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Husker victory is primer for Missouri

By Ed McClymont

Do you suppose that Kansas State's upset of Missouri is going to be cause for a Nebraska letdown next weekend? Don't bet on it, because everyone still remembers Nov. 18, 1978, the day that the Tigers erased the Huskers' national championship hopes last season.

"We're going to be shootin' for 'em," Husker safety Russell Gary said with a smile. "We got a little bit of a revenge factor going."

Gary and his defensive teammates combined to hold their fourth consecutive opponent without a touchdown while leading Nebraska to a 38-10 victory over Colorado Saturday. Colorado's only touchdown came on a second quarter pass interception.

It appeared the Buffaloes might get a touchdown on their initial drive, but two consecutive plays by Gary in the secondary forcing incompletions caused Colorado to settle for a field goal.

"I knew we were going to have to bear down," Gary said. "Three is better than six anytime."

The Husker defense also employed a number of blitzes against the Buffs, which led to six quarterback sacks in the second half.

"THE COACHES TOLD us at half that we were going to have to start taking it to them instead of them taking it to us," said linebacker Tom Vering.

Vering turned in what might have been his best performance Saturday notching a game high 15 tackles, eight unassisted. It was his lead that the rest of his blackshirt teammates followed in opening up the game early in the second half.

The first three plays by Colorado in the

third quarter were stopped solely by Vering, including an interception he returned to the Buffalo 34-yard line, which resulted in a Nebraska score.

"That was my first interception here, and it felt great," Vering said.

Later, on Colorado's second possession of the half, Vering stormed in and sacked the Buff's Charlie Davis for a 14 yard loss. Blitzes like Vering's kept CU in handcuffs the entire second half.

"We could see in the films all week that they were leaving some holes in their offensive line, and we had some blitzes that they couldn't block," Vering said.

While the defense was keeping Colorado in check, Nebraska's offense literally ran its way to a 31-10 lead in the third quarter. With 5:41 left in the third quarter, Nebraska completed a pass, when Tim Hager threw to Tim Smith for 20 yards.

"We had a disappointing passing game," Hager said. "Their defensive backs broke well to the ball. We're just going to have to work harder on it (passing game)."

THE BUFFS GOT their only touchdown on an interception return midway through the second quarter. The play was a rollout with the pass intended for fullback Jim Kotera, but Colorado linebacker Bill Roe stepped in front of the receiver, picked off the pass, and rambled 69 yards.

"I didn't see him (Roe), and Kotera looked wide open. I heard the crowd reaction and I thought Jim caught it, but he obviously didn't," Hager said.

Nebraska converted six of nine third and fourth down plays in the first half, including a fourth and one for a touchdown by I.M. Hipp.

"Our offensive line is so confident, and the back carrying the ball is confident too that we can make two or three when we

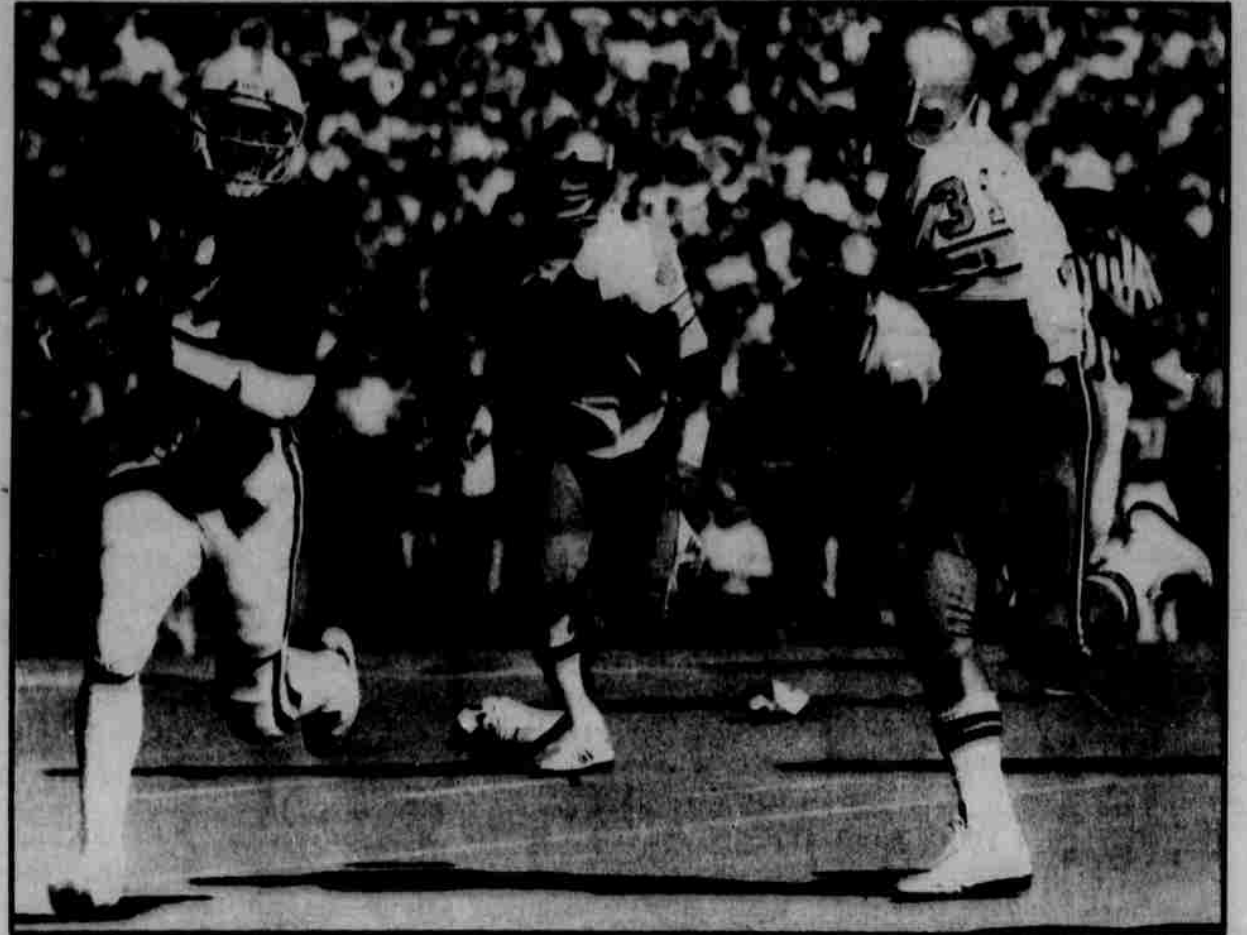


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Jarvis Redwine (12) loses some of his jersey and his shoe on the way to gaining a few of the 206 yards he piled up Saturday against the Buffs. Chasing Redwine is CU's Bob Humble (40).

have to," Hager said.

The Huskers piled up 452 yards rushing for the day, with almost half—206—coming from Jarvis Redwine. Redwine needed only 18 attempts to go for the yardage, and including 23-, 56-, and 13-yard runs for scores. He took little of the credit after the game, but instead gave it to the linemen.

As awesome as the Huskers rushing game has developed this year, yet another threat—Junior Miller—was added to the running corps Saturday. The tight end

reverse was brought out of Nebraska's bag of tricks for the first time this year, working for 34 and 17 yards.

Moving to 7-0 on the season, Nebraska travels to Missouri next weekend to take on the Tiger roller-coaster. Despite the Tigers' surprising 4-3 record, don't expect the Huskers to be lulled asleep.

"Missouri always plays us tough," Hager said. "We have some revenge factors on the game. We're going to make sure we get them under our belt."

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Nebraska's Tom Vering (47 in the photo to the right) helped key the Nebraska defense Saturday with 15 tackles, along with this interception in front of Don Holmes (45). The NU defense didn't give up a touchdown for the fourth straight game.

Volleyball team wins fourth title

By Ron Powell

Nebraska and Oklahoma played for the Big Eight championship Saturday, but the sport wasn't football.

It was the Big Eight volleyball tournament in Stillwater, Okla., and the Huskers claimed their fourth consecutive league championship by downing the Sooners 15-12, 15-4, 15-9 in the finals.

The Huskers dominated play in the two-day meet, winning four games without a loss.

Friday, Nebraska defeated host Oklahoma State 15-0, 15-4 and Iowa State 15-12, 15-3 in pool play. In Saturday's semi-final, Nebraska downed Iowa State a second time, 15-3, 15-5, and 15-16.

Husker volleyball coach Terry Pettit said the Huskers gave one of their best performances of the season.

Four Huskers were named to the all-tournament team. Senior captain Nancy Grant was named to the team for the third consecutive year. Teammates Lori Melcher, Reba Govier and Terri Kanouse joined her.

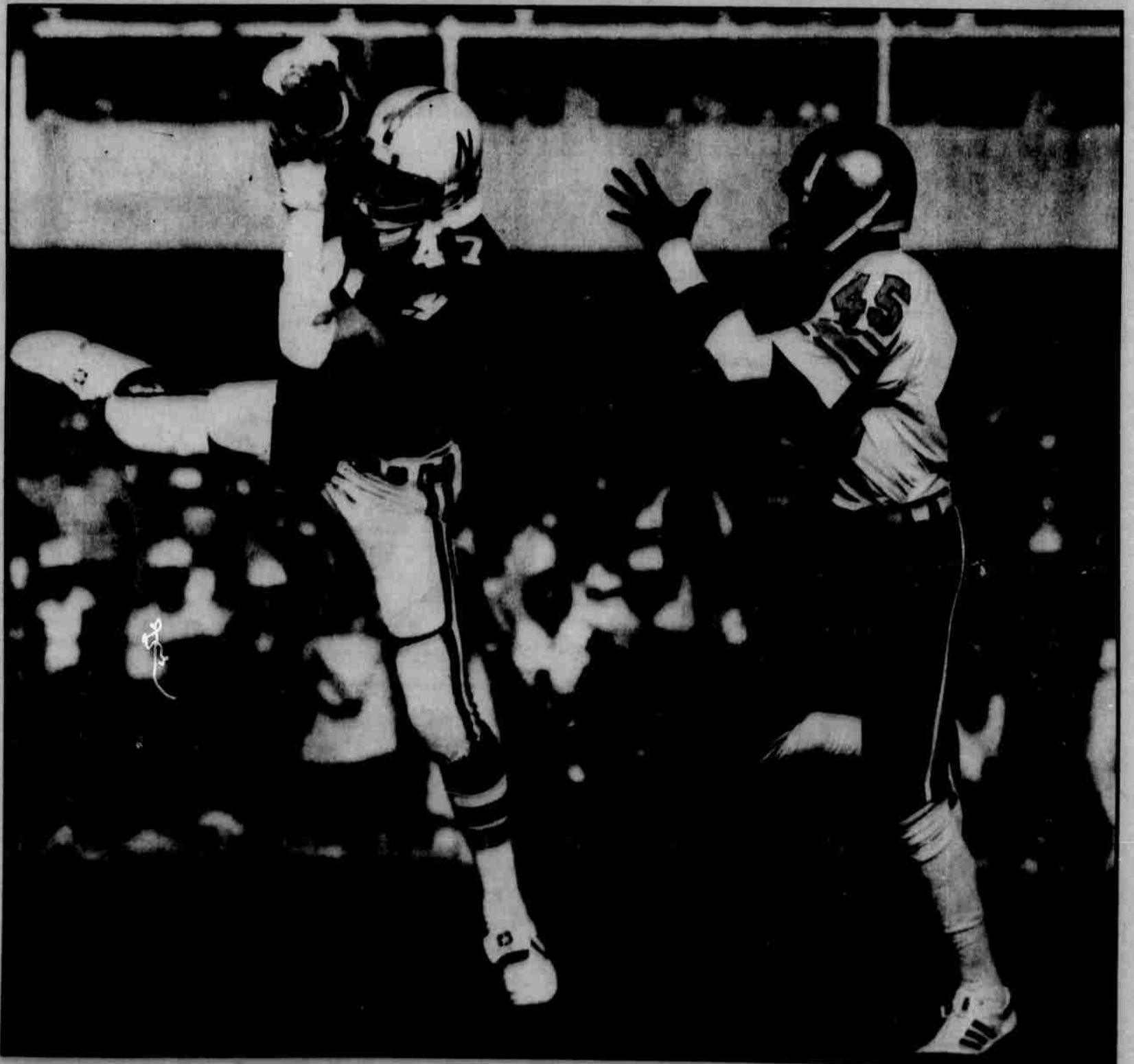
"I thought the ones that made it deserved it," Pettit said. "A lot of times that doesn't happen. We had a couple others that could have made it, but we're happy to have four out of six on the team."

Pettit said Marla Lichty, Lori Zimmerman, Ann Haberman and Mindy Martens also had a good tournament.

Haberman, a senior who has played on all four championship teams, said the win "felt great." She added that the conference was stronger this year than it has been.

The next meet for Nebraska, 36-4, will be the National Women's Invitational Nov. 3-4, in Los Angeles. The tournament will feature the top 24 teams in the nation.

"I think the California meet will be a test of how good we are," Haberman said. "If we do well out there, we should start getting national recognition."



ISU women take cross country title

Iowa State raced to its fourth consecutive Big Eight Womens Cross Country championship Saturday on the 5,000-meter course at Pioneers Park in Lincoln.

Chris McMeekin of ISU was the individual titlist with a time of 17:43. Four other Cyclone runners placed in the top 10.

The Nebraska team didn't place in the team scoring be-

cause they failed to have the minimum five runners.

Chris Hass finished 20th for Nebraska with a time of 19:04. Nancy Popken placed 38th with a time of 20:10 and Cindy Vickers finished 44th clocked in 21:45.

Following Iowa State's 31 points in team scoring were Missouri 64, Kansas State 66, Kansas 99, Colorado 108, Oklahoma 141 and Oklahoma State 210.