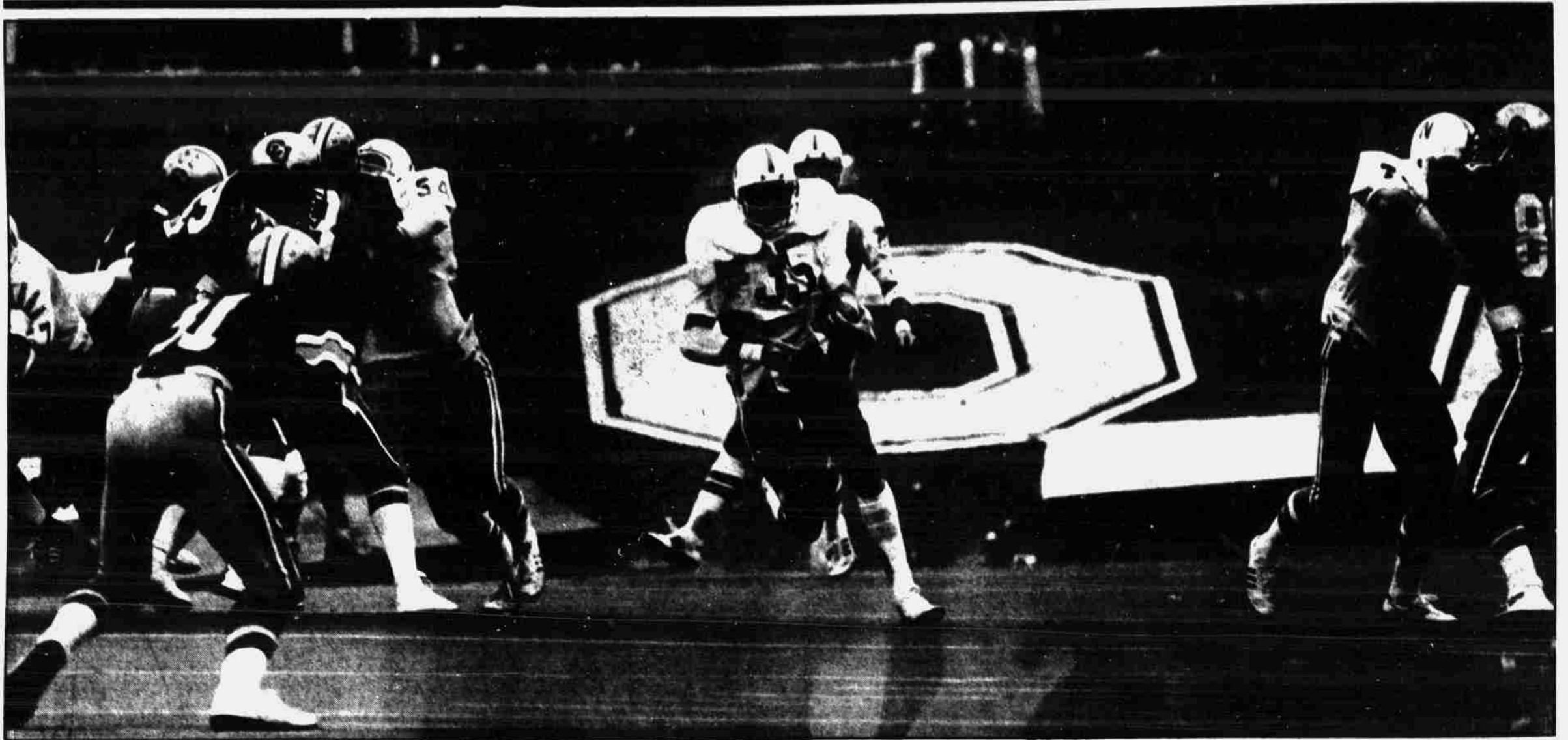


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Huskers turn Buffalo stampede in explosive second half

Boulder—The partisan crowd at Colorado's Folsom Field stomped to a pre-game blast with contemporary disco but shuffled out three hours later Saturday afternoon to the same old song—eleventh verse.

For the eleventh consecutive year (and 15 out of the last 16) a Nebraska team marched into the Colorado rivalry and stampeded out, trailing frustration, humiliation and bitterness among the CU faithful.

Jinx? Whammy? Bad luck?

Call it what you want, but call Saturday's 52-14 Husker victory a masterful clinic run with the precision of a drill team.

After falling behind 14-3 and plodding to a halftime 14-14 tie, the fifth-ranked Huskers exploded out of the locker room and went on a 38-point second half tear. They scored the first three times and on five of the first six possessions in the second half.

With the offensive line opening holes the size of runways, Husker backs pounded CU's defense in a ruthless display of power. Leading the charge was Rick Berns, who returned to the I-back for the first time since the Alabama opener.

He finished with 132 yards in 17 carries while I. M. Hipp chipped in with 92 yards and Tim Wurth with 69 yards.

By the time the scoreboard clock mercifully ticked off the final seconds, the NU offense had clicked for 641 total yards, equalling the most yardage ever allowed by a CU defense.

So thorough and relentless was the second half pounding, it was easy to forget Nebraska had trailed 14-3 late in the first quarter.

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