

Gameday: Texas 1

Gameday Notebook

Texas Tech junior Jaret Greaser broke his leg on a missed 52-yard field goal attempt with 8:31 remaining in the first quarter Saturday in Nebraska's 29-0 win over the Red Raiders. Greaser, a junior from Amarillo, Texas, knows NU kicker Kris Brown from high school. Brown played at Carroll High in Southlake, Texas.

Brown felt Greaser's pain. "That's kind of a bad break for him," Brown said. "I guess he was just swinging through the ball, and it's just kind of one of those freak things that happens. I hope the best for him."

Greaser said he thought somebody ran into his leg.

"I knew it was broken when he hit me," Greaser said. "My leg was on full extension on the follow through. I did the same thing in high school playing quarterback."

NU I-back Ahman Green rushed for 178 yards against the Red Raiders in the junior's fifth consecutive 100-yard effort. Green, who moved to fourth on Nebraska's career rushing chart, has scrambled for 2,873 yards in his career. Green passed No. 6 Derek Brown's 2,699 yards from 1990 to 1992; No. 5 Lawrence Phillips' 2,777 from 1993 to '95 and No. 4 I.M. Hipp's 2,814 from 1977 to '79.

"There's no other running back around that I'd rather have in the huddle than Ahman Green," senior offensive tackle Aaron Taylor said. "He pushes it each and every down and gets every yard that he can."

Green's 31 career touchdowns also rank fourth on Nebraska's all-time chart.

In his 300th game as Nebraska's head coach, Tom Osborne improved his career record to 248-49-3.

"That's a lot of games," Osborne said. "I guess I've enjoyed most of them - there have been a few I wish I could take back, but it's been a lot of fun."

This season marks the 10th time the Huskers have started 6-0 under Osborne.

With a win over Kansas next week, Osborne could go for his 250th win against Oklahoma in Lincoln on Nov. 1. Osborne would be the fastest coach in college football to reach the 250 plateau and would average 10 wins a season during his 25th year as head coach.

Freshman Joe Walker started his first career game Saturday against Texas Tech. Listed as a cornerback in Nebraska's media guide, Walker has primarily played rover this season, but he started Saturday in place of the Sam linebacker in Nebraska's nickel package, which features five defensive backs.

"It felt good to be out there with the first unit," Walker said.

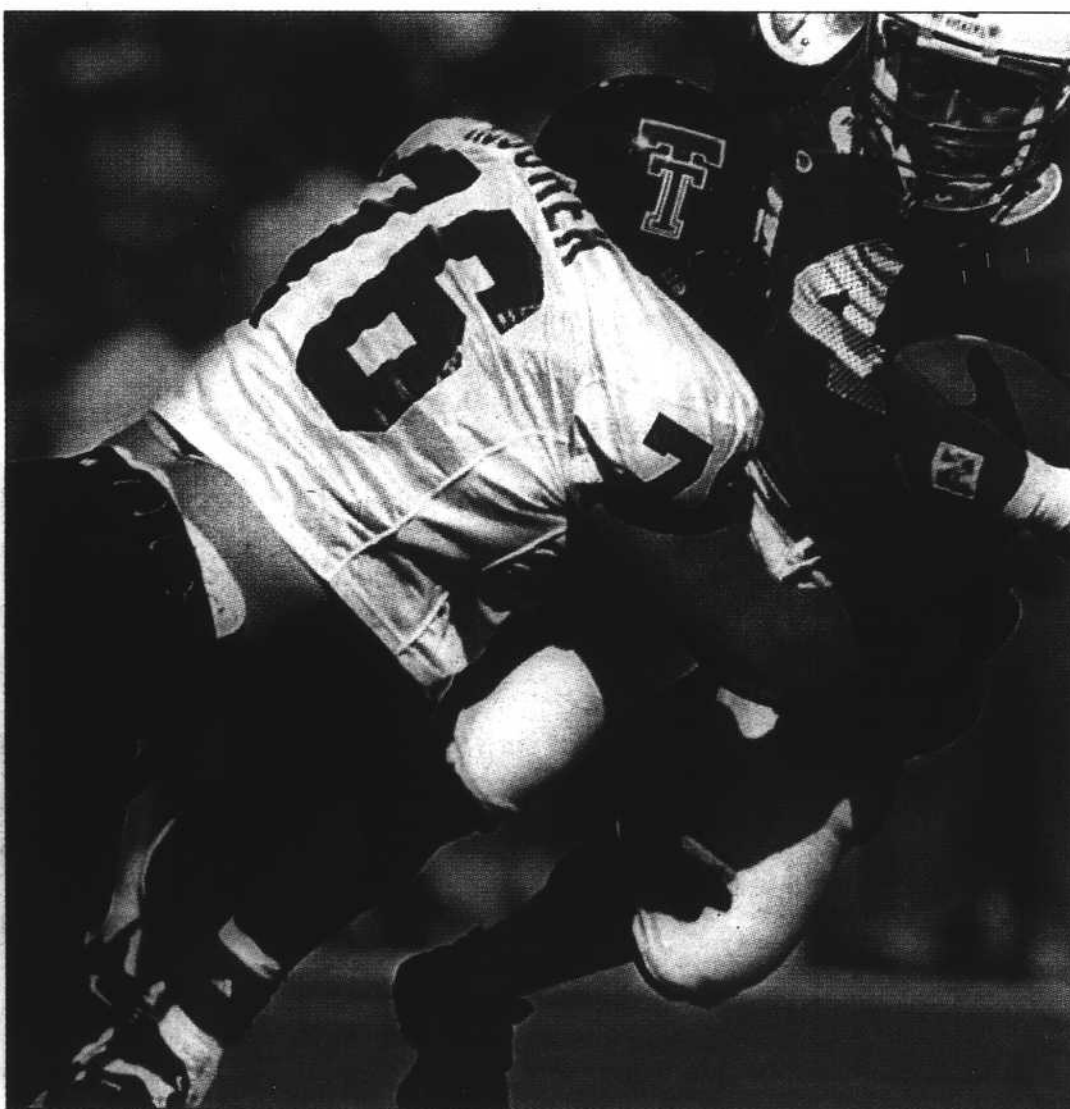
Though Nebraska Defensive Coordinator Charlie McBride said the position changes are a disadvantage to Walker, the 5-foot-9, 190-pound Walker said his mobility is an advantage.

"Whatever they want me to play, I'm willing to give 100 percent."

Nebraska's defense has held Texas Tech's offense without a touchdown for nine quarters. The last time the Red Raiders scored a touchdown against the Husker Blackshirts was in the third quarter in 1994, when quarterback Zebbie Lethridge hit Scott Aylor for a six-yard touchdown pass.

NU beat Tech last year 24-10 in Lubbock, Texas, but Tech's touchdown was scored by the Red Raiders' defense, which returned a nine-yard interception for a touchdown.

Notebook compiled by senior reporters David Wilson and Antone Oseka.



TOP: AHMAN GREEN eludes Texas Tech's Dane Johnson on the way to a piece of his 178 yards rushing Saturday. Green moved into the No. 4 spot on the all-time NU rushing charts.

VERSHAN JACKSON battles Tech's Kris Kocurek. Jackson caught one pass for 15 yards.

Tech can't explain

■ Lethridge says his ankle was not an issue in Nebraska's domination of the Tech offense.

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The Texas Tech players knew scoring against the Nebraska defense was going to be tough.

But Tech Coach Spike Dykes figured the Red Raiders would be able to score at least a couple of times.

Even trailing 13-0 at halftime, Dykes and the Red Raiders knew they were only two touchdowns away from evening up the game.

"We were two big plays from taking the lead," said Tech defensive end Montae Reagor.

Those plays never came.

Nebraska beat Texas Tech 29-0 while holding the Red Raiders to 127 yards of total offense, with nearly all of that coming through the air. Tech rushed 26 times for 17 yards.

For the first time this season, Tech was limited to less than 100 yards of offense in the first half as the Blackshirts held quarterback Zebbie Lethridge and his teammates to 68 yards on 26 plays.

"It's hard right now to find much good to talk about," Dykes said. "I thought we hung in there pretty

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