

Freshman scores 17

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for about the first month and a half," Reid said. "We thought, 'What in the heck was Coach Nee doing in recruiting him.' Within three months, everyone knew why. He (Troy) will keep getting better and better."

Andy Markowski added 14 points for NU, and Bernard Garner (11 points and seven rebounds), Mikki Moore (13 points and 10 rebounds) and Tyronn Lue (12 points and six assists) also reached double figures.

Nebraska recovered from a 34.6-percent shooting performance in the first half to hit 70.6 percent after half-time.

"I've got a team that has a lot of potential to improve," Nebraska Coach Danny Nee said. "People like Cookie, Alvin and Troy, they can just get better."

NU cruises into tourney

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First-team All-Big 12 selection Isabelle Morneau, a freshman, has been Nebraska's most potent offensive threat lately. In her last seven games, Morneau has exploded for 24 points on 10 goals. Uppinghouse, the Huskers' leading scorer, appreciates Morneau's contribution.

"She's gained a lot of confidence putting the ball away and going one on one," Uppinghouse said.

The Huskers have a seven week hold on their top-10 ranking.

"We realize teams are out to beat us," Uppinghouse said. "It's an added incentive that we have to deal with."

Walker said it's hard not to notice the Huskers' position in the polls.

"People know we're there," Walker said. "But we're really not that concerned with what others think of us."

NU balances its arsenal

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rank 92nd.

"Our passing game has come a long way in the past two weeks," split end Brendan Holbein said. "Defenses are putting eight or nine people near the line, trying to make Scott (Frost) and the receivers beat them. We are doing a good job of holding our own."

The fifth-ranked Huskers, 7-1 overall and 5-0 in the Big 12, look to keep up their balanced attack churning when they play host to Missouri (3-5 and 1-4) Saturday at Memorial Stadium.

Frost, who has completed 22 of his last 36 passes for six touchdowns and only one interception, said when the passing game is clicking, the offense is more productive — in all areas.

"When Nebraska has been able to throw the ball, their offense is that much more successful," Frost said. "People can't just concentrate on the run. While the running game is Nebraska's main tool as far as moving the ball, once we prove that we can throw the ball, it loosens people up."

A quality Nebraska passing game could give Missouri fits.

In the Tigers' last two games, they have allowed a combined 288 yards rushing to Oklahoma State and Colorado. But the Missouri secondary has been beaten for 700 yards passing and seven touchdowns against those two teams.

The deck may be stacked high against Missouri even if Nebraska doesn't move the ball on the ground. Missouri has lost 16-straight games to ranked teams, dating back to 1992. The Tigers have not defeated a top 10 team since 1981 and have not beaten Nebraska since 1978. Last season, NU beat the Tigers 57-0.

Starters

Saturday, 1 p.m.
Memorial Stadium



Nebraska Offense				Missouri Offense			
Pos.	No.	Name	Ht. Wt. Yr.	Pos.	No.	Name	Ht. Wt. Yr.
SE	5	Brendan Holbein	5-9 195 Sr.	WR	87	Eddie Brooks	6-1 204 So.
LT	77	Adam Treu	6-6 305 Sr.	LT	61	Travis Biebel	6-4 275 Jr.
LG	76	Chris Dishman	6-3 310 Sr.	LG	62	Mike Morris	6-3 285 Jr.
C	67	Aaron Taylor	6-1 305 Jr.	C	50	Russ Appel	6-3 270 Sr.
RG	64	Jon Zetochka	6-2 290 Jr.	RG	76	Bob Ehl	6-3 285 Jr.
RT	70	Eric Anderson	6-4 305 Jr.	RT	69	Todd Neimeyer	6-5 280 So.
TE	90	Tim Carpenter	6-3 255 Jr.	TE	85	Bill Linsenfelt	6-4 249 Sr.
QB	7	Scott Frost	6-3 215 Jr.	QB	7	Corby Jones	6-1 216 So.
FB	28	Brian Schuster	5-11 220 Sr.	FB	27	Bruck Olive	6-1 210 Jr.
IB	30	Ahman Green	6-0 215 So.	FB	34	Ron Jones	6-3 255 Jr.
WR	26	Jon Vedral	5-11 205 Sr.	WR	2	Rahstern Jenkins	6-2 173 Sr.
PK	35	Kris Brown	5-10 205 So.	PK	16	Mark Norris	6-3 186 Sr.

Nebraska Defense				Missouri Defense			
Pos.	No.	Name	Ht. Wt. Yr.	Pos.	No.	Name	Ht. Wt. Yr.
LB	93	Arnd Tomich	6-2 250 Sr.	DE	90	Kevin Ford	6-1 220 Jr.
DT	97	Jeff Ogard	6-6 310 Sr.	G	92	Eric Douglas	6-5 259 Sr.
DT	55	Jason Peter	6-5 285 Jr.	NG	97	Donnell Jones	6-4 265 Jr.
RR	98	Grant Wistrom	6-5 250 Jr.	T	59	Brian Cracraft	6-3 249 Jr.
SAM	25	Jamel Williams	6-2 310 Sr.	E	90	Justin Wyatt	6-4 261 So.
MIKE	44	Jon Hesse	6-4 250 Sr.	SAM	66	Al Sterling	5-11 239 So.
WILL	43	Tyrell Farley	6-1 205 Sr.	WILL	45	Joe Lavo	6-2 220 Sr.
LCB	20	Michael Booker	6-2 205 Sr.	SS	1	Caldrinoff Easter	5-10 186 So.
FS	16	Eric Binkze	5-11 195 Sr.	HB	5	Shad Dries	5-10 173 Jr.
ROV	10	Mike Minter	5-10 190 Sr.	FS	9	DeMontie Cross	6-4 209 Sr.
ROB	22	Ralph Brown	5-11 180 Jr.	CB	8	Clayton Baker	5-10 178 Sr.
P	19	Jesse Kosch	6-0 185 Jr.	P	17	Vince Sebo	6-1 225 Fr.

Holbein, who has caught 13 passes for 220 yards and has a team-leading three touchdown catches, said players like Jeff Lake, Jon Vedral, Kenny Cheatham and Lance Brown have gained confidence after a slow start.

"We're a group that day in and day out wants to get the job done," Holbein said. "We've made our mark of how good we can be."

Not only have the receivers improved, Frost said, but his performance has also progressed.

"We're starting to develop more and more confidence in our passing game," Frost said. "Once we hit a few plays in the passing game, the running game opens up, too."

"We're getting more and more where we can hurt people with more than one area of the offense."

Football Picks

The Daily Nebraskan sports staff members pick the winners in 10 of 19 college football games this weekend. The staff is 7-4-26 this season and was 9-1 last week.

Nebraska	at	Bohannon College
Alabama	at	Louisiana St.
California	at	Arizona St.
Northwestern	at	Iowa
Iowa St.	at	Colorado
Kansas St.	at	Kansas
Texas A&M	at	Baylor
Texas	at	Texas Tech
Oklahoma	at	Oklahoma St.
Missouri	at	Nebraska 65

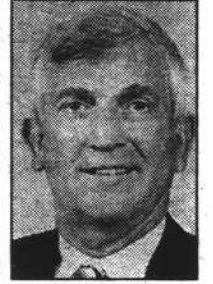
Tiger coach wary of trip to Lincoln

By PETER MARHOEFER
Staff Reporter

Missouri Football Coach Larry Smith is not excited about returning to Lincoln.

"It's tough to go into the sea of red two years in a row," Smith said.

Missouri hopes to avenge last year's 57-0 loss in Lincoln and break a 17-game losing streak to Nebraska when the Tigers play NU at Memorial Stadium Saturday at 1 p.m.



"We have to make sure we don't get wrapped up in the JumboTrons and stat boards," Smith said. "It's the toughest place to play in our league."

Missouri comes into the game at 3-5 after giving up a school-record 457 passing yards to Koy Detmer in a 41-13 loss to Colorado last week.

"We can't let the game get out of hand," Smith said. "Other people try to do impossible things in Lincoln."

Smith, who coached at Southern California for six years before coming to MU three years ago, has studied film of Arizona State's win over NU earlier this season.

"ASU got to (Nebraska quarterback Scott) Frost, created some mistakes and turned them into scores," Smith said.

But Missouri will have a difficult time matching Arizona State's performance, he said.

"Everything came together. We have to move people around and give them variations. We can't blitz or run that much. We have to change it up."

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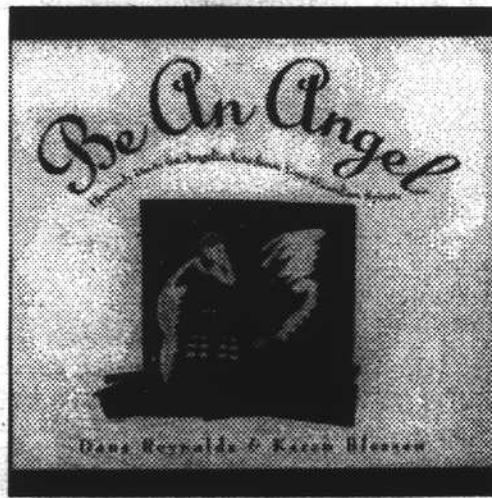


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