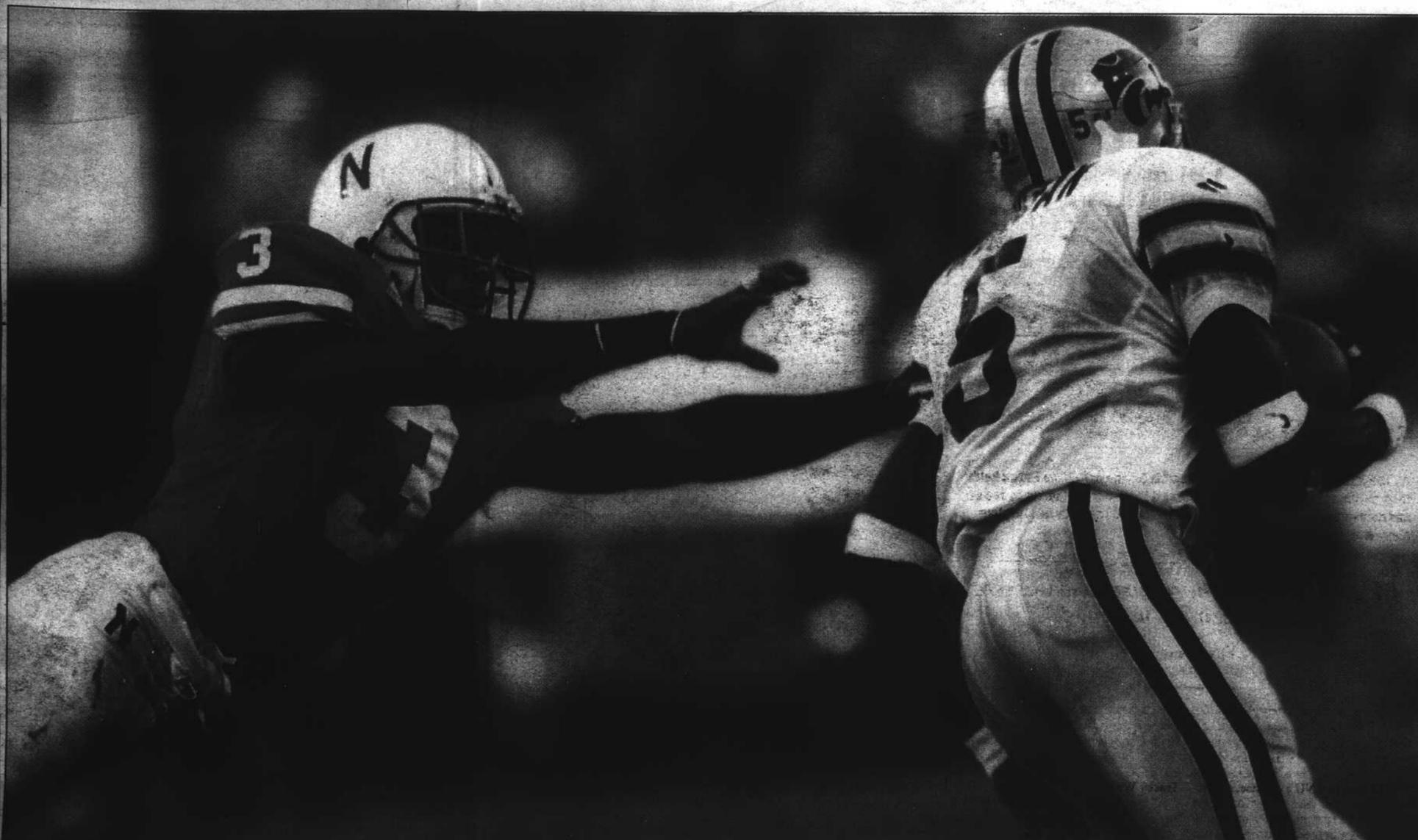


Kansas State 15



Gameday Notebook

There is something about playing Kansas State that brings out the best in Nebraska sophomore quarterback Eric Crouch. In last year's 40-30 loss, Crouch rushed for a career-high 108 yards and threw for a career-high 156 yards. Saturday, Crouch set records again for most rushing yards with 158 and most attempts with 27.

His 158 yards was the most by a Nebraska player since Ahman Green recorded 206 in the 1998 Orange Bowl. Crouch now has rushed for more than 100 yards in four games, including his then career-best 137 yards last week against Texas A&M.

Rover Mike Brown continued his hot streak, picking off another pass and causing and recovering another fumble. Last week against A&M, he forced two fumbles and made two interceptions. He leads the team with four forced fumbles.

Nebraska continued to put the ball on the turf. Against Kansas State, the Huskers fumbled a school-record 10 times. However, NU lost only three of them. On the season, NU leads the nation in fumbles.

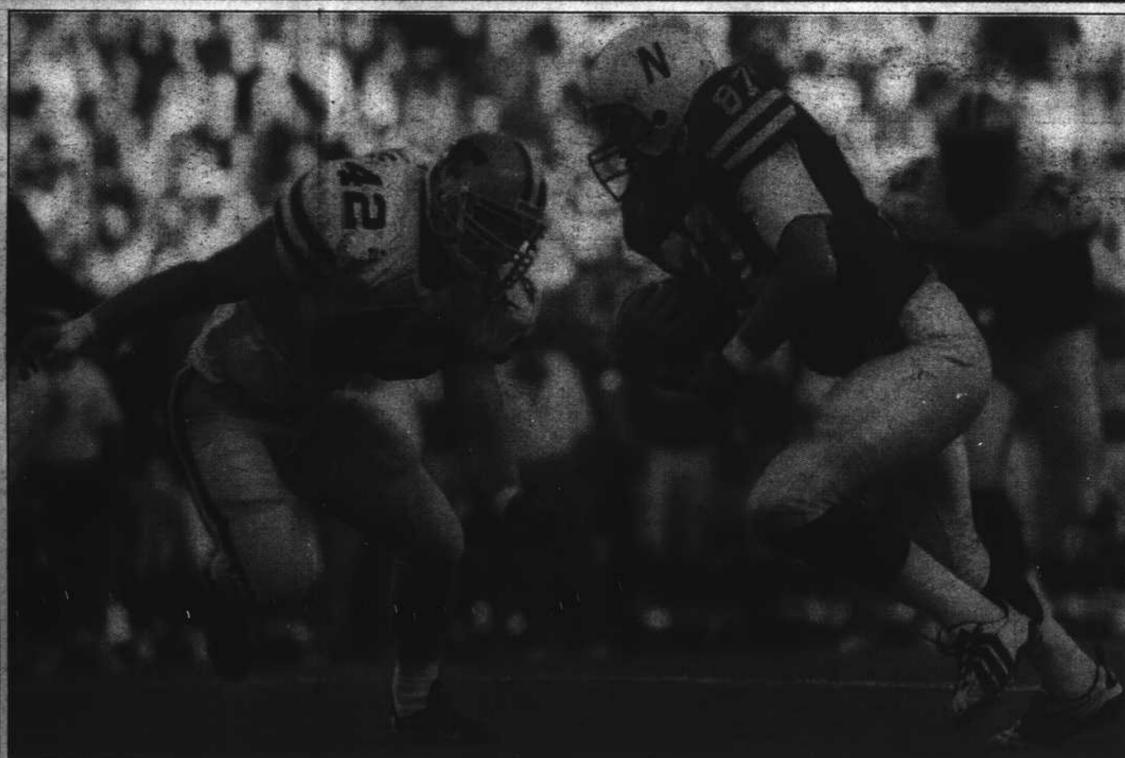
Kansas State actually turned the ball over more times, losing all four of its fumbles and throwing an interception.

In his first action other than mop-up duty, freshman Darran Diedrick showed moves that NU fans hadn't seen in some time. The 6-foot, 215-pound freshman from Scarborough, Ontario, rushed 14 times for 93 yards, including a career-best 46-yard TD run in the fourth quarter that was reminiscent of another 1-back who wore No. 30 a couple years ago. On the season, Diedrick now has 54 carries for 307 yards.

The Nebraska special teams blocked a field goal and two punts Saturday. In the first quarter, Kyle Vanden Bosch blocked a 35-yard field goal attempt by Jamie Rheem. It was his third block in two games. Randy Stella's second punt block of the season gave NU a 9-0 lead in the first quarter. Then, in the third quarter, Keyuo Craver blocked his second kick of the year. On the season, the Huskers have blocked three field goals and six punts.

With the win, Nebraska has now defeated Kansas State 16 straight times in Lincoln and 29 out of the last 30 games. For the overall series, NU holds a 71-11-2 record. The victory also gave the Huskers their 31st-straight nine-win season.

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CLOCKWISE FROM TOP: NEBRASKA CORNERBACK Keyuo Craver dives for KSU receiver Quincy Morgan in the second quarter with NU leading 24-6. ERIC CROUCH and receiver Wilson Thomas are highlighted by the sun in the south end zone as they celebrate Crouch's first rushing touchdown of the game in the first quarter. NU TIGHT END Tracey Wistrom tries to outrun KSU linebacker Mark Simoneau after catching a pass from Eric Crouch in the second quarter. Wistrom finished with 68 yards on four receptions.