

Husker defense silences Tigers' roar

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After a week of doubt about their ability to slow the Missouri air attack, the Nebraska Blackshirts not only slowed it down but brought it to a halt in the second half.

The Cornhusker defense held the Tigers to zero yards in the third quarter and 32 yards in the fourth quarter en route to a 49-7 win at Memorial Stadium on Saturday.

Last week, Kansas State marched up and down the Memorial Stadium turf for 565 yards, including 489 yards passing.

But Missouri managed only 172 yards — including 104 passing yards — against the Huskers.

"That was a little more like it," Nebraska coach Tom Osborne said. "That was probably our most complete game of the year. I was pleased with the defense. And offensively, it was probably our most consistent game."

Defensive coordinator Charlie McBride said he felt good about the defense's performance.

"Last week we got it shoved in our face pretty good, and I think a lot of it was mental today," McBride said.

Osborne said better pressure on Missouri quarterback Jeff Handy and better concentration were the keys for the Husker defense.

"We put more pressure on the quarterback than last week," he said. "We had a better rush, good coverage and no glaring busts in the secondary."

Nebraska comeback Barron Miles said he wasn't surprised by the defense's dominating performance.

"We know how we can play; we just have to maintain this kind of performance," Miles said. "I think we silenced a lot of critics Saturday, and we felt really happy that we threw out all the little mental things from last week and got it together."

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Dwayne Harris and Kevin Ramaekers each had one sack.

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Tigers, the Husker offense moved almost at will against the Missouri defense.

Turnovers were what slowed the Huskers down in the first half, as Nebraska racked up 300 yards but managed only 21 points.

The Huskers marched 76 yards on their first drive before fumbling on the Missouri 4-yard line.

The first quarter ended with no score, but Nebraska exploded for three touchdowns in the second quarter.

The last touchdown came with just 34 seconds left in the half, on a 55-yard reception from Tommie Frazier to Calvin Jones.

The Huskers marched 93 yards in 2:04 and went to the locker room with a 21-7 lead.

Frazier said the touchdown at the end of the half hurt the Tigers' chances at an upset.

"That might have been the back-breaker," Frazier said. "If Missouri

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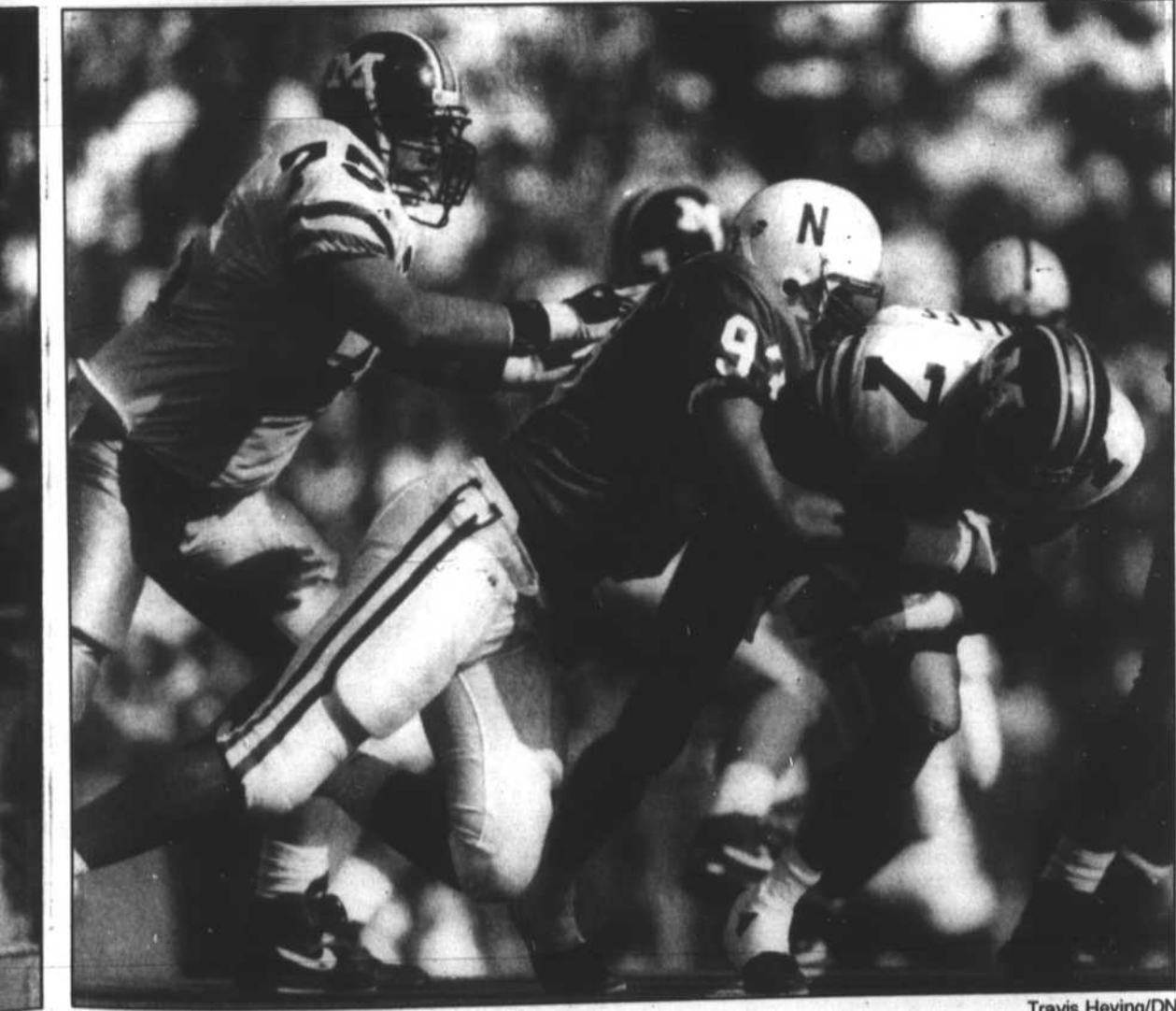
	Record	Pvs
1. Florida St. (62)	7-0-0	1
2. Notre Dame	8-0-0	2
3. Ohio St.	7-0-0	3
4. Miami	5-1-0	6
5. Alabama	6-0-1	4
6. Nebraska	7-0-0	5
7. Arizona	7-0-0	7
8. Tennessee	5-1-1	8
9. Auburn	7-0-0	10
10. Florida	5-1-0	9

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Game stats Nebraska 49 Missouri 7

SCORING	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total
Nebraska	0	21	14	14	49
Missouri	0	7	0	0	7

SCORING BY QUARTER

Nebraska	Missouri	Time left
7		
		Tommie Frazier - Clester Johnson 7-yd. pass 14:24
	7	Jeff Jones 1-yd. run 10:33
14		Calvin Jones 4-yd. run 6:52
21		Frazier - Jones 55-yd. pass :34
28		Frazier 37-yd. run 12:41
35		Jones 1-yd. run 2:53
42		Lawrence Phillips 25-yd. run 14:14
49		Jeff Makovicka 1-yd. run 7:31

OFFENSE

RUSHING LEADERS

	ATT	Net yards	Ave.	Long gain	TD
C. Jones	27	129	4.8	16	2
T. Frazier	11	81	7.4	37	1
C. Childs	4	29	7.3	10	0
L. Phillips	2	27	13.5	25	1
TOTAL	63	340	5.4	37	5

PASSING

	Comp.-Att.	Comp.-Pct.	Yds.	TD
T. Frazier	13-8	.615	143	2

PASS RECEIVING

	No.	Yards	TD
C. Jones	1	55	1
T. Bell	2	36	0
C. Johnson	2	24	1

DEFENSE

TACKLES

	Total	Unassisted	Assists
Trev Alberts	7	4	3
Five players tied at four total tackles.			

OFFENSE

RUSHING LEADERS

	ATT	Net yards	Ave.	Long gain	TD
J. Freeman	8	53	6.6	21	0
J. Jones	4	10	2.5	5	1
TOTAL	26	68	2.6	21	1

PASSING

	Comp.-Att.	Comp.-Pct.	Yds.	TD
J. Handy	15-23	.652	104	0

PASS RECEIVING

	No.	Yards	TD
M. Jadlot	3	35	0
K. Holly	5	32	0

DEFENSE

TACKLES

	Total	Unassisted	Assists
Andre White	17	9	9
Darryl Major	13	6	7
Travis McDonald	10	3	7

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Clockwise from bottom right: Defensive tackle Billy Wade wraps up Tiger wide receiver Brian Sallee while Missouri offensive tackle Trey O'Neil looks on. Nebraska outside linebacker Trev Alberts, who had seven tackles on the day, sacks Tiger quarterback Jeff Handy, forcing a fumble during the first quarter of the Cornhuskers' 49-7 win over Missouri Saturday. Rover Toby Wright leaps to try to stop Tiger tailback Jeff Jones, who scored the Tigers' only touchdown of the day on the play. Nebraska quarterback Tommie Frazier, who gained 81 yards on 11 carries, eludes Missouri's Andre White. White then teams with Daryl Major to stop Frazier, who also threw for 143 yards on 8-of-13 passing.