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'Bad, bad day' for Huard, UW

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As one of the last players to leave the Washington locker room, quarterback Brock Huard strolled down the ramp into the Shulte Fieldhouse with a box of Kentucky Fried Chicken in his hand.

He was swarmed by about 30 media members and seven TV cameras as he took a seat on two Gatorade coolers.

Microphones, tape recorders and lights were shoved in his face.

But the chaos following eighth-ranked Washington's 55-7 loss to No. 2 Nebraska on Saturday didn't faze him.

He appeared calm. He spoke with confidence. He even laughed.

"It was just a bad, bad day," Huard said. "That's about all you can say. Nebraska was all they were cracked up to be. We weren't to their level by any means."

Despite suffering the school's worst loss since 1975, most of the Husky players shared in Huard's demeanor.

Disappointment, however, was apparent as they grouped together with friends and family outside the stadium. Dressed in sport coats, they joked and they ate chicken.

"You hurt because you just missed an opportunity," Washington Coach Jim Lambright said. "You credit Nebraska first for what they did, and then you go about with pride putting your pieces back together as a team. This is a chance for us to grow and certainly learn an

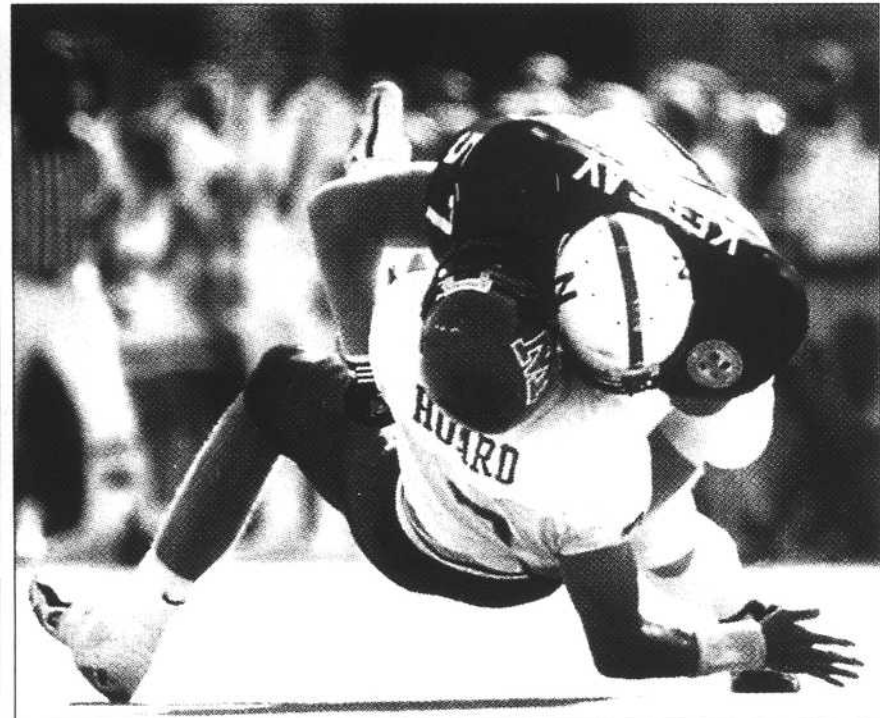
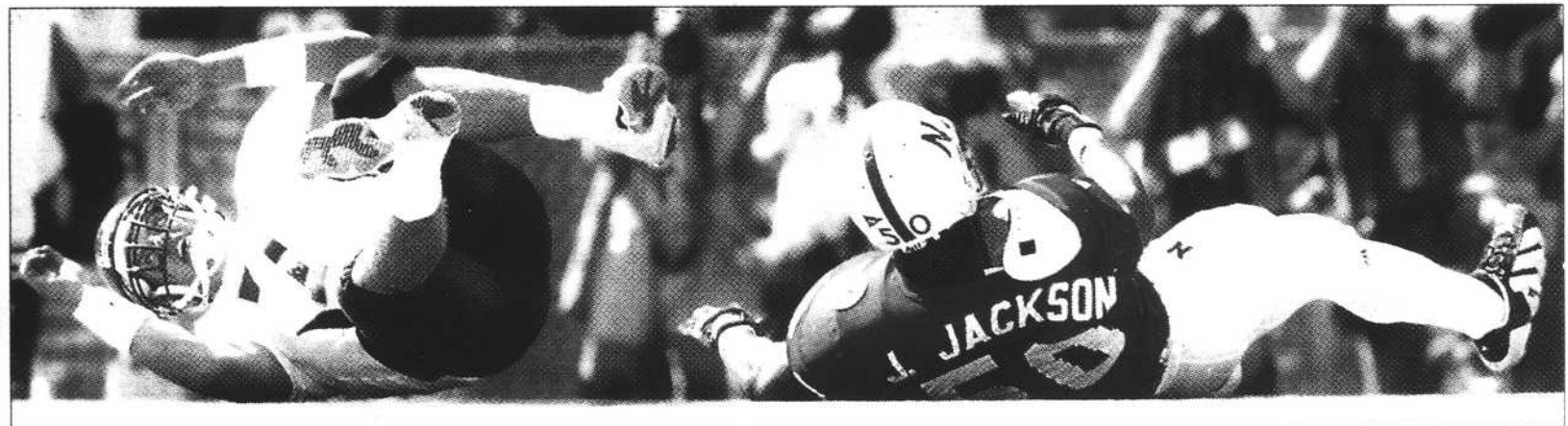
"*The thing about this team is we know we were embarrassed. We knew we got it handed to us.*"

BROCK HUARD
UW quarterback

When you're on the bottom of the barrel, that's all you can do."

A junior, Huard put up less-than-impressive numbers, completing 18 of 32 passes and tossing two interceptions.

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WASHINGTON QUARTERBACK BROCK HUARD spent much of the game Saturday on the ground as Husker defenders knocked him down. Chad Kelsay (left) and Eric Johnson (top) both sacked Huard and Julius Jackson (above) tackled Huard after forcing the quarterback to release the ball.