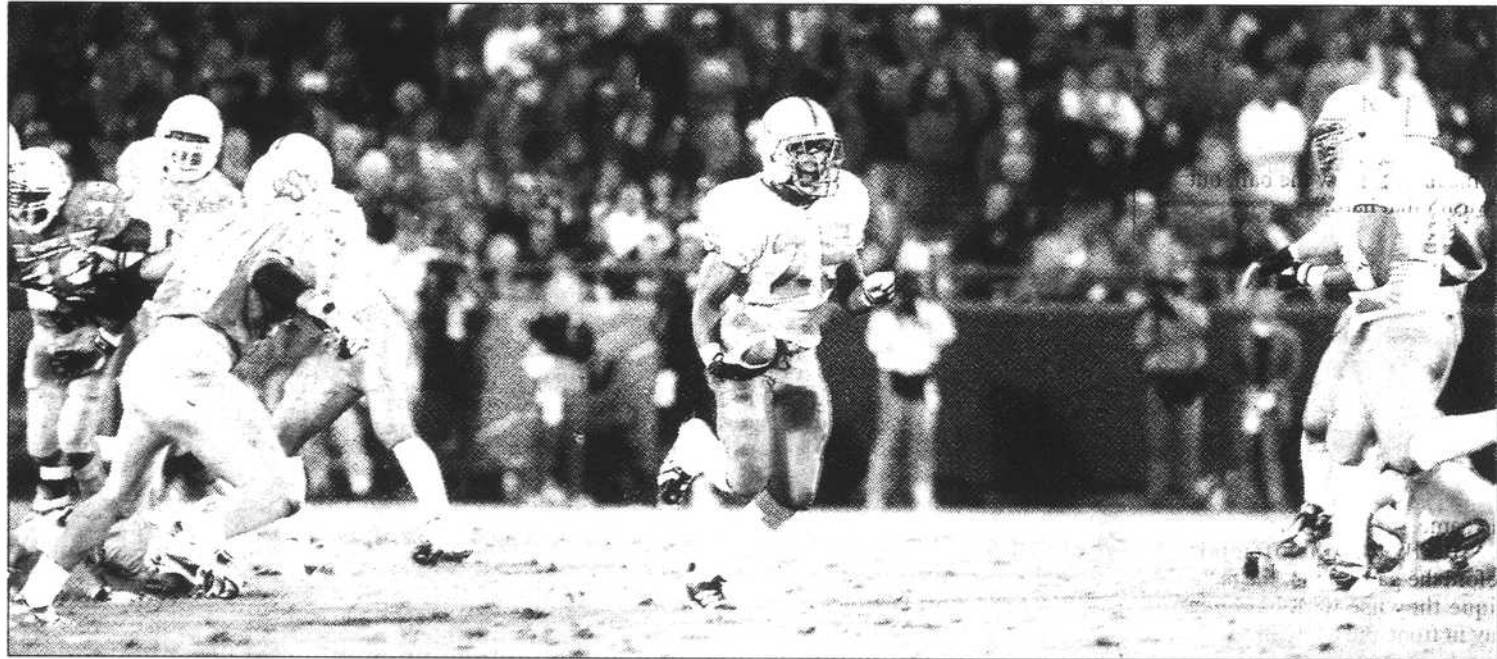
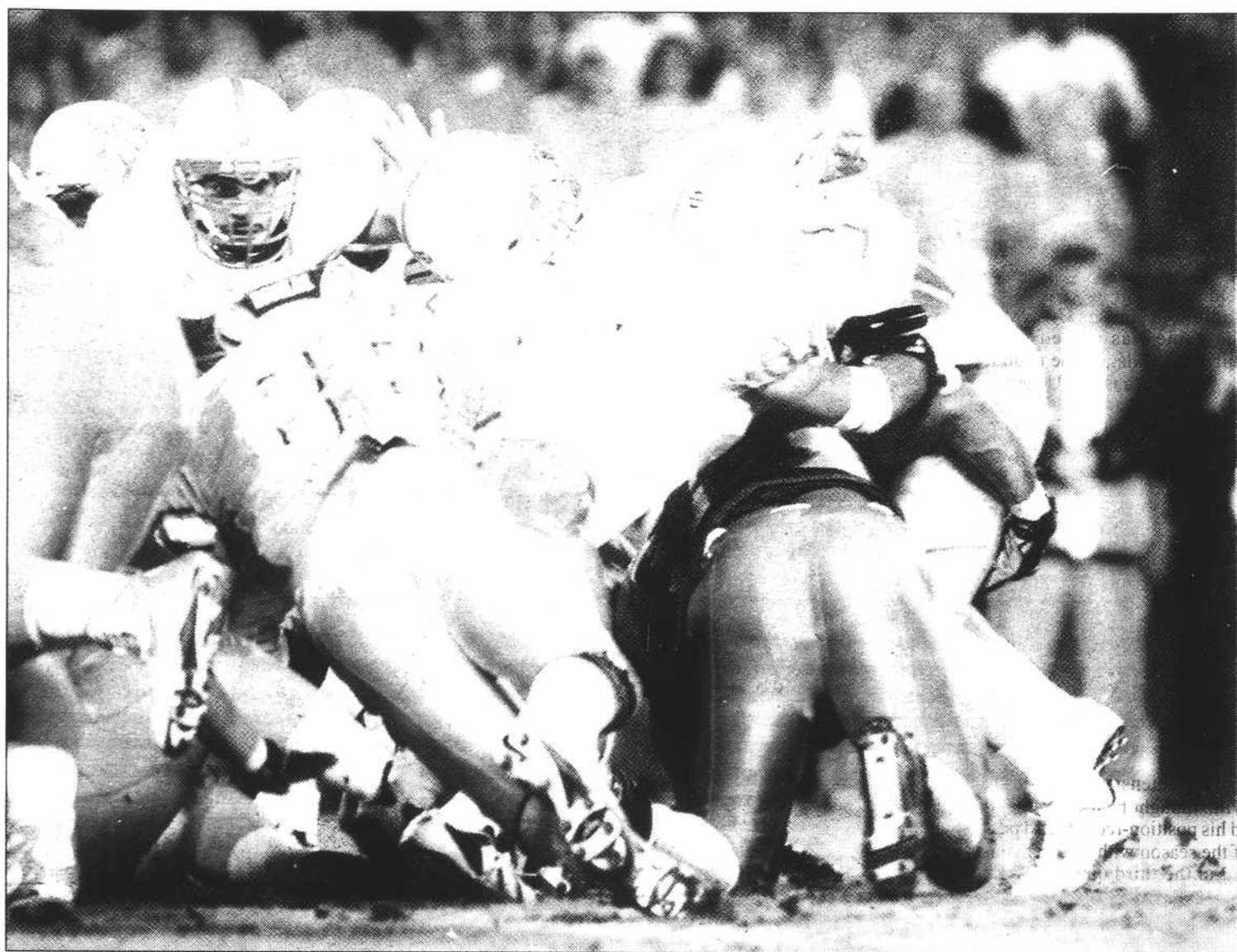


Oklahoma State 17



OSU dissatisfied with moral victory

Cowboys hoped for win against NU

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KANSAS CITY, Mo. — The Oklahoma State football team walked away from a battle with the second-ranked team in the country Saturday with a moral victory.

OSU beat the Cornhuskers in nearly every aspect of the game, topping NU in passing yards, running yards, first downs and time of possession.

But the Cowboys failed to outdo Nebraska when it counted the most. With a chance to tie the game at 24 with five seconds remaining in the fourth quarter, Oklahoma State I-back Nathan Simmons rushed for no gain at the NU 1-yard line.

The Cowboys fell to Nebraska 24-17 in front of 79,555 fans at Arrowhead Stadium. And for OSU linebacker Raymond Cato, that was the bottom line. Forget about moral victories.

"We wanted to prove we weren't here just to be here," said Cato, who totaled nine tackles — including four for losses — and sacked Bobby Newcombe once for a 10-yard loss. "We didn't just show up so that (Nebraska) could play in a game. We knew we could win, and

we wanted to prove that to people." OSU Coach Bob Simmons said the Cowboys proved themselves in the first half.

"We played disciplined football and executed the game plan to perfection," Simmons said. "We gave up two quick touchdowns in the second half, but I was happy with the way we regained our composure.

"We came up here with a good game plan, and we thought we could execute it and win."

But ironically, it was their execution or lack of it — that may have doomed the Cowboys.

With 2:21 left in the game, Oklahoma State quarterback Tony Lindsay directed the Cowboys from their own 41-yard line 58 yards to the Nebraska 1. Five seconds remained in the game.

With no time-outs left, Simmons hurriedly decided on a play that called for an extra lineman, second-string center Reynell Lavigne, to line up between left guard Adam Davis and left tackle David Comaeho to create an unbalanced line on the left side.

Lavigne, who wasn't standing near

Football Game Review Nebraska 24

Nebraska Rushing					Nebraska Receiving				
Name	Car	Yds	Avg	TD	Name	Rec	Yds	Long	TD
DeAngelo Evans	15	41	2.7	1	Nathan Simmons	2	72	67	1
Bobby Newcombe	13	22	1.7	1	Ethan Howell	2	36	25	0
Joel Mackovicka	6	9	1.5	0	T. Richardson	2	2	4	0

Nebraska Passing					Nebraska Game Stats				
Name	Comp	Att	Yds	TD	Rushing attempts	36	Fumbles lost	0	Interceptions
Bobby Newcombe	9	15	112	0	Rushing yards	73	Penalties / yards	1 / 15	10 / 59
Eric Groun	1	1	30	0	Rushing attempts	16	Punt returns / yards	6 / 106	3 / 20
					Passing completions	10	Kickoff returns / yards	4 / 68	3 / 49
					Passing yards	142	Time of possession	24:50	35:10
					Total yards	215			

Scoring Summary

Team	Qtr	Scoring play	Score
OSU	2nd	Tim Sydnies 37 yd field goal	13 - 48
NU	2nd	Kris Brown 48 yd field goal	7 - 48
NU	3rd	Bobby Newcombe 6 yd run	7 - 76
NU	3rd	DeAngelo Evans 1 yd run	7 - 88
OSU	3rd	Jamaal Fobbs 3 yd run	6 - 82
OSU	4th	Ethan Howell 67 yd pass from T. Lindsay	17 - 82
NU	4th	Joe Walker 73 yd punt return	24 - 17

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