

Nebraska I-back Lawrence Phillips celebrates after a 14-yard run in the first quarter during the first drive of the game. The drive ended with Kris Brown's 31-yard field goal. Phillips led the team in rushing with 73 yards. Jon Waller/DN

Top 25 teams

Associated Press

Rank	School	Record	Points	Pvs.
1	Nebraska (51)	11-0-0	1,539	1
2	Florida (11)	11-0-0	1,499	3
3	Northwestern	10-1-0	1,412	4
4	Tennessee	10-1-0	1,322	5
5	Ohio St.	11-1-0	1,320	2
6	Notre Dame	9-2-0	1,202	7
7	Colorado	9-2-0	1,147	8
8	Florida St.	9-2-0	1,136	6
9	Texas	9-1-1	1,074	9
10	Kansas St.	9-2-0	970	10
11	Kansas	9-2-0	830	11
12	Oregon	9-2-0	805	12
13	Virginia Tech	9-2-0	773	13
14	Michigan	9-3-0	734	18
15	Penn St.	8-3-0	721	14
16	Texas A&M	8-2-0	656	15
17	Auburn	8-3-0	594	16
18	Southern Cal	8-2-1	487	17
19	Virginia	8-4-0	393	19
20	Washington	7-3-1	345	20
21	Alabama	8-3-0	293	21
22	Miami	8-3-0	268	25
23	Arkansas	8-3-0	236	23
24	Clemson	8-3-0	206	24
25	Toledo	10-0-1	56	-

This week's polls are shown with first-place votes in parentheses.

USA Today/CNN Coaches Poll

Rank	School	Record	Points	Pvs.
1	Nebraska (55)	11-0-0	1,543	1
2	Florida (7)	11-0-0	1,494	3
3	Northwestern	10-1-0	1,410	4
4	Tennessee	10-1-0	1,316	5
5	Ohio St.	11-1-0	1,295	2
6	Texas	9-1-1	1,175	7
7	Colorado	9-2-0	1,135	8
8	Florida St.	9-2-0	1,087	6
9	Notre Dame	9-2-0	1,066	9
10	Kansas St.	9-2-0	911	10
11	Virginia Tech	9-2-0	883	11
12	Oregon	9-2-0	788	12
13	Texas A&M	8-2-0	761	13
14	Kansas	9-2-0	749	14
15	Michigan	9-3-0	650	20
16	Auburn	8-3-0	635	15
17	Penn St.	8-3-0	618	16
18	Southern Cal	8-2-1	537	17
19	Virginia	8-4-0	339	19
20	Washington	7-3-1	304	21
21	Miami	8-3-0	297	25
22	Clemson	8-3-0	284	22
23	Alabama	8-3-0	222	23
24	Arkansas	8-3-0	207	24
25	Syracuse	8-3-0	157	18

Costly mistakes leave Sooners asking 'what if' about big loss

By Trevor Parks
Senior Reporter

Oklahoma backup quarterback Garrick McGee said he could ask "what if" all day about the Sooners' loss to Nebraska.

What if Nebraska's Jamel Williams hadn't intercepted starting quarterback Eric Moore's pass and returned it for a touchdown in the first quarter?

What if Nebraska's Tony Veland hadn't scooped up James Allen's fumble at the 45-yard line and returned it for a touchdown to give the Cornhuskers a 20-0 lead?

What if the Sooners hadn't committed nine penalties, three turnovers and many other mistakes?

Oklahoma coach Howard Schnellenberger said if Oklahoma had the maturity that Nebraska had, the outcome may have been different.

"I really would like to see these two teams play again without all our giveaways and mistakes," Schnellenberger said. "The two teams that played out there today are a lot closer than 37 points apart."

Instead, the Sooners won't know how well they could have challenged the Huskers after their 37-0 loss Friday at Memorial Stadium. The loss dropped Oklahoma to 5-5-1 for the year.

After trailing 10-0 at the end of the first quarter, McGee replaced Moore at quarterback, hoping to change the momentum in the game.

McGee played the rest of the game, but the outcome hinged on the number of turnovers Oklahoma had.

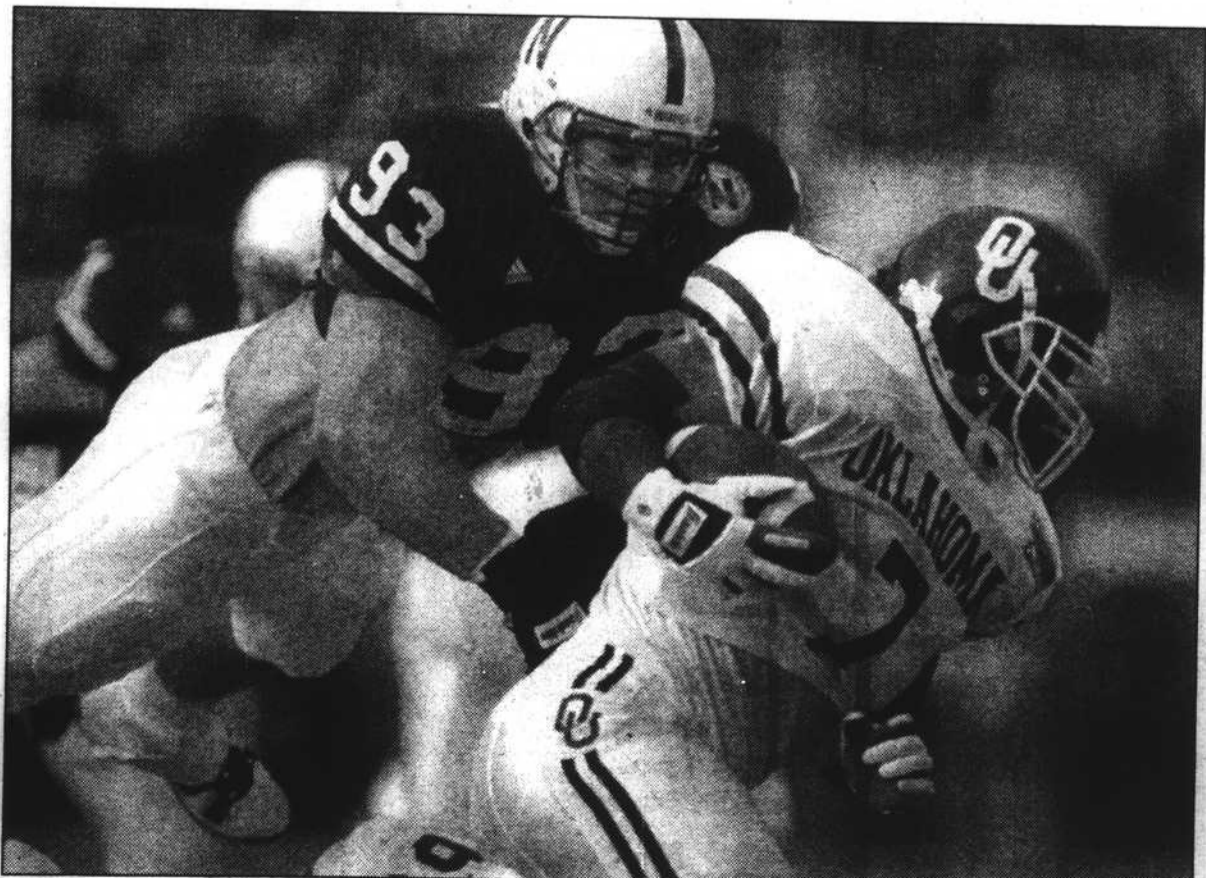
"You can 'if' all day, maybe it would have been better, maybe it would have been worse," McGee said. "If you don't turn the ball over, you can win every game. We turned it over and we paid the price."

With McGee at quarterback, the Sooners moved the ball well at times, but they couldn't get on the scoreboard.

McGee, who did not play the previous week against Oklahoma State, said the offense couldn't get the breaks it needed.

"Every time it seemed like when we were moving the football, some-

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Nebraska linebacker Jared Tomich lunges for Oklahoma fullback Jerald Moore. Tomich had five tackles, including two quarterback sacks.

Game Stats

Nebraska 37
Oklahoma 0

Scoring	1st	2nd	3rd	4th
Oklahoma	0	0	0	0
Nebraska	10	3	10	14

Neb- FG Brown 31yd
Neb- J. Williams 36yd interception return (Brown kick)
Neb- FG Brown 27yd

Neb- Veland 57yd fumble return (Brown kick)
Neb- FG Brown 35yd
Neb- Vedral 38yd pass from Frazier (Brown kick)
Neb- Joel Makovicka 17yd run (Brown kick)

Nebraska Rushing				Oklahoma Rushing			
	Att.	Yds.		Att.	Yds.		
Phillips	15	73	Moore	14	39		
Green	13	44	Allen	7	19		
Frazier	10	35	McGee	5	18		
Passing				Passing			
	Comp-Att.	Int.	Yds.		Comp-Att.	Int.	Yds.
Frazier	12-25	1	128	McGee	15-30	1	159
Berringer	1-2	0	8	Moore	1-4	1	31
Receiving				Receiving			
	No.	Yds.		No.	Yds.		
Baul	4	38	S. Alexander	6	71		
Holbein	2	20	Mills	4	76		
Johnson	2	19	Penny	3	27		
Breakdown				Breakdown			
	Neb.	OU		Neb.	OU		
First Downs	26	12	Punts-avg.	4-43	10-42		
Rushes-yards	56-271	30-51	Fumbles-Lost	4-1	3-1		
Passing yards	136	190	Penalties-Yards	3-24	9-97		
Return Yards	225	53	Time of Possession	32:46	27:14		