

# Cornhuskers blast Sooners 42-25

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The play first was used by Nebraska in 1979 -- against Oklahoma.

"I'm sorry we showed them how to do that," Osborne said. "That guy wasn't even that fast."

The teams traded field goals, and the Huskers led 25-18 at halftime.

Nebraska drove 80 yards in nine plays to start the second half, capping it with a 23-yard touchdown pass from Gdowski to Garrett. Split end Morgan Gregory then caught a 38-yard touchdown pass from Gdowski with 3:37 remaining in the third quarter. The extra point gave the Huskers a 39-18 lead going into the fourth quarter.

After another guard-around scamper by Sawatzky, this time for six yards to the 1, Perry scored his second touchdown of the day.

Barrios then added a 35-yard field goal with two minutes left to play to seal the victory.

"I thought we had a chance with our play-action stuff," he said. "After a while, you get into a groove. But you've also got to keep it in perspective, and not throw where you have no business throwing."

Gdowski said his success in a game depends on his teammates.

"I'm glad our offense progressed the way it did this year," he said. "Anything I do, 10 other guys get credit for it."

Osborne couldn't keep from praising his team's effort this season.

"Of the teams I've coached, this one came as close to reaching its full potential as any we've had here," Osborne said.

Though bowl officials cannot officially extend invitations until Saturday, the win against Oklahoma virtually assured Nebraska of a trip to the Sunbist-Fiesta Bowl, where the Huskers will play Florida

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I-back Ken Clark led Husker rushers with 91 yards on 23 carries. Gregory had three receptions for 53 yards and a touchdown, while three other Nebraska receivers -- Bell, Garrett and wingback Nate Turner -- had at least 40 yards receiving.

Linebacker Randall Jobman led Nebraska's defense with 12 tackles, nine of which were unassisted.

Gdowski said he was not surprised at the ease the Huskers had passing against Oklahoma.

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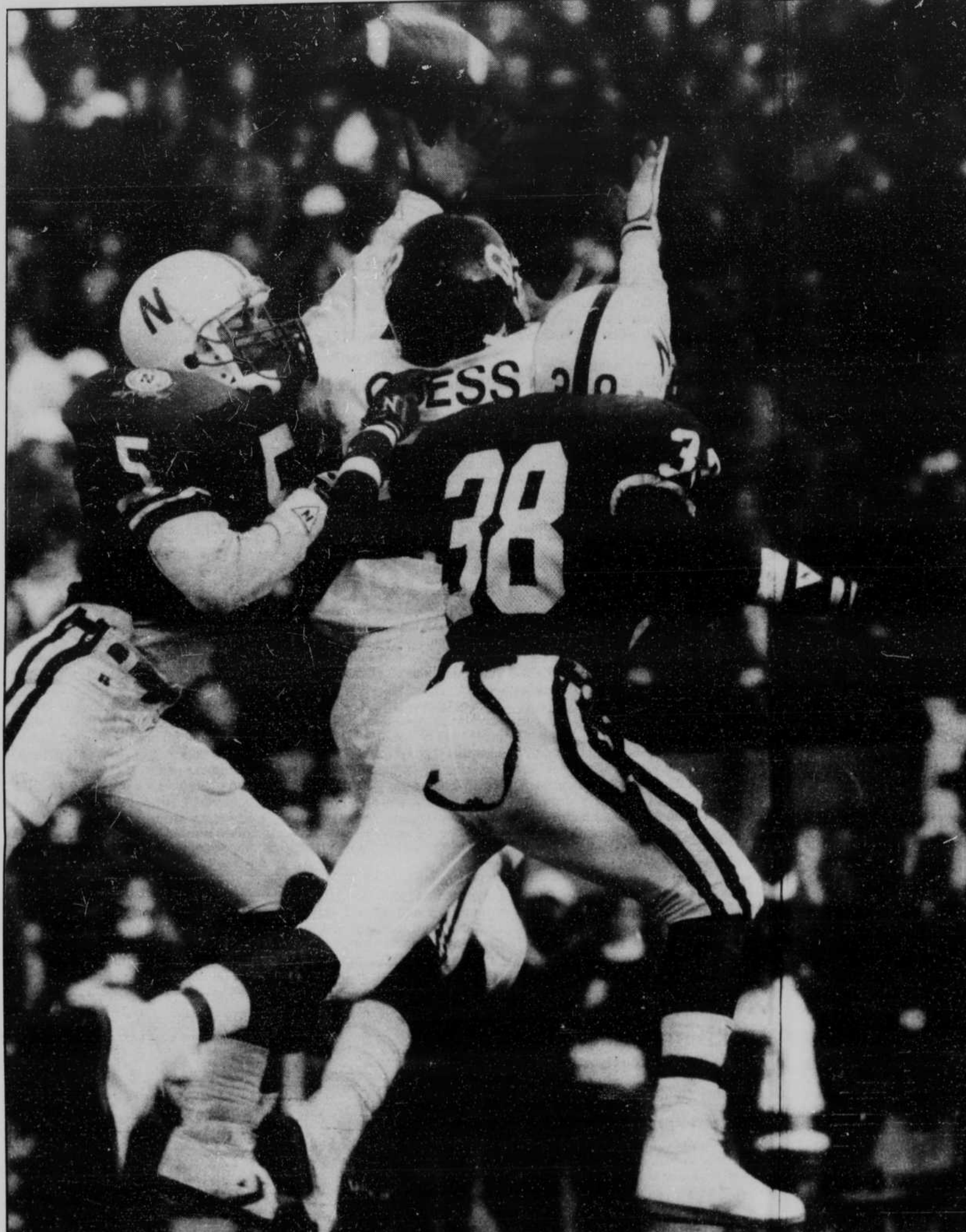
Gdowski said there still is "a sliver of hope" for a national title for the Huskers, but he won't be holding his breath waiting for it.

"We played our best (this season), even when we lost," Gdowski said. "I said before the year started, the team that gets the national championship will get some breaks."

"We just didn't get those breaks this year."



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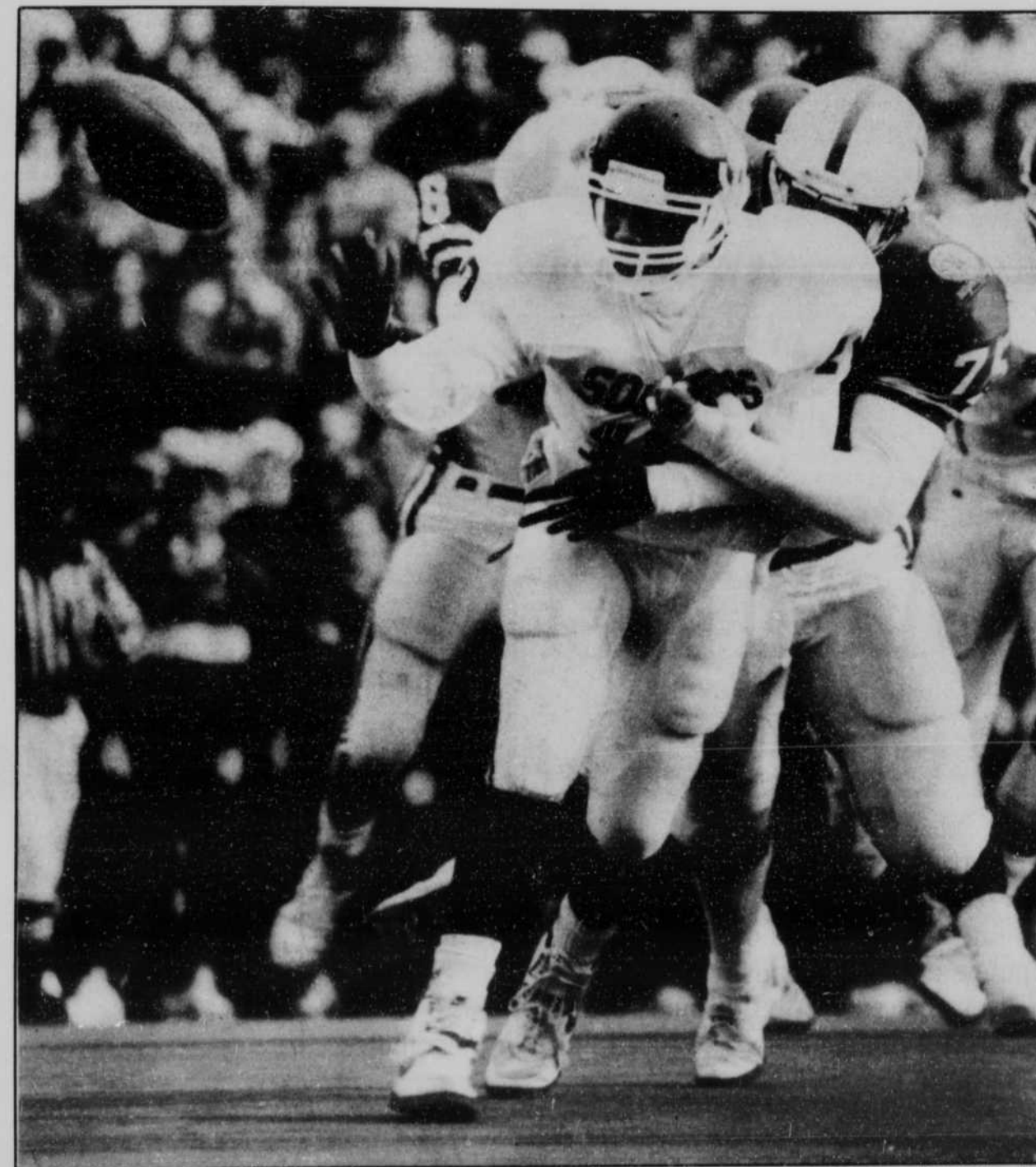
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Clockwise from left:

Fans and players join to tear down the south goal post following the Husker victory.  
NU quarterback Gerry Gdowski eludes Oklahoma defender Frank Blevins.  
Nebraska's Tahaun Lewis (5) deflects a pass to Sooner receiver Arthur Guess as Cornhusker Bruce Pickens (38) assists.  
Sooner quarterback Steve Collins evades the reach of NU's Mike Croel.  
Collins gets the pitch off before being wrapped up by NU's Ray Valladao.