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Game reminds players of Penn State

By Bob Asmussen

Following Nebraska's 28-24 victory against Oklahoma Friday in Memorial Stadium, several Nebraska players admitted they had visions of a game played earlier this year.

The win, which earned the Huskers their second straight Big Eight championship and a ticket to the Orange Bowl to play Louisiana State, showed signs that it might have an ending similar to that of the Sept. 25 game at Penn State.

In that game, Penn State drove the length of the field in the final seconds and claimed a 27-24 upset win against NU. Friday, with Nebraska leading by four points, Oklahoma was moving the ball, and with only three minutes remaining, had it at the Nebraska 35-yard line.

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Oklahoma quarterback Kelly Phelps then missed on three straight pass attempts and Nebraska took the ball over on downs at their own 35.

After three plays, Nebraska gained only eight yards and was forced to punt the ball back to the Sooners with 53 seconds left. Still time for another Oklahoma miracle.

"Scott Strasburger had it figured out," Bret Clark said. "He's a smart guy and he knew what was coming."

Phelps dropped back and looked for an open receiver, but he ended up connecting with Nebraska's Strasburger who took the ball to the Oklahoma 1-yard line, where he was mobbed by fans coming out of the stands with 26 seconds remaining. The fans' action cost Nebraska 15 yards with a penalty for unsportsmanlike conduct.

Fans disappointing

"I was really disappointed (with the fans)," Nebraska Coach Tom Osborne said. "Barry Switzer got knocked to the ground. I apologized to the Oklahoma people."

Nebraska opened the scoring with 9:39 left in the first quarter after moving the ball from the OU 44-yard line, where the Sooners had fumbled a punt. OU then drove 66 yards on their next possession to tie the score at 7-7 with 5:04 left in the first quarter.

Following a Roger Craig fumble at the Sooner 27, Oklahoma took the ball 66 yards for a field goal that made the score 10-7 with 13:43 left in the second quarter.

"I thought defensively we sputtered at times," Nebraska defensive end Tony Felici said. "Our offense kept us in the game."

After the Oklahoma field goal, Nebraska took the ball to their 49-yard line.

Quarterback Turner Gill threw a long lateral to wingback Irving Fryar that bounced on the artificial turf. Fryar picked the ball up on the bounce and completed a 37-yard throw to tight end Mitch Krenk.

"I'm supposed to act like it's a messed-up play but I didn't have time today," Fryar said. "The guy was on my face so I didn't see the catch."

Doug Wilkening completed the drive with a 2-yard run that gave Nebraska the lead for good. Wilkening put NU on top 21-10 later in the second quarter with a 14-yard touchdown run.

Sooners quickly score

Down by 11 points, the Sooners didn't wait long to strike in the second half. On third and 11, Phelps gave the ball to OU running back Marcus Dupree who took off on an 86-yard touchdown run.

The two teams then exchanged touchdowns in the third quarter and held each other scoreless throughout the final period to make the final score 28-24.

Despite the win against Oklahoma, Nebraska's chances for a national championship apparently were ended during the weekend. Second-ranked Penn State defeated Pittsburgh Friday and top-ranked Georgia toppled Georgia Tech Saturday to set up a Penn State-Georgia matchup in the Sugar Bowl for the national title.

But national title or not, NU's second straight win against Oklahoma still held plenty of importance for the players.

"It's just really great to be going out the way we did," middle guard Jeff Merrell said. "It really felt good."

Nebraska ends its regular season Saturday at Hawaii before getting ready for its Jan. 1 date with Louisiana State, a team that was upset Saturday night by Tulane.

Fans' enthusiasm leaves injuries, damages

By David Creamer

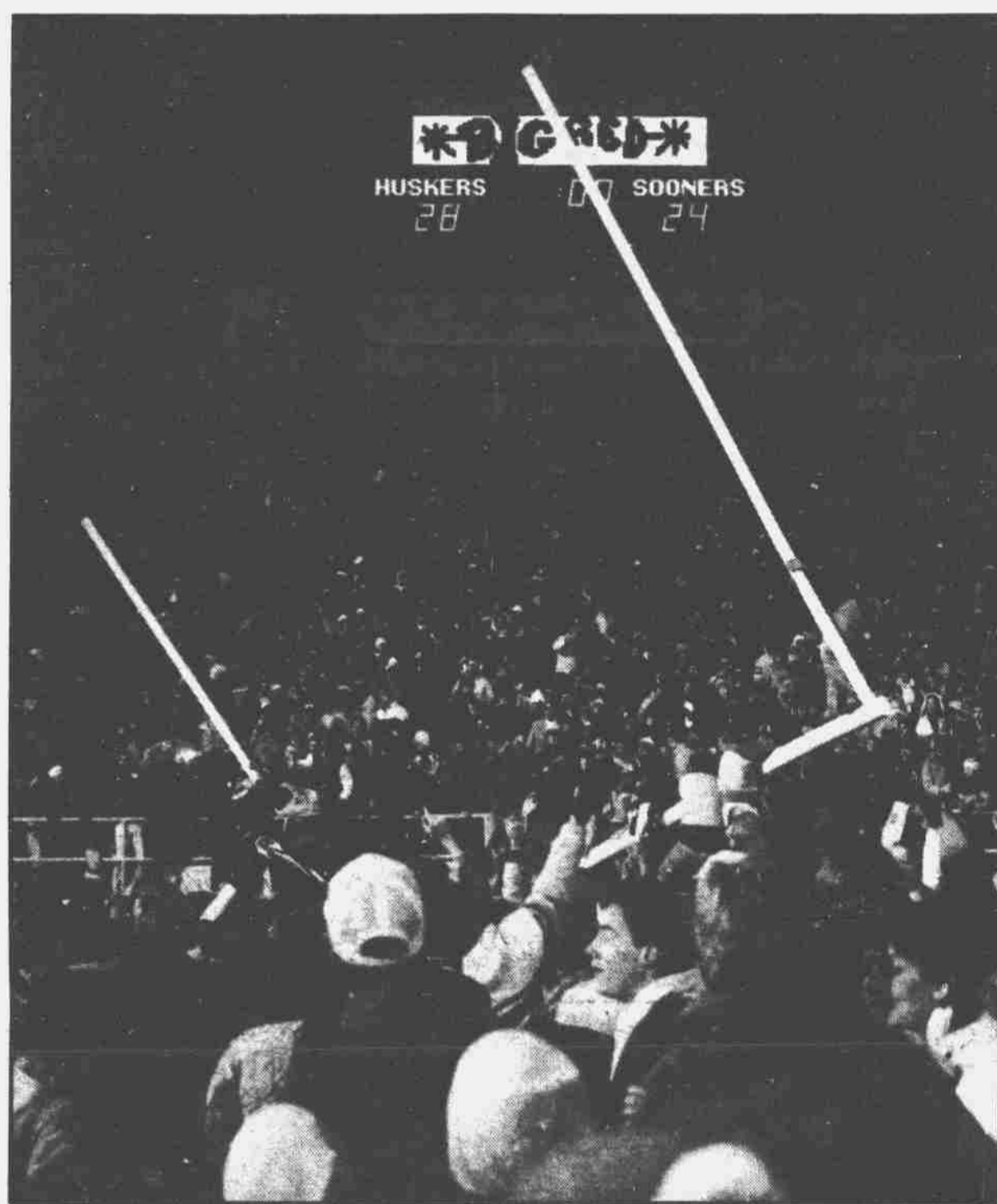
"Not all of the people on the field after the game were students; a lot were older, (people) in their 30s and 40s," UNL Police Lt. Edmund Burke said.

Burke was referring to the thousands of fans who invaded Memorial Stadium football field with 26 seconds remaining in the Nebraska-Oklahoma game Friday.

The fan mayhem during and after the game left persons injured and the field damaged.

Lincoln General Hospital reports four people were treated for injuries and released.

UNL Police Sgt. Marvin Kinion reportedly was struck in the back of the neck



Staff photo by Craig Andresen

As time runs out on the clock, Nebraska fans pour onto the football field Friday, toppling both goal posts. Pieces of the posts, valued at about \$2,500, were recovered later.

by a frozen orange thrown by a fan during the third quarter.

In addition to personal injury, Memorial Stadium sustained damage after the 28-24 Nebraska victory.

In the post-game madness, both goal posts were torn down and a smoke bomb was set onto the southwest corner of the field which burned a hole in the artificial turf.

UNL Athletic Department Grounds Director Bill Shepard said it will probably cost at least \$5,000 to replace the goal posts.

The field will be patched by the university grounds crew Shepard said.

Portions of the goal posts were found near campus after the game. One 20-foot section was found in Broyhill Fountain,

another section was found at 17th and Q streets, and another was found at Ninth and O streets.

Del Weed, who was in charge of the American Red Cross squad at Friday's game said that there was no notable increase in the number of injuries, but there was a lot more inebriation.

Lt. Burke said about 30 university police officers were on duty at the football game and about 60 Lincoln Police Department officers on duty until the fourth quarter.

The LPD officers had to leave during the fourth quarter to get to their traffic details. This left only about 30 officers to contend with the post-game melee.

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Police collect \$57,942 from fall parking tickets

By Chris Welsch

The UNL police have collected \$57,942 from parking tickets this semester as of Nov. 10, said Ray Coffey, business manager of the UNL Business and Finance Office. The revenue goes toward improving parking lots, Coffey said.

Becky Stingley, a senior majoring in English, said she is not satisfied with the way the money is spent.

"It really makes me sick," Stingley said. "The money should go to make more parking closer to campus."

Stingley, who describes herself as a habitual parking offender, said there is not enough parking close to campus.

"No woman in her right mind would walk all the way to her off-campus parking space after dark," she said.

"The thing that offends me most is that they (UNL police) tow after 5 o'clock," she said. "Last year, during

finals week, I left Love Library at 12:30 p.m. to find that my car had been towed.

"I called the police. I had \$10 worth of outstanding tickets. I don't dispute that I should pay the fine, but how do they expect a woman to get down to the station from the library?"

Sgt. Mylo Bushing, UNL parking and traffic officer, said the discontinued use of the rhino boot has increased the number of cars being towed this year.

"Definitely more cars are being towed," Bushing said. "But not more than were impounded with the rhino boot."

The majority of cars are towed because of outstanding tickets, and the towing has not decreased the number of tickets left unpaid, he said.

Bushing estimated that about 275 vehicles were towed in October alone.

"It's senseless to impound a car for one \$2 parking ticket," he said. "We're flexible there."

Cars are towed for having more than two unpaid tickets or an outstanding \$10 to \$15 ticket, he said.

Towing instead of using the rhino boot probably has not saved the police department time or money, he said.

"As far as saving money, it hasn't cost any to switch, except for the loss of the \$20 charge for taking the boot off," he said.

Lincolntand Towing Inc. now gets the money for towing, he said.

Towing does require more time for police since the officers must wait 20 to 30 minutes for the wrecker to arrive, he said.

Coffey said that \$455 has been lost because of the demised rhino boot.

"That is a very small figure when you're talking over \$50,000," Coffey said.

The problems officers had with the boot have been eliminated, Coffey said.

"They haven't been ruining their uniforms," Coffey said.