

# Sports

## Jones, Cornhuskers stampede Colorado

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BOULDER, Colo. — Playing before a sellout crowd in the first "Folsom Bowl" against Colorado proved to be a difficult task for Nebraska's football team on Satur-

day.

Despite a 7-3 record coming into the game, the Buffaloes weren't invited to a bowl game, so Colorado coach Bill McCartney designated the Buffaloes' game against Nebraska as their post-season bowl.

But Nebraska's offense rushed for

422 yards — including I-back Keith Jones' 248 yards — and spoiled the upset-minded Buffaloes' bowl game 24-7.

Defensive tackle Neil Smith, who blocked a field goal, recovered a fumble and recorded 12 tackles, said the game was not like a real bowl.

"I look at it this way: It wasn't a bowl game," Smith said. "It didn't mean anything to me. We did just what we wanted to do — make them feel like we did last week."

The Cornhuskers were defeated by Oklahoma 17-7 last Saturday in Lincoln.

Jones said he was glad Nebraska was able to spoil Colorado's "bowl game."

"This was a game that Colorado distinctively depicted as their bowl game," Jones said. "We had to rise to the occasion. They were going to go all out, and (Nebraska) coach (Tom) Osborne told us to not leave this football field wishing that we played a little harder."

Osborne said the Huskers were fortunate to win the game.

"I was really impressed because I felt that it was a 50-50 chance at best that we'd win the game," Osborne said. "And I could see us coming out here and get blown out if we weren't right. The players did it. I'm really pleased and proud of them."

Nebraska quarterback Steve Taylor rushed for 54 yards, including a 5-yard touchdown run in the second quarter for the game's first score.

Taylor's touchdown was set up on a 13-yard run by Jones. The Huskers were facing a fourth-and-2 at the

Colorado 22-yard line when Jones ran up the middle, was stopped and then bounced out around the left end to give Nebraska a first down at the 9-yard line.

"We ran an isolation, and their linebacker blitzed and stuffed the fullback in the middle," Jones said. "I just spun out and gained some yards."

Taylor, a junior from Fresno, Calif., almost scored again before halftime, but time ran out with Nebraska at the Colorado 1. A touchdown would have given the Huskers a 17-0 lead following a 50-yard field goal by sophomore Chris Drennan, but Nebraska had to settle for a 10-0 halftime lead.

"Even though I was down, Dana (Brinson) and some of the other players were trying to call time out," Taylor said. "We either ran out of time or the referee made a bad decision."

Taylor said he thought he scored on the play.

"I think I got up and over the guy," Taylor said, "but they didn't call it a touchdown, so it's hard to say."

Nebraska used a trick play to set up the drive. Taylor threw a bounce pass to wingback Richard Bell, who was supposed to pass down the field.

"The guy just came up on Rich, and he was supposed to throw the ball," Taylor said. "He was supposed to pass to the tight end who was wide open, but he was pressured and had to run the ball."

Bell gained 18 yards on the play.

In the second half, Nebraska took its opening possession and drove 70 yards to take a 17-0 lead.

With his 248-yard effort, Jones became the ninth Husker to rush for more than 1,000 yards in a season. He also ended his regular-season career with 2,488 yards, No. 3 in Nebraska history.

Jones said the game was the best in his career.

"First of all, I'm very thankful to God for the athletic ability he's given me," said Jones, a senior from Omaha. "Secondly, I'm thankful for our offensive line. They did a great job. They moved guys out of the way and there was nothing but daylight to run in."

Colorado cut Nebraska's lead to 17-7 when it drove its next possession 77 yards for a touchdown. Tight end George Hemingway capped off

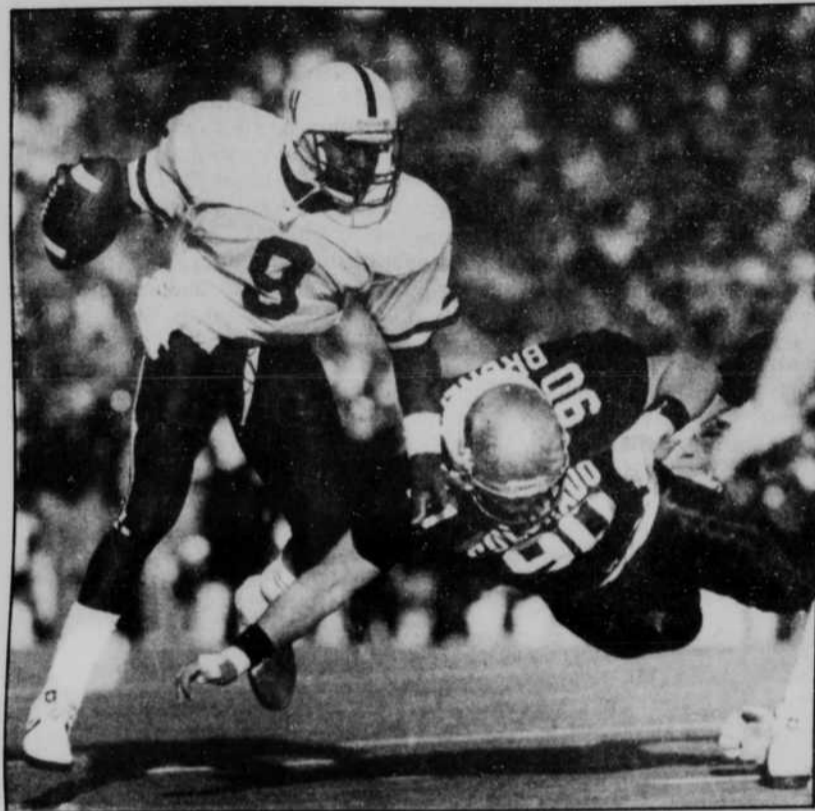
the drive by catching a 4-yard touchdown pass from Buffalo quarterback Mark Hatcher.

"I think we won decisively," Osborne said. "Our defense played great football with the exception of one drive."

Nebraska then closed out the scoring with 9:34 left in the game when Jones scored on a 44-yard run.

Osborne said the Husker offense controlled the game.

"Offensively, we only punted twice all day and we had a great ground game," Osborne said. "The offensive line played excellent football and, of course, Keith Jones had a superior day."



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Nebraska quarterback Steve Taylor avoids Colorado's Lee Brunelli.

## Salukis' coach sick, but team needs aspirin

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Because of illness, Southern Illinois volleyball coach Debbie Hunter missed Saturday's match against the Cornhuskers. Her team, after a 15-3, 15-5, 15-11 loss, may be wishing it had missed the game too.

The Huskers recorded a season-high 55 kills against the Salukis, including 17 by senior Kathi DeBoer. Sophomore Virginia Stahr added 11 kills and increased her string of matches with a service ace to 17.

Nebraska volleyball coach Terry Pettit said Southern Illinois couldn't

### NCAA regional volleyball at UNL

Barb Hibner, assistant athletic director in charge of women's sports, announced Sunday that Nebraska will face Northern Iowa in the first round of the NCAA Volleyball Regional Tournament Thursday night at the NU Coli-

seum.

Nebraska, 28-4 and ranked first in the Midwest region, will face Northern Iowa, ranked eighth in the region, at 7:30 p.m. Admission price for the match is \$4 for adults

and \$3 for students.

Hibner said she hopes a large crowd attends the match.

"We would like to break the attendance record and see 1,500 people there," Hibner said.

keep up with the Huskers' tempo early in the match.

Nebraska jumped out to a 12-0 lead in the first game. After Southern Illinois scored three consecutive points, freshman Val Novak ended the Salukis' streak with a kill. Barbie Young, a junior from Sidney, then

came off the bench and recorded two ace serves. A hitting error by Southern Illinois gave Nebraska a 15-3 win.

Young said the Huskers, who were coming off a loss to Oklahoma last week that broke their 61-game conference winning streak, played

with intensity.

"Today we were mentally a little sharper," Young said. "We made a lot of mental adjustments, but there are a lot of mental adjustments that we are in the process of making."

Nebraska jumped out to a 5-0 lead

in the second game and posted the 15-5 victory despite eight service errors.

Southern Illinois assistant coach Sonya Locke, who filled in for Hunter, said she thought the Salukis were just beginning to play up to their capabilities in the third game.

"We started out very slow in the first game; we kind of stood around and watched some things happen," Locke said. "In the second game we picked up a little bit and started blocking a few balls and digging a few balls, and in the third game, obviously, we kind of caught on to what was going on and played a little bit better."

The win raised Nebraska's record to 28-4, while Southern Illinois dropped to 15-19.

## Osborne: Cornhuskers rebounded well from OU loss

By Nick Hodge  
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Nebraska football coach Tom Osborne said Sunday he was pleased with the way his Cornhuskers responded in their victory over Colorado Saturday in Boulder.

Osborne said that even though he thought Nebraska had good character and would respond well, he wasn't sure how the Huskers would react to last Saturday's 17-7 loss to No. 1-ranked Oklahoma.

Osborne said practice was slow last week because several players were unable to participate Monday and Tuesday because of minor injuries suffered in the Oklahoma game.

Osborne said he thought that maybe the Buffaloes, who dropped a 24-7 decision to Nebraska, should have been favored going into Saturday's contest.

"I thought when we went out there it was anybody's game," Osborne said. "I think it would

have maybe favored Colorado in some ways just because of the psychological overtones of the game."

Osborne said the Colorado game was one of the most psychologically difficult situations he had been in during his 15 seasons as coach at Nebraska.

Osborne said Nebraska was unable to do some things it wanted because players were slipping because of the poor condition of Folsom Field's artificial turf. He said the old, worn surface hurt both teams because it sloped more toward the Buffalo bench.

"It was a difficult field to play on. It was very slick," Osborne said. "The footing was very tough. As a result, I called an awful lot of plays toward our bench."

Osborne said some of the slipping was apparent by watching the quarterbacks and running backs. He said the offensive and defensive lines also slipped.

Osborne said Nebraska's run-

ning game was excellent. He said the Huskers' objective was to control the ball, which they did.

Nebraska amassed 422 total yards of offense, 419 on the ground. The Huskers also controlled the ball for 32 minutes of the game.

Osborne said the poor field condition made for a more north-south offense, or forward rushing as opposed to lateral movement, which the I-formation is better suited for. He said he called fewer options and lateral plays than usual because of the slippery surface.

Osborne said there were two exceptional plays in the game. The first, he said, came in the second quarter when the Huskers were faced with a fourth-and-2 situation at the Colorado 22-yard line. I-back Keith Jones was stuffed behind the line of scrimmage, but managed to pull away from a Buffalo defender and run around the left end for a 13-yard gain. Two plays later, quarterback Steve

Taylor scored from 5 yards out to make the score 7-0.

Osborne said the other key play came in the fourth period when Colorado was faced with a third-and-1 at the Husker 31. Nebraska defensive back Tim Jackson tackled a Buffalo halfback for a loss of 2. On the next play, Buffalo placekicker Ken Culbertson missed a 50-yard field goal attempt that would have cut Nebraska's lead to 17-10.

Osborne said another key play occurred at the end of the first half on an apparent Nebraska touchdown.

Following an offside penalty that placed the ball on the Colorado 1-yard line with 11 seconds left in the first half, Taylor apparently scored on a quarterback sneak, but no touchdown signal was given by any official. The clock ran out before a Nebraska player was able to call a timeout.

Osborne said he complained to the officials because he thought the

clock started too soon. He said the officials were correct in starting the clock when the ball had been set.

Osborne said he thought Taylor had scored. He also said a Nebraska player was signaling for a timeout right in an official's face when there was still four seconds left on the clock.

"I felt badly because it (the score of 17-0) is a huge difference because of the way we were playing on defense," Osborne said, "whereas 10-0 is good, but two touchdowns can beat you. As it turned out it was a moot point."

Osborne said he has been pleased with the way Nebraska has played all year.

"The thing that maybe is a little misleading about our football team is that I think generally they have played pretty close to their potential in every game," Osborne said. "That was one thing that was misleading about the Oklahoma game."