

# Sports

## Husker frosh shut out Iowa State 56-0

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Forgive Nebraska football coach Tom Osborne if he appeared a bit jealous following the Cornhusker freshman team's 56-0 victory over the Iowa State junior varsity Monday at Memorial Stadium.

Osborne, who was forced to watch a mistake-filled contest on Saturday by the Husker varsity which lead to a 17-13 loss to Florida State, looked on in envy as coach Dan Young's freshman team rolled up 515 total yards on offense while holding the Cyclone offense to only 97 total yards enroute to winning their season opener.

"Overall, I was pretty well pleased," Young said. "Both of our quarterbacks (Steve Taylor and Mike Preston) did a good job and we got good play from all four of our running backs."

Husker Chris Drennan's opening kickoff was the first of three to go through the end zone.

The Nebraska defense then set the tone for the day when it held Iowa State to minus five yards on its first three offensive plays.

Facing a fourth down and 15 from their own 15 yard line, the Cyclones elected to punt but the snap was fumbled by Iowa State punter Chris Zanders.

Linebacker Brad Ferguson recovered the loose ball at the Cyclone eight and from there it took the Husker offense only one play to score as I-back Dave Clare scored on a perfectly executed sweep play.

Drennan then added the extra point to put the freshmen on top 7-0.

Iowa State then took the ball on their own twenty and punted after losing eight yards on four downs.

"We don't have the same advantage as these guys because we only practiced for two days," ISU graduate assistant coach Jim Gush said. "All of our guys were redshirts or freshmen and we even had a lot of walk-ons, but we were still expecting a closer game."

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Following a punt by Zanders, Nebraska took control offensively at their own 45-yard line and needed only seven plays to reach the end zone.

The big play in the series was a 37-yard pass from Taylor to split-end Chip Bahe which put the Huskers at the Cyclone five-yard line.

Taylor then raced into the end zone from the one-yard line following a four-yard run by Clare to stake Nebraska to a 13-0 lead with 7:41 left in the first quarter. The extra point attempt by Drennan was no good.

"Steve (Taylor) looked sharp throwing the ball, he's a good athlete," Young said. "We

played pretty intense the whole first half."

Iowa State then crossed the fifty-yard line for the only time in the entire first half when Cyclone quarterback Bobby Petersen hit tight end Dave Benoit with a 23-yard pass play to the Nebraska 46.

The Husker defense, which limited the Cyclone rushing attack to just one net yard rushing, then halted the drive as they sacked Petersen for a seven-yard loss on a third and ten situation.

Following another punt by Zanders, Nebraska took over on its own 35 and needed only one play to increase their lead to 21 when Tyrese Knox ran 66 yards for a touchdown. Knox followed with a two point conversion run.

Things got worse for the Cyclones as running back Paul Thibodeaux fumbled on Iowa State's next possession and monsterback Tom Trueblood recovered for Nebraska.

The Iowa State defense then came up with one of their few big plays of the game when they held the Cornhuskers on a fourth and two conversion from the nine-yard line.

On Iowa State's second possession, following the goal-line stand, Petersen fumbled into the end zone when Trueblood jarred the ball loose after a bone-crushing hit.

Monsterback Ray Valladao then fell on the loose ball and Drennan again added the extra point to extend Nebraska's lead to 28-0 at the end of the first quarter.

"Our kids were great, all throughout the game," defensive coordinator Scott Downing said. "They were ready to play today."

Reserve Cyclone quarterback Seth Ramsey then took control of the Iowa State offense but wasn't able to get the offense going as the Cyclones netted zero yards on three offensive series.

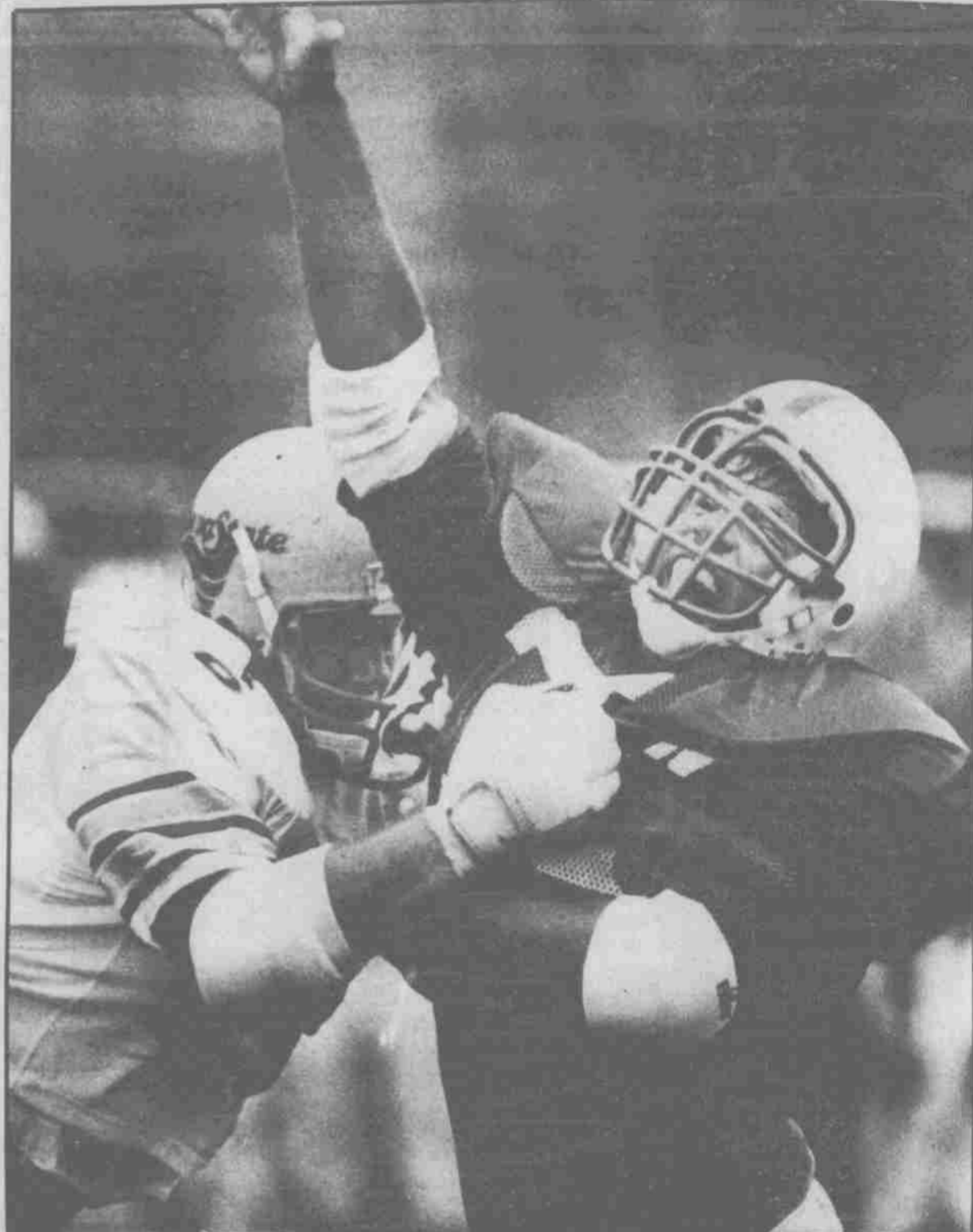
Young then inserted the second team and they promptly drove 55 yards in seven plays to take a commanding 35-0 lead with 12:47 in the half.

A Preston to tight end Bump Novacek pass which covered 22 yards proved to be the big play in the series.

Following the insuing kickoff, Iowa State fumbled on its very first possession from scrimmage and Dan McCardle recovered for Nebraska at the Cyclone 19-yard line.

Back-up quarterback Jerry Mlinar then engineered Nebraska's final score of the first half as he scampered 11 yards to the Cyclone six and Clare then scored his second touchdown of the game when he scampered three yards on an option play from Mlinar to post Nebraska to a 42-0 half-time lead.

The second half proved to be nearly not as exciting as the first half was for the 5,013 Nebraska fans on hand as the Cornhuskers netted only two more scores to bring the game to its final 56-0 outcome.



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Nebraska Frosh Tye Doll battles an Iowa State lineman during a pass rush attempt Monday afternoon. The Husker freshmen defeated the Iowa State junior varsity 56-0.

With its first team back in the game, Nebraska scored a touchdown midway through the third quarter when Taylor, who was four of five passing for 89 yards while running for 19 yards including a pair of touchdowns, directed a 10-play, 76-yard drive to give the Huskers a 49-0 lead.

"We tried to get something out of the second half which we did because we go to play everybody," Young said. He praised the play of Fryar, defensive end Broderick Thomas and linebacker LeRoy Etienne. "We had a couple of

chances where we could have easily given up a touchdown but we came through."

Iowa State did mount serious scoring threats at the end of the third and fourth quarters but the Husker defense rose to the occasion and stopped both drives on fourth down attempts.

Running back Ken Clark, who lead all rushers with 119 yards on 14 carries, then closed out the scoring for the game when he ran six yards for the games final score which capped off an 11 play, 86-yard drive.

## ISU hopes to bounce back from dismal season

By Patrick Wyatt  
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The Iowa State football team finished with a 2-7-2 record last season, with both wins coming from the non-conference part of the season. The 1984 Cyclones were the first ISU team in 20 years to fail to win a conference game.

The Cyclones could be much improved in 1985. The team lost less than half of their starters, returning six on offense and seven on defense.

This year's Cyclone team could have a powerful defensive squad. In 1983, the Iowa State defense gave up an average of 399 yards a game, 220.3 by rushing and 178.7 by passing. Last year, however, improvement came as the team gave up 297 yards a game, 160.9 on the ground and 136.1 through the air.

Leading the defensive attack is senior defensive end Lester Williams. Williams led the Big Eight defensive ends in tackles last year. Williams will be

assisted on defense by defensive end Jerry Luebbers and middle linebacker Jeff Braswell, a second team All-Big Eight selection last year.

If the Cyclones have a problem facing them this season, it's their offense. Five of their six returning offensive starters are linemen. Only one skill position player returns to the lineup, quarterback Alex Espinoza.

Controversy surrounds the absence of one Iowa State player, receiver Tracy Henderson. Henderson, an All-American,

was dismissed from the team last winter because of a series of personal problems.

Henderson holds several records at Iowa State, including most career receptions (150) and most yardage (2,048). He caught 64 passes for 941 yards and six touchdowns last season.

Last year Iowa State's 2-7-2 record didn't reflect a true assessment of its season. For example, it doesn't show that Iowa State suffered a 23-21 loss at

Colorado. It also doesn't show that they lost 16-10 to Oklahoma after a possible winning touchdown pass was dropped in the end zone.

Iowa State had its share of injuries last year and must be concerned with staying in good health this season.

The Cyclones have eight home games this season, including the first six at home before they hit the road. They travel to Oklahoma, Nebraska and Kansas State. They open the season Sept. 14 against Utah State.

## Steelers lead 'weak bunch' of AFC

Analysis by Chuck Green  
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The Central Division of the American Football Conference was, to say the least, the weakest bunch in the NFL last season. With a combined season record of 25-99, the four-team disaster became a disgrace to organized football.

Predicting the AFC-Central Division race is similar to picking the Ivy League football champion — the team which isn't quite as bad as the others will probably win.

### AFC Central Preview

Needless to say, the AFC-Central Division teams have plenty of room for improvement.

If there is one team more capable than the others of becoming the top doormat, it is the Pittsburgh Steelers. The Steelers have superior talent, but more importantly, they have evil-looking black helmets.

Just kidding, of course. The players in those

helmets will make the difference.

The defending AFC-Central champs have quarterback Mark Malone, a Tom Selleck look-alike from Arizona State who, until last season, spent most of his time holding down the bench. But 1984 was a different story. The Steelers went 7-4 under Malone's leadership, advancing to the AFC championship game, where they were blasted by Miami, 45-28. Malone completed 20 of 36 passes for 312 yards in that game.

A small but effective offensive line, led by perennial Pro Bowler Mike Webster at center, will again open holes for Walter Abercrombie and Frank Pollard. Pollard, a six-year veteran from Baylor, rushed for 851 yards last season.

Defensively, the Steelers' old trademark returns: linebackers. In 1984, two of them, Robin Cole and Mike Merriweather, made the Pro Bowl.

Perhaps the biggest reason for Pittsburgh's domination of the AFC-Central this year will be coach Chuck Noll. His cool leadership and raw determination may one day return the Steelers to what they were throughout the '70s: the most feared and respected team in the NFL. But this

resurgence won't come in 1985.

Should the Steelers falter, the Cincinnati Bengals could capture the division title.

Ken Anderson, a 15-year veteran and the greatest quarterback in the Bengals' history, is back at the helm. Anderson, who is 36-years old, will probably be in fine form, despite comments from his critics, who write him off every year.

Statistics also show that Anderson plays better football when Chris Collinsworth is in the line-up. Last spring, the USFL's Tampa Bay Bandits decided that the all-star wide receiver wasn't worth his price, a break for the Bengals' offensive attack.

Cincinnati's offensive line will be one of the biggest in the league as well as one of the most experienced.

The Bengals' stop-troops feature the best line in the division. End Ross Browner tallied 48 solo tackles in 1984 and should continue successfully this season. There is also experience on the linebacking roster with nine-year veteran Reggie Williams.

The remaining two teams in the AFC-Central

are there only to serve as a lesson for future recruiters. The Cleveland Browns and the Houston Oilers both have strong and weak points, as does any team. But in both cases, the weak points undermine the strong points.

The Browns acquired former Miami University sensation Bernie Kosar, as well as Florida State All-American running back Greg Allen. Trouble is, Cleveland has the worst offensive line in the division.

The Houston Oilers, however, have more offensive linemen than they know what to do with. They also have Warren Moon, one of the greatest potentials at quarterback since Dan Fouts. Add to this list Mike Rozier, who has a chance to become the only player to rush for 1,000 yards twice in the same calendar year. Rozier rushed for 1,361 yards with the Jacksonville Bulls in the USFL last spring.

So what's wrong? Try to name one defensive starter for Houston. If you did, give yourself a gold star. The Oilers' defense is as unknown to the world as their coach. (No, I don't know who he is, either).