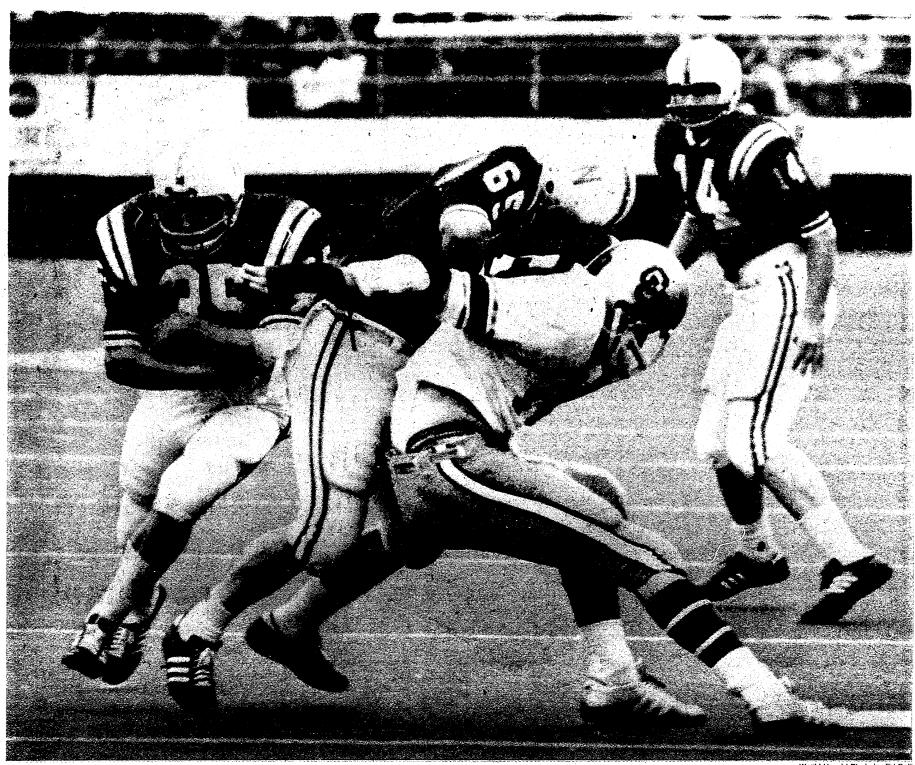
It's a Day of Redemption for Tagge



Jeff Kinney sneaks for behind Keith Wortman's shirt-raising block of Mark Cooney . . . for 11 yards and first Husker points.

Sooners Roll Again As Mildren Frolics

Norman, Okla. — Jack Mildren struck Iowa State with the unexpected Saturday to march Oklahoma to a 43-12 Big Eight triumph before 60,500.

Mildren, the field general on a lightning quick rushing attack, tossed for two touchdowns and ran for two more in upping the No. 2 ranked Sooners' record to 7-0.

He set a school record for total offense with 323 yards, surpassing Greg Pruitt's 294 total last week against Kansas

The strong 6-foot, 199-pound senior from Abilene, Tex., ran for 148 yards and passed for 175 as Oklahoma piled up 679 total yards. Mildren completed seven of 12 passes.

"Iowa State gave Mildren a lot of running room and he took it," said Nebraska University

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Assistant Coach Jim Walden, who was scouting Iowa State. The Cyclones visit Lincoln next Saturday.

Walden, however, said he couldn't fault Iowa State's defense against Mildren. "I would rather see him (Mildren) w'th the ball than Pruitt."

The Sooners scored on their opening three possessions for a 17-0 lead and broke open the game with two quick scores in the second quarter for a 29-6 halftime advantage.

From then on Iowa State's game plan of shutting off Oklahoma's wide game was shot to pieces.

"You can prepare two three different game plans but they'll beat you another way. said an obviously dejected Iowa State Coach Johnny Majors.

"Our defense got after them, but our offense didn't take the load off the defense. We had a couple of chances in the first half to score and when we didn't we weren't able to stay in the game," explained Majors.

"Mildren makes their offense go and Pruitt is a great back. We stacked our defense against the pitch man and were gambling against them passexplained Majors. 'Mildren did a great job pass-

After forcing Iowa State to punt on the opening series, the Sooners swept 60 yards on four plays in only 66 seconds. Mildren got the touchdown on a one-yard run, but the key play was Pruitt's burst around right end for 49 yards to the Cyclone

An interception two plays later set up the Sooners' next score, a 22-yard field goal by John Carroll. Key plays were

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Pheasant Prospects Told

World-Herald Outdoor Recreation Editor Gene Hornbeck tells of another Big Red that will involve Nebraska sportsmen next Saturday.

For his report on pheasant prospects and other wildlife news, turn to the Pheasant-Quail Special beginning on Page 13.

Cautious Bob Calls Team Buff Boss Balks Best Ever—at This Point

By Conde Sargent

Lincoln — Bob Devaney is as careful with words, when it comes to praise, as he is thorough in a football game

So Saturday, following Nebraska's 31-7 conquest of No. 9-ranked Colorado, he came as close as he'll come before this season is over to saving his unbeaten Cornhuskers are the

greatest team in the country. "Up to this point," Devaney

said, "this is my best team." That means the Huskers must win some more football games before the coach can make that statement without qualification. 'Beat Great Team'

'We are proud of this team for coming through to beat a great football team."

As usual, the coach qualified his remarks by adding: "But this doesn't indicate we should

give up practicing.
"It was not a great statistical day for us," Devaney said, "but we scored 31 points which was great. The offensive line enabled us to move the ball.

"Our defense had a real tough job today and did it. We stopped a team which has scored quite a few points.'

"Again we showed balance between our offense and defense, showed balance between running and passing.' 'Rather Play Others'

The loss, Colorado's second, probably will result in the Buffs dropping out of the top 10 rat-ing. Devaney insisted the visitors deserved to be labeled a strong team.
"To me," he said, "I know I'd

rather play some other teams in the top 10 than Colorado. The thing that impressed me was the way Eddie Crowder kept them up. After we scored the 31st point, they could have let down. At no time did they."

Devaney continued: "Everybody's been saying, including us (coaching staff), that we hadn't played a real tough football team. You have to classify them (Buffaloes) as a damned good football team."

At Picking King

By Tom Allan

World-Herald Staff Writer
Lincoln — Most of the Colorado Buffaloes, including Head Coach Eddie Crowder, shied away from predicting a winner of the Nebraska-Oklahoma battle, following their loss to the topranked Cornhuskers.

"I just won't discuss any comparisons," said Crowder, who was once a star for Oklahoma, now rated No. 2 in the nation.

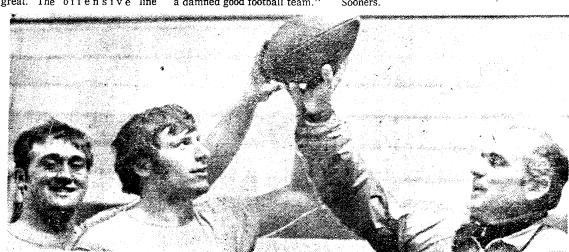
Ken Johnson, Colorado quarterback, predicted the Thanksgiving Day clash "will be unreal", but said he wouldn't be betting on the outcome of the game that may determine both the Big Eight and national champion.

Colorado was a 45-17 loser to the Sooners earlier in the season.

"Nebraska has the best defense by far we've played against," he said. "It's real sound. They don't do a lot of stunting or jumping around to look good. But they are real consistent. They don't hit you that hard and they don't do anything that's astounding. But they don't miss tackles. They are just consistently good.'

"Nebraska has the better defense," Johnson said, "but Oklahoma has the better offense. I think Oklahoma's triple option will go pretty good against them. Nebraska will have to score a lot of points to win.'

Split end Cliff Branch was one Buffalo who figures the Huskers have a better team than the



Carl Selmer, who coaches Nebraska's offensive line, received a special award—the game ball after the victory. Kinney, left, and Tagge join Selmer in a "toast" pose. Story, Page 4.

Kinney, Rodgers Set N.U. Career Marks

By Wally Provost

World-Heroid Sports Writer
Lincoln — Although a desultory fourth quarter may have chased some television viewers to another channel, top-ranked Nebraska handled ninth-ranked Colorado in stride Saturday, 31-7, for its 18th consecutive football victory.

The workmanlike performance agreed with what statistical addicts had been saying: Nebraska has a stouter defense and a lesser offense than Oklahoma.

In whipping Colorado by 45-17, the Sooners gave up 83 yards rushing and 241 passing for a total of 324 yards. Nebraska trimmed 164 off that sum when it yielded 108 on the ground and only 52 in the air. And whereas Oklahoma had amassed 670 yards of its own, the

Above all, perhaps, it was a day of redemption for N.U. quarterback Jerry Tagge. He had netted only 25 yards against Colorado in 1969 and zero last season.

In his final shot at the Buffs, who came into this high-pressure contest with a 6-1 record, Tagge directed touchdown drives of 16,

He threw a five-yard touchdown pass to fullback Maury Damkroger and scored on a one-yard plunge while picking up 150 yards in total offense. He retired after Nebraska's first play from scrimmage in the final period.

N.U. Records Fall

Cornhuskers produced 324.

On offense, there also were bows to be taken by Jeff Kinney and Johnny Rodgers, the latter making key contributions although held scoreless by Colorado for the second straight year. Kinney tallied on touchdown runs of 11 and three yards.

Those were touchdowns Nos. 28 and 29, breaking by one the N.U. career record previously held by Bobby Reynolds and Joe Orduna. Kinney also was the game's leading ground gainer. totaling 81 yards in 27 carries against a Buff team that played scab-nosed defense all the way. Rodgers caught three passes for 54 yards, earning the

Nebraska career record in pass-reception yardage. The junior from Omaha Tech now shows 1,277 yards compared with the 1,234 collected by Omaha Westside grad Guy Ingles in 1968-70.

Rich Sanger, sophomore from Ovid, Colo., strutted his stuff before the home-state folks with four straight extra-point kicks and his initial varsity field goal — a 34-yarder — in four attempts.

Blackshirts Stomp

The Blackshirt defenders set up three touchdowns. The other was one of Nebraska's trademarked retaliatory efforts, coming promptly on the heels of the Colorado score. Career Milestones

from California, was the gent who most often sniffed out and then snuffed out trouble.

He made seven solo tackles, assisted on six others and broke up two passes.

CU-NU First Quarter Time Left 11 run (Sanger kick) 2:01 Second Quarter (Sanger kick) 2:01 Former 34 poss from Johnson (Sanger kick) 5:11 Togge 1 plunge (Sanger kick) 5:11 Third Quarter

up two passes. Rich "Bad Man" Glover, mid- 🧎 dle guard from New Jersey, F took part in a dozen tackles. Ends John Adkins and Willie Harper each made a pair of

Attendance was announced as 66,776, although there appeared to be at least a thousand empty seats.

The contest began in a steady drizzle with the temperature at 38 degrees. Later, the wind whipped up to 20 miles an hour but blew the clouds away; the game was finished in bright sunlight.

Many a falling back sent up a spray of water while skidding on the AstroTurf. However, there seemed little doubt that the artificial playing surface was far superior to what would have been provided by nature's own sod. With the press box more crowded than usual with bowl scouts-

and writers from points as diverse as New York and Oklahoma, anticipation steadily mounted during the early sparring

Penalty Fills Hole

Late in the first quarter, Kinney put Colorado in a hole by downing Jeff Hughes' punt on the C.U. three. Colorado immediately got off the hook — out to the 20 — when Glover was caught tugging at the face mask of quarterback Joe Duenas.

On the following down, the center snap went through the hands of the peppery little Chicano. Adkins recovered on the Colorado 16, and Nebraska was ready to start the serious business of defending its Big Eight lead. With fullback Bill Olds delivering a vicious block, Kinney

went to the 11. Kinney then bucked the middle, angled slightly to his right and pranced into the end zone. Before the quarter ended, Dave Mason intercepted a pass by

Ken Johnson on the N.U. 35. Are government bonds more reliable than the Blackshirts?

That was Mason's fifth theft and Nebraska's 20th of the season. The Huskers temporarily were stymied by a clipping penalty. Tagge solved that problem by passing to Frosty Anderson for 17 yards and a first down on the N.U. 49.

The next play, first of the second period, was a 30-yard pass, Please turn to Page 4, Col. 7

How AP's Top 20 Fared By The Associated Press. 1. Nebraska (8-0) defeated Colorado, 31-7.

2. Oklahoma (7-0) defeated Iowa State, 43-12.

3. Michigan (8-0) defeated Indiana, 61-7.

4. Alabama (7-0) defeated Mississippi State, 41-10.

5. Auburn (7-0) defeated Florida, 40-7.

6. Penn State (7-0) defeated West Virginia, 35-7. 7. Georgia (7-0) defeated South Carolina, 24-0.

8. Arkansas (6-1) lost to Texas A%M, 17-9.

9. Colorado (6-2) lost to Nebraska, 31-7.

10. Ohio State (6-1) defeated Minnesota, 14-12.

11. Louisiana State (5-2) lost to Mississippi, 24-22.

12. Notre Dame (6-1) defeated Navy, 21-0.

13. Arizona State (6-1) defeated Air Force, 44-28.

14. Texas (5-2) defeated SMU, 22-18.

15. Toledo (8-0) defeated Miami (Ohio), 45-6. 16. Tennessee (5-2) defeated Tulsa, 38-3.

17. Stanford (6-2) defeated Oregon State, 31-24. 18. Air Force (5-2) lost to Arizona State, 44-28.

19. Florida State (6-2) lost to Houston, 14-7.

20. Southern California (4-4) defeated California, 28-0.

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