

First Half Is Too Much for Iowa State

Claridge, Ross, Line Lead 36-22 Win before 34,000 Fans on Threatening Day, North Carolina State To Test Undeclared Huskers Next Saturday, Band Day

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Nebraska decided to beat the band a week early, as it swamped Iowa State last Saturday, 36-22, with a tremendous first half outburst.

North Carolina State comes to Lincoln next Saturday for the twenty-fifth anniversary of Band Day in the last of the non-conference games for the Huskers.

The game witnessed by 34,000 fans who braved threatening wather, left the Huskers with a 3-0 record and a 1-0 conference record, going into the North Carolina State game.

Statistics

	IS	NU
First Downs	13	20
Rushing	6	14
Passing	7	6
Penalties	1	0
Total Number of Rushes	28	62
Net Yards—Rushing	147	234
Passing	70	153
Passes Attempted	14	15
Completed	7	9
Intercepted	2	0
Total Offensive Yards	217	387

Nebraska

RUSHING				
	Tri	Gain	Loss	Net
Claridge	16	61	3	58
Thornton	4	17	0	17
Powers	7	30	2	28
Johnson	9	30	8	22
Young	5	10	1	9
Ross	13	86	9	77
McCloughan	2	9	0	9
Martin	4	28	0	28
Fairman	1	0	15	-15
Bonistall	1	0	10	-10

PASSING				
	Att.	Comp.	Int.	Yds.
Claridge	13	9	0	153
Fairman	2	0	0	0

PASS RECEIVING				
	No.	Yds.	TD	
Powers	1	14	0	
Tomlinson	1	38	0	
Huge	4	83	1	
Johnson	1	9	0	
Egler	1	7	0	
Cornstock	1	2	0	

PUNTING				
	No.	Yds.	Avg.	
Claridge	2	40	20	

PUNT RETURNS				
	No.	Yds.		
Thuesen	1	22		
Tomlinson	1	5		

KICKOFF RETURNS				
	No.	Yds.		
Powers	1	15		
McCloughan	1	17		
Young	1	12		
Johnson	1	24		

PASS INTERCEPTIONS				
	No.	Yds.		
Troopood	1	0		
Brown	1	0		

Iowa State

RUSHING				
	Att.	Gain	Loss	Net
Switzer	2	3	4	-1
Hoppmann	20	86	15	71
Limerick	1	0	0	0
Vaughn	9	73	0	73
Kimbrough	2	7	0	7
Clayberg	1	1	0	1
Clay	1	0	2	-2

PASSING				
	Att.	Comp.	Int.	Yds.
Hoppmann	12	7	1	70
Switzer	2	0	1	0

PASS RECEIVING				
	No.	Yds.	TD	
Limerick	5	34	1	
Montree	1	13	0	
Schreiber	1	5	0	

PUNTING				
	No.	Yds.	Avg.	
Ellis	4	30	7.5	

PUNT RETURNS				
	No.	Yds.		
Limerick	1	2		

KICKOFF RETURNS				
	No.	Yds.		
Brown	2	36		
Schreiber	1	10		
Hoppmann	2	41		
Switzer	1	15		

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Nebraska has now won 45, lost 11 and led one with the Cyclones. Before last Saturday the Cornhuskers had won four of the last seven games, even though the Cyclones held the point bulge for the last seven encounters, 74-55.

The Huskers won the game without the services of Bill (Thunder) Thornton for more than three quarters. Thornton sprained his ankle in the waning minutes of the first quarter.

Dennis Stuewe, the Huskers' determined halfback, did not see action due to a sprained ankle which he suffered in the Michigan game.

Dennis Claridge once again led the Huskers to a hard-fought win with fine running, passing and signal calling.

Huskers Score First
The first time the Huskers had their hands on the ball, they marched 70 yards for their first of four touchdowns in the first half.

It took the Huskers 18 plays and seven minutes and 48 seconds as Nebraska pounded away through the determined Cyclones.

The tough Husker line pushed the Iowa State line all over the field as the Huskers backed carried the ball to paydirt.

Thornton, starting his first game of the season, slammed ten yards up the middle to put the Huskers near the mid-stripe before Claridge passed to Warren Powers for 15 more yards.

Claridge found Jim Huge in the open four plays later and hit him with a pass on the Husker 22-yard line.

Rudy Johnson and Thornton then pecked their way

through the Cyclone line in four consecutive plays to put the ball on the fly.

Claridge then ran the ball to the six before going into the end zone for the first of his three touchdowns.

The Cyclones failed to move the ball and the Huskers marched right down the field again for their second touchdown.

Willie Ross started the 80-yard drive with a 20-yard scamper to the NU 40, before Claridge passed to left end Larry Tomlinson for 38 more yards.

Once again the Huskers ground out the final yardage to goal line with Powers scoring the touchdown with 3:06 remaining in the first quarter.

With about three minutes gone in the second quarter the Huskers started another march for the goal line which ended with Claridge slipping around the right side of the line for the TD with 8:12 remaining in the second quarter.

In this drive the Huskers were aided when the Cyclones were called for pass interference on their own six-yard line.

Ross took a pitchout from Claridge and went the three yards for two extra points, making the score at this point 22-0.

The Huskers scored again one minute later as Tomlinson gobbled up a fumble by Dave Hoppmann, Iowa State's candidate for All-American



Willie Ross faces an opposing Cyclone as Warren Powers (20) drops would-be tackler. (Photo by Pixie Smallwood)

honor, on the Iowa State 44. Claridge promptly upped the score to 28-0 as he rifled a perfect pass to Huge who had faked the Cyclone secondary beautifully, caught the pass and skipped into the end zone.

Hoppmann then proceeded to help put the Cyclones into the scoring column with his running and passing before Tom Vaughan, Iowa State's soph flash from Troy, O., went up the west sideline and danced into the corner of the end zone for a 22-yard scoring jaunt.

Three plays later Claridge ran a quarterback sneak for the final Cornhusker touchdown with 11:17 remaining to put the game on ice.

Hoppmann engineered the last Cyclone scoring effort by running or passing the ball in 13 straight plays, including a scamper over the left side of the line from the three-yard line for the final TD.

As was expected, Missouri used its usually sound defense and sophomore sensation, Johnny Roland, to defeat the University of Arizona, 17-7. Roland was almost half of Missouri's offense, gaining 92 yards of the Tiger's total offensive production of 192.

Oklahoma State, helped by the bouncing ball, defeated the Golden Hurricanes of Tulsa, 17-7. With the score tied 7-7, an OSU punt hit in the Tulsa end zone and bounced out to the one-yard line.

In Seattle the Washington Huskies wouldn't even let the Kansas State Wildcats score, defeating the Big Eight visitors, 41-0. Kansas State has a yet to score this season.

Big Eight Has Busy Day; High Scoring Dominates

The Nebraska Cornhuskers and the Kansas Jayhawks kept their scoreboard operators busy Saturday afternoon as both teams celebrated their Big Eight Conference opening day shows with high-scoring displays.

The Huskers, not wanting to prove Cyclone Coach Clay Stapleton wrong, pleased Nebraska fans with a 36-22 win, while the Kansans were out-running Colorado, 35-8.

The Jayhawks started slowly, scoring only one touchdown in the first half, but almost flew the second, getting two touchdowns within 3 1/2 minutes in the third quarter.

Gale Sayers supplied a great deal of the excitement, gaining 122 yards and scoring on a 14-yard run.

Coaches Comments

Coach Bob Devaney commented in the dressing room of victorious Nebraska, "Anytime we beat a team by two touchdowns we don't need to apologize. (referring to NU's second half letdown). They hit us just before the first half ended with a maneuver—an option play—that we weren't looking for and that momentum carried over into the second half."

"Iowa State is not as bad a ball club as it looked in the first half. We just build up momentum when we carried through the first touchdown drive."

"Iowa state is stronger than Michigan—anyway, Iowa State is more advanced than Michigan at this point in the season."

Claridge was singled out by Devaney for outstanding back field play. He also praised Vaughn and Hoppmann of Iowa State for fine play.

Devaney's feelings on the game could be summed up in his statement—"I was really proud of the team and they did a fine job. There were mistakes made but not major ones."

In the dressing room of defeated Iowa State, Coach Clay Stapleton commented, "We were simply beaten by a better ball club. Nebraska is as good as I said they would be."

"I maintained all along that they were the team to beat. They have the material to go the distance for the Big Eight title."

Stapleton also had praise for Claridge and called him a "fine quarterback."

When asked about Nebraska's lines Stapleton stated, "Nebraska's line was strong and aggressive—I'd like to have some of the Nebraska linemen."

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