

Same Old Story

The Huskers' rushing
attack steamrolls a
Big 10 team that goes
on to earn a bowl bid.

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East Lansing, Mich. - Nebraska's starting quarterback leaves the game with an injury and a lead. The Cornhuskers struggle through a somewhat sluggish first half, only to run away with the game in the second half. Nebraska rushes for 552 yards, while passing for 114 yards.

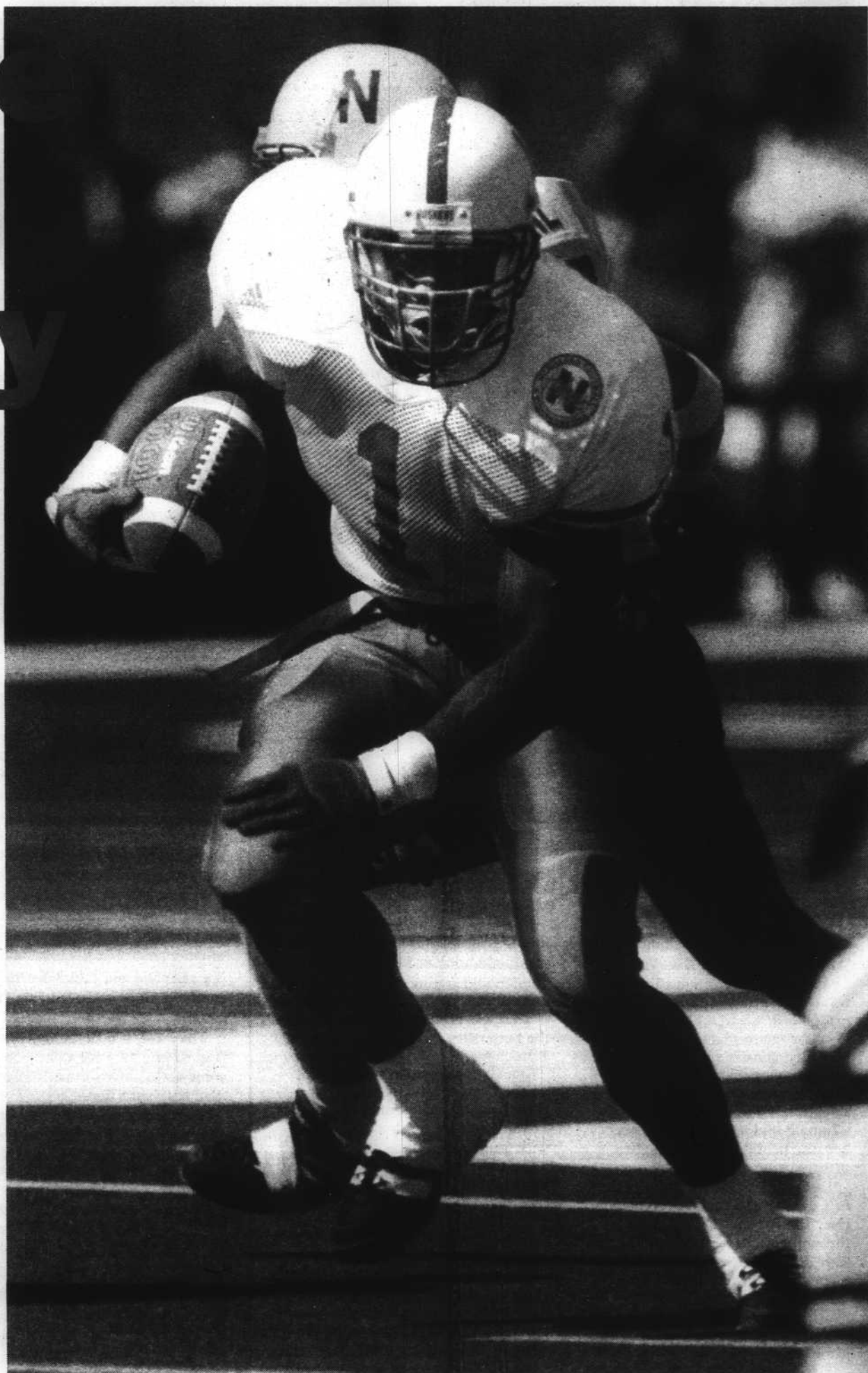
Déjà vu?

Nebraska's 50-10 rout over Michigan State in front of 73,891 people at sold-out Spartan Stadium in East Lansing, Mich., was the same old story for the Huskers.

"We ran the ball well, but I was kind of disappointed with our passing," Nebraska coach Tom Osborne said. "I thought with how well we were running that we would execute our passing game a little better. But overall, the offensive performance was good, and I was pleased with the win."

Lawrence Phillips shredded the Spartan defense, rushing for 206 yards on 22 carries — 9.4 yards a carry — and scored four touchdowns. The 206 yards moved him into sixth place on the Huskers' all-time rushing chart.

Tommie Frazier left the game early in the second quarter with a severe thigh bruise and was replaced by Brook Berringer, who threw for 106



Nebraska's Lawrence Phillips runs down the field for a touchdown after taking a direct snap in the third quarter against Michigan State. Phillips scored four touchdowns in the game.