

gton vs. Nebraska

Freshman QB fills in for Huard

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SEATTLE - The biggest college assignment Marques Tuiasosopo had before Saturday's game against Nebraska was to watch Brock Huard try to beat Nebraska.

Neither happened. Huard left the game with an ankle injury in the second quarter, and the Cornhuskers beat Washington 27-14.

However, it was the true freshman Tuiasosopo, who had only 12 snaps in his college career before Saturday's game, who led the Huskies on both touchdown drives.

With 12:27 left in the half, and Washington trailing 14-0, Tuiasosopo took the reins from the injured Huard, and didn't look back.

Before halftime, he led the Huskies to their first score of the day, a 12-yard

pass to tight end Cameron Cleeland ending a four play, 62-yard drive in 53 seconds.

Washington coaches and players were impressed with Tuiasosopo's play. "He did a great job," Huard said. "A couple of big plays, and I think the game is ours."

Huard, who injured his ankle when tackled by NU rush end Grant Wistrom, was reduced to coaching Tuiasosopo many times throughout the game. The biggest lesson Huard gave the freshman, who has not attended an university class, was to "flow" with the game and not think too much.

But the lesson was easier said than done.

Tuiasosopo said there wasn't a lot of time to think on the field.

"I just tried to keep everybody together and execute," he said.

That was difficult most of the day with Nebraska controlling the line of

scrimmage. The Huskers eliminated Washington's running game, and forced the Huskies to rely on the pass. UW, which had been averaging 221 yards rushing per game, mustered just 43 yards on the ground against NU.

Tuiasosopo did answer the challenge throwing the ball. The 6-foot-1, 200-pounder from Woodinville, Wash., who has 13 relatives who have played some sport for the Huskies, finished the day completing 12 of 22 passes for 270 yards and two touchdowns.

Tuiasosopo found senior split end Jerome Pathon three times during his first three drives.

On his third play in the game facing a third-down-and-9 from the Huskies' 12-yard line, Tuiasosopo hit Pathon for a 41-yard gain to move the ball into Nebraska territory.

On the next drive, he spotted Pathon again, this time for 45 yards on a second-and-13 play. Pathon's third recep-

tion from Tuiasosopo, a 36-yard strike from the NU 48, set up the Huskies' only score in the first half.

"He did an exceptional job, and we're proud of the way he played," Pathon said.

Pathon said despite the freshman's lack of game experience, he was confident in the huddle leading the team.

With 6:36 left in the third quarter, Tuiasosopo and the Huskies took the ball from Nebraska on downs.

After a 3-yard run by sophomore tailback Maurice Shaw, Tuiasosopo hit Pathon on a 53-yard pass play to give the Huskies a first down on the NU 19-yard line. After two Tuiasosopo running plays, he then hit Cleeland for a 15-yard gain to the NU 1-yard line.

After a running play for a loss of a yard, Tuiasosopo hit senior fullback Mike Reed for a 2-yard touchdown pass to close the Washington gap to seven points. But the Huskies never got closer.

Top 25

Below are the USA TODAY Top 25 Coaches Poll and The Associated Press Top 25 Poll for college football.

AP Top 25

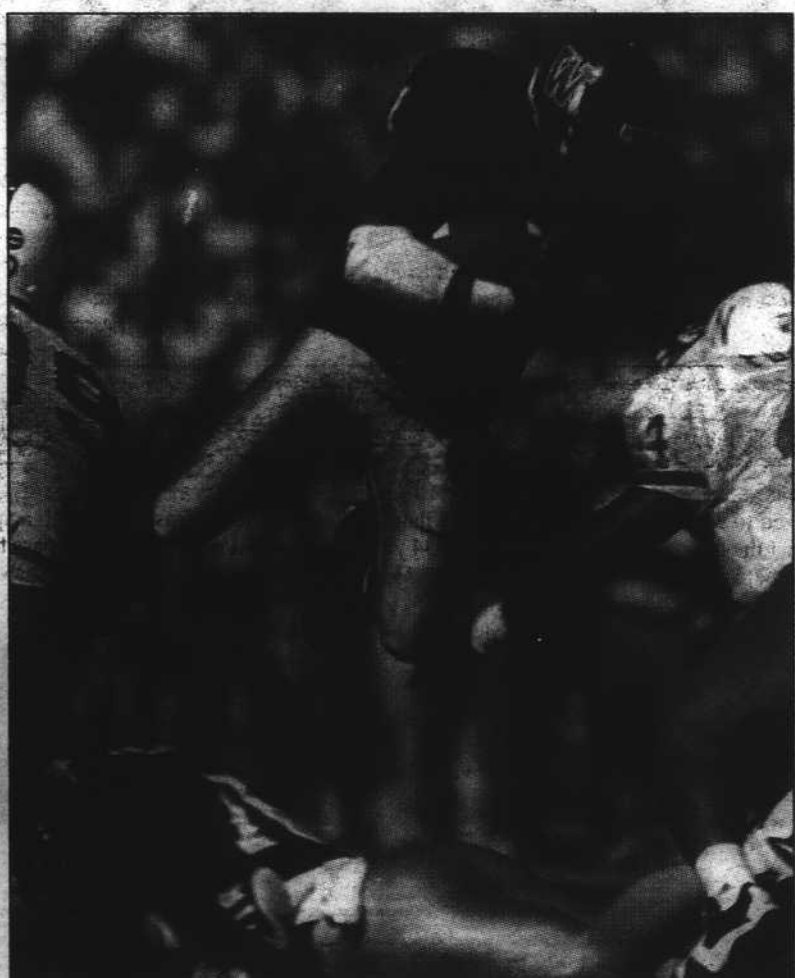
Rank	School	Record	Pvs
1	Florida (32)	3-0	3
2	Penn St. (28)	3-0	1
3	Nebraska (7)	8-0	7
4	Florida St. (1)	3-0	5
5	North Carolina (2)	3-0	6
6	Michigan	2-0	8
7	Ohio St.	3-0	9
8	Auburn	3-0	12
9	Tennessee	2-1	4
10	Washington	2-1	2
11	Iowa	3-0	13
12	Michigan St.	3-0	17
13	LSU	2-1	10
14	Virginia Tech	3-0	18
15	Washington St.	3-0	19
16	Colorado	1-1	15
17	Clemson	2-1	16
18	Kansas St.	2-0	20
19	Georgia	3-0	25
20	Stanford	2-1	21
21	Alabama	2-1	11
22	Texas A&M	2-0	-
23	Brigham Young	1-1	-
24	UCLA	1-2	24
25	Arizona St.	2-1	14

USA TODAY/Coaches Top 25

1	Florida (43)	3-0	1
2	Penn St. (14)	3-0	2
3	Nebraska (3)	3-0	6
4	Florida St. (1)	3-0	5
5	North Carolina (1)	3-0	7
6	Michigan	2-0	9
7	Ohio St.	3-0	8
8	Auburn	3-0	12
9	Iowa	3-0	13
10	Tennessee	2-1	4
11	Washington	2-1	3
12	Virginia Tech	3-0	14
13	Michigan St.	3-0	18
14	Washington St.	3-0	20
15	LSU	2-1	10
16	Colorado	1-1	16
17	Kansas St.	2-0	19
18	Texas A&M	2-0	22
19	Alabama	2-1	11
20	Georgia	3-0	25
21	Clemson	2-1	15
22	Stanford	2-1	23
23	Arizona St.	2-1	17
24	Brigham Young	1-1	-
25	Air Force	4-0	-



AHMAN GREEN challenges Washington linebackers Jeremiah Pharms (No. 4) and Lester Towns. Green carried the ball 29 times for 129 yards.



RASHAAN SHEHEE tries to go over Nebraska linebacker Jay Foreman (No. 44) and defensive tackle Jason Wiltz. Shehee, a senior tailback, found little running room Saturday, carrying 11 times for 28 yards, an average of 2.5 yards per attempt.

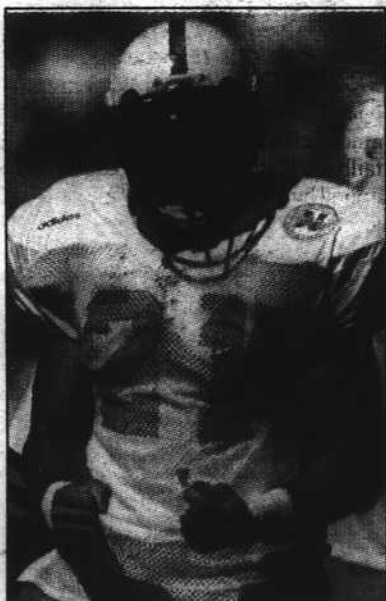
Scoring Summary

Team	Qtr	Scoring play	Conversion	Score
NU	1st	S. Frost 34-yd run	K. Brown kick	7 0
NU	1st	S. Frost 30-yd run	K. Brown kick	14 0
NU	2nd	A. Green 4-yd run	K. Brown kick	21 0
UW	2nd	Tuiasosopo to C. Cleeland 12-yd pass	R. Jones kick	21 7
UW	3rd	Tuiasosopo to Reed 2-yd pass	R. Jones kick	21 14
NU	4th	K. Brown kick 20-yd FG		24 14
NU	4th	K. Brown kick 31-yd FG		27 14

Football Game Review

Nebraska				Washington									
Rushing				Rushing									
No.	Name	Yds	Avg TD	No.	Name	Yds	Avg TD						
46	Joel Makovicka	129	10.8 0	1	Rashaan Shehee	28	2.5 0						
30	Ahman Green	129	4.4 1	11	Marques Tuiasosopo	12	1.1 0						
7	Scott Frost	97	5.4 2	32	Maurice Shaw	10	2.0 0						
Receiving				Receiving									
No.	Name	No	Yds	TD	No.	Name	No	Yds	TD				
14	Lance Brown	2	38	0	24	Jerome Pathon	5	195	0				
5	Shevin Wiggins	2	24	0	1	Rashaan Shehee	4	18	0				
3	Matt Davison	1	14	0	85	Cameron Cleeland	3	42	1				
Passing				Passing									
No.	Name	Att	Cmp	Int	Yds	TD	No.	Name	Att	Cmp	Int	Yds	TD
7	Scott Frost	15	8	0	88	0	11	M. Tuiasosopo	22	12	0	270	0
							7	Brock Huard	8	4	0	29	0

Game Stats		Nebraska	UW		
First downs	23	14	Fumbles had	0	0
Rushing attempts	66	28	Interceptions made	0	0
Rushing yards	384	43	Penalties / yards	9 / 60	6 / 47
Passing attempts	15	30	Punt returns / yards	0 / 0	1 / 10
Passing completions	8	16	Kickoff returns / yards	2 / 39	4 / 99
Passing yards	88	299	Time of possession	34:31	25:29
Total plays	81	58	Third-down conversion	8	2
Total yards	472	342	Fourth-down conversion	2	0
Average yards per play	5.8	5.9	Sacks / yards	4	2



MIKE BROWN gestures to the crowd during a timeout Saturday. Brown and the Husker defense held UW to 43 yards rushing.

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