

# Huskers blow out No. 13 Jayhawks

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It was another big game. It was another nationally televised contest. And it was another blowout of a highly rated opponent for the Nebraska football team.

The No. 7 Cornhuskers scored 35 first-half points and cruised to a 49-7 win over No. 13 Kansas Saturday before a national television audience on ESPN and 76,165 fans at Memorial Stadium.

The Husker offense rolled up 533 total yards — 351 of those on the ground — on a Jayhawk defense that had been giving up only 283.3 yards per game and only 113.8 rushing yards a game.

Last week, the Huskers defeated Colorado 52-7, and the second consecutive lopsided win over a rated team left Nebraska coach Tom Osborne confused.

"The last two weeks have been hard for me to explain," he said. "I thought both of them would be tough games."

Entering the game, Osborne said, he was especially worried about Kansas.

"I'm always a little more concerned with a team that can run the ball, a team that has the type of diversity that Kansas has shown," he said. "I really thought that if we played real well we might beat them by a couple touchdowns."

Also worrying Osborne was the fact that the Huskers seemed a little flat in the locker room before the game and might not have been capable of putting out the same effort as they had against Colorado a week earlier.

"The thing that was bothering me was just whether we'd be able to play hard and play with emotion two weeks in a row," he said. "I didn't feel quite the same attitude that I felt last week."

Nebraska I-back Calvin Jones, who rushed for 107 yards and two touchdowns on 13 carries, said the Huskers were ready to play.

"We were ready to go," Jones said. "I don't know if it was quite like it was a week ago against Colorado. That was one of the concerns with the coaches was how we were going to come out and play after a so-called big victory last week."

"The team stepped up well." Husker defensive tackle John Parrella said the defense was fired up from the start.

"We felt this was another big game," he said. "When the big game's on the line, we come to play."

It was obvious that Nebraska had come to play on the Huskers' first

## Nebraska-Kansas Scoring Summary

Points by quarters	Final
Nebraska 7 28 14 0	—7
Kansas 0 7 0 0	—49

### Scoring stats

- 1-NU—Armstrong, 36 yd. pass from Frazier (Bennett kick)
- 2-NU—Armstrong, 11 yd. pass from Frazier (Bennett kick)
- 3-NU—Dixon, 46 yd. pass from Frazier (Bennett kick)
- 4-KU—Douglas, 4 yd. run (Eichloff kick)
- 5-NU—Jones, 3 yd. run (Bennett kick)
- 6-NU—Jones, 6 yd. run (Bennett kick)
- 7-NU—Byrd, 30 yd. interception return (Bennett kick)
- 8-NU—Lewis, 5 yd. run (Bennett kick)

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Jayhawks' average going into the game.

Kansas did show an offensive spark on its next possession. The Jayhawks went 80 yards in eight plays and cut the Husker lead to 21-7 on Maurice Douglas' 4-yard touchdown run.

It took Nebraska less than two minutes to get that score back. After Dixon returned the kickoff 28 yards to the Nebraska 39, Jones capped a five-play drive with a 5-yard touchdown run. Jones scored again in the quarter on a 6-yard run to give the Huskers a 35-7 lead at halftime.

At that point, Nebraska had already piled up 343 yards in offense, compared with Kansas' 157.

Brown said most of the credit was due to the offensive line.

"I can't congratulate the offensive line enough because they do such great jobs," he said. "I'm just really happy to be right behind them."

After the second play of the second half, few Jayhawks were happy. Husker safety Tyrone Byrd stepped in front of a Chip Hilleary pass, intercepted it and returned it 30 yards for another Nebraska touchdown to make the score 42-7.

"I just really focused on my receiver," Byrd said. "I got a really good break on the ball. I looked back just in time and the ball was right there."

"I was just really determined to catch it and make sure I got in the end zone."

Nebraska got in the Kansas end zone once more on a 5-yard run by Lance Lewis midway through the third quarter. From then on, the Nebraska reserves held Kansas in check and ran out the clock.

Now at 7-1 and 4-0 in the Big Eight, the Huskers hold the upper hand in the race for the conference championship. Osborne said he hoped the race for a second straight Orange Bowl berth wouldn't overshadow his team's accomplishments in the past two games.

"My experience over the years is that these kind of games somehow get written off rather quickly," he said. "I hope that just because it was a sound victory on our part that it isn't overlooked somehow."

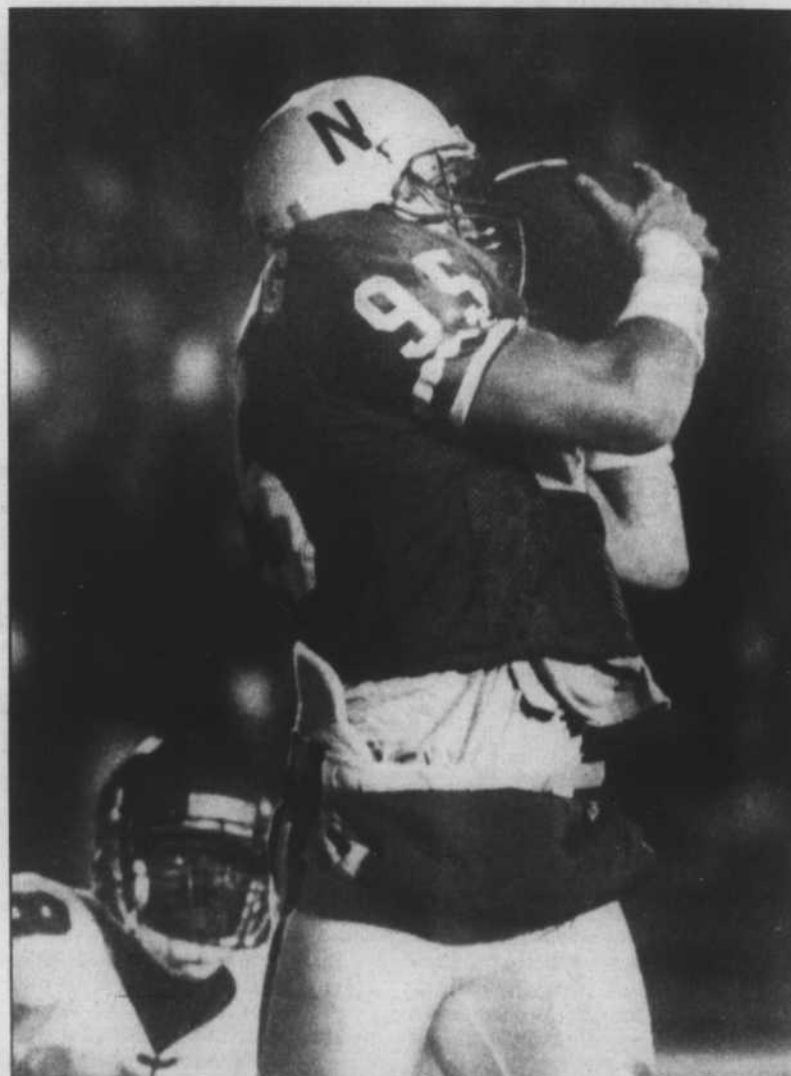
That should be hard to do, Jones said.

"If you look at last week's film and this week's film, it speaks for itself," he said. "This Nebraska team has really been playing well. Everyone is coming together."

"I think it's going to be great to see how we finish the year."



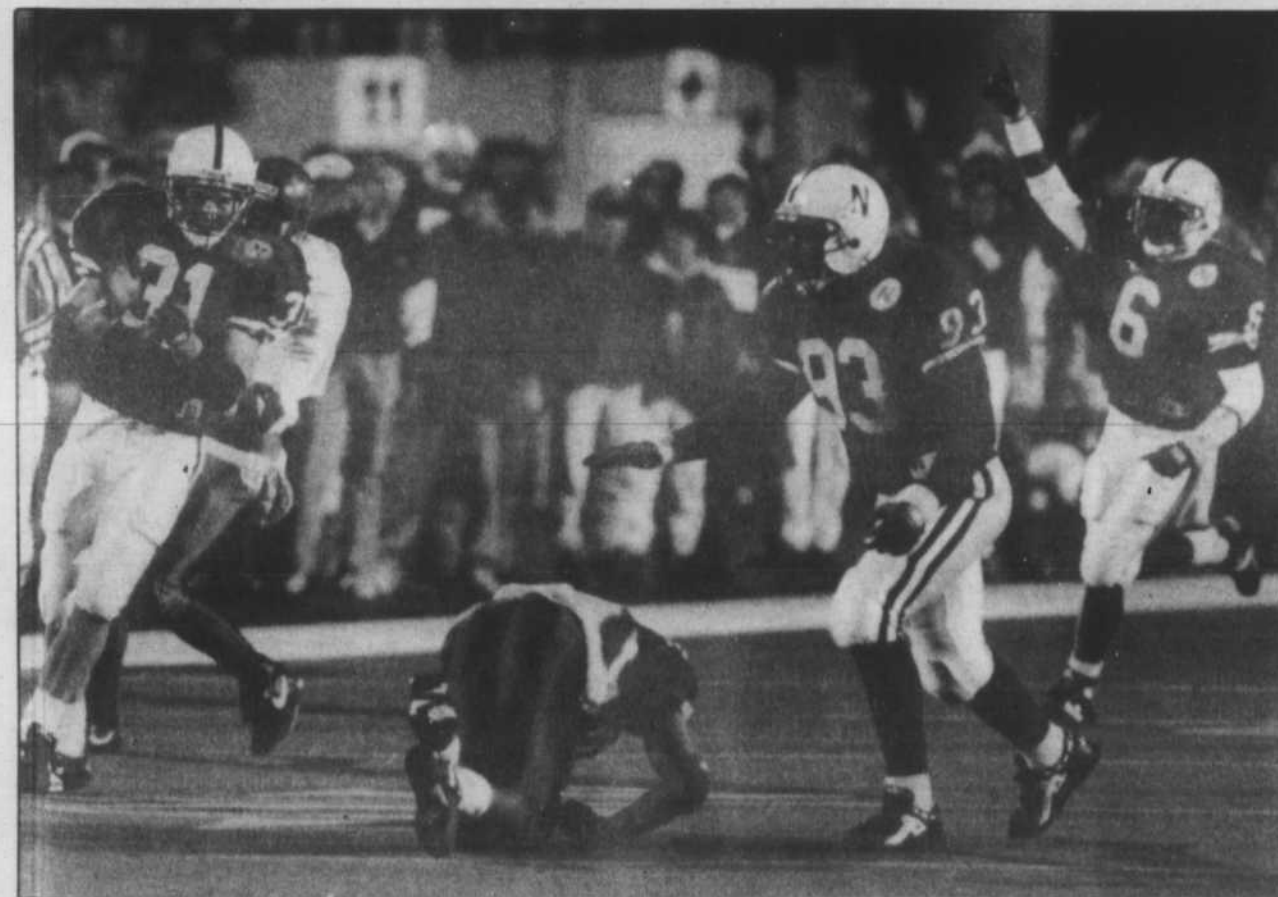
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Clockwise from top: Derek Brown turns the corner against the Jayhawks. Brown rushed for 156 yards on 15 carries, the second-highest rushing total of his NU career.

Nebraska's Corey Dixon catches a 46-yard touchdown pass from Tommie Frazier while evading KU's Robert Vaughn in the second quarter.

NU's Steve Carmer, left, Travis Hill, middle and John Reece, right, celebrate an unsuccessful KU first down attempt in the second quarter.

Tight end Gerald Armstrong scores on a second-quarter Tommie Frazier pass to put the Cornhuskers up 14-0.

# Kansas team on rebound from painful loss to NU

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As the Kansas football players left Memorial Stadium Saturday night, they were showered with the chant "Beat CU... Beat CU."

But the Nebraska crowd's support of the Jayhawks for their game against Colorado next week failed to help ease the pain of the 49-7 defeat to the Cornhuskers.

The loss dropped Kansas into second place in the Big Eight and all but dashed the Jayhawks' hopes of going to the Orange Bowl for the first time in 24 years.

"It knocks my hopes down a little bit, because it was good to be in the driver's seat for as long as we were, but now the Big Eight title doesn't rest in our hands anymore," Kansas offensive guard Hessel Hempstead said.

The 13th-ranked Jayhawks lost their first conference game to drop their record to 4-1 in Big Eight play and 7-2 overall.

Kansas quarterback Chip Hilleary said it was embarrassing to lose by 42 points in such an important game.

"I definitely was expecting a lot closer game, and I think everybody around us was," Hilleary said. He had trouble all night getting the Jayhawks'

offense in gear. "We just didn't show up to play," he said.

Kansas defensive tackle Dana Stubblefield agreed.

"Everybody expected us to play better than that," Stubblefield said. "I'm not surprised at the way we played—I'm disappointed at the way we played."

Coming into the game, Kansas had either led or been tied at halftime in 16 of its last 19 games. But at the half Saturday, the Jayhawks trailed 35-7. Hilleary said Kansas' slow start led to its defeat.

"It seems like every game we've come into this year, we've set a tone early by scoring in the first series, and that didn't happen today," Hilleary said.

"It's hard when you're down three or four touchdowns right off the bat—I think that has a lot to do mentally. With a Nebraska football team that can keep putting points on the board, it's tough."

Hilleary, who entered the game with only eight interceptions this year, threw two against the Huskers. He said he wished the fans that wanted Kansas to beat Colorado next Saturday would have been more supportive of the Jayhawks against Nebraska.

"We had a hard time with the fans," Hilleary said. "They had incredible noise in this place, and I think that's a big factor."

As for Kansas' postseason hopes, the second-place Big Eight team goes into a bowl coalition involving numerous major bowls, while the third-place team from the conference will play in the Aloha Bowl on Christmas Day.

The Kansas players said they would rather beat Colorado next week and solidify a spot in the coalition than spend Christmas in Honolulu.

"Rebounding won't be a problem—I'm looking forward to the Colorado game," Hempstead said.

The Jayhawks' only other loss this year was a 27-23 setback to California, and Kansas went on to post a four-game winning streak following that defeat.

Stubblefield said he was expecting the same kind of Kansas resilience this time around.

"We did it once and we can do it again," he said.

Hempstead agreed.

"We're having one of our best seasons around here that Kansas has had in quite a while, so we've just got to keep keeping it on," Hempstead said.

## AP TOP 25

AS OF 11/7/92	1992 RECORD	PTS.	PVS.
1 Miami (61)	8-0-0	1,549	2
2 Alabama (1)	9-0-0	1,463	3
3 Michigan	8-0-1	1,424	4
4 Texas A&M	9-0-0	1,340	5
5 Florida St.	8-1-0	1,313	6
6 Washington	8-1-0	1,201	1
7 Nebraska	7-1-0	1,192	7
8 Notre Dame	7-1-1	1,092	8
9 Arizona	6-2-1	1,074	12
10 Syracuse	8-1-0	1,033	10
11 Florida	6-2-0	886	14
12 Georgia	7-2-0	830	15
13 Colorado	7-1-1	788	16
14 N. Carolina St.	7-2-1	699	17
15 Stanford	7-3-0	626	21
16 Mississippi St.	7-2-0	588	19
17 Boston College	7-1-1	571	9
18 Southern Cal	5-2-1	515	11
19 Ohio St.	7-2-0	467	22
20 Kansas	7-2-0	370	13
21 Washington St.	7-2-0	298	25
22 Penn St.	6-3-0	280	23
23 Tennessee	5-3-0	190	24
24 Hawaii	7-1-0	151	-
25 N. Carolina	7-3-0	67	18

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