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## Both sides please Husker fans in practice game

By Larry Sparks

For an avid Nebraska football fan, Saturday couldn't have been any better. The game was decided in the final 30 seconds.

Such plays as the squib kick and the fumbleroosky were put in the game, and best of all, the crowd of 25,431 would have been happy regardless of which team won because both squads were composed of Cornhuskers.

Turner Gill scored a touchdown and a two-point conversion with :24 remaining on the clock to give the White team, consisting of UNL second and third stringers, a 22-21 win against the first and fourth-string Red team in Saturday's annual intra-squad spring game at Memorial Stadium.

Nebraska Coach Tom Osborne said he wasn't surprised by the come-from-behind finish.

"We had the third string going against the fourth string at the end," Osborne said.

"The advantage was to the White when it was close."

Eddie Neil opened the game with an attempted on-sides kick for the White, but the Red team recovered the ball and went on for a nine-play, 63-yard touchdown drive to go on top 7-0.

First string I-back Roger Craig gave the Reds a two-touchdown lead when he broke loose for a 61-yard touchdown scamper with 1:50 remaining in the first period. The run gave a big boost to Craig's total of 126 yards in the game which set an all-time UNL spring game record.

"I just set the block for (Dan) Hurley (on the long run) and dipped to the side," Craig said. "Hurley did a great job on the defensive back. Once I turned the corner, I knew I was gone."

100 yards

"I didn't think I had even 100 yards. I thought I had 80 or so," he added.

Linebacker Mark Daum set up the White's first touchdown late in the second period when he picked off a Craig Sundberg pass and returned it to the Red 20-yard line. Dave Burke took it into the end zone six plays later.

The Whites knotted the score with 10:19 left in the third quarter on a one-yard run by I-back Dennis Rogan. Only five plays earlier, the Red team had turned the ball over when Phil Bates missed a pitch-out by quarterback Mark Mauer.

Mark Moravec went up the middle for 15 yards with 1:24 left in the third period to give the Reds a 21-14 lead and set up the fourth quarter dramatics.

The Whites took over the ball with 1:30 left in the game and were aided by a 19-yard pass interference call which brought the ball out to the 50-yard line. Quarterback Bruce Mathison then took off on runs of 11, 11, and 17-yards before Gill came into the game to go the final 11 yards.

A last second effort by the Red team ended at its own 40-yard line when the clock expired.

Osborne said he was pleased with the scrimmage but saw some areas on which the team needs to work.

"The hitting was good, the effort was good and the secondary played well," he said. "I wasn't so pleased with the execution. We had a lot of turnovers." The Red team lost five fumbles and two interceptions while the Whites turned the ball over on one fumble and three interceptions.

### Special plays

Some plays were put in that wouldn't normally be used, Osborne said, citing the

guard around play in the second period where Mathison set the ball on the ground and left guard Anthony Thomas picked it up and ran for a 17-yard gain.

Osborne was pleased with the performance of Mauer, who, despite playing with a groin pull, picked up 33 yards rushing and 93 yards on 8-16 passing. Mauer said he wasn't totally pleased with his passing game but said the 21 mph wind had some effects.

"I'm not making any excuses though. I can throw better than I did today," Mauer said.

"It was tough going out there with the wraps around my legs," he added, "but I gained a little bit of confidence."

Osborne said there still is no clear-cut choice for the starting quarterback spot but said fall practice probably will start with Mauer on top.

Mauer said he was satisfied with the job he did moving the offense and with the job of the entire offense.

"There is a lot of room for improvement but we've got all next fall," Mauer said.

"Starting next fall would mean a lot to me," he added. "I know I'm going to work hard this summer."

Craig led the Red team with 126 yards rushing, followed by Jeff Smith with 52. Scott Woodard caught two passes for 30 yards to lead the receivers.

Mathison led the White team on the ground with 100 yards. Scot Norberg caught three passes for 52 yards to lead the receivers.

The Red team gained 454 yards of total offense. It had 57 rushes for 334 yards and completed 10 of 26 passes for 120 yards. The Whites gained 425 yards during the game, 255 of those on the ground on 46 rushes and the other 170 coming on 11-34 passing.

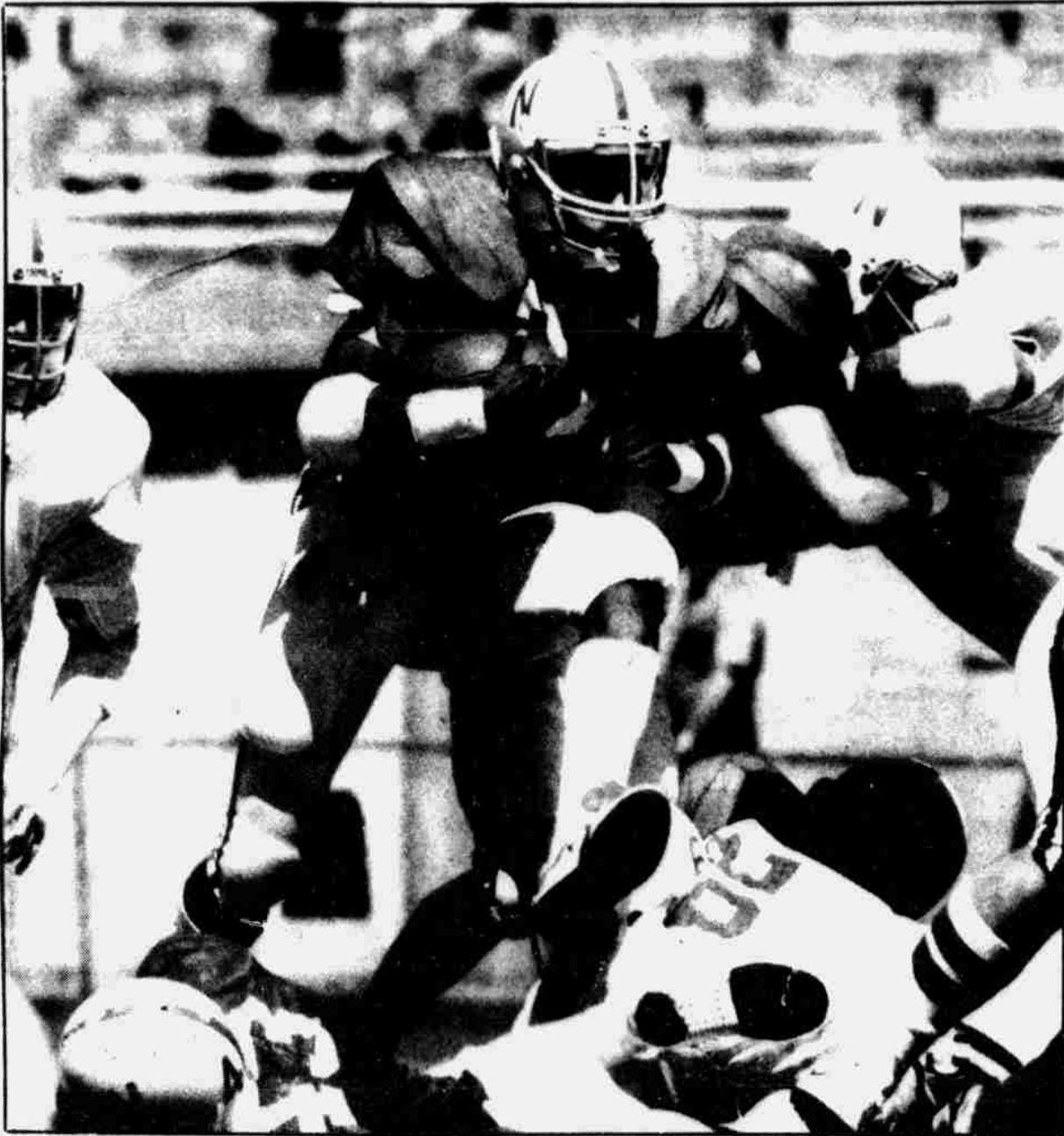


Photo by Mark Billingsley

First-string I-back Roger Craig (21) leaps over would-be tacklers in Saturday's Red-White game at Memorial Stadium. The White came from behind for a 22-21 victory.

## Awards given to seniors from UNL's football team

Several awards were presented at the half of Saturday's Red-White game to seniors of the 1980 UNL football team.

Randy Schleusener, offensive lineman; Derrie Nelson, defensive lineman; Andra Franklin, offensive back; and Russell Gary, defensive back were presented trophies by the Optimists' Club.

I-back Jarvis Redwine won the Guy Chamberlin Memorial Trophy that is "presented to the senior player who has by play and contributions to the betterment of the

University of Nebraska football squad shown that he has the qualities and dedication of Guy Chamberlin (1915 All-American) to the great Cornhusker tradition."

Redwine also received an All-American plaque from Kodak.

Quarterback Jeff Quinn won the Tom Novak Trophy, "presented to the Husker senior who best exemplifies courage and determination despite all odds in the manner of Nebraska All-American center Tom Novak."

## Accepting defeat essential for success—speaker

By Kim Hachiya

Participation in athletics is a good way to develop a personal philosophy of life, according to a former Olympic gold medal winner.

Billy Mills, a Lakota Sioux Indian, is the only American to win a gold medal in the 10,000 meter run. Mills won the medal by edging out two runners in the stretch in the 1964 Olympics.

Mills spoke to an audience of about 50 persons Friday at a speech sponsored by the University Program Council's Culture Center, the Native American Special Events group, the Lincoln Indian Center and Sheldon Art Gallery.

Mills was born on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation and was an orphan at an early age. He was sent to boarding school and later graduated from Kansas University, which he attended on a track scholarship.

### Accept defeat

He said everyone needs to develop the personal philosophy of accepting defeat if it occurs, and then analyze, adjust, compensate and go forward. He said no one should quit any effort, adding that having someone believe in one's efforts is a great incentive.

"Unfortunately, society will not allow us to accept defeats," Mills said. "So people accept failure and do nothing."

He also said mental attitude and goal-setting are necessary for success.

Mills compared this goal-setting idea to the situation many Indian tribes are facing.

"Indian nations accepted defeat through the signing of treaties in order to move forward," he said.

Indians are beginning to include themselves in society

on their own terms, he added. Mills said Indians are a small percentage of the total American population, yet they hold nearly 30 percent of the country's known natural resources. Indians are beginning to realize they have economic power, and they should learn from the free enterprise system how to use this power.

### 'Worse than a white'

He said he had a severe inferiority complex as a child because on the reservation half-breeds were regarded as "the only thing worse than a white person."

He said he was willing to remove any obstacles in his way which could have distracted from his goal of winning the Olympic medal.

His personal belief that he could win the race propelled him to the lead in the last few yards of the competition.

"The height of competition is when an individual reaches into the depths of himself and competes against himself. Once you do that the goal setting begins to take hold."

He said he had faced discrimination as a child and at Kansas, where he couldn't find housing with two men he wanted to live with because one was white and the other black.

"Apparently no one believed a white, a black and an Indian could live together," he said.

Mills added that his time at KU was "as confusing as hell."

"It helped though because you don't want someone to give you all the answers—you need to work through them yourself."

He said one of the most confusing things at KU was that the student union had a stuffed horse in the lobby which was labeled "Comanche—the only survivor of Little Big Horn."

"I thought to myself, 'what about us?' I bet I was the only student in Kansas who thought that," he said.

Mills ran for about a year competitively after winning the gold in Tokyo. He said the only regret he has about sports is that he wishes he had trained for two more years.

"At that time, I just didn't have the maturity, and I started to buckle to the pressures of others. Now I know you have to run your own life."

Mills lives in California and sells insurance. He speaks to groups about 30 times a year, usually for Indian-related functions, he said.

## Junior college player signs basketball intent

Nebraska basketball Coach Moe Iba signed a 6-10, 215-pound junior college player to a national letter of intent Thursday.

Victor Chacon, a native of Santo Domingo in the Dominican Republic comes to UNL from Southeastern Community College in West Burlington, Iowa, where he helped lead the Blackhawks to records of 22-8 and 26-8.

Several universities recruited Chacon, but Nebraska came in the picture when his coach at Southeastern, Charlie Spoonhour, was named a UNL assistant coach earlier this month.

Before Chacon signed, the Cornhuskers had no one over 6-6 on next year's roster. Chacon is the sixth player to sign with UNL so far, but Iba still has two open scholarships. He has indicated he hopes to sign one of Chacon's teammates, 5-11 Handy Johnson, to a letter. Both scholarships will be held for walk-ons if Johnson doesn't sign, Iba said.