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formances this year, with 153 yards against Washington State in the season opener and 128 yards against Alabama the following week.

Nebraska's offense has features two quarterbacks this fall: senior Randy Garcia and junior Tom Sorley. Garcia will start today after Sorley got the starting nod last week.

Husker head coach Tom Osborne said Garcia played "a little better" than Sorely against Kansas State, but added that the game "was not a completely fair test to Tom. He was sick prior to the game. I think maybe this week we'll start Garcia, but we will continue to play both."

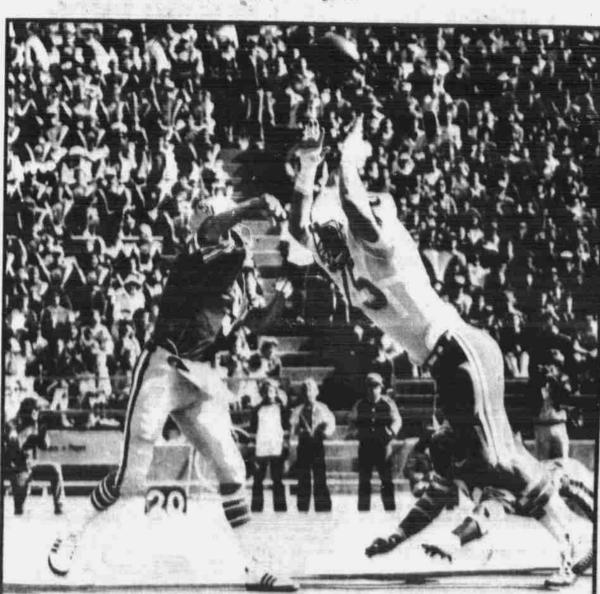
Defensively, the Huskers will be looking for their first shutout of the season today. The last time the Cyclones came to Lincoln (in 1975), they were shut out 52-0.

The Blackshirt unit has been led by jun-

ior linebacker Lee Kunz with 17 solo tackles and 38 assists for a team-leading total of 55. Monster Jim Pillen has recorded 35 total tackles this fall, but won't start today. In his place will be senior Kent Smith, last year's starter.

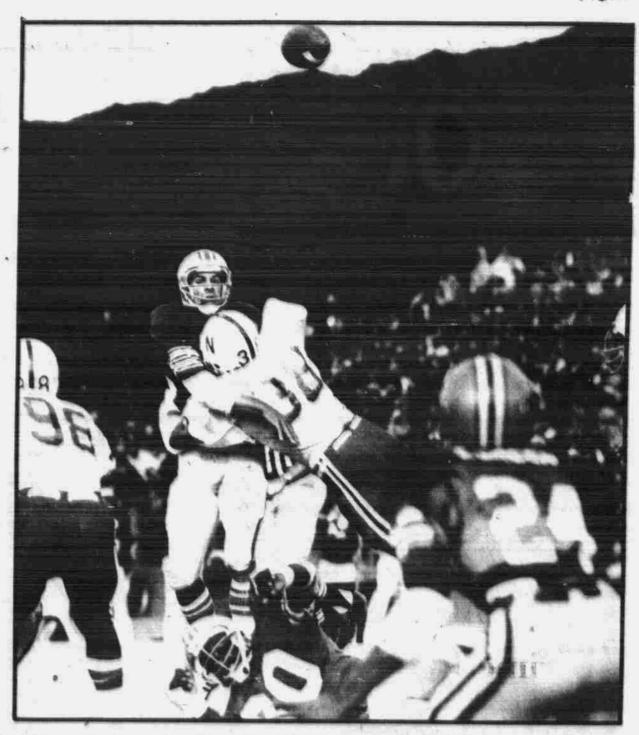
The Huskers, traditionally near the top of the conference's defensive charts, rank fourth in rushing defense (159.4 yards a game) and third in passing defense (122.4 yards). The Blackshirts are fourth in total and scoring defense, allowing 15 points a game.

Offensively, the Huskers are faring slightly better in Big 8 statistics, the rushing average is good for third in the conference while the passing attack, with 125.4 yards a game, also is third. Nebraska is second in total offense and third in scoring offense, averaging 25.8 yards a game.



Junior defensive tackle Randy Poeschi strains to bat down Kansas State quarter-back Wendell Henrikson's pass. Poeschi, at 6 ft. 8 in. and 270 lbs., is the biggest Cornhusker.





Junior linebacker Lee Kunz blitzes Kansas State quarterback Dan Manucci in the Huskers' 26-9 win last week. Kunz leads the Huskers with 55 tackles.

