

Second half spurt propels Husker win

"I think now it's just a question of how big the score will be in Nebraska's favor," said UNL Athletic Director Bob Devaney, at halftime of the Nebraska-Minnesota game, with the Huskers winning 21-7.

Devaney's statement came true as second-ranked Nebraska scored four more times in the second half to defeat the Gophers 48-7 before 58,091 wet fans at Memorial Stadium in Minneapolis.

Before the Huskers unleashed their scoring attack, Nebraska and Minnesota played on fairly even terms through the first quarter.

Nebraska scored on its first possession. I-back Tony Davis tallied on a one-yard plunge, and Rich Sanger's point-after-touchdown (PAT) made it 7-0.

Minnesota's lone score was set up by a Husker error. Davis fumbled on the Huskers' second possession, and Minnesota recovered on the Nebraska 14 yard line. Two plays later, freshman quarterback Tony Dungy scored on a ten-yard run, tying the score.

Nebraska's next three scores were touchdown passes from quarterback Dave Humm to split end Frosty Anderson. The first touchdown pass came early in the second quarter, as Humm threw to Anderson for a 19-yard score. Sanger's PAT gave him 129 for his career to break the NCAA record of 128 held by Texas kicker Happy Feller (1968-70).

Anderson's three touchdown grabs tied a record set by two other Huskers. Clarence Swanson caught three touchdown passes against Colorado State in 1921, and Johnny Rodgers tied the record against Minnesota in 1971.

In the Nebraska locker room after the game, Anderson said his performance "was completely unexpected." Altogether, he caught five passes for 137 yards.

"Dave (Humm) did a great job of getting the ball to me," Anderson said. "I wasn't even aware of the record until Don Bryant (Nebraska sports

information director) told me on the sidelines." Humm completed 10 of 19 passes against Minnesota for 204 yards.

When Humm was told of the record, he said, "Anderson deserves it more than anyone else. He did a great job out there today."

Defensive tackle and co-captain John Dutton said the Gophers "weren't that tough."

"We got hurt on some broken plays, but they didn't really drive on us at all," he said. "We were working together out there today, and we didn't have any problems. The defensive backs did a great job also."

Tom Ruud, linebacker from Bloomington, Minn., said he was "happy with the outcome."

"We were kind of hoping for a shutout," he said. "We were having some problems early with their blocking, but once our defense adjusted, everything was all right."

Performing in his first Husker varsity game was sophomore I-back John O'Leary. O'Leary rushed for 34 yards in 12 carries, caught two passes for 31 yards and scored two touchdowns. One of his scores was a 66-yard fourth quarter punt return.

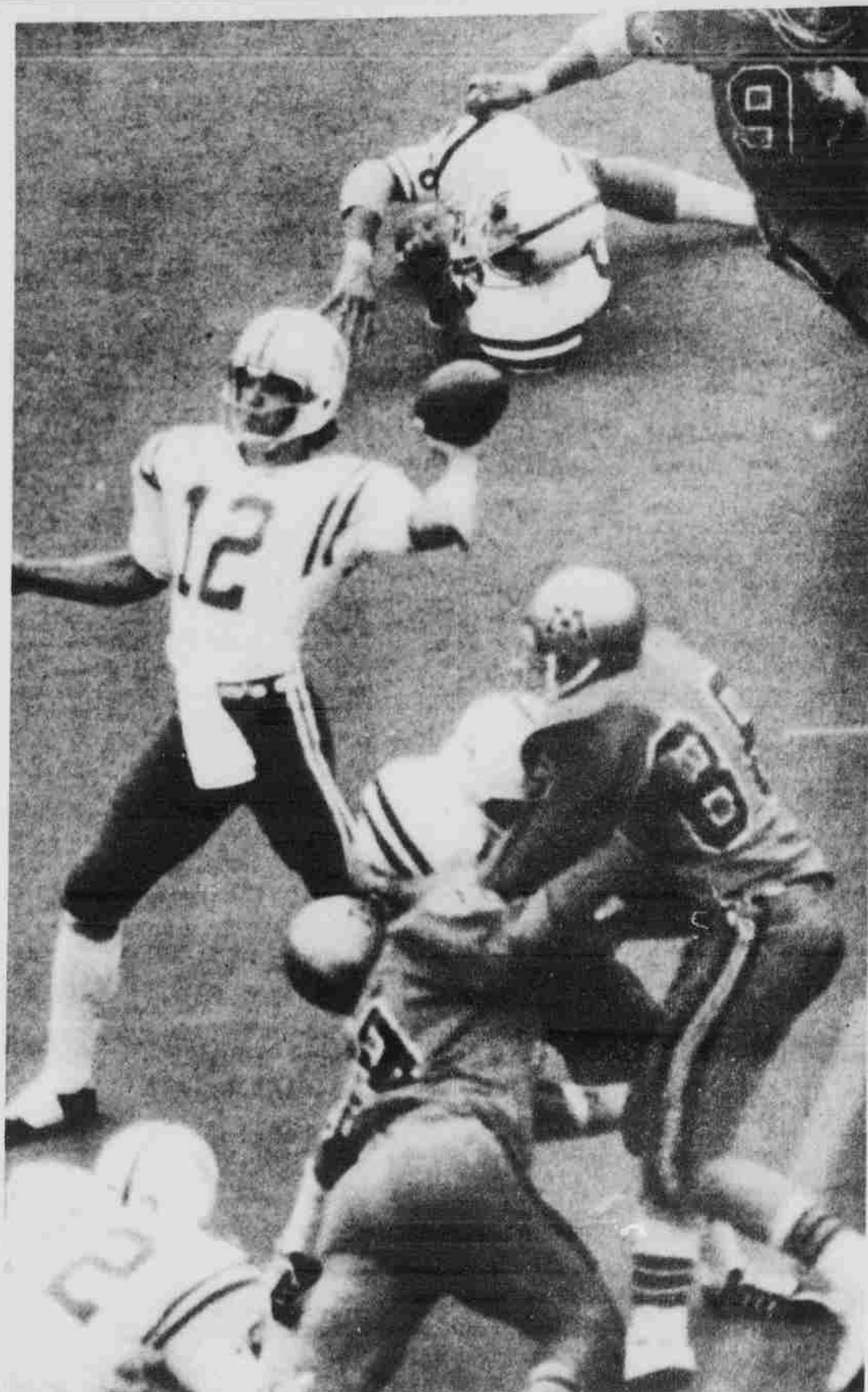
"I've had my chance to play, and I'm happy to be able to help the team," he said. "Nebraska has great I-backs in (Tony) Davis, (Dave) Goeller and (Jeff) Moran, and I just hope I can help out, too."

Regarding his punt return, he said, "Anybody could have run back that punt with the great blocking I got."

"We still haven't put it together like we did against UCLA," Head Coach Tom Osborne said. "I just hope we've got the momentum going into the Missouri game."

Minnesota Head Coach Cal Stoll said, "One of these days we'll stop making mistakes and play some good football."

"Nebraska had three plays from scrimmage that just killed us," Stoll said, referring to the three Humm to Anderson touchdown passes. "Our defensive alignments were proper, but they just beat us with their passes."



Quarterback Dave Humm passes . . .

How they scored. . .

First quarter

Nebraska—Tony Davis capped a 17-play, 71-yard touchdown (TD) march with a one-yard run. Rich Sanger added the point-after-touchdown (PAT), and Nebraska led 7-0, 5:32 into the game.

Minnesota—After Minnesota recovered a Davis fumble on the Husker 14 yard line, Gopher quarterback Tony Dungy scored on a 10-yard sprint. Steve Goldberg added the PAT, tying the score at 7-7 with 2:38 remaining in the quarter.

Second quarter

Nebraska—With 13:09 left in the half, Dave Humm's 19-yard TD pass to Frosty Anderson and Sanger's PAT gave Nebraska a 14-7 lead.

Nebraska—Humm and Anderson again combined for a Husker TD with 4:17 left in the half. This time the play covered 67 yards. Sanger's PAT

gave Nebraska a 21-7 edge.

Third quarter

Nebraska—Humm's 32-yard TD pass to Anderson combined with Sanger's PAT gave the Husker's a 28-7 lead with 7:53 remaining in the quarter.

Nebraska—John O'Leary's six-yard TD run completed a 12-play, 69-yard drive. Sanger missed on the PAT, but with 36 seconds left in the quarter, the Husker lead was extended to 34-7.

Fourth quarter

Nebraska—Steve Runty scored Nebraska's sixth TD of the afternoon with a one-yard run. Sanger's PAT was good, giving the Huskers a 41-7 advantage, 9:37 into the quarter.

Nebraska—O'Leary gave the Huskers their final TD of the day with a 66-yard punt return with 46 seconds left in the game. Sanger's PAT made the final score 48-7.



. . . and split end Frosty Anderson receives on one of their three touchdown combinations against Minnesota.

Big 8, Top 10 scores

Texas Tech's 20-7 victory over Oklahoma State was one of the major upsets that occurred during Saturday's college football games.

In other Big 8 games, Missouri beat Southern Methodist 17-7, ninth-ranked Tennessee rallied to beat Kansas 28-27, Colorado defeated Iowa State 23-16, Kansas State beat Memphis State 21-16 and sixth-ranked Oklahoma came from behind to beat Miami (Fla.) 24-20.

In games involving the Associated Press' Top 10 teams, top-ranked Ohio State beat Washington State 27-3, third-ranked Alabama defeated Georgia 28-14, fourth-ranked University of Southern California beat Oregon State 21-7 and fifth-ranked Michigan defeated Oregon 24-0.

Seventh-ranked Penn State beat Air Force 19-9, eighth-ranked Notre Dame defeated Michigan State 14-10 and tenth-ranked Louisiana State defeated Florida 24-3.