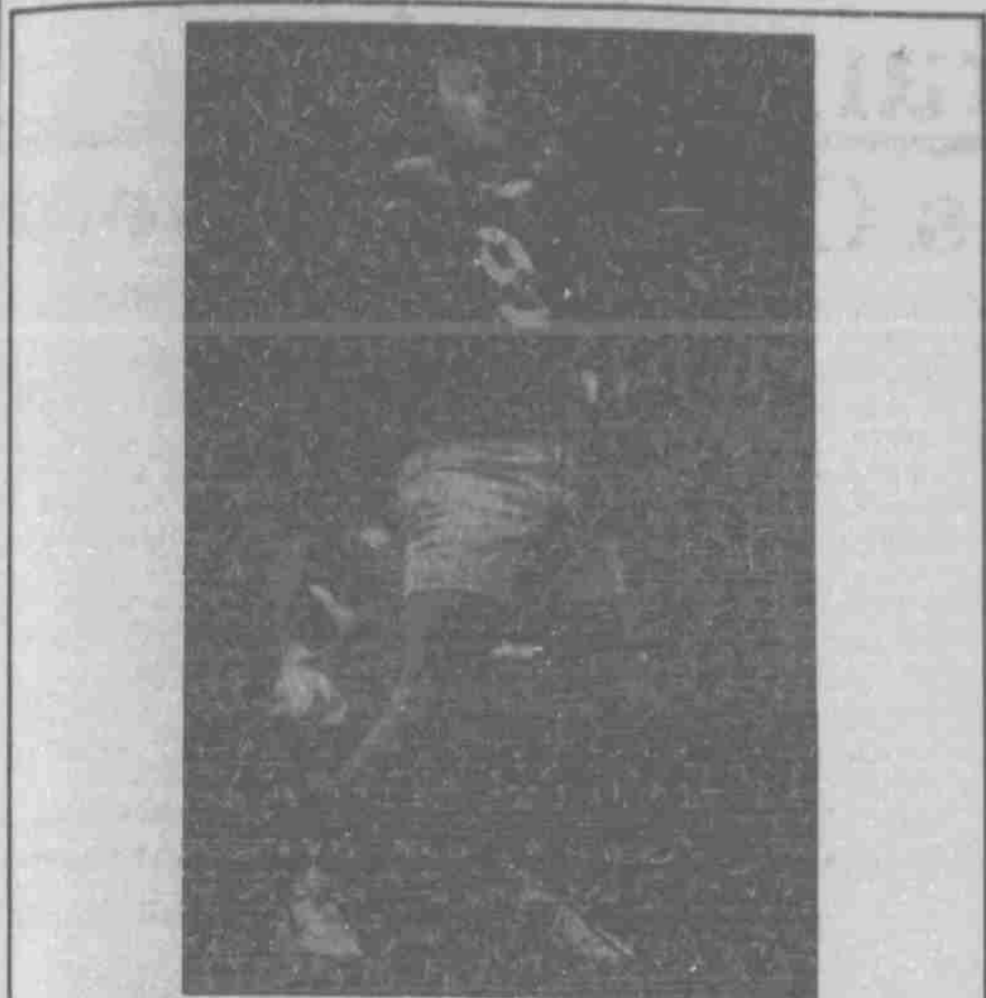


Huskers grunt and groan to Mad Mike music



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Look out Springsteen — you've got competition! Mad Mike croons to a packed house at half time of UNL's football game with Missouri.

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Bend over and grab your ankles, Husker fans.

In the great tradition of "There is no place like Nebraska" van horns comes Mad Mike's first single recordings, "Big Red Fever Attack," and "I Love Bein' a Husker." They give new meaning to the word "pain."

I guess I'd compare this record to having sand in my underwear; at first it's kind of funny, but it soon becomes a major irritation. Wading through 10 minutes of Mike Lyon's howling and growling were enough to make this reporter give up drinking.

Some sample lyrics; (Taken from "I Love Bein' a Husker")

"Oooh, I love bein' a Husker/
I love wearin' my red/
If I couldn't be a Husker/
I'd just as soon be dead.

(Later in the song . . .)

I love bein' a Husker/
for this reason I'm glad/
I love beatin' those Okies/
you know that's why we're bad."

If you think that's good, "Big Red Fever Attack" should be right

up your alley.

"All right, yeah, whew!
Oh, I'm burnin' up, burnin' up!

Oh yeah, let's get some movin' in those stands here!
I'm so excited! Break it!"

Come to think of it, the old "sand in the underwear" comparison was a bit out of line. Perhaps it's more like being force fed "Honeymooners" reruns for 13 hours straight.

There is good news and bad news in this Mad Mike tale, however. According to MM's agent, Sherman Bixby, the price has come down on the records and tapes because "sales weren't that great," he said. Most of the recordings are now listed at \$1.69, he said. That was the good news.

The bad news, in my opinion, is that MM Records will produce four or five new records by the end of next year, Bixby said. One will probably be entitled "Bobby D.," with Mad Mike singing to the tune of the Oak Ridge Boys' "Bobby Sue."

"We're going to do less of the grunting and growling on the next ones," Bixby said. "I think it was offensive to some people, but it

was meant to be. That's why it was written that way. To get people fired up" to root for the Huskers.

Bixby said Mad Mike plans to use the money made from the record and tape sales to finance an anti-drug abuse campaign in Nebraska. With this record though, it might be a while.



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Dressed as St. Nick himself, Billy proceeds to hang, ax, knife, impale and decapitate a number of people before making his way back to the orphanage for the dramatic climax. I'll leave that as a surprise.

"Silent Night, Deadly Night" runs a little less than 90 minutes, and moves along surprisingly well. The first 30 minutes is spent reviewing Billy's sordid childhood. He

spends the next half hour killing, by my tally, seven people. The rest of the film is spent at the orphanage for the 'dramatic,' but rushed, climax. The acting was typical for this type of film — overdone.

The violence and gore was handled tastefully, for a horror flick. None of the deaths were really grossly overdone. One gets the impression that the makers of the film are relying heavily on the audience to react to the per-

verse Christmas setting. There has been some public reaction already, but all negative.

Director Charles E. Sullier Jr. has taken everything from "The Night Before Christmas" to sitting on Santa's lap, and contorted it into something demented. I find the whole idea rather sad. "Halloween" and its sequels fit the mood of the holiday in a strange way. But to see some sick kid dressed up as the immortal Santa

Claus, killing anyone who has been naughty, which amounts to everyone, is just a little disheartening.

I'm fully expecting to see "Beware the Bunny" released around Easter. A small boy is bitten by a rabid hare. Peter grows up and begins to dress up as the Easter Bunny, cottontail and all, and goes around killing the residents of a small, obscure Texas town. I can hardly wait.

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