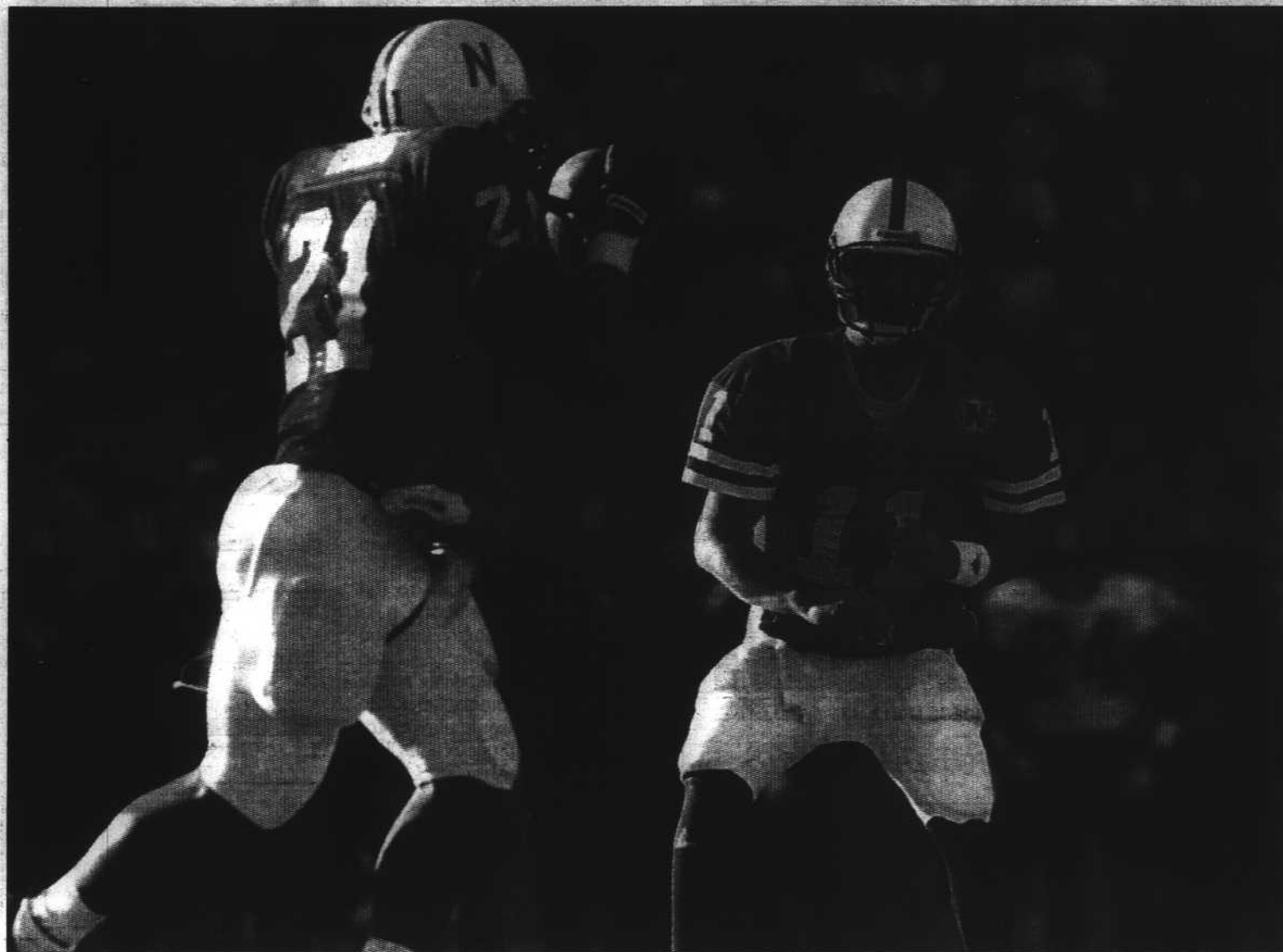


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MATT TURMAN (right) and Damon Benning are among 23 Nebraska seniors who will play their last home game on Friday.

## Colorado feels shafted

17-point underdogs say they can snap NU's 35-game home winning streak.

By **MIKE KLUCK**  
Senior Reporter

Colorado Football Coach Rick Neuheisel knows why his Buffaloes aren't getting much respect before their game against Nebraska.

But that knowledge isn't much consolation for the second-year coach or his team as the fifth-ranked Buffaloes prepare to face fourth-ranked Nebraska Friday at 1:30 p.m. at Memorial Stadium.

"This thing has been played out, and we have already lost the game," Neuheisel said. "Local sportswriters, even in Denver, have already written the score with us losing. We have been an underachieving team, and we haven't played as well this season as we were expected to play."

"I just tell our team that we're going to crash this party."

Neuheisel is upset that most members of the press have already said the 9-1 Cornhuskers will be playing for the national championship. To play for the national title, the Huskers must defeat Colorado and win the Big 12 championship the following week in St. Louis.

However, if the 9-1 Buffaloes win on Friday, Colorado will play in St. Louis on Dec. 7 for the conference crown and could be in New Orleans on Jan. 2 playing for their second national title in the '90s.

Nebraska has won its last four games against Colorado. But the Buffaloes were the last conference opponent to win at Memorial Stadium, when a ninth-ranked CU team upset Nebraska 27-12 in 1990.

Neuheisel said the Buffs aren't intimidated playing on the road. Over the past two seasons, Colorado is 9-0 away from Folsom Field. But playing at Memorial Stadium in front of the Huskers' 214th-consecutive sellout will present a whole new set of conditions, Neuheisel said.

"They have the toughest home-field advantage," Neuheisel said. "But it's a different deal for us. We go on the road and use the energy of

an opposing crowd and channel it through us. This will be the ultimate challenge and Nebraska has the No. 1 home-field advantage in football."

Colorado junior tight end Tennyson McCarty said he doesn't care about the past history of this series or what others think about the Buffaloes' ability to defeat the two-time defending national champions.

"People are writing us off and saying we don't have a chance for anything," McCarty said. "They're acting as if Nebraska can't be beat and we won't be able to beat them. If we do, and it is a possibility, we're right in the thick of things."

Nebraska Coach Tom Osborne said he isn't concerned with the history of the series. Osborne

## Football Starters

Friday, 1:30 p.m.  
Memorial Stadium

Nebraska Offense				Colorado Offense			
Pos.	No.	Name	Ht. Wt. Yr.	Pos.	No.	Name	Ht. Wt. Yr.
LT	77	Adam Treu	6-6 305 Sr.	LT	74	Andrew Welsh	6-6 285 Jr.
C	67	Aaron Taylor	6-1 305 Jr.	C	53	Adam Reed	6-2 290 So.
RT	70	Eric Anderson	6-4 305 Jr.	RT	78	Melvin Thomas	6-3 305 Jr.
QB	7	Scott Frost	6-3 215 Jr.	QB	14	Koy Detmer	6-1 185 Sr.
IB	30	Ahman Green	6-0 215 So.	WR	2	James Kidd	5-8 180 Sr.
PK	35	Kris Brown	5-10 205 So.	PK	12	Jason Lesley	5-9 168 Jr.
Nebraska Defense				Colorado Defense			
Pos.	No.	Name	Ht. Wt. Yr.	Pos.	No.	Name	Ht. Wt. Yr.
DT	97	Jeff Ogard	6-6 310 Sr.	DE	58	Greg Jones	6-4 245 Sr.
RR	98	Grant Wistrom	6-5 250 Jr.	DT	77	Villami Mauman	6-2 300 Jr.
MIKE	44	Jon Hesse	6-4 250 Sr.	MLB	16	Matt Russell	6-2 245 Sr.
LCB	20	Michael Booker	6-2 205 Sr.	RCB	7	Dalton Simmons	6-0 190 Sr.
ROV	10	Mike Minter	5-10 190 Sr.	SS	6	Ryan Black	5-10 190 Jr.
P	19	Jesse Kosch	6-0 185 Jr.	P	47	Nick Pietach	6-0 170 Fr.

## Kiptarus places 2nd in Tucson

Husker men take seventh, women finish 20th at the NCAA Championships.

By **GREGG MADSEN**  
Staff Reporter

Jonah Kiptarus and Cleophas Boor have had one goal throughout Nebraska's 1996 cross country season — to be among the top five runners in the nation.

On Monday, Kiptarus and Boor achieved that goal by finishing second and third at the NCAA Cross Country Championships in Tucson, Ariz.

The two juniors from Kapsabet, Kenya, earned All-America honors for their performance and became the highest individual finishers in Nebraska history, eclipsing the fifth-place effort of Jean Verster in 1985.

Their finish paced the Nebraska men's team to a 209-point, seventh-place showing, the highest team finish in school history. The Nebraska women's team was 20th with 449 points.

The 10,000-meter men's race was won by 1995 national champion Godfrey Siamusiye of Arkansas. The defending national champion Razorbacks finished second in the men's team standings behind Stanford.

Kiptarus finished in 30 minutes, 20 seconds, 21 seconds behind Siamusiye, and Boor was close behind at 30:24.

"As a team, that's about where I thought we'd finish," he said. "I thought we'd be somewhere in the top 10."

Senior Balazs Tolgyesi was the next highest NU finisher in 45th place and junior Philip Maiyo was 82nd.

On the women's side, sophomore Melissa Wilson finished the 5,100-meter course in 19 minutes, earning 86th-place.

Senior Christina Blackmer managed a 169th-place finish despite having the flu.

Stanford also won the women's team title.

## Huskers aim to rebound from defeat

By **DAVID WILSON**  
Staff Reporter

After rallying from a 16-point deficit on Saturday and taking No. 18 Texas into overtime, the Nebraska basketball team did not return home satisfied with its 83-81 loss.

"We were pleased with the effort," NU Coach Danny Nee said Monday, "but we were very disappointed with the result. We had a chance, but we just didn't find a way to finish it."

Despite the tough loss, Nee was still smiling after the game, and he hopes the Cornhuskers can carry their momentum into tonight's home opener against Weber State.

"I was smiling because so many of my friends have said, 'Hey Danny, you have to relax and try to enjoy your coaching — it's not a war.' And so you're going to see me smiling more. I'm just going to coach my team and just take one game at a time."

The Huskers (0-1), who lost their first season opener in nine years, begin a five-game homestand tonight at 6:05 against Weber State (1-0) at the Bob Devaney Sports Center.

The Wildcats pounded Pepperdine 80-54

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