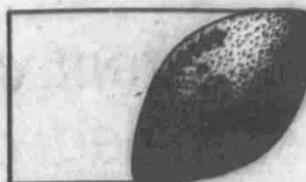


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CU's stampede rebuffed

Boulder, Colo.—“Bend, but never break,” Husker defensive coordinator Monte Kiffin says of the UNL defensive philosophy.

The Husker defense did bend, but it didn't break Saturday as the Huskers took a 24-12 decision over the University of Colorado (CU) Buffaloes before a record 53,538 fans at Folsom Field.

“The defense really hung tough,” Kiffin said after the Huskers took a come-from-behind victory. “We are learning to come from behind, but I would just as soon be ahead the whole way.”

The Huskers have had to come from behind in their last two games, a 17-9 victory over Miami and the game against the Buffaloes.

The Buffaloes had the Huskers on the ropes through the first three quarters with the field goal kicking of CU's Mark Zetterberg. Zetterberg kicked field goals of 50 yards, 46 yards, 37 yards and 29 yards to score all of CU's points.

It was a homecoming of sorts for Husker defensive back Dave Butterfield, who blocked a Zetterberg field goal. Butterfield, a senior from Kersey, Colo., also intercepted a pass in addition to blocking the field goal.

“It was a great homecoming,” Butterfield said. “The game looked a little shaky in the first half, but we sucked

it up and came back strong in the second half.”

I-back Richard Berns, who replaced the injured Monte Anthony in the second half, gained 127 yards on 22 carries.

Berns iced the game for the Huskers by rambling a yard for a touchdown with one minute and 55 seconds remaining in the game. Two plays earlier, Berns ran 48 yards on third down and one from the Husker 49-yard line.

“I was just trying for the first down, and it just broke open,” Berns said of the 48-yard scamper. “I was tired, but I knew I just had to keep going.”

“I knew if I just stuck in there and kept plugging, good things would happen.”

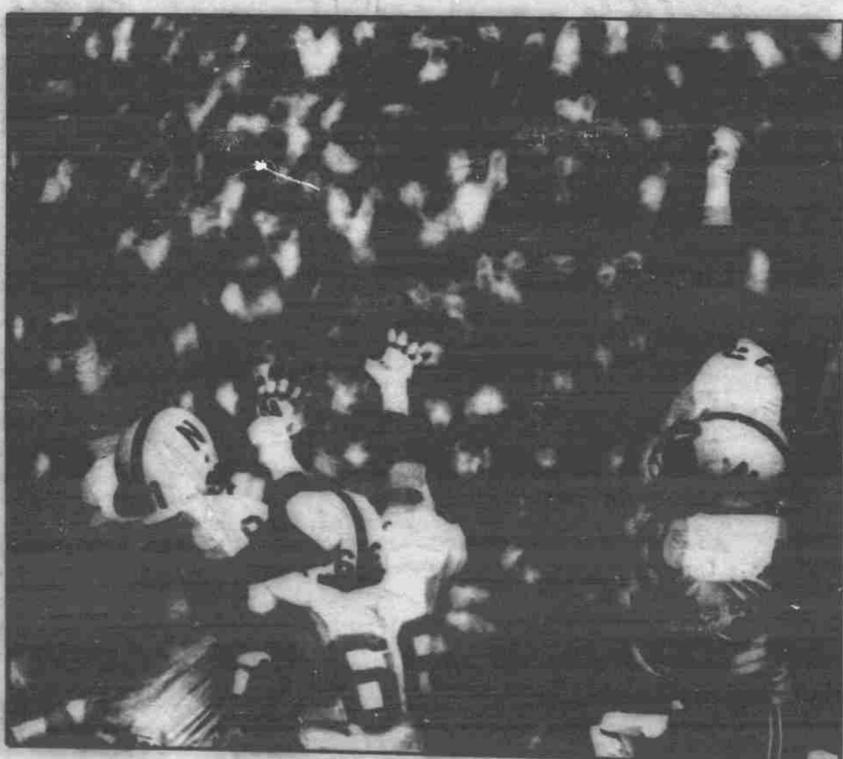
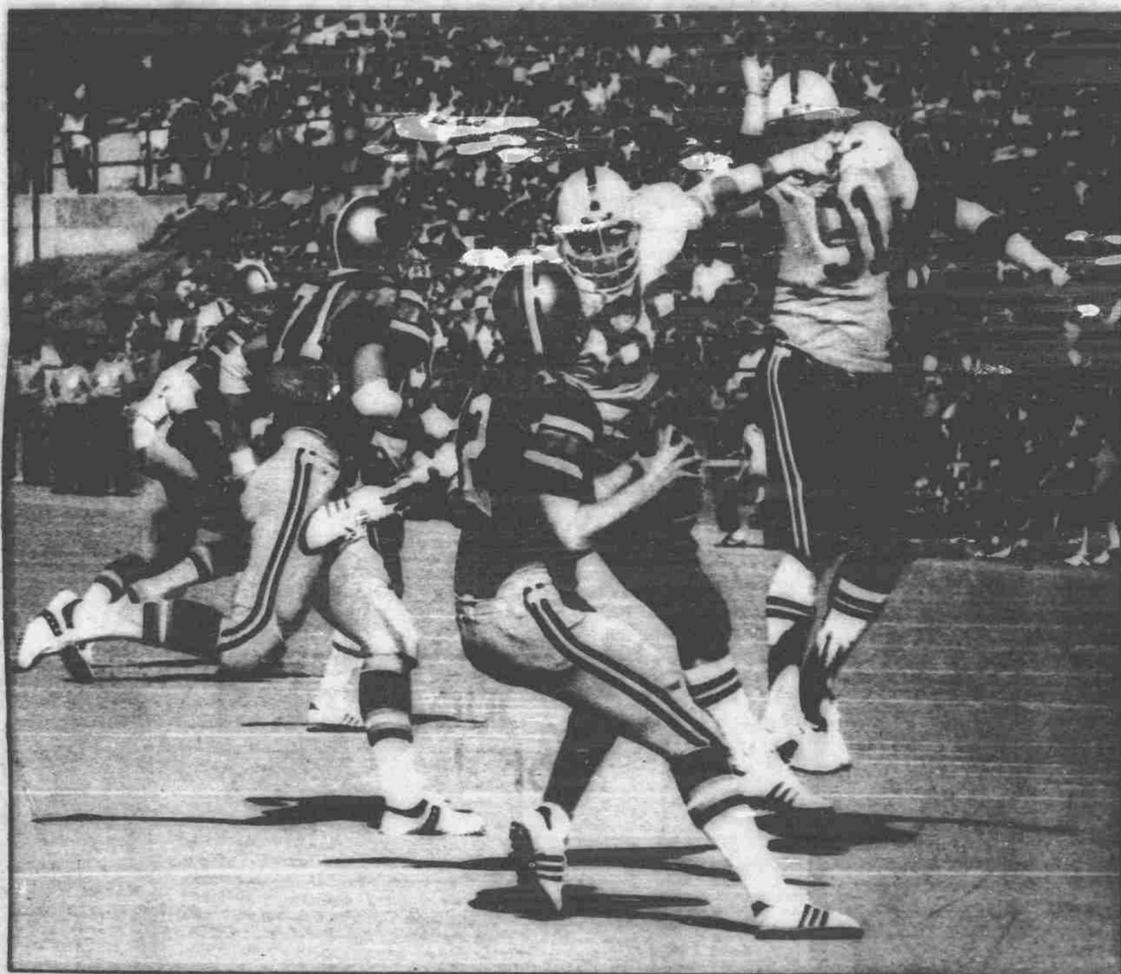
Anthony didn't see any action after suffering a strained knee in the first half.

The Huskers presented the game ball to the UNL training staff after the victory.

“We came out of this game a lot better than we did the last two games,” Paul Schneider, UNL trainer, said.

The Huskers did not suffer any serious injury even though Anthony and starting fullback Dodie Donnell were lost on consecutive plays in the second quarter.

The Huskers, now 4-0-1 on the season, will face Kansas State University next Saturday in Lincoln.



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