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her store ordered have been sold. "We sold some this weekend and we also had a booth out at the fair and we sold some out there," she said, "(but) we sold far fewer on Saturday than I expected."

Some vendors still are waiting to receive their shipments. Nebraska Bookstore employee Joyce Foster said she expects the book to arrive any day. "We expected it last week, but it didn't show up," she said. "It's supposed to arrive sometime this week, but I don't know what day."

Vendors in Norman, Okla., the home of the Oklahoma Sooners, also are awaiting shipment of the book. Among those included in the wait are the university's campus bookstore and Waldenbooks.

Mark Adkinson, manager of the Waldenbooks store in Norman, said he has "been getting a lot of feedback."

"Everybody's been kind of gloating," he said. He said the demand for the book is not as high as when former Sooner linebacker Brian Bosworth published his book, but there is a waiting list.

Adkinson said when the book arrives he plans on displaying it in a window. "It'll be interesting to see how it sells," he said.

Waldenbooks in Lincoln also is awaiting shipment, said Jen Wattles, manager. "We've had a lot of requests," she said. "It just seems like the shipments were varied."

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letic department, Fischer said, which is suffering financial losses because of NCAA sanctions against the football programs at Oklahoma and Oklahoma State.

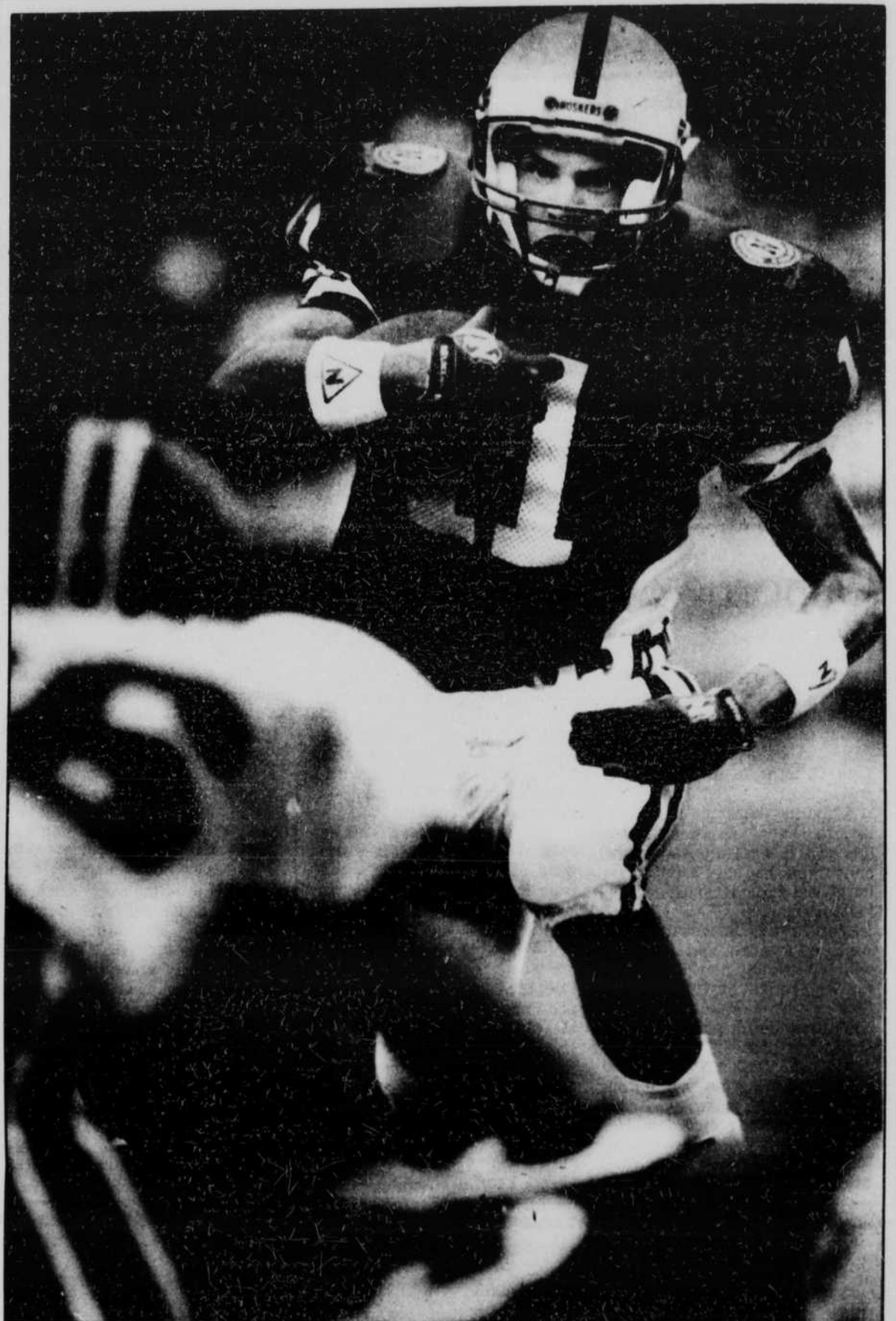
The probations of those two teams means the television and post-season bowl game revenues from those games are cancelled.

In addition, Fischer said, Nebraska's athletic department has a \$3

million deficit due to the cancellation of state legislation that ensured funds for maintenance of the Bob Devaney Sports Center and for women's athletics at Nebraska.

Also, the athletic department has assumed responsibility for paying about \$1 million a year for the completion of Phase III of the new student recreation center.

"Obviously, we're hoping to keep raising money the way we have been for so many years," Fischer said.



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Nebraska wingback Mark Dowse scores in the fourth quarter against Northern Illinois.

Big Eight has problems, but improving

The Big Eight is back -- sort of. Last weekend, the Big Eight flexed its muscles as five conference schools posted victories. That's an impressive feat, considering the shape of the Big Eight in the past.

That leaves Kansas and Kansas State, the two teams that are keeping the conference from gaining the national respect it's seeking.

Kansas' problems are a mystery. The Jayhawks have an excellent school, a strong basketball program and a commitment to excellence. They also have a coach -- Glen Mason -- who is known for turning programs around by employing a work-until-you-drop attitude.

Mason's get-tough strategy did not pay any dividends during his first year, but this season, the Jayhawks look like they are better.

Kansas opened its season by bombing Montana State, a Division I-AA opponent with even less tradition than the Jayhawks. They then narrowly lost to Louisville -- a team which opened its season by beating a highly regarded Wyoming team.

With a schedule that still includes Kent State and Baylor, Kansas should get out of its non-conference season with a 2-2 record. Throw in a game against Kansas State and one upset in the conference, and Kansas should escape with a 4-7 mark this season.

While that may not sound like much, that's quite an improvement for a Kansas team which went 1-10 last season with its only victory against, you guessed it, Kansas State.

Kansas State's problems lie much deeper than Kansas'. The Wildcats also found themselves

looking for a coach this year, and they found Bill Snyder.

At first, it appeared Kansas State had made a good move, as Snyder brought a long list of credentials with him from Iowa.

But upon his arrival in Manhattan, Kan., Snyder announced that he only would meet with the press once a week -- a bad move considering how few press members want to discuss Wildcat football anyway. Snyder also announced that Kansas State would employ the annoying turkey trot that was made famous by the Iowa Hawkeyes, and closed all practices to the public.

While these moves may seem hard to understand, Snyder obviously thinks they are necessary to turn around the losingest program in NCAA history. It's good to see Snyder has brought a wealth of enthusiasm and interesting ideas to Kansas State, but it remains to be seen whether they will pay off.

The Big Eight has other problems -- Kansas, Oklahoma and Oklahoma State all have programs on probation, and rumors of an NCAA investigation into the Missouri men's basketball program began last year -- but it is getting better. It never will match the strength possessed by independent programs, but with a little luck it could rival the balance and power of the Pac-10.



It used to be that the conference was made up of two good teams in Nebraska and Oklahoma, four mediocre teams in Colorado, Missouri, Oklahoma State and Iowa State and two terrible teams in Kansas and Kansas State.

But no more. This year, the conference is comprised of three good teams with the addition of Colorado to the Big Eight's best, and has a fourth team in Oklahoma State that should be better than it showed in its season-opening loss to Tulsa.

Missouri -- with new coach Bob Stull -- showed promise in its victory against Texas Christian, and Iowa State coach Jim Walden said earlier this year that it was just a matter of time before his Cyclones seriously could challenge Nebraska and Oklahoma.

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