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## History favors Huskers to befuddle Buffaloes

By Tad Stryker

The Big Eight season begins Saturday for the Cornhuskers, when the Colorado Buffaloes meet Nebraska for the 40th time.

A look at recent history gives an edge to the Huskers on both counts. Nebraska has won its last six conference openers, and has not lost to the Golden Buffaloes since 1967, a 21-16 defeat at Lincoln.

Coach Tom Osborne cautioned against hasty expectations of a Husker rout, however, saying he's still concerned about depth in his defensive line and that the Buffs, especially their offense, are "better than most people think."

Husker defensive tackles Toby Williams and Henry Waechter are not at full speed. Williams is nursing a leg bruise and Waechter is recovering from a sprained ankle. Both are expected to play Saturday.

Turner Gill will get his first varsity start for the Huskers. The sophomore quarterback from Fort Worth, Tex., split time last

week with senior Mark Mauer. Mauer will play in the second quarter, Osborne said.

The improving Husker kicking game was a bright spot last week against Auburn, Osborne said. Kevin Seibel tied the game with a 39-yard field goal in the third quarter. Grant Campbell averaged over 50 yards a punt, and the Huskers again enjoyed a healthy advantage in punt return yardage.

"It looks like Kevin is starting to kick the way he can again," Osborne said. "I was also pleased with the way Grant punted the ball."

Osborne also said he hopes the Husker defense, which flexed its muscle in holding Auburn to 55 rushing yards, will continue to play with intensity.

Kickoff is set for 1:30 p.m. in Memorial Stadium.

The Huskers have road games against Kansas State and Missouri the next two weeks before returning for Homecoming against Kansas.

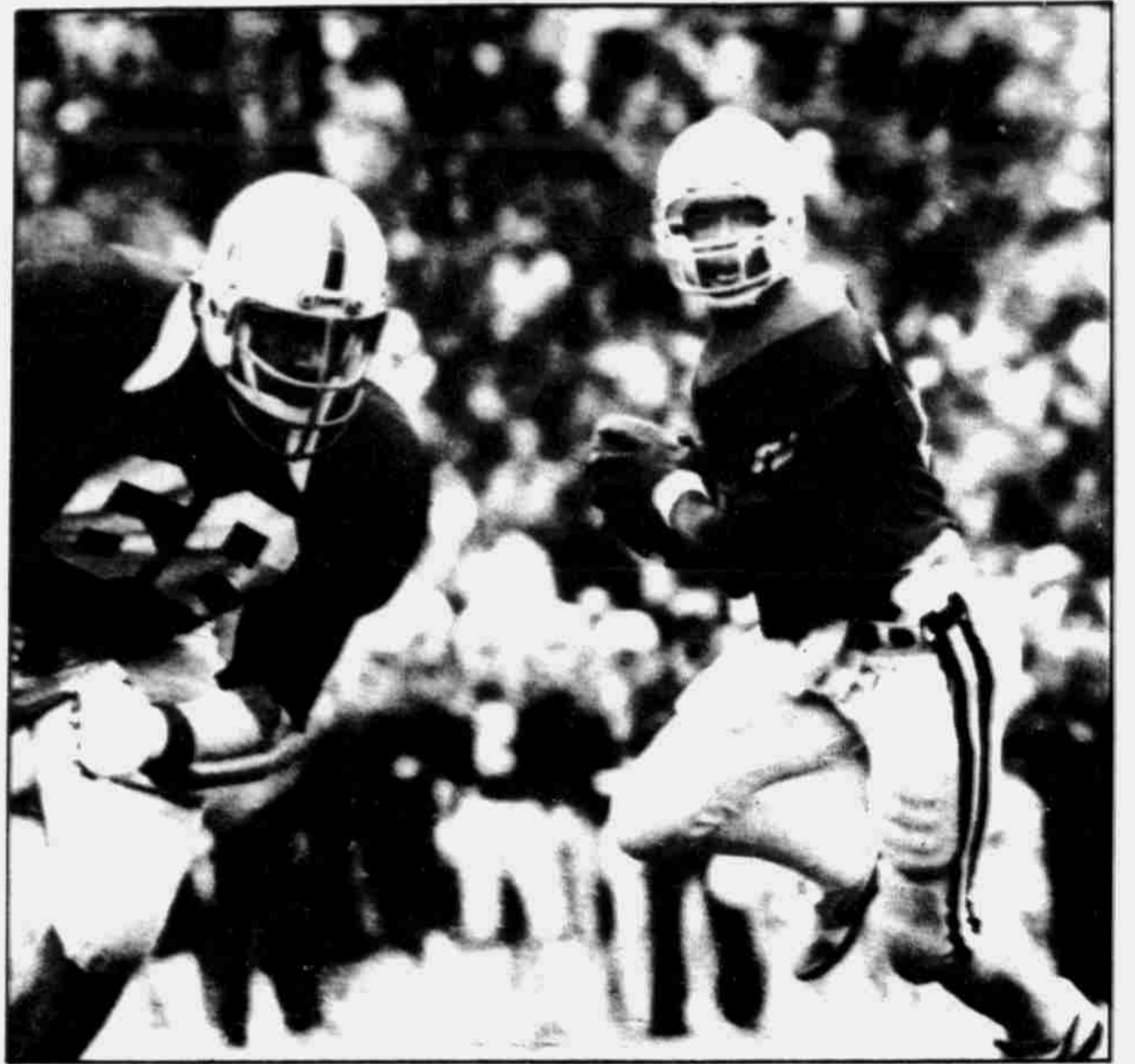


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Quarterback Turner Gill (12) looks for a receiver in last week's 17-3 win against Auburn while offensive guard Mike Mandelko (68) provides the blocking. Gill will get his first start for the Huskers Saturday against Colorado.

### Huskers to detour Buffalo stampede

## Colorado picked to take another Nebraska loss

This has to be the best time of the year. The leaves are starting to turn, the World Series is almost here, football is in full swing, basketball and hockey season are gearing up, soccer season is over and Nebraska is about to go over 500.

**Colorado at Nebraska.** The last time Colorado beat Nebraska was in 1967. In fact, that is the only time the Buffaloes have won since Bob Devaney came to Nebraska.

**jeff goodwin**

In a way, that is the most amazing streak in college football. Other teams have won more consecutive games over an opponent, but there has always been a wide variance in talent. Most of those years Colorado was, if not on a level with Nebraska, at least not far behind. And the Huskers still have dominated.

Colorado is a better team than last year and Nebraska is not as good as last year. But it's still Colorado and Nebraska and that means: **Nebraska 30, Colorado 10**

**Oklahoma vs. Texas.** This game always reminds me of the Russian front. You aren't really fond of either side

but someone has to win and you don't want it to be the Nazis.

**Oklahoma is, of course, Nazi Germany.** With the panzer-like thrusts of Stanley Wilson up the middle and the speed of Buster Rhymes on the flanks, the Sooners blitzkrieg their opponents into oblivion.

The Germans gave started slowly this year, but remember that quiet period after they overran Poland. A few months later they were running all over Europe. Once they find a field marshal to replace the graduated Erwin Rommel (J.C. Watts) they should be the same old Wehrmacht.

Like the Red Army, the Longhorn defense makes you pay dearly for every yard you gain. You can drive all the way to the gates of the Kremlin and then — Boom — you've been thrown back and the Reds have a first and goal on the Oder River.

The Huns should be able to move the ball fairly well, but that doesn't do you any good unless you can hold on to it. The Russkies are an opportunistic lot and always take advantage of turnovers: **Russia 23, Germany 21.**

**Kansas State at Missouri.** Marlin Perkins could predict this game. Everyone knows that Wildcats are no match for Tigers: **Missouri 35, Kansas State 7**

**Oklahoma State at Kansas.** The Jayhawks are undefeated but most teams with their schedule would be. In spite

of that they should have enough to defeat the punchless Cowboys: **Kansas 24, Oklahoma State 17**

**Iowa State at San Diego State.** After last week's tie with Oklahoma the Cyclones are ranked 12th by the Associated Press. They won't be slowed this week: **Iowa State 23, San Diego State 10**

#### Other Games:

**East:** North Carolina 27, Wake Forest 3; Clemson 21, Virginia 7; Pitt 33, West Virginia 21; Penn State 31, Boston College 7; Florida 24, Maryland 7; Navy 35, Air Force 12;

**South:** Tennessee 28, Georgia Tech 21; Georgia 34, Mississippi 14; LSU 24, Auburn 6; Houston 26, Texas A&M 20; South Carolina 28, Kentucky 17; Tulane 20, Vanderbilt 7; TCU 13, Rice 10; Arkansas 29, Texas Tech 17; SMU 21, Baylor 7.

**Midwest:** Purdue 21, Illinois 10; Notre Dame 14, Florida State 13; Minnesota 37, Northwestern 6; Ohio State 28, Wisconsin 10; Iowa 24, Indiana 17.

**West:** Washington State 20, Oregon State 3; Washington 21, California 13; USC 34, Arizona 3; UCLA 21, Stanford 20; Arizona State 31, Oregon 17.

Last week: 23-12, 65.7 percent; season: 110-44, 71.4 percent.

## Men's tennis team on hot streak aimed at No. 3

By Scott Ahlstrand

The UNL men's tennis team is on a hot streak and first-year Coach Kerry McDermott couldn't be happier.

"We've been playing really well," said McDermott. "We finished second in the Kansas City Invitational and did well in Iowa State's meet. We just haven't had a bad tournament yet."

Pacing the Huskers has been the playing of freshman Jim Carson and Craig Johnson. The No. 1 and 2 singles players on the team, Carson and Johnson are 6-0 as Nebraska's No. 1 doubles team. Ridge Smidt, the Husker's No. 6 man is also undefeated, as he has recorded a 6-0 mark in singles.

"I'm not surprised by how well we've played this year," McDermott said. "I've got a lot of confidence in these guys. They're super players."

The team works out five days a week from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. and is preparing itself for a dual this Friday against Kansas.

"Kansas is a lot stronger than they were last year," McDermott said. "They've got two good freshman at their top two spots. They have a pretty solid top three, but after that they lack depth. We should be able to beat them 7-2, or 8-1."

Along with Carson, Johnson and Smidt, McDermott will play Scott Baker (No. 3 man), Brian Edwards (No. 4 man) and Darrel White (No. 5 man).

McDermott said a dual with Oklahoma and a Thanks-

giving tournament in Wisconsin are the two meets the team is really looking forward to.

"Oklahoma is one of the best teams in the Big Eight," McDermott said. "We sure would like to beat them, especially in Norman. We'll play a lot of Big Ten teams in the Thanksgiving tourney. There won't be any team scoring kept, but it will give our guys a chance to play against some of the Big Ten's top players."

## ROTC cleans up the morning after

Thousands of paper cups, popcorn boxes, candy wrappers, newspapers, empty liquor bottles and other pieces of trash are scattered throughout Memorial Stadium after a home football game. It is the UNL stadium cleanup crew's task to make sure the stadium is clean before the next home game.

The cleanup crew consists of 50 Air Force ROTC members who are led by Bill Shepard, director of the UNL Department of Grounds. Each Sunday morning beginning at 7 a.m., the crew begins cleaning the stadium, working from top to bottom. Crew members start with the top rows of seats and work their way down until all of the trash is swept and collected. Then they clean the restrooms and other public areas of the stadium. The entire process usually takes about five hours, and the crew collects about 22 cubic yards of trash, enough to fill a garbage truck, Shepard said.

"On warm days, there are usually more drinking cups and on colder days, there are more food wrappers. The most trash is left on wet days, such as last week's game against Auburn, because of all the paper and plastic people use to keep themselves dry."

Shepard said the cleaning process has become slightly modernized since he began working for the Department of Grounds 20 years ago. He said an important change is the replacement of brooms by gasoline powered sweepers and blowers which reduce labor time.

Shepard said his crew finds many personal belongings ranging from jackets, gloves, and binoculars, to expensive watches, and even false teeth.

He said he does not bother him that spectators leave their trash behind.

"If the fans picked up all of their trash, I'd be out of a job," he said.