

# Sports

## OSU penalties fire up NU defense

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Nebraska's 30-10 Homecoming victory over Oklahoma State Saturday night had all the makings of a good hockey game.

The weather certainly gave the 76,041 fans on hand at Memorial Stadium visions of winter sports. The 39-degree temperature at kickoff and the 35 mph gusts of wind from the north combined with the blowing and freezing rain to make playing and watching conditions miserable.

The mood of the crowd also added to a hockey game atmosphere as the fans were screaming for blood midway through the third quarter.

But it was the source of the fans' hostile attitudes that made the game.

Midway through the third quarter, with the No. 3 ranked Cornhuskers leading 21-10, tempers heated up on the field. With 7:40 remaining in the third quarter, Oklahoma State All-American safety Mark Moore hit Nebraska quarterback Steve Taylor after he had gone out of bounds. The tackle knocked Taylor out of the game for 2 1/2 minutes and brought the first of four personal foul penalties against the Cowboys.

The tackle also nearly started a brawl.

"Fortunately, none of our guys swung," Nebraska coach Tom Osborne said. "You definitely don't want any offsetting penalties. We tell our guys all the time, if you swing back and hit someone in the facemask or the helmet, you're not going to hurt them, but you'll sure hurt the team."

Clete Blakeman quickly replaced Taylor and became the next target for Oklahoma State. But not before, Oklahoma State strong safety Mike Hudson drew the second personal foul of the series three plays later when he kicked

Nebraska I-back Keith Jones after Jones had been tackled. The penalty put the Huskers at the 1-yard line.

The third personal foul came on the next play. After Blakeman scored, he was knocked down five yards into the end zone by Moore, who was flagged for his second personal foul.

But it wasn't over yet.

Before the end of the quarter, Oklahoma State linebacker Sim Drain was flagged for slamming Taylor to the artificial turf after he'd thrown an incomplete pass.

Before the game turned into a shoving match, though, Nebraska started the game by scoring on a 1-yard run by Jones with 10:37 remaining in the opening period.

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The run capped an eight-play, 40-yard drive, aided heavily by wingback Dana Brinson's 58-yard return of the opening kickoff.

Jones finished the game with 85 yards and two touchdowns on 14 carries to lead all rushers.

One minute and 40 seconds later, Nebraska scored again on split end Rod Smith's 63-yard punt return. Dale Klein's extra point made the score 14-0, Nebraska.

"It's been so long since I've scored, I was wondering if I could still break a punt return," Smith said, "but now I know I've still got it."

"I just went with my instincts and I don't think they were ready for what we did," Smith continued. "There was a good block early (in the return), but I don't know who it was. I stepped to the

inside and they over-pursued and I just took off."

The score came with 8:17 remaining in the second quarter and appeared to signal the beginning of a rout. The rout seemed even more inevitable given the ineffectiveness of the Cowboy offense. Oklahoma State netted only 1 yard on three rushes on its first offensive series and only 49 yards of total offense during the first quarter. Oklahoma State raised its offensive total to 166 by half-time. The Cowboys only gained 63 total yards in the second half, due partly to the mood of the defense after the personal foul penalties against Oklahoma State in the third quarter.

"We don't appreciate teams coming in here and knocking our boys around," Nebraska defensive end Broderick Thomas said. "The little foolish things that were going on had no business out there. When they take shots at our quarterback and I-back, things that could keep us from winning the Big Eight or national championship or whatever... they need to take their loss and get out of here. We own this place."

Linebacker Marc Munford led all Husker tacklers with 11 stops, five of which were unassisted. Middle guard Danny Noonan, tackle Chris Spachman and Thomas all had eight tackles.

"We were really aggressive tonight," linebacker Kevin Parsons said. "That little freshman (Oklahoma State quarterback Mike Gundy) was scared to death. We were crushing him."

Nebraska, on the other hand, rolled up 333 yards of offense including 287 on the ground. Taylor completed only three of nine passes for 46 yards and threw two interceptions both in the first half.

Taylor's first interception came with 1:27 left in the first quarter when a pass intended for Smith was underthrown and picked off by Oklahoma State's Jerry Deckard. Deckard was also the recipient of Taylor's second interception with 12:32 left in the second quarter. Deckard cut in front of Jones on a pass back across the field and took the ball 45 yards untouched into the end



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Oklahoma State receiver Hart Lee Dykes is pulled down by Nebraska cornerback Charles Fryar after an incomplete pass Saturday.

zone for Oklahoma State's first and only touchdown of the game.

"That was really a shame," Osborne said of Taylor's second interception. "Steve had his confidence shaken with the (second) interception. He didn't have a good rhythm tonight. It was a tough night to play quarterback."

It was an especially tough night for Oklahoma State quarterbacks, as Gundy and backup Ronnie Williams, the Cowboys starter last year, were sacked four times in the game.

After Deckard's interception for a touchdown, the Cowboys added a 27-yard field goal by Joey O'Donnell to cut the Huskers' lead to 14-10 with 4:42 left before halftime.

Nebraska answered with a Jones touchdown just two minutes later. The 5-yard run capped a four play, 61-yard drive. A 47-yard run by Jones to start the drive was the key play of the drive.

After Blakeman's touchdown, it was the Nebraska defense's turn to score. After Oklahoma State failed to gain yardage from their own 9-yard line, a penalty moved the Cowboys back to the

5-yard line. Two plays later, Gundy was sacked by Thomas. Gundy fumbled and the ball was recovered in the end zone by Oklahoma State's center Mike Zentic. Zentic is the son of Lincoln East High School football coach Lee Zentic.

Thurman Thomas led Oklahoma State ball carriers with 33 yards on 22 carries. Osborne said he was pleased with the participation of the crowd in Saturday night's game.

"The fans were really enthusiastic tonight," Osborne said. "I was afraid that nobody would show up (because of the weather and the broadcast by ESPN), but the crowd support was just excellent."

However, Osborne added that he thought the loudest the crowd got didn't equal the quietest the crowd ever was at South Carolina last weekend.

Osborne also noted that Nebraska's conservative offensive play in the second half isn't something the Huskers plan to stick to.

"We played pretty tight tonight," he said, "but we won't always be that way. We'll open it up."

## NU spikers pounce on Tigers

The No. 5 ranked Nebraska volleyball team had few problems disposing of Missouri Saturday afternoon.

Before a crowd of over 800 at the Coliseum, the Cornhuskers downed the Tigers 15-2, 15-4 and 15-1.

The day was designated as "Enid Schoneise Day." The senior from Beatrice led the Huskers with 14 kills. But she wasn't the only Husker in the spotlight.

In the first game Nebraska jumped to a commanding 11-2 lead. From there, senior All-American Karen Dahlgren took over and scored three of the last four points of the game.

The second game was no different as Nebraska controlled the Tigers from

the start. Sophomore Lori Endicott had five ace serves as Nebraska jumped out to a 6-0 lead. Endicott set a school record for a three-game match with six of the Huskers' 13 ace serves.

Nebraska finished the match by dominating Missouri in the third game, as the Huskers cleared the bench and everybody saw action.

It was the Huskers 49th conference victory in a row and raised their season record to 14-3 on the year.

Nebraska's next opponent is Kansas Tuesday in the Coliseum. Kansas is 16-3 this season and dropped a four-game match earlier in the season to Nebraska. The match is at 7:30 p.m.



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