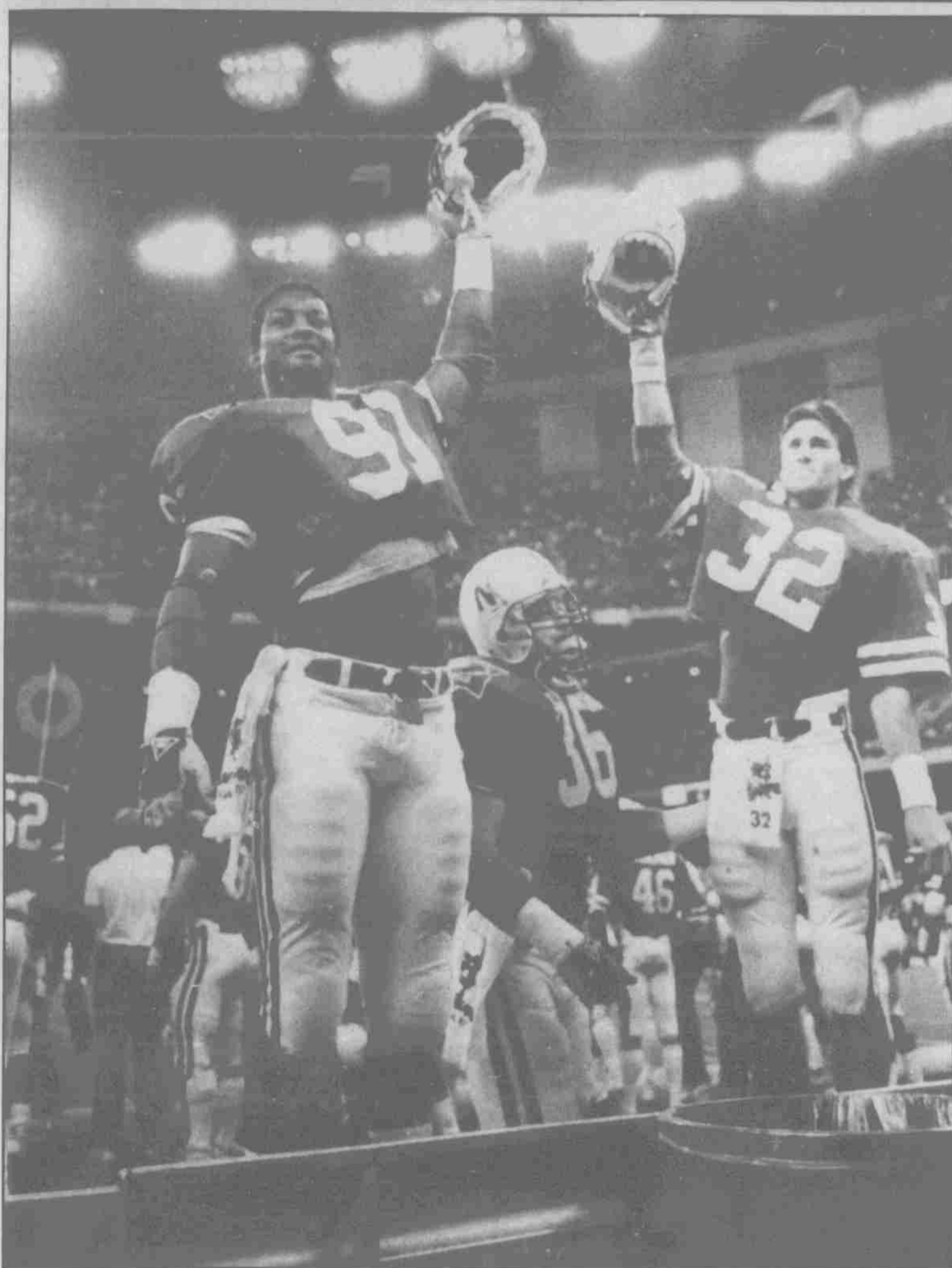


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Nebraska defensive end Tony Holloway (91) and cornerback Brian Davis (32) celebrate the Cornhuskers' 30-15 Sugar Bowl win over LSU as fullback Barry Kitrell (36) congratulates them. The game was the last of Holloway's and Davis' college careers.

Coach calls comeback 'one of most dramatic'

By Jeff Apel
Staff Reporter

Faced with a career-threatening injury, Nebraska's Shauna Gilmore had a swimmer's determination by recovering from a torn rotator cuff in one year.

Just before the start of her sophomore season at Nebraska, Gilmore began to suffer pain in her right shoulder.

When the pain increased to the point that she was unable to lift her right arm above her head, Gilmore said, she knew it was time to consult a shoulder specialist.

The strategy paid off, as Gilmore recovered from an injury which Nebraska women's swimming coach Ray Huppert said ends the careers of many swimmers.

"I was in constant pain for almost a month so it was very difficult," Gilmore said. "It was a tough time for me."

Gilmore said the most difficult part of the injury was watching her teammates perform while she was unable to contribute.

A high school All-American, Gilmore had been counted on heavily by Nebraska to contribute with former Cornhuskers Emily Ricketts and Linda Sebesta — both of whom arrived with her recruiting class.

But with her injury, Gilmore said she was forced to watch Nebraska compile a second-place finish in the Big Eight from the pool deck.

"Seeing an athlete with her ability watch from the pool deck was difficult on me," Huppert said. "I didn't think she would come back."

Huppert credits both Gilmore's determination and her patience for her ability to recover from her injury.

During the course of her redshirt season, Gilmore was forced to go through a period of time in which her

injured shoulder was entirely immobilized, Huppert said.

Then, after nearly three months of not even being able to move her arm, Gilmore was allowed to slowly begin working her shoulder back into shape.

"I started out swimming until my shoulder ached, whether it was after 30 or 500 yards," Gilmore said. "The danger of reinjuring my shoulder was still



Gilmore

there, so I had to be extremely careful."

Finally, after a year of slowly building her shoulder back up to full strength, Gilmore was given permission to test her shoulder full speed in the water.

That test proved to be a positive one, as Gilmore went on to score 37 points during Nebraska's upset victory over Kansas in the 1985 Big Eight Championships.

Huppert said he considers Gilmore's

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Seniors close out careers

By Jeff Korbelik
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The Superdome clock in New Orleans showed zero and those Nebraska football players playing in their last game shouted cheers and emitted sighs of relief after their 30-15 victory over the Louisiana State Tigers in the USF and G Sugar Bowl.

Twenty-six seniors suited up for their final game as a Husker. Four Nebraska seniors, Chris Spachman, Ken Kaelin, Danny Noonan and Kevin Parsons all found the victory satisfying.

"It was the sweetest win since it let the seniors go out with a little class," said Spachman, Nebraska's starting defensive tackle. "It gives the younger guys a chance to start '87 off with a good win. It gives them some momentum."

Spachman only made one tackle, one for a three-yard loss, but was instrumental in helping shut down the volatile LSU offense. LSU's ground attack generated only 32 yards and quarterback Tommy Hodson completed only 14 of 30 passes for 159 yards and two interceptions.

"It was an emotional game," Spachman said. "All the players were down after the loss to Oklahoma and we took a lot of flack for choking it in the fourth quarter."

Kaelin called the victory the greatest win since he has been here. The Husker fullback said the team had to overcome some adversity be-

cause of the poor treatment the team received off the field. The emotion carried into the game, he said.

"I enjoy beating people like that," Kaelin said. "It's a lot of fun."

Kaelin finished the game averaging over five yards a carry. He gained 32 yards on six carries and led the way for sophomore I-back Tyrese Knox. Knox gained 84 yards and scored two touchdowns.

Parsons, a strong-side linebacker, said he was sad to see his career end and will miss playing next to the Huskers' other senior linebacker, Marc Mynard. The two combined for 11 tackles.

"The more we played... if got to a point where we were in the same mind," Parsons said. "It really was an honor to play with Marc."

Both Parsons and Noonan agreed that this Nebraska defense was the best one they played on in their college careers. Parsons went as far to say that the defense was the best one in the Big Eight. That would include being better than Oklahoma, which led the nation in total defense this year.

"I'd say so, too," Noonan said. "We have had the personnel in the past but this year we had the experience."

Noonan said he was glad to finish on a high note. The middle guard finished the season with a list of accomplishments that should help him become a first round draft pick in the National Football League. He

finished as a finalist for both the Lombardi and Outland trophies, earning All-Big Eight, Associated Press and United Press International first team honors.

He said he was disappointed Nebraska didn't go to the Orange Bowl and said finishing third in the Big Eight was his motivational factor for the Sugar Bowl. He was also vocal on the treatment he and the other players received while there.

"We like playing in hostile places," he said. "They were throwing stuff at us and I thought it was great. Love that stuff."

Although Spachman said he would remember the Sugar Bowl, he said the game he will remember the most was last season's loss to Oklahoma. Spachman recovered a fumble in the air and returned over 80 yards to prevent a shutout. Oklahoma won the game 27-7.

"We were having a miserable game and that helped prevent Nebraska from being shutout in 146-some games," he said. "It was gratifying because we were able to save some face."

Spachman as well as Parsons will join Noonan in the pro draft waiting game. He and Noonan just returned from playing in the Japan Bowl and said he will travel to Indianapolis for a professional physical testing camp on Jan. 26. He said he plans to graduate in May with a degree in speech communications.

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