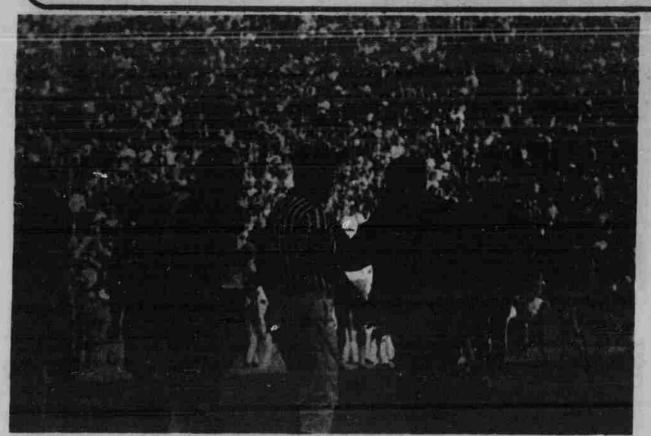
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Colorado fan . . . charges official on the field and then is ejected from stadium.



Bill Olds . . . rambles to two-yard-line to set up Huskers' third touchdown.

Huskers may get Orange bid

by Jim Johnston

BOULDER, Colo.—There was some very convincing evidence here this weekend that Nebraska again is the top choice of the Orange Bowl committee. And if such an invitation is accepted by Nebraska, look for the 1973 Orange Bowl to be a rematch of 1971 with Louisiana State or a rematch of 1972 with Alabama.

Bowl bids can be extended at 6 p.m. Nov. 18, the day Nebraska plays Kansas State and five days before the Huskers host Oklahoma. LSU and Alabama, both undefeated, play Saturday at Birmingham, Ala., to determine to which team the Orange Bowl will extend an invitation.

But for those skeptics who think the Orange Bowl isn't interested in Nebraska because the Huskers have been there the past two years, take a look at what happened in Colorado Saturday.

Orange Bowl president James Dunn and former president Jim Llewellyn rode on the Nebraska team bus from Denver to Boulder Saturday before the game. That trip invluded some very convincing conversations.

"You promised me last week you would beat Colorado big," Llewellyn said to Johnny Rodgers. "I hope you're right."

Llewellyn also was in Nebraska's dressing room before the game. He was asked if he was nervous.

"Not a bit," Llewellyn replied. "We've got this one won." "We" apparently means Nebraska and the Orange Bowl committee. It's kind of a brotherly relationship.

Husker head coach Bob Devaney even wore an Orange Bowl sticker on his coaching jacket during the game.

The publication Football News, however, said the Orange Bowl committee does not favor a rematch of the past two years. Both Dunn and Llewellyn scoffed at such thinking.

"I don't know where Football News gets its information," Llewellyn said. "We would get a lot of mileage out of a rematch. We favor a rematch."

Footbell News also said the Nebraska players have already seen Miami Beach and have no desire to return a third time.

The Nebraska players, however, also are wearing Orange Bowl emblems on their jackets. Even the seniors, who have made the last two trips to Miami, have expressed interest to return for a third time.

So if Nebraska doesn't stumble at Iowa State Saturday or against Kansas State the following week, look for the Orange Bowl to gamble on Nebraska again this year. The experts again say the Huskers are a better bet in that Thanksgiving Day showdown with Oklahoma.

Buffalos' image is partially right

by Jim Johnston

BOULDER, Colo.—The University of Colorado is the place where the football players are known as poor losers and cheap shot artists, the head coach is bush and the fans are downright rotten. Right?

Well, partially right. Colorado Head Coach Eddie Crowder does first grade stuff like making a swan dive into the team huddle before the game. (Can you imagine Bob Devaney doing a belly flop into the arms of Mike Beran and Rich Sanger?)

Colorado football players do a lot of cheap stuff on the field—like clipping Randy Borg in the end zone after officials have already signaled a touchdown. And fans do things like throw snowballs at the players and run onto the field to argue with an official.

But don't accuse the Buffaloes of being poor losers. At least they didn't act like poor losers after suffering a 33-10 drubbing from Nebraska on national television Saturday.

Take linebacker Bud Magrum and safety John Stearns, for example. They're supposed to be the mean guys. Magrum is a 24-year-old Marine Corps veteran who won two purple hearts in Vietnam. Stearns is nicknamed "Bad Dude" after stating in 1970 that he wanted to be "the meanest dude in the Big Eight Conference."

But they didn't sound very mean or very cheap after facing Nebraska Saturday.

"We were kind of happy just to hold them to 33 points," Magrum said. "I can guarantee you that they're the best football team in the country."

"That philosophy that Nebraska doesn't have a running game is total bullshit," Stearns said. "That's the best running team and total offense team I've ever played against. Bill Olds is the best blocking back in the country, and Gary Dixon just runs all over you."

Colorado's game plan was intended to challenge Nebraska's running attack. The Buffs concentrated on taking away Nebraska's long passing threat and forcing the Cornhuskers into a running game.

"Most teams have stacked up against Nebraska's running," Magrum said. "We decided to play a more normal defense and take away that long bomb to Johnny Rodgers."

But that strategy didn't bother the Huskers. Nebraska ground out touchdowns on its first three possessions to take a 19-0 lead at the end of the first quarter.

But in the second quarter, Nebraska tried to pass. Quarterback David Humm was intercepted, and Colorado trailed by only 19-10 at halftime.

"That was a mistake on our part," Humm said. "We should have stayed with our running game in the second quarter."

The Huskers went back to their running attack in the second half and responded with a 77-yard drive after the initial kickoff. The Huskers went that distance by using only one pass and that for only five yards.

"I thought we had a chance if Nebraska came out throwing the second half," Stearns said, "but I guess they're too smart for that. They have such confidence in everything they do, and they really stuck us with that running game."

Although Nebraska's first team defense was scored upon for the first time since the opener at UCLA, the Black Shirts had possibly their best game of the season.

The Buffs rushed for only 116 yards and had just 85 yards passing for 201 total offense. That's their lowest production of the season.

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