

Gameday Notebook

Split end Brendan Holbein's 14-yard touchdown reception in the first quarter Saturday marked the third season in a row that the senior has scored against the Tigers. "I don't know what it is," Holbein said. "My dad keeps telling me it's because my mom and dad are alumni of Missouri."

Saturday marked the first home game this season in which NU did not score in the last two minutes of the first half. The Huskers had scored three touchdowns and one field goal in their previous four games at Memorial Stadium.

Sophomore Ahman Green needs 307 yards to reach 1,000 for the season. Currently at 593 yards, Green has two games — possibly three if Nebraska qualifies for the Big 12 championship game — to reach the mark. If Green does not reach 1,000 yards, this would be the first year since 1990 that Nebraska did not have a 1,000-yard rusher.

Place kicker Kris Brown has hit a slump after making his first seven attempts of the season. Brown has missed six of his last eight field goals, including attempts of 31 and 35 yards against Missouri. Brown is now 9 of 15 this season.

Nebraska's first-team defense has not allowed a touchdown in 26 quarters, dating back to Sept. 28, when Colorado State quarterback Moses Moreno hit Geoff Turner for a 32-yard strike in the second quarter of NU's 65-9 victory.

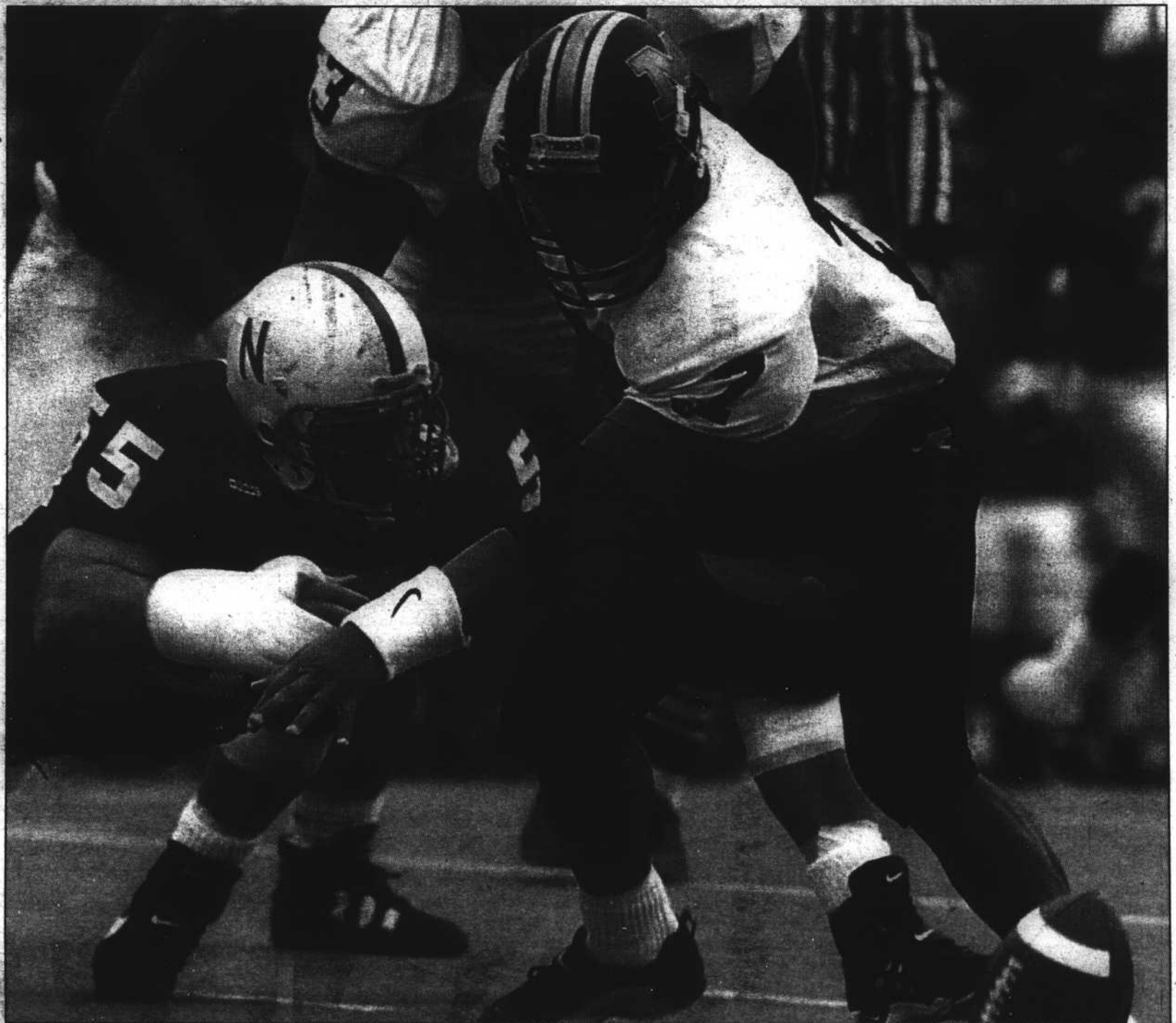
The Blackshirts have allowed two field goals in those 26 quarters, one against Texas Tech and one against Kansas State. For the season, the first-team has surrendered three touchdowns, one to Michigan State, Arizona State and CSU.

Injury report: Rush end Chad Kelsay suffered a left knee sprain and is listed as questionable for Saturday's game at Iowa State. Tight end Tim Carpenter bruised his knee and is also questionable for Saturday. Frost suffered a bruise to his right knee on the third play of the game and should practice Monday. The status of cornerback Mike Fullman, who has missed the last two games, was unknown Sunday.

Tennessee, previously ranked No. 6, lost 21-17 to Memphis Saturday, and Michigan, which was ranked ninth last week, was beaten 9-3 by Purdue. The Vols fell six spots and Michigan dropped seven spots.

Top-ranked Florida also received a scare, defeating Vanderbilt 28-21. The top five in The Associated Press poll remained unchanged. Colorado, which downed Iowa State 49-42 in Boulder, and North Carolina, are tied for the No. 6 spot.

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NU defense steals show

Blackshirts, special teams dominate Missouri

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The Nebraska defense and special teams stole the show Saturday at Memorial Stadium, leading the Cornhuskers to a 51-7 win over Missouri.

The Blackshirts scored nine points, intercepted two passes, blocked two punts, recovered two fumbles, and held the Tigers to one touchdown on 170 yards before a crowd of 75,133. **Warfield** The victory was fifth-ranked NU's 35th straight at home and 29th-consecutive conference win.

"Ever since I can remember," safety Eric Warfield said, "we've been depending on the offense to win our games. It's really different this year."

"The defense is doing a lot for the offense. We're giving them good field position, and we're getting them a lot of turnovers. We've been scoring quite a bit, too."

Rush end Grant Wistrom said the Husker defense could become even more dominant by the end of the season.

"I don't think we've reached our full potential yet," Wistrom said. "The sky's the limit for this defense. We've really got something special."

Nebraska (8-1 overall and 6-0 in the North Division of the Big 12) did

not allow the Tigers (3-6 and 1-5) a drive of more than 20 yards in the first half. But the Husker offense also started slow, scoring just once on its first five possessions.

"Offensively, I thought we were a little sporadic at times," NU Coach Tom Osborne said. "I would have liked to have seen us run the ball a little better. Early in the game, we threw it fairly well, but I don't like to rely on that exclusively. We'll do it when we have to."

On their third drive of the game, the Huskers put the first points on the board when quarterback Scott Frost connected with split end Brendan Holbein for a 14-yard touchdown pass.

Frost, who finished the game completing 9 of 14 passes for 114 yards, injured his knee on third play of the game when he was brought down by Missouri free safety DeMontie Cross. Frost said he landed with all his weight on his knee, which became stiffer as it swelled up.

"It's a little bruised up," Frost said. "But I was able to play on it. I'm sore in a few places, but that's football. You have to ignore the pain sometimes."

The NU defense struck next, just minutes into the second quarter. Missouri punter Vince Sebo mishandled a snap, and the ball was knocked out of the end zone by Will linebacker Terrell Farley, resulting in a safety and a 9-0 Husker lead.

"We have a defense that disrupts

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Nebraska Players

Player	Att.	Yds.	TDs
7 Scott Frost	8	28	1
12 Jeff Perino	4	23	0

Player	Rec.	Yds.	TDs
25 Jon Vedral	2	25	0
5 Brendan Holbein	2	18	0

Player	Att/Cmp/Int	Yds.	TDs
11 Matt Turman	2/0/0	0	0

Player	Att.	Yds.	TDs
33 Ernest Blackwell	8	26	0
34 Ron Jones	6	6	0

Player	Att/Cmp/Int	Yds.	TDs
10 John McArthur	5/3/0	48	1

	Neb.	Missouri	Neb.	Missouri
Rushing attempts	52	43	Interceptions	2 0
Passing attempts	16	20	Punt returns / yards	7/78 2/5
Passing yards	114	123	Time of possession	29:05 30:55
Total yards	413	170	Fourth-down conversion	1 of 4 2 of 4

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