



Linebacker Tom Ruud (45) eyes Northwestern's Rich Boothe (44) as he moves in to assist teammate Bob Nelson (57) with the tackle.

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## Nebraska pleads no contest

Game analysis by Steve Taylor.

The Nebraska Cornhuskers raised their record to 2-1 Saturday with a methodical 49-7 drubbing of Northwestern University. Though Husker passers accumulated 172 yards through the airways, it was a hard-driving stable of running backs which caused the lopsided win.

Surprisingly, the individual standout of the noncontest was freshman back Monte Anthony, who scarcely more than a month ago was playing in Memorial Stadium as a Shrine Bowl player.

Usually the sight of a freshman in the Cornhusker backfield is rare, but Anthony convinced fans he belonged there by rushing for 111 yards in 14 carries.

"Monte has as much ability as any freshman we've had here in quite a while," Head Coach Tom Osborne commented. However, he later added that people shouldn't count too heavily on Anthony starting next week.

Most of Anthony's damage inflicted on the bewildered wildcat defense was done from the I-back spot.

### Gaping holes

Nebraska runners frequently found gaping holes while cavorting for 391 yards. Altogether, the Husker's total offense was a whopping 563 yards.

Don Westbrook scored the first of Nebraska's seven touchdowns by slithering five yards on a reverse. It was the fourth TD of the season for Westbrook, who has established himself as the Huskers' most lethal scoring threat.

Nebraska's other six endzone thrusts also came on short runs. Earl Everett and Dave Gillespie each barged across the goal line twice and Monte Anthony and Jeff Moran scored on 3-yard runs. At halftime it was 35-0.

The Husker defense was unyielding, allowing Northwestern a scant 181 total yards. Wildcat quarterback Steve Moor (usually a third-stringer but a starter Saturday because of injuries) attempted only 15 passes, completing four. His reluctance to throw was disappointing to Nebraska Defensive Coach Monte Kiffin.

"Our kids were hoping they would throw more," he said. "We worked more on pass defense this week."

Kiffin said the defensive secondary has regained its confidence after the regrettable loss to the Wisconsin Badgers.

### Far from average

The Badgers had their pretense of being Rose Bowl contenders peeled away by Colorado Saturday, leaving Nebraska fans to ponder how the Huskers will do against a formidable opponent.

Northwestern was far from formidable, far from even being average, so the question lingers.

There's no doubt that Osborne has at his command a wealth of talented players—especially some surprising newcomers.

Whether the Huskers end up in the Sun Bowl or the Orange Bowl may depend on the development of these players, and Osborne's ability to juggle players in an increasingly strong lineup.



Dave Humm (12) looks on as Jeff Moran (30) becomes airborne en route to the Husker's second touchdown.

## Rugby team seeks support, experience

By Becky Morgan

In rugby there are no winners—only survivors. This T-shirt slogan and others are displayed by members of the UNL Rugby Club.

The phrases, varying in their descriptions of the sport, are worn by members of all rugby clubs to attract attention and promote interest in the sport of rugby, according to team member Mike Potter.

A major goal of the UNL club this year is to gain support and become more established on campus, Potter said. The UNL Rugby Club is not university funded, so it must be self-supporting or members must find a sponsor for their organization.

Coach Adrian George, assistant professor of chemistry at UNL, began his first season of rugby coaching this semester. George said, however, he was an active participant in the sport before coming to the United States from England eight years ago. George added that rugby originated in England and that American football was derived from the sport.

### Amateur sport

The club is 2-4 for the season. Potter said inexperience is the club's biggest deficit. Few of the players had any previous knowledge of the sport, he said.

Two weeks ago several team members combined with the Omaha Rugby Club and traveled to Kansas City for tournament play. They won one of two matches.

Rugby is mainly an amateur sport although many clubs, including some in the Big 8, are university budgeted. Iowa State, for example, receives \$1,200 each year and Creighton University in Omaha has a season budget of \$1,000 for rugby.

UNL home matches are held on Saturdays before Nebraska football games. The Ed Weir field inside the university track is the playing field for home rugby matches.

### Women's team

Omaha will bring two teams to Lincoln on Saturday, Oct. 5. Their men's club will face the UNL men Saturday. Omaha is also bringing their women's club. UNL team members said they hope to establish a women's rugby team in time to compete with Omaha.

Members of UNL's rugby club said they are still seeking participants for a women's team. Fifteen women are needed for a team.

Two matches are played at each meeting between clubs, Potter said. A club strives for two well staffed sides so the same players don't have to compete in both matches, he added.

Potter said no previous experience in the sport of rugby is needed for participation. All women interested should contact Potter at 432-4803 or R.J. Neary at 435-2561. There are also openings for players on the men's squad, Potter added.

The UNL rugby club's first win was early in the season against Kansas City. The second was a 12-10 win over Creighton two weeks ago.

The rest of the season schedule is: Oct. 12, Missouri; Oct. 13, Kansas State; and Oct. 19, Heart of America Tournament in Kansas City. Dates for November matches will be arranged later.

Last spring the men's club placed fourth in Big 8 competition.

## sports shorts

The UNL Ski Club will have an organizational meeting at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday in the Nebraska Union small auditorium. If unable to attend call Dea Ferris, 474-1425 or 432-4120, for more information.

The UNL Weightlifting Club will have an organizational meeting at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the UNL North Fieldhouse weight room.

If unable to attend, please contact Coach Steve Bliss for further details, 475-0485.

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