



Cornuskers defeat Cyclones; working towards national title

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Osborne said Taylor ran well throughout the contest.

"He ran about as well as I've seen him," Osborne said.

Taylor, who became the first Nebraska quarterback to rush for over 2,000 career yards by picking up 154 on 12 carries against Iowa State, said he was pleased with his performance. He said the career yardage mark and the fact that he moved past former Husker quarterback Turner Gill into No. 4 on the career total offense list were both special.

"It means a lot to me," Taylor said, "because when I leave I want to be remembered as one of the best quarterbacks Nebraska's ever had."

Taylor gave Nebraska a 38-0 lead with 11:31 remaining in the third quarter when he capped an 11-play, 80-yard drive with an 11-yard run. Following a 42-yard field goal by Iowa State kicker Jeff Shudak and a 1-yard run by Gerry Gdowski that gave the Huskers a 45-3 lead, Iowa State scored its first touchdown of the contest when running back Paul Thibodeaux scored on a 67-yard run.

Thibodeaux said his run provided an emotional lift for Iowa State.

"The touchdown was a spark because we hadn't scored in the last six quarters," Thibodeaux said. "I think it excited the team because I saw everyone jumping up and down on the sideline."

Nebraska scored its final touchdown when freshman running back Leodis Flowers scored on a 3-yard run. Iowa State added a touchdown when quarterback Derek DeGennaro threw an 18-yard scoring strike to running back Sylvester Nickerson.

Osborne said the Huskers played well against a fired-up Iowa State squad.

Clark and wingback Richard Bell said Nebraska can use the victory to gain momentum for the rest of the season. The Huskers will close out their regular-season schedule by facing Colorado Saturday in Lincoln and then traveling to Norman, Okla., to face the Oklahoma Sooners.

"This is what football is all about," Bell said. "We got two games left and we don't care how good they are — our goal is to beat them."

Clark said he doesn't like finishing the season against Colorado and Oklahoma.

"The next two games are going to be tough. It's going to tell what our season is going to be like," Clark said. "I would rather play an easier game but it's not on our schedule."



Photos, clockwise from top right: Nebraska fans huddle for warmth during Saturday's game. Nebraska's Richard Bell takes a hit from Iowa State's Jeff Dole. Nebraska quarterback Steve Taylor slips around Iowa State's Tim Baker. The scoreboard tells fans at the game what they already know.
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