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The Huskers came out of the locker room for the second half and promptly drove 72 yards for another touchdown, this one from two yards out by Berns. Missouri, however, stormed back for two touchdowns in five minutes to put Nebraska behind, 28-24, for only the second time this season.

The two touchdowns were scored by Wilder on 1- and 4-yard runs. The second score was set up by a Chris Garlich interception. Garlich proved to be the defensive star of the game with 21 tackles besides the interception.

Things went from bad to worse for the Huskers. On the following drive Sorley was side-lined with a shoulder injury. The Huskers refused to quit, and with Tim Hager at quarterback, drove the remaining distance with Hager scoring himself on a sneak from the four-yard line. During that drive, Nebraska scored on a pass from Hager to Miller which was called back because of a motion penalty on UNL.

Drive stalls

Only an Earl Gant fumble at the UNL four prevented Missouri from scoring on their next possession. Nebraska could have possibly put the game away with a touchdown, but the ensuing drive stalled on the Missouri thirty-five, and the Tigers' winning score followed.

Wilder tied a Missouri record by scoring on a 7-yard run to give the Tigers the winning score of 35-31. It was his fourth score of the day which tied Earl Gant's record set only last week against Kansas.

Nebraska had one more chance and they moved the ball to the Tiger 33 where a fourth down pass to Tim Smith fell incomplete.

"I thought we could win at the end," Osborne said. "It was a time thing. They blitzed us a couple of times and caught us and we also caught them once or twice."

"They (Missouri) played very well and beat us," Osborne said. "We worried about playing with great intensity. We weren't as crisp or emotional as last week."

Bowl matchup is unique in history of Big Eight

Nebraska's 35-31 loss to Missouri Saturday set up one of the most interesting bowl game matches in history.

With a win over the Tigers from Columbia, Nebraska would have been pitted against Penn State in the Orange Bowl for the national championship, according to Orange Bowl officials. The subsequent loss however left the Orange Bowl selection committee with few prospects.

Therefore an Oklahoma-Nebraska rematch was set up for the 1979 game. Never before have two Big Eight Conference teams been placed against one another in a post season bowl game, and the contest could prove to be a precedent for future bowl games.

sports shorts

UNL's women's swimming and diving team opened its season with a 72-68 dual meet win over the University of Oklahoma Saturday at the Devaney Sports Center. JoDea Ekstrom won three events to pace Nebraska.

The UNL volleyball team won the Region Six tournament by beating Southwest Missouri State 17-15, 15-4, 12-15, 15-9 Saturday at the Devaney Sports Center.

The win puts Nebraska in the AIAW National Volleyball Championships Dec. 7-9 at the University of Alabama.

In the semifinals Saturday, UNL beat Kansas 15-2, 15-8, 15-11, while Southwest Missouri downed Minnesota 15-12, 16-14, 3-15, 13-15, 15-12. The team will join Nebraska at the national meet.

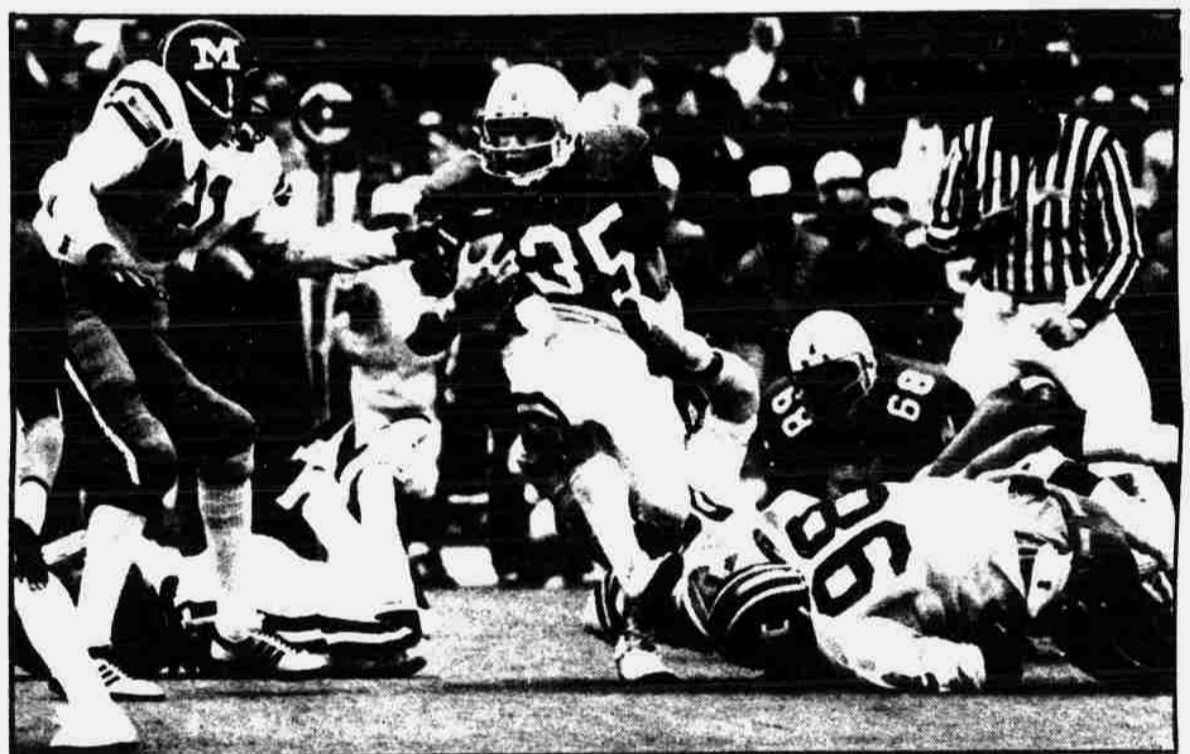
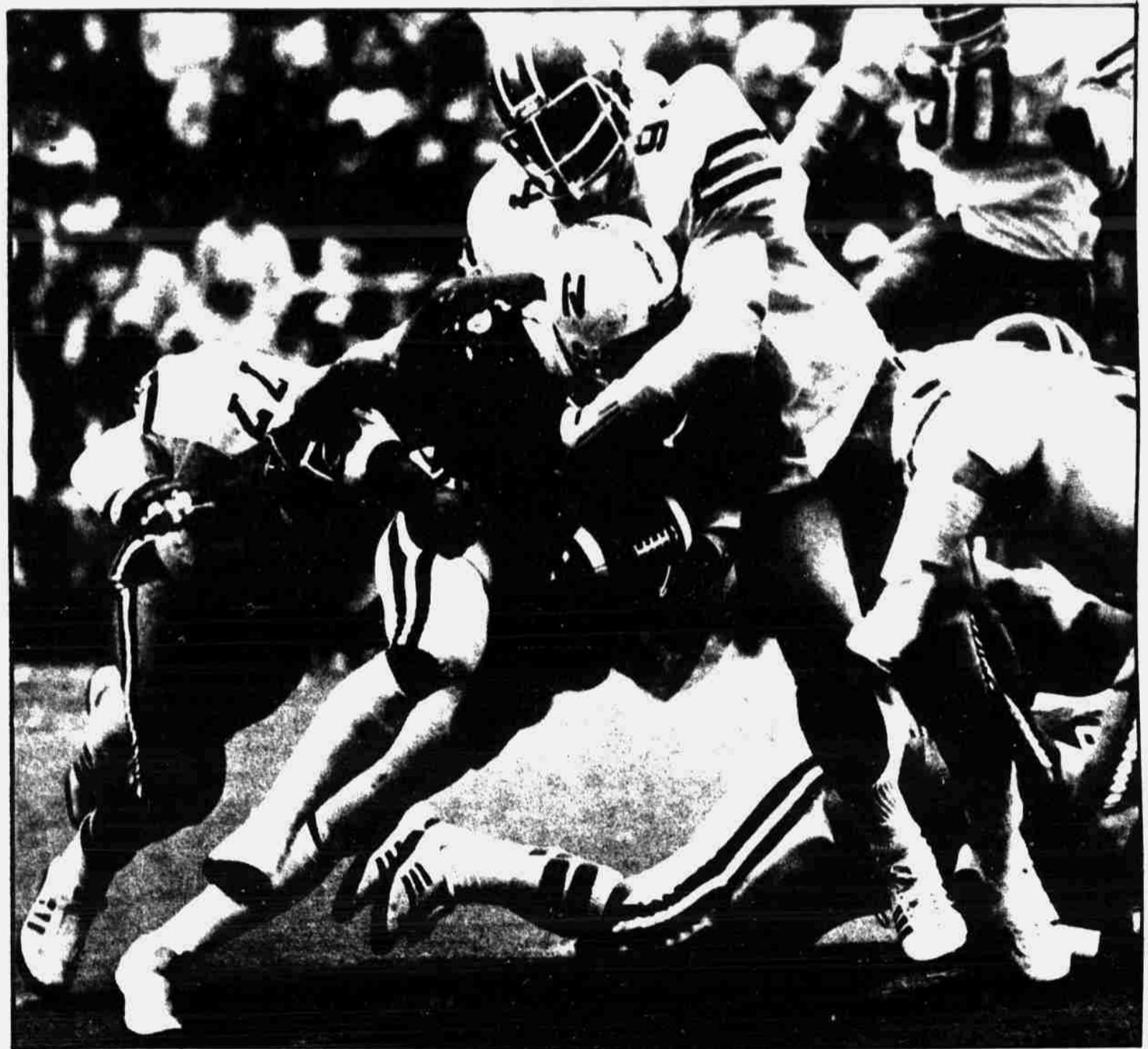
The Huskers, who finished the tournament 8-0, now stand 34-21 for the season.

The women's gymnastics team from Nebraska tied the University of Minnesota in dual meet competition Saturday, both scoring 123.10 points. UNL was hampered by an injury to Crissy Robertson who fell off the uneven bars in warm-ups prior to the meet. Patty Carmichael led the Nebraska effort by winning the balance beam, floor exercise and the all-around.

UNL's women's basketball team won its season opener against William Woods College Saturday at the Devaney Sports Center, 61-46. The Huskers led 37-18 at halftime.

Nebraska was led by transfer players Carol Garey and Diane DelVigna. Garey scored 23 points and had 16 rebounds, while DelVigna added 16 points and grabbed 10 rebounds. UNL out-rebounded the Owls 44-25 and hit 50 percent from the field.

Nebraska's next two games will be on the road against Northern Colorado Nov. 24 and the University of Colorado Nov. 25. The team then returns home for a game against the University of Minnesota Nov. 28.



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