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Game Was No Laugher

Lincoln — The Kansas State Wildcats are not losers, not in the larger sense of the term. But in major-college football, against top teams such as Nebraska, Oklahoma and Colorado, they haven't a chance.

They have some good athletes, such as 6-foot-3, 270-pound offensive tackle Will McCain of Omaha (South High), who battled Husker defenders most of the game Saturday. K-State has some outstanding ones, such as quarterback Carl Straw, linebacker Brooks Barta, flanker Michael Smith and defensive end Maurice Henry.

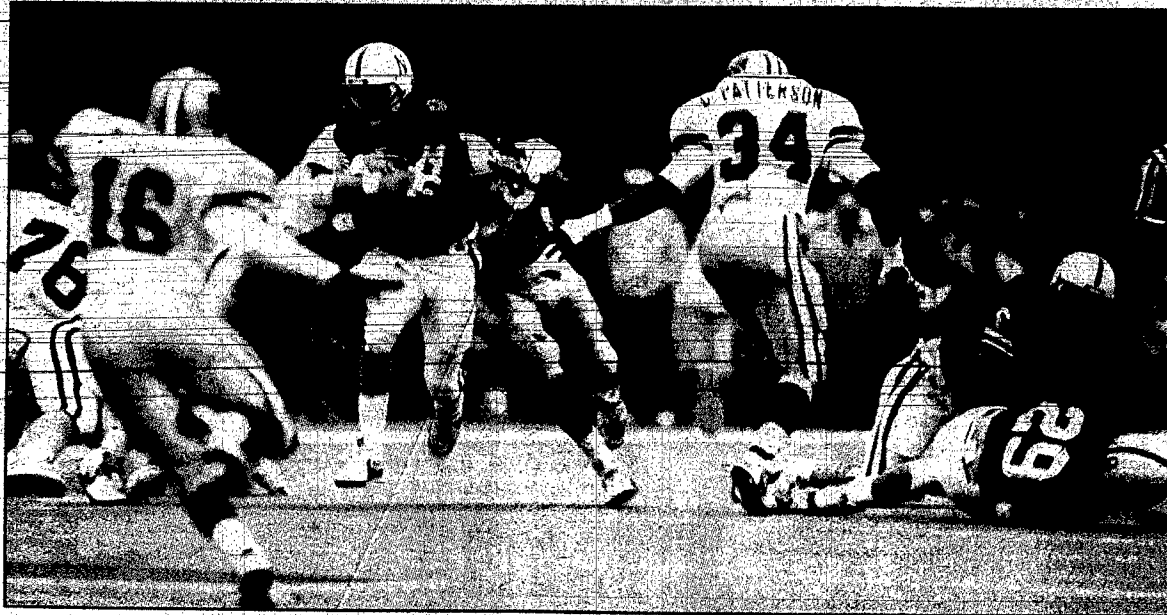
But not nearly enough. Sports Illustrated wrote a long article about K-State, the "losingest" major-college program in the country over the years. So what sport was there in Nebraska's 58-7 mauling Saturday, an annual event?

The only question was whether Kansas State could score late against NU's lower units, perhaps cutting the final margin to 44 points and beating the 45 1/2-point betting spread. The Wildcats could not.

It's futile. If K-State had some hope to become average in the foreseeable future, some light at the end of the tunnel, you could call this a game. But this?

The Wildcats kept fighting. The Huskers played them hard, with respect and dignity, not seeming to revel in what some call a "laugher."

Huskers Gain 723 Total Yards in 58-7 Win NU Rains, Pours on Kansas State



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Quarterback Gerry Gdowski, No. 14, scampers up the middle for a 6-yard gain during NU's second touchdown drive of the game... Anthony Williams, No. 92; Chris Patterson, No. 34; and Marcus Miller, No. 16, draw a bead on Gdowski, who ran for a 15-yard touchdown and threw a 41-yard scoring pass to Jon Bostick.

By Lee Barknecht
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Lincoln — With the big play back in its attack Saturday, Nebraska created its biggest yardage totals and victory margin of the season.

The Huskers gobbled up 723 yards — the fourth-biggest total in school history — in pounding Kansas State 58-7 in front of a rain-soaked crowd of 76,265 at Memorial Stadium.

Nebraska, ranked third and fourth in the national wire service polls, is 5-0 overall and 1-0 in the Big Eight. Kansas State is 1-4 and 0-1.

The Huskers chewed up the Wildcats with big plays.

Nebraska's first seven touchdowns were aided by single-play gains of 21 yards or longer. And only two of NU's scoring drives took more than seven plays.

"We did have more big plays," NU Coach Tom Osborne said. "I guess that means we executed pretty well."

"It's easier with big plays because you've got less chance to break down if you can score in five plays instead of 13. In a 13-play drive, you always worry about a penalty or a turnover."

Osborne said no special circumstances created the bigger single-play gains.

"We always try to make big plays, but some days we just don't make them," he said. "We did throw deep a little more early. We just felt we had some opportunities to do that."

I-back Ken Clark ran for 166 yards and two touchdowns in 22 carries, fullback Bryan Carpenter scored twice, split end Jon Bostick scored twice and three different quarterbacks threw touchdown passes in one game for the first time since 1982.

Kansas State's lone consolation was scoring its first touchdown against Nebraska since 1984.

The Huskers wasted their first big play of the game. Clark blasted 30 yards on NU's second scrimmage play and added two 8-yard runs to help push the ball to the K-State 9.

But Gdowski — hit as he threw — saw his first pass flutter into the hands of Wildcat defensive back Marcus Miller at the 8.

After three plays, wingback Richard Bell provided the big play to jump start the offense.

His 24-yard punt return put the Huskers in business at the KSU 41. After five straight gains of at least 6 yards, Clark barreled in from the 2, Gregg Barrios kicked the extra point and Nebraska led

Emporia Rocks Kearney Early to Open 34-7 Win

By Mike Patterson
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Kearney, Neb. — The Emporia State Hornets stung Kearney State early Saturday afternoon in a 34-7 football victory.

Emporia, ranked sixth in NAIA Division I, scored on its first offensive play from scrimmage and cruised past the 19th-ranked Antelopes before an estimated 3,500 at Foster Field. The Hornets are now 5-1 and the Antelopes fell to 2-3.

"They manhandled us offensively," Kearney Coach Claire Boroff said. "Our defense played admirably and did fight them, but we played poorly offensively."

The Antelopes, idle last week, found themselves playing catch-up less than

three minutes into the game. On the Hornets' first scrimmage play, wide receiver Terry White swept around the left side and scampered 57 yards for a touchdown. It took the emotion out of the Lopers and set the tone for the game.

"That first play was a big one for us," Hornets' Coach Larry Kramer said. "I saw that they came out all fired-up; but that play took a lot out of them."

Boroff said the play hurt, but it shouldn't have been a fatal blow.

"Those things are going to happen from time to time," Boroff said. "To be a good team, you've got to be able to handle adversity."

But the Antelopes' next two drives ended in an interception and a fumble.

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How Rated Teams Fared

AP/UPI	Next Opponent
1/ 1 Notre Dame played Stanford, late	Air Force
2/ 2 Miami played Cincinnati, late	San Jose State
3/ 4 Colorado defeated Missouri 49-3	Iowa State
4/ 3 Nebraska defeated Kansas State 58-7	Missouri
5/ 7 Michigan defeated Wisconsin 24-0	Michigan State
6/ 5 Tennessee played Georgia, late	Alabama Oct. 21
7/ 6 Arkansas played TCU, late	Texas Tech
8/ 12 Pittsburgh defeated Temple 27-3	Navy
9/ 8 West Virginia lost to Virginia Tech 12-10	Cincinnati Oct. 21
9/ 9 Southern Cal played Washington, late	California
11/ 10 Auburn defeated Kentucky 24-12	LSU
12/ Houston played Baylor, late	Texas A&M
13/ 10 Alabama defeated Mississippi 62-27	SW Louisiana
14/ 13 N. Carolina State defeated Mid. Tennessee 35-14	Clemson Oct. 21
15/ 14 Clemson defeated Virginia 34-20	Georgia Tech
16/ Oklahoma defeated Oklahoma State 37-15	Texas
17/ 19 Syracuse lost to Florida State 41-10	Penn State
18/ 17 Illinois played Ohio State, late	Purdue
19/ 18 Texas A&M lost to Texas Tech 27-24	Houston
20/ 15 Air Force defeated Navy 35-7	Notre Dame
21/ 16 Washington State played Oregon, late	Stanford
22/ 20 Florida State defeated Syracuse 41-10	Virginia Tech
23/ Oregon played Washington State, late	Washington
24/ Michigan State defeated Iowa 17-14	Michigan
25/ UCLA played Arizona State, late	Arizona

Injuries

They just played. But it wasn't fun to watch, especially when injured K-State players were helped off the field.

"I'm very sorry about all the injuries Kansas State had," NU Coach Tom Osborne said. "We certainly don't want them crippled up for the rest of the year."

He said the Wildcat quarterback, Straw, showed great courage under the Nebraska pressure and that he threw well despite not completing a good percentage. Some good passes, as Osborne noted, were dropped.

Kansas State has only 65 football players on scholarship, well under the limit of 95. But because teams can give only 25 scholarships per year, and because each year there are graduations, injuries and attrition, K-State has little chance of reaching 95 for many years.

Because of its football reputation, it has little chance of recruiting enough good players to Manhattan to make a dent in the Big Eight. When K-State defeated a 1-AA school, North Texas, in the final seconds the week before playing Nebraska, the school made a video and sold it for \$20 a copy.

Why not? It was the Wildcats' first victory after 30 winless games.

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Hagan Powers No. 3 Colorado To 49-3 Romp

Boulder, Colo. (AP) — Sophomore quarterback Darian Hagan ran for three touchdowns and accounted for 262 yards of total offense before leaving the game late in the first half Saturday, powering third-ranked Colorado to a 49-3 rout of Missouri.

In a Big Eight Conference opener for both teams, the 5-0 Buffaloes took command from the start. Hagan scored on runs of 9, 7 and 8 yards before the game was 10 minutes old.

The Buffs rolled to a 35-0 lead at halftime, generating 401 total yards to

Oakland Outfielder Hits Pair of Two-Run Homers Henderson's Bat Bops Blue Jays in 6-5 Win



The Associated Press

Oakland reliever Dennis Eckersley has something to shout about after wrapping up the Athletics' third win... Of the 37 teams that took a 3-1 lead in the World Series and playoffs, 30 went on to win.

Toronto (AP) — This time, Rickey didn't need to run.

Rickey Henderson trotted around the bases, instead of stealing them, with a pair of two-run homers as Oakland ended Toronto's SkyDome hex and held off the Blue Jays 6-5 Saturday for a 3-1 lead in the American League Championship Series.

"It's great to show I can do something else besides run," Henderson said. "But as one man, I don't think I can go out there and win a game by myself."

Instead, it seems like he's won all three for the Athletics and put them one victory away from the World Series for the second straight season.

"I guess Rickey beat us today with his bat instead of his legs," Toronto Manager Cito Gaston said.

Henderson made the most noise with his soft steps and Jose Canseco helped, too. He hit the longest home run in the short history of the SkyDome and added a run-scoring single. Canseco's homer was estimated at 490 feet, although many thought that guess was low.

"I think about 600, really," Henderson said. "Everybody on the bench got up to see how far it would go."

"You could cut it up and get a lot of line drives," Gaston said.

The Blue Jays lost for the first time in 12 games with the retractable roof shut.

"We have a lot of ways to win a game and we're showing that," Oakland Manager Tony La Russa said.

The Athletics led 6-2 in the seventh before Toronto rallied. The Blue Jays got a runner on base in every inning and didn't give up until Dennis Eckersley retired pinch-hitter Lee Mazzilli on a

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Credit to Big Eight

Sometimes suggestions are made that Kansas State drop out of the Big Eight, with the league then to recruit Arkansas out of the outlaw Southwest Conference.

But K-State is a league member in good standing, a longtime basketball power and a good competitor in most other sports. Its futility, its imbalance with most of the rest of the league, is in football.

No one should feel sorry for Kansas State University, a credit to the Big Eight. For the second straight year, the K-State football program has been recognized by the College Football Association as one of just 13 schools in the nation with a graduation rate exceeding 70 percent for the previous five years.

The only other Big Eight school so recognized this year is Colorado. Because you won't read any proud comments today about the Wildcats' football prowess, here's one on their academic prowess:

"The student-athletes must be complimented for their dedication," athletic director Steve Miller said a while back, "but so must the faculty, staff and administration of Kansas State for treating a learning environment second to none."

For the past 13 years, the university overall has ranked in the top one percent of American colleges and universities in the number of Rhodes Scholarships awarded to its students.

Losers?

Parity a Dream

But the football futility continues. In an ideal athletic world, teams would have rough parity and a 7-4 record would be a great season. Rarely would a college team go undefeated, and a 9-2 record heading into the national playoff tournament would make you one of the favorites for the national championship.

But there is no parity.

Yes, Nebraska went through a period of futility after World War II almost as bad as K-State's today, and then Bob Devaney came in and turned things around. Could that happen today?

It would be difficult. There is such a disparity between the top and bottom teams.

Nebraska played well Saturday, and with great sportsmanship. There was no apparent taunting or rubbing it in. Devaney and Osborne have created and sustained a great program, and in Osborne's time as head coach have received more Academic All-America awards in football than any other school.

They play smart and hit smartly, and K-State is no match.

Late Touchdown Drive Pushes Peru to Victory Over Chadron

World-Herald News Service

Chadron, Neb. — Peru State marched 77 yards for a touchdown with just under four minutes left in the game Saturday to post a 24-17 victory over Chadron State, the Eagles' first loss of the season.

The big play on the winning drive was a 48-yard pass from Nate Bradley to Cory Catterson. Catterson caught the pass at the Chadron 30, broke a pair of tackles and wasn't brought down until he reached the 2-yard line.

Peru, fullback James Jerry busted into the end zone on the next play, capping the nine-play drive and giving the Bobcats the lead with 3:52 left to play.

Chadron made one final threat, reaching the Peru 41. Eagles' quarter-

back Steward Perez, however, was dragged down a yard short of the first down on a scramble on a fourth-and-9 play.

Both teams are 5-1. Chadron is ranked ninth in NAIA Division II, and the Bobcats are 20th.

Peru, averaging 48 points, a game coming in, struck first after recovering a Chadron fumble at midfield. After a short completion, Jerry, who rushed for 111 yards on 15 carries, ran 44 yards for a 7-0 lead with 10:55 left in the first quarter.

A 48-yard field goal by Chadron's Jay Masek cut the lead to 7-3 midway through the first. The score stood until halftime.

Detmer, BYU Hold Off Wyoming

Provo, Utah (AP) — Ty Detmer passed for 337 yards and two touchdowns, and Fred Whittingham scored twice as Brigham Young defeated Wyoming 38-20 in a Western Athletic Conference game Saturday afternoon.

The Cougars, 2-0 and 4-1, outscored Wyoming 22-0 in the first half and held off a late Cowboy rally.

Detmer connected with Whittingham on a 6-yard scoring pass and the 200-pound senior fullback scampered 16 yards for another score before the game was 30 minutes old.

The Cowboys, 1-2 and 1-5, had only 91 yards total offense in the first half. Starting quarterback Peter Rowe completed only three of 12 passes for 25 yards.

Cowboy Coach Paul Roach pulled Rowe for Tom Corontzos after Rowe threw an interception to Eric Bergeson

in the first half. That was one of two interceptions by the BYU cornerback.

Corontzos helped the Cowboys rally in the second half, engineering three Wyoming scoring drives, capping two with scoring passes of 5 and 15 yards to Gordy Wood.

The second scoring pass pulled the Cowboys within 29-20 after Corontzos found wide receiver Shawn Wiggins for a two-point conversion late in the game. After that, the Cowboys tried an onside kick.

However, the Cougars, who had lost two straight to Wyoming going into the game, recovered the ball at midfield and put the game away when halfback Stacey Corley scored on a 6-yard run with 37 seconds left.

Brigham Young, which hoped to avoid losing three straight to any team for the first time in LaVell Edwards'

Bowling Green Wins With Viscounte TD

Athens, Ohio (AP) — Ron Viscounte completed a second-half rally Saturday with a 4-yard touchdown run with 44 seconds to play to lead Bowling Green to a 31-28 Mid-American Conference victory over Ohio University.

Bowling Green scored 24 straight points after Ohio had taken a 14-0 lead in the second quarter.

Bowling Green improved its record to 2-3 overall and 2-1 in the conference.