

# sports

## Kiffin pleased with defense; wants improvement

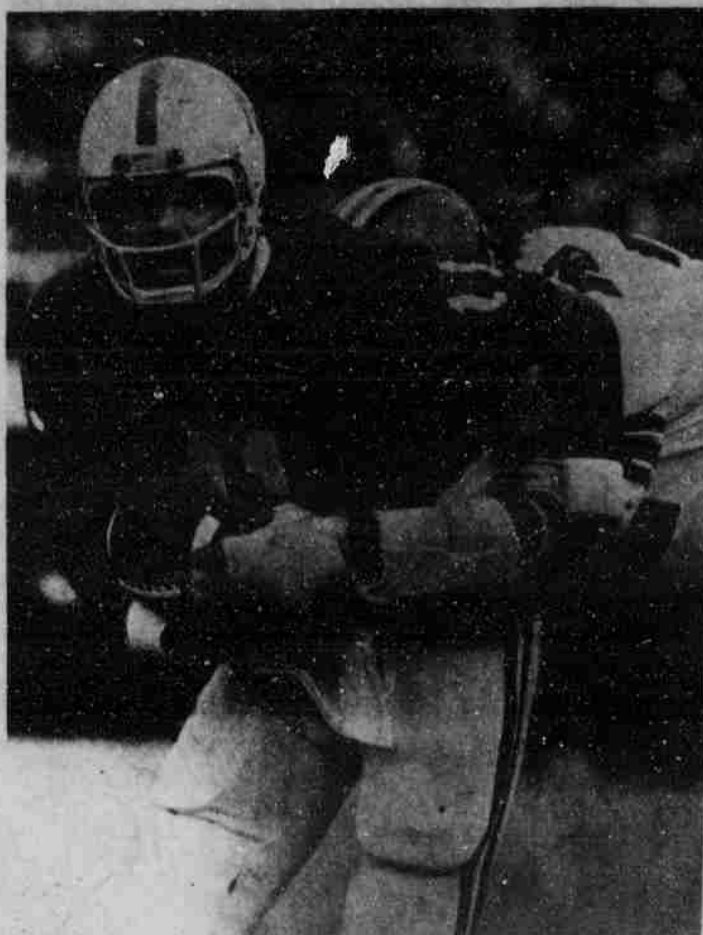


Photo by Ted Kirk

Husker quarterback Terry Luck (11) got sacked, this time by Indiana's Greg McGuire (72). Otherwise, it was Luck's day as the senior completed 12 of 17 passes for 138 yards during the 45-0 win Saturday.

### Analysis by Larry Stunkel

One would think UNL football defensive coordinator Monte Kiffin would be completely satisfied with the defensive performance during the Huskers' 45-0 rout of Indiana Saturday.

After all, the blackshirts limited the visiting Hoosiers to six first downs; 97 yards total offense and no return yardage en route to the shutout. The defense also produced the break that led to the touchdown which broke the game open.

"I wasn't 100 per cent pleased with the pass rush," Kiffin said. "We can still get better. We want to improve each week."

Kiffin wasn't criticizing the defense, he just does not want his charges to rest on their laurels.

Generally, Kiffin said, he was pleased with the defense's performance.

### Osborne pleased

Husker head Coach Tom Osborne also expressed pleasure in the defensive showing.

"I was impressed with our defense," Osborne said. "We thought they (Indiana) would have a better offense than Louisiana State University (LSU)."

The blackshirts' only lapse came in the beginning of the second quarter when the Hoosiers (which is the name given to mountaineers, particularly those who settled in southern Indiana) drove to the Husker 11, but failed on a field goal attempt.

The score was 10-0 then, so the drive had uncomfortable similarities to an LSU scoring drive last week.

"They were popping guys through," Kiffin said. "We made adjustments, but the errors were more mental."

The 76,022 fans did not settle back until the middle of the second quarter when monster back Wonder Monds blocked an attempted Indiana quick kick at the Hoosier 14. Two plays later, Husker fullback Tony Davis scored on a

20-yard run, during which he broke two tackles before driving into the corner of the end zone under two Indiana defenders. Davis's run made the score 17-0.

"I didn't realize how high it (the pass) was," Thomas said. "I just wanted to make the catch."

Things could have been different early. On the game's first play Husker corner back Dave Butterfield intercepted a Terry Jones pass.

Jones' target, split end Trent Smock, was five steps behind the Husker defense. But the 20 mph wind held the ball up long enough for Butterfield to recover.

After the first half, the outcome was academic and all 60 players on the Husker bench got a chance to play.

"It was an important day for us," Osborne said. "The offense needed a shot in the arm. We expected to move the ball against Indiana. The offense showed more consistency. Terry (Luck) played well today. He sat up quicker and wasn't aiming the ball like he said he was last week."

Osborne said the game gave Husker coaches a chance to evaluate some back-up people.

"We got a good look at fullbacks (Gary) Higgs and (Dodie) Donnell," Osborne said. "We felt bad because now we think they should have played against LSU."

Reserve quarterback Vince Ferragamo also played and responded by engineering a touchdown drive in his first appearance.

"Vince played real well," Osborne said. "I think we've got two real good quarterbacks. The game really gave us confidence in our back-up people."

Back-up kicking specialist Al Eveland also got a chance to play when Mike Coyle suffered an ankle injury when he accidentally kicked a misplaced helmet during practice, Osborne said. Eveland responded with a 22-yard field goal and a seven-for-seven extra point performance.

The offense rolled up 30 first downs and 470 yards total offense.

## Indiana coach: Huskers are just better than us

By Jim Hunt

Indiana head football coach Lee Corso made no excuses Saturday after his team's 45-0 loss to UNL.

"They were just better than us," Corso said. "I told the team before we came down that we were going to do everything we could to win."

"Some of the things we tried cost us some touchdowns," said Corso, referring to a quick kick that was blocked by UNL's Wonder Monds late in the second quarter.

"Right now they have a better program than us," he said. "Nebraska's got a helluva program. Good offense, super defense, great quickness, and they're well coached."

### Compares with Big 10

"Nebraska compares with the best in the Big 10," he said. "Offensively they compare with Ohio State and Michigan, and defensively with Ohio State, Michigan and Michigan State. If we play Nebraska 10 times we might beat them once."

"Nebraska was just like we thought they would be tough," said senior split end Trent Smock. "As you can tell, we didn't get it together too much today."

"UNL has a real good defensive backfield," he continued. "Their defensive line

helps a lot by relieving a lot of the pressure from the backfield."

"The drive that really hurt was the one when (Tony) Davis scored on that 20-yard run," said senior defensive safety Willie Jones.

"Bobby Thomas is the best receiver UNL has," he said. "He is very quick and made a sensational catch off of Waterhouse," he added, referring to Thomas's leaping catch of a Terry Luck pass for a 12-yard touchdown just before halftime.

"The Big 8 has some good receivers," Jones said, "but I think the Big 10 has a lot more receivers with greater ability."

However, the Big 10 is primarily a running conference so these players don't get to demonstrate their ability that often, he added.

"Wonder was very good," he said. "He is the key to the whole defense. He is a tough ball player and the others look up to him for leadership."

"Dave Butterfield also did a good job," he said. "The rest of the backs could use a little more experience."

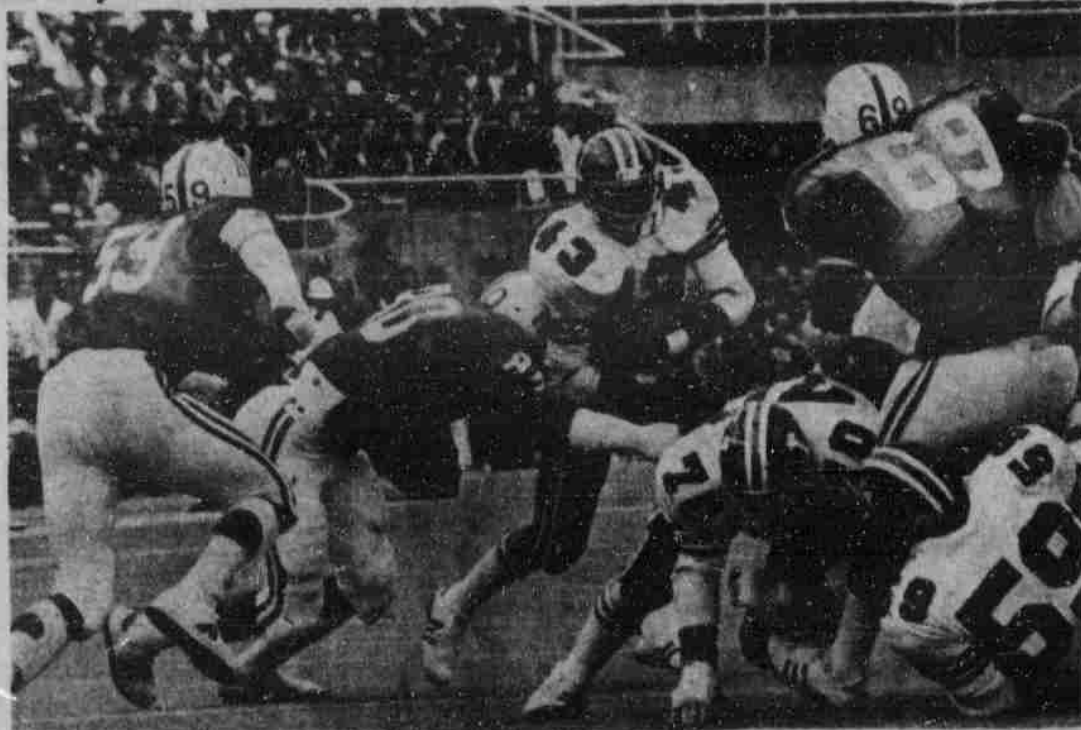


Photo by Steve Boerner

Indiana's all-conference back Courtney Snyder (43) found tough going against the Husker defense, gaining only 33 yards on 16 carries. Above, Ray Phillips (80), Jim Wightman (59) and John Lee (69) surround Snyder.

## intramurals

### Intramural football games tonight

Vine No. 1  
7 p.m.-Abel 9 "B" vs. Abel 5 "B", 8 p.m.-Harper 3 "A" vs. Cather 5 "B", 9 p.m.-More Effort II.

Vine No. 2  
7 p.m.-Abel 10 "B" vs. Abel 11 "B", 8 p.m.-Abel 9 "A" vs. Cather 2 "A", 9 p.m.-1641 vs. Sr. Dental Students (Leback).

Vine No. 3  
7 p.m.-Abel 7 "B" vs. Abel 4 "B", 8 p.m.-Abel 10 "A" vs. Harper 7 "A", 9 p.m.-Brass Bell vs. King.

Cather No. 2  
8 p.m.-Cather 4 "A" vs. Harper 2 "A", 9 p.m.-Triple A Lettermen vs. Thunderchickens.

Cather No. 3  
8 p.m.-Cather 10 "A" vs. Harper 2 "A", 9 p.m.-2701 Club vs. Hot Rocks.

### Intramural football games Tuesday night

Vine No. 1  
6 p.m.-Cather 11 "A" vs. Cather 12 "A", 7 p.m.-Schramm 2 "A" vs. Harper 10 "A", 8 p.m.-Delta Tau Delta "C" vs. Alpha Gamma Rho "C", 9 p.m.-Sigma NU "A" vs. Alpha Gamma Sigma "A".

Vine No. 2  
6 p.m.-Cather 7 "A" vs. Harper 9 "A", 7 p.m.-Abel 5 "A" vs. Harper 6 "A", 8 p.m.-Sigma Alpha Mu "C" vs. Sigma Nu "C", 9 p.m.-Theta Xi "A" vs. Alpha Gamma Sigma "A".

Vine No. 3  
6 p.m.-Abel 11 "A" vs. Schramm 4 "A", 7 p.m.-Cather 3 "A" vs. Harper 4 "A", 8 p.m.-Sigma Phi Epsilon "C" vs. Cornhusker Co-op "A", 9 p.m.-Triangle "A" vs. Sigma Phi Epsilon "A".

Cather No. 1  
6 p.m.-Kappa Sigma "C" vs. Sigma Alpha Epsilon "C", 7 p.m.-Kosmos vs. Ant Hill Gang, 8 p.m.-Sigma Chi "A" vs. Tau Kappa Epsilon "A", 9 p.m.-Farmhouse "A" vs. Phi Gamma Delta "A".

Cather No. 2  
6 p.m.-Beta Sigma Psi "C" vs. Phi Gamma Delta "C", 7 p.m.-Ken's Drive-In vs. Delta Sigma Pi, 8 p.m.-Delta Sigma Phi "A" vs. Lambda Chi Alpha "A", 9 p.m.-Sigma Alpha Epsilon "A" vs. Beta Theta Pi "A".

Cather No. 3  
6 p.m.-Alpha Tau Omega "C" vs. Beta Theta Pi "C", 7 p.m.-The Good Guys vs. Pairiers III, 8 p.m.-Theta Chi "A" vs. Phi Kappa Psi "A", 9 p.m.-Beta Sigma Psi "A" vs. Alpha Tau Omega "A".

## sports shorts

Each of the Big 8 conference football teams won Saturday.

In addition to Nebraska's 45-0 defeat of Indiana, Oklahoma beat Pittsburg 46-10, Missouri came from behind to beat Illinois 30-20, Oklahoma State upset Arkansas 20-13, Iowa State beat Air Force 17-12, Kansas State shut out Wichita State 32-0, Colorado downed Wyoming 27-10 and Kansas beat Kentucky 14-10.

UNL's Hockey Club will begin practicing in early October and begin the season in November, said Mark White, club president.

The club practiced and held some matches at Ak-Sar-Ben's rink last year, White said, but with the departure of the

Omaha Knights that rink may not be available.

If not, White said the team will practice twice a week at the Benson Ice Rink.

Ten players return from last year's team, which had a 9-5 record. Eight persons signed up for tryouts at an organizational meeting last Wednesday.

UNL women's volleyball teams downed Concordia in their first matches of the season Saturday.

Varsity won 15-4, 15-6, and junior varsity won 15-4, 15-3.

The next varsity match, at 9:30 a.m. Saturday, is against Midland Lutheran College in Women's P.E. Bldg. 133.