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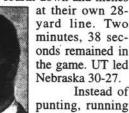


Play call rocks Huskers

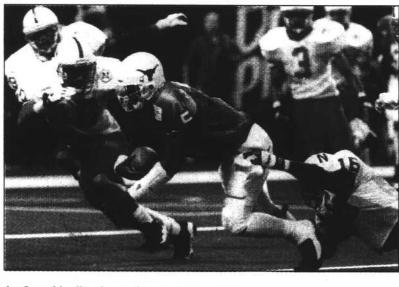
Texas quarterback was confident of Mackovic's risky call.

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ST. LOUIS - Roll left. The play call came into the Texas huddle on Saturday with the Longhorns facing fourth down and inches



vard line. Two minutes, 38 seconds remained in the game. UT led Nebraska 30-27. Instead of



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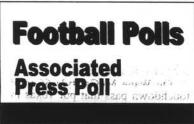


Clockwise from left:

JAMEL WILLIAMS chases Texas running back Shon Mitchell during the Longhorns' 37-27 defeat of Nebraska in the Big 12 championship game.

ERIC WARFIELD (No. 3), Eric Stokes (No. 16) and Mike Minter attempt to tackle Texas quarterback James Brown. Brown was not sacked by NU Saturday, the first time in 40 games that the Husker defense has failed to record a sack.

TERWILLIGER RYAN watches during the final moments of Saturday's game at the Trans World Dome. Terwilliger and Octavious McFarlin split time at the WILL linebacker spot after Mike Minter returned to rover following an injury to Eric Warfield.



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Brown

off, the Longhorns gambled.

day, was told by Texas Coach John Mackovic to call the roll left.

discussed the play all week. If the situation presented itself against the Derek Lewis. Cornhuskers, Brown was not to question Mackovic's play call.

a big play."

Mackovic had a feeling the play would work.

said, he noticed that the Nebraska defense stacked the line on short thirdand fourth-down plays. The roll-left call was not a big risk, he said.

"I told the quarterbacks that if we were going to go for it on third or fourth down, that would be the play

an obvious quar- when it came in." Mackovic said. "It terback sneak, try- was so close, and I thought anybody ing to draw the should be able to make two inches if defense offsides you're going to play for the champior handing the ball onship.

The play is designed for Brown to Quarterback James Brown, who roll left, after which time he has the magically escaped NU's pass rush all option to run or throw the football. Brown can sprint for the first down or pass to his primary target, tight end Pat Brown said he and Mackovic had Fitzgerald, in the flat. His third and last option is a pass to little-used tight end

Mike Minter eliminated the run. "We'd been contemplating that Minter would have thrown Brown for play all day," Brown said. "If we have a three-yard loss had the Husker coa fourth and one, we are going to run captain gotten a hold of the quarterthat play. We came up and we had a back, who looked off Fitzgerald after chance to run it, and it turned out to be noticing that Lewis was wide open a 15-yarder against Kansas. downfield.

Lewis, a sophomore - who ironically is from New Orleans - came off From watching films, Mackovic the line untouched, catching Brown's pass and ending NU's hopes for a Sugar Bowl berth and a chance to play No. 1 Florida State. The 6-foot-2, 240pound tight end raced 61 yards before being caught from behind by Jamel Williams at the NU 11-yard line.

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JOHN MACKOVIC Texas football coach

Brown rolled to his left, and NU's iced the 37-27 Texas win by scoring a touchdown on the next play.

"It was a beautiful call," said Lewis, who had eight catches for 53 yards this season. His longest reception of the season before Saturday was

"The only thing I told James was come to run," Mackovic said. "You run for the first down, but little did I know that Derek Lewis would break behind everybody and James would flip it over their heads. When I saw his arm cock, I thought, 'Oh God.'

"Never in my dreams did I think we would gain 503 yards in total offense against what I consider the best Texas running back Priest Holmes defense in America."