

Cornhusker RB kicked off of team

Lawrence Phillips was arrested Sunday night for allegedly beating his ex-girlfriend.

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — Lawrence Phillips, the star Nebraska running back who scored four touchdowns Saturday, was arrested Sunday night for allegedly beating his ex-girlfriend and was thrown off the football team.

"We will do everything we can to help him get his life back together, but he is dismissed from the football team effective immediately," coach Tom Osborne said. Phillips allegedly attacked the woman early Sunday morning at a Lincoln apartment. The incident was reported at about 4:45 a.m., Lt. Kent Woodhead said. The player surrendered to police at about 8:15 p.m. and was released about 45 minutes later on 10 percent of a \$1,000 bond, or \$100.

Woodhead said Phillips allegedly hit the woman inside and outside her apartment. The woman was not hospitalized or seriously injured.

"Allegedly, he was dragging her and hitting her in the apartment or hallway," Woodhead said.

Phillips was arrested on suspicion of misdemeanor

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The Deion Derby: Good business or bad ethics?

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The next time billionaire Bill Gates is feeling a little depressed, he might want to call Dallas and ask Deion Sanders how he does it.

Sanders, the premier defensive player in the NFL, is also the smartest businessman in the country.

The "Deion Derby," as it was so dubbed by the media, ended Saturday morning when Sanders signed with the Cowboys for somewhere between five and seven years and a total value between \$25 and \$30 million dollars. Sanders' signing bonus alone was an NFL-record at \$12 million.

Genius. Pure genius. Sanders has packaged himself as the best thing to happen to any team with money to spend. He has exploited the NFL system of free agency by offering his prodigious talents to the highest bidder possible. Deion Sanders is a smart man.

Football purists can argue that the free-agent bidding wars are hurting football, allowing some teams to buy the very best players possible, while the rest of the league settles into mediocrity.

This simply is not true. The last two Super Bowl winners, the Dallas Cowboys

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Do I hear 20, anyone? Anyone? Thirty? Forty? Forty million dollars, that is.

The scene around the National Football League seems to have players sitting on the auction block being sold to the highest bidder like slabs of meat.

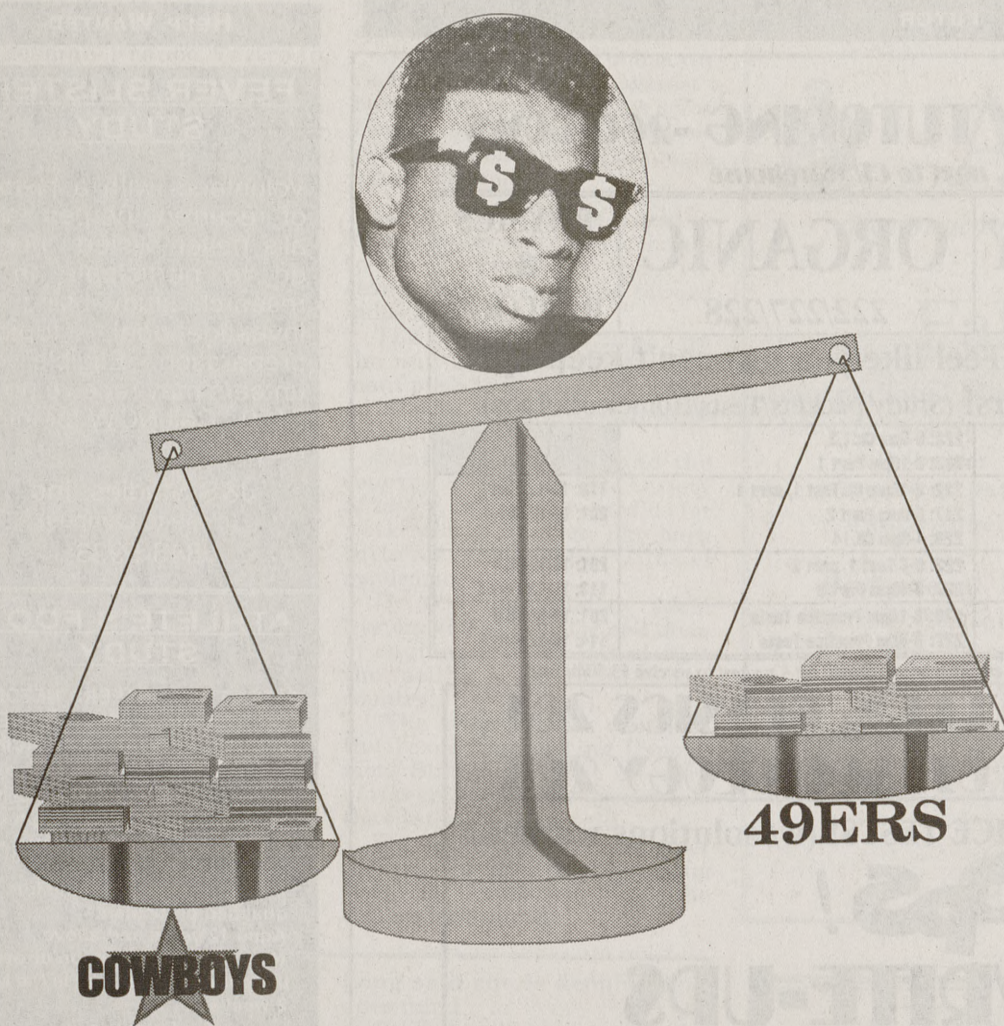
They aren't human anymore, simply animals that can run fast and catch a ball made out of pigskin.

The latest player to be auctioned off is everyone's favorite egomaniac, "Neon" Deion Sanders. During the past couple of months, the question being asked around the water cooler at work is where will he go.

San Francisco, Dallas, Miami and Denver have been bidding for his services, and Deion has had the hard task of deciding which team is deserving of his "services." Dallas won the bidding war for the low, low price of a \$12 million signing bonus, \$25-\$30 million dollars for five to seven years plus a free set of Ginsu knives. This season, Sanders will play only half the season. Doesn't it make you wish you could play football?

It is a sad state of affairs

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Turnovers, special teams doom Oilers



Pittsburgh Steelers 34
Houston Oilers 17



A 72-yard punt return set the tone in Pittsburgh's defeat of Houston.

HOUSTON (AP) — Pittsburgh didn't have Rod Woodson or Neil O'Donnell and the Houston Oilers made certain the Steelers didn't miss them.

Andre Hastings returned the game's first punt 72 yards for a touchdown and Mike Tomczak, subbing for the injured O'Donnell, directed the Steelers to a 34-17 victory on Sunday, benefiting

from blunders by the Oilers offense.

Hastings' return helped Pittsburgh (2-0) take a 17-3 first half lead and the Steelers made it 24-3 in the third quarter on Eric Pegram's 22-yard run with 2:51 elapsed.

The Oilers (1-1) struck back in the third quarter on a 1-yard run by Chris Chandler, who faked a handoff and rolled left untouched into the end zone with 10:53 elapsed.

But it was too late for the Oilers. The Steeler defense made plenty of errors of its own, but never let the Oilers break out.

Smith, Aikman lead Dallas past Broncos



Dallas Cowboys 31
Denver Broncos 21



Emmitt Smith rushed for 114 yards and scored his 80th career touchdown.

IRVING, Texas (AP) — After a week in which the Cowboys snagged Deion Sanders and a controversial corporate sponsor, Troy Aikman and Emmitt Smith just went out and did their usual.

Aikman accounted for three touchdowns and Smith rushed for over 100 yards and scored a touchdown Sunday as Dallas defeated the Denver Broncos 31-21.

Aikman, who gave up some of his salary this season so Sanders could squeeze under the salary cap, started slow and finished

fast as he threw two touchdown passes and jumped like a spring-board diver for another.

Smith, who needed smelling salts after a particularly hard hit, came back to score his 80th career touchdown on a 1-yard run. Smith, who had four touchdowns in a 35-0 victory Monday night over the Giants, rushed 26 times for 114 yards.

For Dallas (2-0), it was the 26th victory in the last 32 regular-season games. The contest was played at a Texas Stadium decked out with logos from Nike, the company whose sponsorship of the Cowboys angered the NFL.

John Elway threw touchdown passes of 11 and 59 yards to Anthony Miller as the Dallas secondary showed signs of needing Sanders as soon as possible.

Lady Aggies finish second in Cup

A&M upset No. 1 Stanford, then lost to Illinois in the championship game.

Staff and Wire Reports

This weekend, the Texas A&M volleyball team experienced one of wildest rollercoaster rides in school history.

Competing in the Mizuno USA Cup in Chicago, the Lady Aggies upset No. 1 Stanford, then blew a 2-0 game advantage against the University of Illinois to finish second in the tournament.

On Friday, A&M faced the defending national champion Stanford Cardinal and jumped out to a quick 2-0 lead with wins of 15-11 and 15-12.

The Cardinal then showed its championship form, winning the next two games 17-15 and 15-4 to force a decisive fifth game.

The Lady Aggies were able to regain their previous momentum and stunned Stanford, 15-12, and in front of a crowd of 1,925 to advance to the championship game.

Against Stanford, the Lady Aggies were led by senior outside hitter Andrea Williams, who was making only her second career start for A&M. Williams led the team in kills and digs while recording a .452 hitting percentage. Another key to the Lady Aggies' victory was senior setter Suzy Wentz,

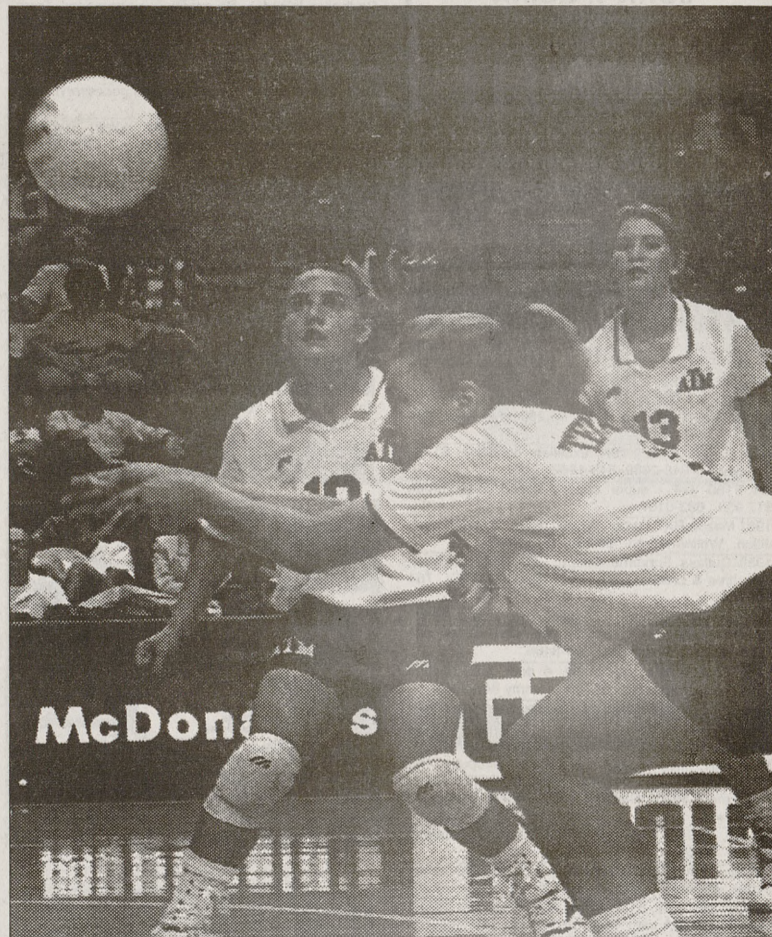
who led the team with 61 assists and a .467 hitting percentage.

The thrill of defeating the top team in the country seemed to affect the Lady Aggies early in the tournament championship game Saturday night. A&M dominated Illinois in the first two games, winning by scores of 15-1 and 15-5. But similar to the Stanford match, the Lady Aggies could not close out Illinois, and the Illini forced a fifth game for the championship.

Unlike Friday's game, A&M could not rally in the fifth game, and was defeated 15-13. Sophomore outside hitter Kristie Smedsrud was the Lady Aggies' go-to player in the Illinois match, recording 23 kills and 13 digs to go along with her .300 hitting percentage. Wentz matched her Stanford assist total of 61, but managed only three digs and no kills against the Illini.

For their exemplary play, Smedsrud and Wentz were both named to the All-Tournament Team. Illinois outside hitter Erin Burske, who recorded a staggering 29 kills and a .368 hitting percentage against the Lady Aggies, was named tournament most valuable player.

The Lady Aggies return to action on Friday when they travel to North Carolina. A&M's next home game will be Sept. 22 when the team hosts the TAMU Tournament, with Lamar, Santa Clara and Southwest Texas State expected to compete along with the Lady Aggies.



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Texas A&M senior Andrea Williams digs a ball during last week's win over Utah State while Suzy Wentz and Kristie Smedsrud look on.

Heisman Trophy Watch '95

Leeland McElroy, RB, Texas A&M: A&M did not play. Season totals: 229 yards rushing on 35 carries, three touchdowns

Warrick Dunn, RB, Florida State: Rushed for 180 yards and two touchdowns on 12 carries. Season totals: 304 yards, two touchdowns on 21 carries.

Lawrence Phillips, RB, Nebraska: Rushed for 206 yards and four touchdowns on 22 carries. Season totals: 359 and seven touchdowns on 34 carries.

Danny Kannell, QB, Florida State: Completed 13 of 27 passes for 170 yards and two touchdowns. Season totals: 34-54 for 445 yards and three touchdowns.

Keyshawn Johnson, WR, USC: Caught eight passes for 124 yards. Season total: same.

