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Clockwise from left:

JEFF OGARD grabs Kent Skornia as the MU quarterback fumbles and guard Cliff Smith tries to block.

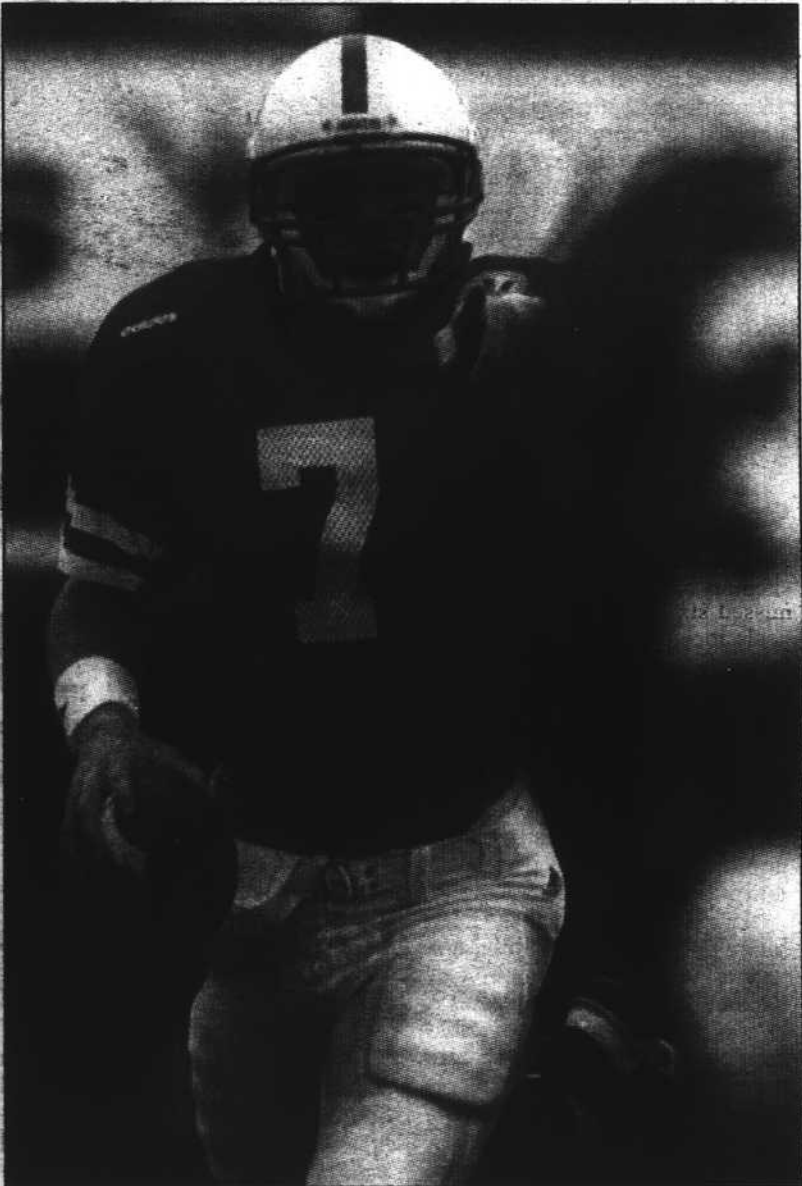
SCOTT FROST motions downfield. Frost played only 2½ quarters, completing 9 of 14 passes for 114 yards.

AHMAN GREEN attempts to elude Tiger linebacker Paul Schmanke. Green carried the ball 12 times for 161 yards and one touchdown.

JASON PETER battles MU quarterback Corby Jones for a loose ball in the first quarter. Jones recovered the fumble, which was caused by Jared Tomich, at the Tiger 29-yard line.



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Speed overwhelms Tigers

Missouri seals its own fate with special teams' errors.

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Speed kills.
That was the general feeling among the Missouri football team in its assessment of Nebraska Saturday.
"They're the fastest team I've ever seen," Missouri quarterback Corby Jones said. "They just have tremendous speed all over the field."
Nebraska used that speed to blitz and wear down Missouri en route to a 51-7 victory.
"Nebraska's strength is their speed," MU Coach Larry Smith said. "We hung in there, but they just wore us down on both sides of the ball."
The Tigers sealed their own fate with a series of mistakes on special teams that helped NU to a 23-0 half-time lead.
Mistake No. 1: Missouri

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BROCK OLIVO
MU tailback

cornerback Randy Potter fumbled a punt midway through the first quarter. Nebraska's Jay Sims recovered at the Tiger 25, and Scott Frost hit Brendan Holbein for a touchdown three plays later.
Mistake No. 2: The Big 12's top punter, freshman Vince Sebo, dropped a snap, which bounced out of the end zone for an NU safety.
"I got ahead of myself out there," Sebo said. "I should have caught the punt, and I didn't."
Mistake No. 3: Missouri's other punter, Jason Smith, was blocked by Nebraska's Eric Warfield. Terrell Farley scooped up the ball and pranced in for a touchdown.
"Nebraska's special teams is outstanding," Smith said. "They have great personnel and tons of speed."
Along with the kicking-game miscues, Missouri had trouble moving the ball on the Nebraska defense. The Ti-

gers ran 27 plays in the first half for only 27 yards. Nebraska's Mike Minter set up another Cornhusker score with an interception.
"Their defense is like bees," tailback Brock Olivo said. "They have 11 shirts to the ball every time."
Senior wide receiver Rahsetnu Jenkins said NU disturbed Missouri's game plan throughout the entire first half.
"They frustrated us a lot this year," Jenkins said. "We weren't able to do the things that we wanted to do with our strategy."
While Smith was disappointed with the special teams and offensive showing, he said he was happy with the Tiger defense, which held NU to 50 yards rushing in the first half.
"They basically played their butts off the whole game," Smith said. "They hung in there and came hard the whole game."

Football Polls

Team	Record	Prev.	Team	Record	Prev.
2. Ohio St. (16)	9-0	3	2. Ohio St. (17)	9-0	2
4. Arizona St. (1)	10-0	4	4. Arizona St.	10-0	4
6. Colorado	8-1	7	6. Colorado	8-1	7
8. Alabama	8-1	10	8. Alabama	8-1	10
10. Brigham Young	10-1	12	10. Brigham Young	10-1	12
12. Tennessee	6-2	6	12. Tennessee	6-2	6
14. Northwestern	8-2	18	14. Notre Dame	6-2	17
16. Michigan	7-2	9	16. Michigan	7-2	9
18. Miami	6-2	21	18. Miami	6-2	21
20. LSU	6-2	13	20. Auburn	7-2	22
22. Wyoming	9-1	15	22. Army	9-0	
24. West Virginia	8-2		24. Virginia	6-3	15