

It's an Autumn Touchdown Stroll

All's clear for Jerry Tagge during this promenade to a touchdown in the first quarter as Nebraska was raising the score to 13-0 against Utah State. Tagge's cakewalk covers three yards around left end

as the cool Husker quarterback takes advantage of the opportunity to go for a stroll with the football on a sunny autumn afternoon. Steve Couppee, left, of the Utags is just another Tagge-watcher.

Ideal N.U. Pastime Is Tagge-Watching

By Wally Provost
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Lincoln — Top-ranked Nebraska reasserted its ability to play ball-control football while knocking down previously unbeaten Utah State, 42-6, Saturday at Memorial Stadium.

The Cornhuskers registered touchdowns on five of the offense's first nine possessions and decorated that performance with monster man Dave Mason's 53-yard scoring run with an intercepted pass.

As a prelude to opening defense of their Big Eight championship at Missouri this week, the Huskers raised their season record to 4-0 and extended their unbeaten string to 23 games.

It was a bright afternoon with the temperature in the mid-70s, ideal for girl-watching and Tagge-watching.

Jerry Tagge, already established as one of the finest quarterbacks in N.U. and Big Eight history, passed for 189 yards and two touchdowns. He added a pair of touchdowns on short runs.

The senior field leader directed scoring drives of 74 and 52 yards the first two times Nebraska got its eager hands on the ball.

Van Joins Fun

Also important to N.U. ambitions, alternate quarterback Van Brownson saw more-than-usual action and hurled his first touchdown pass of the season.

In less than two and one-half seasons, the Tagge-Brownson combine has accounted for 51 touchdowns passing and rushing.

Tagge has passed for 21 and run for nine; Brownson's totals are 12 and nine.

Tagge raised his school career record for passing yardage to 3,568 and broke Bob Churchich's N.U. career record for touchdown passes when he flipped to fullback Bill Olds for 14 yards (No. 20). He went to Johnny Rodgers for 36 yards and No. 21.

Rodgers caught five passes for 105 yards. The human dart has made 58 receptions for 1,047 yards and a dozen touchdowns since making his varsity debut last season. Nebraska's career reception yardage record is 1,234, held by 1970 senior Guy Ingles, also an Omaha product.

There was no suspense in the Utah State match after defensive standouts Mason, John Adkins and Willie Harper forced the visitors to punt after a 37-yard advance following the opening kickoff.

Masterful March

Master Tagge then guided his unit 74 yards, overcoming a couple of third-down predicaments in the process. It was third-and-four at the N.U. 45 when he passed to Rodgers for 19 yards. It was third-and-seven on the Aggie 33 when he threw to Jeff Kinney for 21.

Rodgers appeared to have scored on the next play as he swept the N.U. left end, but a mate was guilty of illegal procedure and the ball was moved back to the 17.

Kinney got back three yards. Then Tagge threw to Olds on a screen play. The screen was of little consequence; Olds used brute

power to escape Tom Murphy and Bob Galeazzi at about the 12 and barreled into the end zone.

Soph Rich Sanger converted, his first of six placements for the day. He has converted on 19 of 20 attempts for the season.

Still in the opening period, Nebraska stormed 52 yards to make the count 14-0. This was a most unusual touchdown. With the ball at the Aggie three, Dixon faked into the middle. Fullback Maury Damkroger charged wide to his left to handle the defensive end. Tagge also ran left, with Rodgers trailing for a possible pitchout.

Walks Across

The hole on that side was so vast that Tagge reined up and actually walked across the goal line.

Early in the second period, the Aggies' hustling quarterback, Tony Adams, aimed a pass toward split end Bob Wicks, who is being touted as an All-America candidate.

Mason intercepted and sped down the sideline for his first touchdown.

So domineering was Nebraska in the second quarter, three times it disdained the punt on fourth down, on the Utah State 38 and 24, and on the Nebraska 33.

Only a yard was needed on the latter occasion. Brownson got it on a plunge. Jeff Hughes had gone into the game, ostensibly to punt. Then Utah State called time. On second thought, Nebraska kept the ball.

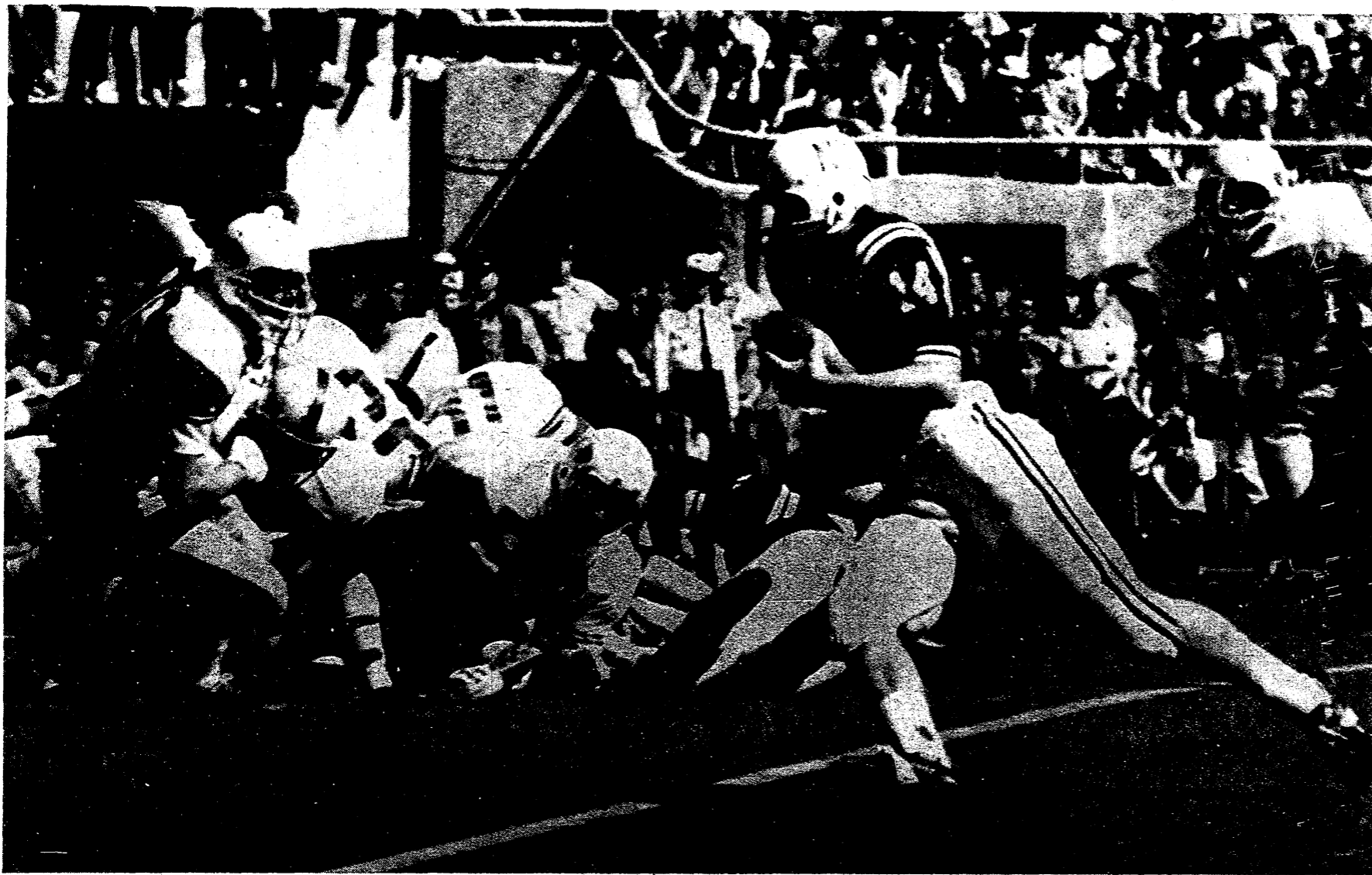
The brash call did not lead to any points, however, as one of Nebraska's eight penalties (for a total of 91 yards) helped both the effort. Hughes finally kicked with N.U. on its own 46.

Line Is Devastating

Nebraska took the second-half kickoff and swept 70 yards with Please turn to Page 4, Col. 1

How AP's Top 20 Fared

- By The Associated Press.
1. Nebraska (4-0) defeated Utah State, 42-6.
 2. Michigan (4-0) defeated Navy, 46-0.
 3. Texas (3-0) defeated Oregon, 35-7.
 4. Notre Dame (3-0) defeated Michigan State, 14-2.
 5. Auburn (3-0) defeated Kentucky, 38-6.
 6. Colorado (4-0) defeated Kansas State, 31-21.
 7. Alabama (4-0) defeated Mississippi, 40-6.
 8. Oklahoma (3-0) defeated Southern Cal, 33-20.
 9. Penn State (3-0) defeated Air Force, 16-14.
 10. Stanford (3-1) lost to Duke, 9-3.
 11. Georgia (4-0) defeated Mississippi State, 35-7.
 13. Arizona State (3-0) defeated Texas-El Paso, 24-7.
 13. Arizona State (2-0) played Texas-El Paso, night game.
 14. Ohio State (2-1) defeated California, 35-3.
 15. Washington (4-0) defeated Illinois, 52-14.
 16. LSU (3-1) defeated Rice, 38-3.
 17. Southern Cal (2-2) lost to Oklahoma, 33-20.
 18. Arkansas (3-1) defeated Texas Christian, 49-15.
 19. Duke (4-0) defeated Stanford, 9-6.
 20. North Carolina (4-0) defeated North Carolina State, 27-7.



—World-Herald Photo by Ed Rath.

Sooners 'Shell' Mystified Trojans

By Tom Ash
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Norman, Okla. — Oklahoma University felled Southern California for a 33-0 win Saturday as a full house of 61,826 watched the Sooners' version of the shell game.

For the uninitiated, the shell game is an old carnival game of chance in which the player guesses which shell the pea is under. A sleight-of-hand artist shuffles the shells faster than the eye can see to make the game interesting.

In Owen Stadium Saturday, the con man was Oklahoma quarterback Jack Mildren, who milked the Trojan defense for 516 yards—every last one on the ground.

To Mildren, the hustler who works the oil fields when he isn't playing football, the slickers from Los Angeles were just a bunch of rubes.

Trojans Fooled
 Mildren offered USC his three shells in the form of the triple option play—a handoff to fullback Leon Crosswhite, a pitchout to halfbacks Joe Wylie or Greg Pruitt or a keep himself. The Trojans looked for the pea under the wrong shell all afternoon.

Mildren passed only once—incomplete in the fourth quarter on third-and 10.

"We threw that one to loosen them up," quipped Sooner Coach Chuck Fairbanks.

Lightning Strikes Early
 Rain started to fall on this muggy afternoon with 6½ minutes left in the game.

Lightning struck much earlier. Please turn to Page 11, Col. 1

The biggest bolts came in the form of 176-pound junior Pruitt, who sped around and through the visitors 16 times for 206 yards and three touchdowns.

Oklahoma, which did nothing to tarnish its No. 8 national ranking, did all of its damage in the first three quarters while scoring all of its 33 points and cranking out 444 yards.

Mildren chipped in 102 yards on 17 carries, Wylie added 96 and Crosswhite 82.

Defense Cheered
 While Oklahoma's Wishbone-T offense was moved along at its highly efficient rate, Sooner backers reserved some of their loudest cheers for the defense, which had drawn some critical comments a week earlier for yielding 29 points and nearly 500 yards to Pittsburgh.

The Trojans, who had blanked two straight foes after an opening loss to Alabama, saw their chances of improving on a No. 14 UPI rating vanish when their offense was neutralized in the second half.

The Sooners, improving a 19-14 lead at the half, dominated the post-intermission play more than the final score reflects.

Linebacker Steve Aycock's crew lost a second-half shutout on the final play of the game when sub-quarterback Mike Rae hit tight end Chris Veila with a 12-yard scoring pass.

Pruitt Ups Average
 Pruitt, who amazingly improved on his average of nine-yards per carry before the game, turned the predicted

Buffaloes Rip Kansas State

Boulder, Colo. (AP) — Cliff Branch scored two touchdowns to spark sixth-ranked Colorado to a 31-21 victory over Kansas State in the Big Eight opener for both teams.

Branch raced 59 yards with a punt return for the Buffs' first touchdown and grabbed a 20-yard pass deep in the end zone for another.

Kansas State bounced back from Branch's first score, capitalizing on a Buff fumble at the CU 20-yard line with 7:07 left in the first period.

On the sixth play of the series, Wildcat running back Bill Butler carried four yards for the tying score.

Fumble Aids Score
 CU turned a fumble into a score of its own early in the second period when linebacker Randy Geist pounced on the ball at the Wildcat 19.

The Buffs hit the scoreboard on tailback Charlie Davis' plunge from one foot out.

Wildcat quarterback Dennis Morrison moved his team to two third period scores and a brief 21-17 lead.

He scored on a keeper around the left side from 12 yards out for the first, then hit flanker Fred Merrill on a 16-yard pass for the second.

34-Yard Field Goal

J. B. Dean's 34-yard field goal and Branch's touch down catch with two seconds left accounted for CU's third period scoring.

Willie Nichols hauled in a 23-yard scoring pass from quarterback Ken Johnson midway through the fourth period to pad the Buffs' lead to the final margin.

"K-State is a fine team, but they don't have everything," said Colorado Coach Eddie Crowder.

"They're tougher than gangbusters on defense, but we have a few more elements, a few more strengths, that they don't. It allowed us to win."

One of the strengths mentioned by Crowder is Cliff Branch. "I still get excited whenever Branch takes the ball," Crowder said. "But that's because I don't know whether he'll drop it or score a touchdown."

Crowder referred to the dropped punt by Branch that gave Kansas State the ball at Please turn to Page 10, Col. 1

'Fun And Games' Over for Huskers

By Conde Sargent
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Lincoln — Bob Devaney won't have to do a selling job on Nebraska's Cornhuskers that the fun and games are over, the real season (Big Eight Conference games) is about to start.

His captains, quarterback Jerry Tagge and Jim Anderson, already were spreading the word Saturday afternoon.

"I can't remember when we beat Missouri down there," said Anderson. (It was 1965 by 16-14.) "I think we owe them something for that."

Quarterback Tagge added: "Missouri's given me the toughest time of any team. They gave me a heckuva time down there when I was a sophomore. They'll always be ready for Nebraska."

Just How Good?

It became Devaney's turn for this locker-room discussion. "When you start league play, all other previous showings mean nothing and the season really begins. We've got a good football team. Just how good? It's going to take a few more games to find out."

Tagge said the league games are "what we've been working for. The non-conference games are almost like pre-season. This (league warfare) is what counts."

Devaney had praise for both N.U. units. "We had only one lapse by our defense and the offense looked better than in the last two games."

Eight on The Line

Utah State played "us with eight guys right on the line of scrimmage and gave us the pass. But we still had a good running game."

"We took advantage of their defense pretty well. This team was tough on our sprint option out of the spread formation but gave it to us in the I-formation."

Devaney said N.U. suffered no serious injuries against Utah State and will have only one player on a questionable status for the start of conference action.

"Van Brownson has a sore heel and (Larry) Jacobson bumped his knee," said Devaney, "but I don't believe we had anything to keep anybody out of the next game."

Irate Willie Hurts Bucs

Games Today

Oakland (Blue, 24-8) at Baltimore (McNally, 21-5), noon, CDT.
 San Francisco (Cumberlander, 7-6), 3 p.m. CDT.

The Pittsburgh Pirates got Willie McCovey angry Saturday and it cost them a 5-4 loss to San Francisco in the opening playoff series.

McCovey and Tito Fuentes exploded a pair of two-run homers in the fifth inning that turned the game around for the Giants.

But the thing that may have beaten the Pirates could be the way they pitched to Willie Mays, who bats third, in front of McCovey.

"They walked Mays on four straight balls two times," said McCovey, who is playing despite torn cartilage in one knee and arthritis in the other. "I

Giants Scared

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| Alivier cf | 4 | Kingman rf | 3 |
| Roberts 1b | 4 | Bonds rf | 1 |
| Santolucito c | 4 | Dietz c | 4 |
| Hernandez ss | 2 | Galtsober 3b | 2 |
| Dovavillo dh | 1 | Lester 3b | 1 |
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think I demand a little more respect than that. They got away with it the first time and that made me a little more determined the next time."

'El Crasho'

The next time came in the fifth after Fuentes' homer had given San Francisco a 3-2 lead. Mays walked and McCovey unloaded.

"That was el crasho, wasn't it," said Charlie Fox, manager of the Giants. "This was a big game. In a five-game series, it's great to get the early edge."

Gritty Gaylor Perry pitched a nine-hitter, surviving several jams and some shoddy Giant fielding to give San Francisco the jump in the best-of-five series between the two division champions which continues here today.

The American League playoff opener was rained out in Please turn to Page 7, Col. 1

Sub Quarterback Guides Texas Past Oregon, 35-7

Austin, Tex. (AP) — Stubby Donnie Wigginton guided third-ranked Texas to four touchdowns and a 35-7 victory over Oregon Saturday after the Longhorns star quarterback, Eddie Phillips, limped off early with a pulled leg muscle.

Phillips, the director of Texas' Wishbone-T offense, was taken out late in the first quarter as a precautionary measure so he might be available next week

when Texas plays undefeated Oklahoma in the Cotton Bowl at Dallas.

Phillips has been bothered with an injured leg more than a month.

Texas split end Jim Moore, the fastest man on the squad, also went out of the game early with a sprained knee, hurt when Oregon defensive back Fred Manuel tackled him after a pass reception.

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