

Iowa State defenders celebrate after dropping Nebraska quarterback Tommie Frazier for a loss during the Cyclones' 19-10 win over the Cornhuskers.

ISU proves better than record

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Iowa State football coach Jim Walden said all season that his team was better than its record indicated. Walden and the Cyclones proved it Saturday.

The 4-6 Cyclones upset No. 7 Nebraska 19-10 at Cyclone Stadium in Ames.

"This is not a bad football team. It was a marvelous effort by a kicked-around football team," Walden said. "People look at me kind of strange when I say that this team has a chance to be six or seven-win football team."

Walden said the fact that the Cornhuskers were coming off two big wins against Colorado and Kansas may have helped his team.

"We had a major upset today on a football team that's had two tremendously positive emotional up weeks," he said. "We knew, and I knew in my heart, that they were not going to come in here and play as emotionally inspired in the fashion of which they've had to play the last two weeks."

Even with the win, Walden said he wouldn't want to play the Huskers again this season.

"I wouldn't want to play them 10 times and figure out who's going to be

the best team," he said.

The Cyclones scored on their first possession. Ty Stewart kicked a 37-yard field goal, one of four on the day, to put Iowa State ahead.

Stewart hit three more field goals in the first half to give the Cyclones a 12-10 lead going into the lockerroom at halftime.

The Cyclones kicked off to start the second half and Walden said that was where he thought Nebraska would "come after us with everything they had."

"We did talk about the first six minutes (of the second half)," he said. "I sensed that it was coming, and we told our defense that if they could take what they were going to throw at them that they've got a chance."

The Iowa State defense rose to the challenge, forcing the Huskers to punt after three plays.

The Cyclone defense held the Huskers 158 yards below their rushing average of 351.1 yards per game. The Cyclones held the "we-back" combination of Derek Brown and Calvin Jones to 64 and 28 yards, respectively.

"We played well on defense. We had to," Walden said. "(The second half) was the finest half of football against a quality opponent that we've

played since I've been here."

The Iowa State wishbone offense accounted for 373 yards rushing. The Cyclones only attempted four passes all day, with three being shovel passes.

"We knew we couldn't pass on them," Walden said. "(Cyclone quarterback) Marvin (Seiler) is not exactly Dan Marino in terms of throwing the ball."

Seiler, who led all rushers with 144 yards, put the nail in Nebraska's coffin with a 78-yard run with 11:08 left in the game to set up Iowa State's lone touchdown.

"Overall, Marvin Seiler has to be a very big hero in my heart," Walden said. "I thought he was sprinting down that field faster than any quarterback I've ever seen, until he got to the 4."

Seiler said he was waiting for somebody to catch him during his 78-yard run.

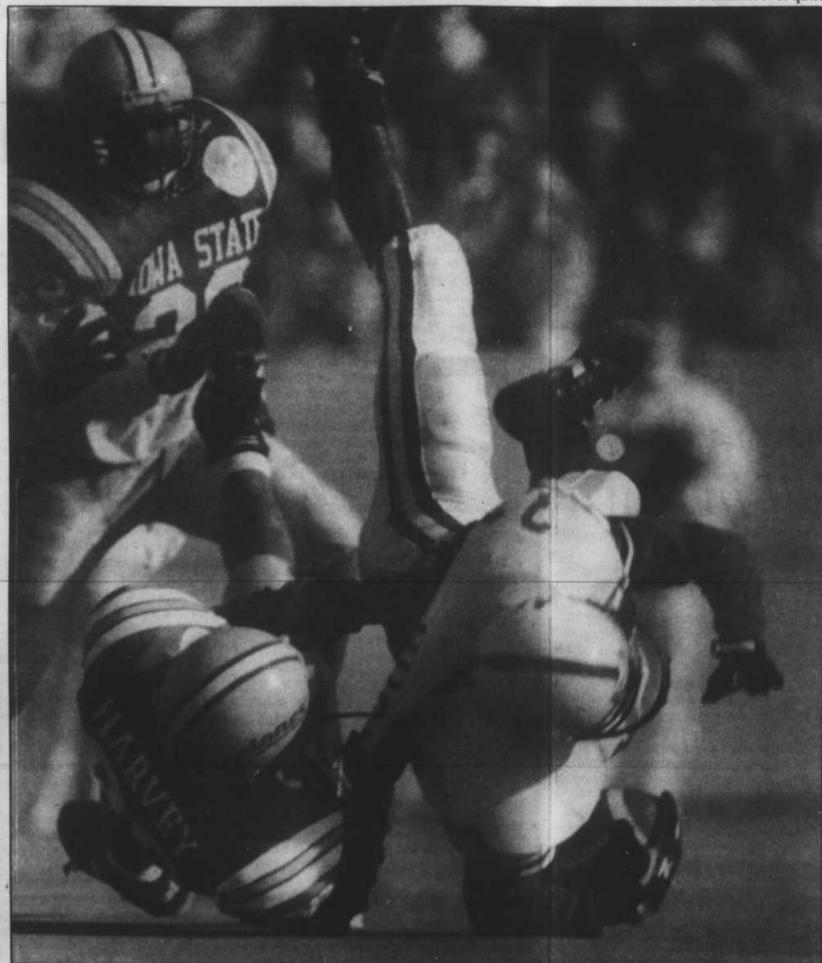
"I've never seen that much green field in my life," he said. "I'll remember this for the rest of my life."

Walden said the victory ranked up at the top compared with other wins in his career.

"I just wish it was for a bowl bid, or I wish it would have been more significant for the seniors on this team," he said.



Nebraska I-back Derek Brown is brought down by Iowa State's Dan Milner.



Iowa State defender Ben Harvey pulls down Nebraska's Tyrone Hughes.

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Upset leaves Huskers spinning

Iowa State stuns NU, clouds race for Big Eight title

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AMES, Iowa—An hour had passed since the last seconds had ticked off the clock. The goal posts were gone and a few people were milling around on the playing field.

And on both scoreboards at Cyclone Stadium, evidence of the improbable — and in many people's pregame opinion, impossible — upset still beamed the news for all to see: Iowa State 19, Nebraska 10 — the first Cyclone win over Nebraska since 1977.

"When you're not prepared, anything can happen," Nebraska safety Tyrone Byrd said. "Offensively and defensively we weren't prepared today."

"You always worry, no matter how good your kids are, how much they want to try," Cornhusker coach Tom Osborne said. "They may be a little emotionally drained at some point and then also I just don't think the seriousness of the situation ever quite

sank into them until it was too late."

In beating the No. 7 Huskers, the Cyclones, 4-6, 2-4 in the Big Eight, took a few pages out of Nebraska's usual game plan.

- The Cyclones ran for 373 yards, the most against 7-2, 4-1 Nebraska this year, while holding the Huskers to 192.
- Iowa State piled up 399 yards in total offense compared with Nebraska's 246, a season low for the Huskers.
- The Cyclones kept the ball for 37:15 to Nebraska's 22:45.
- And Iowa State players played on an emotional high the whole game.

"Probably the big difference is they played with a lot of emotion and it looked like our tank was a little bit dry today," Osborne said. "I don't think we had the same intensity about us that we needed to have to win the game."

An emotional letdown from big wins over Colorado and Kansas in the two previous weeks had been a concern entering the Iowa State game, Osborne said.

"We talked a lot this week about the dangerousness of this situation, the fact that we had to play well, that Iowa State was a good football team," Osborne said. "I don't know really how much it sunk in. I think the players listed but I know that sometimes emotionally it doesn't quite take effect."

Quarterback Tommie Frazier said he could tell before the game the Huskers weren't going to be on top of their game.

"We were just going through the motions; you noticed that before kickoff," Frazier said. "We were in the locker room and no one was really saying much."

Osborne said Iowa State's wishbone offense kept the Husker defense off balance because it was the first time Nebraska had seen such an offense this season.

"Obviously we didn't do a very good job on making that transition," he said. "We tried to adjust as the game went along but we never did quite seem to get in synch."

Cyclone senior quarterback Marvin Seiler, who made his first career start, ran for 144 yards and fullback Chris Ulrich rushed for 105 as Iowa State kept the ball away from the Husker

offense.

The Cyclones took the opening kickoff and moved the ball 60 yards in 5:14 before settling for a 37-yard field goal by Omaha native Ty Stewart to take a 3-0 lead.

Nebraska responded with a five-minute drive of its own but could only get a 33-yard field goal by Byron Bennett to tie the score at 3-3.

Iowa State responded with another long drive. This time the Cyclones kept the ball for 5:54 and 12 plays and scored on another Stewart field goal — this one a 32-yarder.

On their next possession, the Huskers scored their only touchdown of the day. On third down, Frazier rolled left, scrambled back to his right and was able to get off a 15-yard touchdown pass to fullback Lance Lewis while being tackled. Bennett's extra point gave the Huskers a 10-6 lead.

But field goals of 45 and 27 yards by Stewart gave the Cyclones a 12-10 lead at halftime. At the half, Nebraska had had the ball only four times and the Cyclones had doubled the time of possession on the Huskers. That lack of ball control hurt Nebraska, Frazier said.

"When you have the ball four series in the first half, you can't really get anything done," he said. "You don't know what's going to work because you haven't had the ball."

Also hurting Nebraska was a bruised knee Frazier suffered on the Huskers' last offensive play of the first half, Osborne said. Frazier ran for 98 yards in the first half, but had minus 6 in the second half.

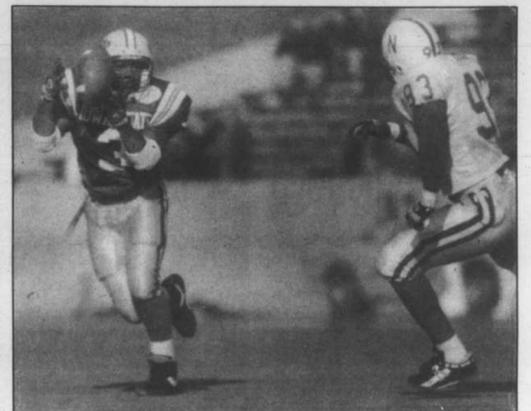
"I think that limited us a little bit offensively in terms of not running too many options, but again Iowa State did a great job defensively," Osborne said.

Iowa State held the Husker I-back duo of Derek Brown and Calvin Jones to 64 and 28 yards, respectively.

Frazier, who completed 3 of 12 passes for 54 yards, agreed that the Cyclones played a great defensive game.

"They just shut it down in all circles," he said. "The took our option away, they took our passing game away. We just couldn't run the plays that we normally run."

Frazier also said the injury didn't bother him.



Iowa State halfback Sherman Williams takes a pitch with Nebraska linebacker Travis Hill in pursuit.

Nebraska-Iowa State Scoring Summary

Points by quarters
Nebraska 3 7 0 0 —10
Iowa State 3 9 0 7 —19

Scoring stats
1 ISU—Stewart, 37 yd. field goal NU—Bennett, 33 yd. field goal
2 ISU—Stewart, 32 yd. field goal NU—Lewis, 15 yd. pass from Frazier (Bennett kick) ISU—Stewart, 45 yd. field goal ISU—Stewart, 30 yd. field goal
4 ISU—Ulrich, 2 yd. run (Stewart kick)



Iowa State kicker and Omaha native Ty Stewart celebrates the Cyclone upset after the game. Stewart kicked four field goals in the game.