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Hurricane quarterback Gino Torretta threw an interception at the 1-yard line in the second quarter. He chose to throw into double coverage near the sideline despite having another receiver wide open over the middle.

On at least six occasions, wide-open Miami receivers dropped passes, each of which would have netted more than 10 yards.

Hurricane place-kicker Carlos Huerta missed a field goal after dropped passes stalled another Miami drive.

Miami's offense had more than 100 yards in penalties.

Take all that away and add the long gains negated by mental errors, and the Hurricanes would have had far more than 700 yards of offense and 40 points.

Nebraska's defense was a non-factor.

But what is most important comes before the game, when Husker fans religiously scour the sports pages and tune in to the nightly news for Nebraska football propaganda for weeks before the Orange Bowl, so they can learn to ignore common logic and become hypnotized into thinking a mediocre Nebraska team can defeat the country's premier college football team on its home field.

That's what's REALLY important around here.

So, with that in mind, here are a few quotes from Husker coaches, players and fans that appeared in local

newspapers' stories and letter sections in the weeks prior to the 22-0 loss to Miami that should have been 42-0.

Just in case you missed any of them...

Nebraska players:

"We're going to have an attitude out there... We're going to play hard. We're going to play with these guys. We're not going to let them push us around."

"Our defense has gotten a lot better. If we were the same as we were to start the season, this game wouldn't be close."

"We like the attention. We want to be part of the spotlight — to show what we can do and to play as well as we can."

"We've matured a lot as a team. Our spirits are high."

"It's a great situation to pull off a victory and shut up all the so-called sports analysts saying that Nebraska doesn't have a great team."

"We're going to come out there and play smash-mouth football. We're going to play some hard football. I hope they expect it."

"I think Nebraska will go in and play great regardless of what type of atmosphere it is."

"We have great athletes, but we don't get much credit. If we had played the first half of the season like the last half, we'd be undefeated and playing this for the national championship ourselves."

"It won't be an upset, because I know we have a great team."

"Most people don't know what they're talking about. We have a great

team."
"Colorado and Oklahoma and Washington had great defenses, too. And we scored on them. We earned the right to be here, and I don't think we're a fluke team at all."

Nebraska coaches:

"Miami has a great team, but I know they can be stopped. They are beatable."

Nebraska fans' letters:

"NU Coach Tom Osborne won't receive his Christmas present from his football team until Jan. 1. But it will be worth the wait as it hands Dr. Tom a win over Miami."

"... I wonder, can Nebraska beat Miami? The answer is yes. Nebraska can beat Miami."

"... Without a playoff, (the Huskers) can't demonstrate that they are the best in the perception of the sportswriters."

"I see where Florida State suspended a top football player from a bowl game for not meeting academic standards, Miami suspended a top running back for criminal activity and Missouri suspended a top basketball player for criminal activity. Thank God that Nebraska doesn't jeopardize our chances of winning by such foolish action."

"Congratulations to the Cornhuskers on their lucky win over Oklahoma. Now the Big Eight co-champions will go to Miami and get beat by at least 21 points."

Welcome back to reality.

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Defense leads Buffalo back to Super Bowl

ORCHARD PARK, N.Y. (AP) — No offense, but Buffalo is going back to the Super Bowl and Denver isn't.

The Bills' no-huddle offense was a no-show against a brilliantly prepared Denver defense, until Buffalo broke a scoreless tie in the third quarter on Carlton Bailey's 11-yard touchdown return of a tipped John Elway pass. That helped Buffalo to a 10-7 victory in the AFC championship game Sunday and sent the Bills to their second straight Super Bowl, at Minneapolis on Jan. 26.

The Broncos, who entered the game an underdog by nearly two touchdowns despite a 12-4 season, had their chances, even after losing Elway in the fourth quarter with a bruised thigh. Gary Kubiak, his replacement, drove the Broncos from their 21 to the Buffalo 21, where Michael Young was stopped after catching a 10-yard pass on fourth and 11.

Then the Bills mounted their longest drive of the day, 50 yards, that resulted in a 44-yard field goal by Scott Norwood.

That offset Kubiak's 2-yard touchdown run for Denver's only score with 1:43 left.

Denver recovered the ensuing onside kick, but Steve Sewell fumbled on the Broncos' first play, and Kirby Jackson recovered at the Buffalo 44, clinching the victory.

Norwood was a lot more successful than Denver's David Treadwell, who missed from 47, 42 and 37 yards in the first half as the Broncos got into Buffalo territory on all six of their possessions, getting as far as the Bills' 11 on one drive.

But Buffalo's defense, ranked next-

to-last in the NFL during the Bills' 13-3 regular season, rose up each time, led by linebackers Cornelius Bennett and Darryl Talley and nose tackle Jeff Wright, forcing the field-goal tries.

So the game was scoreless at halftime, with Buffalo, which led the NFL with an average of 448 yards per game, held to 58 total yards.

The Bills almost matched that total on their second possession of the third quarter, driving 44 yards to the Denver 26. But on a third and seven, Tyrone Braxton intercepted a Jim Kelly pass.

That turned out to be a turning point — for the Bills.

On the second play, Elway dropped back and attempted a middle screen pass, a play that had worked for 21 yards in the first half.

But he couldn't get it over Wright and Bailey. Bailey grabbed the ball on the 11, juggled it, broke a tackle by Elway and took it into the end zone.

Elway was 10 for 15 for 113 yards in the first half, but finished only 11 for 21 for 121 yards.

Kubiak, playing against a prevent defense, was 11 of 12 for 137 yards.

This was supposed to be a shoot-out between the two teams that had represented the AFC in four of the five previous Super Bowls, particularly with the relatively mild 42-degree weather in Buffalo.

Instead, it was a day for futility, particularly by the Bills, who seemed bewildered by a Denver defense that sent Simon Fletcher and Michael Brooks blitzing on most plays.

NFC champs

Rypien, Redskins roll to 41-10 win

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Washington Redskins used brawn and versatility, an almost unmatchable combination, in qualifying for their fifth Super Bowl, and their fourth under Coach Joe Gibbs.

Looking every bit the NFL's best team, which they have been all season, the Redskins routed the Detroit Lions 41-10 in the NFC Championship game on Sunday.

The Redskins will face the Buffalo Bills in the Super Bowl in two weeks at Minneapolis. Buffalo edged Denver 10-7 on Sunday for the AFC championship.

When Washington needed the big play, Mark Rypien provided it. Or Charles Mann came through. The Lions hung in for a half, but were overwhelmed after that.

Washington's pass rush was relentless, forcing Detroit quarterback Eric Kramer into a fumble and an interception in the first seven plays. Both led to scores.

The fumble, forced by Mann, was recovered by Fred Stokes at the Lions 11. Two plays later, Gerald Riggs was in the end zone.

Moments later, Kramer, under pressure, threw a weak pass that Kurt Gouveia picked off and returned 38 yards to the Detroit 10. Chip Lohmiller made a 20-yard field goal.

Just 4:02 into the game, the Lions were down 10-0. For a while, they didn't flinch, as they hadn't throughout their run to their first championship game appearance in 35 years.

But Detroit, winner of its last seven games, simply didn't have the talent or experience to stay with Washington. The Skins (16-2) romped through the regular season with the league's most productive offense and No. 2 defense. And they showed it all Sunday.

The Lions never have won in Washington and were beaten 45-0 in the 1991 opener, when running back Barry Sanders was injured. Although the Lions hung close for 30 minutes in this one, they never really seemed capable of stopping Washington.

The Lions couldn't block Mann, who had one sack, forced a fumble, tipped a pass and was involved in nearly every key defensive play. The

Lions couldn't pressure Rypien as the "Hogs," Washington's impenetrable line that allowed only nine sacks all season, stood firm.

Rypien took advantage, completing 12 of 17 passes for 228 yards, with touchdowns of 45 yards to Gary Clark and 21 to Art Monk.

Sanders, the NFL's No. 2 rusher this season, touched the ball just four times in the third quarter when Washington outscored Detroit 10-0. He accounted for 4 yards in that period.

With 10 minutes remaining, the 55,585 fans were chanting, "We Want Buffalo!" If the Bills were watching, could they have wanted Washington?

The Redskins won the Super Bowl following the 1982 and 1987 seasons, both strike years, and lost after the 1972 and 1983 seasons.

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