## NAU Tramples Hiram Scott, 37-7

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FLAGSTAFF—How can a football team fumble 14 times, lose it on six occasions, have three pass interceptions and 126 penalty yards and still win 37-7?

The Northern Arizona Lumberjacks did it yesterday, but they can hardly be proud. They were fortunate to play a young, inexperienced team like Hiram Scott College of Scottsbluff, Neb.

THE LUMBERJACK dressing room after the game was not indicative of a victor. Coach Andy MacDonald's gums were nearly bleeding from gnashing his teeth all afternoon before a Moms and Dads Day crowd of 7,000 fans.

Although NAU evened its season mark at 4-4, the win

was costly. One of the team's best players, tailback Sonny Campbell, suffered a severe injury to his left arm in the second quarter and is out for the remaining two games.

Trainer John Alvarez said Campbell broke a bone in his left arm, dislocated his wrist and chipped a bone. He was treated at Flagstaff Community Hospital. Last week the Axers lost tackle Ed Duley with a broken jaw and tight end Steve Maier with a sprained ankle.

STILL, THE LOGGERS had enough to beat a game bunch of kids from Nebraska.

NAU quarterback Mike Olson had 312 yards passing (Coach MacDonald felt he should have had three times that much). Anyway, it was good enough for a school record; Mike owned the previous one of 255 against

Northern Illinois earlier this season.

Lumberjack drive after drive was halted by bobbles (was the ball really that slippery?)

NAU FINALLY got its offense rolling late in the first quarter when Olson hit tight end Rusty Tillman with a 27-yard pass for a touchdown. Four minutes into the second period Roy Whalen came off the bench to replace the injured Campbell and scored from 11 yards out.

The TD was set up on a 42-yard pass, Olson to Tillman.

The fighting Scotts got mad at that point and charged 78 yards in seven plays for their only touchdown. Quarterback Ken Kinsey, roughed up all after-

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noon by a big Axer front line, hit freshman Ray Thomas from 12 yards out on fourth down.

OLSON THEN directed a march from the NAU 17 for the Axers' third touchdown before the half. He collected 34 yards himself on a busted pass play, thanks to a block by fullback Lacey Colter. And flanker Bob Grey made a leaping catch of an Olson pass from seven yards out.

On the ensuing kickoff the Scotts' Lou Rawls picked up the bouncing ball, stepped back into the end zone and was creamed for a safety. It ended at the half, 22-7, NAU.

The Axers fumbled away the ball three times in the third quuarter. Senior linebacker Ernie Redmond

helped the NAU cause when he recovered a Nebraska bobble.

THE LOGGERS got on the scoreboard again on the first play of the fourth quarter when Whalen got in from the one. Whalen also ran in the conversion for two.

Freshman Tony Booker provided the Axers with their finale. He intercepted a pass at midfield and ran to the Hiram Scott three. On the first scrimmage play, with 15 seconds left in the game, Booker carried it home.

Defensively, NAU looked sharp despite the absence of Duley and tackle Mark Lomas, who played sparingly because of the flu. Line standouts were Steve Holmes,

Redmond, Mike Boettcher and Ed Kelly.

BUT THAT offense? Six lost fumbles answers the question.

Tillman, the Avondale junior who doubles at defensive end, was the most consistent player for NAU. He caught a TD pass and set up two others off four catches for 148 yards. He also punted twice for a 55-yard average.

And flanker Charlie Brown was keen for the second straight Saturday, nabbing eight passes for 75 yards.



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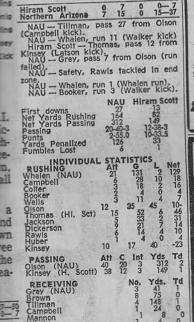
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