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# Kansas quarterback pleased despite loss

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Kansas quarterback Kelly Donohoe has never been on the winning end of a Kansas-Nebraska football game. In fact, Kansas hasn't beaten Nebraska since 1968.

So it was little wonder the Jayhawks were so excited when they mounted a 12-play, 78-yard drive to take a 7-0 lead.

"I was excited," Donohoe said of the Jayhawks' first scoring drive.

"That's what we wanted to do: Come out like we did against Oklahoma last year, make it close -- kind of like we did against Colorado, and we did."

But the Jayhawks wouldn't get much closer Saturday. Kansas lost 51-14.

Kansas coach Glen Mason said he also was excited by the scoring drive.

"It was an awfully good drive," Mason said. "Nebraska's got an awfully fine defense. Heck, I get excited when I get a first down."

Donohoe completed 14 of his 23

passes for 214 yards to move into second place on the Kansas career passing list. But his biggest play was his 2-yard touchdown run late in the third quarter.

"An old man that I know told me a couple of years ago that all he wanted me to do was to score a touchdown at Nebraska," Donohoe said. "That was really special when I did score for him, because he's really struggling with his health."

Donohoe, who is from O'Neill, knows the man, who is struggling

with throat cancer, only as Mr. Irish because he always wears green.

"My Dad knows him real well, but I always go and see him every time I go up to O'Neill," Donohoe said. "I remember that he told me to 'be sure to score a touchdown when you play against us.'"

Donohoe made no promises, however.

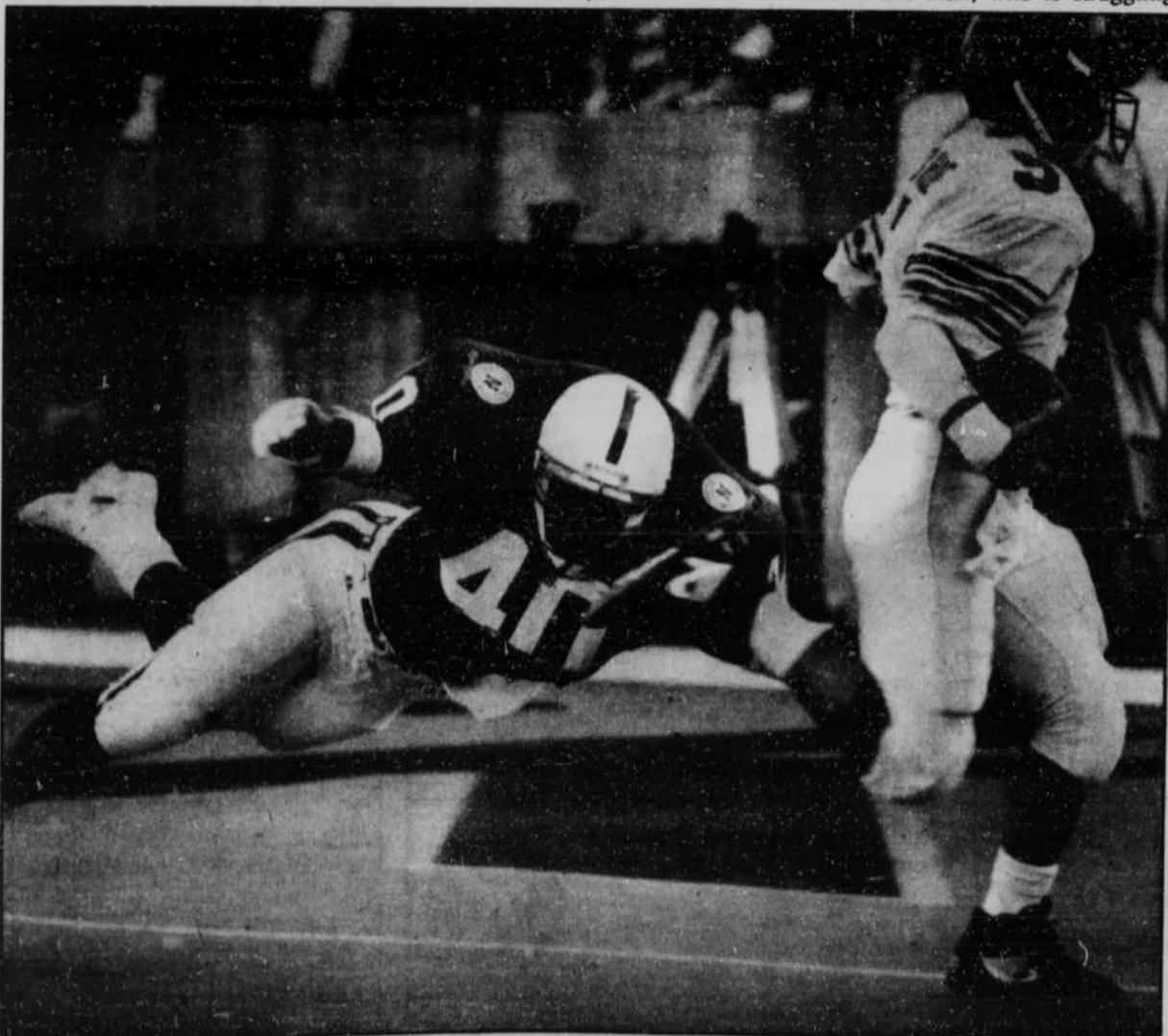
"I told him I would try," said Donohoe. "He sits by the radio and listens to every game, so it was really

special that I could do it for him."

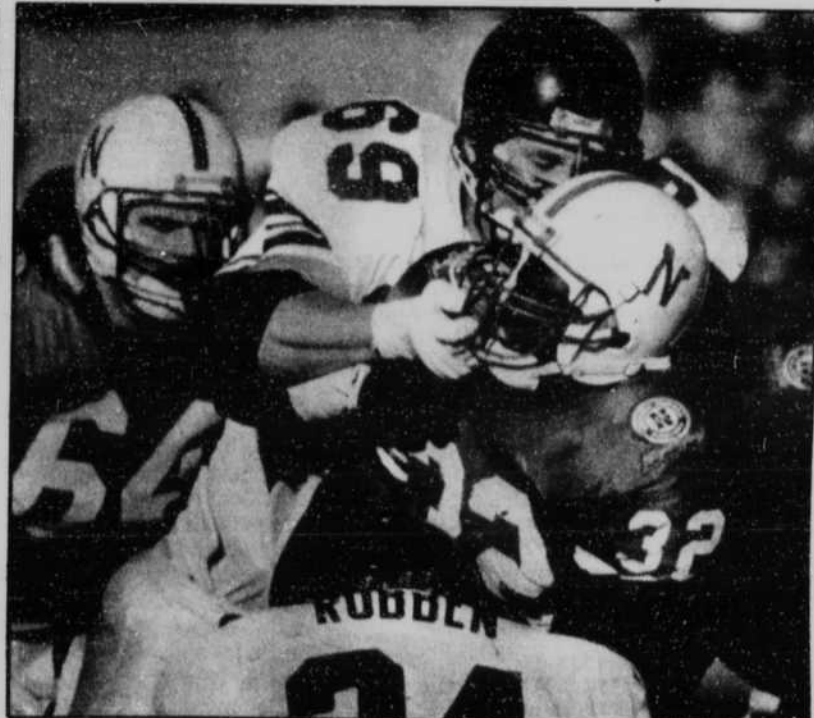
Donohoe said he was pleased with the Jayhawks' game on Saturday.

"It seemed like (the Huskers) did have some momentum, then the thing with the safety really put the momentum in their corner," he said. "From then on, it was kind of an uphill battle for us."

"Other than that, we played them real well. This is a really good ball club. This is the best we've played them in the last four years."



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Top: Junior quarterback Mickey Joseph gets a step on KU defenders late in the second half. Joseph rushed for 66 yards in Saturday's contest. Left: Nebraska's Pat Tyrance (40) lunges for Kansas' Kelly Donohoe (5) as Donohoe scores the Jayhawks' second touchdown. Above: Nebraska's Ken Clark (32) has his face-mask grabbed by Kansas' Mark Koncz (69). There was no penalty called on the play.