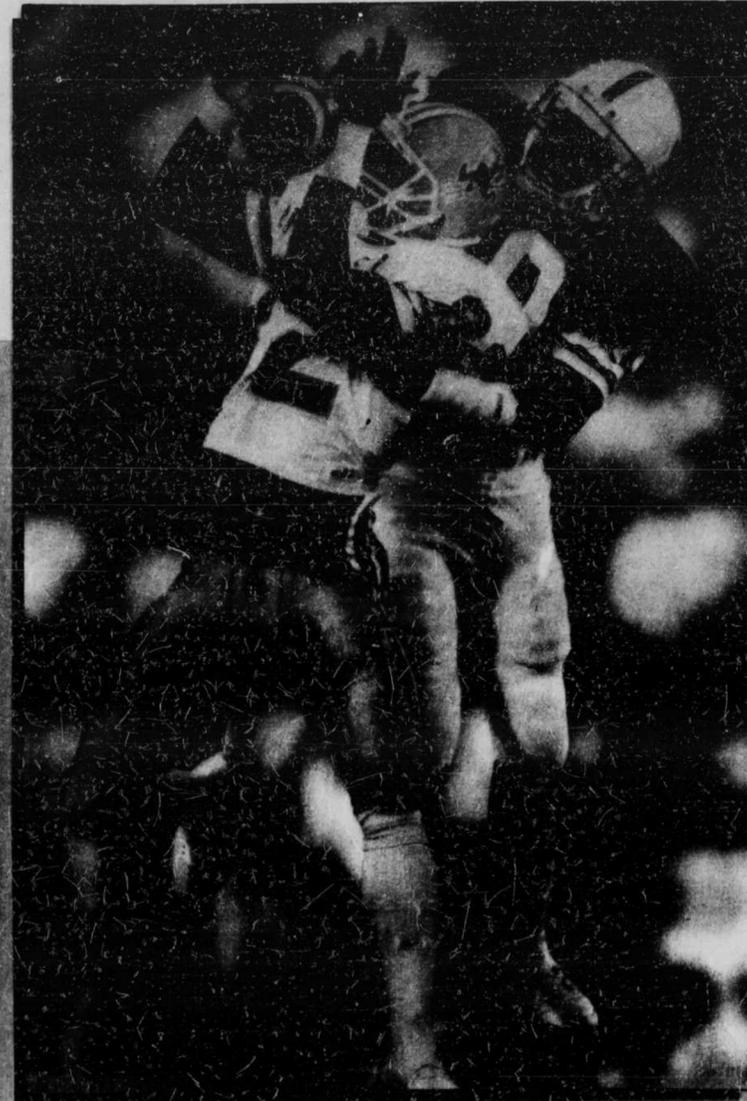


# Nebraska rebounds to bury Arizona State



## Good night turns sour for ASU

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What started out as a good evening for quarterback Danny Ford, split end Chris Garrett, and the rest of the Arizona State players, turned sour during Nebraska's 47-16 win against Arizona State in Memorial Stadium Saturday.

Ford and Garrett, both seniors, connected on a 54-yard pass for Arizona State's 1st touchdown, cutting Nebraska's lead to 9-7.

On Arizona State's next possession, Ford hit split end Leland Adams with a 46-yard pass to the Husker 3-yard line. Two plays later, Bruce Perkins went around the left end for a touchdown, giving the Sun Devils a 13-9 lead with 16 seconds left in the 1st quarter.

But the fun ended in the 2nd quarter. On a 3rd-down play early in the period, Ford missed Garrett with a sideline pass. Garrett suf-

fered a broken foot on the play, and he said he will miss four to six weeks.

Garrett said he was not exactly sure what happened on the play, but that he thought a Nebraska defensive back accidentally rolled on his foot while he was falling down. Garrett's touchdown reception was his only catch of the night. On that play, Arizona State ran a receiver down the middle at the safety and another receiver down the sideline. Garrett said the play is designed to force the safety to make a quick decision.

Nebraska's safety chose to cover the inside man, leaving Garrett free to beat Husker cornerback Lorenzo Hicks. Hicks was covering the flat, but when he saw the safety had taken the inside man, he tried to cover Garrett, but it was too late.

"(Hicks) stayed in his area at

first, and by the time he started to run with me, I had already gotten past him," Garrett said. "There was nothing he could do. The play is designed to put (the safety) in a bind....I'm not saying he made the wrong decision. It's just a tough play."

Ford completed eight of 18 passes for 176 yards with two interceptions. However, he threw for only 33 yards after halftime.

Ford figured in two prominent Sun Devil turnovers in the 3rd quarter. On the Sun Devils' 1st possession of the 2nd half, Ford ran a quarterback draw 40 yards into Nebraska territory. But Hicks knocked the ball loose and Husker safety Reggie Cooper recovered it at the Huskers' 43-yard line.

Ford and Sun Devil coach Larry Marmie both said they thought Arizona State's next turnover was controversial.

The play itself, where Ford's

pass was intercepted by Husker safety Tim Jackson, was not controversial. The play before it was, Marmie said.

Arizona State, trailing 30-16, was facing second-down-and-17 at the Husker 33-yard line late in the 3rd quarter. The crowd was getting loud on the play, Ford said, and he was trying to audible to a new play. But the 25-second clock ran out. Ford took the snap from the center anyway, and, as the officials blew the play dead, Husker outside linebacker Mike Croel hit Ford.

"I felt like it was a vicious hit on the quarterback," Marmie said. "The official said (Croel) didn't hear the whistle. I heard the whistle on the sidelines; other players on the field heard the whistle. We threw an interception on the next play, so it was a big play."



Clockwise from upper left: Nebraska quarterback Steve Taylor rounds the corner on the way to the first touchdown of the game; Nebraska's Charles Fryar breaks up a pass to Arizona State's Lynn James; A member of the Nebraska Flag Corps performs during halftime; Arizona State's Jeff Joseph contemplates ASU's loss.

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