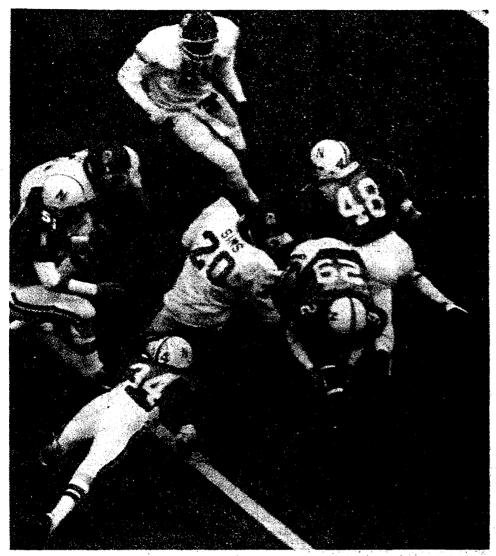
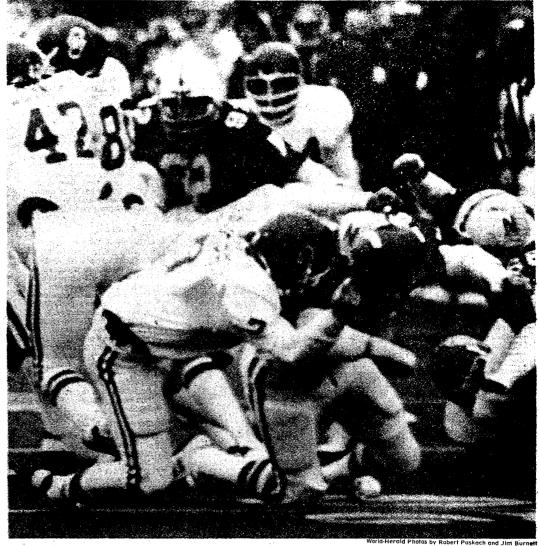
Fumbles Tell the Story as Husker Frustration Ends...





At left, it looked like Billy Sims (20) was running for the Sooner game-winner; instead his fumble saved the day for the Huskers with 3:27 left in the game. Jeff Hansen (48) made the hit, and Jim Pillen (29) recovered on the NU. 3. Others in the picture are sooner. Hicks (80), and Huskers Kerry Weinmaster (51) and Andy Means (34)... At right is the hotly disputed play when OU?s Kelly Phelps (7), foreground, fielded the kickoff following the NU field goal and was knocked cold by NU's John Ruud. In the picture the ball is loose, but Phelps's knee has not touched the ground. However, the officials ruled the play over before the fumble, and Oklahoma retained possession.

After 6 Years, NU Is Free at Last; Step Toward Oranges Called 'Biggest Ever'

Lincoln — Six years' worth of frustration gushed forth in Memorial Stadium when the bright lights on the scoreboards flashed the long-awaited final message on a raw, gray Saturday afternoon: Nebraska 17, Oklahoma 14.

nix, etc. instead of Miami. No more "Little Red" sneers from

"I would say this was the biggest game we've ever had be-cause of what it means," Cornhusker Coach Tom Osborne said as the the locker room rocked to the chant: "To the beach, to the beach, to the beach."

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The score was greeted with the greatest outpouring of pent-up emotion since the Cornhuskers severed Oklahoma's 74-game contesting the ference unbeaten streak in the same arena in 1959. That was the ference unbeaten streak in the same arena in 1959. That was the last a share of the Big Eight of the Orange Bowl for the first time to match Nebraska with a ference unbeaten streak in the same arena in 1959. That was the last time the goal posts were torn down, as they were Saturday. Goal posts come tougher these days. Grudgingly, they fell, as did the proud Sooners. The heavy steel uprights from the south end were last seen being carted off toward downtown Lincoln. Up north, the posts lay bent to the AstroTurf, still rooted in concrete. Six long years. Good but not great. Memphis, Houston, Phoe-

"As far as I'm concerned, I'm going to be pretty mad if they wait another week to decide a formula," he said.

But that was unofficial."

Sooner quick
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Monday to announce the conference representative should there be NU 20 and 3.

An Orange bowl official told him Friday, however, that "It would be very unusual if they didn't take the winner of this game. But the war an official."

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Stopping LSU's Alexander Is Key in Alabama's Victory

"We knew Alexander was the key to their offense," said Rickey Gilliland. "It's hard for a guy, no matter how good he is,

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Sunday Channel 3

lights."
Noon, NFL, Denver at Cleveland.

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Channel 6
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Giants at Washington.
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Channel 7
8 p.m., NFL, Pittsburgh at
Los Angeles.
Channel 10
10:30 p.m., "Tom Osborne
Show."

Monday Channel 7 ... NFL, Oakland at

Cincinnati.
11:30 p.m., "College Football 78."

Tuesday

8 p.m., National Little Britches Rodeo at North Platte, Neb., Aug. 22.

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8 a.m.,

In fact, in four der never scored against Alahama, which now holds an

are keying on him."
Alabama held Alexander to only 46 yards running, his lowest total since the Tide limited him to 43 yards in his sophomore year.

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"The key was the aggressiveness of our defense," said Barry Krauss, picked as the top defensive player of the Southeast-Conference contest. ern Conference contest

"We went out loose and every-

Paterno Won't Say Lions Will Be No. 1

State College, Pa. (AP) — "Now that you're No. 1," someone started to ask Penn State coach Joe Paterno on Saturday,

when Paterno interrupted.
"Wait a minute. We don't know what's going to happen.
Stranger things have happened," said Paterno, referring to the fact that since he became coach 13 years ago, Penn State had winning streaks of 31, 30

and 19 games and never had reached the top of the poll. What prompted the question, of course, was that second-ranked Penn State had just defeated North Carolina State, 19-10, for its 10th victory of the son and 18th straight over a

two-year period.

At the same time in Lincoln, Neb., top-ranked Oklahoma went down 17-14 to Nebraska. Penn State would jump into the No. 1 spot. But Paterno indi-cated there was still Nebraska

and Alabama to consider.

All the Penn State coach could be sure of was that his unbeaten team probably would receive invitations at 6 p.m. on Nov. 18 from the Orange, Cotton and Sugar Bowls. This, despite the fact that the Lions have a week off before closing the regular season against Pittsburgh. Penn State's victory Saturday was among its toughest. The unheralded Wolfpack from the Atlantic Coast Conference led 7-3 at halftime. It took four field goals by Matt Bahr, be sure of was that his unbeaten

four field goals by Matt Bahr, whose total of 21 for the season tied an NCAA record, to boost Please Turn to Page 2, Col. 6.

How AP's Top 20 Fared

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3.	Alabama (9-1) beat LSU, 31-10	ldl
4.	Nebraska (9-1) beat Oklahoma, 17-14	Missou
5.	Southern Cal (8-1) beat Washington, 28-10	UCL
6.	Texas (6-2) lost to Houston, 10-7	TCI
7.	Michigan (8-1) beat Northwestern, 59-14	Purdu
8.	Houston (8-1) beat Texas, 10-7	
9.	UCLA(8-2) lost to Oregon State, 15-13	Southern Ca
10.	LSU(6-2) lost to Alabama, 31-10	Mississippi S
11.	Georgia (8-1) beat Florida, 24-22	Aubur
12.	Purdue (7-1-1) tied Wiscosnin, 24-24	Michiga
13.	Maryland (9-1) beat Virginia, 13-7	Clemso
14.	Notre Dame (7-2) beat Tennessee, 31-14	Georgia Tec
15.	Clemson (8-1) beat North Carolina, 13-9	Marylan
16.	Arkansas(6-2) beat Baylor, 27-14	Texas A&I
17.	Michigan State (6-3) beat Minnesota, 33-9	Northwester
18.	Navy (7-2) lost to Syracuse, 20-17	Florida Stat
19.	Washington (6-4) lost to Southern Cal, 28-10	Idl
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Huskers' Hero Berns Adds Girdle, Subtracts Mustache

By Larry Porter

Lincoln-"Don't laugh," Richard Berns said, glancing

richard Berns Said, glanting furtively around the nearly empty Nebraska locker room. Then Berns tugged at his foot-ball pants. As they drooped toward the floor, a girdle was "That's why I was waiting for

"That's why I was waiting for everyone to leave," Berns said.
The senior I-back exhibited a ton of patience Saturday. Nobody was in a hurry-to-dress mood. The Huskers chanted, "We're No. 1," and "Bring on the Beach." They hugged each other. They sat and stared into

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Nebrosads 17 0 7 0 14 television audience. The scoreboard message of 17-14 was etched into their minds.

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lockers. They paraded around, congratulating each other.
Oklahoma had finally been

was etched into their minds. Never mind all that, Richard. What about the girdle? "I wore one when I was a sophomore," he replied, with a shy grin. "My muscles have been tight lately, and since it was a cold day I put it on again." The girdle, along with an overpowering Husker offensive line, must have put some snap in Berns' ground game. ABC's offensive player of the game gained 117 yards in 25 carries, most of which were isolation plays aimed at the heart of the Davis Thinks of Cotton' As Houston Whips Texas

Austin Texas (AP) - Danny Davis, the quarterback who taught Houston "to think Cotton," had a lecture for his teammates in the decisive moments of the Cougars' 10-7 Southwest Conference football

outlinest content to the victory over Texas Saturday.

After Texas scored a touchdown to pull within three points late in the fourth quarters. ter, the senior from Dallas came into the huddle and sternly announced: "This is what it is all about ... let's eat that

on a time-consuming drive that preserved the victory which gives the Cougars a big step toward their second Cotton Bowl appearance in three

years.
Davis, who wears a "Think Cotton" T-shirt, said, "After Texas made that last drive, I knew we had to get a first down or score or eat the clock."

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The game played under
Davis then took the Cougars Please Turn to Page 2, Col. 6.

Berns preferred to credit his line, and not his foundation.

"The line showed what they are, who they are and who they

It was Davis' quarterbacking

points although he didn't score himself.

play for," he said.

But there may have been another reason why Berns had such an outstanding game. He was without his mustache, which had been a fixture since his conhorare year. his sophomore year.
"It came off right after the "It came off right after the Kansas game (last Saturday)," he said. "One night I couldn't sleep. I got up, looked in the mirror and saw that mous-tache. I remembered that every time I had played Oklahoma, I had it on. So I decided I would go

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Sooner defense.

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