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Glover brothers Rich and Duane . . . unconcerned about the outcome of Saturday's game.

Huskers face new problem—boredom

by Jim Johnston

WEST POINT, N.Y.—Bob Devaney didn't mean for it to happen. "You never enjoy humiliating a team," he said, "but you can't ask the reserves not to try."

And you can't ask the coaches not to try either. Even with Nebraska leading Army 56-0 late in the third quarter Saturday, Devaney couldn't resist a friendly shot at an official after a controversial call.

"What the hell is going on out there?" Devaney asked. "You officials have to quit trying to be so damn patriotic."

One official broke out in laughter and nearly spit his whistle out of his mouth. It would have taken a lot more than patriotic officials to help Army Saturday. They could have worn red, white and blue striped shirts and the final score would still have read Nebraska 77, Army 7.

The Cornhuskers had outclassed Army to such an extent that it created a new problem for the Nebraska starters. How do you keep entertained when you're not accustomed to sitting on the bench for nearly the entire second half?

Split end Bob Revelle asked if anybody had a deck of cards. David Humm rested on the ground and signed autographs for the fans who mobbed the Nebraska bench as early as the third period. Willie Harper talked with a scout from the New York Jets. And Rich Glover, who always adds a little class to everything he does, had a family reunion . . . right there on the 50-yard line at Michie Stadium.

The ABC television crew must have been as embarrassed as Army for selecting such a massacre to show to more than half the nation. In an effort to keep their audience entertained,

they focused their cameras on the Nebraska bench during the fourth quarter.

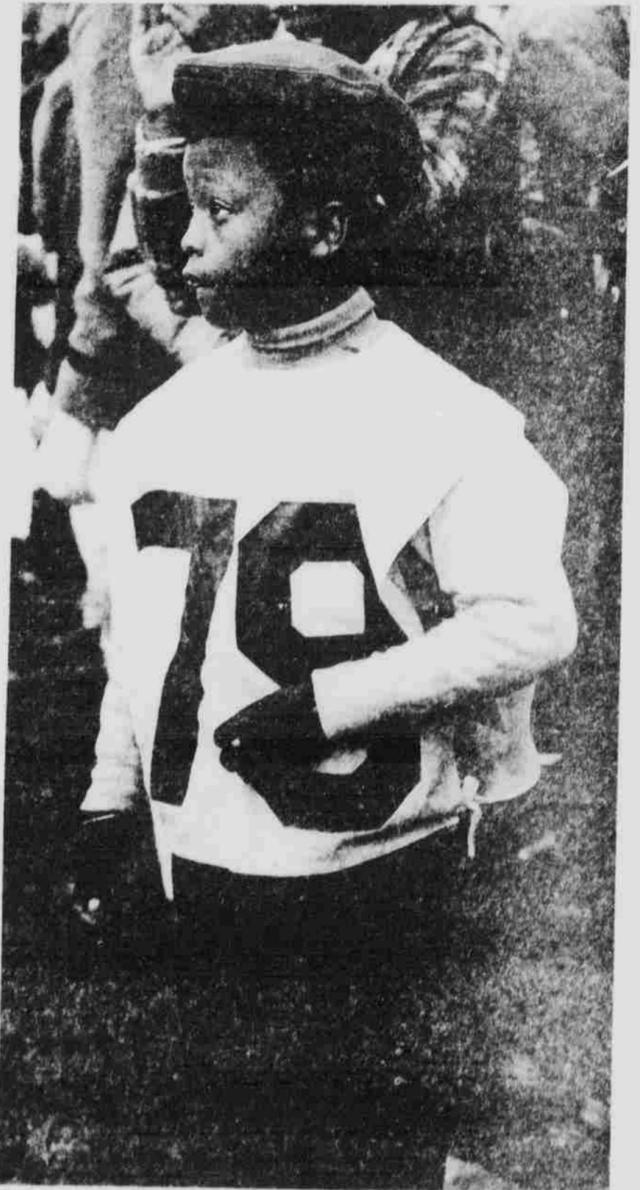
But Glover, who was the center of attention, didn't want to cooperate. The Nebraska middle guard doesn't like to smile for the cameras when he's not wearing his front false tooth.

"Come on, Frog, give the people a smile," Harper urged. "Let 'em see how mean you look without that tooth."

Glover finally cooperated. His smile was the highlight of the fourth quarter, unless you think watching the second and third units score without any problem is more entertaining.

Things were so ridiculous in the fourth quarter that Devaney instructed reserve quarterback Steve Runty to keep the ball on the ground. There was no effort to intentionally humiliate the Army team.

It was almost embarrassing for the Cornhuskers to win by such a margin. But the players weren't complaining. As Johnny Rodgers observed: "It sure beats losing."



Duane Glover . . . borrows brother Rich's number.

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