

Mizzou Says 'Show Me'; NU Can't

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Columbia, Mo. — Nebraska's football players and coaches sat there in the steamy locker room, exhausted, frustrated and disappointed after losing to Missouri, 13-12, in the dramatic confrontation between the Big Eight Conference unbeaten teams.

sat with head in hands and tears in eyes. Others slowly got up, unwrapped the tape from arms and ankles and wasted long minutes in the hot showers. A few undertook the painful task of explaining the first loss in five games — and first in the head coaching career of Tom Osborne — to sports writers and broadcasters. Their words came with difficulty. But they did it dutifully, displaying resolution.

None had better reason to hide in the shower than Randy Borg, the defensive cornerback and punt returner. His two pass interceptions that had blunted Missouri drives earlier were almost forgotten. The record Faurot Field turnout of 68,170 will remember Borg as the miscreant who muffed a punt at the Cornhusker 10-yard line with 2:35 left in the game and watched prone on the field as Missourian Scott Anderson recovered at the four to set

up the winning touchdown. Borg, who had earlier handled seven punts under heavy defensive pressure, explained in a quiet, halting voice: "I tried to run before I caught it." He was in a hurry to make the return, he said, because the Missouri defense was so fast getting downfield on its coverage. He lost 11 and three yards on two of the previous returns. "They (coaches) told me to lose a little ground to get to the

wall (of blockers). They said the wall was set up. I just gave too much ground a couple of times." The coaches insisted that they and the players shared responsibility for the loss, which nearly turned into a miracle reversal with an attempted two-point conversion in the last minute. "We're a family," said Rick Duval, linebacker coach. "Stick with us, don't get down on us now," he pleaded with a writer in the locker room.

"When you lose a football game, you all lose together," commented Defensive Coordinator Monte Kiffin. "It was no one person's fault. Missouri played a great game. I don't like to say they deserved to win. We deserved to win, too. "But we don't lose very often, and we take it awfully hard at Nebraska. If it doesn't hurt to lose, we'd better get out." A subdued Osborne said Borg "did a great job for us today with his two interceptions, and

he's really a great player. He's fielded lots of punts for us before, and I guess he's just bound to miss one sometime." Nebraska, which had proved its mettle in comebacks against North Carolina State and Wisconsin, couldn't really have been expected to come back again after Tom Mulkey's one-yard touchdown run and Greg Hill's extra point gave the Tigers a 13-6 lead with 2:01 left. The Huskers had been unable to penetrate the Mizzou goal line in 58 minutes, but Nebraskans had this mystique about winning, somehow. They nearly pulled it off.

After substitute tight end Larry Mushinski fielded a high Hill kickoff at the Husker 28, Dave Humm directed his team toward a sign just beyond the north end zone that read: "Big Red is Dead." As if anxious to rip up the t



Here are three chapters of the woeful story of Frosty Anderson, the Husker star . . . who, from left, hunches on field after injury, is treated on scene and returns later to field in street clothes. See fateful play on Page 5.

Sticky Tiger Paws

Table with statistics for the game between Missouri and Nebraska, including scores, time left, and various performance metrics like rushing yards and passing yards.

banner, it took just four plays — 31 yards on a Humm pass to Ritch Bahe, 20 yards more overhead to Mushinski, a yard on the ground for Tony Davis and 24-yards on the touchdown pass over the middle to Bahe.

Bowl Attention

That took just 55 seconds. With a minute left, Nebraska had put itself in position to do in the Tigers a fourth straight year.

But Missouri, a victim by 62-0 the year before, was destined to win this one, keep its unbeaten string intact at five games and steal the attention of the Orange and Liberty Bowl scouts who had earlier been more interested in the No. 2 ranked Huskers.

Nebraska could surely have tied on an extra point kick by Rich Sanger, who had earlier finished in a dead heat with Mizzou ace kicker Hill with two field goals apiece. But Osborne didn't think long on his decision to try to win with a two-point conversion. The crucial call was a pass to I-back Davis, who was in the slot to the left in Nebraska's spread formation. He made a quick turn and move and was open momentarily. But Humm's pass was tipped at the line of scrimmage by defensive end Bob McRoberts and intercepted by cornerback Tony Gillick, who was a quarterback at this time last year.

Davis Target

"We tried that play before and nobody covered Tony," Humm said. The Huskers had driven to the Tiger two-yard line and eventually failed to score when middle guard Harris Butler blocked a Sanger field goal attempt.

The play before Nebraska had nearly broken the 6-6 deadlock when split end Dave Shamblin

Season Records

Table listing season records for Missouri (5-0) and Nebraska (4-1) across various categories like rushing yards, passing yards, and punts.

Sooner Sophs Shame Texas

DALLAS (AP) — Sixth-ranked Oklahoma, led by sophomore Steve Davis, a 20-year-old licensed Baptist minister who is a Wishbone-T wizard, handed Texas Coach Darrell Royal the worst defeat of his career Saturday 52-13 in a nationally-televised embarrassment.

The bad news for the Longhorns doesn't end there because all seven Oklahoma touchdowns in the slaughter were scored by players with at least two more years of eligibility remaining. It was the most points surrendered by the Longhorns in one game since 1908.

Davis threw two touchdown passes and ran for two more scores as Oklahoma Coach Barry Switzer dreamed up "a special scheme" for the fast-reacting Texas secondary. Sophomore flanker Tinker Owens, who caught two touch-

Season Records

Table listing season records for Oklahoma (3-9-1) and Texas (2-2) across various categories like rushing yards, passing yards, and punts.

down passes, said: "We noticed in the films that (Texas safety) Tommy Keel always came up fast when he read a run. Their safety read the center to key for a pass or a run so we had the center fake the run and when Keel read the run I got behind him up the middle. It worked twice on Keel for touchdowns." A somber Royal said, "They caught us asleep twice. "About all you can say after a defeat like that is that you lost to a vastly superior football team." Royal added, "We came totally apart...totally unglued."

Joe Washington, another of Switzer's corps of talented sophomores, hurt Texas with his first collegiate pass. It twirled 40 yards to Owens and the Hus-

Fumble Aids Kansas Win

LAWRENCE, Kan. (AP) — Kansas swept 40 yards after recovering a fumble with less than three minutes remaining Saturday and nipped Kansas State 25-18 in their Big Eight football opener.

David Jaynes plunged the final few inches to score with a little over a minute left, rallying the Jayhawks from an 18-17 deficit.

Jaynes then ran over a two-point conversion. The swift Kansas move to the winning touchdown capped a dramatic second-half turnback after trailing 17-3 and grabbed its one-point lead with 5:42 remaining on Keith Brumley's 32-yard field goal.

The Wildcats got the ball back after going ahead on the field goal and appeared ready to run out the clock. But Steve Grogan and Bill Holman missed connections on a handoff after Kansas State had picked up a first down at its 41.

Dean Zook fell on the ball for Kansas at the 40. Delvin Williams romped 14 yards on a draw play and Kansas got 13 more yards on a face mask penalty, moving the ball to the Wildcat 13.

Jaynes and Robert Miller got 6-13-12 yards on two runs, then Jaynes punched across the winning score on two more thrusts into the line.

Kansas got its 17-3 lead early in the second half on Bob Swift's 33-yard field goal. Kansas State then came to Please turn to Page 9, Col. 3.

Season Records

Table listing season records for Kansas (4-1) and Kansas State (1-7-2) across various categories like rushing yards, passing yards, and punts.

Osborne: No Regrets About Trying for Two

By Conde Sargent
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Columbia, Mo. — In the wake of his first defeat as the University of Nebraska's head football coach, Tom Osborne confessed "you can always second guess yourself."

Yes, he'd do things differently with one minute to go against Missouri. He'd call time out and talk about the play to use in a two-point effort, a play which could have produced victory instead of a 13-12 loss to the Tigers.

Wanted Win
But, no, he wouldn't back off from going for the victory, rather than a placekick for a tie. "If we would have had three or four minutes left, we might have kicked the point," said Osborne.

As it was, with exactly one minute of playing time left, Osborne said the chances of getting the ball back for a chance at breaking a tie — had a placekick after the touchdown been used instead — were practically nil.

So they went for the win. Timeout
"We were talking about it when we were in that drive," said Osborne. "If I had it to do over, I would have called timeout and thought about two or three other possible plays."

The Huskers, even if they'd had that timeout, likely would have called the same play, a pass which Missouri's Tony Gillick intercepted.

Besides, the play nearly worked for a touchdown in the third quarter during one of Nebraska's scoring threats. Dave Humm threw to Dave Shamblin but it was low and Shamblin missed on the dive. Nebraska's coaches also noticed Tony Davis, the wingback in this spread formation, was open. So Nebraska felt Missouri might make the same mistake again.

Frosty Hurt
"Did hurt a little bit not to have Frosty Anderson," said Osborne. He and "Humm work a lot on that. We think we have more than a 60 per cent chance

Oakland Win Helped By 'Powder-Puff Hop'

OAKLAND (AP) — Pitcher Ken Holtzman, batting for only the second time all year, delivered a key double and New York's Felix Millan made a fatal error, helping the Oakland A's to a 2-1 victory Saturday in baseball's World Series opener that seemed to rob some of the magic from the Mets.

Both Oakland runs were unearned following Millan's third-inning error and the Cinderella Mets, who outhit the A's 7-4, wasted a fistful of chances after that in a futile attempt to overtake the defending world champions.

With a less-than-capacity crowd of 46,021 cheering them on, the A's played a Mets-type game, taking full advantage of the breaks to beat New York. And the biggest break was the error by Millan, the usually smooth-fielding second baseman.

"It went through my legs," said Millan. "I just missed the ball. It was an easy out. It's too bad it happened now."

Millan's shortstop partner, Bud Harrelson, called it a "powder-puff hop," but it was enough to beat the Mets.

Holtzman's hit was no powder puff, though. It was a sharply hit ball past third base. "I just wanted to put the bat on the ball," he said. "I didn't care where it went."

The Mets obviously missed one of their most potent batters, Rusty Staub. Willie Mays started in place of Staub, still troubled by the bruised right shoulder he suffered in the National League playoffs.

Staub is expected back for Sunday's second game when left-handers Jerry Koosman of New York and Vida Blue of Oakland clash at 4:30 p.m., EDT. Holtzman, a 21-g m e winner during the regular season, pitched only five innings but earned the victory with shutout relief from Oakland bullpen ace Rolie Fingers and Darold Knowles. The A's, champions of the American League, scored both their unearned runs with two

Season Records

Table listing season records for Oakland (2-1) and New York Mets (1-7) across various categories like rushing yards, passing yards, and punts.

Table listing scores for various teams: Colorado 38, Iowa St. 26, Ohio St. 24, Minnesota 24, Michigan 31, N.W. 31, USC 46, Air Force 17, BYU 24, Wisconsin 0, Indiana 3, Mich. St. 0, Iowa 15, Wash. St. 35.

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