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Jayhawks face strong Husker backfield on Saturday

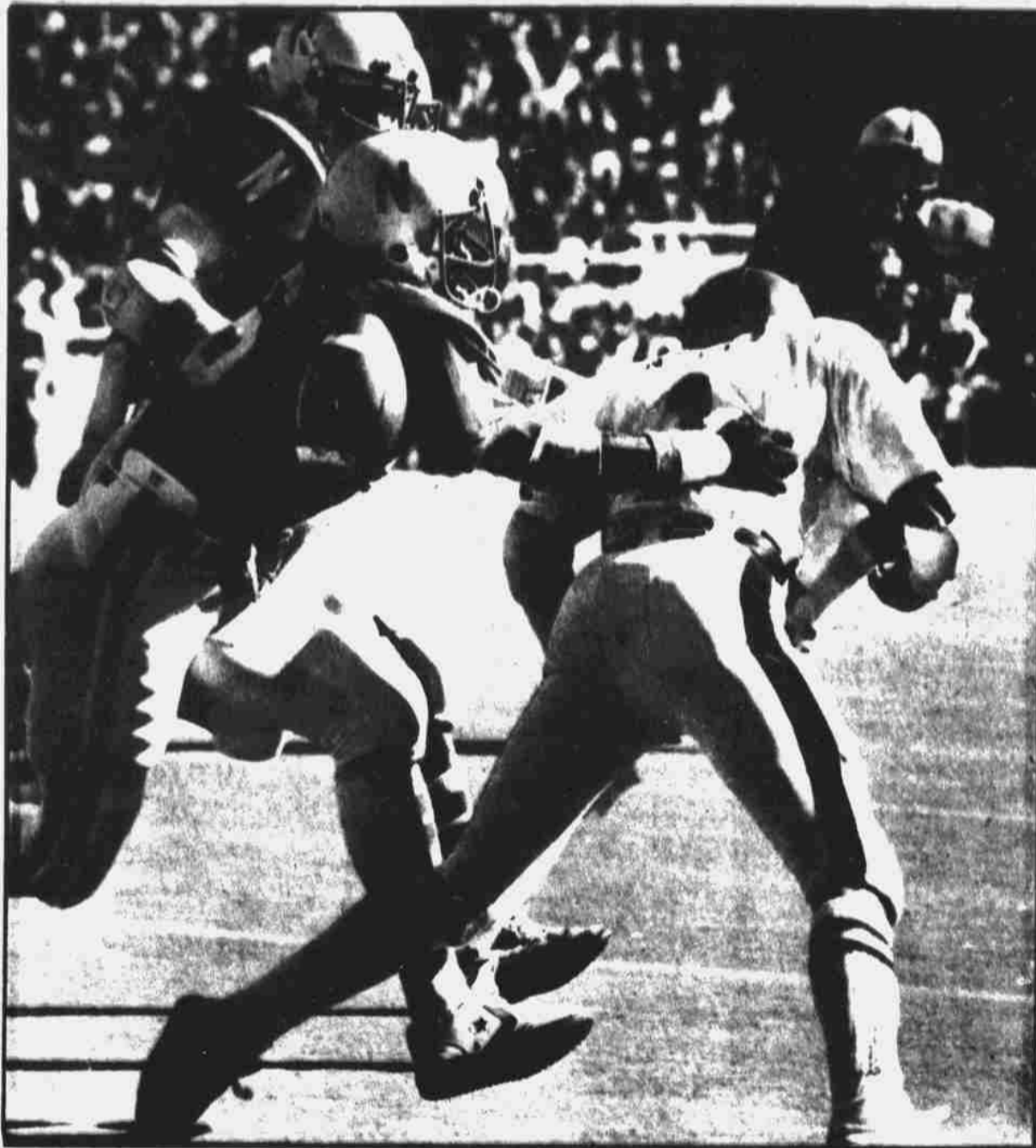


Photo by Tom Gesner

Nebraska defensive end Jimmy Williams (96) has jarred the ball loose from New Mexico State tailback Anton Niles in this shot against the Aggies. Niles, however, recovered to regain possession of the ball.

By Paul Huscher

The Kansas football team which comes into Lincoln this weekend probably doesn't remember I.M. Hipp from last year's game in Lawrence.

— And they certainly don't remember Jarvis Redwine, who was ineligible last year.

But, the Jayhawks do remember third string I-back Craig Johnson, who ran wild against KU last year. He rushed for 192 yards in just 10 carries and scored two touchdowns in last year's 63-21 win over KU. Johnson also scored on a 78-yard screen pass.

The Huskers set a Big Eight record with 799 yards of total offense in that game.

Johnson, a 6-1, 180 pound junior, said last year's game was "kind of a dream come true."

"Being only a sophomore and getting an opportunity to play," he said. "I was quite thrilled."

He said he hopes to get into this year's NU-KU clash Saturday in Lincoln.

"It's hard to say if I'll get in, Isaiah (Hipp) will be healthy this week," he said.

Johnson said the key to his success so far (100 yards in 28 carries) has been playing time and a good offensive line.

"The line has been doing a really good job," he said.

THE ALL-STATE. All-Metro running back from Omaha Westside said he rushed for 211 yards in a high school game, but he carried the ball 33 times.

"It's a lot different from high school, they use their backs differently here," he said.

Johnson said many people have told

him that he should transfer from Nebraska because they say he would probably be a starting running back for most other college teams.

"I've never considered it as far as talking to the coaches about transferring," Johnson said. "I've been satisfied here, I don't think I'd ever consider leaving Nebraska. We have a great football program here."

Johnson said the Nebraska coaches had considered red-shirting him this year, but because Hipp got injured in the Iowa game Johnson was used to spell Redwine.

"When they first told me I might be red-shirted, I was a little hurt. All summer long I had considered playing this fall," he said.

"**AT FIRST IT** shocked me, but as I thought about it, it didn't look too bad," he said. "Jarvis (Redwine) is a junior this year, and possibly there would have been a year where I could have started."

After playing in the Iowa game Johnson said he was relieved because then he knew he would be playing all year instead of just in a few games.

"It would have been the 'pits' if they would have kept me out 'til the Missouri game and then played me," he said.

KU head coach Don Fambrough summed up the situation by saying, "It's kind of frightening when they have a guy like Craig Johnson on the third or fourth team."

"I watched him last year from the stands, and it amazes me that he's not starting," Fambrough said. "That really says something for Redwine and Hipp."

Nebraska has won 10 straight from the Jayhawks, whose last victory was a 23-13 win over Nebraska in Lincoln in 1968.

Longhorns may kick their way to a win over Oklahoma

Yes, it is the middle of the football season, but baseball returns to center stage for a week with the World Series.

A late prediction from this corner sees Baltimore taking the title in seven games over Pittsburgh.

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Though that pick may not be a sure-fire, here is a tip that is guaranteed to increase your pleasure in viewing the Series: turn off the volume on your TV, grab a radio and turn on the CBS Radio Network coverage.

The CBS team of Vin Scully and Sparky Anderson provides a smoothly smooth mixture of information and analysis, a direct contrast to the nerve-grating, inane chatter of ABC's self-righteous blowhard Howard Cosell.

Nebraska football fans, who also believe that history repeats itself, may want to root for Pittsburgh. The last time the Pirates and Orioles met in the World Series was 1971, the same year the Huskers went 13-0 and won the national championship. The Pirates won the Series in seven games that year.

Back to football, last week's percentage again suffered, thanks to another rash of upsets by the likes of Tulsa, Pacific, Oregon and Southern Mississippi. Last week's record was 22-11-1 for 66.7 percent, which makes the season count 110-43-4 for 71.9 percent.

Kansas at Nebraska—After last week's annihilation of New Mexico St., Nebraska moved into first place in total offense in the country. The Huskers are swallowing up an average of 483.5 yards of real estate every Saturday afternoon. Figure freaks may remember last year's Husker-Jayhawk game saw Nebraska set a Big Eight single game total record by piling up an incredible 799 yards. Since 1971, Nebraska has racked up scores of 55-0, 56-0, 56-0, 31-3, 52-7 and 63-21 against KU. We don't see why things should be any different this Saturday ... Nebraska 50, Kansas 10.

Iowa St. at Kansas St.—Line up for your tickets for this one. These two teams must have had a contest last week to see which one could lose to the most embarrassing opponent. Kansas St. lost 9-6 to Tulsa. But Iowa St. won the red-face award hands down by losing to the University of Pacific 24-7. Reverse U of P's initials and one can get an indication of how the injury-plagued Cyclone offense played last week. Kansas St. may be bad, but Iowa St. is playing worse right now ... Kansas St. 24, Iowa St. 17

Texas and Oklahoma, at Dallas—This annual Cotton

Bowl clash is by far the top matchup of the day. Under the leadership of Julius Caesar Watts, the Sooner offense is starting to click, up to the point where Billy Sims is playing his usual half a game and still gaining 100 yards rushing (which he has done 13 consecutive times). But tight games among top-rated teams almost invariably are won by defense and the kicking game. The Texas defense convinced us by shutting out Missouri, holding the Tigers to just 11 first downs and 164 yards. And the Longhorns have a barefooted, soccer-style kicker named John Goodson, who with five field goals in his first two games, is making Texas fans forget all about Russell Erxleben. The Eyes of Texas may be upon you, but the eyes of Oklahoma fans may be filled with tears ...

Texas 13, Oklahoma 10.

Washington at Arizona St.—The Huskies are rated 6th in one poll this week, and at 5-0, are off to one of their fastest starts in years. Meanwhile, Arizona St. has been one of the big disappointments of the season, losing its first two games. Now Sun Devil Coach Frank Kush is involved in a \$1.1 million lawsuit filed by a former player who alleges Kush slugged him during a game. With Washington flying high and Arizona St. trying to regroup, the oddsmakers say Washington by almost two touchdowns. But we say this will be the "Upset Special of the Week" ... Arizona St. 30, Washington 14.

Arkansas at Texas Tech—Upset Special No. 2 ... Texas Tech 24, Arkansas 21.

Archery championships awarded

Novice and advanced champions were determined in the Intramural Archery competition Oct. 2. Residence hall, fraternity, independent, women, and co-rec classifications each had a divisional competition.

The novice participants used bows and arrows supplied by the Intramural Office, while advanced used their own equipment.

Residence Winners

Novice	Allen Hegamann	Cather 5
Advanced	Steve Teter	Burr (perfect score)
Team	Schramm 8	

Fraternity Winners

Novice	Keith Swanson	Beta Sigma Psi
Advanced	Jay Neibauer	Kappa Sigma
Team	Beta Sigma Psi	

Independent Winners

Paul Kaufman

Women's Winners

Mary Waring	Kappa Alpha Theta
Team	Kappa Alpha Theta

Co-Rec Winners

Alan Beer and Mary Waring

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The UNL women's cross country team has been forced to reschedule the date for the Husker Invitational.

The meet, still scheduled for Pioneers Park, will be run at 5:30 today.

Because of a horse show, the meet can't be run 10:30 Saturday morning as previously scheduled. But, NU coach Carol Frost said it was important that the meet be run on the same course because of Big Eight competition next week.

Teams included in the meet are Kansas, Kansas State, Missouri, Kearney State, UNO and the Huskers.

The Nebraska women's tennis team, now 3-2 on the

season, will host Southwest Missouri State today at 9 a.m. at the Bob Devaney Sports Center Courts.

According to Head Coach Julie Wood, SWMS has produced good teams in the past, but said she's confident her team can win.

Wood said she was pleased with her team's 9-0 shutout of South Dakota last Thursday.

"The girls played the best they've played all year. They are really starting to get into the game," Wood said.

Only No. 2 singles player Cindy Reiman was pushed to three sets in the South Dakota match. Two Huskers, Sue Moore and Anne Swanson, completely blanked their opponents in straight sets of 6-0, 6-0.

Nebraska will host Kansas State Oct. 19 in the final match of the fall season. That match begins at 3 p.m. in the Bob Devaney Sports Center Courts.