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Native quarterback Jeff Quinn rushes 112 yards

Cornhuskers break first game jinx, beat Utah State

By Shelley Smith

Jeff Quinn was all smiles when he walked out of the Nebraska locker room Saturday afternoon.

Nebraska had just broken its first game jinx by beating the Utah State Aggies 35-14, and Quinn, the first native Nebraskan to start at quarterback for the Huskers since 1973, looked ecstatic.

But, the look turned to disbelief when he learned he had rushed for 112 yards—making him the first Nebraska quarterback to rush over 100 yards since Jim Bordogna ran 143 in 1953.

"I'm shocked," he said.

"I knew I ran a lot—but not that far. I just can't believe it," he said with the smile returning.



Photo by Tom Gesner

Whether nervous or worried, Utah State offensive coordinator Keith Gilbertson doesn't seem too content with Saturday's game.

Quinn carried the ball 19 times for the yardage, and completed six of his 12 passes for 96 yards—one for a touchdown.

I-back I.M. Hipp, who hasn't rushed over 100 yards in seven games reassured Nebraska fans as he rushed for 167 yards Saturday and scored three touchdowns.

"It was probably the game of his life," said Nebraska Coach Tom Osborne.

I-back Jarvis Redwine, playing his first Nebraska game carried the ball 10 times for 91 yards.

Offensively, Quinn said he felt the team worked well together.

"I might have missed a few reads, but most of the hand-offs and plays were smooth," he said.

QUINN SAID he realizes how important it is for a quarterback to be able to run and pass.

"I have to improve at doing everything, but that just comes with more time and work," he said.

It was a series of turnovers that dominated the first half.

Utah State scored first on a 19-yard run by tailback Rich Parros. Husker defensive back Dave Liegl fumbled a punt that the Aggies recovered and moved 34 yards in four plays to score.

Aggie kicker Steve Steinke, who is the NCAA top field goal kicker, missed his first extra point in two years when the ball hit the left goal post and bounced to the side.

Then, after making two first downs and advancing the ball to the Utah State 48, Hipp fumbled and Aggie line-backer Elwood Threlfall recovered on his own 38 yard line.

However, the Aggies were unable to capitalize on the turnover and were forced to punt the ball back to the Huskers.

NEBRASKA MOVED the ball 77 yards in 11 plays and with the ball on the Aggie 9-yard line, Hipp scampered in to score with 5:42 left in the quarter.

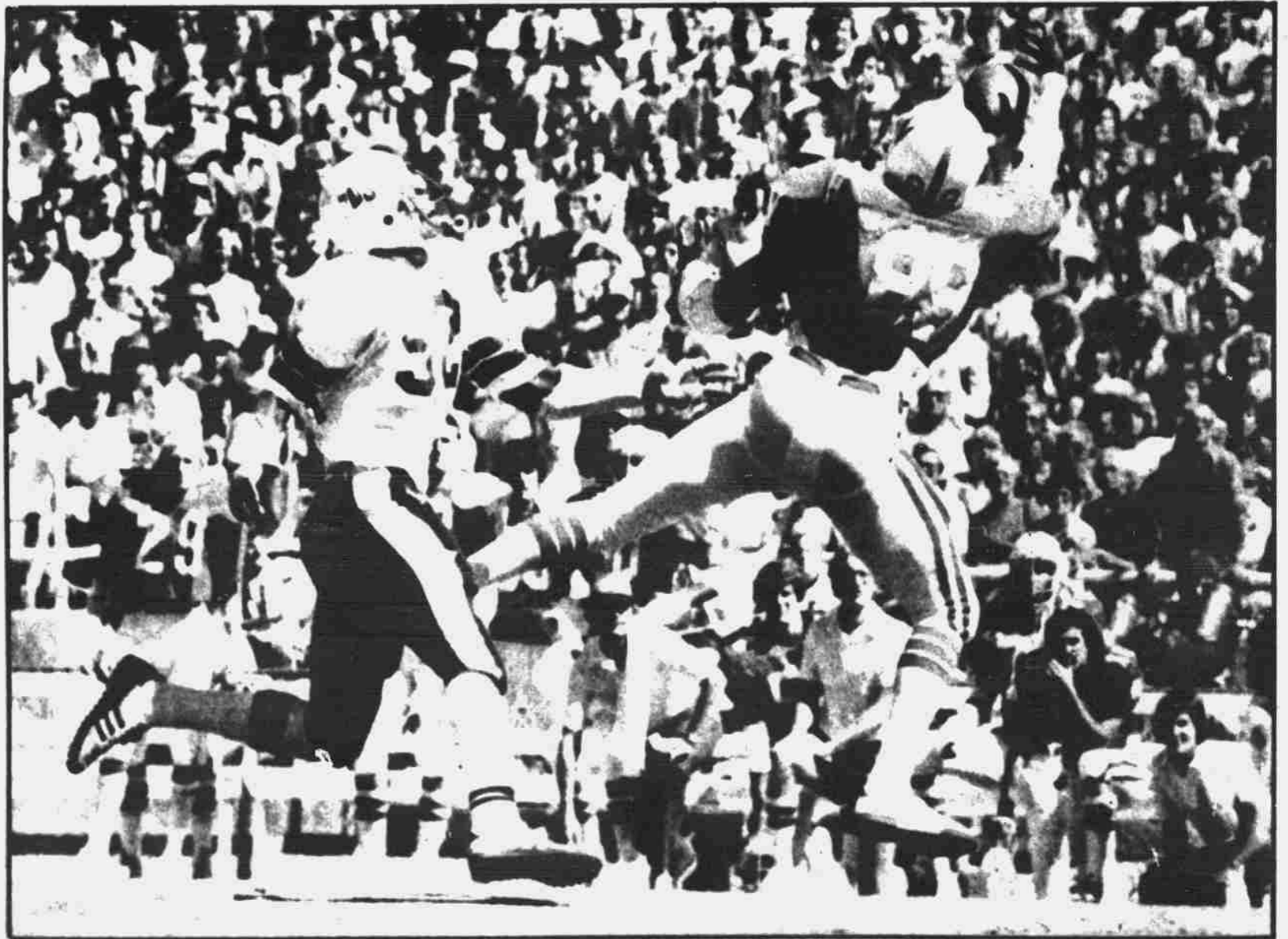


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Nebraska's Junior Miller (89) pulls in one of his four receptions Saturday against Utah State. Defending is Taz Murray (52).

Baseball team starts fall season by sweeping KSC

By Paul Huscher

As the Major League baseball season winds down into its final few weeks, the Nebraska baseball team began its fall season Sunday by defeating Kearney State College, 23-1.

Three Husker pitchers combined to hold KSC to one run on two hits.

Junior Tim Burke allowed one unearned run, while senior Ray Tromba and freshman Steve Gehrke shut out KSC, giving up one hit each.

Coach John Sanders' Huskers combined 21 hits with 14 walks and seven stolen

bases for 23 runs, more than they scored in any game last season.

All nine Nebraska starters got at least one hit. Third baseman Jeff Hunter led the Husker attack with two home runs, which knocked in a game high five runs.

Senior Greg Schafer went 4 for 4 at the plate and transfer Tim Sinovich added three hits.

Transfer second baseman Chris Chavez, UNL's leadoff hitter, scored five runs and stole two bases for Nebraska.

Sinovich, leftfielder Stan Haas, and another transfer, Mark Prior, each drove in three runs apiece.

The game was the first of 10 games this fall which are part of Sanders' year-round

evaluation of the team.

Sanders said the fall season is intended to give Nebraska a chance to play different teams instead of each other.

"We want to give everyone a chance to show us (coaches) what they can do," he said.

"We'll find a way to get all our people involved," Sanders said. "Everyone has a role to fill on this team."

"Right now it's too early to tell who'll be playing where. Time will tell."

"They're all working very hard, and that's what we look for," he said. "Our job as coaches is to find who will help us the most and to find the right combinations."

"We want to make sure the players are

at their best positions. We don't know who will play where. It's a matter of finding who will do best where," Sanders said.

Despite the early uncertainty about the team this year, Sanders said "we do have more depth this year than we have had in the past."

In the second game of the doubleheader Nebraska shut out Kearney State 13-0 in eight innings. Freshman Mark McManaman from Lincoln Southeast collected four hits in four at bats, including two doubles, to pace the Husker attack.

UNL will play again this Sunday at 1:30 against Bellevue College at Buck Beltzer Field.