

Sports

NU defense stymies Ducks in 63-0 win

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The duck hunting season officially opened in Memorial Stadium Saturday when the Nebraska Cornhusker football team blasted the Oregon Ducks, 63-0.

The Husker defense shot down the potent Oregon offense, which averaged over 400 yards a game. It held the Ducks to 106 yards total offense and forced seven turnovers. The Ducks netted 73 yards rushing and only 33 yards passing on seven completions in 28 attempts. Four passes were intercepted.

"Oregon came to play," Nebraska coach Tom Osborne said. "They were affected by turnovers and poor field position."

"We were very fortunate to have won the toss," he said. "We were able to

take the wind and give them the ball first."

Field position was a definite advantage for the Huskers in the first half. Of 100 snaps, including penalties, 88 were snapped on the Oregon side of the field. Also, four of Oregon's seven turnovers came in the first half.

"Our defense played well," Osborne said. "They pressured the passer, forcing the turnovers. The pressure had a lot to do with the turnovers."

Nebraska opened up its scoring with a 10-play, 48-yard drive in the first quarter. Fullback Tom Rathman ran over the offensive line for a one-yard touchdown with 4:04 remaining.

On the previous play, I-back Doug DuBose was stopped for no gain and was injured on the play. DuBose did not return for the remainder of the game because of a bruise on the inside of his

left knee.

"I can't cut too well," DuBose said. "It's tender where it was hit. I tried to run it off on the sidelines."

The injury to DuBose forced second string I-back Paul Miles into the limelight, and Miles used his opportunity well. He ran for a career-high 156 yards on 17 carries and scored two touchdowns, including a 46-yard run in the second quarter.

"Coach Osborne told me I would be playing a lot," Miles said. "He told me to stay by close in case Doug got tired. I wish he would have been tired instead of getting hurt."

Miles said he was happy with his performance and was pleased to be able to come in and hold up the offense. He led the Huskers in rushing as they accumulated 444 of their 589 total yards on the ground and scored all

nine touchdowns rushing.

"After the first series, I felt pretty good," he said. "I was concentrating and was able to stay relaxed. I was able to do what I am capable of doing."

DuBose was also pleased with Miles' performance.

"I always knew he was capable of doing that," DuBose said. "With Paul, Jon (Kelley) and Keith (Jones), I have great confidence that they could do the job."

Jones scored the Huskers' fifth touchdown of the game in the second quarter with a 25-yard run.

Joining Miles in the spotlight was wingback Von Sheppard. Sheppard scored twice in the third quarter on 8 and 27-yard touchdown runs. He was also on the receiving end of two McCathorn Clayton passes including a 45-yard reception in the second quarter

that set up Nebraska's second touchdown, a Ken Kaelin 3-yard run.

"It was really an improvement, the passing game," Sheppard said. "The fans were happy to see that."

Clayton completed five passes on eight attempts for 108 yards. Travis Turner completed two passes on three attempts for 20 yards and scored on a one-yard touchdown run early in the second quarter.

Osborne said the Huskers' passing game was efficient.

"We had the kinds of passes that should keep people off our backs," he said.

The Huskers wound up their scoring with a four-yard touchdown run by reserve fullback Dan Casterline. The Huskers were able to get many of their reserves into the game. Osborne said nearly 100 players played.

Volleyball team ekes out wins, takes Power Classic trophy

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The Nebraska volleyball team took the championship trophy in its Power Classic Tournament over the weekend.

The Cornhuskers defeated Arizona 15-9, 15-5 and 15-6 in the first round of the round-robin tourney Friday night. The offense was led by Kathi DeBoer with 15 kills followed by Enid Schonewise with 13 and Karen Dahlgren with 10.

Saturday, the Huskers played 11th ranked Brigham Young in what Nebraska coach Terry Pettit termed a "sluggish game."

"We were never in sync," Pettit said.

Service errors bothered both teams, but Nebraska won the first set 15-11. The second set was close; both teams frequently tied the score. BYU took the lead at 13-12, but crucial serves were missed, and Nebraska came back to win the set 15-13. Nebraska got behind early the third set.

"Their passing broke down the last set," Pettit said.

Nebraska took the lead finally at 9-8 and eventually won 15-8.

"Sharon Kramer came off the bench to play well," Pettit said. "Laura Hurley played good back row."

"Our blocking set up was not good," Pettit said. Nebraska's defense is centered around its blocking and Pettit said "it wasn't solid."

The Husker attack was lead by DeBoer with 18 kills. She was followed by Schonewise with 11 and Dahlgren with 10.

Sari Virtanen, a 6-0 junior from Finland, led BYU with 16 kills. Dylann Duncan, a 6-3 freshman, was next with 10.

"It's hard to stop a team as good as Nebraska when they got as many opportunities to attack as they did," BYU coach Elaine Michaels said.

"We missed our serves, and we gave it away there," she said.

With their main setter out, Mariliisa Salmi, a sophomore from Finland, took over for BYU.

"The communication's not there yet," Michaels said.

"They (Nebraska) have a real nice team and they're going to go far this year," Michaels said.

In their third match of the tournament, the Huskers had no problem getting past the Oregon Ducks. They won again in three sets, 15-4, 15-3 and 15-3.

"They weren't as strong as a team, and I feel we did a nice job," Pettit said.

In the first game, Nebraska got off to a slow start, and Oregon jumped out to a quick 13-1 lead. The Huskers then ran off 12 unanswered points for an easy victory.

In the second and third games, Nebraska dominated and many of the Huskers saw playing time.

"We controlled the tempo of the game, and sometimes you lose that with substitutions. They, however, came in and continued the tempo," Pettit said.

Oregon coach Chrise Voelz said her team played poorly.

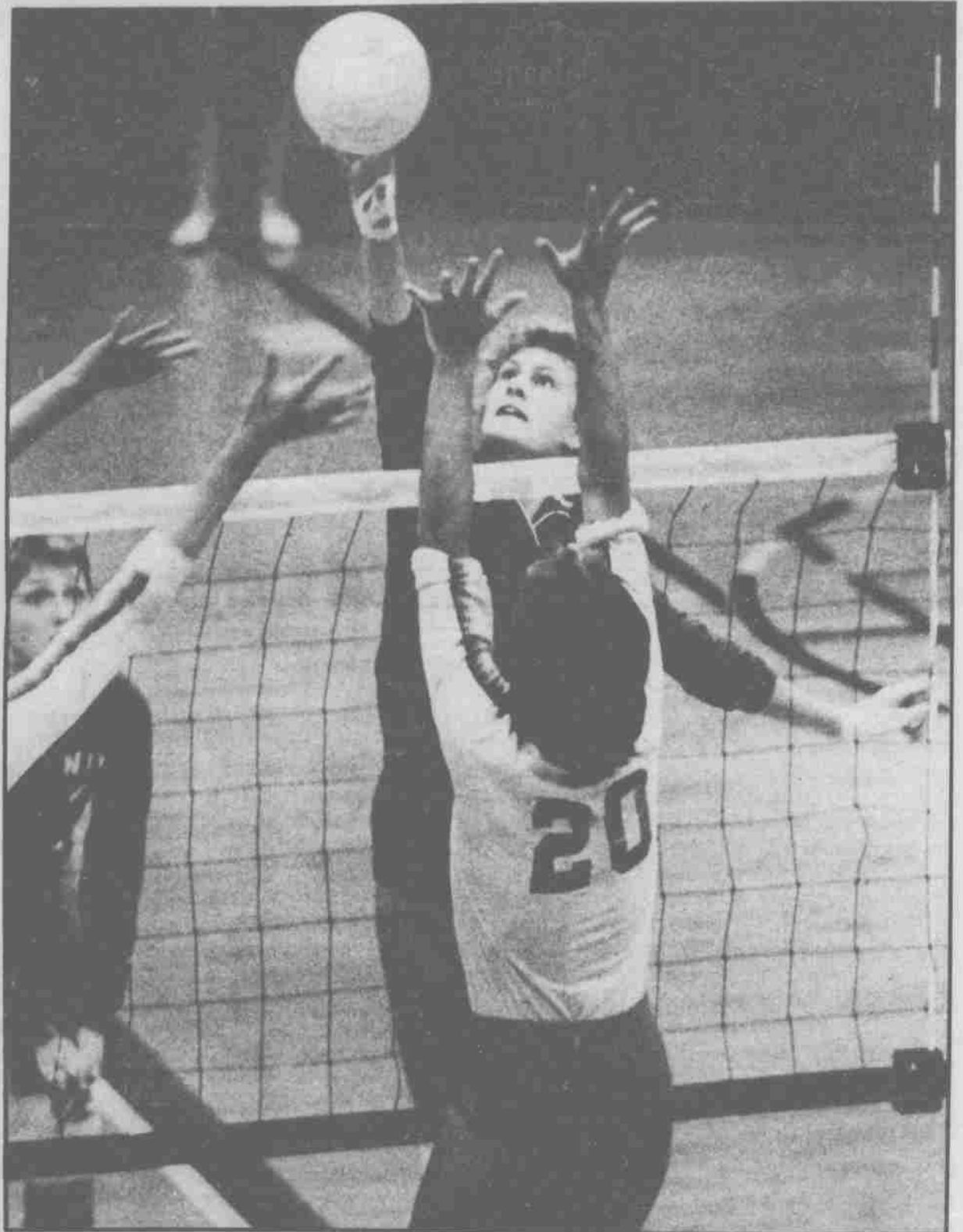
"Nebraska has a fine team. They're very well balanced and I didn't see a weakness in any of the six positions on the court," Voelz said.

The loss dropped the Ducks record to 4-8 on the season.

The Huskers were led by Schonewise and Angie Millikin with seven and four kills, respectively, while holding Oregon to a zero hitting percentage.

"It was a good tournament for us," Pettit said. "On a whole it was a good team effort."

Nebraska's Dahlgren was named the Most Valuable Player of the tournament, while teammates Annie Adamczak and Tisha Delaney were also members of the all-tournament team. Others selected were Sara Virtanen of BYU, Melissa McLinden of Arizona and Oregon's Sue Harbour.



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Nebraska's Kathi DeBoer taps the ball during the Cornhusker volleyball team's match with Brigham Young Saturday. Nebraska defeated Brigham Young, Arizona and Oregon to win the Power Volleyball Classic at the Coliseum.

Minnesota 'beats up' Sooners

Interception halts Gophers' upset bid

By Chuck Green
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MINNEAPOLIS, Minn. —

The Oklahoma Sooners barely escaped the Metrodome with a win Saturday night when they slipped by the Minnesota Gophers, 13-7.

"We made a very interesting game of it," Oklahoma coach Barry Switzer said. "We were dominant on defense tonight, but we make one mistake, and it's a game."

Minnesota quarterback Rickey Foggie led the Golden Gopher offense by completing eight passes for 121 yards. He also accounted for Minnesota's only touchdown.

Defensive ends Darrell Reed and

Kevin Murphy led Oklahoma, as well as All-America middle guard Tony Casillas.

"I think we can shut anybody down," Casillas said. "I was able to get a couple of licks in on Foggie. I knew we could shut him down."

Oklahoma's first score came on a 21-yard field goal by Tim Lasher. The kick climaxed a 12-play, 56-yard drive that took a little more than 5 minutes.

After stopping the Gophers in four plays, Oklahoma had the ball back on its 38-yard line, marched 62 yards in and scored on a one-yard dive by fullback Earl Johnson.

A fumbled punt by Sonny Brown at Oklahoma's 19-yard line led to Minnesota's only score, a 12-yard touchdown

pass from Foggie to Kevin Starks with 4:15 left in the game.

"It really wasn't a game until we fumbled that punt," Switzer said. "They were never a threat to move the ball except for some trick passes at the end."

The Gophers had one more chance to win, getting the ball on its own 30-yard line with 1:05 left in the game, but could not advance past the Sooner 32. An interception in the end zone with no time left on the clock ended Minnesota's upset bid.

"We were beaten by an excellent, maybe great, football team," Minnesota coach Lou Holtz said. "Their defense was the finest I've ever seen. The Sooners' pursuit and quickness was outstanding."

"We couldn't get anything started offensively, and give Oklahoma credit for that. Their safety gave us a lot of problems.

Oklahoma left as a "very beat-up football team," Switzer said.

"We lost both of our starting tackles, our center, a running back and a couple of others," he said. "We lost our whole offensive line. We had to play a center at tackle. He didn't know the blocking assignments and could only base block. Because of the injuries, we couldn't run our option series."

Spencer Tillman was the leading rusher for Oklahoma, rushing for 73 yards on eight carries. Tillman left the game in the second quarter with a pulled hamstring.

Despite an unimpressive opening performance by the Sooners, Switzer said he was pleased with the outcome.

"A win is a win," he said. "We were fortunate to get out of here alive. I was scared, anyway. Holtz will do a good job here if people stick with him."

Holtz, however, was not as enthusiastic.

"We felt with good field position we could hang in there and have a chance to win it in the end," Holte said. "We kept hanging in there, and we had the chance to win it, but we just didn't get it."

"I hate to lose, and there's not a lot of happiness in our locker room right now. We were in the ball game to win it."