

Pass is fourth leaf on CU's clover

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Colorado coach Bill McCartney's swing of emotions in the final minutes of Saturday's game against Michigan was so vast that he couldn't even describe the feeling.

The fifth-ranked Buffaloes, down 26-21 with 15 seconds remaining, had the ball at their own 15-yard line following a Wolverine punt.

"I've got to tell you," McCartney said, "I was very frustrated prior to that last play. I felt like we were the best team, and we weren't going to get the victory."

After moving the ball 21 yards to the Michigan 36-yard line, the Buffs called a timeout.

With eight seconds left and 64 yards to go, McCartney said he thought the game was over. But Colorado quarterback Kordell Stewart launched a pass that traveled more than 70 yards in the air.

The ball came down in a crowd of players, was tipped and fell into the arms of Colorado wide receiver Michael Westbrook.

"I was the last one to think that play would work," McCartney said. "I wasn't optimistic. When Kordell did launch it, I thought, 'Doggone, we got a chance.'"

Even after the reception, McCartney still had to look twice before believing the Buffs had won.

"We had so many penalties during the game that when I looked around and saw no flags, it was a great feeling," he said.

McCartney, whose teams have been known to pull off fourth-quarter magic in recent years, said the play came down to execution and luck.

"We were fortunate that they only rushed three people," he said. "Kordell was able to buy extra time. That was about as far as he could throw it and still have it come down with our guys having a chance to catch it."

Stewart, a 6-foot-3, 210-pound senior from

Big 8 Roundup

1994 Big Eight Conference Football Standings

Team	Conference Games				All Games			
	W	L	T	Pct.	W	L	T	Pct.
Nebraska	0	0	0	1.000	4	0	0	1.000
Kansas St.	0	0	0	1.000	3	0	0	1.000
Colorado	0	0	0	1.000	3	0	0	1.000
Kansas	0	0	0	1.000	3	1	0	.750
Oklahoma St.	0	0	0	1.000	2	1	0	.667
Oklahoma	0	0	0	1.000	2	1	0	.667
Missouri	0	0	0	1.000	1	2	0	.333
Iowa St.	0	0	0	1.000	0	4	0	.000

Weekend Results

Nebraska 70 Pacific 21
Kansas St. 35 Minnesota 0
Colorado 27 Michigan 26

Oklahoma St. 17 Tulsa 10
Rice 28 Iowa St. 18
Kansas 72 UAB 0

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Marrero, La., is third in the nation in both passing efficiency and total offense. Last week's Big Eight offensive player of the week has completed 66.7 percent of his passes this year. McCartney said Stewart deserved to be considered for the Heisman Trophy.

"If Kordell continues to play like he has and we continue to win," McCartney said, "he has a chance."

Colorado travels to Austin, Texas, to take on Texas Saturday, the last of three consecutive games against top 15 opponents.

BIG EIGHT NOTES:

• Colorado players swept this week's player of the week honors. Westbrook, who

caught seven passes for 157 yards, was given the offensive award. Ted Johnson, a senior inside linebacker, who had 14 tackles and caused a Michigan fumble in the fourth quarter, won the defensive honor.

• Nebraska continued to roll up the rushing yardage Saturday. The Cornhuskers' 510 yards on the ground in their 70-21 win over Pacific pushed their season average to 471.5 yards per game. The Nebraska record for rushing yards per game is 401.7, set in 1983. Nebraska is less than one yard away from being on pace to eclipse the NCAA record of 472.4 yards per game, set by Oklahoma in 1971.

NU softball team defeated after 11 wins

From Staff Reports

The Nebraska softball team's 11-game winning streak was stopped last weekend at the National Invitational Championship tournament, held in Rock Island, Ill.

After advancing to the championship game of the tournament, the Cornhuskers were defeated by Big Eight rival Oklahoma State 7-2.

Junior Stacie Stafford won two games against Drake and Iowa State on Sunday to propel the Huskers into the title game. The Huskers defeated Drake 8-0 and Iowa State 10-2.

The game against Oklahoma State was tied 2-2 after six innings, but Nebraska pitcher Angela Blackwood allowed five runs in the top of the seventh inning. Blackwood, a freshman, gave up seven runs, with only two earned.

Stafford, a transfer from Fair Oaks, Calif., was named to the all-tournament team. Outfielder Amy Offenbacher and Blackwood were the other two Huskers who made the all-tournament team.

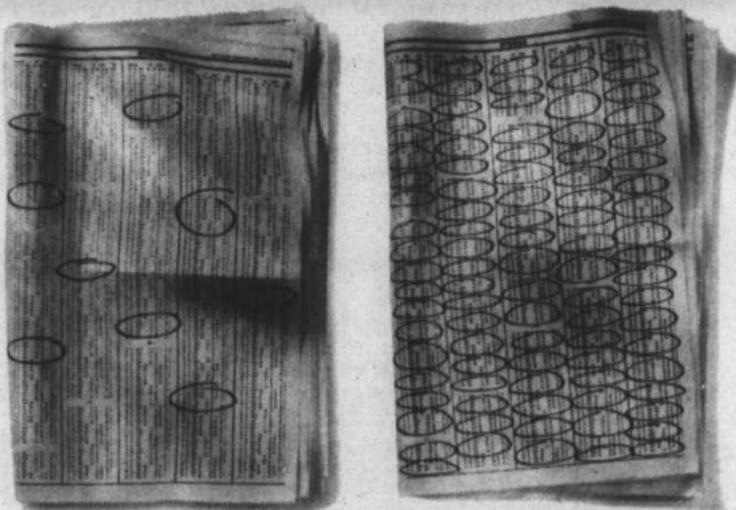
Offenbacher had two hits and two RBIs against Oklahoma State to lead the Nebraska hitting attack.

The Huskers went 6-1 in the tournament.

The Huskers are now 11-1 on the season, and their next action will be Oct. 2 in the alumni game.

After the alumni game, Nebraska will head to the Big Eight Classic, which will be Oct. 8-9 in Independence, Mo.

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and defense in for the entire game, the score WOULD have been 140-0.

The Tigers were very lucky it was Tom Osborne's team on the other sideline, or they would have been on the wrong end of college football history Saturday.

So Pacific gets money.

But what does Nebraska get besides another mark in the win column?

Nothing but bumps, bruises and boredom.

"I think playing these type of games once a year is enough," offensive guard Brenden Stai said. "You need to have somewhat of a challenge week in and week out. These guys didn't pose much of a challenge."

Maybe the younger guys down the

depth chart got some needed experience, but isn't that what practice is for?

I guarantee practicing against their own Husker teammates would be better experience than going up against a Pacific player.

And the crowd doesn't have to pay money to watch practice, either.

I wouldn't want to see Nebraska schedule itself out of a national championship by playing Michigan, Notre Dame and Florida every year, but let's get some better teams than a Pacific or North Texas, which came to Lincoln last year.

Despite a 70-21 triumph, there were no winners last Saturday.

Even though the Tigers are once again on Nebraska's schedule in 1995, I hope in future scheduling the Huskers stay away from any team that is named after an ocean.

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Frazier

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"If he is put on blood thinners," Edwards said Monday afternoon, "then it would be dangerous for him to play."

Osborne said doctors Frazier had seen in Lincoln agreed, though he would be in otherwise perfect physical shape.

"It would be kind of a tragedy if he wasn't able to play because of the blood thinners," Osborne said, "even though he could run and do everything at full speed."

The clot behind Frazier's knee was the second clot to form in his leg. Doctors told Osborne a clot closer to his calf moved to his knee, probably last Thursday.

"It was a long shot," Osborne said. "It was just something they thought they should check out. Nobody thought there would be any chance or very little chance of a blockage."

Edwards said the proximity of the clot was critical to the length of Frazier's recovery. He said a clot above the popliteal vein (located near the knee) would likely require blood thinners, while a clot below the popliteal vein could be handled quickly without blood thinners.

Frazier, a starter of 22-consecutive games for the Cornhuskers, first complained of soreness in his calf the

morning of the UCLA game, Osborne said.

"We don't know exactly when it happened or if he got hit," Osborne said. "Monday (Sept. 19) he came in and said his leg was a little sore."

Frazier was carted out of practice last Monday with ice on his lower leg but returned Tuesday.

"Tuesday, he practiced some," Osborne said. "Wednesday, he practiced real good. He ran normally and said the soreness was all gone. Thursday, he said it was a little sore again. That's when we began to get a little concerned because the assumption was that it was a bruise."

Frazier, whom Osborne said would be hospitalized at least until Wednesday, played sparingly in Saturday's win over Pacific. He saw action on Nebraska's first two drives, leading the Huskers to a 14-0 lead before being replaced by Brook Berringer.

Edwards said it was probably difficult for the medical staff to diagnose a vascular problem on a young athlete. Most vascular problems, he said, occur on older people.

"They probably thought it was just a muscle bruise," Edwards said. "It's not their fault that they didn't recognize the vascular problem. I probably wouldn't have seen it either. After it didn't go away, I'm sure they looked at it a little closer."

Osborne said more would be known in the next few days.

"We certainly wouldn't do anything that would jeopardize his future or his career," Osborne said. "I don't know if we're talking three, four months or a couple, three weeks. I just hate to speculate right now. I don't think the doctors know right now."



Frazier