

Raider Coach proud of team

By MIKE KLUCK Senior Reporter

LUBBOCK, Texas - Texas Tech had every chance to throw in the towel Saturday against Nebraska.



Cornhusker score just seven seconds into the game and a dominating NU defense that registered 17 tackles behind the line of scrimmage would have left most teams looking for the quickest route to the showers.

But to the delight of Red Raider Coach Spike Dykes, Tech kept fighting and scrapping, and despite losing 24-10, the Raiders earned their coach's

played hard against a great team and a great program. Nebraska had a lot of firepower, especially rushing the level." passer. We did a good job in the first

Early in the game, it didn't look like Tech would survive for long.

On the first play from scrimmage, Raider tailback Byron Hanspard fumbled into the hands of Terrell Farley, who pranced into the end zone.

"It's just a missed handoff," Hanspard said, "but I take credit for

Unfortunately for Hanspard, that wasn't his only turnover of the day.

On Tech's opening drive of the second half with the score tied at 10, Hanspard fumbled again, and Ralph Brown recovered at the Tech 41. Seven plays later, Nebraska quarterback Scott Frost scored on a three-yard option keeper, and the Huskers took the lead.

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> BYRON HANSPARD Texas Tech tailback

"I was very disappointed about the "I am proud of our football team (first) fumble, because I felt like it cost or not quitting," Dykes said. "They us the game. I will try to get my head back on and get to that level of a great back. Right now, I am not on that

> Hanspard was not to blame for the loss, Dykes said, but it was difficult for the Red Raiders to come back after the early NU touchdown.

> "You can't turn the ball over." Dykes said. "When you spot them seven points to start with, it's hard to come back against that kind of foot-

Tech quarterback Zebbie Lethridge said it was difficult for the Raiders to

get anything going offensively.
"I give Nebraska a lot of credit,"
Lethridge said. "They are a tough defense with very physical players and a lot of speed. To do anything against Nebraska, you have to pass against them. Their weakness is the secondary, but they have one of the best in the country.

Lethridge left Jones Stadium on Saturday with one hope. He wants to face Nebraska again in the Big 12 championship game, Dec. 7 in St. parties months and the Posts of

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Clockwise from left:

AHMAN GREEN is tackled by Texas Tech's Dane Johnson (No. 13) and Corey Turner Saturday. Green led Nebraska rushers with 76 yards on 19 attempts.

LANCE BROWN drops a thirdquarter pass from Scott Frost. Frost completed just 4 of 12 passes for 55 yards.

GRANT WISTROM hits Byron Hanspard as the Texas Tech tailback fumbles on the first play from scrimmage. The fumble, caused by Jason Peter, was recovered and returned for a touchdown by Terrell Farley.

JARED TOMICH chases Texas Tech quarterback Zebbie Lethridge. Lethridge was sacked six times by the NU defense.

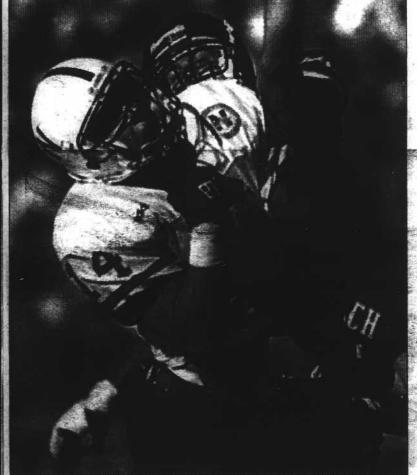
Football Polls

Associated Press Poll

Team	Record	Prev.
2. Ohio St. (4)	6-0	2
4. Arizona St. (1)	7-0	4
6. Tennessee	4-1	6
8. Colorado	5-1	9
9. North Carolina 10. Michigan	5-1 5-1	13
12. West Virginia	7-0	15
14. Virginia	5-1	20
16. Kansas St.	6-1	21
18. Wyoming	8-0	23
20. Iowa	5-1	
21. Auburn	5-2	16
24. Southern Miss.	6-1	

Coaches' Poll

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2. Florida St. (5)	5-0	2
4. Arizona St. 💉	7-0	5
6. Alabama	7-0	7
8. Colorado	5-1	10
10. Michigan	5-1	12
12. Northwestern	6-1	15
14. Kansas St.	6-1	19
16. Brigham Young	7-1	20
18. Wyoming	8-0	22
20. Notre Dame	4-2	9
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24. Washington	4-2	



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Rushing yards	183	Penalties/yards	11/99	4/33
Passing completions	4 11	Time of possess	ion 26:28	33:32
Total yards	238 214	Sacks / yards	6/30	1/5