

Gameday Notebook

Nebraska's win Saturday marked the Cornhuskers' 700th all-time victory, joining NU with just five other Division I schools that have reached the 700-win plateau: Michigan (759), Notre Dame (740), Texas (707), Alabama (706) and Penn State (700). The win also extended NU's 32-game home winning streak, the nation's longest.

CSU Coach Sonny Lubick said he was impressed with quarterback Scott Frost's two passing touchdowns and one rushing touchdown. "We knew coming in that their quarterback Frost wasn't as bad as he was made out to be after that loss last week," Lubick said. "I can't say we ever had him rattled at all during the game."

Will linebacker Terrell Farley made his return to the field Saturday after being suspended for the Huskers' first two games. Farley had four tackles and one pass breakup against the Rams.

All-America candidate Grant Wistrom blocked a Matt McDougal field-goal attempt and an extra point, tying a school record for blocked kicks in a game. Wistrom also recorded six tackles — second on the team behind Jon Hesse's 13 — and sacked Moses Moreno once for a six-yard loss.

In the fourth quarter, true freshman DeAngelo Evans rushed six times for 72 yards and scored his first career touchdown on a 30-yard run. "Where I came from," Evans said, "I was the man since I was in eighth grade. Here, everybody is a bluechip All-American. I don't think it intimidated me, but I knew I had to prove myself."

Frost said he was upset with the negative comments Nebraska received after its Sept. 21 loss to Arizona State. "A lot of the people that are saying those things don't know a lot about football," he said. "Maybe they need to take a football class or something."

Nebraska moved up one spot in the USA Today/CNN Coaches' Top 25 to No. 6 and one spot in The Associated Press Top 25 to No. 7. Notre Dame, previously ranked fifth in The Associated Press poll, fell six spots to No. 11 after losing 29-16 to third-ranked Ohio State. For the second straight week, Florida is ranked No. 1 in both polls.

Injury report: Fullback Joel Makovicka was held out of the game because of a hamstring pull; wingback Lance Brown saw limited action because of an ankle sprain; cornerback Mike Brown and rush end Travis Toline left early because of mild concussions; fullback Billy Legate experienced a sore neck and shoulder; linebacker Ryan Terwilliger bruised his lower back; and Farley and cornerback Michael Booker each bruised a shoulder.

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NU rams CSU; order restored

Huskers amass 628 yards in the season's most dominating win.

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Despite a 56-point win Saturday, the Nebraska football team still is not back to where it would like to be. But the Cornhuskers are getting close.

Nebraska racked up 628 yards of offense and defeated Colorado State 65-9 in front of a Memorial Stadium crowd of 75,575.

But the win, Coach Tom Osborne said, was not as significant as it appeared on the scoreboard.

"Colorado State's defense has struggled some this year," Osborne said. "So I don't think people need to read too much into this."

The seventh-ranked Huskers (2-0) will find out if the game set them back on track Saturday when they travel to Manhattan, Kan., to play 4-0 and 16th-ranked Kansas State.

Nebraska, which was shutout by Arizona State Sept. 21, wasted no time putting points on the board against the Rams.

The Huskers opened the game with a 10-play, 62-yard drive, capped by a three-yard Scott Frost touchdown pass to tight end Vershan Jackson.

"We took the ball and ran it right at them," Frost said. "It gave us a lot of confidence for the rest of the game. We take a lot of pride in our program, and I think we had something to prove today."

Frost completed 13 of 18 passes for 143 yards and two touchdowns, was not sacked and did not throw an interception.

"I could see by a lack of what was in front of me that the line did their job today," Frost said.

The offensive line, which allowed Frost to be sacked three times against Arizona State, was much improved, Osborne said.

Aaron Taylor, who was moved from guard to center this spring, played the majority of the game at his familiar left guard position, while Josh Heskey filled in at center.

I-back Ahman Green, who led Nebraska with 163 yards on 22 rushing attempts, also said he was impressed with the offensive line.

Down 14-0 late in the first half after a Damon Benning 19-yard touchdown run, the Rams put their first points on the board on a 32-yard touchdown pass from Moses Moreno to wide receiver Geoff Turner. Husker rush end Grant Wistrom blocked the extra point attempt, leaving the score at 14-6.

With 3:07 remaining in the first half, Nebraska responded with a 67-yard drive, its longest of the game. Frost finished the drive, running in from four yards out to put the Huskers ahead 21-6.

Nebraska left 51 seconds on the clock for Colorado State, which started at their own 15-yard line.

Two runs up the middle, followed by timeouts from both teams, and an incomplete pass forced the Rams to punt the ball back to the Huskers.

Nebraska started on CSU's 40-yard line and four plays later, Kris Brown kicked a 27-yard field goal to give the Huskers a 24-6 lead at halftime.

"They earned it," Colorado State Coach Sonny Lubick said of the Huskers' 10 points in the final three minutes of the half.

Osborne said the final minutes put the momentum in Nebraska's favor going into the locker room at halftime.

Nebraska safety Eric Stokes, who filled in at cornerback Saturday, said he expected Colorado State to do more with their offense.

"I thought they'd show us a little bit more," Stokes said. "They kept it pretty vanilla today, but I think they did that so they could protect their quarterback."

Moreno completed 13 of 26 passes for 255 yards, one score and two interceptions.

"We wanted to establish a running game first," Moreno said, "but Nebraska had a talented defense and shut us down when they had to."

The Husker defense held the Rams to 59 yards on the ground and allowed CSU to convert just 1 of 11 third-down conversions.

"We played pretty darn well today," Wistrom said. "There was a lot more

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Nebraska	65

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Sam linebacker Jamel Williams kept the momentum in NU's favor, ending CSU's first second-half possession with an interception at the Ram 42-yard line. Williams returned the ball to the Colorado State 13.

The Husker offense dominated the second half, outscoring the Rams 41-3 and racking up 330 yards.

A 1-yard Frost pass to Sheldon Jackson opened the second-half scoring. With 11:06 left in the third quarter, senior fullback Brian Schuster found the end zone untouched, scoring his first career touchdown on a 15-yard run up the middle, putting Nebraska ahead 37-6.

Colorado State's final possession of the third quarter came to an end when true freshman cornerback Ralph Brown intercepted a pass in the end zone.

I-backs Green, Jay Sims and DeAngelo Evans added rushing touchdowns and Shevin Wiggins returned a punt 43 yards for a score to end the scoring.

Guard Chris Dishman said the offense showed more confidence Saturday because it was more relaxed on the field.

"We went out with the attitude that we were just going to go out and have fun, laughing in the huddle and stuff," Dishman said. "That's when we play our best ball."



Game Day

Nebraska Players					Colorado St. Players				
Rushing					Rushing				
Player	Att.	Yds.	TDs		Player	Att.	Yds.	TDs	
4 DeAngelo Evans	6	72	1		24 Calvin Branch	12	36	0	
Receiving					Receiving				
Player	Rec.	Yds.	TDs		Player	Rec.	Yds.	TDs	
30 Ahman Green	3	19	0		6 Ronald Antoine	3	67	0	
Passing					Passing				
Player	Att/Cmp/Int	Yds.	TDs		Player	Att/Cmp/Int	Yds.	TDs	
11 Matt Turner	4/1/0	9	0		12 Ryan Edinger	5/1/0	15	0	
First downs		32	19		Fumbles		2	3	
Rushing yards		490	85		Penalties / yards		7/63	8/48	
Passing completions		14	26		Kickoff returns / yards		3/98	7/118	
Total plays		92	61		Third-down conversion		10 of 17	1 of 11	
Average yards per play		6.8	5.4		Sacks / yards		3/20	0/0	

