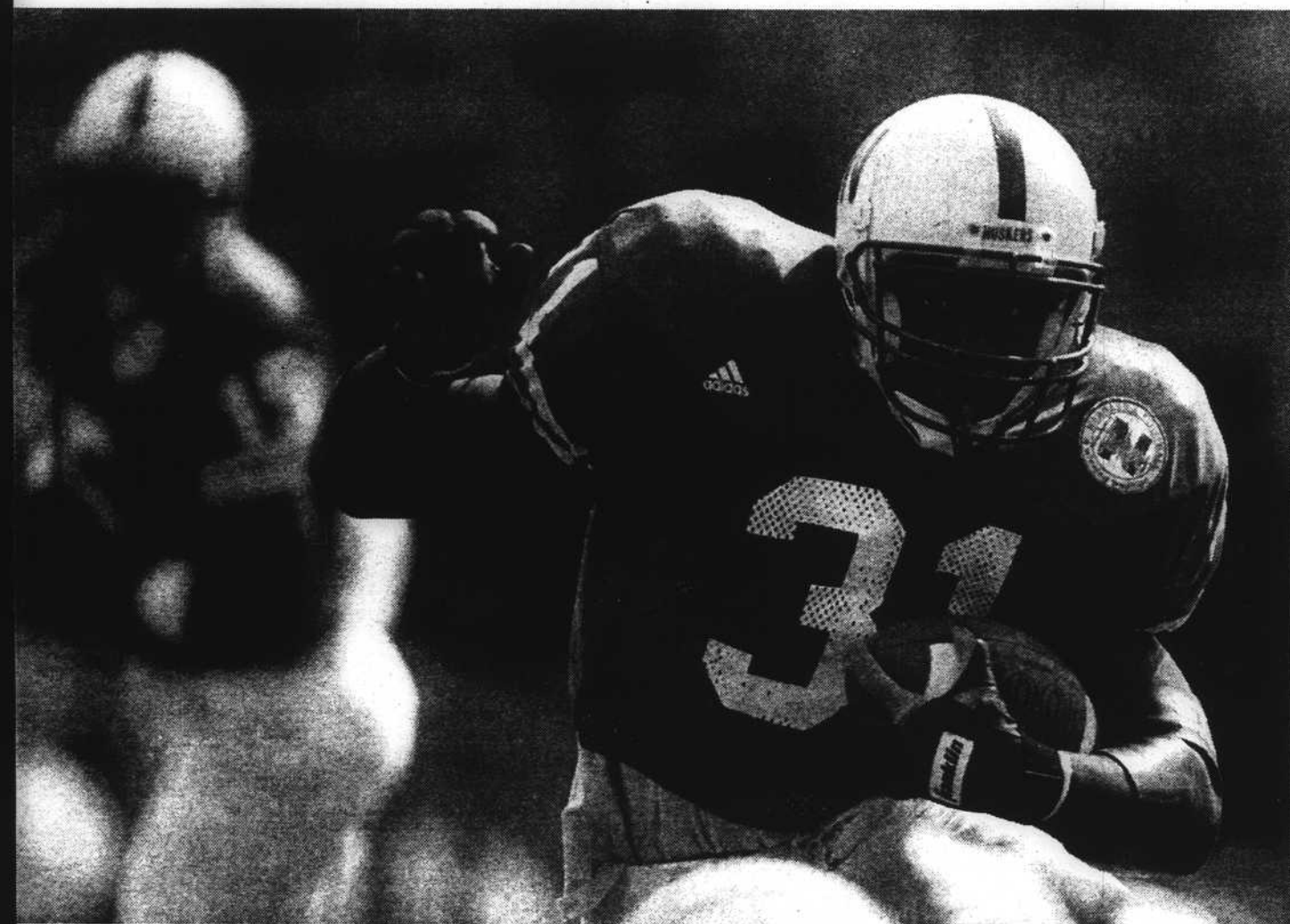


# Storming Pacific



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Nebraska I-back James Sims runs the ball for a third-quarter touchdown against Pacific to put the Huskers up 35-0. Sims rushed for 55 yards on the day.

**D**ifferent team, same results. Even though Nebraska scored fewer points in its 49-7 win over Pacific, most everything else was just a replica of the Cornhuskers' previous three wins.

"We're glad to get this one behind us," Coach Tom Osborne said. "Our players responded about as well as they could under the circumstances. I don't think we were flat, but I don't think we were quite as excited as we have been or will be."

Nebraska continued running over its opponents, totaling 731 yards, with 569 of those coming on the ground. Going into the game, the Huskers were averaging 674 yards of total offense a game, including 486 yards rushing a game.

"We had a lot of yards — a lot more

than the points would reflect," Osborne said. "I thought we moved the ball pretty well."

And like in its previous three victories, Nebraska put away its opponent early.

The Huskers marched 80 yards on seven plays on their opening drive — capped by Damon Benning's 26-yard touchdown run.

After the Tigers went three plays and out, it took only one play for Benning to find the end zone again — this time on a 17-yard run.

Two possessions later, Benning broke loose for a 43-yard touchdown run, putting Nebraska up 21-0 at the end of the quarter.

Benning, who gained 98 yards on five carries for three touchdowns in the first quarter alone, said he still wasn't fully recovered from the hamstring injury that sidelined him the past two games.

"I didn't really let loose at all today," he said. "The offensive line did a good job of protecting me. I'm sure on paper the numbers probably look pretty good, but I was probably only

about 80 percent. I never actually went all out."

The names changed in the second quarter for Nebraska; the efficiency didn't.

I-backs Ahman Green and James Sims each scored on runs in that period to

**"I think they've taken their kind of offensive football to another level."**

Pacific coach Chuck Shelton

Much like last year's win against Pacific, the Huskers jump out early as the overmatched Tigers are helpless against the NU offensive juggernaut.

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give Nebraska a 35-0 lead at halftime.

The Nebraska defense was the biggest story in the first half. Pacific gained only 73 yards in the first two quarters, compared to 446 by Nebraska. The Tigers did not cross midfield until 6:59 left in the third quarter.

"A lot of the young guys stepped up and played really well on defense," defensive tackle Christian Peter said. "I thought the defense, as a unit, stepped it up and played really well."

Nebraska turned the opening possession of the second half into points when Tommie Frazier finished off a seven-play, 80-yard drive with a 5-yard touchdown run.

Green scored his second touchdown of the game on Nebraska's next possession with a 13-yard run for a 49-0 lead.

**Pacific 7  
Nebraska 49**