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Photos clockwise from bottom right:

**WINGBACK JON VEDRAL** (right), tight end Sheldon Jackson (center) and tight end Vershan Jackson celebrate after Vershan Jackson scored on the Nebraska's opening drive.

**VEDRAL DIVES** for a pass from Husker quarterback Scott Frost.

**BRIAN SCHUSTER** and Vedral rejoice in the third quarter after Schuster scored on a 15-yard run, his first career touchdown.

**I-BACK AHMAN GREEN** evades the grasp of Colorado State defensive end Steve Trammell.

**SPLIT END BRENDAN HOLBEIN** is tackled by Colorado State free safety Kevin McDougal.



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# Rams blow opportunities, plan to forget Nebraska

Lubick says NU's 10 points to close the first half deflated CSU.

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Just when it looked like the Colorado State football team was ready to challenge Nebraska Saturday, everything backfired.

Trailing 14-0, quarterback Moses Moreno threw a 32-yard touchdown pass to Geoff Turner, cutting the Cornhusker lead to 14-6 with 3 minutes, 27 seconds remaining in the second quarter.

But Nebraska answered, scoring on Scott Frost's four-yard touchdown run two minutes later. CSU got the ball back at its 15-yard line with 51 seconds left. But instead of running out the clock, the Rams tried to get things going for a quick score.

On first down, Calvin Branch was stuffed for no gain and Moreno feverishly called a timeout. On second down, Damon Washington picked up

five yards, but NU called a timeout. Moreno's pass fell incomplete on third down.

Following a 13-yard punt return by Mike Fullman, the Huskers added a 27-yard field goal to take a 24-6 halftime lead.

"They played it real smart, and I didn't play it real smart," CSU Coach Sonny Lubick said. "We probably could have run the ball another play or two and stopped a field goal."

Moreno said he was confident his team could move the ball down the field, but by giving up 10 points, the complexion of the game changed.

"Those last 10 points," Moreno said, "I think it took its toll a little bit. We were expecting to go into halftime not being too far behind."

Turner, who had 125 yards receiving — his fourth straight game with more than 100 yards — said he didn't think the end of the first half changed the game.

"We came in at halftime still in the game," he said, "and then things didn't go our way after that."

Not much went right for the Rams after halftime.

Colorado State's first possession of the second half ended when a Moreno pass bounced off tight end Eli Workman's shoulder pad and was intercepted by Jamel Williams. Four plays later, NU scored again.

CSU, which came into the game averaging 499 yards and 39.5 points per game, had only 329 yards Saturday.

"What I told them was that we just ran into a good football team that has the capabilities of blowing people out," Lubick said.

That was magnified by the fact that CSU starts just three seniors on offense and two seniors on defense.

"You always dread something like this when you've got a young football team and come into a place like this," Lubick said. "We just have to forget this, and hopefully we've got guts enough and character enough to bounce back."

Moreno said the team will bounce back.

"In my mind it's forgotten already," he said. "We can't dwell on this for a long time. This game has no meaning to us."

Football Polls					
USA Today/CNN Coaches Poll			Associated Press Poll		
School	Pts.	Pvs. Rank	School	Pts.	Pvs. Rank
2. Florida St. (9)	1,453	2	2. Florida St. (8)	1,586	2
4. Penn St.	1,361	3	4. Penn St.	1,459	3
6. Nebraska	1,145	7	6. Michigan	1,330	7
8. Miami	1,086	9	8. Miami	1,198	10
10. Alabama	940	10	10. Colorado	981	12
12. Kansas St.	841	13	12. Virginia	874	19
14. Notre Dame	784	5	14. LSU	770	17
16. Southern Cal	660	18	16. Kansas St.	754	16
18. Washington	387	21	18. Washington	515	21
20. Auburn	348	22	20. Auburn	410	22
22. Virginia Tech	229	16	22. Northwestern	201	25
24. Utah	124	-	24. Utah	101	-

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