



Nebraska linebacker Jared Tomich pursues Washington State quarterback Chad Davis while being held by the facemask by a Washington State player during the game. Tomich is being held for a loss.

# NU rumbles over WSU in challenging contest

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Finally, a challenge. Forced to play its starters well into the second half for the first time in nine months, the Nebraska football team responded well, pounding Washington State for 527 yards en route to a 35-21 win Saturday before 75,777 fans at Memorial Stadium.

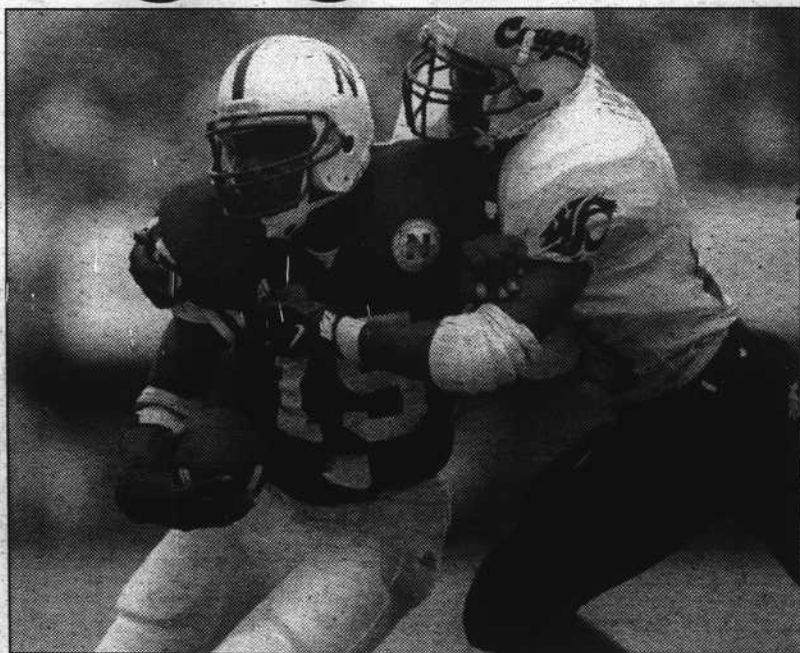
"It's nice to be out there in the fourth quarter and still have to get after it," Nebraska outside linebacker Jared Tomich said. "You don't get that lazy feeling."

Second-ranked Nebraska, 5-0, marched 74 yards on its first possession, but lost a Jeff Makovicka fumble at the Washington State 9-yard line, one of three times the Huskers failed to score from inside the Cougar 10-yard line.

Two plays later, Washington State tailback Frank Madu slipped by a Nebraska blitz and ran 87 yards for a touchdown to give 2-2 Washington State a 7-0 lead with 8:44 to play in the first quarter.

"We have given up some big plays on blitzes," Nebraska defensive coordinator Charlie McBride said. "That's something that we are going to have to work pretty hard on if we are going to get better."

Nebraska's next drive stalled after



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Nebraska quarterback Tommie Frazier is tackled by Washington State's Derek Henderson. Frazier ran for 70 yards and two touchdowns and passed for 99 yards and one touchdown.

quarterback Tommie Frazier was hit for a 6-yard loss by Phillip Glover on third-down-and-six from the Washington State 38-yard line.

But after Husker linebacker Terrell Farley partially blocked a George Martin punt, fullback Brian Schuster ran for 23 yards, and I-back Ahman Green plunged over the right end for 24 yards to the Cougar 4-yard line.

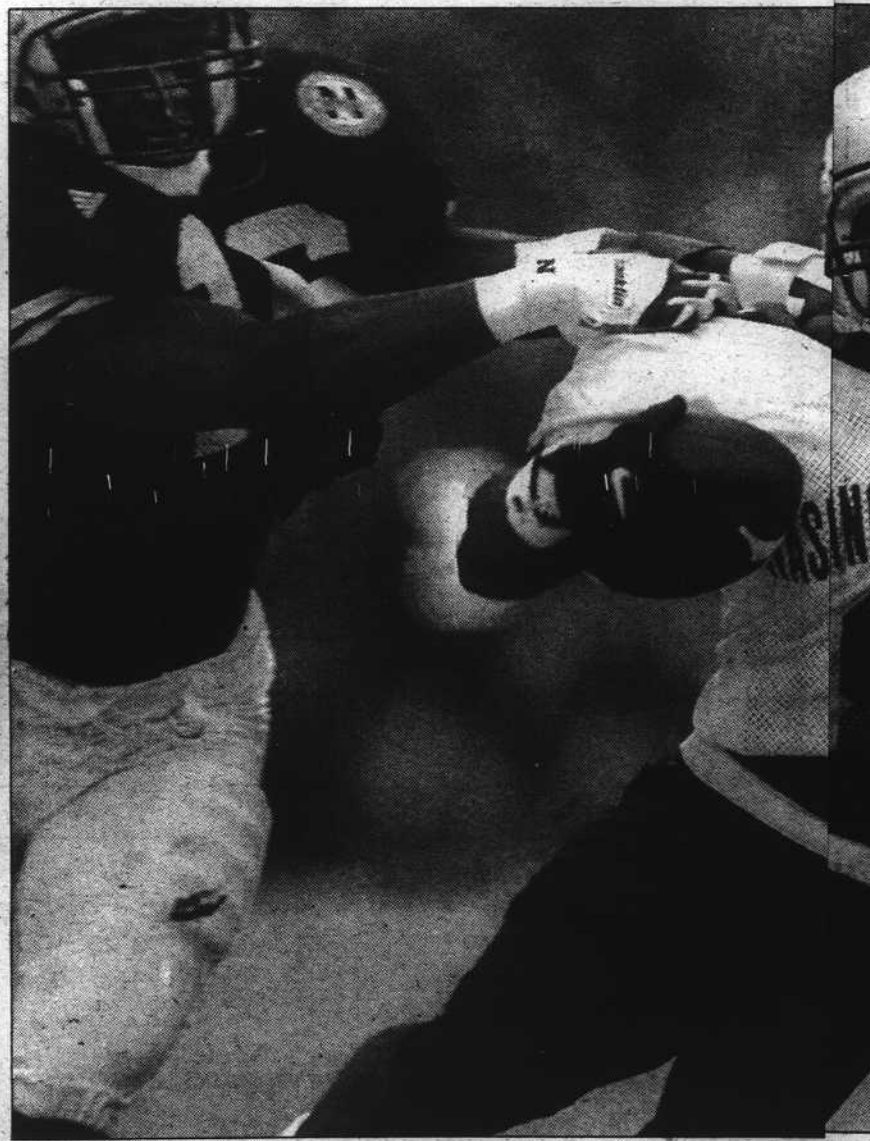
Frazier took it from there, tying the score at seven with a 4-yard dive, the

first rushing touchdown allowed by Washington State in 20 quarters.

Frazier said he was more motivated to play Saturday than he had been for any regular-season game during his four-year career.

"For their team to go out and say that they were going to shock the world, and we were going to be their next victim, I took that personally," Frazier said.

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Nebraska defensive back Eric Stokes reaches for Washington State player during the game.