

Nebraska outside linebacker Mait Svehla stretches in an attempt to corral Oregon State quarterback Nick Schichtle.

fans expect more than just a win

have one less worry going into Satur-day's Big Eight opener with Kansas State -- if it's even worried in the first place.





Nebraska will march on to the have to feel threatened at being the wimpy team that loses first to the Wildcats, who entered this season not having won a game since 1986.

That's right. It's over.

The Wildcats no longer are going to be referred to as the team with the nation's longest losing streak -- at least for awhite.

The dark cloud that's been stationary over Manhattan, Kan., for nearly three years has moved out, and fore-

casters predict it could be headed toward nearby Lawrence.
Nebraska coaches and players can

breathe a heavy sigh of relief -- the

And, thanks has to go to the not-so Mean Green Eagles of North Texas State, 20-17 losers to the monsters of

coln with a one-game winning streak, their longest in 30 games. Forget that the Cats' victory was over a Division 1-AA school, a win's

win no matter at whose expense.

be proud.

Instead, it's not only winning but by how much. For example, take last weekend's

non-conference win over Oregon State by a mere 35-7 score.

Nebraska only beat this team by a spread of 28 points. Come on. How

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that might put a slight dent in his huge ego, Brinson knew he was wrong and

ego, Brinson knew he was wrong and ate his words.

And his new teammates, who at one time appeared ready to cram the statements down his throat if he didn't readily swallow them, have accepted him. Brinson is now an important part of San Diego's offense, and it hasn't come at James' expense

Expense.

Brinson was so impressive during the preseason that John Madden made him an early candidate for his "All-Madden" team. That honor was bestowed on the former Husker when Madden, after spending almost a minute flipping through his notes trying to find out who the running back who was shredding the Dallas defense was, realized it wasn't a running back at all—it was a receiver. ning back at all - it was a receiver.

The Nebraska football team will 35 points by halftime. Thank good-we one less worry going into Saturness the Huskers weren't playing Duke, who upset seventh-ranked Clemson, this weekend.

While the point this Saturday should be that the Huskers won, talk will be about how bad Colorado and Oklahoma are going to thump the

Followers of Nebraska football --including myself -- expect a blowout every weekend when the opponent is edetermined as lousy.
Magically, Nebraska fans know

these kinds of things about other teams, even without looking at game films or knowing any of the players or who coaches the pathetic team. And, when the Huskers fail to live

up to those expectations, then they

are lousy too.

Nebraska fans expect the team to score at at least 50 points -- again 35 by halftime -- to prevent being

termed lousy.

The defense has to hold the opposing quarterback to what is equivalent to one yard per pass. This weekend the Huskers failed to hold the Beavers to 41 yards passing. That's not good.

That's lousy.
In addition, the defense only can give up a field goal. A shutout is preferred, but fans have cut some slack in that area.

Nebraska gave up a touchdown to

the Beavers. Lousy.
In reference to the field goal, it has The Wildcats will come into Lin- to be against the third-team defense. and a minimum of 60 yards against the wind, hit the cross bar and barely bounce over. Otherwise, the defense's performance would be deemed -- you guessed it -- lousy.

A lot of this could be attributed to The fact is they won.

Winning. That's something of fans at Memorial Stadium not liking ich Nebraska fans could learn to to sit through four quarters of foot-

> The guidelines the players have to follow every Saturday are just too numerous. Even I have problems keeping them straight, and they change from year to year, team to

Fans need to form a committee embarrassing. and put together a handbook so every
The Cornhuskers should have had year the players are aware of the and put together a handbook so every

Mádden proceeded to rave about Brinson's acceleration and big-play ability, and loved the fact that he returned punts at Nebraska. He also loved the fact that Brinson was making a name for himself even though he was a 10th-round draft choice, and would have loved the story about cockiness and subsequent cheap shots if he would have known about

Madden also would have loved how Brinson played his entire senior season with a neck injury that hampered his blocking, and how he vowed to make the NFL no matter what the cost. And most of all, if he could have foreseen it, he would have loved the impact Brinson already has had this season.

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standards they are expected to meet on game days. That way disconcert-ing performances like the one Saturday may be avoided.

Then fans can go drink their beer earlier, and everyone will be happy.

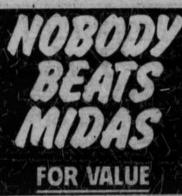
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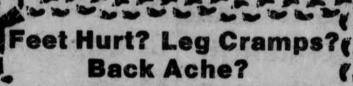


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