



Gregg Bohlig [right] connected with teammate Jeff Mack on a 77-yard pass play in the Huskers' 21-20 loss to Wisconsin.

Huskers upset by Badgers

Opinion by Steve Taylor

Nebraska's first road game of the season ended in disaster Saturday as Wisconsin upset the fourth-ranked Huskers 21-20.

The victory, before 73,361 frantic fans established the Badgers as definite Rose Bowl contenders while raising a gigantic question about Nebraska's football prospects this year. Only seven days earlier the Huskers had looked like national champions when they pounded Oregon into submission.

Despite all the locker room talk of execution and preparedness, it was one play that decided the outcome of the regionally televised affair.

Had the 77-yard touchdown pass to Jeff Mack never connected, Nebraska would have won the game and remained ranked in the top five nationally. But it did and it will be the usually anonymous Badgers who will bask in the limelight this week.

The Huskers blazed off to a fast start on the overcast afternoon by marching 76 yards the second time they got their second hands on the ball.

Don Westbrook twisted for his third touchdown of the year on a dazzling 22-yard run to cap the drive. Westbrook peeled off several defenders on the jaunt prompting one Wisconsin writer to yell, "What kind of tackling is this?" The same writer predicted a good portion of the Wisconsin fans would go home if Nebraska scored again in the first quarter.

The Huskers were well on their way to the goal line in their next possession when David Humm was injured running the option. Humm tried to remain in the game, but a few plays later pain forced him to the sidelines and Nebraska had lost its field general.

The two teams traded touchdowns in the second quarter and the score at

halftime was 14-7. John O'Leary, who was playing with a fractured jaw, got the Husker score on a six-yard run.

Little did any of the 8,000 Husker fans in Camp Randall Stadium realize that this was to be Nebraska's last TD of the game.

The second half was mostly a defensive struggle with both teams slugging it out for field position. Nebraska's offensive gears were grinding but it never appeared that the Huskers were in danger of losing the game. Mike Coyle's 22-yard field goal with 4:21 left in the game made it 20-14.

Less than a minute later, one lightning thrust turned lackluster victory into a heartbreaking defeat for the Huskers.

On a second down and 16 situation Badger quarterback Gregg Bohlig rolled to his right and lofted a pass to his flanker, Jeff Mack.

Mack made the catch and, horror of horrors, there was no one between him and the endzone. He raced unmolested down the sidelines to the accompaniment of the ecstatic crowd to tie the game. The extra point made it 21-20, Wisconsin.

Nebraskans hoping for a last-ditch rally were disappointed as two plays after the kickoff an Earl Everett pass was intercepted. The Huskers never again touched the ball.

Wisconsin had stared the Nebraska football myth right in the eye—and spit in it.

When the final gun went off, Badger fans launched into a wild and probably unexpected victory celebration. They mobbed the players, mobbed each other and talked of conquests to come.

For Nebraska, it is time to pick up the pieces and prove they are a team still capable of winning the Big 8.

Viewers sound off

Nobody likes to lose, especially people in Nebraska.

Sitting around the television Saturday watching the UNL football team drop its first game of the season, I couldn't help notice the different ways the guys in the room took the loss.

First, there was the violent type, the guy who ripped his chair apart when the Badgers scored their winning touchdown. He spent the last minutes of the game stomping around the room and climaxed this display by putting his foot into the TV picture tube as the game ended.

Then there was the former athlete, the "I can do it better" type of guy who rambled on for two hours after the game telling everyone in sight what every inept player did wrong, how he would have won the game and been a star if it wasn't for his bad knee.

"I had a feeling this morning when I woke up this would happen," cried the clairvoyant. "My horoscope said to be prepared for disappointment today."

There were a bunch of guys by themselves in the corner who can always be found together.

Larry Stunkel on record

One is the "non-believer". "I can't believe it happened," he moans, then made the mistake of asking, "How did it happen?"

This sent Mr. Hindsight into action. "If they would have gone for the touchdown instead of the field goal they would have won," he said.

Now the expert spoke up. "If Nebraska would have run out of the shotgun formation, we would have killed them," he said.

Then is the familiar "I told you so" ring of the genius. "Everybody knew our secondary is lousy and the offense isn't worth a cent without Dave Humm," he said.

Finally, there was the philosopher. "Life will go on," he belched, downing his 15th can of beer before passing out.

Game comments . . .

Wisconsin fan prior to the opening kickoff: "Take off the last four letters of Badgers and that's what they are. Bad. You have nothing to worry about."

Nebraska quarterback Earl Everett: "We didn't put our foot on them when they were down. We should have mashed them to the ground."

Wisconsin quarterback Gregg Bohlig: "I knew we had them in the second half."

Wisconsin coach John Jardine: "I don't think we were lucky to win the game. Actually, Nebraska got quite a few good breaks."

Nebraska coach Tom Osborne: "We thought they'd be tough and they were."

Soccer team wins

The UNL Soccer team recorded its first victory of the season Saturday in besting York College 8-2. The game was played at Memorial Stadium in Lincoln.

Dave Egr scored the first of his three goals to get UNL on the scoreboard after they had fallen behind 2-0. After that the rout was on as Tyrgue Fekjan connected on three goals and Harry Witt and Tim Lommasson each scored one.

It was UNL's second game of the season. Two weeks ago they lost to Concordia 5-1.

Their next contest is Sunday at Tarkio.

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