

Osborne hears 'boo birds' at Iowa State

By Jeff Apel
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AMES, Iowa — The Iowa State executioner was present Saturday at Cyclone Stadium-Jack Trice Field, but Nebraska kept its national championship hopes alive.

Nebraska I-back Tyreese Knox said the Cornhuskers were concerned entering the game, which they won 51-16, because Iowa State was playing the role of the spoiler. He said "spoilers" present special problems because they employ unexpected schemes in hopes of pulling off an upset.

Knox said a loss to Iowa State would have ended Nebraska's national championship hopes. He said the Huskers, who are ranked No. 7 in The Associated Press college football poll, like where they are sitting with two regular-season games remaining.

"I think we went out today and delivered," Knox said. "Iowa State played us pretty tough, but we played well. Now we have to keep the intensity level up. If we do that, we'll be in good shape to win the Big Eight."

Nebraska coach Tom Osborne said the

Huskers will have a legitimate chance to win this year's conference crown if they continue to play like they did against Iowa State. He said Nebraska overcame tough field conditions that included snow and wind gusts of up to 40 mph en route to raising its record to 9-1 overall and 5-0 in the Big Eight.

Osborne said the lone disappointment about the game was that Nebraska didn't win the coin toss. He said the Huskers wanted to win the toss so they could have the wind at their backs in the first quarter.

Osborne said the wind and Iowa State's potent passing game were the reasons he called two timeouts and then elected to attempt a 30-yard field goal that gave Nebraska a 31-0 lead at halftime. The decision was greeted by a chorus of boos from a portion of the 50,158 fans present.

"The fans were booing . . . I heard that," Osborne said. "It's not a matter of disrespect for Iowa State. You score all the points you can score until you feel the game is won."

Iowa State coach Jim Walden refused to criticize Osborne for his decision. He said Osborne was doing the fans a favor because the

field goal let them go home at halftime.

"Tom must not have known I get a percentage of the concessions here," Walden joked.

Walden said Iowa State, which fell to 4-5 overall and 2-3 in the Big Eight, was out-matched against Nebraska.

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"Nebraska is a very good team and we aren't as good as they are," he said. "We just could not play smash-em out football with this team."

Nebraska quarterback Steve Taylor and running back Ken Clark said they were pleased with the victory because it erased the nightmares of the Huskers' 26-18 victory against Missouri last weekend in Lincoln. They said Nebraska felt like it had something to prove because it was held scoreless in the first half

against the Tigers.

"Last week was an embarrassment," Clark said. "I think the offense as a whole had some things to prove. Iowa State was a good team to take it out on, I guess."

Taylor said Nebraska accomplished everything it wanted.

"It was very enjoyable today. We did what we wanted to do," he said. "We had some things we wanted to prove to ourselves. We wanted to come out and put some points on the board."

Taylor put Nebraska's first points on the board when he hooked up with tight end Todd Millikan on a 6-yard touchdown pass. The play was set up when Husker cornerback Charles Fryar intercepted a pass by Iowa State quarterback Bret Oberg.

Nebraska extended its lead to 14-0 with 8:58 remaining in the second quarter when Clark capped off an eight-play drive with an 18-yard scoring burst. Taylor then raced 51 yards in two plays to increase the Huskers' lead to 21-0 and gave Nebraska a 28-0 lead when he scored on a 23-yard run.

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Clipboard flies as NU rallies to beat Texas

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At one point Saturday night, the 1,163 fans at the NU Coliseum thought Nebraska volleyball coach Terry Pettit might throw his clipboard in disgust.

The Cornhuskers had dropped the opening two games 12-15 and 11-15 against Texas and trailed 2-0 in the third.

But when the two-hour, forty-two minute match ended, Pettit threw his clipboard in jubilation after the Huskers won the final three sets 15-5, 15-13 and 15-9 to win the match and improve their overall record to 21-4.

Nebraska is ranked 5th in the American Volleyball Coaches Association poll, while the 22-5 Longhorns are No. 6. In the National Collegiate Athletic Association poll, Texas is 5th and the Huskers are 6th.

Pettit said he had reason to be happy after the match.

"You don't think this is a big match?" Pettit asked. "It's a real big match and a great effort. It's one of the most rewarding matches I've coached because of Texas' ability."

The Huskers were trying to avenge Friday night's rare three-game sweep by the Longhorns. Texas won Friday's match 15-5, 15-8 and 15-12, handing the Huskers a sweep for the 14th time in Nebraska's 14-year volleyball his-

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Nebraska middle blocker Virginia Stahr bumps a shot Saturday night during the Cornhuskers' 12-15, 11-15, 15-5, 15-5, 15-13, 15-9 comeback win against Texas at the NU Coliseum.

Cornhuskers shred Waldorf; set record

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The 1988 Nebraska junior varsity football team made inevitable comparisons between itself and the Cornhusker freshmen teams of 1980 and 1985 after defeating Waldorf (Iowa) Junior College 42-27 Friday afternoon at Memorial Stadium.

Nebraska finished 5-0, making them the first unbeaten Husker junior varsity team since 1985. They also set a season-rushing record with 1,798 yards, breaking the record held by the 1985 team by 10 yards, and a season-scoring record with 267 points, breaking the 1980 team's record by 10 points.

Nebraska quarterback Mike Grant just missed breaking the total offense record of 979 yards, held by 1980

freshman quarterback Turner Gill. Grant threw for 104 yards and three touchdowns and rushed for 102 yards and two scores against Waldorf. He finished the season with 912 total yards.

With the win, Nebraska gained revenge over Waldorf, which had beaten the Huskers 42-35 last year, giving Nebraska its first losing season in 30 years. Nebraska coach Shane Thorell, in his second year, was elated with the 5-0 record and the win against Waldorf.

"Last year was a tough year," Thorell said. "We got the breaks and I guess it helps when you have good athletes. We have more big-threat guys this year."

Waldorf coach Dave Bolstorff, whose team slipped to 6-4, said this year's Nebraska team was more aggressive defensively than last year's squad. Nebraska held the Warriors to

62 total yards in the first-half.

"Their size was a factor," Bolstorff said of Nebraska's defensive line. "We're not as big as we were last year. They were able to pressure the offense a lot."

Husker defensive tackle Jamie Liewer, who made seven unassisted tackles — three for losses — said Nebraska was ready for Waldorf's wishbone attack.

"We worked really hard the last two weeks on this game," Liewer said. "The coaches really wanted to win this one — so did the players."

The defense shut down the Warriors in the first quarter, holding them to nine yards. Meanwhile, Nebraska built a 7-0 lead on Grant's 14-yard scoring run.

The Warriors tied the score in the second quarter on Corey Ray's 6-yard run.

Waldorf appeared to be in a posi-

tion to take the lead when Nebraska's Jerry Kleidosty fumbled the ensuing kickoff. But the Warriors were called for offsides on the play and Nebraska regained possession. The Huskers then drove 61 yards, scoring on Grant's 8-yard run to take a 14-7 lead.

"It's the little things that hurt you," Bolstorff said. "That offsides on the kickoff where we got the fumble. That could've made a difference."

Nebraska's defense held Waldorf without a first down during its next three possessions, and Nebraska scored after each Waldorf punt while building a 35-7 halftime lead. Brad Hays caught a 34-yard pass and Kolin Haecker caught a nine-yard pass from Grant for a touchdown, and Kleidosty added a 16-yard run. The Huskers had 334 of their 486 total yards in the first half.



Shane Thorell

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