

# sports

## Fans feel deja vu in tense Husker win

By Rocky Strunk

COLUMBIA—As long as shadows started stretching across Faurot Field late Saturday afternoon, Nebraska fans watched the chilling effects of a Missouri drive to the Nebraska 11-yard line with three seconds remaining.

A 23-20 Nebraska lead wasn't much comfort and the bitter memory of a 35-31 defeat last year sent visions of another national championship going down the drain.

A hush settled over the stadium as Missouri quarterback Phil Bradley came out of the huddle and lined up behind center.

Warren Powers, a football mentor Husker Coach Tom Osborne had not beaten in two tries, had declined a tying field goal and elected to go for six and the win.

"We thought they'd go for the field goal, but Missouri has got a lot of pride," said Husker Derrie Nelson who made the final sack on Bradley to sew up the game.

"I just counted to three and popped into the open on top of him," said defensive end Nelson. "I think he was in disbelief when he saw me, but he was waiting for his receivers to get open like he should have."

POWERS HAD NO regrets with the 23-30 loss and his decision to go for the win.

## Hartung wins title

All-American Nebraska sophomore Jim Hartung won the still rings and tied for the floor exercise individual title with defending NCAA champion Ron Gallimore of Iowa State Saturday night in the individual finals of the Big Eight Invitational at Kansas.

Hartung had to scratch from the competition on the parallel bar and horizontal bar competition due to a reoccurring wrist injury.

Other Huskers finishing in the top ten included Scott Johnson and Kevin Dunkley, fourth and fifth, respectively in the rings. Steve Elliot and Hartung finished fifth and sixth in the vault while Elliot finished third in the floor exercise and Phil Cahoy tied for second in the pommel horse.

The Huskers will compete next in the Windy City Invitational Nov. 16-17 at the University of Illinois, Chicago-Circle campus, in a 12-team meet involving the nation's top 12 teams.

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"This team needed a win," he said of the 4-4 Tigers. "Our football team wasn't ready to play a team like Nebraska for a tie. I don't think my kids wanted to go for the field goal, they wanted the win."

Missouri's final play was designed to get running back James Wilder open across the middle, a play that had been successful all day.

"I was looking for Wilder across the middle but he got knocked down," Bradley said. "By the time he got back up, we were in trouble."

Missouri was in trouble at half time and most of the third quarter until the closing seconds when the Tigers scored 14 points in eight seconds to tie the game at 20-20.

The tying touchdown came on a 17-yard fumble return after a Missouri kickoff to Husker wingback Anthony Steels.

STEELS WAS HIT on a jarring tackle by Tiger Ron Fellowes and Orlando Pope picked the ball off in the air, scampering into the end zone untouched.

"It just showed up in the air," Pope said. "Somebody gave him a pretty good lick and it was just one of those situations where I was in the right spot at the right time."

Nebraska responded to the tie with substitutes Jeff Quinn and I-back Craig Johnson driving the Huskers to Missouri's three for a first and goal. Dean Sukup's go ahead field goal came after efforts to score by Johnson and fullback Andra Franklin failed.

"The options started opening up and the line was really blowing people out," said Quinn who had replaced quarterback Tim Hager the final drive because of his optioning ability.

"We knew we had to do it," Quinn added. Johnson, who had replaced Jarvis Redwine after a first half injury, gained 47 yards in seven carries the final drive.

"THE LINEBACKERS WERE flowing fast and I was breaking back underneath them," Johnson said. "We knew we had to get some points on the board and it felt good when the holes started opening up."

Nebraska led from their first possession of the game after a Redwine touchdown.

A 15-yard penalty on Missouri for having too many men on the field set up an onside kick attempt from Missouri's 45 on the following Nebraska kickoff.

The Huskers were unable to capitalize on Tim Smith's recovery of the onside kick, however, Sukup's 45-yard field goal attempt was wide.

Missouri scored early in the second quarter on a one-yard run by running back Gerry Ellis but the extra point attempt was wide.

Nebraska came back with a 68-yard drive in 11 plays with Hager going over from the one. Sukup's 24-yard field goal before the half gave Nebraska a 17-6 lead going into the lockerroom.

Emotions flared several times during the game with a controversial call just before the half raising barrages toward the officials from both benches.

## Spikers split in tourney

The UNL volleyball team split with Utah and Michigan State and lost to UCLA in pool play Saturday in the National Invitational Tournament at Pauley Pavillion.

UNL won its first game against Utah 15-4 and lost 10-15. Michigan State won the first game 15-3, and then the Huskers came back with a 15-9 game win. UCLA took both games, 15-3, 17-15, and advanced as the pool winner to the semifinals.

MISSOURI WAS WORKING from its 42 on third and five when defensive end L.C. Cole broke through to sack Bradley. As he was falling, he unloaded a pass which was intercepted by tackle Bill Barnett at the Missouri 36.

One official ruled the interception was valid while another maintained the play was dead and had blown his whistle to discontinue play.

Both coaches aired their displeasure at the officiating before Missouri was given possession on its own 25.

"I'm going to talk to the conference office about it," said Osborne after the game. "Usually I wait until Monday but I will definitely talk to them Sunday."

Husker scoring in the second half was limited to a pair of field goals by Sukup with the second one putting Nebraska on top 20-6 in the third quarter.

The Tigers came roaring back with a 4-yard touchdown pass from Bradley to tight end Andy Gibler with 23 seconds remaining in the third quarter. The two-point conversion failed leaving the score 20-12.

EIGHT SECONDS LATER, the score was tied 20-20 after Pope's fumble return and a successful conversion pass from Bradley to tight end Tim Hornof in the corner of the end zone.

"We knew they would be good," Osborne said after the game. "They have 15 starters back and we had 11. They were a deserving team and played a good game."

Nebraska racked up 345 total yards with 315 coming on the ground. The Huskers had 66 offensive plays compared to Missouri's 80 with total net Tiger yardage of 269.

Missouri's passing attack by Bradley totaled 170 of those yards.

"Bradley was doing a good job of reading our coverage and was calling a lot of audibles at the line," said left corner back Ric Lindquist.

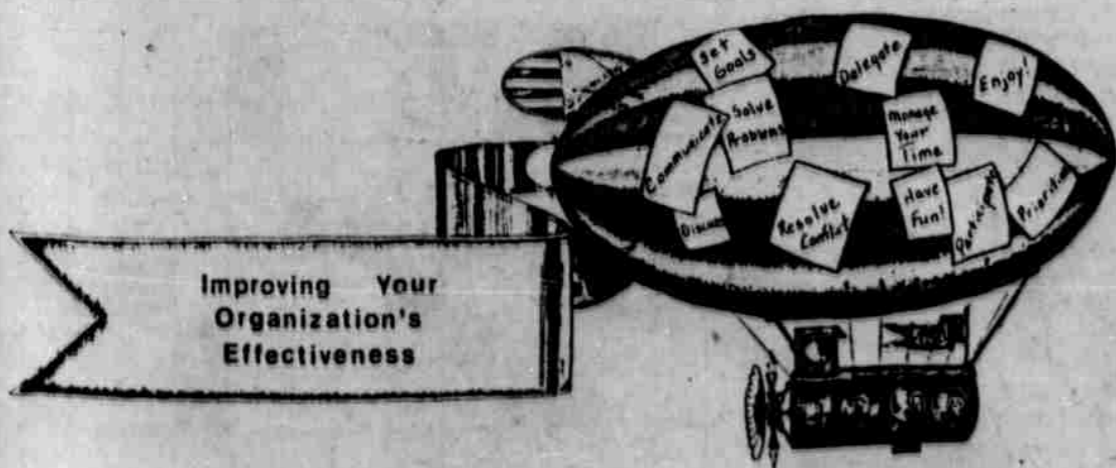
Osborne also said that the Missouri game would serve well in preparing the Huskers for their final three Big Eight contests.

Nebraska plays Kansas State, who beat Missouri 19-3, in Manhattan next Saturday.

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