

Upset Dream Escapes ISU

Robertson
O.U. Savior
With Jaunt

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Ames, Ia. — Oklahoma stepped forward as the top challenger to Nebraska's Big Eight Conference supremacy Saturday by outslugging Iowa State, 20-6, in a defensive gem that seemed unlikely considering that the combatants are ranked first and fourth nationally in total offense.

Oklahoma figured to have a good defense since it had given up only two touchdowns to its first six opponents (make that seven now). Iowa State's defen-

Season Records

OKLAHOMA (6-1)	IOWA STATE (5-2)
Utah State . . . 49-0	Colorado St. . . 41-0
Oregon . . . 48-0	Utah . . . 44-22
Clemson . . . 52-0	New Mexico . . . 31-0
Texas . . . 57-0	Colorado . . . 32-24
Colorado . . . 46-0	Kansas St. . . 32-22
Kansas State . . . 52-0	Kansas . . . 34-8
Iowa State . . . 49-6	Oklahoma . . . 6-20
Nov. 11 . . . Missouri Nov. 11 . . . Nebraska	
Nov. 18 . . . at Kansas Nov. 18 . . . at Missouri	
Nov. 23 . . . at Nebraska Nov. 23 . . . at Oklahoma	
Dec. 2 . . . Okla. State Dec. 2 . . . at San Diego	

sive platoon earned its own reputation for stinginess Saturday while gamely trying to answer the challenge on the Cyclones' dressing room wall.

The message read: "So far this season the only Big Eight team not involved in an upset is Iowa State. Don't you think we're about due?"

Iowa State played as if it was due by keeping the outcome in doubt until Sooner quarterback Dave Robertson wrote a surprising end to the suspense that was building by racing 54 yards to the Cyclone three-yard line in the last 2½ minutes, setting up the final touchdown that came 31 from the end.

Until then, Iowa State had limited the high-scoring Sooners to a single touchdown — Leon Crosswhite's seven-yard run in the second quarter — and a pair of Rick Fulcher field goals. Iowa State had countered with two fielders by Tom Goedjen, the second coming with 4:10 left in the game.

That set the 36,231 homecoming fans a-stirring with the deficit cut to 13-6. When Sooner sprinter Greg Pruitt mishandled the ensuing kickoff and got back only to his 14, a din of noise washed over Clyde Williams Field.

Oklahoma punched out to its 43 before confronting a third-and-seven play. Robertson, who has had poor reviews as a runner, ran the keeper in Jack Mildren-fashion to his right, broke through a crowd at midfield and wound up out of bounds three yards from the flag.

After a brief retreat to the six and a pair of offside penalties by Iowa State, Pruitt scored from the one.

End of upset dream for Iowa State.

The Cyclones, who must face formidable opposition again this week when league-leader Nebraska invades, had gone into the showdown matching Oklahoma's 5-1 record. Scouts from four bowls were on hand to shake hands with the winners.

An indication of the closeness of the game can be found in the total offense figures: Oklahoma 374, Iowa State 373. But they went about their business in different fashions, Oklahoma gaining 300 yards rushing and the Cyclones passing for 200.

Both teams leaned heavily on the talents of their Heisman Trophy candidates — Sooner Pruitt and Cyclone quarterback George Amundson.

Pruitt, whose prancing magic on sweeps wasn't deterred much by loose footing, carried 21 times for 102 yards. Amundson hit 16 of 37 passes and picked up 22 more yards on nine rushes.

But Pruitt had more help, mainly from fullback Leon Crosswhite, who was the busiest (25 carries) and most productive (113 yards) ball carrier. The poor footing put more emphasis on the inside power running of the 213-pound Crosswhite, and he responded with a splendid performance.

"We lost to an outstanding football team," said Iowa State Coach Johnny Majors, who did

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Flat Flier Takes NU Near Goal

Chips Down in Second Half, N.U. Thwarts Buffalo Hopes

Johnny's Jet Blasts Aid Huskers, 33-10

By Howard Brantz

Boulder, Colo. — Nebraska's seventh straight football victory started like most of the other triumphs, a mountain top experience.

But before the Cornhuskers left with a 33-10 victory over Colorado Saturday they had been through their most gruelling experience since the UCLA opener.

Off and flying toward a rout with a 19-0 lead in the first three possessions, the Huskers watched . . . almost helplessly . . . as the Buffs cut the lead to 19-10 at the half — and narrowly missed making it 19-13 on a field goal.

Though the Buffs hung on doggedly in the last half, the Huskers put the game out of reach by scoring on drives of 77 and 44 yards the first two times they got the ball.

By that time, the Blackshirts, stung by the first points against them in five games, shut off the Bison, who were trying for their second major upset on Folsom Field in three weeks.

During the second half, the Buffs got only 77 yards, 70 of them coming on one drive that fizzled at the N.U. six with 10 minutes to play.

Theory Shattered

Johnny Rodgers, who hadn't scored against Colorado in two previous games, counted twice and shattered the theory that John Stearns' punts were unreturnable.

The Jet toted five for 144 yards and had another 58-yard dazzler nullified because of a penalty.

Rodgers, who puts more moves on defenders in five yards than most returners do in a lifetime, also had the Big Eight reception record the first three times he got his hands on the ball.

In two years of punting, Stearns' kicks had been returned for only a total of 53 yards.

What looked like a defensive gem, a partially blocked punt by Steve Manstedt, turned this game around late in the first quarter.

Momentum Lost

The Huskers, who had stopped the Buffs with 11 yards in 10 plays, had a 19-0 lead and had forced the punt.

But instead of Manstedt's alert deflection giving the Huskers possession in Colorado territory, the Buffs got the ball. Tackle Bill Janssen tried to scoop the ball at the C.U. 41, but Chuck

Bristling Branch

First Quarter		Time Left
7-0 Humm, 1 run, Sanger kick	10:33	
13-0 Dixon, 1 run, Kick blocked	7:27	
19-0 Oids, 1 run, Run failed	2:57	
Second Quarter		
19-7 Matthews, 18 run, Lima kick	13:35	
19-10 FG, Lima, 44	1:52	
Third Quarter		
26-10 Rodgers, 1 run, Sanger kick	10:17	
33-10 Rodgers, 11 pass from Humm, Sanger kick	6:31	
Nebraska	19	14
Colorado	0	10
Statistics—		Nebraska Colorado
First downs	22	15
Rushes—yards	50-210	45-116
Passing yards	130	85
Total yards	340	201
Retains yards	175	19
Passes	11-17	11-29
Intercepted by	4-37	8-42
Fumbles—lost	1-1	1-1
Penalties—yards	6-41	2-38

Four plays resulted in losses, another was a pass interception, the 11th of the year by soph sensation David Humm, and another was a fumble by Gary Dixon, who despite the bobble enjoyed the most productive day of his career.

Following the interception, Cullen Bryant's seventh of the year, Fred Lima, the native of Chile, booted a 44-yard field goal.

Protest Registered

Then Rick Stearns covered Dixon's fumble at the N.U. 46. On the final play of the half, Lima's 52-yard field goal was so close that the stubby specialist protested the call as he left the field.

Bob Devaney's half-time oratory must have cured the ills of the Huskers.

They came back with the third-quarter kickoff for a 77-yard march, with Rodgers running off left tackle from the pro set formation for his first touchdown at the expense of the Coloradans. N.U. went the route by using only one pass and that for only five yards. The longest production was a nine-yard run by Jeff Moran.

Another big play man was Jim Branch, who stopped Buffalo.

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Minot Defense Sparks Triumph

LeMars, Ia. (AP) — Led by two touchdowns scored by the defensive unit, Westmar defeated Minot State, 31-14, in a nonconference football game Saturday.

Minot scored first with Bill Mau running 58 yards on the first play of the game. But Westmar scored three minutes later and was successful on a two-point conversion to take the lead for good.

Stockton Advances

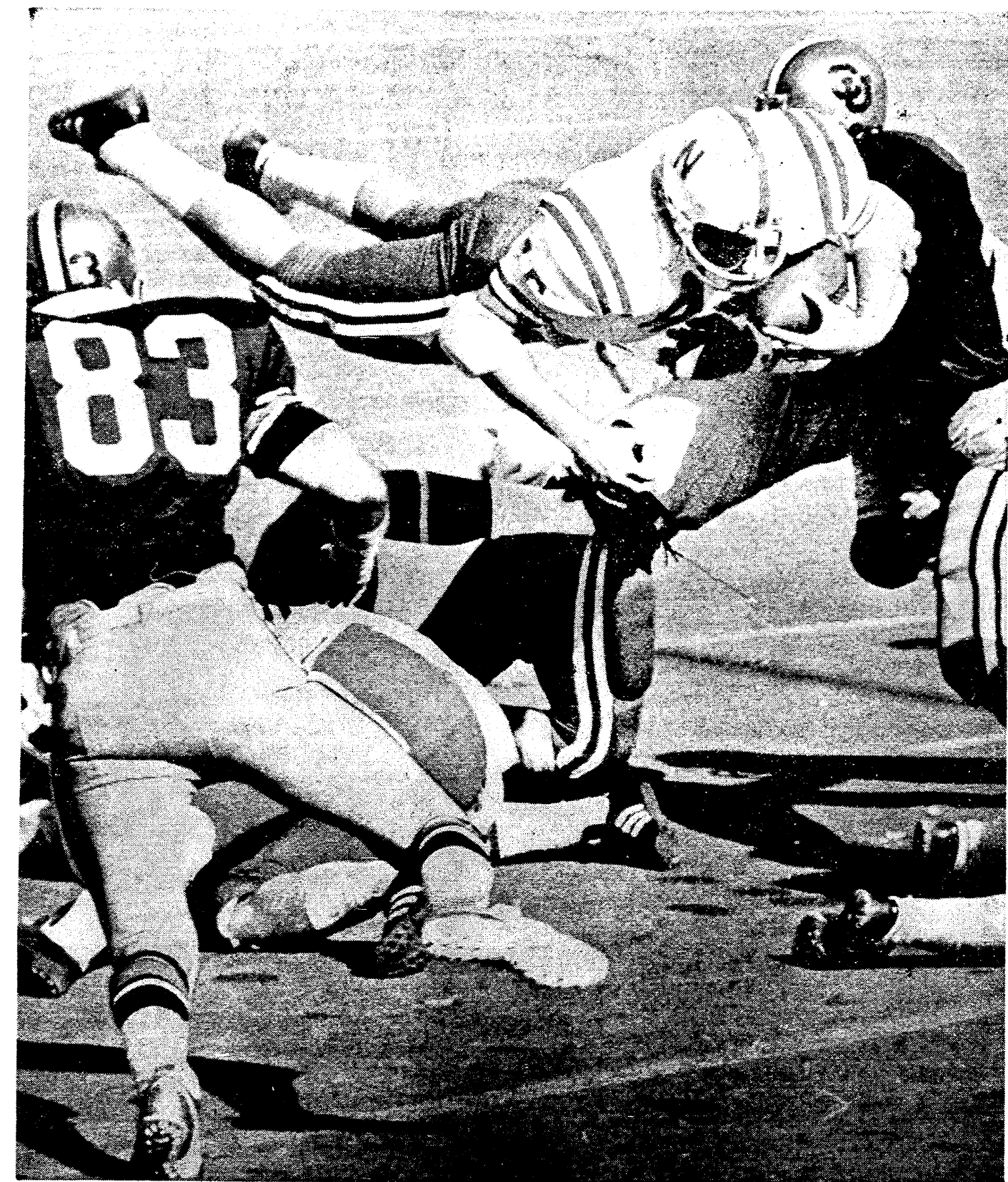
Stockholm (AP)—Dick Stockton of Port Washington, N.Y., moved into the second round of the \$63,500 Stockholm Open Tennis Tournament with an opening 6-3, 6-3 victory over Sweden's Bengt Aberg Saturday.

School Record Set by California

Berkeley, Calif. (AP)—A pair of second-period touchdown passes—one for a school record—and an aroused defense carried California to a mud-marred 31-12 Pacific-8 Conference victory over Oregon Saturday.

Freshman Vince Ferragamo, starting his first game as Cal's quarterback, hit wide receiver Steve Sweeney with a 20-yard touchdown pass for a 10-6 Golden Bears' advantage midway through the second period. Tight end Randy Schmidt caught a 19-yard scoring pass from halfback Fred Leathers, giving California a 17-6 halftime advantage and breaking the Bears' previous season record of 15 touchdown passes in 1963.

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Maury Damkroger flattens out high above the Colorado mod sod . . . while flying to within a foot of the goal. Gary Dixon scored on the next play as the early Husker barrage was growing to 13-0.

Johnson Runs Spur Mizzou Win, 31-14

Manhattan, Kan. (AP) — Sixteenth-ranked Missouri utilized John Moseley's interception and Don Johnson's brilliant running to muzzle Kansas State's upset ambitions in a 31-14 Big Eight Conference victory Saturday.

The victory was Missouri's third in succession and came on

Season Records

MISSOURI (5-3)	KANSAS ST. (3-6)
Boylston . . . 24-22	Tulsa . . . 21-13
Saylor . . . 27-0	Brigham Young . . . 9-25
California . . . 34-7	Arizona State . . . 14-56
Oklahoma St. . . 16-17	Tampa . . . 31-7
Nebraska . . . 46-0	Colorado . . . 17-38
Notre Dame . . . 30-26	Kansas . . . 20-16
Colorado . . . 20-17	Iowa State . . . 25-55
Kansas State . . . 31-14	Oklahoma . . . 6-52
Nov. 11 at Oklahoma Missouri . . . 14-31	
Nov. 18 Iowa State Nov. 11 Oklahoma St.	
Nov. 23 . . . Kansas Nov. 18 at Nebraska	

the heels of its stunning upset triumphs over Notre Dame and Colorado.

Each time Kansas State, behind 10-0 at halftime, threatened to catch up, the Tigers snapped back quickly to widen the gap.

With Missouri leading by only 10-6, Moseley intercepted a Dennis Morrison pass and ripped 39 yards to the Kansas State one. Three plays later quarterback John Cherry sneaked into the end zone.

Again when the Wildcats

whittled the difference to 17-14, the Tigers rolled 78 yards, mostly on Johnson's bursts through the line. His 12-yard score climaxed the drive.

Both Kansas State touchdowns came on Morrison passes to Henry Childs. The plays covered 53 and 28 yards. Morrison also flipped to John Goerger for a two-point conversion.

Missouri got its first-half points on Greg Hill's 32-yard field goal and a 78-yard drive capped by Tommy Reamon's one-yard touchdown run. Ray Bybee ran three yards for another Missouri touchdown late in the game.

Missouri is now 5-3 and 2-2 in the conference. Kansas State is 3-6 and 1-4.

Reamon's fumble at the Missouri 23 late in the third quarter set up the touchdown that let Kansas State get close for the last time. It was recovered by Clayton Ferguson.

After Don Calhoun lost five yards, Morrison lofted a pass to Childs in the end zone.

However, the Tigers, bidding to become the real Cinderella

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Key Play Made By Jim Branch

By Conde Sargent

Boulder, Colo. — A finger was directed toward Jim Branch, Nebraska's senior linebacker.

A laughing Assistant Coach John Melton said, "There sits a fellow too small to play linebacker in major college football."

Somebody added that everybody knew it except Branch, the 203-pound Chicagoan.

Branch's defensive play in the third quarter on a fourth-down Colorado gamble proved one of N.U.'s "big" plays in a 33-10 conquest of Colorado.

He pinned fullback Bo Matthews for no gain. Nebraska took over and moved to a game-clinching touchdown.

"For coming up with a big play," said Branch, "this was one of my best games. You might say it was one of those picture tackles. I shot the gap and hit him before he got to the line."

Coach Bob Devaney said the play was typical of the senior's efforts.

"This kid has come up with plays like that for three years now. He'll play the run as well as any linebacker."

Branch said he expected Matthews to make the move he did, explaining, "They ran over my side on third down and made it before. I thought they'd try it again."

Branch and the other Huskers heeded some Devaney advice on the play, too.

Colorado quarterback Ken Johnson was a yard short of a first down. He called several signals at the line of scrimmage before the play.

The Nebraskans waited patiently. They did not take the offside bait which would have presented Colorado with a first down.

"They usually do that on fourth down," said Branch. "We saw that a lot on films. Sometimes, they don't even call a play. They just

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Board Rules Against Ryan

By Kent Savery

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A showdown between the Bellevue and Ryan High School football teams will not take place in next Friday's Metropolitan Conference playoff.

The six-man Board of Control of the Nebraska School Activities Association ruled unanimously Saturday that Ryan had used an ineligible player.

Leslie T. Chamberlin, executive secretary of the NSAA, said the punishment would be forfeiture of all games in which the player participated. In addition, Chamberlin said Ryan would be placed on a one-year probation.

Dick Kutlas, assistant principal at Ryan, confirmed that the player, Gary Shaddy, had participated in all nine Ryan games, eight of which were victories and the other a tie with Omaha North.

As a result, Ryan's record will now be recorded as 0-9. The Knights were ranked second only to unbeaten Bellevue in The World-Herald's Nebraska high school ratings.

The reversal strips Ryan of a clear-cut championship in the American Division of the Metropolitan Conference. Rummel, a 15-13 winner over Westside Friday night, will now advance to the Metro playoff against Bellevue.

Chamberlin said the additional probation "means Ryan will

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