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ASU shutout shocks Husker faithful in Tempe

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TEMPE, Ariz. — Nebraska football fans who watched the Cornhuskers lose 19-0 to Arizona State were just as dismayed as the team Saturday night.

But after watching the game, NU fans said the Huskers were dominated by a better team.

"They were hot," said Danny Leggiardo, 50, who flew to the game from Lincoln. "They came to play, and they beat us. What can you say? They beat us with their offense and their defense completely stymied us."

The loss dropped the Huskers (1-1) to No. 8 in The Associated Press Top 25, while the Sun Devils (3-0) vaulted from 17th to sixth. ASU received one first-place vote.

Most of the blame for Nebraska's poor performance was based on the lack of offense and quarterback Scott Frost's inability to sustain a

Dana Wecker, 33, of O'Neill, said he was frustrated that NU Coach Tom Osborne didn't remove Frost for senior Matt Turman.

"Send Scott back to Stanford and bring Matt in," Wecker said. "You can see what happened. We don't have a quarterback this year. That's the bottom line.'

Will Grietens, 40, from Atkinson, said the offense "stunk" Saturday with Frost at the helm.

"I think Turman ought to get a chance," Grietens said. "It should have read 13:40 instead of 3:40 when they put him in.

"Give the kid a chance. Shoot, I was watching him the whole second half. He was just sitting there on the bench with his head hanging."

Turman, a former walk-on, entered the game in the final minutes and led Nebraska on its longest drive of the game, 67 yards, before Ahman Green lost a fumble at the ASU 4-yard

Leggiardo disagreed with the Frost-bashers. "If you've got a quarterback who can throw the ball and you're behind, you stay with the quarterback who can throw the ball," Leggiardo said. "It's unfair to blame it on one person, and that's what the fans are going to do. They are going to blame it on Frost, It's not fair.

"You can't second guess Osborne." But one NU fan who lives in Phoenix said there was more to ASU's victory than an inept

Cindy Schwarz, 37, of Phoenix, is originally from Colbertson. She said the Phoenix area has been primed for the Nebraska game for the last

"I think (the Huskers) were a little overcon-

ARIZONA STATE FANS celebrate after defeating Nebraska, 19-0. At the end of the game, joyous fans rushed the field tearing down both goal posts and a field goal net. The loss on Saturday was Nebraska's first loss in 27 games.

fident, and then ASU was so hyped for the game," Schwarz said. "If you'd been here the last 10 days, all it's been is ASU, ASU.'

Greg Dennis, 28, an ASU graduate who lives in Mesa, Ariz., said beating Nebraska was the

greatest triumph in Sun Devil sports history.
"This is huge," Dennis said. "This is like a
Sports Illustrated cover-type of win."

Despite watching their team lose for the first time in 27 games, Husker fans said they would back their team for the remainder of the season.

"I'll wear my red home, and I'll suffer right through it," Grietens said.

Mike Ludemann, 35, of O'Neill said if he could say something to the NU players, he

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MIDDLE LINEBACKER, Jay Foreman, sits and reflects on the game during the fourth



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