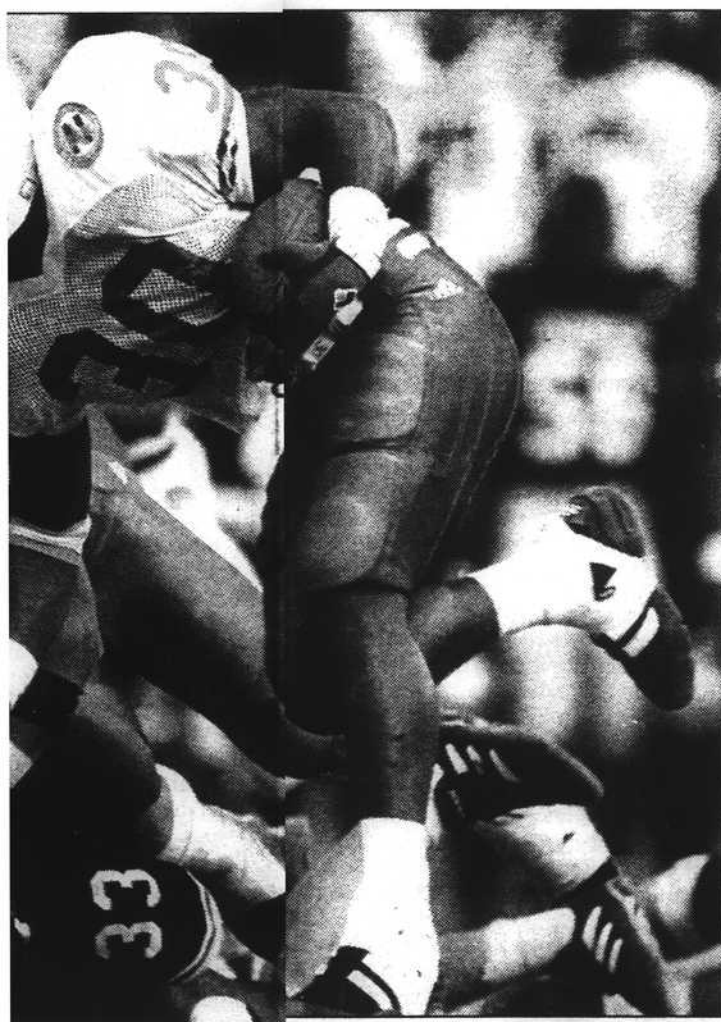




Quarterback Tommie Frazier runs through the Colorado defense as the Buffaloes' Viliami Maumau eyes him. Colorado strong safety Ryan Black is being blocked by Nebraska's Chris Dishman. Frazier had 281 yards of total offense Saturday.

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Fullback Jeff Jakovicka blocks Colorado's Ron...

## Coach says Colorado will profit in future from loss to Huskers

By Mitch Sherman  
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BOULDER, Colo. — The Colorado football team learned Saturday that it was not ready to play at Nebraska's level.

Not yet, at least.

Coach Rick Neuheisel, who has directed the Buffaloes to a 6-2 mark in his first season as a head coach, said his team could not match the Cornhuskers' execution, but in the long run, Colorado would benefit from the 44-21 drubbing.

If he were to have a second chance at the 8-0 Huskers, Neuheisel said he would change very little of his game plan.

"That was a great football team we played," Neuheisel said. "Anytime you play Nebraska, you have to play with a great deal of emotion. We did. You've got to play very hard. We did. But you also have got to play mistake free. And we didn't."

Nebraska, however, did play nearly error-free football. The Huskers committed no penalties and did not turn the ball over. Nebraska baffled the Buffaloes with a balanced attack, throwing for 241 yards and running for 226 yards. Colorado committed nine penalties for 92 yards and turned the ball over twice.

"We were just unable to match their execution," said Neuheisel, whose team dressed only seven seniors Saturday. "We matched them in intensity. We matched them with speed. We just had too many mistakes, and they didn't."

Next year, he said, Colorado will be much more prepared to handle the Husker attack.

"We have a lot of kids who are

### Game Stats

Scoring					1st 2nd 3rd 4th		Colorado		21	
Nebraska					21	10	3	10		
Colorado					7	7	7	0		
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Neb- Green 57yd run (Brown kick)					Neb- Vedral 7yd pass from Frazier (Brown kick)					
CU- Savoy 18yd pass from Hessler (Voskeritchian kick)					CU- Kidd 49yd pass from Hessler (Voskeritchian kick)					
Neb- Green 1yd run (Brown kick)					Neb- FG Brown 36yd					
Neb- C. Johnson 52yd pass from Frazier (Brown kick)					Neb- FG Brown 37yd					
CU- Irwin fumble recovery (Voskeritchian kick)					Neb- Frazier 2yd run (Brown kick)					
Neb- FG Brown 25yd					Attendance: 54,063					
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<b>Nebraska Rushing</b>					<b>Colorado Rushing</b>					
	Att.	Yds.				Att.	Yds.			
Green	18	97			Troutman	11	72			
Frazier	13	40			Henry	10	27			
Childs	10	44			Hessler	3	7			
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<b>Passing</b>					Comp-Att.	Int.	Yds.	<b>Passing</b>		
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Frazier	14-23	0	241				Hessler	21-43	2	276
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<b>Receiving</b>					No.	Yds.	<b>Receiving</b>		No.	Yds.
C. Johnson	3	72			Savoy	8	74			
Gilman	3	53			Carruth	7	92			
Green	2	44			Troutman	2	29			
Vedral	2	34			Kidd	1	49			
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<b>Breakdown</b>					Neb.	CU	Neb.		CU	
First Downs	26	20			Punts-avg.	2-42	6-42			
Rushes-yards	54-226	24-106			Fumbles-Lost	1-0	2-0			
Passing yards	241	276			Penalties-Yards	0-0	12-92			
Return Yards	75	95			Time of Possession	35:48	24:12			
Comp-Att-Int	14-23-0	21-43-2								
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trying as hard as they can," he said. "Now we just need to channel our energy and be a little smarter. We are going to get better. There's no shame with being immature, as long as you know that you are and you work at getting better. Next year, we'll get another chance at them."

But for some Buffaloes, there will be no next year.

Bryan Stoltenberg, a four-year fix-

ture at center for Colorado, wanted more than anything to end his career as a Buffalo this season by defeating Nebraska for the first time.

"It's something that I've got to deal with," Stoltenberg said. "They are a great team every year. They are strong. They are a smart team. They don't make mistakes. And they have beaten

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### Game Day notebook

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● Tommie Frazier's career-best 241 yards passing moved the senior quarterback over the 3,000-yard mark for his career. His 3,189 yards are fifth all-time behind Vince Ferragamo, Turner Gill, Jerry Tagge and Dave Humm. With 129 yards passing in Nebraska's final three games, Frazier will pass Ferragamo and Gill. Frazier's two touchdown passes against Colorado give him a career total of 39, two behind Humm, who holds the Husker record.

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● Saturday's win was the 29th victory of Frazier's career, tying Steve Taylor for the Husker quarterback record. Frazier also passed Mike Rozier and Taylor on the all-time total offense charts. With 336 yards, Frazier will pass Humm and Tagge to claim Nebraska's all-time total offense record.

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● Frazier emerged as a Heisman Trophy frontrunner among many members of the national media present at Saturday's game. Gene Wojciechowski of the Los Angeles Times wrote that Frazier became the "closest thing to a Heisman Trophy favorite."

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● Frazier drew rave reviews for a second-quarter play from the Colorado 42-yard line in which he was drilled by Buffalo linebacker Mike Phillips while looking for an open receiver. Frazier kept his balance and hit Ahman Green for a 35-yard gain before going down.

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● Green's 57-yard scamper down the sidelines on Nebraska's first offensive play from scrimmage marked the second time this season a Husker I-back has scored on Nebraska's first play of a game. Clinton Childs ran for a 65-yard score on the first play of Nebraska's 77-28 win over Arizona State on Sept. 16. Green's run and Clester Johnson's 52-yard reception later in the first quarter brought Nebraska's one-play drive total to six this season.

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● Nebraska jumped over Florida State in both major polls Sunday, the second year in a row that Nebraska has claimed the top spot after beating Colorado. A year ago, Nebraska jumped over both Colorado and Penn State after beating the Buffaloes 24-7 in Lincoln.

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● Place-kicker Kris Brown nailed field goals of 25, 36 and 37 yards Saturday. Brown also hit three field goals in Nebraska's 50-10 win over Michigan State on Sept. 9. The true freshman has connected on 9 of 12 field goals this season.

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● Injury report: Tight end Tim Carpenter had his right knee scoped Sunday. He will be out two to three weeks. Injuries to Jared Tomich (back bruise), Frazier (sore ribs), Grant Wistrom (sore shoulder) and Green (sore knee) do not appear to be serious. True freshman offensive lineman Adam Julch, who is redshirting, had back surgery and is out for the year.

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● Bellevue West fullback Willie Miller verbally committed on Thursday to sign a letter of intent with Nebraska in February. The 6-foot, 225-pounder is the Huskers' third commitment of the fall, joining I-back DeAngelo Evans and offensive lineman Russ Hochstein.

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