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Cornhuskers defeat Red Raiders 42-16

Game Stats

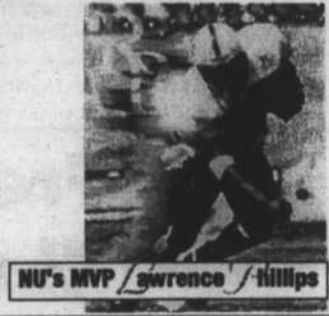
Nebraska 42
Texas Tech 16

Scoring	1st	2nd	3rd	4th
Nebraska	7	7	14	14
Texas Tech	0	3	6	7

Neb- Tommie Frazier 58yd run (Tom Sieler kick)
Neb- Frazier 3yd run (Sieler kick)
TT- Jon Davis 49yd field goal
TT- Scott Aylor 6yd pass from Zebbie Lethridge (conversion failed)
Neb- Lawrence Phillips 2yd run (Sieler kick)
Neb- Phillips 56yd run (Sieler kick)
Neb- Eric Alford 35yd pass from Frazier (Sieler kick)
TT- Ben Kaufman fumble recovery in end zone (Davis kick)
Neb- Clinton Childs 30yd run (Sieler kick)

Rushing					Passing							
	Att.	Yds.		Att.	Yds.		Comp.	Att.	Int.	Yds.		
Phillips	19	175	Lethridge	6	62							
Schlesinger	6	84	Crain	15	46							
Frazier	13	84	Hanspard	12	27							
Childs	10	59	Darden	7	4							
Receiving					Passing							
	No.	Yds.		Comp.	Att.	Int.	Yds.		Comp.	Att.	Int.	Yds.
Phillips	3	39	Scovell	3	10	0	64					
Alford	1	35	Mitchell	5	14	1	46					
Baul	1	14	DuBuc	3	5	0	40					

Breakdown	Neb.	Tech.
First Downs	26	17
Rushes-yards	63-524	42-147
Passing	88	150
Return Yards	5	7
Comp-Att-Int	5-17-1	11-29-1
Punts-avg.	3-47	8-41
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	1-0
Penalties-Yards	5-44	4-30
Time of Possession	33:50	26:10



NU's MVP Lawrence Phillips

By Mitch Sherman
Senior Reporter

LUBBOCK, Texas — Nebraska's defense bent Thursday night in Lubbock but it did not break.

Eleven days after holding West Virginia to 89 total yards in the Kick-off Classic, the Cornhusker defense gave up 297 yards in Nebraska's 42-16 win over Texas Tech at Jones Stadium.

Playing before a crowd of 32,768 — the 15th-smallest crowd to see Nebraska play in the last 32 years — the Huskers looked impressive early.

Nebraska quarterback Tommie Frazier said it was important to start the game with a bang.

"We left the locker room," Frazier said, "and I told my linemen, 'We are going to explode.'"

No. 1 Nebraska, 2-0, took the ball 78 yards in seven plays in the game's first two minutes. On third down and one from the Texas Tech 42-yard line, Frazier scampered 58 yards to give Nebraska a 6-0 lead.

The Red Raiders, 1-1, could not move the ball on the ensuing possession, losing one yard in three plays before punting.

Nebraska appeared ready to explode, but their second drive stalled after a 28-yard Frazier run was called back because of illegal motion.

I-back Lawrence Phillips, who ran for a career-high 175 yards in the game, was stopped on fourth and one two plays later.

The stingy play of the Red Raider defense was a sign of things to come. Other than a 15 play, 98-yard drive, which took more than five minutes off

the clock midway through the first half, Nebraska had problems moving the ball against the Tech defense in the second quarter.

"I thought Texas Tech played well," Nebraska coach Tom Osborne said. "I was proud of them. I thought they played hard. It was a good coaching game for Spike Dykes (Texas Tech coach)."

Trailing 14-0 with just over 11 minutes left in the first half, Tech quarterback Tony Darden hit tight end Field Scovell for a 43-yard pass to the Nebraska 37-yard line.

The Blackshirts were able to stymie the Tech offense, but not before Jon Davis was in position to kick a 49-yard field goal, the first points scored on Nebraska this season.

Nebraska had a chance to blow the game open, but sophomore place-kicker Darin Erstad missed field goals of 42 and 49 yards in the second quarter, both wide left.

Osborne took the blame for the lack of success moving the ball in the second quarter.

"I probably got a little too fancy," he said. "I got us in trouble by what I did, but I thought we had to throw the ball some."

Osborne said the Huskers' passing game will need to improve before their Sept. 17 meeting with UCLA in Lincoln.

Frazier completed five of 15 passes for 88 yards and one touchdown.

Texas Tech took the ball 80 yards in nine plays to open the second half and cut Nebraska's lead to 14-9. Tech went for a two-point conversion, but redshirt freshman quarterback Zebbie

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Nebraska coach

Lethridge bobbled the snap and was sacked.

Lethridge, who primarily played in the second and third quarters, ran for 62 yards on six carries, several times scrambling away from pressure.

"(Tech's quarterbacks) are legit," Nebraska defensive coordinator Charlie McBride said. "They can run, and they are going to give people problems forever."

Leading by only five points, Nebraska responded by driving 83 yards for a touchdown. The drive was highlighted by the play of fullback Cory Schlesinger, who bettered his career-best run twice on the possession.

Runs of 41 yards to the Tech 27-yard line and 24 yards to the 2-yard line by the senior from Duncan, helped give Nebraska a 21-9 lead with 9:01 to go in the third quarter. Schlesinger finished with a career-high 84 yards on six carries.

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NU awes Dykes, Texas Tech

By Trevor Parks
Staff Reporter

LUBBOCK, Texas — Texas Tech coach Spike Dykes said he was glad to see his Red Raider team give No. 1 Nebraska a challenge — for a while anyway.

"I thought we played extremely hard," Dykes said. "I think anytime you play the No. 1 team in the nation, you better be ready to play a full 60 minutes."

For 33 minutes, the Red Raiders were able to give Nebraska the challenge Dykes was looking for, trailing only 14-9.

Dykes was pleased with his team's effort up to that point.

"In the first half I felt if we hung in there, we might have an opportunity," Dykes said. "In the third quarter, once we got something stopped, the dam would break somewhere else."

Dykes said the tough part in the game came after the Red Raiders had pulled within five.

"When they scored to go up 21-9, that was the back-breaker," Dykes said.

Nebraska scored on an 82-yard drive in eight plays over a 3:32 span.

Dykes said his team had other chances to come back, but it didn't get the job done.

Linebacker Zach Thomas agreed with Dykes.

"We played good at times, and then the next quarter we don't know what happens," Thomas said. "I think we lost our poise a little bit and didn't play like we can for 60 minutes."

Although the 42-16 outcome wasn't to Dykes' liking, he said playing against top competition was the only way to get better.

"It's good for you," Dykes said. "It helps a young football team. I hope we gained a lot."

Dykes' team must rebound quickly before traveling to Oklahoma to play the Sooners next Saturday.

For running back Byron Haspard, playing competition like the Huskers was a great thrill for him.

"It felt really good playing against the No. 1 team in the nation," Haspard said. "It was a privilege to play against such wonderful people. I pray they win the national title. They deserve it."

Dykes said he liked having the opportunity of playing Nebraska, and looks forward to playing the Huskers when the Big Eight Conference expands in 1996.

"You get a chance to see that your program is not far away."



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While the Nebraska football team was in Texas, fans gathered at Grandmother's at 70th and A streets to cheer the Cornhuskers to a 42-16 victory. The Nebraska pep band performed at halftime before a small crowd at the restaurant Thursday night.

Volleyball team to face tough challenges in tournament

By Derek Samson
Senior Reporter

The Nebraska volleyball team made things look easy in its first weekend of competition.

However, Cornhusker coach Terry Pettit isn't counting on that to continue.

The second- and fifth-ranked Huskers won all three matches, sweeping all nine games, to capture the Mortar Board Purdue Premier title last weekend.

But when No. 9 Arizona State visits Lincoln this weekend for the FirstTier Invitational, it could be a much different scenario.

Arizona State, which will contend for the Pacific 10 Conference crown, joins Wyoming and Bowling Green State for the four-team invitational tonight and Saturday at the NU Coliseum.

Nebraska begins its competition in

the FirstTier Invitational with Bowling Green State tonight at 7:30 p.m. The Huskers will take on both Wyoming and Arizona State on Saturday.

"Arizona State is one of the best teams in the country," Pettit said. "Arizona State is an experienced, strong ball-handling team. They have three players that in their media guide they call preseason All-Americans. They play in probably the best volleyball conference in the nation."

In contrast to last week's competition — Oregon State, Kentucky and Purdue — the schools visiting the NU Coliseum this weekend may give 3-0 Nebraska its first real tests.

"I think Wyoming is probably stronger than anybody we played last week, and Bowling Green went five (games) with Wisconsin, and Wisconsin is a

very good team," Pettit said. "This weekend gives us a pretty good idea of how we compare against some pretty good teams. Arizona State is definitely a Top 10 team, so it's a much fairer comparison than last weekend."

The FirstTier Invite also marks the Huskers' home opener. Pettit said playing before the home crowd would help against a team of Arizona State's caliber.

"It's always fun to play in the Coliseum," he said. "We've got to play real well this weekend. We usually do, but particularly here, we play our best volleyball. I think it will be interesting."

Despite the Huskers' domination last weekend, Pettit said there was plenty of room for improvement.

"There were some very good things,

and there were some areas we need to address," he said. "We played well offensively, but I didn't feel we played particularly well defensively. We need to pursue the ball better."

"We need to get the ball to our setter in position so she can make choices. If she can make choices, we have some dominant net players, and I think we can do a good job."

Pettit said he was confident his team would get the job done.

"We're still developing as a team and will probably continue to do so for several weeks," he said. "Usually you see the most improvement between your first competition and your second week of competition. I think the players and coaches anticipate that we'll play much stronger this weekend."

FirstTier Invitational

NU Coliseum

Nebraska will play Bowling Green State Friday at 7:30 p.m., Wyoming Saturday at 11 a.m., and Arizona State at 7:30 p.m. Saturday.

Nebraska

S	Christy Johnson	5-8	Jr.
OH	Billie Winsett	5-11	Jr.
OH	Kelly Aspegren	5-11	Sr.
OH	Maria Hedbeck	5-10	So.
MB	Allison Weston	6-0	Jr.
MB	Jen McFadden	6-2	So.

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