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Photo by Mark Billingsley

Craig Johnson of Nebraska, who scored the tying touchdown in UNL's 24-21 win over the Iowa Hawkeyes, hurdles Jim Molini, a Norfolk High graduate playing for Iowa, in second half action Saturday.

## Backfield depth helps Huskers come from behind

By Rick Huls

After Nebraska had rallied to escape Iowa Saturday afternoon, Jarvis Redwine pulled on an Iowa Hawkeye T-shirt in the locker room.

But don't worry—he's not switching schools again. "I bought it before the game," said Redwine, the Husker I-back who had just rushed for a game-leading 89 yards on 12 carries.

"It's just a souvenir. I'm going to start a collection," said the Oregon State transfer.

Would he be wearing it if Nebraska had lost?

"No."

Redwine just about didn't wear the Iowa shirt.

Nebraska, down 21-7 with a little more than 20 minutes to play, scrapped back to score 17 points and edge the upset-minded Hawks 24-21. Dean Sukup's 30-yard field goal with 5:52 left was the clincher for the Huskers, now 2-0 on the season.

Redwine, I.M. Hipp's backup, carried the ball only four times in the first half. Meanwhile, Hipp—who netted a total of 74 yards on 16 carries—tumbled three times, the last after a 30-yard gain with 0:12 seconds left.

HIPP ALSO suffered a pulled stomach muscle and

Redwine re-entered the contest after Iowa grabbed a 21-7 lead. That's when Redwine and another backup—Tim Hager—became instrumental in the Cornhuskers rally.

Hager, the former Lincoln Southeast quarterback who worked with the fifth team earlier this fall, replaced Jeff Quinn after Quinn injured an ankle.

Hager and Redwine led the NU comeback with a third quarter drive that quieted the crowd of 60,055 fans.

Redwine ran for 49 out of the 61 yards on the drive which ended in Hager's four-yard touchdown run around the right end.

Hager, who was not touched on the run, said the play was an iso-option.

"They were playing the ends out wide to stop the option," Hager said. "But they both sucked in and I just faked and went in."

HAGER SAID that he thought Nebraska could move the ball successfully against Iowa after that drive.

"We still knew we could win. Our linemen were cool. Our backs were running hard," he added.

After Nebraska took over on its next series, Hager had another fresh back to work with.

Craig Johnson, who had been considered for redshirt status, spelled Redwine, who said "he came out for a breath of air."

Johnson carried the ball seven times on the drive and scored the tying touchdown with 11:02 left in the final quarter.

By this time the momentum had clearly shifted to Nebraska. The once vocal crowd which sensed a major college upset for the winless Hawkeyes, erupted only one more time.

Iowa quarterback Pete Gales, who completed 10 of 25 passes for 154 yards, threw to Nate Person for 24 yards on the first play after the kickoff. But two plays later the crowd was again silenced when a 12-yard completion to Reid ended with a fumble recovery by Derrie Nelson.

Hager and Johnson helped move the Huskers into field goal position and Sukup kicked the game-winner for NU.

ALTHOUGH NEBRASKA'S offense came alive in the final 20 minutes, the five fumbles were still a cause of concern for Head Coach Tom Osborne.

"I certainly hope those five fumbles are unusual for us," Osborne commented. "Sure, Iowa was hitting hard and that might have caused some. But mostly it was just poor ball handling."

Osborne, like Hager, said he sensed his team's confidence despite the two touchdown deficit.

"I think possibly a big difference in the game today was that our players have won quite a few ball games and even when we were down 21-7, they still had confidence.

But nobody, including Osborne, wanted to take anything away from an Iowa team that fought all the way.

"I think Hayden Fry has done a good job and frankly, I think Iowa probably did a better job of coaching for this game than we did."

Iowa, now 0-3, faces intrastate rival Iowa State Saturday in Iowa City. The Huskers will host eastern power Penn State, who was upset Saturday by Texas A & M 27-14.



Photo by Mark Billingsley

Nebraska I-back Jarvis Redwine eludes the grasp of Iowa University defensive back Bobby Stoops enroute to more yardage in UNL's 24-21 comeback win over the Hawkeyes. Redwine had a game-high 89 yards, 71 of them in the second half.

## Freshman Craig begins fulfilling football expectations

By Ron Powell

Since he is the younger brother of former Husker wingback Curtis Craig, freshman I-back Roger Craig says people expect him to do well.

Judging by the first freshman game Wyoming, Sept. 10, Roger is living up to those expectations.

In the Husker's 26-16 win, Craig rushed for 196 yards in 12 carries, an average of more than 16 yards a carry.

"It was kind of surprising that I had a game like that right away," Craig said. "I have to thank the line for it. They did a good job blocking for me and they executed well."

Four plays into the game, Craig broke loose on a 69 yard touchdown run.

"I didn't think I would break one that early in the game," Craig said. "I was in shock for a while after that."

Craig broke loose again later for a 70-yard run that ended in a fumble out of bounds at the Wyoming 17-yard line.

"I should have scored on the run," Craig said. "Nobody was close to me. The ball just came out of my hands, hit my facemask and went out of bounds."

"I STILL think about it now," Craig added, laughing. "I guess I got too excited."

Craig comes to Nebraska after earning All-State and All-American honors as a tailback for Davenport (Iowa) Central. In an Iowa state playoff game last year, Craig rushed for 353 yards in 41 carries and scored all of his team's points in a 29-28 loss.

Craig, who has 4.55 speed in the 40, also was a high school track standout. In last spring's Iowa State Track meet, Craig took second place in both the 120 yard high hurdles and 440 yard intermediate hurdles.

He said he is planning to go out for the track team during the indoor season, but added he will come out for spring football instead of outdoor track.

Craig said he had narrowed his choices to California, Iowa State, Arkansas and UNL before deciding on Nebraska. He added his brother didn't influence his choice.

"He (Curtis) didn't really encourage me to come here," Craig said. "He told me to go where I would be happy and I thought I would be happy here."

"I came here because Nebraska has a tradition for good football. I also like the chance of going to a bowl game and playing on TV."

CURTIS, A THREE year starter from 1975-77, lives in Lincoln. Roger said that Curtis has helped him with weight lifting, but not with learning plays.

### Freshmen challenge Bethany

The UNL freshman put their unbeaten record on the line this afternoon when they host Bethany College. Kick-off is set for 1:30.

UNL freshmen coach Frank Solich said Bethany was planning to bring everyone on the team except seniors. Bethany is 3-0 this season and is ranked third nationally in NAIA Division II.

Although Solich said that Bethany has been ranked in the top eight of NAIA Division II the past two years, Solich said he doesn't know that much about their team.

"We're not concerned with the other team," Solich said. "We're more concerned about our team and how well they play."

"Since we ran the 'I' in high school, I am accustomed to the plays," Craig said.

Craig's impressive showing in the first game puts him in contention for the freshman season rushing record held by Walter Wallace, who rushed for 561 yards a year ago.

"That's my personal goal, I am going out to get it," Craig said. He added that the only team goal he has is an undefeated season.

Craig suited up for last week's varsity game against Utah State and was in the game for one play. He said he hopes he can get more varsity playing time.

"I'll be ready to play if they put me in and hopefully I will be able to show the coaches something."

UNL head freshman coach Frank Solich said he hopes Craig can continue to perform as he did against Wyoming.

"He has good size and speed," Solich said. "He runs hard, blocks and is a smart player."

"If you put that all together, you have a tough back."

Craig said the biggest improvement he needs to make is his blocking.

"The blocking techniques are different here than they were in high school," Craig said. "In high school, most of my blocking was done from the waist down. Here there is a lot more upper-body blocking."