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Gingerbread Restores N.U. Offensive Health

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Lincoln—Sometimes a little bit of gingerbread can go a long way.

Nebraska's offense awoke from a fitful slumber on a double-handoff pass midway through the second quarter against California Saturday, and the Cornhuskers suddenly remembered how to run up big numbers in a 36-26 home-opening victory.

The great awakening went from quarterback Tom Sorley to I-back I. M. Hipp and back to

Iowa State rallied to beat Rice, Page 2.

Sorley, who heaved a 57-yard pass to reserve wingback Maurice McCloney. The play set up the Huskers' first touchdown in 5½ quarters, going back through the Alabama game a week earlier. It was what Head Coach Tom Osborne calls a "gingerbread" play, the kind he hesitates to call until the Huskers have established their basic offense.

About all the Huskers had established to that point was a 7-0 deficit and an inclination to break down at the most inopportune moments.

Cal Wilts

When it was over, however, the Huskers had:

—Cranked out 492 yards to the Golden Bears' 347.

—Survived five turnovers and three California missed field goal attempts that would have made a late surge much more difficult.

—Scored four of their five touchdowns in the last 15:49 as the Bear defense wilted under the oppressive heat and Husker pounding. The official temperature at game time was 86, and the Astroturf surface is always much hotter.

—Survived a 271-yard passing blitz by Cal sophomore Rich Campbell by playing loose and easy in the secondary and rushing with a shuttle service interior line.

—Uncovered a new hero in second-year freshman McCloney, who set up the first touchdown and provided the Huskers' first lead at 21-14 with

Husker Explosion

California	7	9	7	12	—26
Nebraska	7	7	7	22	—36

Cal—Eddings 12 pass from Campbell (Cooper kick)
Neb—Sorley 1 run (Todd kick)
Cal—Jones 2 run (Cooper kick)
Neb—Berns 14 run (Todd kick)
Neb—McCloney 32 pass from Sorley (Todd kick)
Neb—Cole end zone fumble recovery (Sorley pass from Berns)
Cal—Smith 72 pass from Campbell (run failed)
Neb—Franklin 2 run (Todd kick)
Cal—Blackmon 2 run (pass failed)

	Cal	Neb
First downs	19	22
Rushes-yards	45-76	58-302
Passing yards	271	190
Total yards	347	492
Return yards	95	41
Passes	32-16-1	20-10-2
Punts	5-46	5-39
Fumbles-lost	1-1	4-3
Penalties	10-79	9-104

a 32-yard reception in the fourth quarter, much to Osborne's surprise.

—Erased the embarrassment of an untimely timeout that prevented a field goal attempt in the final seconds of the first half.

—Paraded prize running back I. M. Hipp for 154 yards on 23 carries as he broke out of a three-game slump.

Tense Contest

It was three quarters of squeamish tension for the bulk of a Memorial Stadium turnout of 75,980. Nebraska came back to tie at 7-7 at the half and 14-14 in the last minute of the third quarter.

A three-touchdown assault in 2:32, starting with Rick Berns' 14-yard sprint around the right side with 49 seconds left in the third quarter, turned a 14-7 Husker deficit into a 29-14 lead. Then the Huskers sat back and

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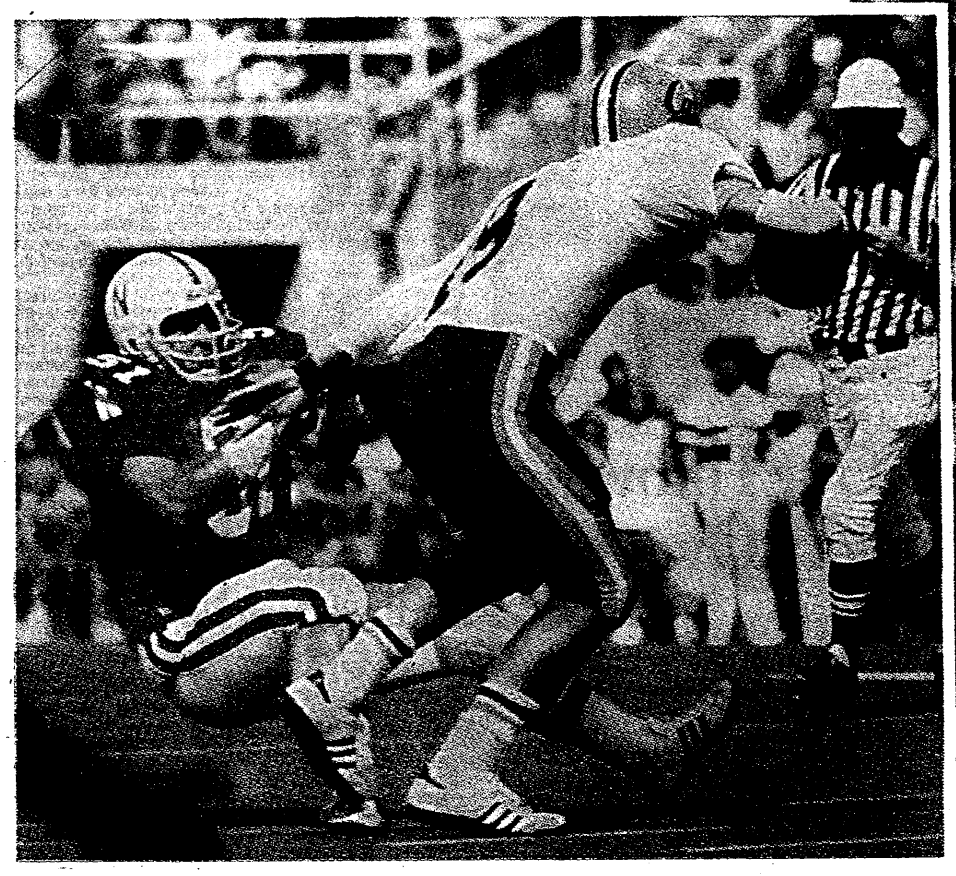

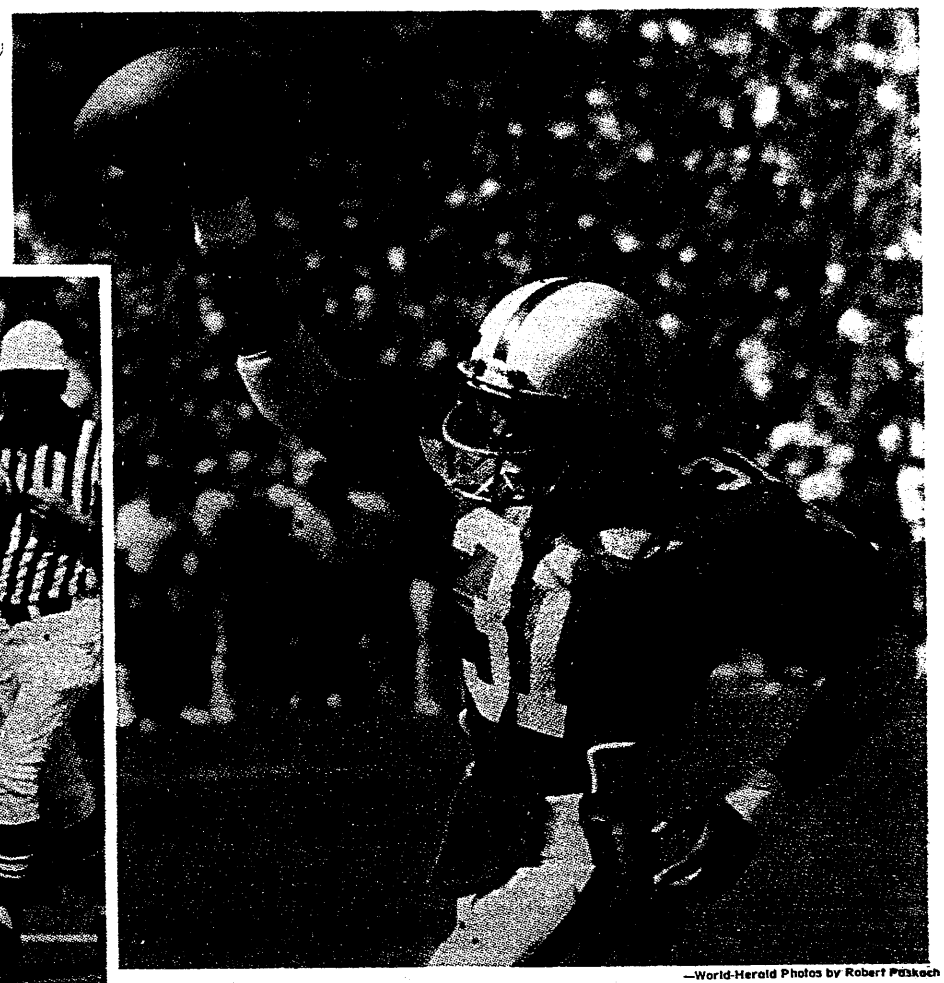

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Huskers dazzled on offense and defense. At left, Kerry Weinmaster makes one of his three tackles behind the line of scrimmage, dropping Cal quarterback Rich Campbell for a 10-yard loss in the third quarter...At right, freshman Maurice McCloney is a new star on the offensive horizon. He is shown raising the ball in triumph as he crosses the goal line with a 32-yard touchdown pass.

Borg Is Ready For Challenge

New York (AP) — Wimbledon champion Bjorn Borg will play runner-up Jimmy Connors and defending champion Chris Evert faces 16-year-old Pam Shriver today in the finals of the U.S. Open tennis championships.

Borg, the patient, versatile Swede, downed Vitas Gerulaitis 6-3, 6-2, 7-6 Saturday. Connors came from behind in the third set to down 19-year-old John McEnroe in the other semifinal 6-2, 6-2, 7-5.

First Since Jacobs

Miss Evert, who will be trying to win her fourth consecutive U.S. Open crown, downed Wendy Turnbull easily, 6-3, 6-0, in a semifinal that was resumed Saturday morning after heavy rains Friday.

Miss Shriver defeated top-seed Martina Navratilova Friday, 7-6, 7-6, to become the youngest finalist ever in the American championships.

If Miss Evert beats her, she would be the first woman to attain four in a row since 1935 when Helen Jacobs won her fourth.

Borg was ready for another showdown.

"I think Jimmy is very happy I won. I know he wants to beat me very badly," he said. Borg has beaten Connors in five of their last six meetings, including the last two Wimbledon finals.

If he does it again this time, he will have won three of the year's Grand Slam events — he won the French Open and Wimbledon titles earlier — and would need only the Australian title at the end of the year to complete the sweep.

49 Straight Wins

Borg has won his last 49 matches. His last loss was in March, when he bowed to Tom Gullikson in the semifinals of a tournament in Miami.

Connors, meanwhile, has not won a Grand Slam title since 1976, when he won the U.S. Open.

"Everyone is a challenge," Borg said Saturday, "but when I play Jimmy, it's something special. We always have good matches. I enjoy playing against him."

Borg didn't get as tough a match from Gerulaitis as both had predicted he would. They had been practicing together at Gerulaitis' home nearby, and both had said they were about even in practice matches.

Gerulaitis held service only in the first and seventh games of the opening set. He broke for 2-4, but was not steady enough to ward off a final-game break.

Borg built a 4-1 lead in the next set. Gerulaitis held for 2-4, but got only three more points as Borg ran out the set.

Gerulaitis began to combine accuracy with his quickness in the next game, though, and

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Tunney Is OK After Operation

Los Angeles (UPI) — Former heavyweight champion Gene Tunney is in satifactory condition in a hospital in Greenwich, Conn., following a "minor operation," according to his son, John Tunney.

The younger Tunney said his father, 81, underwent routine surgery in the last few days and is reported in no danger. Tunney retired as undefeated heavyweight champion of the world after scoring two victories over Jack Dempsey in the 1920s.

How AP's Top 20 Fared

		Opponent Next Week
1.	Alabama (1-0) did not play.	Missouri
2.	Arkansas (0-0) did not play.	Vanderbilt
3.	Penn State (2-0) beat Rutgers, 26-3	Ohio State
4.	Oklahoma (1-0) beat Stanford, 35-29.	West Virginia
5.	Notre Dame (0-1) lost to Missouri, 3-0	Idle
6.	Michigan (0-0) did not play.	Illinois
7.	Ohio State (0-0) did not play.	Penn State
8.	Texas (0-0) did not play.	Rice
9.	Southern Cal (1-0) beat Texas Tech, 17-9	Oregon
10.	Nebraska (1-1) beat California, 36-26.	Hawaii
11.	Washington (0-1) lost to UCLA, 10-7.	Kansas
12.	UCLA (1-0) beat Washington, 10-7.	Tennessee
13.	Louisiana State (0-0) did not play.	Indiana
14.	Pittsburgh (0-0) did not play.	Tulane
15.	Kentucky (0-0) did not play.	S. Carolina
16.	Texas A&M (1-0) beat Kansas, 37-10.	Idle
17.	Florida State (1-0) beat Syracuse, 28-0	Okla. State
18.	Clemson (0-0) did not play.	The Citadel
19.	North Carolina (1-0) beat East Carolina, 29-13	Maryland
20.	Iowa State (1-0) beat Rice, 23-19.	San Diego St.

Defense Sparkles In UNO Victory

By Jerry Fricke
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Greeley, Colo. — After playing major college football for three years, one at UCLA and two at Colorado, quarterback Jeff Knapple made his Division II debut for Northern Colorado Saturday. It wasn't a pleasant experience.

At the same time, University of Nebraska at Omaha junior Mike Mancuso was having his finest day as a collegian as he directed the Mavs to two touchdowns late in the second quarter that were more than enough in a 14-0 victory.

When Head Coach Sandy Buda came to UNO last December he said Mancuso was a Division I quarterback. On this day, Mancuso made Buda look 100 percent correct in his assessment.

'Wanted the End Zone'

The lanky 6-3, 185-pounder from Omaha South connected on 17 of 25 passes for 179 yards despite a hard rush by the Bears that had him scrambling often.

In fact, it was on a broken pass play under a heavy rush that Mancuso broke away for a 17-yard scoring run with only 45 seconds left in the half. "I wanted to get to the end zone in the worst way," said Mike, who isn't noted for his open-field maneuvers. Mancuso was hit at the two by a couple of tacklers and managed to lunge just inside the boundary marker at the goal line.

"It was a dropback pass," Mancuso said "and our receivers (Kurt R. Anderson and Harold Young) had run patterns to the right. I saw the left side open up and just decided to take off." Mark Schlecht, who also had a fine punting day

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Sports on TV

Sunday

Channel 3
8 a.m., "Notre Dame Football."
Noon, NFL, Cincinnati at Cleveland.
3 p.m., NFL, Oakland at San Diego.

Channel 6
Noon, NFL, Dallas at New York.
3 p.m., U.S. Open Tennis.

Channel 10
10:30 p.m., "Tom Osborne: Football."

Channels 12, 26
4 p.m., Pro soccer, Schalke vs. Byern Munich, taped.

Monday

Channel 7
8 p.m., NFL, Denver at Minnesota.
11:15 p.m., "Maverick Football."

Tuesday

Channels 12, 26
7 p.m., "Cornhusker Football."

Thursday

Channel 7
10:30 p.m., "Bob Devaney Show."

Channel 26
7:30 p.m., "Maverick Football."

Powers: Upset Ranks With Win Over N.U.

South Bend, Ind. (AP) — Notre Dame Coach Dan Devine said "it was just as hot on both sides of the field" Saturday when Missouri's Tigers threw a 30 upset at his defending national champions.

The victory came on sophomore Jeff Brockhaus' 33-yard field goal early in the fourth quarter.

But the Tigers might have had an edge playing in the 95-degree heat.

"We've had 95-degree heat for a long time, and we've been working in it," said Warren Powers, who was making his coaching debut at Missouri.

Ranks With N.U. Upset

"This is just great, it has to rank right up with our Washington State victory over Nebraska last year," said Powers, in reference to his 19-10 upset of Nebraska in his single season at Washington State.

"Our players worked hard and were in good condition," said Powers. "I was convinced all along we could win this game and the players believed they could do it."

The last time the Tigers visited Notre Dame, in 1972, Missouri upset an unbeaten Irish team.

Notre Dame blew numerous scoring chances Saturday and Devine admitted after the game, "if I had to do it over, I would have gone for the field goal more often."

"I'm critical of myself for not realizing field goals win games," said Devine. "The idea is to win and we were in range several times, including the first half."

Missouri attempted a field goal in the first half and failed from 53 yards, but that didn't stop Powers from trying again when the chance presented itself in the fourth quarter.

Fumble Costly

Missouri's winning drive began after the Irish failed on a field goal attempt when holder Joe Restic fumbled the snap from center after Notre Dame had reached the Missouri 14-yard line.

Earl Gant ripped off a 21-yard gain and then took a 16-yard pass from Phil Bradley to move into Notre Dame territory. Bradley connected on a 15-yard pass to David Newman, down to the Irish 25 and, four plays later, Brockhaus booted his game-winning field goal.

Notre Dame's final scoring chance was lost with 3:31 remaining when Vagas Ferguson fumbled on the Missouri 24-yard line and Eric Berg recovered for the Tigers.

Irish Miss Chances

The Irish had their chances. Early in the second half, they moved to the Missouri 11-yard line where quarterback Joe Montana failed to gain on a fourth and one.

Moments later Gerry Ellis fumbled on the Missouri 7-yard line.

Notre Dame got down to the 1-yard line where Montana failed to get it across. On fourth down the Tigers' Chris Garlich and Kurt Petersen threw Ferguson for a loss.

Once again the Irish got good field position on a punt and Montana hit Kris Haines with a 35-yard pass to the Missouri 3-yard line. A penalty put it back on the 18 where a fumbled snap on the field goal attempt occurred.

Montana Fumbles

Turnovers by Montana repeatedly stifled Notre Dame's chances of getting on the board in the first half. Missouri had the game's first scoring chance. The Tigers moved to the Irish 36-yard line where Brockhaus attempted a 53-yard field goal which fell short.

Notre Dame roared back and, with Montana passing to Pete Holohan for 18 yards and Ferguson for 15, the Irish had a first down on the Missouri 18. Montana fumbled the next snap and Garlich recovered.

The Irish got it right back when Gant fumbled and Jim Browner recovered. But the Irish were unable to move the ball.

Midway in the second quarter, Notre Dame started another march and advanced to the Missouri 32 after Jerome Heavens had ripped off a 16-yard run. But Montana's next pass was intercepted by Eric Wright, who returned 33 yards to the Irish 47.

Missouri	0	0	0	3	—3
Notre Dame	0	0	0	0	—0

Mo—FG Brockhaus 33
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	Missouri	Notre Dame
First downs	12	18
Rushes-yards	51-178	41-183
Passing yards	110	151
Return yards	43	3
Passes	11-18-0	13-29-2
Punts	7-186	4-127
Fumbles-lost	3-2	4-3
Penalties-yards	4-23	3-35

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

RUSHING—Missouri, Gant, 17-102, Ellis 9-22. Bradley 19-15; Notre Dame Ferguson 19-84; Heavens 14-47; Stone, 1-34.

PASSING—Missouri, Bradley 11-18-0-110; Notre Dame, Montana 13-28-2-151.

RECEIVING—Missouri, Gant 4-39, Newman 2-19; Notre Dame, Holohan 5-70, Ferguson 4-35.

Lott Is 'Relieved' After Sooner Win

Stanford, Calif. (AP) — The Oklahoma Sooners had never before seen a passer quite like Stanford's Steve Dils.

"I felt that Stanford would throw about 50 passes, but I didn't expect them to complete 32," Coach Barry Switzer said after his fourth-ranked Sooners survived Dils' passing performance and beat the Cardinals 35-29 Saturday.

"I feel a lot more relieved now that we've won a game," said Thomas Lott, who produced four Oklahoma touchdowns.

Dils accounted for 299 yards and three touchdowns with his passing but suffered four interceptions, with the final one by Darrol Ray coming in the end zone on the game's last play.

The interception followed a late Stanford rally. The Cardinals pulled within a 28-20 deficit by recovering two Sooner fumbles.

The Sooners tallied their last touchdown on a 1-yard run by Lott.

Oklahoma gave Stanford two points on an intentional safety in the final minutes, after another intereception on the Sooner 3, making the score 35-22.

Dils hit Ken Margerum for an 11-yard scoring strike and the Cardinals recovered the onside kick.

But, with only eight seconds left, Ray intercepted Dils' final pass of the game.

"We felt if we threw a single interception, we wouldn't win. We threw four, but those are the risks we had to take," said Cardinals' Coach Bill Walsh.

Dils' 32 completions were the most ever against an Oklahoma team. Lott, who totaled only 36 pass attempts last season, threw 12 times.

Dils, a senior making his first start, was working with a young offensive line and receivers.

"They were super," he said. "I expect to move the ball against anybody if we run things the way we're supposed to. But when you make as many mistakes as we made, you lose."

The Sooners fumbled eight times and lost four.

Oklahoma	14	14	0	7	—35
Stanford	7	3	10	9	—29

Okla—Sims 2 run (von Schamann kick)
Okla—Rhodes 70 pass from Lott (von Schamann kick)
Stan—Margerum 7 pass from Dils (Naber kick)
Stan—FG Naber 43
Okla—Lott 19 run (von Schamann kick)
Okla—Kimball 17 pass from Lott (von Schamann kick)
Stan—Banks 4 pass from Dils (Naber kick)
Stan—FG Naber 49
Okla—Lott 1 run (von Schamann kick)
Okla—Safety von Schamann downed ball in end zone
Stan—Margerum 11 pass from Dils (Naber kick)
A—66,000

	Oklahoma	Stanford
First downs	24	22
Rushes-yards	67-375	30-102
Passing yards	121	299
Return yards	36	15
Passes	5-13-1	32-19-4
Punts	4-33	5-42
Fumbles-lost	8-4	4-3
Penalties-yards	3-22	4-30

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

RUSHING—Oklahoma, Sims 19-107, King 19-102, Lott 12-81. Stanford, Francis 12-62, Nelson 10-29.

PASSING—Oklahoma, Lott 5-12-1—121, Watts 0-1-0—0. Stanford, Dils 32-48-4—299, Schanert 0-1-0—0.

RECEIVING—Oklahoma, Kimball 4-51, Rhodes 1-70. Stanford, Francis 9-53, Nelson 7-58, Margerum 6-74.

Yanks Get Breaks in Boston 'Playpen'

Boston (AP) — "It's their playpen, but we've got the breaks," said New York Manager Bob Lemon after his Yankees whipped Boston 7-0 to close within one game of the AL East leaders.

"We just got a break and got lucky," said Lemon, referring to Lou Piniella's bloop double to short right field that keyed a seven-run rally with two out in the fourth inning Saturday.

"It was a little soft liner that fell in for Piniella," said Lemon. "It made the difference because two were out. The wind was blowing strong on Piniella's hit and it fell to the safe part of the field. Just another lucky break."

"The wind was blowing a gale," said Boston Manager Don Zimmer. "When a ball is up in the air like that, you figure somebody is going to catch it. But it wasn't caught."

Guidry Wins 21st

Left-hander Ron Guidry was given all the cushion needed in the big fourth and breezed to his 21st victory, a two-hitter, for his seventh shutout. Guidry has lost only twice this year.

"He ain't 21-2 off a mistake," Zimmer said. "They had a tough pitcher."

Guidry walked four, struck out five in pitching his 13th complete game of the year. That carried the Yankees to their 15th triumph in 17 starts and sent Boston — losers of three straight to New York — to their eighth loss in 10 decisions.

The Yankees exploded against Dennis Eckersley, 16-7, sending 12 batters to the plate before reliever Tom Burgmeier retired the side.

The Yankees, who trailed the Red Sox by 14 games on July 19, are 38-14 in a stretch bid to retain the East Divison title, the pennant, and the World Series championship.

Spectacular Catch

Eckersley started the fourth by surrendering a pop single to Thurman Munson. Then Carl Yastrzemski made a spectacular catch in the left field corner to rob Reggie Jackson of a hit and Munson was doubled off first.

Chris Chambliss doubled and Graig Nettles was walked intentionally.

Piniella then popped a fly to shallow right center. Five Boston players converged as the wind-blown ball fell safely, Chambliss scoring and Nettles taking third.

After another intentional walk, Bucky Dent singled home two runs and Mickey Rivers singled for two more. That was followed by a walk, a wild pitch, Munson's RBI single and a passed ball that brought home Randolph.

NEW YORK	ab	r	h	bi	BOSTON	ab	r	h	bi
Rivers cf	4	1	2		Burleson ss	3	0	1	0
Blair cf	1	0	1	0	Lynn cf	2	0	0	0
Randolph 2b	3	1	1	0	Rice rf	4	0	1	0
Munson c	4	0	2	1	Ystrzmsk lf	4	0	0	0
R.Jckson dh	4	0	0	0	Fisk c	2	0	0	0
Chmbls 1b	5	1	1	0	Bailey dh	3	0	0	0
Nettles 3b	4	1	1	0	G.Scott 1b	2	0	0	0
Piniella rf	5	1	3	1	Hobson 3b	3	0	0	0
R.White lf	3	1	0	0	Duffy 2b	3	0	0	0
Johnston lf	0	0	0	0					
Dent ss	5	1	1	2					
Total	38	7	11	6	Total	26	0	2	0

New York	0	0	0	7	0	0	0	0	—7
Boston	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	—0

E—Ystrzmski, Hobson, Dent. DP—New York 1. Boston 1. LOB—New York 11, Boston 6. 2B—Chambliss, Piniella. 3B—Lynn 2. GScott.

	IP		H	R	ER	BB	SO
New York							
Guidry W,21-2	9		2	0	0	4	5
Boston							
Eckersly L,16-7	3 2-3		7	7	6	3	4
Burgmeier	5 1-3		4	0	0	2	2

HBP—Munson (By Eckersley). Johnstone (By Burgmeier). WP—Eckersley. PB—Fisk. T—2:26. A—33,611.