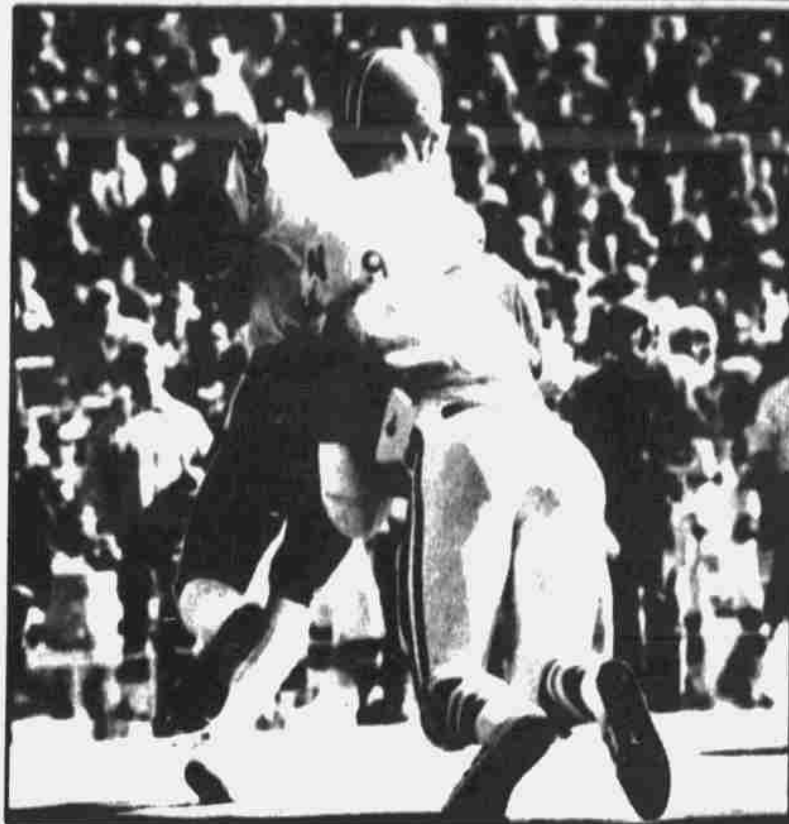


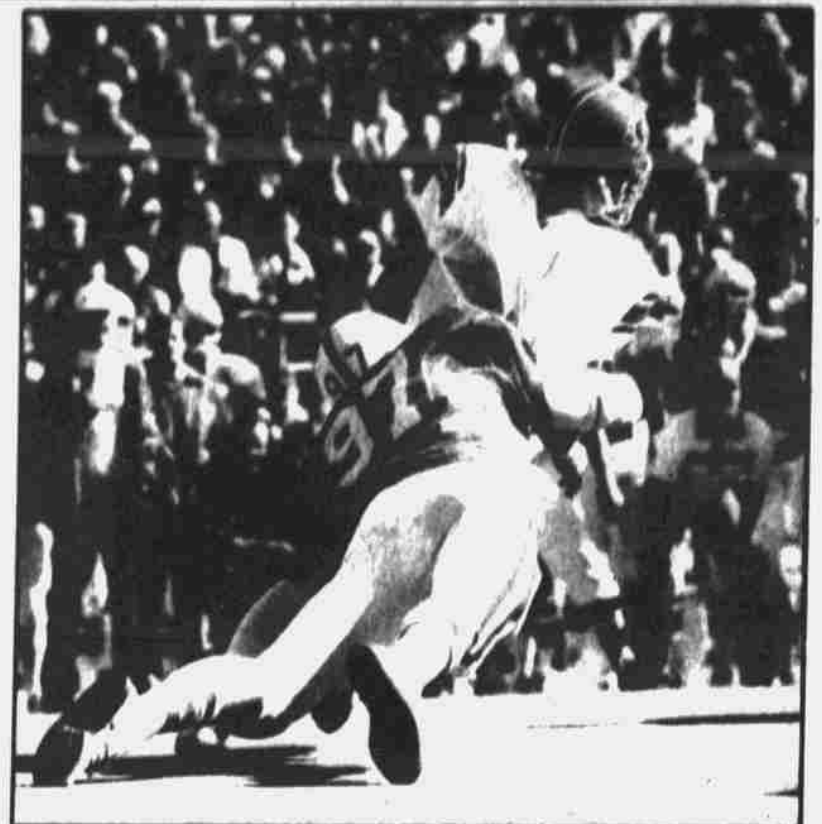
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Nebraska defensive tackle Bill Barnett (97) makes a typical Husker defensive play in NU's 42-0 romp



Saturday. After charging through the line, Barnett grabs Kansas quarterback Kevin Clinton (17) ...



and finally corrals him.

Photos by Tom Gessner

Nebraska defense packed with standouts

By Sara Martens

A 42-0 romp on a brisk fall day has to be pleasing at the time, but even in retrospect, Nebraska Coach Tom Osborne had little to criticize after the Cornhuskers' victory over the Kansas Jayhawks Saturday.

"We played our most complete game ever," Osborne said, after close scrutiny of the films Sunday morning.

That "complete game" was highlighted by a defensive effort packed with standouts, from the line to the secondary, that allowed Kansas only 20 yards rushing and 59 passing.

The defensive line accounted for seven tackles behind the line for 34 yards, led by right tackle Dan Pensick's two sacks for 16 yards.

"The whole defense played super. They couldn't pick us all up so someone had to make the hits. I can't say enough about the other guys (rest of the defensive line). We can't do anything but get better," Pensick said.

Linebacks Tom Vering and Kim Baker shared the strong side spot and ranked first and second in total tackles, with seven and six respectively.

The Huskers' secondary batted down two Jayhawk passes, intercepted three and recovered one fumble.

MONSTER BACK Mark Leroy ended the Jayhawks' first possession on the third quarter with an interception which later resulted in a 24-yard Tim Hager to Junior Miller touchdown pass.

"The line played so well. That's the way it's supposed to be. We just wait until they throw the ball, then it's our turn," Leroy said.

The Husker pass coverage broke down only once or twice, Leroy said, when the blackshirts would stunt a man up the middle and a KU receiver would go up the seam. Kansas completed five of 23 pass attempts—two of those, one for seven and another for 18 yards—came with 20 seconds remaining in the half when the Huskers dropped back to protect against the long bomb.

The Jayhawk offense also ended the third quarter with an interception, this time by Andy Means at the Nebraska six. Means was dropped for a five yard loss putting the Huskers on their own one.

"It was only second down. If it had been a fourth down play we would have wanted Andy to bat it down, but anytime you have the chance you should probably pick it off," Osborne said.

AS IT TURNED OUT, the Huskers weren't in their own territory for long, as third string I-back Craig Johnson broke a record setting 94-yard touchdown run to end the scoring as time ran out in the third quarter.

"It was straight up the middle. There were good blocks but I'm not sure who all was there," Johnson said. "The play broke back under the center, which it really shouldn't have, but I just tried to run as fast as I could. I'm quite elated. It doesn't happen every day."

Osborne said the presence of the big play on offense, something the Huskers have been lacking, was an improvement, as was the lack of turnovers. The Huskers did not lose a fumble for the first time in five games, and completed their second game without an interception.

Osborne was also pleased with the productivity of I-back Jarvis Redwine, who was the leading rusher of the 12 players who ran the ball with 158 yards in 24 carries.

Johnson had 138 yards.

But it's "impossible to have everything perfect," he said, noting that the Huskers still have room for improvement.

THE RETURNS were disappointing," Osborne said of the Huskers' net return of two yards. "Kansas was punting fairly high with good coverage," he said.

Mike Hubach punted nine times for KU and averaged 44.7 yards per punt. His longest of the day went 56 yards.

"Our offense struggled, at least through part of the first half," Osborne said. "The Kansas defense was aggressive. It was as good an effort as we've seen all year."

The Kansas defense saw most of the action Saturday since KU ran only 56 offensive plays compared to 102 for the Huskers.

"It was kind of a three (plays) in and out type of day," Pensick said, referring to the scarcity of first downs by the Jayhawk offense.

Kansas gained only eight first downs while the Huskers had 28 first downs.

Osborne said Nebraska's offense was hampered by a few missed assignments and blocks early in the game, and by a combination of problems that resulted in 11 penalties for 94 yards.

But, the Husker mentor was still pleased.

"Overall this was our best game. Penn State was maybe a more impressive win, but Kansas is not a bad team, especially the defense," Osborne said.

I-back I. M. Hipp and cornerback Paul Letcher were the only Husker injuries in the game. Hipp reinjured his toe that has hampered him for two or three weeks and Letcher strained a knee.

UNL spikers take Windy City crown

By Ron Powell

The UNL volleyball team improved its record to 30-1 this weekend by winning the Windy City Invitational in Chicago.

UNL won nine matches in the two-day tournament. In pool play, the Huskers defeated Lewis, 15-4, 15-4; DePaul, 15-6, 16-14; Northern Illinois, 15-0, 15-6; Elmhurst College, 15-1, 15-1; Northwestern, 15-2, 15-3; and Wisconsin 15-10, 15-13.

In tournament play, the Huskers beat Southern Illinois 15-4, 15-5 in the quarterfinals and then defeated DePaul a second time, 13-15, 15-9, 15-13 in the semi-finals. In the finals, the Huskers met Wisconsin again and defeated the Badgers 15-8, 15-5.

With the victories, the Huskers ran their winning streak to 19 matches. The wins also put Husker coach Terry Pettit over the 100 victory mark as the Husker mentor. In his third year at UNL, Pettit's record stands at 106-33-2.

Pettit said he was happy his team was able to win the invitational, but he was unhappy with certain parts of the Husker play.

"We have a team that if they play well, they're capable of beating anyone," Pettit said. "The problem with this kind of tournament is that it is hard to keep your concentration the entire time. If you let up for one moment you might finish third or fourth. We didn't do that."

"Our strongest points were blocking and attacking," Pettit added. "At times, though, our passing game broke down and caused us some problems."

He said most of the problems occurred in the two DePaul matches but added that the play of centerblocker Maria Lichty and setter Lori Zimmerman helped save the matches for the Huskers.

Pettit also was pleased with the play of Ann Haberman and Lori Melcher calling them the "strongest setters in the tournament."

This is the third invitational the Huskers have won this season, and Pettit said he believes it shows his team is in better condition than their opponents. He said that it has been a factor in the Huskers' success in the invitational.

The next meet for the Huskers is Oct. 19-20 at the Southwest Missouri Invitational at Springfield.

"We're going to have to have much better consistency in our passing. Our backrow defense needs to be able to adjust to a team's strength better if we want to win the tourney," Pettit said.

It was also announced last week that UNL will host the Association of Intercollegiate Athletics for Women (AIAW) Region VI volleyball championships Nov. 15-17.

Nebraska already has qualified for the tournament by beating Kansas, Kansas State and Wichita State in sub-regional matches.

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The Abel-Sandoz horseshoe pits were the site for the All-University men's horseshoe championship, Oct. 9. Mike Crook, the independent champion, defeated Mike Thomsen, the fraternity champion from Alpha Gamma Sigma, 21-9 and 21-19 to take the crown. In semifinal action, Crook defeated Mark Schenkelberg, Harper 9, 13-21, 21-11, 21-20 and Thomsen beat Kirk Trofholz, Beta Theta Pi, 21-15, 12-21, and 21-7.

Lisa Roth of Alpha Phi defeated Sharon Rase, independent, 6-4 to claim the All-University women's tennis title. In men's action Tom Rives of Harper 9 beat Todd Smith of the Alpha Tau Omega fraternity 21-8 to capture the All-University men's title.

Playoffs continued through Oct. 11 for the intramural co-rec football playoffs. The championship game is scheduled for Sunday, Oct. 14, 5:00 on the Cather-Pound intramural fields.

The men's and women's intramural placekicking event will be Oct. 14, 3:30 in Memorial Stadium.

The team DILLWRGAD claimed the All-University women's flag football title for the second year in a row, by beating Sandoz 9, 51-6. Six teams competed in women's flag football this year.