black Shirts way of thinking. The 'ole four-and out is the play that draws the loudest approval from the fans. And that, my friends, is not a pass pattern.

The four-and-out is the

philosophy the Nebraska defense uses...four plays and out of the game. And with the sense of perfection the Black Shirts strive for, it's amazing they don't call it the three-and-out or the two-and-out.

"We just want to be the best defense in the nation," said Nebraska middle guard Rich Glover after the Cornhuskers stopped powerful Colorado, 31-7, at Memorial Stadium Saturday. "We don't feel there's an offense in the nation we can't stop."

WHAT ABOUT Oklahoma's powerful Wishbone-T offense, Rich?

"I'm including Oklahoma's offense," said Glover. "We can stop any offense."

Colorado's triple option

offense was regarded as the first real test of the season for Nebraska. And the Black Shirts passed the test with flying colors.

The Buffalos rushed for only 108 yards and completed just two of nine passes for 52 yards.

"That was definitely the best offense we've faced all season," said Husker defensive end Willie Harper, "But we've faced some other good offenses, too. It's not fair to say that our competition hasn't been tough. We just haven't made them look too good."

NEBRASKA linebacker Bob Terrio, who joined Glover in leading the Huskers with seven solo tackles, said this year's defense is much improved over last year.

"Everybody is more experienced," said Terrio. "I think we played great today. We read things real well and were always prepared."

Tackle Bill Janssen, who also subscribed to that four-and-out theory, says the Nebraska fans are starting to appreciate defense again.

"Football players have always appreciated hard hitting," said Janssen, "and now the fans are starting to enjoy it. It seems like the fans go crazy every time we stop a team without giving them a first down."

THE NEBRASKA defense (who else) setup the Cornhuskers' first touchdown Saturday.

Defensive end John Adkins recovered a fumble on the

19-yard-line late in the first quarter and two plays later I-back Jeff Kinney rolled 11 yards for a touchdown.

Colorado's only touchdown came on a broken play in the second quarter. Colorado quarterback Ken Johnson, after avoiding several Nebraska defenders, found split end Cliff Branch open up the middle for a 34-yard scoring pass.

The Cornhuskers now turn their thoughts to Iowa State, a 43-12 loser to Oklahoma Saturday. And, as usual, there's no feeling of over-confidence by the Nebraska players.

"**AGAIN NEXT** week it will be a real big test," said Nebraska co-captain Jim Anderson. "You have to be afraid of everyone of your opponents."

Colorado: no guess on OU's chances

by Dave McBride

No one in the Colorado dressing room Saturday would make a prediction for the Thanksgiving Day game between the only two teams who have beaten the Buffs this year.

But it's a safe bet that nearly every Buff will watch or listen with interest when Oklahoma, a 45-17 conquerer of Colorado, and Nebraska, a 31-7 victor Saturday, collide in Norman in the game that could decide the national title.

BEATEN convincingly by

both teams. Colorado coach Eddie Crowder stuck to a personal policy of refusing to compare teams, although he praised the Huskers as "a magnificent football team."

Three of his players were more willing to offer their opinions on the Huskers and Sooners.

Speedy split end Cliff Branch, who reinjured his knee enjoying one of his less spectacular days, was subdued but matter-of-fact as he stood in front of a mirror straightening his tie.

"**NEBRASKA'S** got a good defense, I think about the best defense in the conference" he said. "I'm sure they've got a better defense than Oklahoma, and I figure they're a better team."

"They don't have a Pruitt (referring to Sooner halfback Greg Pruitt), but they've got Rodgers, Kinney and Tagge, and they've got better balance."

Sophomore quarterback Ken Johnson, sitting on a bench in

front of his locker munching a ham sandwich and drinking a carton of milk, was asked who he would bet on in the Thanksgiving encounter.

HE SMILED and said, "I don't think I'd bet. Nebraska's got the better defense, but I think Oklahoma's got the better offense."

He said he felt the Sooner's Wishbone-T offense would be able to move the ball against the Huskers.

"Nebraska is just gonna have to score a lot of points," he said.

"We're not going to shut 'em out, huh?" a writer asked.

"**NO WAY,**" Johnson replied. "I dunno, it's gonna be a heckuva game." He shook his head. "It's gonna be unreal."

Buff defensive tackle Herb Orvis, an All-American has the reputation of playing like an animal on the field and being a completely different person off the field. He summed up his feelings quietly, saying, "Nebraska's a great team, but that's about all I can say."

NU outruns Colorado, too

Nebraska cross country standout Bob Unger, loser only to Kansas State's Jerome Howe this year, led the Cornhuskers to their fourth straight win at Pioneer Park Saturday. Nebraska defeated Colorado, 23-32.

A 3-4 finish by Lynn Hall and Jim Hawkins bolstered the Nebraska effort over the rain-soaked, four-mile course. Unger turneded in a 20:23 effort.

Nebraska hosts the Big Eight meet next Saturday.

The results:
1. Bob Unger, N, 20:23; 2. Mike Stegner, C, 20:39; 3. Lynn Hall, N, 20:50; 4. Jim Hawkins, N, 20:54; 5. Tom McKinley, C, 20:56; 6. John

Phillips, C, 21:13; 7. John Perez, N, 21:15; 8. Mike Fertig, N, 21:15; 9. John Gregorio, C, 21:15; 10. Mark Pillmore, C, 21:20; 11. Dave Bosley, N, 21:21; 12. Tim Cronin, C, 21:30; 13. John Toole, N, 21:33; 14. Dan Speck, N, 21:39.

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