

# Gameday: Nebraska

## Gameday Notebook

Nebraska I-back DeAngelo Evans continues to be sidelined by a bruised tailbone, as he was kept out for the second week in a row.

His replacement, Correll Buckhalter, performed admirably, gaining 125 yards on 25 carries. It was the second straight game in which Buckhalter has gained more than 100 yards.

For the second time this season, an opposing team recovered an NU fumble and returned it for a touchdown. Missouri's Steve Erickson recovered Buckhalter's fumble and returned it 41 yards for a touchdown Saturday.

Earlier in the season, Texas A&M linebacker Warrick Holdman recovered a Bobby Newcombe fumble for a touchdown in the Aggies' 28-21 win in College Station, Texas.

Monte Christo was named the Fox Sports Net Player of the Game after NU's 20-13 victory Saturday. Christo rushed for 79 yards and completed one pass for 8 yards in backing up Newcombe.

Nebraska stayed No. 7 in both The Associated Press and USA Today/Coaches polls Sunday. The Huskers hold a slim lead over Texas A&M in the AP poll, with 1,250 points to the Aggies' 1,240. In the coaches poll, NU leads Wisconsin by only four points, 1,134 to 1,130.

Ohio State stayed No. 1 in both polls, continuing its trend since the beginning of the season.

In the AP poll UCLA is No. 2 followed by Tennessee, while Kansas State is third in the coaches poll.

No team has ever been No. 1 from the first poll to the last. The closest any team ever came was Nebraska in 1983. The Huskers lost to Miami 31-30 in the final game of the season.

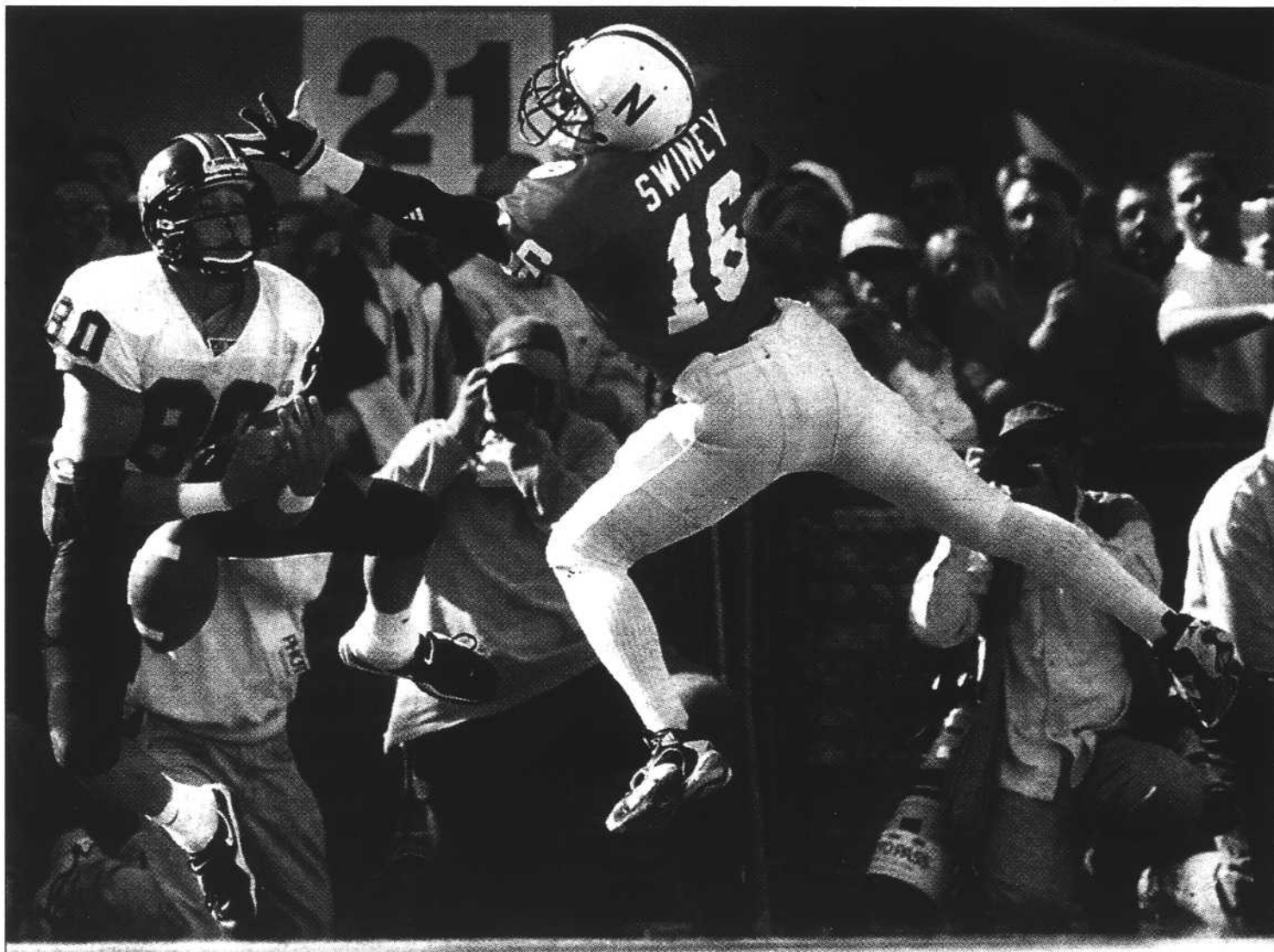
Former Nebraska opponents had a mixed bag this weekend. Louisiana Tech lost 32-17 to an Auburn team that just had its head coach resign. Washington escaped with a 35-34 victory over Oregon State. Oklahoma State rolled over Oklahoma 41-26. Kansas upset No. 24 Colorado 33-17 at home under a backup quarterback.

Texas A&M had possibly the most meaningful win, a 17-10 triumph over 6-2 Texas Tech.

California played No. 2 UCLA close the entire game, losing 28-16.

Cal had a controversial play go against it, as UCLA recovered a fumble inside its own 5-yard line that it never actually had possession of. Cal actually recovered the fumble, but the ball was awarded to the Bruins anyway.

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Photos (clockwise from top left)

**MISSOURI WIDE RECEIVER** John Dausman drops the ball in the end zone on the second-to-last play of the game. Erwin Swiney was defending. MATT MILLER/DN

**SHEVIN WIGGINS CARRIES** a few Missouri players before being brought down on a key 53-yard punt return in the third quarter. Wiggins' return set up NU's first touchdown. MATT MILLER/DN

**DEFENSIVE TACKLE LORAN KAISER** exults after a defensive stop in the third quarter. The Huskers held Missouri to 166 total yards. MATT MILLER/DN

**NEBRASKA QUARTERBACK MONTE CRISTO** collides with Missouri's Daniel McCamy on the goal line as Christo breaks the plane and scores the go-ahead touchdown with 10:27 left in the game. MIKE WARREN/DN

## Huskers slide by Missouri in near-replay of '97 finish

By JAY SAUNDERS  
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Nebraska and Missouri decided to make an encore performance of their 1997 thriller in a variety of ways Saturday.

For the second consecutive year, the game wasn't decided until the final play. For the second consecutive year, that final play was a sack of MU quarterback Corby Jones.

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**CHAD KELSAY**  
NU rush end

And for the second consecutive year, No. 7 Nebraska won by seven points, this time a 20-13 test of survival in front of 76,325 at Memorial Stadium.

"Both teams competed tremendously hard," NU Coach Frank Solich said. "These games are great for the fans, but I don't know about the coaches."

Like last season, one team had a chance to tie the game at the end of regulation. In 1997 it was Nebraska, which got a miraculous touchdown catch from Matt Davison, that had that chance and made good on it.

Saturday Missouri had that chance. And with seven seconds

left, the No. 18 Tigers (5-2 overall and 3-1 in the Big 12 Conference) darn near pulled it off.

Following a Cornhusker fumble, MU drove to NU's 22-yard line. From there, Tiger quarterback Corby Jones lofted a ball toward the end zone where receiver John Dausman caught the ball — and dropped it.

Jones had one last shot at the end zone, but he was sacked by Eric Johnson as time expired, thus ending MU's upset bid.

"With four seconds left I turned to their huddle and asked them if they remembered anything like this," rush end Chad Kelsay said.

### Football game review

Nebraska 20  
Missouri 13

Nebraska Rushing					Missouri Rushing				
Name	Car	Yds	Avg	TD	Name	Car	Yds	Avg	TD
Correll Buckhalter	25	125	5.0	0	Davin West	24	72	3.0	0
Monte Christo	20	67	3.3	2	Derek Black	2	5	2.5	0
Bobby Newcombe	9	33	3.7	0	Corby Jones	11	0	0.0	1
Nebraska Receiving					Missouri Receiving				
Name	Rec	Yds	Long	TD	Name	Rec	Yds	Long	TD
Correll Buckhalter	2	20	14	0	Jonn Dausman	4	34	12	0
Shevin Wiggins	2	17	12	0	Derek Black	2	7	7	0
Sheldon Jackson	2	12	6	0	Kareem Wise	1	32	32	0
Nebraska Passing					Missouri Passing				
Name	Comp	Att	Yds	TD	Name	Comp	Att	Yds	TD
Bobby Newcombe	7	11	65	0	Corby Jones	8	20	89	0
Monte Christo	1	5	7	0					
Game Stats					Game Stats				
Nebraska	Missouri	Nebraska	Missouri	Nebraska	Missouri				
First downs	22	10	Fumbles lost	2	1				
Rushing attempts	61	37	Interceptions	0	0				
Rushing yards	256	77	Penalties / yards	4 / 26	5 / 41				
Passing completions	8	8	Punt returns / yards	4 / 66	0 / 0				
Passing attempts	16	20	Kickoff returns / yards	1 / 40	3 / 56				
Passing yards	72	89	Time of possession	32:54	27:06				
Total yards	328	166	Sacks / yards	3 / 19	1 / 6				

### Scoring Summary

Score by quarters  
Nebraska 3 3 7 7 20  
Missouri 0 13 0 0 13

Team	Qtr	Scoring play	Plays - yards	Score
				Nebraska Missouri
NU	1	K. Brown 38 - yd field goal	8 - 15	3 0
MU	2	S. Erickson 41 - yd fumble recovery		3 6
MU	2	C. Jones 1 - yd run	10 - 25	3 13
NU	2	K. Brown 30 - yd field goal	14 - 68	6 13
NU	3	M. Christo 1 - yd run	6 - 14	13 13
NU	4	M. Christo 3 - yd run	8 - 49	20 13

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