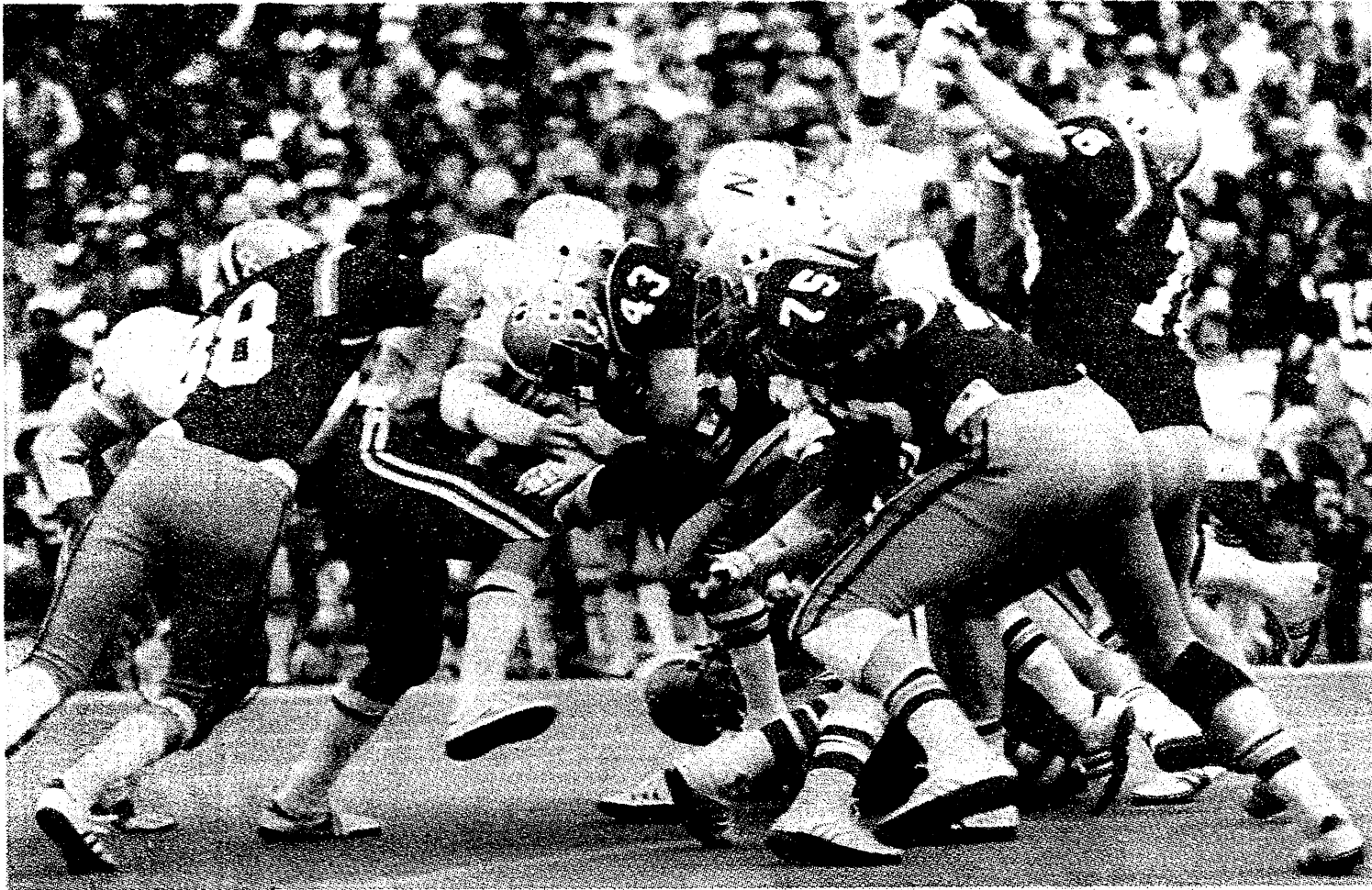


D-Day in Ames Is Defense, Not Dexter



This first-quarter scene shows the ferocity of the line play...Cyclone fullback Pat Kennedy (43) gains 3 tough yards up the middle to the ISU 37. Iowa State crossed midfield only once in the first half and never got closer to the N.U. goal than the 22.

Blackshirts, Wurth Lead N.U. Victory

By Tom Ash

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Ames, Iowa—Lee Kunz didn't eat his words, Tim Wurth didn't lose control and Nebraska's magnificent Blackshirts didn't release their choke-hold on Iowa State's offense until the scoreboard finally read 23-0 Saturday.

Nebraska had run up some impressive numbers lately, averaging 53 points in three previous games, but Saturday undeniably belonged to the Cornhusker defense.

It registered its first shutout since the 51-0 whitewash of Kansas State in 1976 (The Cyclones' last scoreless game was the 52-0 beating by Nebraska in '75).

It limited Iowa State to 82 yards, divided evenly by halves. That was the most meager Cyclone offensive since the 67 yards in a 34-7 loss to Kansas State in 1969.

It held tailback Dexter Green, the most productive rusher in ISU history who had dented the Huskers for 248 yards in upsets the

Goose Eggs for Cyclones

Table comparing Nebraska and Iowa State statistics: Rushing yards, Passing yards, Total yards, First downs, etc.

two previous years, to 46 yards. Green averaged but 2.3 yards for 20 carries and had a long gain of 8 yards.

With the Cyclone offense slowly suffocating, the Husker offense was able to pound the enemy defense into submission with two fourth-quarter touchdowns.

A record ISU turnout of 51,450 that opened as a howling mob quietly filed out near the end, except for about 3,000 red rooters.

So much for bulletin board ammunition.

Kunz, the Nebraska linebacker, had popped off during the week, saying he was so disturbed about the last two Cyclone wins that he would not be happy with a simple victory.

Husker Coach Tom Osborne winced at those published sentiments, and, of course, they were prominently displayed in the Cyclone locker room.

Kunz Satisfied

In the most boisterous N.U. locker-room celebration of the year, Kunz said, "I feel we were successful. There's a lot of satisfaction in this one."

"I've never seen a team more motivated for a game. We wanted it more than any game since I've been here. It was intense all week. We wanted to win it hard, and I think we did."

The Huskers' 396-82 yardage edge would indicate that Kunz got his wish. But Iowa State's overworked defense and freshman Rich Miller's punting kept the Cyclones hanging on at 9-0 until Tom Sorley pitched a 17-yard touchdown pass to Kenny Brown and Wurth swept to a 15-yard touchdown in the fourth quarter.

Wurth, a bowling ball of a running back, was a surprise starter at I-back, and Rick Berns got the call at fullback in place of announced starters I. M. Hipp and Andra Franklin.

Osborne said he benched his regular backs until the second series because they "had trouble telling time this week." That meant they showed up late for Friday's practice.

Wurth finished as the Huskers' leading rusher with 102 yards

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John Small Plays A Very Big Role In UNO Triumph

By Jerry Fricke

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John Small is a big man, and the 6-4, 230-pound junior defensive tackle from Ralston never stood taller than he did Saturday night in the University of Nebraska at Omaha's 19-12 victory over North Dakota State.

Small made no fewer than two of the big plays in a contest that had many pivotal plays. First of all, Small deflected a Mike Magtue field goal try from 27 yards while the Mavericks were protecting a 6-2 lead in the third quarter. Then, early in the final quarter, he made what may have been the most important play of all when he hit Bison quarterback Mark Speral for a 3-yard loss on a fourth-and-1 play at the NDS 39.

UNO was leading at the time 13-2, and covered the 39 yards in two plays to score the final touchdown for a 19-2 cushion with 10:42 remaining.

It was a penalty on a fourth-down play, however, that kept the UNO drive alive. After Schlect punted, a NDS offense penalty gave UNO the ball fourth-and-two at the NDS 40. Tailback Bobby Bass, running from the power I, made 3 yards

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Sports on TV schedule listing channels, times, and programs for Sunday through Friday.

White Homer Produces Pennant Oldest Yankee Has Last Say

From World-Herald Press Service.

New York — Roy White had heard the whispers. When you're 34 years old, they can be awfully loud.

"In September people said I wasn't swinging good," said White. "They said my bat was slow. They said a lot of things."

But it was the veteran outfielder, often overshadowed on a New York Yankee team of high-salaried stars, who put the finishing touch on a third straight American League pennant Saturday night.

White, a member of the team longer than any other player, hit the tie-breaking home run in

the sixth inning that carried the Yankees to a 2-1 victory over Kansas City.

32nd Pennant Graig Nettles also homered for the Yankees, who capped an amazing comeback from 14 games behind at midseason to capture their 32nd pennant.

White knew the answer to his problems that had others questioning his value to the Yankees.

"All I needed was playing time to work things out," he said.

The Royals were also victimized by two pitchers who have been major contributors to the

Yankee success all season.

Ron Guidry hurled eight courageous innings on a night when he didn't have his best pitches, and bullpen ace Rich Gossage nailed down the victory in the ninth, leaving the Royals' tying run stranded at second base.

Nettles Homers Guidry, gave up a first-inning run before even retiring a batter, but the Yankees evened matters when Nettles led off the second inning with a homer.

When the Royals threatened to take the lead in the fifth, umpire Lou DiMuro intervened and called Willie Wilson out on attempted steal of third. The

Royals said that television replays showed he was safe.

Reprimed, the Yankees took the lead in the sixth when White homered just inside the right field foul pole. White's homer came after hard-luck Dennis Leonard, who allowed only four hits in losing his second playoff game, had retired 13 consecutive batters, five of them by strikeouts.

Trouble in 9th Guidry ran into trouble in the ninth when Amos Otis led off with a double.

"I couldn't even talk in the

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L.A. Wins Flag for Gilliam

From World-Herald Press Service.

Los Angeles — Given a break when center fielder Garry Maddox's Gold Glove turned to stone, Bill Russell singled home the winning run in the 10th inning Saturday to give Los Angeles its second straight National League pennant with a 4-3 victory over Philadelphia.

In defeating the Phillies three games, to one, the Dodgers notched their 16th N.L. flag and made good on their promise to win the pennant for their stricken coach Jim Gilliam. Gilliam is still in a coma in a Ingleside, Calif., hospital after suffering a cerebral hemorrhage last month.

"We've got two-thirds of the apple pie," said Dodgers' second baseman Dave Lopes.

"Now we want the rest." The Dodgers will meet American League champion New York in the World Series beginning Tuesday night in Dodger Stadium.

Last Win Was 1965 Although the Dodgers have won three pennants in the past five years, they have not been able to capture the World Series since 1965. It was the Dodgers' seventh pennant since the club moved to Los Angeles in 1958.

After losing scoring opportunities in the seventh and eighth innings, the Dodgers got the break they were looking for when, with two out in the 10th and Ron Cey aboard first with a walk, Maddox dropped Dusty Baker's line drive for an error.

With left-hander Tug McGraw pitching, Russell

drilled the second pitch on a line to center field.

Cey chugged around third and it appeared Maddox might have a play at the plate. But he failed to come up with the ball on his charge and Cey scored easily.

Russell 'Drained' "I knew I was going to hit the ball," said Russell. "I just

knew I wasn't going to strike out. This was the biggest game of my career. I'm really drained emotionally."

Maddox refused to alibi for the mistake on Baker.

"The ball was right in my glove," said Maddox. "Any kind of decision or factor was

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How AP's Top 20 Fared

Table listing AP's Top 20 teams and their performance against opponents next week.

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Table listing various sports teams and their scores or standings.



Victory at last!...Lee Kunz lets loose as the game ends.

Sooner Win Is 'Super' for Texan Sims

From World-Herald Press Service.

Dallas, Texas—Billy Sims can go home to Hooks, Texas, with his head up now.

The junior halfback, who had previously never been healthy for this game, rushed for 131 yards on 25 carries and scored two touchdowns Saturday as the top-ranked Oklahoma Sooners buried sixth-ranked Texas 31-10 in the 73rd renewal of their heated rivalry.

With Sims on the sidelines injured, the Sooners had lost to Texas in 1977 and only tied the Longhorns in 1976, making it tough on Texans who had decided to cross the Red River to play at Oklahoma.

"Billy had a great day," said Oklahoma Coach Barry Switzer. "It's the first time he's been healthy for Texas and he made some great plays."

"I feel super, it's my first time to play against Texas and it's great to get a win," said Sims. "I took a lot of ribbing at home. It has been frustrating to watch this series from the bench."

Sooners 'Beat Up' "I'm really surprised we scored as many points as we did against a fine defensive football team," Switzer said. "But our defense was super, too, and I gave each member of the defensive team a game ball. It was a physical, hard-fought game and we're a beat-up football team."

The win could be costly since Kenny King, Oklahoma's starting fullback, left the game in the first half with hip pointer, quarterback Thomas Lott was forced out with nine minutes to play because of a twisted right

ankle and receiver Steve Rhodes suffered a shoulder separation.

Texas middle linebacker Lance Taylor said, "Sims is everything I ever heard he would be. Oklahoma certainly is the No. 1 team in the nation — they were today."

Texas Coach Fred Akers sprinted across the field to tell Switzer at the end of the game: "Barry, you have a hell of a team... good luck."

"A Great Team" Akers said later in the dressing room, "Oklahoma has a great football team. They took advantage of every break and opportunity they had."

Sims' running and the timely passing of Lott got Oklahoma off to a start from which Texas never recovered.

Oklahoma, boasting the most

awesome offense in the country, stung the Longhorns on the Sooners' first possession in this battle of unbeaten before a sellout crowd of 72,032 in the Cotton Bowl.

The Sooners intercepted three Texas passes and totally dominated the sputtering Longhorn offense, which only notched three first downs in the decisive first half.

Oklahoma charged 77 yards in five plays on its first possession, with Sims racing the final 18 yards untouched for the touchdown.

The Texas defense, No. 3 in the nation, was stunned again in the second quarter after freshman quarterback Donnie Little fumbled the ball away at the Longhorn 26. Sims dashed 17

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