

Osborne, Huskers battle fans, KU in 10-9 squeaker

By Bill Bennett

Nebraska not only had to battle the Kansas Jayhawks Saturday en route to a 10-9 victory, but some of the 76,498 fans who filled Memorial Stadium as well.

"The fans have a right to boo," Nebraska Head Coach Tom Osborne said, "I'm afraid we've lost some of our fans since last week. I've never heard Nebraska fans boo their team at halftime or at the end of a game."

Cornhusker middle guard John Bell, who had 12 tackles against the Jayhawks, called the negative crowd reaction "pathetic."

"I'm sure the dedicated fans are still behind us," he said. "But some fans forget that a win is a win. Whether it's by one point or 77 points, it's still a win."

John Dutton, Nebraska defensive tackle and co-captain who had nine tackles against Kansas, said the booing had no effect on him, but he was "damn tired of it."

"A lot of fans expect us to blow everyone out of the stadium, but it's just not that way," he said. "We were out there trying our hardest, and there was just no reason to boo."

"I used to play with no fans present when I was a little kid," he said. "And I could do it again."

Osborne said the defense played very well, but "I'm really disappointed in the offense because of fumbles and pass interceptions."

Defensively, the Blackshirts dug in more than once to stop the Jayhawks.

In the first quarter, after Kansas had intercepted a Dave Humm pass and returned it to the Nebraska 25 yard line, the Blackshirts stopped the Jayhawks on the 20 yard line. A Kansas field goal attempt failed.

In the third quarter, Kansas drove from their own 46 yard line to the Nebraska 11 yard line, where the Blackshirts stopped them on a fourth and one situation.

Again in the third quarter, after the Jayhawks had recovered a Randy Borg fumble of a punt on the Nebraska 18 yard line and scored five plays later, Kansas' point-after-attempt was blocked by Ardell Johnson.

And in the fourth quarter, Cornhusker linebacker Bob Nelson intercepted a Dave Jaynes pass and returned it to the Kansas 16 yard line. That play set up Rich Sanger's winning field goal.

Nelson said Jaynes overthrew the pass, "and I got it."

"I didn't visualize running for any touchdown," he said. "I didn't even visualize catching it."

Borg, right cornerback for the Cornhuskers, said "Jaynes did just what we expected him to do."

"We (defensive backs) reacted to what we had to do, and we did it," he said. "Earlier this week, I didn't know if we could hold Jaynes to under 100 yards, but that sure is what we were hoping for." Jaynes completed 10 of 32 passes for 90 yards against the Cornhuskers.

Offensively, Nebraska stopped themselves by fumbling four times, losing three, and throwing one pass interception.

"It was a very tough and frustrating game," quarterback Steve Runty said. "We'll just have to find the offensive problems and correct them for next week." Nebraska got 213 total offensive yards against Kansas.

Osborne said the coaches will look at the films to discover what went wrong.

"Kansas jumped around their secondary," he said. "They were dropping back seven or eight men, so they were able to play the pass very well." Humm and Runty attempted eight passes against the Jayhawks.

Bright spots in the Cornhusker offensive attack were the first quarter, 80-yard touchdown march that gave Nebraska a 7-0 lead and the running of fullback Ralph Powell.

Powell gained 52 yards in 10 carries for an average of 5.2 yards a carry.

"Our offensive line opened up some good holes for me," he said. "I just hope to be able to contribute to Nebraska's running game. I was just doing my job."

Kansas Head Coach Don Fambrough said the breaks in the game were about even.

"We had a turnover there in the fourth quarter, that pass interception which they took advantage of," he said. "But we took advantage of some of their mistakes, too."

"What it boils down to is we just got beat by a good football team," he said.

Jayhawk flanker Bruce Adams was the league's fourth leading receiver, but he didn't catch any passes against the Cornhuskers.

"Sometimes we did our job," he said. "But most of the time Nebraska did their job, and that's what won the ball game for them."

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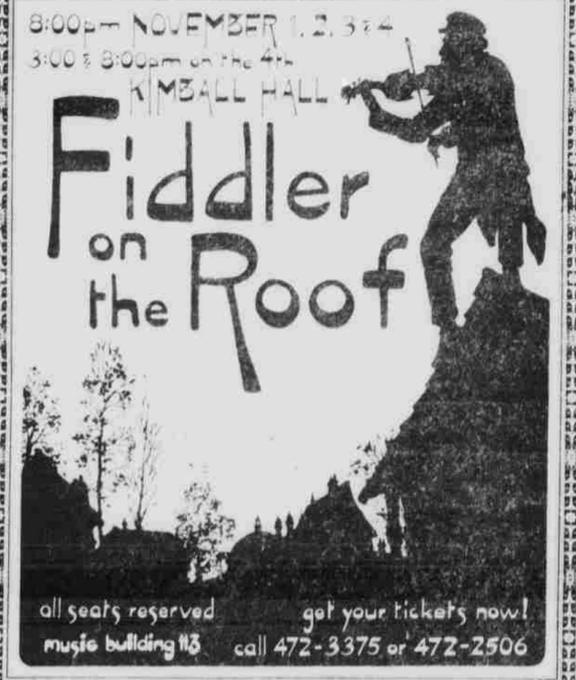
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Nebraska finishes twelfth in regatta

By Michael Whye

Boston—Of 39 entries here in Sunday's prestigious Head of the Charles Regatta, Nebraska's rowing team placed 12th. First place belonged to host Harvard with a time of 18:09. Nebraska finished with a time of 19:20.

If Nebraska's team had shaved off only two seconds more, it would have been in the Top 10 of the regatta. In any case, Nebraska's four man team left several big name crews trailing in its wake. Among them were Dartmouth, Pennsylvania, Notre Dame, Holy Cross, Boston University, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Canadian National Team-Quebec, Rutgers and Virginia, last year's winner.

On Nebraska's crew team, coached by Peter Zandbergen, were Matthew Kush, Matt Zandbergen, Scott Lewis and Ron Rusthoven at the oars, with Bruce Frederik at cox'n. Alternates were Scott Svoboda, Mike Everett and Tim Barnett.

After the race, Rusthoven, a transfer from Holy Cross, said this was his "best race ever." At Holy Cross, Rusthoven had raced against the best rowing schools in the nation.

Ever since their arrival early Friday morning, the Nebraskans were encouraged by enthusiastic Boston supporters. The crew attended a reception Friday night held in their honor by Nebraska alums and faculty. But the majority of the supporters reportedly were from schools Nebraska was set to race against Sunday. A case in point occurred during the race itself. When Nebraska's four man shell passed under Boylston Bridge, a cheer went up from the banks of the Cambridge River. No other crew team received such praise as it passed.

The enthusiasm did not stop there, however. Of more than 108 schools and clubs, Harvard offered accommodations to only one—Nebraska. And of these schools and clubs, Harvard only let one use its facilities, shells, and oars—again Nebraska.

Before the regatta, Terry Barker, coach of the Harvard team and the 1972 Olympic team, had praise for Nebraska.

"We admire your spirit to come so far for this event," Barker said. "It shows somebody out there has an interest in this sport. I hope you do well."

In the eyes of those who watched Sunday, Nebraska did well.

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