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Rushing Oklahoma State Hudson 17-47

Ford 19-77 Wilson 11-41

Nebraska Flowers 21-138 Joseph 9-60 Brown 4-20

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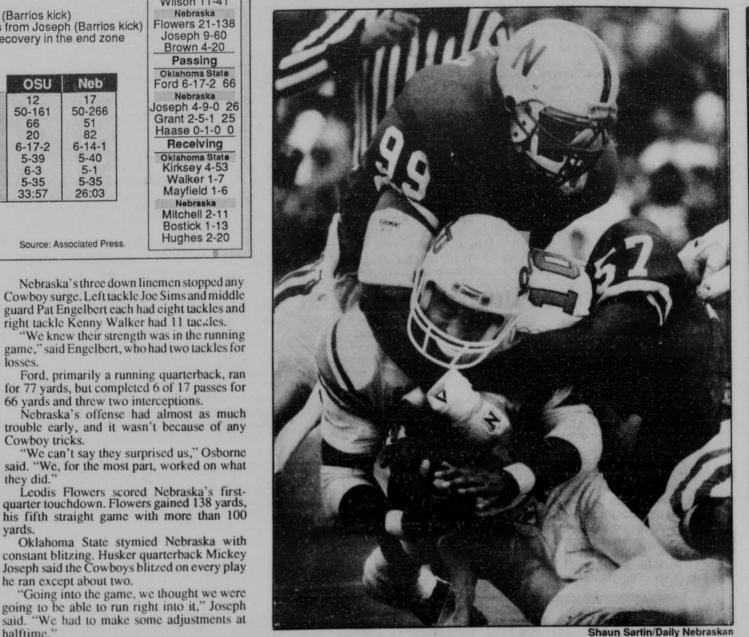
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## Kicking game boots Cowboys







## **By Paul Domeier** Senior Reporter

ctober will end next week, and the Nebraska Cornhuskers still aven't shown how good they

But does it really matter? Nebraska was good enough to win Saturday, defeating the Oklahoma State Cowboys 31-3 at Memorial Stadium.

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Nebraska Flowers 12 run (Barrios kick) OSU FG Blanchard 35 Nebraska FG Barrios 31

(Barrios kick)

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Nebraska Joseph 39 run (Barrios kick) Nebraska Mitchell 3 pass from Joseph (Barrios kick)

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Nebraska's three down linemen stopped any

Cowboy surge. Left tackle Joe Sims and middle

right tackle Kenny Walker had 11 tackles.

guard Pat Engelbert each had eight tackles and

"We knew their strength was in the running game," said Engelbert, who had two tackles for

Ford, primarily a running quarterback, ran for 77 yards, but completed 6 of 17 passes for 66 yards and threw two interceptions.

trouble early, and it wasn't because of any

Leodis Flowers scored Nebraska's first-quarter touchdown. Flowers gained 138 yards, his fifth straight game with more than 100

Oklahoma State stymied Nebraska with

"Going into the game, we thought we were

Once the adjustments were made, Nebraska

going to be able to run right into it," Joseph

said. "We had to make some adjustments at

went for 117 yards and 10 points in the third

quarter, often threatening to break the big play. Nebraska broke down the Cowboys once, in

State blitz coming from the right, audibled to an option left and kept the ball for a 39-yard

Joseph rushed for 60 yards and completed 4 of 8 passes for 26 yards and a toucidown.

The touchdown was a diving grab by fresh-

Oklahoma State held the ball for 34 minutes

"It was just a day when it was going to be

temperatures with a strong north wind, plus a

hard to put up a lot of points," Osborne said.

constant blitzing. Husker quarterback Mickey Joseph said the Cowboys blitzed on every play

Source: Associated Press.

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Cowboy tricks.

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touchdown run.

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they did.'

Nebraska Hicks fumble recovery in the end zone

The 7-0 Huskers once again are in position to move up in both national polls. Victories over Iowa State, Colorado, Kansas and Oklahoma would put Nebraska in contention for the

top spot. The offense started slowly, again, against the Cowboys. At halftime the Huskers had seven points and 142 yards. But does it really matter?

The Huskers could become the first national champion of the 1990s with a very old-fashioned team. Every week Nebraska is looking more and more like a team from, oh, 1970 or 1971, winning with defense, special teams and a persistent running game.

"The kicking game was probably the big-gest difference today," Nebraska coach Tom halftime." Osborne said after the Oklahoma State game.

Biggest were two fumble recoveries in the second half. The first, on a Cowboy punt re-turn, led to a Nebraska touchdown. The second, on the ensuing kickoff, was recovered in the third quarter. Joseph, reading a Oklahoma the end zone by Nebraska's Robert Hicks for the final Husker score.

The Huskers returned three punts for 51 yards and two kickoffs for 74 yards and held the Cowboys to five yards on one punt return and 56 yards on five kick returns.

Nebraska's average possession started on the Husker 46-yard line, while the Cowboys the end zone on the first play of the fourth averaged out to begin on their 18.

That was just part of a trend, Osborne said. "I think there was one game so far this year For Nebraska, fullback Omar Soto strained his That was just part of a trend, Osborne said. when I didn't think we were a clear-cut plus in the kicking game," he said. knee, tackle Steve Engstrom suffered a turf toe and outside linebacker David White suffered

the kicking game," he said. The defense held Oklahoma State to 227 an injured shoulder. vards, 78 in the first half. Most of the yards on the Cowboys' one scoring drive came on a 52- of the game, which was played in 57 degree yard quarterback draw by Kenny Ford.

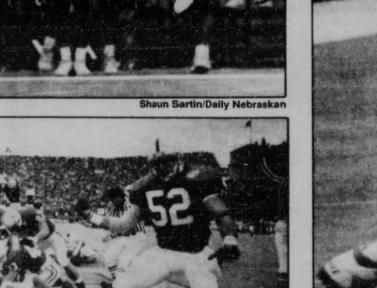
Cowboy tailback Gerald Hudson, who had cold mist for much of the second half. been gaining 135 yards a game, rushed for 47 yards on 17 carries.

Clockwise from top right: ska fresnm

from Mickey Joseph. NU I-back Leodis Flowers jumps over defenders in a first-quarter 12-yard

touchdown run. NU's Matt Penland, right, celebrates with teammates after Husker cornerback Robert Hicks, bottom, recovered a fourth-quarter fumbled kickoff in the end zone. Nebraska cornerback Tahaun Lewis intercepts a Kenny Ford fourth-quarter

pass. NU's Mike Petko and Kenny Walker wrap up Oklahoma State quarterback Kenny Ford.





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