

Game day: Nebraska

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WACO, Texas — Nebraska place kicker Kris Brown converted seven of seven extra-point attempts against Baylor on Saturday. His second PAT, in the first quarter, broke NU's school record for points scored by a kicker. Brown, a junior from Southlake, Texas, passed Byron Bennett's 222 career points (1990-93).

Brown also moved from sixth to fourth among all point scorers, passing Bennett and quarterback Tommie Frazier, who also scored 222 while at Nebraska.

The last time Brown played at Floyd Casey Stadium, he quarterbacked Southlake Carroll High to a 14-6 victory over Cuero (Texas) High for the 1993 state championship. Clint Finley, now a redshirt freshman free safety at Nebraska, played quarterback for Cuero.

Brown and Finley were two of eight Huskers who returned to their home state of Texas on Saturday.

With a 49-21 victory over Baylor, Nebraska has now won 33 consecutive conference games. The win was the Huskers' 52nd in their last 55 games and their fourth straight over the Bears.

NU coach Tom Osborne is now 94-6-1 in the month of October and within three games of his 250th career victory.

Saturday's crowd of 38,175 was the smallest Nebraska has played in front of since it defeated Texas Tech 42-16 before 32,768 fans in Lubbock, Texas, Sept. 8, 1994.

In just his second start, true freshman Erwin Swiney recorded his first career interception against the Bears. Swiney jumped and grabbed a pass in the end zone from Baylor quarterback Jeff Watson with about three minutes remaining in the third quarter. Starting in place of Jerome Peterson, out with a hamstring injury, for the second week in a row, Swiney also had two tackles and a pass breakup.

Four of Nebraska's seven touchdowns were scored on drives that consumed less than two minutes. The Huskers had possession of the ball for 12 minutes, 19 seconds in the first quarter, compared to the Bears' 2:41.

Five NU touchdowns were scored on drives of five or fewer plays.

The Huskers rushed for 410 yards Saturday — their second-best effort of the season. Nebraska rushed for 472 against Akron in the season opener followed by 364 against Central Florida, 384 at Washington, and 379 against Kansas State.

Nebraska, which leads the nation in rushing, has won 79 straight games when rushing for over 300 yards. Under Osborne, the Huskers are 157-5 when rushing for more than 300 yards and 80-0 when scampering for over 400.

Game day Notebook was compiled by senior reporter David Wilson and staff reporter Andrew Strnad.



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	Penn St. (51)	5-0	2
2	Nebraska (14)	5-0	3
3	Florida St. (3)	5-0	4
4	North Carolina (2)	6-0	5
5	Michigan	5-0	6
6	Auburn	6-0	8
7	Florida	5-1	1
8	LSU	5-1	14
9	Tennessee	4-1	9
10	Washington	4-1	10
11	Ohio St.	5-1	7
12	Michigan St.	5-0	11
13	Washington St.	5-0	12
14	Texas A&M	5-0	15
15	Iowa	4-1	17
16	Oklahoma St.	6-0	20
17	UCLA	4-2	18
18	Air Force	7-0	19
19	Georgia	4-1	13
20	Kansas St.	4-1	22
21	Georgia Tech	4-1	25
22	Virginia Tech	5-1	23
23	West Virginia	5-1	—
24	Wisconsin	6-1	—
25	Stanford	4-2	16

USA TODAY/Coaches Top 25

1	Penn St. (51)	5-0	2
2	Nebraska (9)	5-0	3
3	Florida St. (1)	5-0	4
4	North Carolina (1)	6-0	5
5	Michigan	5-0	6
6	Florida	5-1	1
7	Auburn	6-0	8
8	Washington	4-1	9
9	Tennessee	4-1	10
10	LSU	5-1	14
11	Michigan St.	5-0	11
12	Ohio St.	5-1	7
13	Washington St.	5-0	12
14	Texas A&M	5-0	13
15	Iowa	4-1	16
16	Oklahoma St.	6-0	20
17	Air Force	7-0	18
18	UCLA	4-2	19
19	Virginia Tech	5-1	20
20	Kansas St.	4-1	23
21	Georgia	4-1	15
22	West Virginia	5-1	24
23	Stanford	4-2	17
24	Wisconsin	6-1	—
25	Georgia Tech	4-1	—

Green leads NU to rout of Bears

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WACO, Texas — On a rainy night at Floyd Casey Stadium, Baylor was a little too slippery for Nebraska's second team to handle.

But the Cornhusker starters had no problem taming the Bears.

Nebraska, which improved to 5-0 and 2-0 in the Big 12 Conference, and jumped one spot to No. 2 in both major polls, led 42-7 halftime and coasted to a 49-21 victory over Baylor (1-4 and 0-2) before 38,175 Saturday.

NU coach Tom Osborne said he was not pleased with the play of his backup units. The Huskers were outscored 14-7 in the second half.

"I'm just kind of upset at the fact that we didn't finish the game off playing well," Osborne said. "What I'm after is not a big score — not trying to rub it in. I'm just trying to make sure we execute. When we don't execute like I think we can, then I'm not real happy."

Nebraska recorded 378 yards of total offense in the first half — including 312 on the ground — and scored touchdowns on six of nine drives. In the second half, primarily under the execution of the second and third teams, the Huskers produced 170 yards and allowed 107 yards.

NU's only scoring drive in the second half was led by senior quarterback Scott Frost, who completed 5 of 8 passes for 103 yards and rushed for 71 yards.

The Huskers' nation-leading ground attack was led by junior I-back Ahman Green, who carried the ball 20 times for 158 yards. Nebraska finished with 548 yards of total offense and 410 rushing yards.

"My line was opening holes wide open for me and it makes my job easier," Green said. "If they do their jobs good, I

know I'm going to have a good day out there."

Green, who said he is playing as good as he ever has, rushed for more than 100 yards for the fourth consecutive game. He also tied a career high with four touchdowns — all in the first half.

A possible Heisman Trophy candidate, Green will have trouble winning the award because he doesn't touch the ball enough, Nebraska running backs coach Frank Solich said.

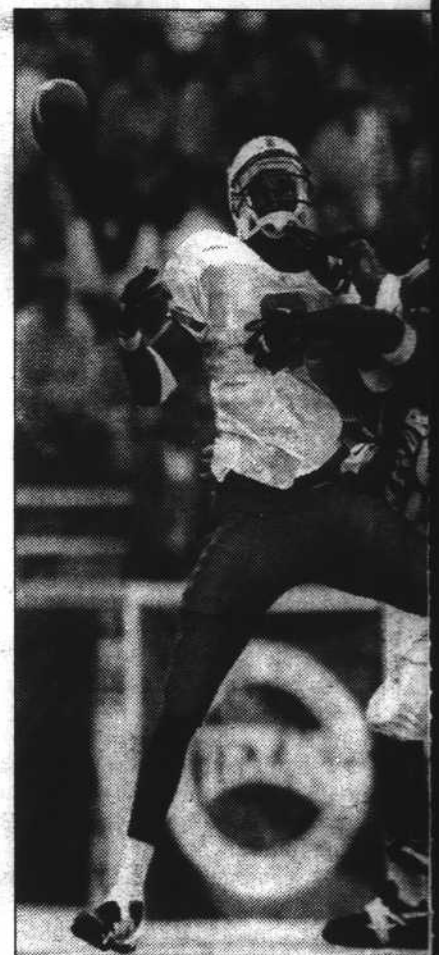
"There's so much hype that goes into it," Solich said. "If we're really trying to push someone hard, which we've never had a tendency to do for the Heisman, he would have gotten a number of carries in the second half, and he would have had unbelievable numbers."

After being forced to punt in its first series, the Nebraska offense struck first with 7 minutes, 6 seconds remaining in the first quarter when Green capped a 38-yard drive with a three-yard touchdown run. The Bears saw a lot of Green as Nebraska only threw one pass in the first quarter.

"The intensity was good," Frost said. "I think we might have come out a little flat right at the beginning. But we figured out we were in a football game right away, and came out playing."

The rain came down early in the first half, and wet footballs caused some problems with both teams' passing games. In Big 12 Conference games, teams are only allowed to use six balls each half.

Baylor carried the ball 37 times for 137 yards, topped by an 80-yard touchdown run by senior tailback Jerod Douglas in the first quarter, which was the Bears' biggest play of the evening. The only positive-yard play for Baylor in the first quarter, Douglas' scamper was a career long and the longest against Nebraska since an 87-yard run by Frank Madu of Washington State Sept. 30, 1995.



"We gave up that first long touchdown, and if we don't stop doing that kind of stuff, we aren't going to be a national championship football team," NU defensive coordinator Charlie McBride said. "That's just all there is to it."

The Bears didn't score again until the fourth quarter, when they put 14 points on the board. Freshman tailback Darrell Bush finished a 68-play drive with a one-yard touchdown run with 8:54 remaining in the game and weakside linebacker Kenyada Parker recovered a fumble in the end zone on the last play of the game.

On the final play, NU freshman fullback Willie Miller took the handoff from third-team quarterback Monte Christo and was hit hard before coughing up the ball.

Turnovers also hurt the Bears. Two Baylor fumbles resulted in two first-half touchdowns for the Huskers.