## Hunting safety stressed by officials

With duck-hunting season already upon us and deer and pheasant seasons opening next month, the woods will be filled with hunters, shotguns, and more than likely, hunting accidents.

The following are a few examples of Nebraska hunting accidents in 1975 and 1976 taken from Game and Parks Commission records. Statistics are not yet available for 1977.

In one case, a hunter "slipped and blew entire left arm off the victim at 40 feet with a 12 gauge double-barrel shotgun." The shooter and victim both were 15 .

In another accident, the victim "had apparently taken a position on top of a haystack to hunt deer. Shooters what they thought was a coyote on top of the observed Both got out of the car and fired at the object "
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When the hunters went to investigate, they found not a dead coyote, but a dead hunter. The accident occurred when it was nearly dark, and probably was after legal
hunting hours. hunting hours.

Mistaken for procupine
In a third accident, a victim was "mistaken for a porcupine" when only the victim's head was visible. The 75 -year-old victim was shot in the head by a 41 -year-old hunter.

Wildlife officer Dale Johnson said the Nebraska Game and Parks commissioner's files are full of grisly accident records like the ones above, and the most common ingredient in all of them was hunter carelessness.
Huskers turn
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The crowd of 53,262 watched the Huskers Billy Todd stake Nebraska to an early 3-0 lead via a 17-yard field goal.

That lead evaporated moments later when CU's Howard Ballage returned the ensuing kickoff 100 yards and was promptly buried in the end zone by a delirious Colorado bench

Two minutes later, the Buffaloes racked up another score after Tim Roberts caught a Nebraska fumble in the air and returned it 45 yards to the Huskers' three yard line. Four plays later the score was $14-3$, Colorado. Nebraska then calmly went about knotting the score and ended up scoring the game's final 49 points.

With. Berns at 1 -back, UNL marched 80 yards to score in eight plays. Snapping it up in eight to ten yard bursts, Berns accounted for 58 of those yards.

Todd added a 45 -yard field goal on the second Husker possession of the half making it $24-14$ with $7: 29$ left in the third period. On UNL's third possession of the half, a 42-yard pass from quarterback Tom Sorley to tight end Junior Miller capp

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back this year.

Johnson said accidents may result when hunters handle guns improperly, stumble, cross fences, drop guns and carry loaded guns in moving vehicles or mistake other people for game, he said.
"Very few are the fault of the gun, most often it's the fault of the gun handler.
Dick Turpin, coordinator of the Game and Park Commission's Hunter Safety Program agreed.

Don't give a damn
"Some people just don't give a damn, they lack the basic hunting safety knowledge. But more than that, most of those accidents are the result of a violation of law." He said if people would obey hunting laws, accidents could be reduced.

Turpin gave the following suggestions to hunters. Be sure you stay in line with people you are hunting with.
"Watch carefully for other hunters, and be damned sure of what you're shooting at.

Don't carry a loaded shotgun in the car. Not only is it illegal, it's an easy way to get shot from four feet or less. 'Be visible. Wearing hunter orange is very important. Be sure of your target and what is behind it.
Don't have a weapon in your hand when crossing fences. Unload it or set it down on the other side of the fence before crossing.'

Both Turpin and Johnson agreed that during the first weekend of deer season the woods will be saturated with deer and pheasant hunters and hunters should be especially careful then.

Meanwhile, Colorado could generate only four pass completions, nine first downs and 185 total yards against the Husker defense.

Asked to explain Nebraska's domination of CU, UNL Head Coach Tom Osborne said, "We always seem to play Colorado with a lot of confidence.
"We played good steady football and they kind of folded. When we get ahead they often seem to lose it," Osborne said in a happy post-game locker room.

The UNL head coach said Nebraska never panicked and wore down the Colorado defense that spent a long time on Folsom Field Saturday afternoon.

Miller labeled CU's defense quick and strong, but said the Buffalo offense "is very shaky at best."

Their defense kept coming at us and there was a lot of talking back and forth between the teams," Miller said. "There was also a lot of cheap shots throughout the game.

Colorado defensive tackle Ruben Vaughan summed it up by saying, "We are really intense for this game every year. We thought maybe today was the day. Today is the day Colorado would finally beat Nebraska.
"But we were outplayed and outcoached again. We did the best we could. That's all there is to say.


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