Cowboys a roadblock to citrus lovin' Husker fans By Brad Horky You can bet your bottom dollar that

when the University of Nebraska scores its first touchdown today, the Astroturf will be on the receiving end of hundreds of oranges.

It's getting to be that time of year again when the Husker fans start showing where they'd like to spend the upcoming New Year's holiday season-in Miami's Orange Bowl.

But before all the fans start getting out their road maps, "their" Huskers have a few hurdles to jump, one being today's contest against the invading Oklahoma State Cowbovs.

Nebraska, owners of a five-game winning streak since its opening game loss to Alabama, will be facing a team with its own winning streak.

Okie State, which suffered greatly from graduation this year, lost its first five contests, including losses to hapless Wichita State and Kansas State. But the last two weekends the 'Pokes have downed Colorado and Kansas, 24-20 and 21-7, respectively. It also should be noted that OSU pressed highly rated Arkansas before falling 19-7.

Nebraska, on the other hand, is coming off its most complete game of the year. Last week in Boulder, the Huskers trounced Colorado 52-14. In the process the Huskers racked up 641 yards in total offense, after trailing 14-3 at the outset.

Nebraska Head Coach Tom Osborne joked about the Huskers typically falling in to the early deficit against Colorado.

'We decided it was best to stay with the same format against Colorado," Osborne said. "We didn't want to mess with it. We told our players to go ahead and give them a couple of touchdowns just to see what happens."

The ever-cautious Osborne warned that OSU is a different outfit than they were at the first of the season.

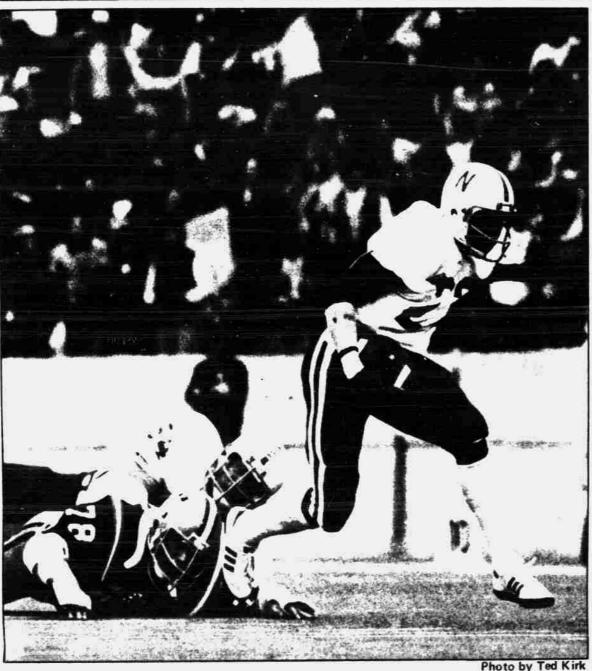
"Colorado analyzed their films and concluded they hadn't played poorly against Oklahoma State, they just got beat," Osborne said. "They have some great players."

Osborne also had praise for Cowboy linebacker John Corker. He said Corker might be the best linebacker in the country.

Oklahoma State also has two good defensive tackles in Billy Wells and Jerry Winchester. And fullback Terry Suellentrop and running back Ed Smith received offensive honors last week in OSU's defeat of the Jayhawks.

Defensively for Nebraska, there will be two new faces in the starting defensive team. Middle guard Oudious Lee and tackle Dan Pensick will start in place of Kerry Weinmaster and Bill Barnett for the Black Shirts.

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