

N.U. Rookies Click, 17-7



Husker Co-Captain Ben Gregory . . . Leading ball carrier.

Omaha Passing Records Fall But Strong Bison Win, 41-33

By Maurice Shadle
University of Omaha football gained stature despite a 41-33 loss to North Dakota State before 6,017 in Rosenblatt Stadium Saturday night.

As had been predicted, NDS, a small-school power for the last three years had too much experience and running power for the explosive Indians. Quarterback Marlin Briscoe practically rewrote the O.U. passing book.

The Indians struck for an 87-yard touchdown pass the first time they owned the ball and built a 20-7 advantage after 15 minutes.

Rated as one of the top five small-college powers in the nation, North Dakota State methodically sent powerful Ken Rota and Tim Mjos into the all-freshman front line.

The Bison were in front by 27-20 at intermission and boosted the margin to 34-20 before Omaha made two of the last three touchdowns.

Tom McKernan, rookie flankerback, gave a pass-catching demonstration that could stand for many years.

McKernan caught Briscoe's first pass, and finished with an O.U. record of 201 yards and two touchdowns on five receptions.

The old mark of 120 yards was established by Paul Blazevich in 1962.

Completely recovered from the spinal injury that kept him out of the last nine games in 1966, Briscoe completed 18 of

28 passes for a record 356 yards. He had one interception — Steve Conley's theft setting up the fourth Bison touchdown.

Briscoe equaled the touchdowns-by-passing record of four first made by Joe Arenas and tied by the Omaha senior against Drake. Marlin was the leading ground-gainer with a

4.9-yard average on 54 yards in 11 attempts.

Bill Haas, more sensational at times than McKernan, had six pass receptions for 127 yards and one touchdown. Stan Standifer caught three Briscoe flips and Rick Davis two.

Less sensational but at the best of their careers as run-

ners were junior Ron Sayers and the senior Davis. Sayers bagged for 67 yards on 19 carries and Davis had 42 on 16 tries.

Prono to fumble last season, Sayers had an iron grip on the ball as enthusiastic Bison battled his every move.

Rota made 99 yards on 18 carries and Mjos 130 on 26.

Omaha fans breathed a little easier as NDS Fullback Mike Belmont was injured on a crunching tackle midway through the last half. Jack Hagen then came off the talent-laden bench to outgain Mike with a six-yard average.

The go-for-broke Omahans punted only once during the contest. They gambled on four fourth-down plays and were successful on only one. But there wasn't a boo from the stands.

With luck at the outset of the last half, the Indians might have gained enough momentum to carry them past

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Harrison Stars In K-State Drill

Manhattan, Kans. (AP) — The Kansas State varsity kept the ball in the air Saturday to bury the freshmen, 44-6, in an intrasquad game.

The varsity completed 26 of 44 passes for 245 yards and two touchdowns. Bill Nossek, the top quarterback, hit 17 of 26 for 186 yards.

The leading rusher was Cornelius Davis with 47 yards in 10 carries for the varsity. Right behind him was freshman Russell Harrison of Omaha Tech with 40 yards in 10 tries.

Englehorn Trails In Own Golf Meet

Caldwell, Idaho (AP) — Pam Barnett of Charlotte, N. C., held a one-stroke lead going into today's final round of the 11-thousand-dollar Englehorn Golf Tournament after shooting a second-round 72 Saturday for a 140.

Shirley Englehorn, for whom the tournament is named, was in second place after shooting a 70-71 for a 141.

Rebels Sting South

Dennis Murphy set the pace with 10:39 for 1.9 miles as host Archbishop Rummel's cross-country team conquered South, 10-30.

By Wally Provost
Sports Editor of The World-Herald
Seattle, Wash.—In this corner-of-the-map city, long a gateway to exploration and adventure, Nebraska's largely immature football team Saturday made an important discovery — that it assuredly is capable of playing good football.

Bunching two touchdowns and a field goal in the second quarter, Nebraska turned back the University of Washington, 17-7, before a crowd estimated at 57 thousand.

It was a bright, boiling-hot day. At an official weather station two miles distant it was 85 at kick-off. A Washington spokesman said it was an unofficial 105 degrees on the field.

Electric fans cooled the Washington bench, which was in the sun.

One-yard touchdown plunges by Dick Davis and Frank Patrick were enough to accomplish the mild up-

Huskies Happy

Neb. Week	Second Quarter	Time Left
7 0 Davis 1 plunge (Bomberger)		12:52
14 6 Patrick 1 kick (Bomberger)		9:09
14 7 Sparlin 48 run (Martin kick)		8:37
17 7 Bomberger FG 20		:20
Attendance—37,000		
First downs	19	9
Total yards	301	189
Rushing yardage	209	120
Passing yardage	92	69
Passes	9-26	5-15
Intercepted by	2-31	0-0
Fumbles	2-31	6-36
Fumbles lost	2	75
Yards penalized	72	

set. Odds here Saturday morning had made the optimistic Huskies three-point favorites.

Bill Bomberger, one of numerous rookies who made their debuts with Nebraska, added two conversions and a 20-yard field goal.

That heavy-handed N.U. defense, meanwhile, was all the good things that had been said about it in pre-game ballyhoo.

Never did Washington take the ball and drive it home. The host team got on the scoreboard only through the

individual brilliance of veteran Quarterback Tom Sparlin who ran 48 yards in the second period after being throttled on a passing attempt.

A sophomore defender, Lincolnton Dana Stephenson, put on the finishing touches late in the fourth quarter when he intercepted a Sparlin pass and returned it 56 yards.

Coincidentally, Stephenson

wears jersey No. 36, the numerals glorified the past three seasons by All-America Larry Wachholtz, a record-setting interceptor.

Twelve Huskies, seven on the offensive platoon, were starters for the first time in varsity competition.

They included Quarterback Frank Patrick, on whose poise and skills Nebraska's season-long success may so heavily lean.

Patrick ran the offense for all but one sequence, when junior Al Fierro took over. Patrick wasn't another Bob Churchich in his pichtouches. He has a tendency, perhaps, to throw too hard on short passes.

But the youngster generally handled the ball well, and made expert use of a fleet of dangerous ball carriers while leading Nebraska to substantial command in total yard-

age, 301-189.

Patrick completed nine of 24 passes for 92 yards in the teeth of Washington's highly-respected secondary. He did not suffer the deflation of a single interception.

Top man among the receivers was Denny Morrison. The Omahan bagged four for 35 yards.

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Teamwork by Cornhuskers . . . Gregory (22) pivots upfield as Davis puts shoulder into Huskie Bob Pederson.

Huskies 'Think Positive'

Bob 'Real Proud' of Green Linemen

By Conde Sargent
World-Herald Sports Staff Writer
Seattle, Wash.—Nebraska's offense rushed for 209 yards Saturday against Washington.

There had been times this fall when the feeling persisted that the green defensive line couldn't open holes for 50 yards a game.

Nebraska's passer, sophomore Quarterback Frank Patrick, was not once—not once, mind you—caught behind the line. He had been lucky to avoid injury from this type of pressure in practice.

The heroes who protected Patrick on passes were primarily the Huskies' offensive linemen, a string of lads with little or no previous experience.

"I am real, real proud of our interior linemen," said Coach Bob Devaney.

"We had five in there without experience. Never once did they pull the wrong way. They made none of the mistakes you would expect of sophomores on opening day."

Basic Plays

Tackle Bob Taucher, a two-year letter man but not a starter previously, played

outstandingly. He discussed the line's effectiveness:

"We used just basic fundamentals, stuff that Coach (Carl) Selmer has been pounding into our heads since we came to school," said Taucher, a 248-pounder from Cleveland, O.

"We were just hitting hard and hitting low."

Taucher also said the line was fired up, perhaps as emotionally keyed up as any previous Husker team.

"Ever since spring ball, all we've heard was we were a bunch of youngsters. It just goes to show that a bunch of youngsters can get the job done."

Surprise

Selmer, the offensive line coach, admitted to some surprise in the line's good showing.

"The boys think more positive than we do," said Selmer. "There were some great efforts throughout. I was extremely pleased with them."

In the starting lineup for the first time along with Taucher were Guards Mel Brichacek and Carl Ashman. Center Roger Kudrna and Tackle Glenn Patterson.

Kudrna said: "We're off to a real fine start. I thought

we could do okay if we started good."

"The line," said Fullback Dick Davis, "really rose to the occasion. It was the best I've seen them play."

Patrick also gave his forwards praise for allowing him to have a good first game.

"They were amazing," said the big sophomore. "They did a great job. I wasn't hit behind the line once."

"The team veterans," Patrick added, "got us up for the game."

"I'd be a liar if I said I wasn't nervous. I was. We got a good start and that helped."

'Scary'

Patrick and Tight End Dennis Morrison combined on four of the team's nine completed passes. Three times Morrison was wide open. One such instance resulted in a 38-yard gain which set up Nebraska's second touchdown.

"It was scary," said Morrison. "You always expect to be tackled when you catch the ball. It is kind of shocking to catch the ball and turn and not be smacked."

"It had never happened to me before."

Slow Start

All-America Wayne Meylan went for sometime without making a tackle.

That didn't bother the big middle guard as much as the loss of a shut-out when Washington Quarterback Tom Sparlin raced 48 yards for the score.

"It was a broken play," said Meylan. "All the receivers were covered and he (Sparlin) took off."

"Later we changed defenses and I was getting more involved like I wanted to," he added.

Big No. 66 drew credit for nine tackles and two assists—the Husker leader.

Wilson Wins 21st—

Tigers Gain Lead; Orioles Rip Bosox

Race at a Glance

Team	W	L	Pct.	G.B.	Play
Detroit	24	63	.278	12 1/2	13
Boston	24	63	.278	12 1/2	13
Minnesota	24	63	.278	12 1/2	13
Chicago	24	63	.278	12 1/2	13

By the Associated Press.

Pitcher Earl Wilson singled in the go-ahead run in a three-run fourth inning and gained his twenty-first victory as Detroit took over first place in the American League by defeating Washington, 5-4, Saturday at Detroit.

The victory, their fourth straight and ninth in the last 11 games, moved the Tigers one game ahead of Minnesota and Boston. Chicago beat Minnesota, 5-4 and Boston lost to Baltimore, 4-1, on Jim Hardin's three-hitter and Boog Powell's three-run homer.

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Pogge Sprint, Pass Piracy Helps Ramblers Jolt Bergan

Results Saturday

Bill Pogge burst 81 yards to a touchdown and contributed a key interception as Holy Name High upset Fremont Bergan's football team, 19-14, Saturday night.

The Ramblers, ending the defending state Class B champion's winning streak at 21 games, struck early and held on through the final half at Benson Field.

They stopped a potent Bergan offense after the Fremonters closed to 13-7 in the third quarter.

Pogge in the final period intercepted and helped set up Wayne Mattas's yard plunge to a final Holy Name touchdown.

The six points helped Coach Frank Solich's second Rambler team outdistance another Bergan touchdown scored with 1:19 left.

Holy Name, outdistanced by 17-7 and outtrushed by 239 yards to 177, packed its first-half show into Pogge's touchdown gallop and a 46-yard scoring jaunt by Quarterback Gene Vollmer off the sprint option.

Afterward Bergan rolled 65 yards to a touchdown. The defensive play of Rambler End John Adler was Bergan's chief thorn.

Fremont Bergan . . . 7-16
Holy Name . . . 19-14
Bergan touchdowns—John Geck (4, run); Tom Pfeifer (4, run); PAT—Pfeifer (run); Holy Name touchdowns—Bill Pogge (61, run); Gene Vollmer (46, run); Wayne Mattas (1, run); PAT—Mark Euenbach (placement).