



Nebraska linebacker Ed Stewart hoists the football after recovering a Missouri fumble near the Husker goal line early in the second half.

Mizzou players give edge to Buffaloes

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COLUMBIA, Mo. — Now that Nebraska has defeated Missouri, the Cornhuskers finally are putting their full attention toward the game fans have been looking forward to all season long.

Colorado vs. Nebraska. The Huskers and Buffaloes both will come into Saturday morning's nationally televised contest undefeated. Nebraska and Colorado both have wins over Missouri, and most Tiger players had a definite opinion about which team would be victorious this Saturday.

Colorado. Sophomore wide receiver Rahsetnu Jenkins, who caught a game-high eight passes, said Colorado would have the edge this Saturday.

"I know that my opinion doesn't normally count," Jenkins said, "but I'd put my money on Colorado. They got some athletes. That's going to be a good game."

"I don't care who wins, but I think Colorado is a little better."

Freshman tailback Brock Olivo, who ran for 37 yards against the Huskers, said that Colorado just had too many weapons for the Huskers to contain.

"They have (Michael) Westbrook at wide receiver," Olivo said, "and they got Rashaan Salaam."

Although Nebraska is the No. 2 team in the nation, Tiger strong safety Andre White wasn't so sure the Huskers deserved that ranking.

Nebraska was not as superior to Missouri as the 42-7 final score indicated, he said.

"They're the No. 2 team in the country," he said, "but they're not physically or talent wise much better than this Missouri football team."

But White's opinion on the showdown in Lincoln next week was a split decision.

"They're two solid football teams," he said. "I think Colorado's offense is more powerful, but I think Nebraska's defense is more powerful."

However, Missouri junior guard Steve Martin thought the Huskers' offensive control contributed to their defensive success.

"Their defense is their offense on the field," he said. "If they keep their offense on the field, then the other team's offense is off the field and can't score."

"They found a couple of plays that would work, and once they found those plays, they would just keep on running them at you."

Martin said he still thought Colorado would be victorious next week.

"Colorado doesn't rely on the run as much," he said. "They have a great running game, but

Scoring		1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Nebraska	42
Nebraska		0	14	14	14		
Missouri		0	0	0	7		7

Rushing		Att.	Yds.	Rushing		Att.	Yds.
Phillips	22	110	Freeman	11	37		
Benning	10	39	Olivo	11	26		
Childs	6	65	Handy	4	-25		
Schlesinger	5	35	Janes	2	10		

Passing		Comp.	Att.	Int.	Yds.	Passing		Comp.	Att.	Int.	Yds.
Berringer	9-13	0	152	Handy	19-29	1	150				
				Corso	0-3	0	0				

Receiving		No.	Yds.	Receiving		No.	Yds.
Muhammad	2	23	Jenkins	8	90		
Benning	2	20	Sallee	5	38		
Gilman	2	7	Jones, F.	2	15		
Baul	1	43	Frazier	2	5		

Breakdown		Neb.	Missouri
First Downs		23	13
Rushes-yards		58-330	29-48
Passing		152	150
Return Yards		97	53
Comp-Att-Int		9-13-0	19-31-1
Punts-avg.		4-42.3	9-39.8
Fumbles-Lost		2-1	3-1
Penalties-Yards		9-75	5-50
Time of Possession		31:31	28:29

Clayton Baker and Andre White after catching two passes for 20 yards and



helped to the Husker bench by team doctor after a late hit in the fourth

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they also have a great passing game." Missouri coach Larry Smith had enough problems of his own to worry about the matchup that could determine the Big Eight championship.

"I'm not going to get into any comparisons," Smith said. "They're both fine teams; it will be a great game."

Rather Smith was concentrating more on his team's next game at Iowa State.

Smith could be heard after the game throwing a verbal assault on his players after Nebraska defeated the Tigers for the 16th straight time.

"I'm angry and disappointed," Smith said, "and they better be angry and disappointed too."

"I don't like losing. I hate losing, and I'm not going to get used to losing, and I'm not going to let them get used to losing."