



Nebraska's offensive line opens up a hole for I-back Tony Davis (25), who took the handoff from Dave Humm (12).



Photo by Gail Folda

Split end Frosty Anderson reacts jubilantly to his second quarter touchdown catch. Anderson returned to action for the first time since suffering a shoulder dislocation against Missouri.

## Huskers stampede Buffaloes in 28-16 victory

By Bill Bennett

Nebraska started a new four-game season Saturday, and the Huskers hope that when 4:30 p.m. on Nov. 23 rolls around, they will be on the top of their league with a 4-0 record.

Colorado was the first victim of this new season as Nebraska, before 76,555 people, combined a first half offensive attack and a second half defensive effort to defeat the Buffaloes in Memorial Stadium 28-16. Nebraska now faces Iowa State Saturday, Kansas State Nov. 17 and Oklahoma Nov. 23.

Following the game, everyone in the Nebraska locker room agreed that the Colorado game was a "do or die" situation.

"We had to win," Nebraska Head Coach Tom Osborne said. "If we had lost, the whole thing would have been down the tube, the Big 8, the bowl games, everything."

"If we can win our next two games," he said, "then we can go down to Norman with a decent chance to win."

Nebraska's offense, realizing the "must" game situation, scored the first time it had the ball and continued rampaging in the first half to give the Huskers a 28-3 lead at halftime. However, in the second half, the Huskers failed to score, and Colorado held them to eight first downs.

Nebraska's final score came late in the second quarter when the Huskers drove 71 yards in 15 plays and scored when I-back Tony Davis vaulted over the top of the Colorado line. Ironically, this was the same play that failed against Oklahoma State.

"It was almost exactly the play that didn't score last week," Osborne said. "There's no way we should be stopped a foot from the goal unless there's a breakdown in blocking."

He said Colorado dictated the type of offense Nebraska used against the Buffaloes. "We knew we could move the ball and score on them," he said.

Frosty Anderson, who saw his first action since suffering a shoulder dislocation against Missouri, finished with two catches for 28 yards and one touchdown.

"The way this team is, when the entire team does well, so do individuals. An example of this is (Bob) Thornton's two pass interceptions," he said. "I was glad to contribute something, although I feel Dave Shamblin carried the load."

Defensively, the Blackshirts recovered two of three Colorado fumbles and intercepted two Buffalo passes.

"I never really thought there was a problem," defensive coordinator Monte Kiffin said. "If we can get a 14-point lead on a team and make them throw, then we've got them."

Colorado scored a field goal in the first half and scored twice in the second half. Their last score came on a modification of the "swinging gate play."

The entire Colorado line set up to the left of Buffalo quarterback David Williams, who acted as a center and an end. Williams pitched back to halfback Billy Waddy, who threw a 73-yard touchdown pass back to Williams.

Husker cornerback Randy Borg called it a

"Mickey Mouse play." "Colorado played like we thought they would," he said. "They relied on trick plays because they knew they couldn't drive on us. It really makes you mad to get scored on by some Mickey Mouse play."

Nebraska middle guard John Bell was injured in the first quarter and suffered a hyperextended knee. Willie Thornton replaced Bell and finished with 12 tackles and one blocked punt. Thornton said that when he first entered the game he felt "shaky."

"This is the eighth game, and I haven't had to go in on any crucial situation," he said. "All of a sudden everything was on me. It was sort of a nice feeling."

Paul Schneider, the team's trainer, said the most serious injuries are to Bell and alternate cornerback George Kyros. "Kyros will miss the rest of the season with a dislocated elbow," Schneider said. "We think Bell has only a strained knee, but we'll have to evaluate it further."

In the Colorado locker room, Head Coach Eddie Crowder said Nebraskans need not be worried about their football team.

"I know there has been a period of time when Nebraska hasn't been able to move the ball and score against good opposition," he said. "And I know that all Nebraskans have been concerned, but they need not be."

"There is a time transition when a new coach takes over that will be a small factor," he said. "But a greater factor has been the superior defense in the conference this year. Overall, this is a remarkably good Nebraska team."

## sports shorts

Nebraska's cross country team finished sixth in the Big 8 Cross Country Tournament Saturday in Norman, Okla. Oklahoma State finished first, followed by Colorado, Missouri, Kansas, Kansas State, Nebraska, Iowa State and Oklahoma.

For the second straight year, the Cowboys' John Halberstadt won the individual title. His time over the five-mile course was 23:57.

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