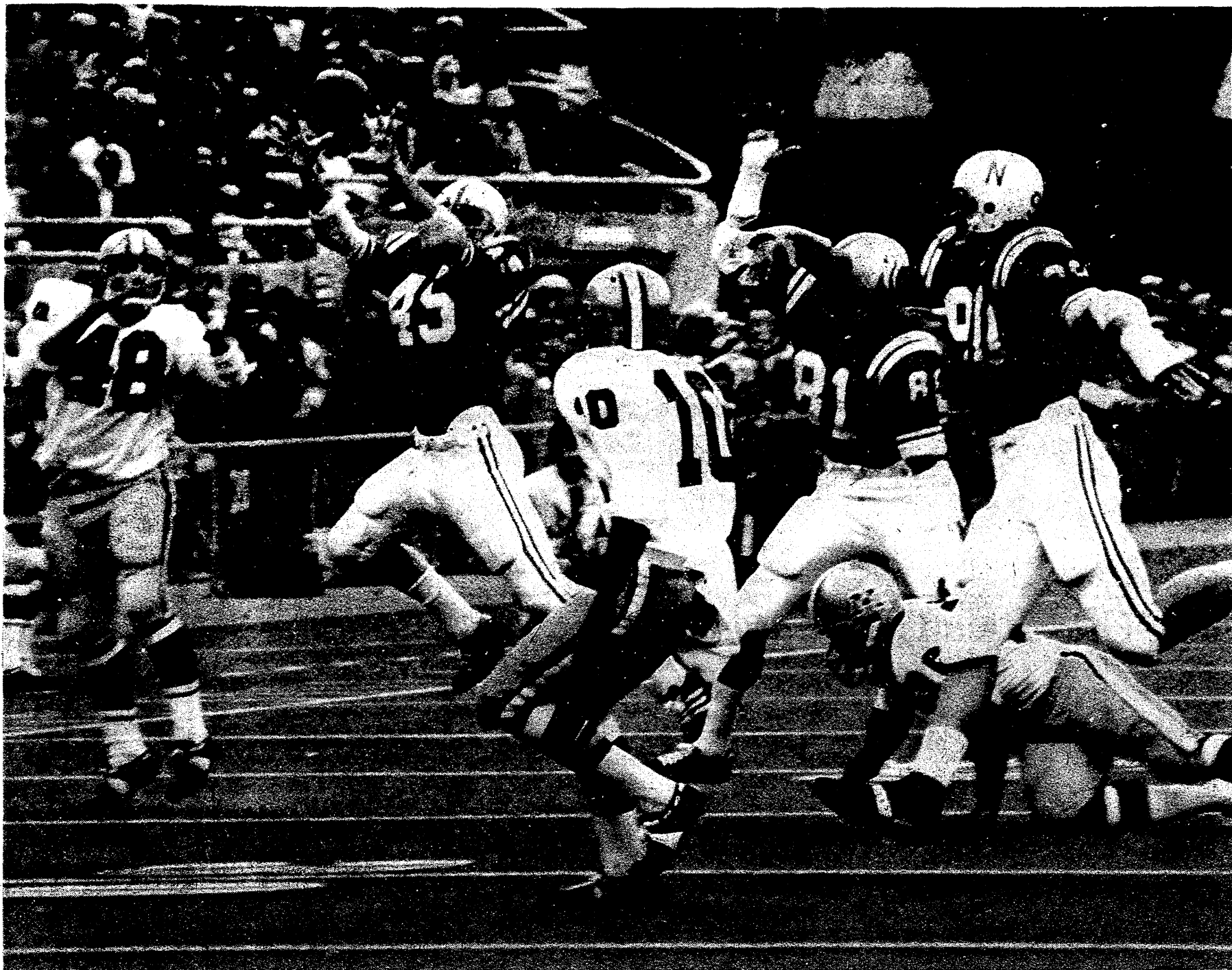


Big Red Baron Tagge Rules in Air



3 Scoring Passes To Johnny Rodgers Stir Record Crowd

By Wally Provost

Nebraska's national collegiate football leaders cut the heat out of Minnesota upset hopes Saturday with three Jerry Tagge-Johnny Rodgers touchdown passes, then coasted to a 35-7 triumph before a record crowd of 68,187 at Memorial Stadium.

Jeff Kinney added a pair of touchdowns on the ground, giving important balance to an attack that produced 421 yards in total offense compared with 306 for the Big Ten school.

For the second straight week, All-America candidate Tagge outpassed a much-heralded quarterback rival.

The steady senior from Green Bay notched 15 completions in 21 attempts for 218 yards. His career yardage total jumped to 3,207 as he bypassed Bill Weeks of Iowa State, Gale Weidner of Colorado and Missouri's Paul Christman for fourth place in the all-time Big Eight record list.

Minnesota's Craig Curry hit on 15 of 32 passes for 132 yards. Curry suffered from two handicaps. He was pressured by Blackshirts such as Larry Jacobson, Willie Harper, Bill Janssen and John Adkins. And he had no receiver to compare with the breath-taking Rodgers.

The swift, artful junior from Omaha Tech scored on aerial plays covering 28, 20 and 37 yards after being shut out in the Oregon opener.

Blackshirts Dented

Minnesota exhibited power as well as a strong passing threat, with fullback Ernie Cook ripping his way for 71 yards and halfback Jim Henry adding 48.

Once again, Nebraska more than matched the enemy. Complementing Kinney's 79 ground yards were Bill Olds with 54 and sub halfback Gary Dixon with 30.

Olds, a 6-1, 215-pound junior from Kansas City, Kan., is

Elusive Rodgers

Min.-N.D.		Time Left
First Quarter		
0-7	Rodgers 28 pass from Tagge (Sanger kick)	2:38
9-14	Kinney 3 run (Sanger kick)	2:16
Second Quarter		
7-14	Curry 6 run (Anderson kick)	9:08
7-21	Kinney 2 run (Sanger kick)	8:34
Third Quarter		
7-28	Rodgers 20 pass from Tagge (Sanger kick)	6:50
7-35	Rodgers 37 pass from Tagge (Sanger kick)	3:23
Officials—Referee, Vance Carlson, McPherson (Kan.); Umpire, Lowell Wright, Oklahoma (Okla.); Line Judge, Wendell Winkler, Baker (Kan.); Field Judge, Bob Dugan, North Dakota (N.D.); Back Judge, Alex George, Notre Dame.		
A-68,187 (Memorial Stadium record)		
Statistics		
	Minnesota	Nebraska
First downs	46-149	48-103
Rushes-yards	157	228
Passing yardage	209	421
Total yardage	366	649
Return yardage	104	69
Poses	17-36	15-25
Intercepted by	0	2
Fumbles lost	7-40	7-36
Yards penalized	49	37

Up pops Bob Terrio to steal Craig Curry's (10) pass. The Husker intercepts in first quarter... leaving Jim Henry (45) with begging hands.

Irish Thunder Hits Hapless Wildcats

South Bend, Ind. (AP) — Notre Dame, the nation's No. 2 team, served notice of things to come Saturday afternoon, scoring 23 points in the second quarter and crushing luckless Northwestern, 50-7, before a sellout crowd of 59,075.

The Irish, alternating junior Pat Steenberge and senior Bill Etter at quarterback during most of the game, relentlessly ground down the Wildcats with superior size and depth.

Three interceptions and a pair of lost fumbles in the first half dug the Wildcats, 0-2, a hole too deep from which to climb.

The Irish, with Steenberge starting at quarterback, had a tough time getting untracked, but All-America candidate Walt Patulski, a 6-foot-5, 235-pound defensive end stormed in to block a Wildcat punt at the Northwestern 32-yard line with 9:23 left in the first quarter.

After Patulski took the ball right off punter Marty McGann's shoetop, the Irish moved in for the first score. Senior halfback Ed Gilyas went the final three yards.

Northwestern took the ensuing kickoff and moved 65 yards for its touchdown with the aid of two key plays, a fourth down fake punt by McGann and a pass interference call moments later against All-America safety Clarence Ellis.

The Irish scoring avalanche began early in the second period and was featured by three touchdowns and a 38-yard field goal by senior Robert Thomas.

One touchdown was an eight-yard pass from Steenberge to All-America Tom Gatewood, his 16th career touchdown, tying former Irish star Jim Seymour for the all-time Notre Dame record.

The second half saw more of the same as the huge Irish front four terrorized quarterback Maury Daigneau. The Irish also tied their all-time single game record of seven interceptions, including two which went for touchdowns.

Every player on both squads saw action.

Steenberge was Notre Dame's top passer, hitting five of 16 for 54 yards. Daigneau threw 41 for Northwestern, completing 17 for 198 yards and one touchdown, but he also threw all seven interceptions.

Irish Coach Ara Parseghian knew what the seven pass steals meant—four years ago, his fourth-ranked team was beaten by national champion Southern California, 24-7, with seven Irish passes intercepted.

It was the worst defeat ever pinned on Wildcat Coach Alex Agase, and the worst pinned on the Wildcats since Agase took over at Northwestern from Parseghian eight years ago.

Northwestern 7 0 0 0-7
Notre Dame 7 23 6 14-50
ND—Gilyas 3 run (Brown kick)
NW—Cooks 7 pass from Dolan (Patterson kick)
ND—Thomas 36 FG
ND—Gately 40 interception return (kick failed)
ND—Cieszkowski 4 run (kick failed)
ND—Gately 65 interception return (Thomas kick)
ND—Hill 4 run (Thomas kick)
Statistics—Northwestern
First downs 16 21
Rushing yardage 30-37 63-222
Passing yardage 215 114
Total yardage 145 236
Poses 19-44 9-27
Intercepted by 3-2 3-4
Fumbles lost 3-36 2-41
Yards penalized 50 47

Westminster Clicks

New Wilmington, Pa. (AP) — Gene McNamara fired two touchdown passes to Roger Price and scored another one himself as Westminster drubbed Marietta, 26-0, Saturday.

Johnny a Cinch To Outfox Rivals

By Conde Sargent

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It must be time to ask the big question regarding the talents of Johnny Rodgers, the three-touchdown scorer in Nebraska's win over Minnesota Saturday.

Question: Is there a man alive who can cover him, man for man?
Quarterback Jerry Tagge, a real Rodgers fan, just shakes his head and grins.

"Nobody's done it yet, have they?" was his way of answering the question.

"I was put to Rodgers, too."

"I don't like to think there is anybody who can," said the Omaha junior, confidence beaming on his happy face.

Mark Tied
Although Minnesota played a zone defense in the secondary, Rodgers wound up having only one person covering him several times during the game.

On at least three different occasions, it was obvious the Gophers didn't have that one man to stay with him.

On those times, Johnny R caught touchdown passes from Tagge, tying the school record for one-game scores on aerials set in 1921 by the legendary Clarence Swanson.

Tagge got in the record book, too, matching the record for most touchdown passes in a game. Bob Churchich established it at three in the 1966 Orange Bowl against Alabama.

Tagge needs one more scoring pass to match Churchich's career record of 19.

Rodgers now has 11 touchdown passes in his 14-game Husker career. He appears certain to catch Swanson's career record of 19 touchdown grabs.

"Our scouting report showed where they were weak," said Rodgers. "All of our patterns are designed to get me (and other receivers) open. I was open all three times."

New Shoes
"The first touchdown pass (28 yards) was an automatic call. They were in a defense where it looked like they might blitz or something to stop a running play. The last one was a flood. Everybody goes to one side."

Tagge said he looks for Rodgers regularly for passes.

Rodgers made a sideline adjustment which may have been a key factor in his success. He changed shoes, going from a soccer-style to a longer cleat. Early in the game, he had slipped on the wet artificial turf. After the change, he was unstoppable.

Coach Murray Warmath noted that, too.

"I thought Rodgers particularly played beautifully," said Warmath.

Water Ski Title To Missouri Ace

Bandolas, Spain (AP) — Rick McCormick of Independence, Mo., won the World Water Ski Championships gold medal for tricks Saturday while George Athans of Canada took the gold medal for overall.

McCormick amassed 10-249.53 points in winning in figures. He also took the bronze medal overall.

Kirby 1-Hitter Halts Frisco

San Francisco (AP) — San Diego's Clay Kirby pitched perfect baseball through seven innings and beat first-place San Francisco, 2-1, on a one-hitter Saturday, keeping the National League West race tight as a drum.

The Giants remained two games ahead of Los Angeles which lost to Atlanta, 9-6. The third place Braves have closed within 5½ games of San Francisco.

Kirby, a 23-year-old righthander, gave up a leadoff home run to Willie McCovey in

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the eighth inning after retiring the first 21 Giant batters. He struck out 10 and walked one.

Gaylord Perry took the loss despite a fine pitching performance for the Giants, who have lost 12 of their last 14 games. Perry allowed just five hits and one earned run.

Squeeze Bunt
The Padres scored in the third inning on a triple by former Giant Bob Barton and a squeeze bunt by Enzo Hernandez.

Colgate Sophs Stop Boston Rally, 27-21

Hamilton, N.Y. (AP) — Colgate's sophomore-dominated football team survived a Boston University rally and posted a 27-21 triumph in its opener Saturday.

LSUBuries Aggies, 37-0

Baton Rouge, La. (AP) — Louisiana State returned to the defensive form that has made it one of the most feared college football teams in the nation and swamped Texas A&M, 37-0, Saturday night.

Texas A&M, which plays at Nebraska Saturday, was held to 13 yards rushing by LSU. The

Next N.U. Foe

Tigers have led the nation the past two years in defense against the rush.

Tight end Jay Michaelson kicked three field goals and tied the LSU school record by kicking 13 points in a single game. His field goals were from 33, 35 and 42 yards. The senior from Foulay, Ala., also converted after each of LSU's four touchdowns.

The Aggies did not threaten until late in the fourth period, but Tiger defenders intercepted two passes to kill both threats.

Quarterback Paul Lyons threw touchdown passes of five yards to tight end Ken Kavanaugh Jr. and 25 yards to wide receiver Andy Hamilton in the second period.

The other Tiger touchdowns were scored on runs by split end Jimmy LeDoux and tailback Del Walker.

Texas A&M 0 0 0 0-0
LSU 13 14 13 7-37
LSU—Kavanaugh 3 pass from Lyons (Michaelson kick)
LSU—Hamilton 25 pass from Lyons (Michaelson kick)
LSU—FG Michaelson 35
LSU—LeDoux 28 run (Michaelson kick)
LSU—Walker 2 run (Michaelson kick)
A-67,500

Pittman TCU Debut Sees 42-0 Victory

Fort Worth, Tex. (AP) — Texas Christian celebrated Coach Jim Pittman's debut with a 42-0 victory over University of Texas at Arlington Saturday night behind a swarming defense and an occasional burst of "wishbone" offense.

beginning to flower impressively as he assumes the mantle of 1970 senior Dan Schneiss.

Nebraska opened the scoring midway through the first quarter, traveling 50 yards in four plays on its second possession.

Tagge, back to pass, changed his mind and rambled for three on first down. Then he sent Kinney around left end for eight. Tagge passed to tight end Jerry List for 11. On the following play, Rodgers got behind Farrell Sheridan and expertly fielded an end-zone pass from Tagge.

Rich Sanger, sophomore placekicker, delivered the first of five conversions.

Two and one-half minutes later, Adkins recovered a Curry-Cook handoff fumble on the Minnesota 20.

Kinney Scores

Olds dropped the ball on first down, but Tagge scooped it up and boomed around the N.U. left end for a clutch six yards. Kinney carried the next five times, finally scoring over right guard from the one as Keith Wortman flattened linebacker Ron King, Minnesota's star defender in the conquest of Indiana the previous week.

Starting on the second play of the second period, Minnesota

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Missed Field Goal Dooms Tigers; Falcons Win, 7-6

Air Force Academy, Colo. (AP) — Missouri's Greg Hill missed a 37-yard field goal attempt with five seconds to play Saturday as Air Force squeaked out a 7-6 college football victory over the Tigers.

Hill, a junior defensive halfback, had earlier kicked field goals of 35 and 22 yards to give Missouri all of its points.

The game was played in freezing weather, with occasional snow flurries.

Fake Handoff
The game's only touchdown came in the second period when Falcon quarterback Joel Carlson faked a handoff up the middle, then trotted untouched two yards around the left end.

Craig Barry provided what turned out to be the winning point with his conversion.

Went To Air
While Air Force Coach Ben Martin sought unsuccessfully for a passing combination, swapping quarterbacks Carlson and sophomore Rich Haynie throughout the game, Missouri

went to the air for most of its yardage only to be set back repeatedly by penalties.

Hill's first field goal was set up by quarterback Chuck Roper, who went to the air for 53 yards in a 64-yard drive.

The second Tiger field goal capped a 40-yard drive set up when tackle Steve Mizer recovered a Haynie fumble on the 41 Air Force 40.

The Falcon score came with 6:57 to play in the second period after Chip Hough returned a Tiger punt 14 yards to the Missouri 30.

Brian Bream, a tailback who was the Falcon workhorse, set up Carlson's score by picking up 16 yards in six carries against Missouri's tough eight-man line.

Missouri 3 0 3 0-6
Air Force 6 0 0 0-6
AF—FG Hill 22
AF—Carlson 2 run (Barry kick).
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Statistics—Missouri
First downs 15 11
Rushing yardage 36 175
Passing yardage 11 100
Total yardage 52 275
Poses 16-33 9-18
Intercepted by 0 0
Fumbles lost 11-40 8-41
Yards penalized 93 50

17 Area Gridders Make Pros

National Football League opening day rosters today list 17 from Nebraska and southwest Iowa.

Ex-Nebraska teammates Pat Fischer and Ron McDoyle, both in their 11th seasons lead the list. Details on Page 6.

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