

Sports

Jones gets Spring record

By Tim Hartmann
Senior Reporter

Tyrese Knox's one-yard plunge with 44 seconds remaining lifted the Red team to 33-28 victory in the annual Red-White game Saturday and concluded a big day for Nebraska's I-backs.

Keith Jones led all rushers in the scrimmage, finishing with a Spring Game record of 207 yards on 13 carries. Knox added 100 yards on 13 carries, and sophomore Terry Rodgers paced the White team with 80 yards rushing, 76 yards receiving and a record-tying three touchdowns.

Coach Tom Osborne said he was pleased with the scrimmage, especially because of the absence of serious injuries.

"I think for the most part we came through in pretty good shape," Osborne said.

Three Huskers left the game with injuries — quarterback Clete Blakeman has a slight shoulder separation, defensive tackle Paul Brungardt injured his knee, and middle guard Brian Edgren jammed his neck — but none were thought to be serious.

Nebraska's only major injury this spring, Osborne said, was that of No. 1 cornerback John Custard, who had to undergo knee surgery.

Osborne said the loss of Custard may leave Nebraska a little thin in the secondary.

But the play of the I-backs showed the Huskers are not lacking talent at the skill positions.

"Keith Jones has become a fine, fine player, and Tyrese did some good things as well," Osborne said.

Jones opened the scoring in the game when he raced 84 yards for a touchdown with 4:50 remaining in the second quarter. The run broke the Spring Game record for the longest run from scrimmage, set by Dave Koile in 1954. It also helped Jones break Paul Miles' single-game rushing record of 137 yards set in 185.

The Reds, mostly first- and fourth-string players, scored twice in the first half. Quarterback Steve Taylor scored on a four-yard run with 1:57 remaining to cap a three-play drive highlighted by a 45-yard, over-the-shoulder catch by sophomore split end Morgan Gregory.

On the first play after the Whites regained possession, linebacker Doug Welniak stripped quarterback Jerry Dunlap of the ball and Lorenzo Hicks recovered it at the 14-yard line. Knox took a pitch from Blakeman and scored on the play to give the Reds a 21-0 advantage.

The Whites scored when Rodgers took a screen pass from Gerry Gdowski and bounced off and broke through several tackles before outrunning the rest of the defense for a 76-yard touchdown. A two-point conversion made the

score 21-8 in favor of the Reds at the half.

Rodgers said he was glad to have the big day because it showed just what he could do.

"It was really important because I was injured during the beginning of the spring," Rodgers said.

In the second half, Jones again opened the scoring. His 22-yard touchdown run with 2:54 left in the third quarter gave the Red team a 27-8 lead and was his final run of the afternoon. Jones attributed his record-setting day to his offensive line and said the record surprised him.

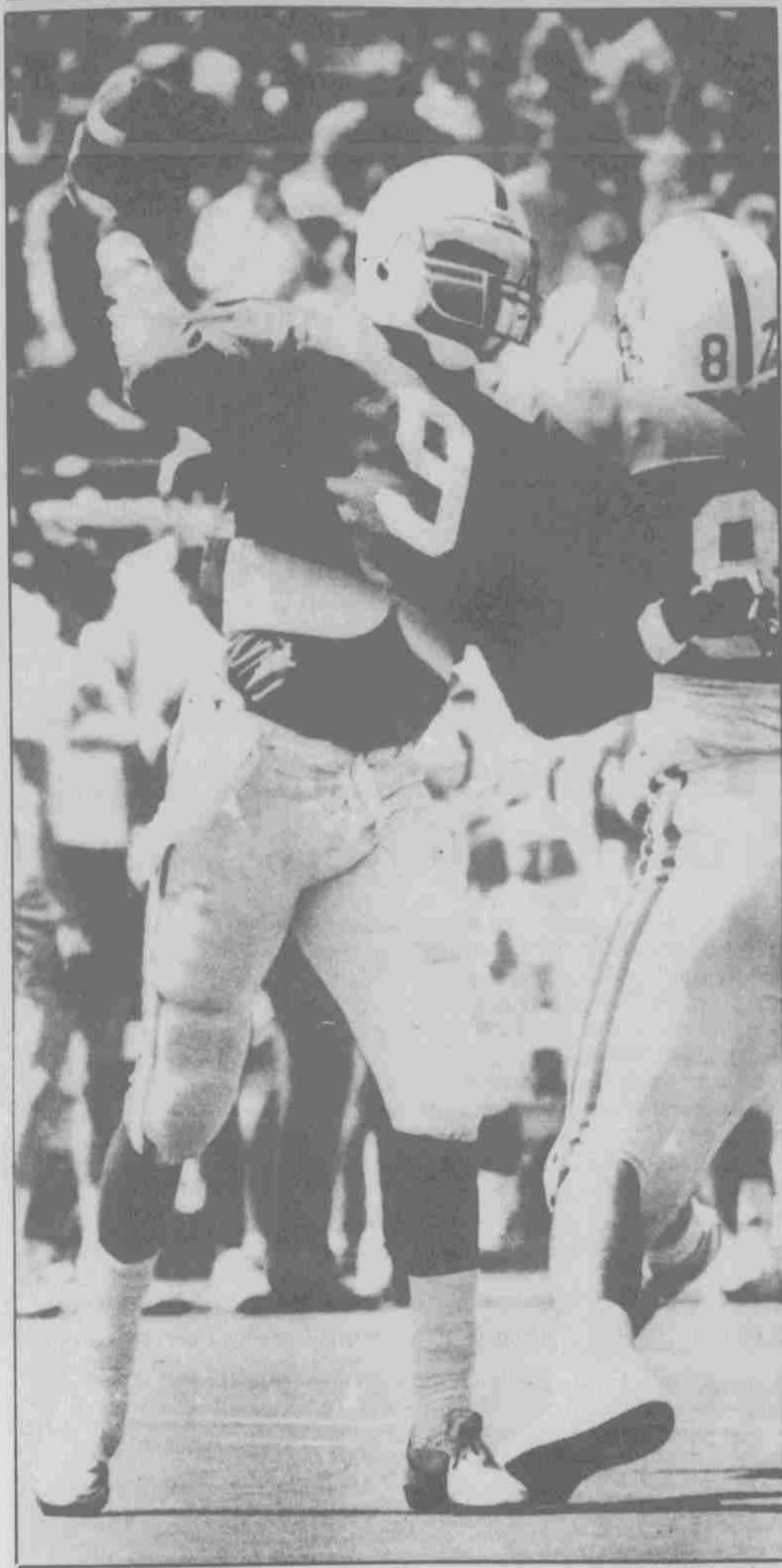
"I'm very thankful to God," Jones said. "I wasn't expecting it, and I'm very thankful."

At that point the Red team's 27-8 lead appeared to be comfortable enough, but the White team came back.

Rodgers scored the next two touchdowns, on runs of 45 and 11 yards, to cut the lead to 27-20. Then Dunlap hit wingback Jamie Worden for an 80-yard touchdown. A two-point play on a pass from Dunlap to tight end Monte Kratzenstein gave the Whites a 28-27 lead with 7:37 left in the game.

Osborne said that the White comeback was partly because many of the lower-unit players were on defense for the Reds at that time. However, at times the first string was in.

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Doug Carroll/Daily Nebraskan

Steve Taylor unleashes a pass for the Red team in Saturday's annual Red-White scrimmage as tight end Tom Banderas blocks.



Doug Carroll/Daily Nebraskan

I-back Terry Rodgers eludes Lorenzo Hicks and Ray Coleman (19) on the way to one of three touchdowns he scored for the White team.

KU wins tennis title

By The Associated Press

OKLAHOMA CITY — The No. 2 doubles team of Chris Walker and Larry Pascal defeated Oklahoma State's Franz Kaiser and Deon Botha, 6-4, 6-3, in a fifth-place match Sunday to give Kansas its first Big Eight Conference men's tennis title since 1965.

The championship marked the first time since 1975 that it had been won by a team other than Oklahoma State or Oklahoma.

Kansas finished with 95 points — two more than Oklahoma State — by winning all three doubles matches including two head-to-head matchups with the Cowboys.

Baseball team loses 3 of 4

Cowboys shoot holes in Nebraska's hopes for conference crown

By Chuck Green and Jeff Apel
Staff Reporters

STILLWATER, Okla. — The 1987 Big Eight baseball race took a new twist Sunday after Nebraska's four-game series with Oklahoma State at Allie P. Reynolds Stadium.

Nebraska, which entered the series with a half-game lead over the Cowboys in the conference race, dropped the first three games of the series to drop to 2 1/2 games behind the Cowboys.

Nebraska tightened the conference race by Sunday posting a 15-14 win. The win leaves Nebraska 1 1/2 games behind Oklahoma State with two weeks left to play. The Huskers are 9-3 in conference play, and the Cowboys are 11-2.

Nebraska baseball coach John Sanders said that the Huskers' victory was important because it strapped the Cowboys with their second conference loss of the season. Oklahoma State's other loss was to Missouri earlier this

year. "This is a big win all the way around," Sanders said. "It's a credit to our players."

Sanders said Nebraska entered Sunday's games by emphasizing that it was the final game of the series. He said the Huskers used a "we wale, they wale" policy to get the come-from-behind win.

On Friday, Oklahoma State overcame an early 2-0 deficit and took a 3-2 lead after the second inning and then scored 17 runs during the next three innings en route to a 21-5 win. Nebraska walked 16 batters in the game.

In the first game of a doubleheader Saturday, the Cowboys tagged Nebraska pitcher John Lepley for eight runs, and shortstop Monty Fariss drove in four runs to lead Oklahoma State to an 8-7 win.

In the second game, Oklahoma State used a five-run fourth inning to overcome a 7-6 deficit for a 13-7 victory.

Oklahoma State coach Gary Ward said he was satisfied with the outcome of the series because the Cowboys set a goal of winning at least three games against the Huskers.

Ward said he also was pleased be-

cause the Cowboys came back throughout the series.

"We're trying to decide something here," Ward said. "You want to do well and have something carry over when you go south to Oklahoma City (for the Big Eight tournament)."

Nebraska got its lone victory of the weekend when Husker relief pitcher Steve Spurgeon struck out Ray Ortiz with the bases loaded in the bottom of the ninth inning.

The Huskers had taken a 15-13 lead in the top of the ninth inning when Ken Sirak doubled to drive in Jeff Taylor and Ron Crowe. Taylor had doubled off Oklahoma State pitcher Pat Hope with one out and moved to third base when Crowe reached on a fielder's choice.

Oklahoma State cut the Husker's lead to 15-14 when Adam Smith's infield single drove in Robin Dentura.

The win raised Nebraska's record to 31-13 overall, while Oklahoma State is now 43-5.

Nebraska's next game is today against Bellevue College at Buck Beltzer Field at 3 p.m. Nebraska also will meet Creighton in a home-and-away series later this week — and will play Missouri at home this weekend.

Men's gymnastics team takes second at NCAA

From Staff and Wire Reports

Tony Pineda, who finished seventh in the individual all-around competition on Friday, came back Saturday afternoon to lead the UCLA Bruins to the team title in the NCAA men's gymnastics championships. Nebraska finished second.

Pineda earned 9.9 scores on the pommel horse and parallel bars and

a 9.8 on the high bar to pace the Bruins, who haven't lost at Pauley Pavilion since 1982.

UCLA finished with 285.30 points to Nebraska's 284.75. Penn State finished third with 284.20.

The Huskers were paced by Tom Schlesinger, the individual all-around champion. He scored 113.25, outdistancing teammate Kevin Davis, who finished second in the all-around with 112.05.

The Lincoln Journal-Star reported that Schlesinger and Davis tied for the parallel bars individual title with scores of 9.75. Schlesinger also tied for second in the horizontal bar. He scored a 9.9. Davis finished sixth in the pommel horse.

Nebraska finished 10th last weekend in the 12-team NCAA women's gymnastics championships in Salt Lake City. The University of Georgia won the overall title with a 187.90. Utah finished second and UCLA third.



Schlesinger