



### Cotton or Fiesta Looms for NU

Lincoln  
It's Oklahoma Week, but not the kind of Oklahoma Week we've seen in the past. Saturday's game against Nebraska will be the Sooners' "bowl game" because OU is on probation and not going to a real one.

The Huskers, who proved in their narrow loss to second-ranked Colorado that they're for real, are headed for a New Year's Day bowl, seemingly either the Fiesta or Cotton — and the decision apparently will be made this week, before Saturday's game.

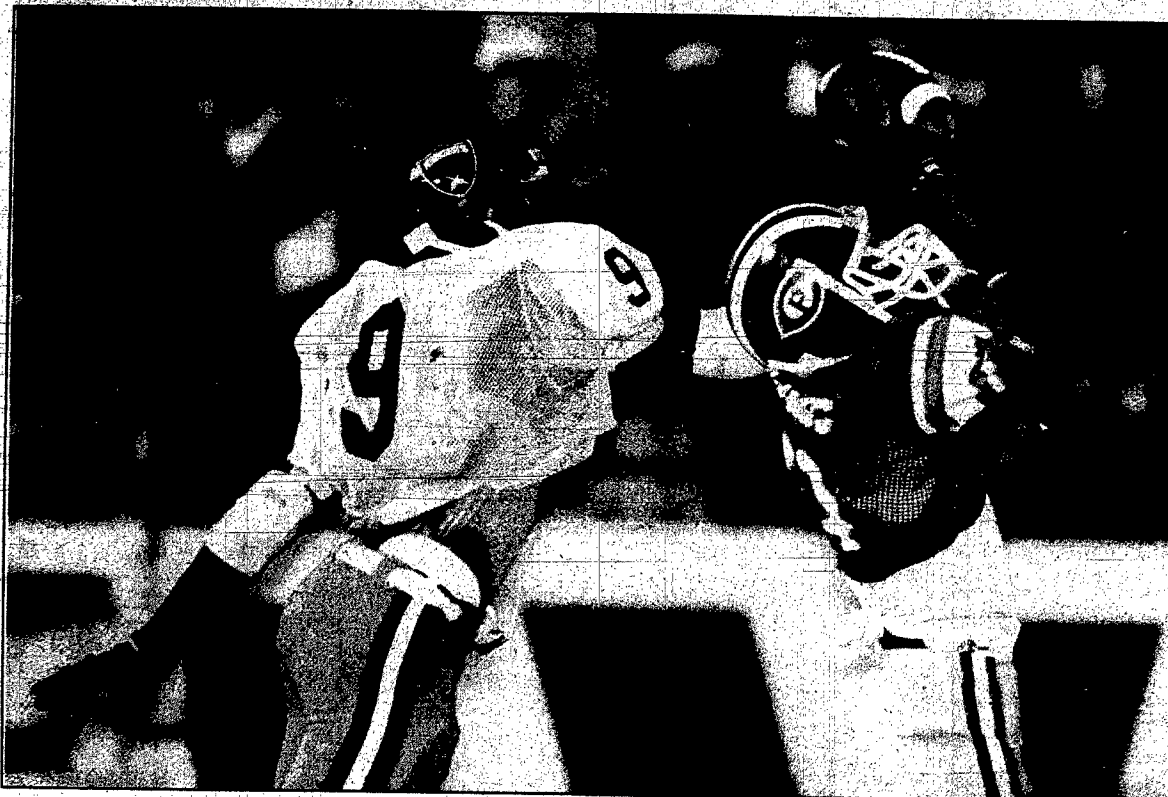
"I'm afraid the decision may be made before then," NU Coach Tom Osborne said after Saturday's 51-14 win over Kansas. "It seems like everybody is anxious to make the tie-ups."

Official bowl invitations can't be made until Nov. 25, but that date is a joke. Things are moving fast as the pre-bowl season enters what some call "cheat week."

The Huskers aren't mathematically eliminated from the Orange Bowl, but that is a mere formality. Colorado, which defeated Oklahoma State on Saturday, must defeat only last-place Kansas State this Saturday to wrap up the berth in Miami that goes to the Big Eight champion.

If CU lost to K-State and NU beat Oklahoma, the Huskers would tie for first and the Orange Bowl Committee could pick either team. But no one is worrying about that happening.

# Prep Title Streak Reaches Five



Shon Mitchell leaps in front of Lincoln Southeast's John Onuoha, No. 9, to catch a 32-yard touchdown pass... "I knew I was going to catch it," Mitchell said.

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To confirm its status as Class A's team of the 1980s, Omaha Creighton Prep claimed its fifth consecutive state football title and seventh of the decade with Saturday night's 17-9 victory over top-ranked Lincoln Southeast.

Prep junior Shon Mitchell scored on a 69-yard return of a blocked field goal and a 32-yard pass reception on a

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fourth-and-18 play as the 11-1 Junior Jays' ended Southeast's perfect season before a near-capacity crowd of 9,200 at Caniglia Field.

"We're on a little roll," said Prep Coach Tom Jaworski, a master of the understatement.

"But we haven't been winning with any slouch football teams. When you play as hard as we play, you can win the big games."

Big plays win big games, and Prep produced the biggest ones to add to its title collection. The Junior Jays were state champions in 1960 and 1963 before starting their current streak in 1985.

It's a state record, but Prep needs another five in a row to match the national record of 10 consecutive South Dakota state titles that Sioux Falls Washington won between 1955 and 1964.

Prep's winning formula of power offense and pressure defense has been a constant for the five title seasons.

"It's worked," Jaworski said. "We're fortunate. I feel for Southeast. They're an excellent football team, well coached, and they appear to have a great group of kids. I have empathy for them because we once lost in the finals three years in a row and it hurts." Prep was Class A runner-up in 1976.

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### Gdowski, Clark Spark Huskers

## NU Bags Jayhawks, Shot at Major Bowl

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Lincoln — Nebraska Coach Tom Osborne offered a vocabulary lesson after Saturday's 51-14 thumping of Kansas.

He made it clear that the victory, in front of 76,232 fans at Memorial Stadium, wasn't a bounce-back effort after last week's 27-21 loss to Colorado.

"To me, you bounce back when you play poorly," he said. "We didn't play poorly at Colorado. We played well."

"So I don't feel this was a bounce-back game. It was a game where we just had to focus. It was kind of in-between two so-called big games, and I thought it was a credit to our players that we played as well as we did."

"We've been sharper. But it wasn't bad."

Kansas scored on its second possession of the game, giving the 37 Jayhawks their first lead over the Huskers since the first quarter of the 1985 game.

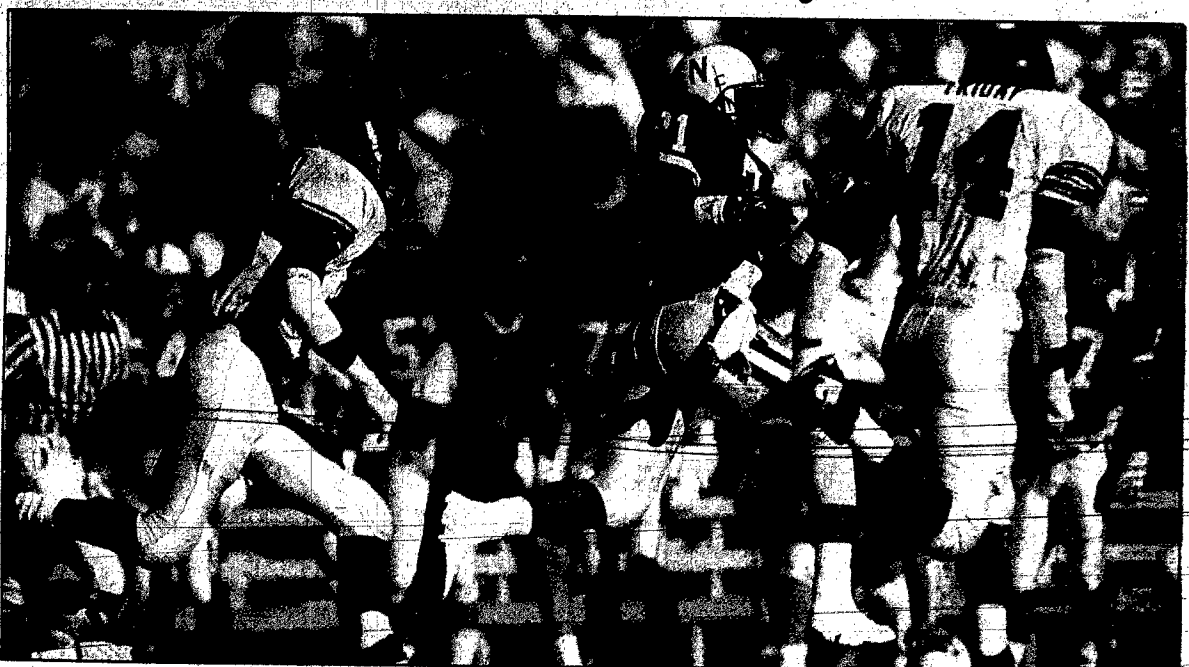
But Nebraska scored the next 44 points to secure its 21st straight season with at least nine victories.

The Huskers also may have locked up a major bowl bid with the win.

Osborne said he thinks the top bowls might have deals cut as early as Monday or Tuesday. The players voted after the game, and those interviewed said the Fiesta Bowl in Tempe, Ariz., held a slight edge over the Cotton Bowl in Dallas.

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Nebraska wingback Richard Bell, No. 21, tries to outrun Kansas' Doug Terry, left, and Paul Friday, No. 14, en route to a 38-yard run to the Kansas 11-yard line... Bell, who also caught a 45-yard touchdown pass, grabbed an 11-yard TD pass from Gerry Gdowski one play after his big run to give NU a 14-7 lead.

### Blocked Kick Stymies UNO In 12-10 Loss

By Eric Olson

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Brookings, S.D. — All that came between UNO and a victory Saturday was South Dakota State's Doug Miller.

The freshman linebacker blocked John Bonacci's 37-yard field-goal attempt with 38 seconds left as the Jackrabbits held off the Mavericks 12-10 in front of a sparse crowd of 1,023 at 16,000-seat Coughlin-Alumni Stadium.

With the loss, the University of Nebraska at Omaha finished 6-5 for the second straight year and for the third time in the last five seasons. The Mavs tied with Northern Colorado for fourth in the North Central Conference at 5-4.

"It's a tough loss," senior center Jim Olafson said. "They took us out of our game plan, we had bad field position against the wind and then we miss that field goal when I thought we'd make it."

But the 6-foot-3 Miller stood, rather jumped, in UNO's way.

Ricky Thurston's snap to Dan Sellon appeared high, but UNO Coach Sandy Buda said he thought the place-kicker recovered well.

"I looked like he got it down in normal time," Buda said. "I couldn't tell if John just kicked it low or if the guy who blocked it just got through."

Miller already had saved two South Dakota State victories this year. He blocked a field-goal try in the final minute of a 14-12 season-opening win over Southwest (Minn.) State and two weeks ago smothered an extra-point attempt to salvage the Jackrabbits' 13-12 victory over Morningside.

"He's getting good at that," said

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### How Rated Teams Fared

AP/UPI	Next Opponent
1/ 1 Notre Dame (10-0) defeated SMU 59-6	Penn State
2/ 2 Colorado (10-0) defeated Oklahoma State 41-17	Kansas State
3/ 5 Michigan (8-1) defeated Illinois 24-10	Minnesota
4/ 3 Alabama (9-0) defeated LSU 32-16	Southern Miss
5/ 4 Florida State (7-2) did not play	Memphis State
6/ 6 Nebraska (9-1) defeated Kansas 51-14	Oklahoma
7/ 7 Miami (8-1) defeated Pittsburgh 24-3	San Diego State
8/ 8 Illinois (7-2) lost to Michigan 24-10	Indiana
9/ 9 Southern Cal (6-2) defeated Arizona 24-3	UCLA
10/ 10 Arkansas (8-1) defeated Baylor 19-10	Texas A&M Nov. 24
11/ 10 Tennessee (7-2) defeated Akron 52-9	Mississippi
12/ 12 Auburn (7-2) defeated Louisiana Tech 38-23	Georgia
13/ 13 Penn State (6-2-1) tied Maryland 13-13	Notre Dame
14/ 14 Pittsburgh (5-2-1) lost to Miami 24-3	East Carolina
15/ 15 Houston (7-2) defeated Texas 47-9	Texas Tech Nov. 25
16/ 16 Texas A&M (7-2) did not play	Arkansas Nov. 24
17/ 15 Clemson (7-2) did not play	South Carolina Nov. 18
18/ 17 Virginia (9-2) defeated Virginia Tech 32-25	Maryland
19/ 19 West Virginia (7-2-1) defeated Rutgers 21-20	Syracuse Nov. 23
20/ 20 Florida (6-3) lost to Georgia 17-10	Kentucky
21/ 18 Brigham Young (8-2) defeated Air Force 44-35	Utah
22/ 22 N. Carolina State (7-3) lost to Duke 35-26	Virginia Tech
23/ 19 Texas Tech (7-2) defeated Texas Christian 37-7	SMU
24/ 24 Fresno State (10-0) defeated N. Mexico State 45-5	New Mexico
25/ 25 Arizona (6-4) lost to Southern Cal 24-3	Arizona State Nov. 25

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#### Bellevue West Wins Class A Volleyball

Bellevue West defeats Lincoln East for its first-ever state Class A volleyball title. Page 13.

NU WOMEN LOSE: Illinois outlasts Nebraska before an NU Coliseum crowd of 3,642, second-highest ever to see a Husker volleyball match. Page 13.

PENALTIES HELP: Dubuque's players spend much of the game in the penalty box and Omaha capitalizes for a 12-1 USHL win. Page 13.

OPENING DAY: Nebraska deer hunters enjoyed a summertime day across the entire state Saturday, and it resulted in a sharp increase in the number of deer being checked on the opening day of the season. Page 16.

HEAT VICTORY: Miami overcomes an 11-point deficit in the fourth quarter to defeat defending NBA champion Detroit 88-84. Page 5.

## Buffs Pick Up Steam To Wallop Cowboys

Stillwater, Okla. (AP) — Second-ranked Colorado found it tough to get outside against Oklahoma State on Saturday. So the Buffaloes went inside and over the top, and rolled to another victory.

Tailback J.J. Flannigan ran for 143 yards on 23 carries — most of them between the tackles — while Darian Hagan scored two touchdowns and threw for another in the Buffaloes' 41-17 victory over Oklahoma State.

The Buffaloes are 10-0 for the first time and 4-0 in the Big Eight Conference. They need only a victory or tie next week at Kansas State to claim their first outright league title since 1961 and a trip to the Orange Bowl for a possible national championship showdown.

"I couldn't be prouder," said Colorado Coach Bill McCartney, who saw his team score 41 straight points after falling behind 10-0. "For the time being, you've got to count us as one of the fine teams in college football. We're going to Miami, but we're going through Manhattan."

Colorado's first two drives, which saw Hagan try to get outside on option plays, netted only 2 yards. When the Buffaloes started hammering inside, they moved almost at will — their next eight drives averaged 50 yards, and six wound up with scores.

Oklahoma seemed to come alive after Colorado State's Mike Gundy hit Curtis Mayfield on a 53-yard scoring pass on the first play of the second quarter. Until that point, the Buffaloes had only

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