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Believe it or not—fans wanted more

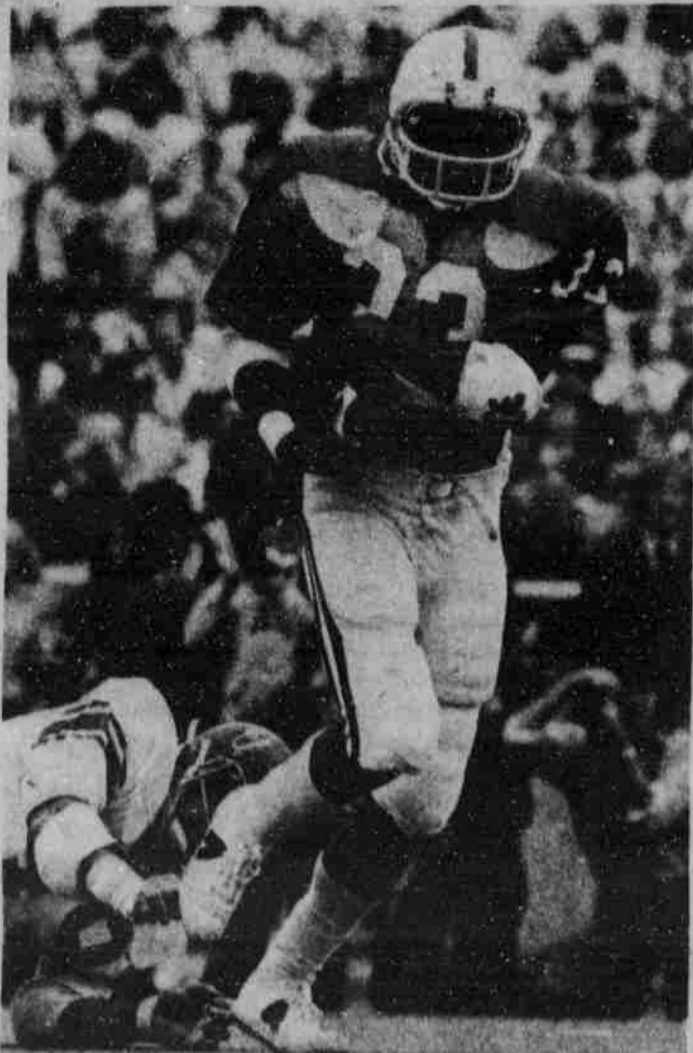


Photo by Ted Kirk

Sophomore wingback Curtis Craig (33) breaks away from Texas Christian's Joe Segulja (49) on a 21-yard pass play during the Huskers' first scoring drive Saturday. Nebraska won the game 56-14.

Analysis by Larry Stunkel

It's hard to believe anybody wanted more scoring after the third quarter of UNL's 56-14 football win over Texas Christian University (TCU) Saturday.

Yet, one particular fan was not satisfied.

Riding the Memorial Stadium press box elevator down with seven minutes remaining in the game and Nebraska leading 49-14, one woman passenger commented, "I hope this keeps up."

"Yea, and I bet you like bullfights too," said another rider.

The Huskers added another touchdown in the fourth quarter for the woman's satisfaction, but the score probably left an adequate impression on TCU coach Jim Shofner long before.

Quick touchdowns

Any question concerning the outcome was squelched in the second quarter by two quick Husker touchdowns after the defense produced TCU errors twice inside the 10-yard line.

Leading by only a 14-7 margin in the second quarter, the Huskers were forced to punt to the Texans' 12-yard line. TCU fumbled on the next play and Nebraska's junior defensive tackle Mike Fultz came up with the ball.

Two plays later, senior tight end Brad Jenkins made a leaping catch in the end zone between two defenders of a Terry Luck pass. Mike Coyle added the extra point and the Huskers held a comfortable 21-7 lead with 9:24 left in the half.

"I knew when we lined up that the pass was coming to me and that I'd be open," Jenkins said. "I prayed the Lord would take control of my hands. I knew there was a man on my back, I prayed that Terry would throw it high because I knew I could out jump them."

Pass intercepted

With Jenkin's prayers answered, the Huskers got the ball back on the next TCU play when defensive end Ray Phillips hit Frog quarterback Jimmy Dan Elzner as he threw. Linebacker Cletus Pillel intercepted the lame duck pass and returned it to the TCU six-yard line.

Sophomore wingback Curtis Craig scored on the next play, running an inside reverse to give the Huskers a 28-7

margin with 9:03 left.

This was Nebraska's second touchdown within 30 seconds.

From then on, all the Husker fans worried about was how high the score would be, how soon the game would end and if the referees would continue calling penalties.

The Huskers were penalized eight times for 99 yards, while TCU was flagged five times for 73 yards.

"The referees made some unusual calls today," said Husker head coach Tom Osborne. "But it went both ways. I thought that pass interception call in the third quarter (which gave Nebraska the ball on the TCU nine-yard line) would be against Bobby Thomas."

Osborne pleased

Overall, Osborne said he was pleased with the consistent play of the offensive line, Husker kick-off coverage, the way the offense scored the first two times it had the ball and the blackshirt's goal line stand in the third quarter.

"That was a real challenge on our defense," said defensive coordinator Monte Kiffin. "That's the first time we've been able to use it all year, even though it's the first thing we work on in the fall."

Kiffin also was pleased with the performance of the pass defense. Three TCU passes were intercepted and the Frogs completed only 12 of 26 passes for 153 yards.

"Our pass rush was pretty good, but it can always get a lot better," Kiffin said. "Anytime you can hold a team that throws as much as TCU does to under 50 per cent completions, you're doing pretty good."

Offensively, Osborne praised the play of quarterbacks Luck and Vince Ferragamo. "Terry and Vince both had a good day except they each threw one bad pass," he said.

Wingbacks also had success running and receiving Saturday. One of the reasons, according to Osborne, was the linebackers keying on the fullbacks after the Huskers ran a number of quick traps in the first quarter.

Both Curtis and senior Tom Heiser scored from the wingback position on inside reverses.

Heiser's 33-yard run in the third quarter was the Huskers' longest touchdown run of the season, and the first touchdown the Columbus native has scored since his freshman year in 1972.

TCU delays interviews after 13th straight loss

By Pete Wegman

Half an hour after Texas Christian University (TCU) lost to Nebraska 56-14 Saturday, TCU head coach Jim Shofner refused to allow sportswriters into the TCU locker room.

It was only after the TCU players had showered, dressed and began loading their buses that Shofner opened the locker room to the press.

Such actions might be expected from the coach of a team that has lost 13 consecutive games. TCU's Horned Frogs last won when they defeated Texas-Arlington in last season's opener.

"I can't really say much," Shofner said, breaking the few moments of silence after writers entered the locker room.

Manhandled

"Nebraska was strong, too strong for us," he said. "Their strength is in their size and physical strength. They just manhandled us."

"Maybe I'll have one of those teams someday," he said, "and I'll know what it's like to be on the other side of the field."

The current 0-3 TCU record and last year's 1-10 mark must be especially frustrating for Shofner, who had a successful collegiate football career as a TCU halfback from 1955-57.

The Horned Frogs, from the Southwest Conference, may not see the end of their losing streak too soon, however. Their remaining schedule includes Arkansas, Baylor and Associated Press Top 20 teams Alabama, Texas and Texas A&M. "This is the league we're in," he said, "and it's the one we want to be in." "This team needs four or five more games without coming unglued. In the second half of the season, we're going to be a good football team," he said.

TCU's starting quarterback Lee Cook, who also handled the punting chores for the Horned Frogs, said the Huskers' rush bothered him.

"They had an impressive line; they just controlled our blockers," Cook said. "They've got a great rush. That's what

makes a good pass defense," he said. "When they're pouring in like that, it's hard to see where to throw."

Cook said he thinks TCU is improving every week, despite its 0-3 mark.

Tough schedule

"We probably have one of the toughest schedules in the nation," he said.

"We start conference play next week, and that's what counts. We've got a better team than people think."

Split end Mike Renfro, who scored one of TCU's two touchdowns on a 21-yard pass reception, agreed with Cook.

"We've got a tough schedule," he said. "We thought we were getting better every week, at least until today."

"They've definitely got a good defense, and a good team," Renfro said. "That big 26 (monster back Wonder Monds) is really a good one."

Renfro's touchdown reception was disputed by Nebraska players who argued that Renfro was out of bounds.

"I definitely think I was in," Renfro said, "but it was closer than I thought."

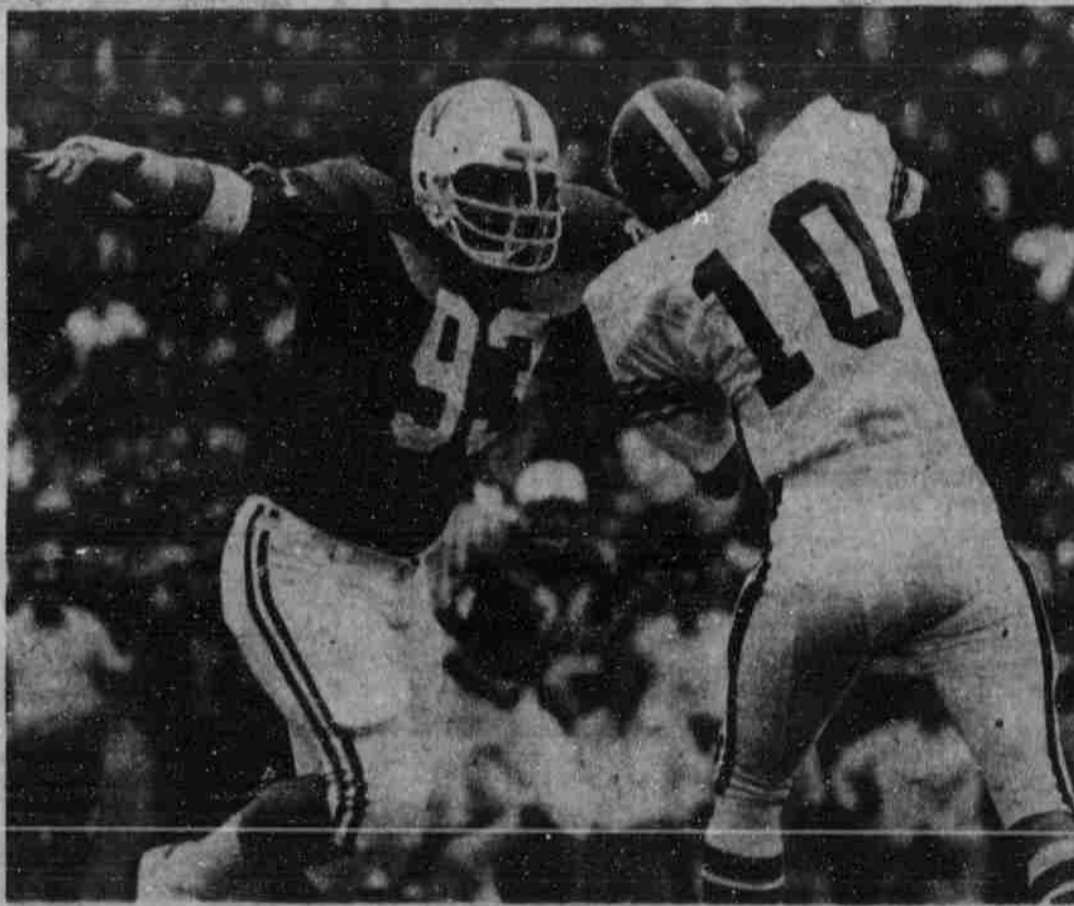


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Jerry Wied (93) senior Husker defensive tackle, closes in on TCU quarterback Lee Cook (10) Saturday. The Husker defense held the Horned Frogs to just 16 yards rushing and 153 yards passing.

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Intramural football games tonight

- Vine No. 1
 - 6 p.m.—King vs. 2701 Club, 7 p.m.—MASA vs. Jets, 9 p.m.—Schramm 8 "A" vs. Cather 4 "A".
- Vine No. 2
 - 6 p.m.—Hot Rocks vs. Thunderchickens, 7 p.m.—Soph. Dental School vs. NROTC, 9 p.m.—Harper 2 "A" vs. Abel 10 "A".
- Vine No. 3
 - 6 p.m.—Brass Rail vs. Triple A Lettermen, 7 p.m.—Sr. Dental School "A" (Rinne) vs. Phi Delta Phi "A", 9 p.m.—Harper 7 "A" vs. Abel 8 "A".
- Cather No. 1
 - 6 p.m.—Smokin' Jays vs. Council of American Indian Students, 7 p.m.—Chargers vs. Student Veterans Association, 9 p.m.—Cather 5 "A" vs. Abel 4 "A".
- Cather No. 2
 - 6 p.m.—Reebasack vs. Sr. Dental Students (Leback), 7 p.m.—Civil Wars vs. Phi Delta Phi

- "B", 9 p.m.—Schramm 6 "A" vs. Cather 2 "A".
- Cather No. 3
 - 6 p.m.—Moe Effort II vs. 1841, 7 p.m.—Fr. Dental Students vs. Carlos Lesion 9 p.m.—Harper 3 "A" vs. Abel 9 "A".
- Intramural football games Tuesday night
- Vine No. 1
 - 6 p.m.—Cather 12 "A" vs. Cather 7 "A", 7 p.m.—Fairies III vs. Ken's Drive-In, 8 p.m.—Phi Gamma Delta "B" vs. Farmhouse "B", 9 p.m.—Beta Theta Pi "C" vs. Beta Sigma Psi "C".
- Vine No. 2
 - 6 p.m.—Harper 9 "A" vs. Abel 11 "A", 7 p.m.—Delta Sigma Pi vs. Kosmos, 8 p.m.—Sigma Alpha Epsilon "B" vs. Kappa Sigma, 9 p.m.—Phi Gamma Delta "C" vs. Kappa Sigma "C".
- Vine No. 3
 - 6 p.m.—Schramm 4 "A" vs. Abel 2 "A", 7 p.m.—Ant Hill Gang vs. Space Kadets, 8 p.m.—

- Delta Upsilon "B" vs. Alpha Tau Omega "B", 9 p.m.—Sigma Alpha Epsilon "C" vs. Delta Upsilon "C".
- Cather No. 1
 - 6 p.m.—Alpha Gamma Sigma "A" vs. Triangle "A", 7 p.m.—Alpha Tau Omega "A" vs. Sigma Alpha Epsilon "A", 8 p.m.—Beta Theta Pi "B" vs. Beta Sigma Psi "B", 9 p.m.—Phi Kappa Psi "A" vs. Sigma Chi "A".
- Cather No. 2
 - 6 p.m.—Sigma Phi Epsilon "A" vs. Chi Phi "A", 7 p.m.—Beta Theta Pi "A" vs. Farmhouse "A", 8 p.m.—Abel 10 "B" vs. Abel 8 "B", 9 p.m.—Theta Chi "A" vs. Lambda Chi Alpha "A".
- Cather No. 3
 - 6 p.m.—Sigma Nu "A" vs. Theta Xi "A", 7 p.m.—Phi Gamma Delta "A" vs. Kappa Sigma "A", 8 p.m.—Abel 11 "B" vs. Abel 7 "B", 9 p.m.—Tau Kappa Epsilon "A" vs. Delta Sigma Phi "A".