



January 1, 1974

Nebraska 19, Texas 3

Attendance - 68,500

This was a game of streaks. Texas was making its sixth consecutive trip to the Cotton Bowl. And, for the fifth straight year, the team that took a 3-0 lead lost the game. The Longhorns were unlucky enough to gain that distinction, too. For Nebraska, the Cornhuskers awarded their coach Tom Osborne with his first bowl victory. It was a convincing one, too. The fact the Huskers beat the eighth-ranked Longhorns wasn't nearly as shocking as the method in which they went about it. With the exception of a brilliant goal line stand in the closing seconds of the first half, Texas had very little to cheer about.

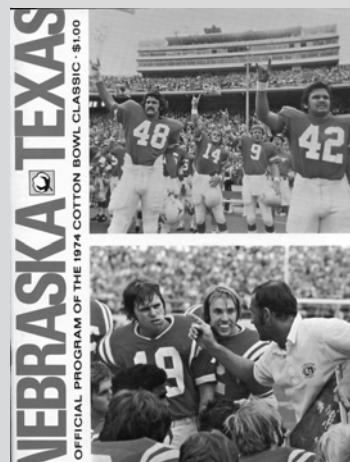
For once, Roosevelt Leaks, Texas' All-America fullback, was not a factor, unless his freakish second quarter fumble could be considered as such. The Longhorns had scored on their first possession when Billy Schott banged through a 22-yard field goal. The score was set up by a Nebraska fumble. The second period began in much the same fashion as the first. The Huskers turned the football over on an interception at their 32. Texas was ready to cash in again. Leaks gained three yards on first down, but on the next play, was hit hard and the ball shot straight up in the air. Defensive end Steve Manstedt couldn't have been in better position. Manstedt saw the ball squirt up, grabbed it and dashed 65 yards to the Texas six before the Long-

horns could drag him down. The end result was Rich Sanger's 24-yard field goal that tied the score, at 3-3.

Seconds before the half, Nebraska was denied a golden opportunity. Moving from their own 20, the Huskers used less than four minutes to reach all the way to the Texas one. The clock was down to 1:29, more than enough time to punch the ball across. First and goal turned into second and third down, and the ball hadn't moved. Each time, the Huskers were turned away by a solid Texas wall of defenders, inspired by line-backer Wade Johnston. The final blast came from Maury Damkroger and Johnston was there to stuff him again short of the goal line as time ran out.

The second half turned into a much different game. Nebraska received inspired leadership from backup quarterback Steve Runty who led the Huskers to two third quarter scores. The first came at the 3:05 mark on Ritch Bahe's 12-yard run. A minute and a half later, Tony Davis put the Huskers ahead 16-3 on a three-yard pitchout. Sanger returned early in the fourth quarter to nail the lid shut with his 43-yard field goal that made it 19-3.

GAME SUMMARY



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| Nebraska | 0 | 3 | 13 | 3 | - | 19 |
| Texas | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | - | 3 |

First Quarter:

Texas-Billy Schott 22 FG, 9:30, 29 yards in 8 plays following fumble recovery by Wade Johnston

Second Quarter:

Nebraska-Rich Sanger 24 FG, 9:05, 1 yard in 4 plays following mid-air fumble recovery and return of 65 yards by Steve Manstedt

Third Quarter:

Nebraska-Ritch Bahe 12 run (Sanger kick), 3:05, 59 yards in 8 plays following missed field goal
Nebraska-Tony Davis 3 run (Sanger kick blocked by Jay Arnold), 1:23, 19 yards in 3 plays following fumble recovery by John Bell

Fourth Quarter:

Nebraska-Sanger 43 FG, 8:02, 63 yards in 13 plays following punt

OUTSTANDING PLAYERS

Tony Davis, Nebraska
Wade Johnston, Texas

COACHES

Tom Osborne, Nebraska
Darrell Royal, Texas

WEATHER

Partly cloudy, 30 degrees

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GAME STATISTICS

| TEAM STATS | Neb | Texas | RUSHING |
|------------------------------|--------|--------|---|
| First Downs | 21 | 11 | Nebraska - Davis 28-106, Humm 6-29, Powell 6-27, Bahe 7-26, Damkroger 5-19, Runty 1-16, O'Leary 1-7, Moran 1-2, Everett 2-3, Westbrook 1-5. |
| Rushing | 14 | 6 | Texas - Akins 15-44, Leaks 13-48, Bennett 2-12, Aboussie 3-8, Clayborn 2-5, Presley 2-(-11). |
| Passing | 5 | 1 | PASSING |
| Penalty | 2 | 1 | Nebraska - Humm 5-13-2, 75 yards; Runty 2-4-0, 16 yards. |
| Rushes-Net Yards | 58-240 | 37-106 | Texas - Akins 0-4-1; Presley 7-13-1, 90 yards. |
| Net Yards Passing | 91 | 90 | RECEIVING |
| Passes | 7-17-2 | 7-17-2 | Nebraska - Bahe 2-35, Anderson 1-20, Damkroger 1-16, Longwell 1-12, Davis 2-8. |
| Total Plays | 75 | 54 | Texas - Alford 3-32, Moore 1-20, Clayborn 2-18, Kelly 1-20. |
| Total Net Yards | 331 | 196 | |
| Fumbles-Lost | 3-1 | 6-3 | |
| Penalties-Yards | 4-51 | 2-30 | |
| Punts-Average | 3-40.0 | 4-39.8 | |
| INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS | | | |
| PUNTING | | | |
| Nebraska - Sanger 3-40.0 | | | |
| Texas - Dean 4-39.8. | | | |