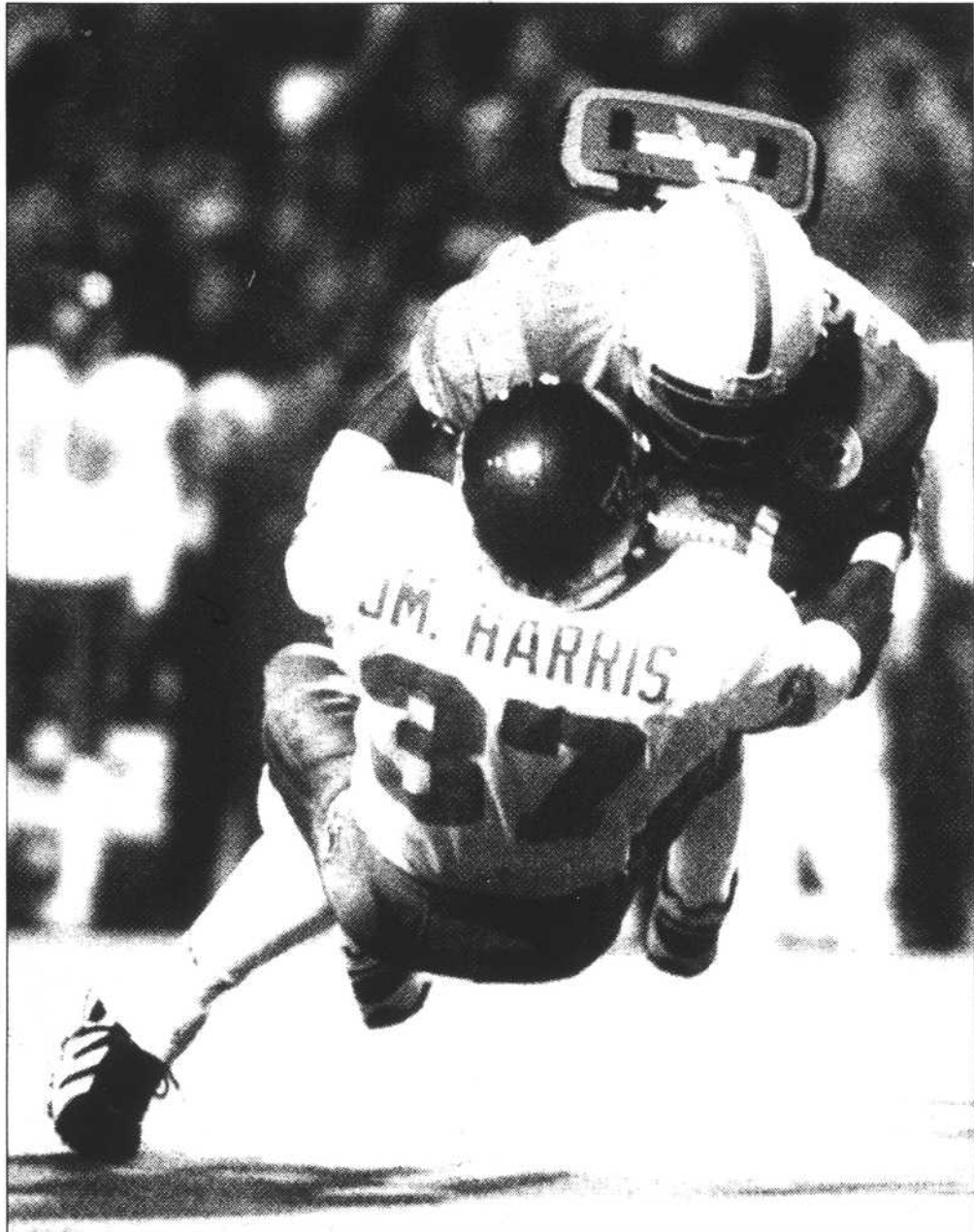


..., Kansas 0



Photos (clockwise from top left)

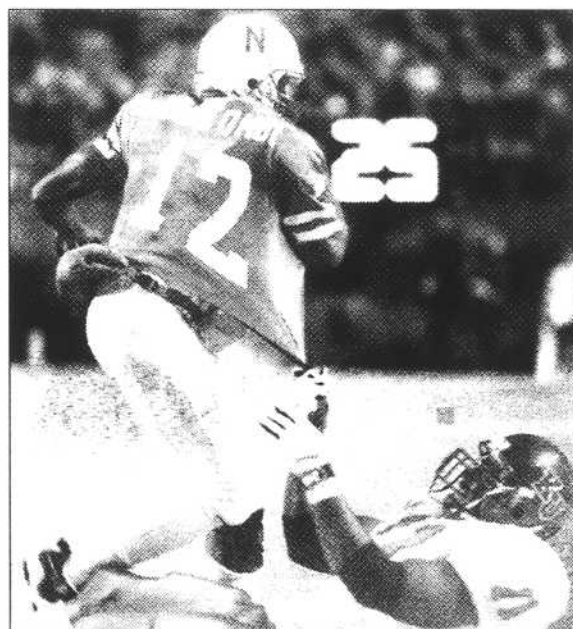
MIKE WARREN/DN
NEBRASKA DEFENSIVE BACK Erwin Swiney struggles to pick up a fumble caused when Nebraska free safety Clint Finley hit Kansas running back David Winbush.

SCOTT McCLURG/DN
NEBRASKA I-BACK Correll Buckhalter runs over KU defensive back Jamie Harris.

MIKE WARREN/DN
THE ONLY PART of Nebraska quarterback Bobby Newcombe that Kansas linebacker Hanson Caston could grab was his jersey, which he nearly ripped off trying to make the tackle in the second quarter.

MIKE WARREN/DN
RUSH END Mike Rucker jumps to try to block the pass of Kansas quarterback Zac Wegner during the third quarter.

SCOTT McCLURG/DN
NEBRASKA DEFENSIVE BACK Keyuo Craver tackles Kansas running back Dustin Curry. Craver finished with five tackles.



Ground game returns in win

BY LISA VONNAHME
 Staff reporter

Coke in hand, Josh Heskew had to pause for a moment to catch his breath. It was not because he was tired after Saturday's game against Kansas, but because he was tired from walking up the stairs from the locker room to the South Stadium lounge.

"Hold on," said the 290-pound senior center. "Let me take a breather. I was told to take the stairs, so that's where I went."

"I just do what I'm told. I don't make up new things. I'm not creative."

Neither was the Nebraska offensive attack against Kansas. And that is just the way the Huskers like it.

Backed by the Blackshirts' first shutout of the season, the Cornhusker offense went back to the basics, pounding a season-high 466 yards on the ground en route to a 41-0 victory over the Jayhawks before 76,174 at Memorial Stadium on Saturday.

"We knew we were going to run it right in between the tackles," Heskew said. "The guys stuck their noses wherever they needed to be stuck into, and they did a great job pushing people around."

Starting for injured I-back DeAngelo Evans, sophomore Correll Buckhalter rushed for 133 yards on 18 carries.

Buckhalter also scored a career-high three touchdowns, including a 32-yard run that capped NU's first drive. The Huskers (6-1 overall and 2-1 in the Big 12 Conference) kept the ball on the ground their first 12 plays from scrimmage.

"We knew we were going to come out and run power football against Kansas," Buckhalter said. "Running straight at people is my type of football, and I was very effective."

So was NU's defense. Though the Blackshirts surrendered 220 yards of total offense, the Jayhawks crossed NU's 45-yard line

only once.

The result was a goal-line interception by rover Joe Walker — his second of the season.

The sophomore's grab preserved Nebraska's shutout — a shutout that wasn't expected by NU Coach Frank Solich after losing to Texas A&M 28-21 one week earlier.

"I didn't see us coming in and shutting them down like we did," Solich said. "Kansas can score very quickly, and they have thrown the ball extremely well against everyone they've played."

Against the Huskers, however, Kansas quarterback Zac Wegner completed just eight of 25 passes for 121 yards.

And though the Blackshirts didn't record a sack Saturday for the first time in 19 games, senior rush end Chad Kelsay was more than satisfied with the defensive performance.

"To get a shutout, it makes our defense feel really good; and now we have something we can start building on," said the 250-pound senior. "We know we've got an uphill battle to get where we want to be, but this was the first test, and we passed it."

After the loss to the Aggies, Nebraska quarterback Bobby Newcombe said the Huskers came back focused on what they wanted to accomplish this season.

It showed Saturday. "I saw during the week we had a lot more focus," Newcombe said. "That contributed to our enthusiasm during the game."

"We moved the ball on that first drive for a score, and that motivated us."

Leading 10-0 with less than a minute left in the half, the Huskers put together another scoring drive, which was completed when Newcombe took the ball over the top with 13 seconds remaining.

But it took two tries. In his first fourth-down attempt from the 1-yard line, Newcombe fumbled, and Kansas (2-5 and 0-4) recovered. An off-sides-

Football game review

Nebraska 41
 Kansas 0

Nebraska Rushing

Name	Car	Yds	Avg	TD
Correll Buckhalter	18	136	7.4	3
Dan Alexander	15	91	6.0	0
Monte Christo	7	63	8.9	0

Receiving

Name	Rec	Yds	Long	TD
Matt Davison	2	30	21	0
Joel Makovicka	1	25	25	0

Passing

Name	Comp	Att	Yds	TD
Bobby Newcombe	5	8	79	0

Kansas Rushing

Name	Car	Yds	Avg	TD
David Winbush	14	51	2.8	0
Mitch Bowles	3	21	7.0	0

Receiving

Name	Rec	Yds	Long	TD
Michael Chandler	3	52	29	0
Mitch Bowles	1	26	26	0

Passing

Name	Comp	Att	Yds	TD
Zac Wegner	8	25	121	0

Game Stats

	Nebraska	Kansas		Nebraska	Kansas
First downs	28	11	Fumbles lost	2	2
Rushing attempts	79	31	Interceptions	1	0
Rushing yards	475	116	Penalties / yards	9 / 69	3 / 15
Passing completions	5	8	Punt returns / yards	5 / 43	1 / 4
Passing attempts	9	25	Kickoff returns / yards	0 / 0	3 / 48
Passing yards	79	121	Time of possession	39:47	20:13
Total yards	545	220	Sacks / yards	0 / 0	0 / 0

Scoring Summary

Team	Qtr	Scoring play	Plays - yards	Score
Nebraska	10	7	14	10
Kansas	0	0	0	0
				Total
				Nebraska 41
				Kansas 0

Team	Qtr	Scoring play	Plays - yards	Score
NU	1	C. Buckhalter 32 yd run	6 - 47	7 - 0
NU	1	K. Brown 27 yd field goal	11 - 40	10 - 0
NU	2	B. Newcombe 1 yd run	12 - 73	17 - 0
NU	3	C. Buckhalter 6 yd run	2 - 24	24 - 0
NU	3	C. Buckhalter 3 yd run	6 - 44	31 - 0
NU	4	K. Brown 28 yd field goal	8 - 43	34 - 0
NU	4	B. Legate 6 yd run	12 - 95	41 - 0

JON FRANK/DN

call against the Jayhawk defense, however, allowed NU to maintain possession at the 1 and eventually score.

"If we would've kept them out of the end zone, it would have been real interesting," Kansas Coach Terry Allen said. "We would've gotten some momentum and had things going for us."

"Football is a game of momentum and emotion. We needed some emotion

to overcome some physical deficits that we faced."

Middle linebacker Jay Foreman agreed emotion played a big part in Saturday's game, especially after last week's loss to A&M.

"We came out on fire," Foreman said. "We were glad to see the younger guys bounce back. The seniors have been through a loss, and we came out and played well."