

**The Top 25:
How They
Fared**

The Associated Press
rankings.

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Miami (2-0) beat Florida (4-0) 38-0	Washington (3-0) beat Nebraska 28-14	Florida State (3-0) beat N. Carolina St. 34-13	Florida (1-1) lost to Tennessee 31-14	Texas A&M (4-0) beat Missouri 28-13	Michigan (1-0-1) beat Oklahoma St. 35-3	Notre Dame (2-0-1) beat Michigan St. 32-31	Syracuse (2-1) lost to Ohio State 35-12	Alabama (3-0) beat Arkansas 38-17	Penn State (2-0) beat E. Michigan 32-7	Colorado (3-0) beat Minnesota 27-20	Nebraska (2-1) lost to Washington 28-14	Oklahoma (2-1) lost to Southern Cal 20-10	Tennessee (2-0) beat Florida St. 17-14	UCLA (2-0) beat BYU 17-10	N. Carolina St. (3-1) lost to Florida St. 34-18	Clemson (1-1) did not play	Stanford (2-1) beat Northwestern 35-24	Georgia Tech (2-1) beat Clemson 35-24	Virginia (3-0) beat Georgia Tech 55-0	Georgia Tech (3-0) beat Syracuse 38-12	San Diego St. (1-1) lost to Virginia 35-24	Mississippi St. (1-0-1) did not play	Mississippi St. (2-1) beat Memphis St. 20-16	Mississippi St. (2-1) lost to Vanderbilt 31-9

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**Tom
Shatel**

**Game Merits
Superlatives**

Seattle

Going to extremes, while watching Nebraska's offense sink to the bottom of Lake Washington:

■ **Best stadium** — Notre Dame has tradition and proud old Memorial Stadium in Lincoln isn't bad for atmosphere, but for sheer aesthetics and breath-taking beauty, Husky Stadium can't be beat. The picture-postcard stadium rests on the edge of Lake Washington, with boats sailing in the backdrop and sea gulls jetting in and out for a peek. Inspiring, to say the least.

■ **Best tailgaters** — Husky fans in their boats, looking all the while like the lead-in to "Gilligan's Island" as they sit at the dock of the bay.

■ **Best tailgate food** — Drop in a fishing line.

■ **Worst series** — Nebraska, on its 3-yard line, starts out with an illegal procedure and then delay-of-game call to move back to the 1. A Nebraska timeout is followed by Lance Lewis getting stopped at the half-inch line. Then Mike Grant drops back to pass and is sacked for a safety.

■ **Worst call** — Sending Grant back to pass in his own end zone without proper protection is inhumane. Why not run two more plays and then kick it out of there?

■ **Worst call II** — The phantom fumble by Grant on the next series, where television clearly showed — I thought — Grant down on the ground and tossing the ball out because he thought he was downed. Horrible call.

■ **Worst call III** — Washington's final touchdown of the first half, a 29-yard strike from Billy Joe Hobert to flanker Joe Kralik, who was without question out of bounds when he caught the ball — if he in fact did that.

Byrne Travels

■ **Best imitation of Big Eight basketball officials** — This out-to-lunch bunch, which, by the way, is from the Pacific 10 (surprise, surprise). If Danny Nee were here, he would have gotten a technical.

■ **Best fan** — Bill Byrne, Nebraska's athletic director designate, who attended the first quarter of the Texas Tech game at Oregon — where he still is athletic director — before flying up the coast via private plane to Seattle for the entire Husker game.

■ **Worst idea** — The shotgun offense. Nice thought, bad execution. The Huskers could use a passing wrinkle, just to keep people honest and give Grant some extra breathing room in the pocket. But the Huskers only used it twice, which is hardly enough to make a dent. Then again, it takes a passing quarterback to make it work. Mike Grant still isn't one.

■ **Best idea** — The screen pass. Why haven't we seen more of this out of Nebraska? With Derek Brown and Calvin Jones, this should be a worn-out page in the playbook. Nebraska finally used one on the opening drive of the second half — on a play out of the shotgun, no less — to Brown for 15 yards on third and 6 to set up the Huskers' second touchdown. But we only counted one more after that.

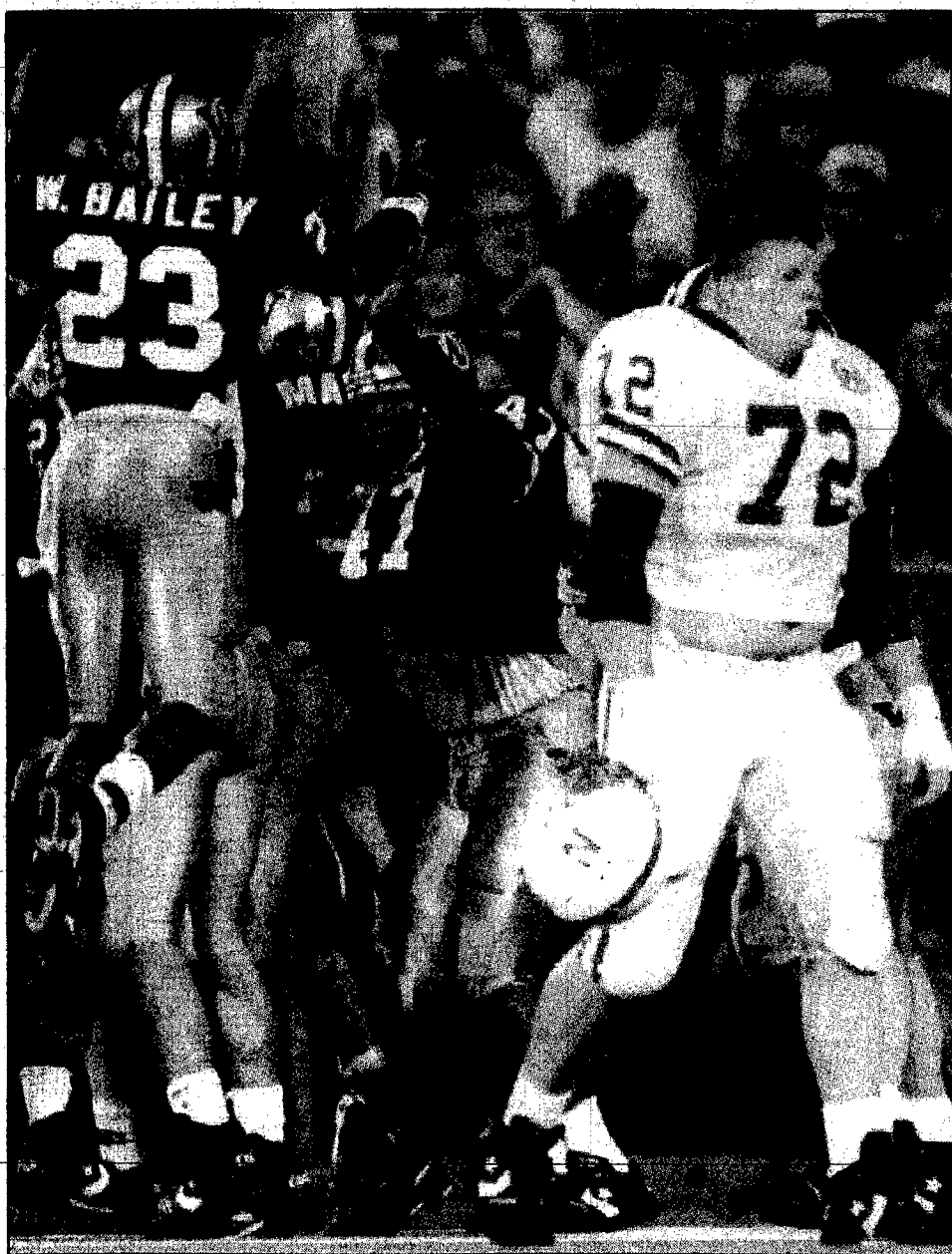
Personnel Inadequate

■ **Worst penalty** — Of the plethora of flags tossed on the Huskers, maybe the most costly was the illegal use of hands on a Nebraska player just after Tyrone Hughes' dynamic punt return well into Washington territory. The Huskers got the ball at their own 13, fumbled, and the Huskers turned it into three more points.

■ **Best summation** — A valiant, often terrific effort by the Nebraska defense, which fell victim to too much time on the field, poor officiating, poor field position and, ultimately, too many of its own mistakes. A curious effort by the offense, which so often looked confused. No wonder, with the Huskers jumping from vanilla off-tackle to shotgun and flea-flickers and deep passes they don't have the personnel to execute. Yes, Mike Grant, we mean you.

■ **Bottom line** — The Huskers played a decent game but, by the looks of the mistakes, penalties and lack of direction of offense, they still aren't ready to play with the big boys.

■ **Best tonic for defeat** — Arizona State, Oklahoma State, Missouri and two open dates before Colorado.



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HUSKY EXCITEMENT: Washington's Walter Bailey, No. 23, jumps in celebration and Nebraska's Zach Wiegert, No. 72, walks away after NU quarterback Mike Grant was tackled for a first-quarter safety.

**Turnovers
Let Huskies
Bounce NU**

BY LEE BARFKNECHT
WORLD-HERALD STAFF WRITER

Seattle — Nebraska's woes against Top 10 foes continue.

Second-ranked Washington scored two touchdowns in the final 1:29 of the first half, then hung on to stymie the No. 11 and 12 Huskers 29-14 Saturday night in front of 73,333 fans at Husky Stadium — the largest UW crowd ever for a non-conference game and the sixth-largest overall.

The loss was NU's eighth straight to a Top 10 opponent dating back to 1988 and the 10th straight to a Top 5 opponent going back to 1987.

Nebraska got a 73-yard touchdown run from I-back Calvin Jones to close to 9-7 in the second quarter.

Then I-back Derek Brown accounted for 74 yards of an 80-yard touchdown drive to start the second half. That got NU back to 23-14 with 9:52 left in the third quarter.

The NU defense made three valiant stands in the second half.

But the offense, after its TD drive, finished its next six drives fumble, punt, punt, punt, punt, punt.

Not even a new formation — the shotgun — nor two trick plays — a fake punt and a flea flicker pass — could jolt the offense to life.

UW only outgained Nebraska 335 yards to 309. Last year, the Huskers gained 618 yards on NU in a 36-21 win.

Mistakes cost Nebraska all night.

The Huskers' three turnovers before an interception on the game's final play all led to Washington scores. They were nailed for three illegal procedure penalties and one delay penalty. And they used five of their six timeouts to avoid other penalties caused by confusion.

Poor field position also limited the NU offense. The Huskers started all 16 of their possessions in their own territory

— at the 32, 32, 3, 20, 22, 20, 20, 20, 20, 13, 20, 14, 14, 34, 20 and 14.

Washington got its first points on a safety when the Huskers started at their own 3.

In the third quarter, Nebraska momentarily wiped away the bad taste left from the two late first-half touchdowns.

The Huskers bounced out of the locker room, took the kickoff and drove 80 yards to score.

Brown's back-to-back runs of 32 and 12 yards got NU to the UW 32.

Brown also showed he could catch the ball. Quarterback Mike Grant hit him with a 13-yard pass. Then out of a new formation — the shotgun — Grant hit Brown on a screen for 15 yards on third-and-13 at the UW 19.

Two plays later, Grant sneaked in from the 1 to cut the deficit to nine at 23-14 with 9:52 to go in the third quarter.

Two big mistakes hurt Nebraska after a Washington punt.

On the return, wingback Tyrone Hughes changed direction twice to scamper 33 yards to near midfield. But a holding penalty pinned the Huskers back at their 13.

After Brown ran for 14 yards, Grant pitched the ball behind Brown on an option and Washington defensive tackle D'Marco Farr recovered at the NU 20.

But the Husker defense didn't bend.

Tackle John Parrella's 4-yard sack and outside linebacker Travis Hill's tackle for a 3-yard loss forced Washington to try a field goal. Travis Hanson drilled it from 42 yards to put UW ahead 26-14 with 5:43 left in the third quarter.

Parrella stopped another Washington threat two minutes later by recovering fullback Matt Jones' fumble after UW's other fullback, Darius Turner, had run for 44 yards to the NU 16.

Early in the fourth quarter, Washing-

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**UNO Mistakes
In Second Half
Lift St. Cloud**

BY MIKE PATTERSON
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St. Cloud, Minn. — For the UNO Mavericks on Saturday, it was a case of to half and half not.

The Mavs played well in the first half against St. Cloud State, rallying from two deficits to tie 13-13. But the Huskers dominated the second half and pulled away to a 31-13 victory before 2,814 at Selke Field.

The loss in its North Central Conference opener dropped the University of Nebraska at Omaha to 2-1 overall and 0-1 in the NCC. The Huskers boosted their record to 2-1 and 1-0.

How bad did things go for UNO in the second half? Consider these numbers:

■ The Mavs had just two first downs — one in the third quarter and another in the fourth quarter.

■ The Huskers held UNO to a minus 4 yards in rushing, which gave the Mavs

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McMillion's Big Day

Iowa State's James McMillion, from Bellevue East, follows a block by Brian Wilkinson against Tulane's

Michael Batiste. McMillion lost 1 yard. He did score on a punt return in ISU's 38-14 win. Story, Page 10.

**Detmer Answers Call
To Bail Out Buffaloes**

BY STEVEN PIVOVAR
WORLD-HERALD STAFF WRITER

Minneapolis — Koy Detmer traded his redshirt Saturday night for a Colorado victory.

The freshman quarterback came off the bench to rescue the 11th- and 13th-ranked Buffaloes, helping them erase a 17-point third-quarter deficit and pull out a 21-20 victory over Minnesota before 33,719 at the Metrodome.

Colorado Coach Bill McCartney had hoped to hold Detmer out of competition this season. But an ankle injury that sidelined sophomore Kordell Stewart for the game and Duke Tobin's ineffective first half left McCartney with little choice but to turn to Detmer, a highly-recruited younger brother of college football most productive passer, Ty Detmer.

"I'm not sad to give up Koy's redshirt year, not when you can win a game like that," said McCartney after watching Detmer complete 11 of 18 second-half

passes for 184 yards and two touchdowns.

"I think we are going to remember the game he stepped in a little while around here."

Colorado also should not forget an inspired defensive performance that withstood the heroics of nifty Minnesota quarterback Marquel Fleetwood and kept the Buffaloes close enough so that Detmer could work his second-half magic.

Fleetwood passed for 262 yards (26 of 54) and ran for 110 (17 carries) as Minnesota built a 542-239 edge in total yardage.

"We made some mistakes out there tonight," said CU senior linebacker Chad Brown. "We shouldn't have allowed that team to score 20 points on us."

"At the same time, we stepped up and came through when we had to. We showed we know how defense should be played."

Detmer and the Buffaloes could have

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Broncos' Walker Juggles Football, Family

BY MIKE BURROWS
SPECIAL TO THE WORLD-HERALD

Englewood, Colo. — The next obstacle in the inspirational life of Kenny Walker should come next month.

When the Denver Broncos' defensive end learns to change a diaper.

Walker's wife, Marti, is expecting a baby in October. Walker, the only deaf player in the National Football League, is more concerned about the birth conflicting with a game than late-night feedings that will come.

"If the baby cries at night, I won't know it," said Walker, known among the Broncos for his sense of humor. "So maybe I won't be involved with the diaper thing after all. I guess my wife will have to do it. I don't know if she'll trust me with that responsibility."

Don't get Walker wrong. Family is his foundation.

The Walkers married at Boys Town on Valentine's Day this year. Marti, the daughter of former Creighton athletic director Dan Offenburger, has a 5-year-old son, Tommy.

Tommy is deaf, and Marti thought a role model would be good for her son. She met Walker in 1988, when Marti was a Creighton student and Walker was about to become a football star at Nebraska. Two years later, they started dating.

When they married, Walker got a family.

"I've known Tommy since he was 10 months old," Walker said. "It's a good, fun relationship. I work with him a lot. He's a little bit of a mama's

'It's a good life. I still thank the Lord for bringing me here.'

— Kenny Walker
Denver Broncos defensive end

boy right now, so maybe he needs to hang around me more. But he's smart, very smart.

"If he goes to a game, he doesn't really focus on the game. He likes to watch the cheerleaders."

More people are beginning to watch the 6-foot-3, 265-pound Walker. In only his second NFL season, despite

his handicap, he's a starter. He's excelling, when skeptical scouts wondered if he could last one training camp, let alone one season.

Walker's break came when Ron Holmes, while waiting for a new contract, chose to miss most of training camp this summer. Holmes has signed, but he continues to watch while the smaller, younger Walker starts.

"Having him out five weeks, that helped a lot," Walker said. "You have to learn how to become a starter, and the Broncos gave me a big opportunity in the preseason. I was lucky, but I also feel a lot more confident this year."

In this case, money doesn't talk. Holmes has a two-year contract worth

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THE DENVER BRONCOS

BUCKING BRONCO: Kenny Walker has moved into a starting position with the Denver defense.