

## Sports Opinion



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### Frost ices KU, but must keep a level head

For the first time Saturday, the real Scott Frost stepped up.

The same Frost that was the best high school football player in Nebraska in 1992.

And the same Frost who broke the hearts of every Nebraska football fan when he signed his letter of intent to head west from the plains of Wood River to redwoods of Stanford.

Finally, after six games and a 1½-year wait, Nebraska football fans saw the Frost they heard and read about years ago.

Against Kansas, he threw for 254 yards while completing 12 of 16 passes, three of which were good for touchdowns. He ran for 35 yards on six attempts, twice outrunning Jayhawk defenders to the corner of the end zone.

The player wearing No. 7 against KU was totally different than the Frost who played Arizona State just five weeks ago.

"He had the greatest confidence in the world," said his center, Aaron Taylor. "It just helps when he has a great game. Everybody was loose yet focused in the huddle, and we were having a good time out there."

No one had a better time than Frost.

When told he was close to the NU record for passing yards in a game — 297 set by David Humm in 1973 — he smiled and said he would have liked a chance to throw one last long pass.

As if passes of 41, 34, 20, 31, and 24 yards weren't enough. In the end, Frost was gratified with the 16 attempts he got. This was his game to say: "Yes, I am a very good quarterback."

Coach Tom Osborne backed that up, saying Frost played his best game of the season. This is the one time Frost has shown his full potential.

But no matter how well Frost played Saturday night, he must still keep things in perspective. After a big game in the season opener against Michigan State, Frost fell on his face the next week at Arizona State.

Following a big game against Baylor, Frost had a dismal 55-yard day against Texas Tech.

Now after his best outing since a 264-yard passing performance while at Stanford against Oregon in 1994, he must face a new Oklahoma team on the road.

Despite his improvement, Frost said he is trying to keep what others say about him in perspective.

"The good stuff is usually too good and the bad stuff is usually too bad," he said.

Kind of like Frost's season.

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# Texas Tech upsets NU

## Nebraska loses for the first time in Big 12 play.

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After claiming the Big 12 Conference lead last weekend with wins over No. 10 Texas and No. 11 Texas A&M, the Nebraska volleyball team experienced the unexpected Saturday night.

The unexpected came in the form of a five-game upset loss to No. 20 Texas Tech 15-7, 9-15, 15-10, 13-15, 12-15.

Both teams struggled offensively in the 2½-hour match. The Red Raiders (20-3 overall and 7-3 in the Big 12) hit

only .168, but limited the Cornhuskers — who had 33 errors at the net — to .162 hitting for the match.

In each of NU's three losses this season — Hawaii, North Carolina, and Texas Tech — it has been held to a lower hitting percentage than its opponent.

Sophomore Jaime Krondak posted a match-best 21 kills for NU, tying her career-high. Junior Lisa Reitsma added 19 kills for the Huskers (17-3 and 9-1), but recorded eight errors, hitting only .167.

Seniors Cristine Martin and Jill Burness had 15 kills each for the Red Raiders.

With Tech holding an 11-6 advantage in the rally-scoring fifth game, Krondak reeled off three kills as NU closed the gap to 12-10. A service er-

Nebraska	15	15	15
Baylor	8	5	5

Nebraska	15	9	15	13	12
Texas Tech	7	15	10	15	15

ror by the Huskers gave the Red Raiders a 13-10 lead, but Nebraska responded with two consecutive points to pull within one before Texas Tech scored the final two points.

With the win over the Huskers, Texas Tech remains unbeaten at home, improving their record in Lubbock to 9-0. The Red Raiders' three losses have all come to teams Nebraska has defeated this season — Kansas State, Texas A&M, and Texas.

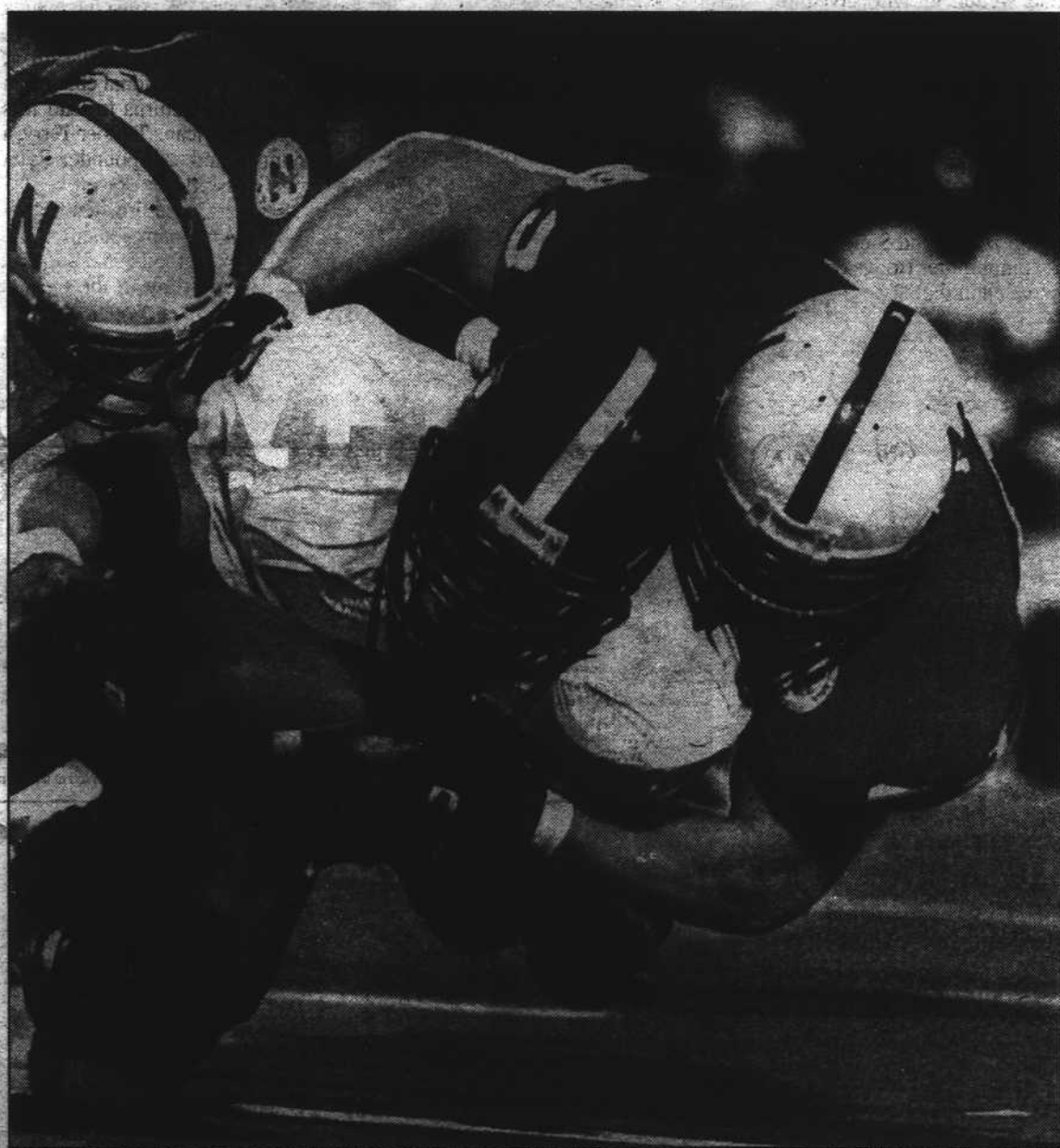
Nebraska saw its 12-match winning streak come to an end, while dropping into a first-place tie in the league with Texas A&M. The Aggies posted a pair of sweeps against Kansas State and Kansas this weekend.

NU opened the weekend on Friday night with a 15-8, 15-5, 15-5 sweep of Baylor in Waco, Texas. The Bears fell to 14-9 and 3-6.

The Huskers played well up front, hitting .386 for the match. Reitsma pounded 16 kills from the right side while hitting .394.

Sophomore middle blockers Megan Korver (nine kills and a .412 hitting percentage) and freshman middle blocker Tonia Tauke (eight kills and a .500 percentage) also played well at the net.

Crystal Schweibs posted 14 kills for Baylor, which hit only .150 as a team Friday night.



JARED TOMICH beats Kansas running back Eric Vann to a loose ball Saturday night. The fumble was caused by Eric Warfield.

## Bohl: NU defense improving

By SAM MCKEON  
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The Nebraska defense has made a habit of dismantling offenses this year.

And the scary thing is that they're getting better, Linebackers Coach Craig Bohl said Sunday.

Bohl said NU put forth one of its best defensive efforts of the season in Saturday night's 63-7 win over Kansas.

"We had 11 guys around the ball," Bohl said. "The execution and defensive pressure was there all night."

The Cornhuskers not only pressured Kansas into three turnovers

and three sacks, but Nebraska cut down on its mental mistakes, a problem that plagued the defense last week at Texas Tech.

"We made sure we didn't have the offsides penalties this week," Bohl said. "I was pleased with our decisions on the field."

Nebraska gave up only 209 total yards, including only 21 yards rushing. Seventy-seven of those yards came on a Matt Johnner-to-Isaac Byrd pass for the Jayhawks lone touchdown of the game.

After the game, Byrd said he ran free in the NU secondary most of the night.

"That's not true at all," Bohl said. "That's like a little kid waving his hands up and down in the backyard screaming he's open. We dis-

guised a lot of our coverages, so he was covered most of the game."

Bohl said this Nebraska defense, which starts eight seniors and ranks in the nation's top 10 in every defensive category, has displayed a workman-like attitude.

"We don't have any primadonnas out there," Bohl said. "We have a lot of blue-collar players who are concerned with getting players to the ball."

Depth also plays a big factor in the NU defensive scheme, he said.

"We have excellent backups at every position," Bohl said. "We feel confident in putting guys like Mike Rucker and Jay Foreman in at any time."

## Huskers secure Big 12

NU earns the top seed at next month's league tournament.

Nebraska	2
Baylor	1

Nebraska	2
Texas Tech	0

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The Nebraska soccer team cemented the Big 12 regular-season title with two victories this weekend.

But the fifth-ranked Cornhuskers (17-0 overall and 9-0 in the Big 12) battled the elements to do so.

On Friday, the Huskers nipped the rain and Baylor 2-1, to clinch the Big 12

Morneau crown. Freshman striker Isabelle Morneau accounted for both Husker goals.

Husker Coach John Walker said the victory over the Bears (12-2-1 and 5-2-1) was hard earned.

"This was a great win for us," Walker said. "We are definitely excited about winning the first Big 12 title. It's a good accomplishment, and we are proud that we've won it."

The Nebraska win guarantees it a No. 1 seed and a first-round bye in the Big 12 Tournament at the Anheuser-Busch Conference and Sports Centre in St. Louis, Nov. 7 through 10.

In Sunday's contest, the Huskers overcame freezing rain, a biting wind and a slippery playing field to blank Texas Tech 2-0. Morneau snapped a scoreless tie early in the second half to give NU a 1-0 lead. Sharolta Nonen added an insurance goal with 15 minutes remaining to seal the 2-0 victory.

"It was a real battle," Walker said. "It was good for us because we had to put our heads down and grind it out."

The Huskers finish the regular season with two games at the Puma Classic in Dallas next weekend against Texas Christian and Southern Methodist.

