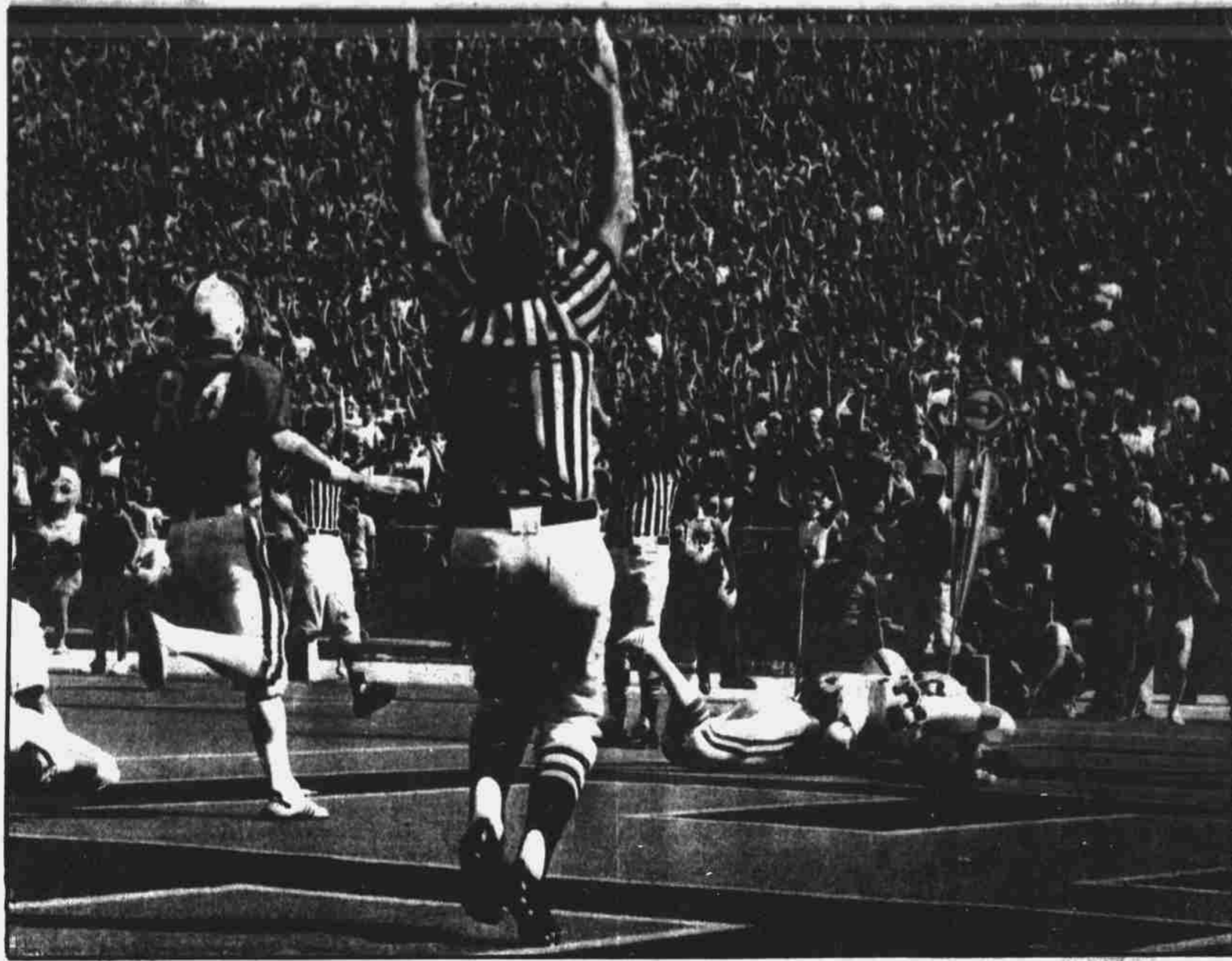


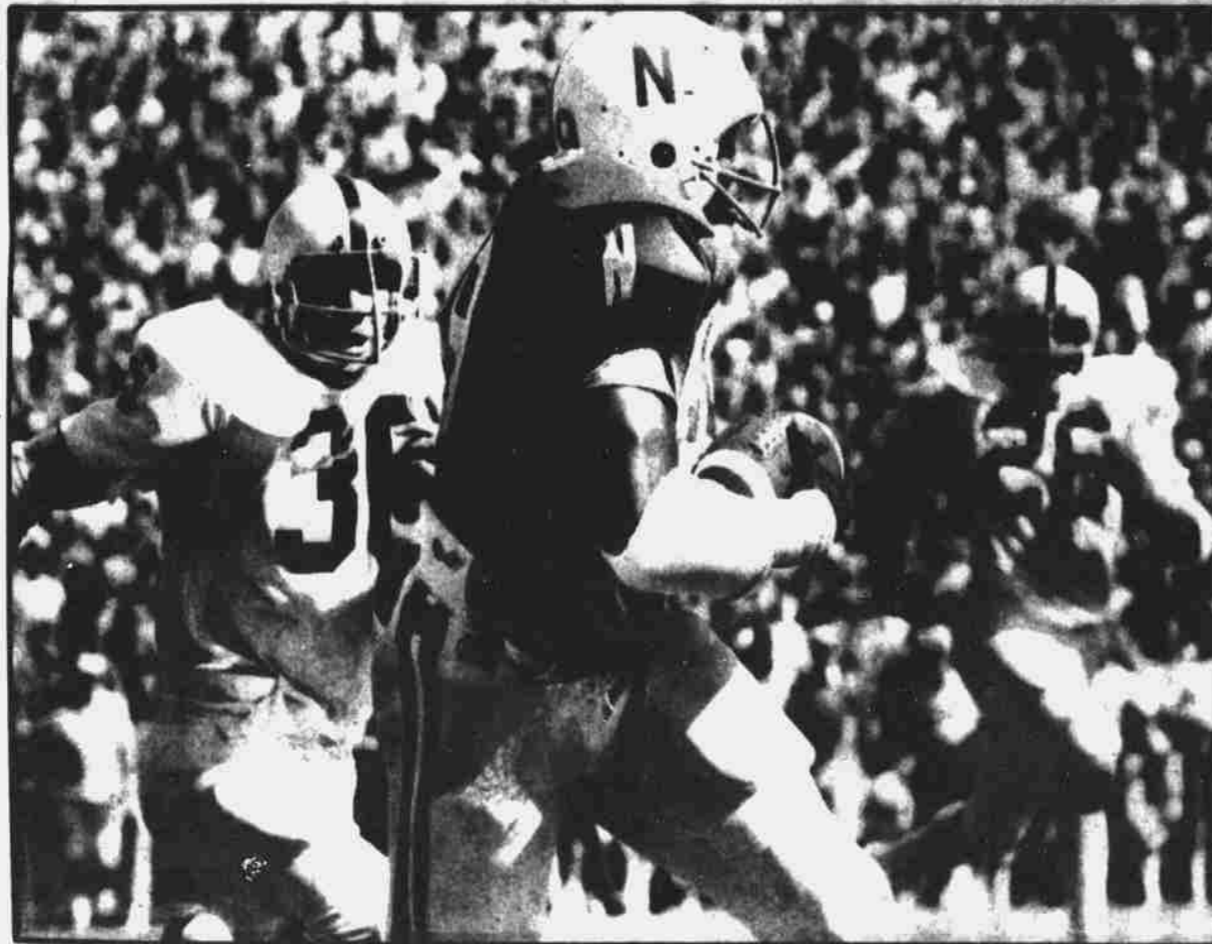
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Huskers come back again for third victory

By Paul Huscher



Junior Miller (89) was the one of the offensive stand-outs Saturday in the Huskers 42-17 thrashing of Penn State. Above, Miller reaches the end zone after an 11-yard pass for Nebraska's first touchdown, slicing the Nittany Lion lead to 14-7. Below, Miller breaks away from Giuseppe Harris (26) and Mickey Urquhart (36) on a 70-yard touchdown reception. His second touchdown tied the score 14-14 in the second quarter.



The Nebraska football team should consider making a movie called "Tom Osborne and the Comeback Kids." For the third time in as many weeks Nebraska had to come from behind to defeat its opponent.

Head coach Tom Osborne's Huskers came back from a 14-0 deficit to defeat Joe Paterno's 18th ranked Penn State Nittany Lions 42-17 Saturday.

Exploding for 28 points in 11 minutes in the second quarter, the Huskers went into the locker room Saturday with a 28-14 halftime lead.

Nebraska's scoring started on a 13-play, 85-yard drive which ended with an 11 yard touchdown pass from Hager to tight end Junior Miller.

Miller caught two passes, both for touchdowns, for 81 yards.

Miller's second touchdown came on a 70 yard TD pass from Hager in which Miller broke a tackle at the 20 yard line.

"Our second-string tight end (Jeff Finn) told us that when the action went one way, the opposite side defensive backs moved in, so we went left and threw back right," Osborne said of the scoring pass.

Miller said the win was satisfying to him. "I feel we can beat anybody," Miller said. "If we keep mixing it up like we did today, we can keep winning."

The man who threw those passes to Miller also had a good day, according to Osborne.

Hager, who had thrown just one pass this year before the Penn State game, completed 14 of 22 passes (63.6 percent) for 215 yards and 2 TDs. In the first two games the Huskers had averaged only 68 yards passing.

Hager, who was named Chevrolet Offensive Player of the Game by ABC, complimented his offensive line for their efforts against the Penn State defense which was anchored by two All-American defensive tackles, Matt Millen and Bruce Clark.

"The offensive line was great. It starts up front," Hager said.

"We thought we could beat them. We have a lot of confidence in our offensive line," he said.

Nebraska also piled up almost 300 yards rushing against the Nittany Lion defense.

Oregon State transfer Jarvis Redwine led all rushers with 124 yards on 22 carries.

Redwine, who came into the game with an 8.2 per carry average, went ahead of first-team I-back, I.M. Hipp, as Nebraska's leading rusher this year.

Redwine now has 304 yards rushing to Hipp's 291 yards.

Other Husker offensive standouts were fullback Andra Franklin, wingback Kenny Brown and split end Tim Smith.

Franklin gained 63 yards on just 9 carries including a 34 yard scamper late in the second quarter that set up Nebraska's final score of the half.

Brown, whose efforts last year earned first team Omaha World-Herald All Big Eight Honors and second team All Big Eight honors (AP), finally got to touch the ball for Tom Osborne's explosive offense.

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Defense helps UNL spikers win Husker Invitational

By Ron Powell

It was the battle of the "defenses" when Nebraska and Illinois State met Saturday afternoon in the finals of the eight-team Husker Invitational Volleyball meet. And UNL won the battle 15-9, 15-8, 4-15, 15-10.

While Illinois State was attempting to defend the title it won here last year, the Huskers were trying to play the improved defense UNL volleyball coach Terry Pettit said would be necessary for his team to win it.

The Huskers, 19-1, this season, finished the tournament with a 6-0 record, including two wins over the defending champion Redbirds.

The Huskers also beat the ISU in pool play Friday night 8-15, 15-10, 15-7.

"Both teams played better Saturday, Pettit said. "It was a very intense match. The only difference between our team and Illinois State was that we played better defense."

In tournament play Saturday, the Huskers beat Drake 15-3, 15-4 and then downed Minnesota 15-12, 16-18, 15-12, 15-11 enroute to the finals.

Pettit said he was pleased with his team's intensity and defensive play in the finals against Illinois State.

"DEFENSE WAS THE KEY," Pettit said. "We played it and that's why we won. We still need to work on our defense, but it's coming."

"I am proud of the team because what we have worked on in practice is showing up in the matches."

He said Marla Lichty, Mindy Martens and Terri

Kanouse paced the win with their blocking and defensive play.

"They blocked extremely well," Pettit said. "Mindy (Martens) played with tremendous intensity. She controlled the last game."

Ann Haberman, Nancy Grant and Reba Govier also turned in good defensive performances, Pettit said.

Lichty said she played her best volleyball of the year in the tournament.

"I felt real well about my play," Lichty said. "My mental attitude was good, as was everyone else's on the team. The win was just a great team effort."

"As a team, we played better defense, but there is always room for improvement."

MARTENS SAID THIS was her best tournament in terms of blocking.

"I was a little disappointed with my hitting, but my blocking made up for it," Martens said. "I just try to help out anyway I can."

Martens said some early blocking adjustments helped her in the final game.

"They were beating me earlier on quick plays," Martens said. "I wasn't prepared for it, but I adjusted to it."

Pettit said his team suffered a letdown in the third game after winning the first two.

"When you play a team like Illinois State your intensity has to be up throughout the match," Pettit said. "We just lost intensity in that third game. We had super intensity in the last part of the second game and it's hard to

keep intensity like that throughout a match."

Pettit said continued improvement and intensity will be keys as to how well the team does the rest of the season.

"Right now, we're a good team with potential to be great," Pettit said. "If we can continue to improve on defense and stay healthy, we can achieve our goals."

Martens said one of the goals the team has set is in the top 10 at the national meet.

"We've worked hard and matured a lot the last two years," Martens said. "We have a tough road ahead, but I think our hard work is going to pay off and we're going to do it."

The next meet for Huskers is Wednesday at Wichita where UNL will play Wichita State and Kansas in a double dual.

Big Eight Standings

	W	L	T	PCT.	PF	PA
Nebraska	3	0	0	1.000	101	52
Oklahoma	3	0	0	1.000	133	40
Missouri	3	1	0	.750	92	56
Oklahoma State	2	1	0	.667	48	40
Kansas State	2	1	0	.667	59	48
Iowa State	1	2	0	.333	61	57
Kansas	1	2	0	.333	44	70
Colorado	1	3	0	.250	45	106