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Nebraska freshman quarterback Mike Grant opens the day's scoring with a 33-yard run in the 1st quarter of the Cornhuskers' 86-3 pounding of St. Thomas' junior varsity.

Husker JV beats St. Thomas with record-breaking score

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Monday was not a good day for the St. Thomas (Minn.) junior varsity football team.

One example: The Tommies forced Nebraska to punt for the first time midway through the 4th quarter. The Husker center's snap sailed over the punter's head and bounced backwards to the Nebraska 25-yard line. After a few St. Thomas players couldn't pick up the football, it bounced into Husker I-back Andre McDuffy's hands. McDuffy broke a couple of St. Thomas tackles and returned the fumble 75 yards for an apparent Nebraska touchdown.

But, in one of the few lucky breaks for the Tommies all day, the touchdown was called back because of a penalty.

If only Nebraska's other 12 touchdowns also had been called back, St. Thomas could have forged a 3-3 tie with the Huskers instead of suffering a record-breaking 86-3 loss before 10,166 fans.

The Husker JV's broke the scoring record set in 1983 during a 71-7 win over William Jewell's JV's. Actually, the Huskers broke the record with 31 seconds left in the 3rd quarter when Bob McGriff recovered a blocked

punt in the end zone, giving the Huskers a 73-3 lead.

Nebraska held the ball for only four plays and 39 seconds in the first 6:33 of the game, but still built a 21-0 lead. On the Huskers' second offensive play, quarterback Mike Grant scampered 33 yards for a touchdown. Grant threw 47 yards to Jon Bostick for a score on the Huskers' next offensive play.

And then, after Darin Duin blocked a St. Thomas punt — which rolled out-of-bounds at the Tommies' 1-yard line — I-back Scott Baldwin dived over the left side to give the Huskers a three-touchdown lead.

The teams traded field goals before safety Tyrone Legette returned an interception 27 yards for a touchdown, giving Nebraska a 31-3 lead with 2:51 left in the 1st quarter.

Nebraska added two touchdowns in both the 2nd and 4th quarters and scored four in the 3rd. Six of Nebraska's scoring drives lasted less than 1:15.

Despite the lopsided score, Husker coach Shane Thorell found plenty of items he said his team needs to work on before its game Sept. 19 against the Bethany (Kan.) College junior varsity. Nebraska needs to cut down on

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laboratories in the nation. "Our tests are all administered by a lab in California, I think it's the UCLA Medical Center," Osborne said. "It's the most sophisticated test in the world. The tests for the Olympic athletes are administered by the same people."

Steroids are even picked up through masking agents by the lab, Osborne said.

"There are over 100 masking agents that their system is sensitive to," he said.

Besides steroids, Osborne said, the Nebraska team also has been tested for street drugs beginning in 1983.

"You don't have to do steroids to be a good player," Osborne said. "There's a lot of good football players and great athletes that don't get involved in that kind of thing. If you work hard in the weight room and are really dedicated, you can be good without using drugs."

"I think the game is much cleaner now than it was in the 1970's."



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