

**Big 12 Notebook**

## Huskers rout No. 4 Blue Devils

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Soccer

For the last month, the No. 10 Nebraska soccer team had been shutting out opponents with ease. But many of those wins came against teams with losing records and ranked near the bottom of the Big 12 Conference.

The Cornhuskers proved Monday those last eight wins were not a fluke, as the Huskers beat No. 4 Duke 5-0 in Durham, N.C.

The win was the first-ever victory over a top-five ranked team for NU (13-2 overall).

The Blue Devils dropped to 12-3 on the season and suffered their first loss this season to a team not ranked in the top five. Duke lost to No. 2 Notre Dame and No. 3 Portland earlier this season.

The game, which was supposed

to be played Sunday afternoon, was postponed because Duke's Championship Field was underwater. Nebraska Coach John Walker said the field was still muddy on Monday, but it didn't play a big role in the game.

Walker called the win a confidence booster. The Huskers lost their last two road games, and hadn't beaten a ranked team on the road since last season's 3-1 win over Duke. Walker said the win was big because of the lack of success Nebraska has had on the road this season.

"We know we played well in the last month," Walker said. "It was important for us to play that way against a quality team and on the road."

Postponing the game meant the Huskers had not played a game in over a week, but NU didn't miss a beat.

Nebraska struck early, as sophomore Lindsay Eddleman put a shot

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past Duke goalkeeper Dana Piper just one minute, 13 seconds into the match. The goal, which was assisted by junior midfielder/striker Kim Engesser, was the first of three goals for Eddleman.

The hat trick was Eddleman's second in her Husker career. Eddleman also scored in the 34th minute, assisted by junior Kristen Gay, and finished off the scoring with another goal assisted by Gay in the 88th minute.

Sandwiched between Eddleman's goals were two goals by sophomore Amy Walsh. The reserve scored goals in the 31st and 52nd minute for the Huskers, pushing her goal total on the year to five.

NU attempted 13 shots on goal, compared to only four for Duke. Nebraska also controlled the battle

of possession, taking seven corner kicks while the Blue Devils only managed two.

Walker said the Huskers played their best game of the year, sustaining pressure for the entire 90 minutes. He said NU got a huge boost from the bench.

"It is gratifying because we played an all-around game," Walker said.

Senior goalkeeper Rebecca Hornbacher recorded three saves on her way to posting her ninth straight shutout, which continues to be a Nebraska record. The Nebraska defense has not allowed a goal in 847 minutes, 29 seconds.

"We got contributions from everyone," Walker said. "We defended really well, and Becky (Hornbacher) was solid."

The Big 12 offensive player of the week was Nebraska junior I-back Ahman Green. Green had 178 yards on 24 carries and a touchdown in NU's 29-0 victory over Texas Tech.

The Big 12 defensive player of the week was Kansas State sophomore linebacker Jeff Kelly. Kelly had 11 tackles, five of those for losses, and two sacks in KSU's 36-17 win over Texas A&M.

The Big 12 special teams player of the week was also a Wildcat. Freshman punt returner David Allen set a KSU record with 125 punt-return yards, which set up 10 points for K-State in the first quarter.

Oklahoma State and Nebraska are tied with several other teams for the third longest win streak in the nation with seven. Both streaks go back to last year when Oklahoma State beat Baylor and Nebraska beat Virginia Tech in the Orange Bowl. Penn State has the longest winning streak in the nation at 11.

Is it a return to the wishbone for Oklahoma? Maybe not, but OU quarterback Eric Moore was the first Sooner QB to rush for more than 100 yards since Steve Collins in 1989, rushing for 141 yards in Oklahoma's 24-23 win over Baylor. Coach John Blake said before the game against the Bears that OU would switch to a more option-style attack on offense.

The Kansas State defense held Texas A&M to negative 35 yards rushing Saturday, believed to be the lowest in modern Aggie history. Texas A&M Coach R.C. Slocum said Kansas State forced the Aggies into mistakes in all four quarters.

"We were pretty much running uphill all day long," Slocum said. "We knew that we wouldn't be able to run the ball if we couldn't make big plays in the passing game. We didn't, so we had a tough time."

Bowl bids and possibly coaching jobs are on the line when Colorado and Texas, both 3-3, play in Austin, Texas, this weekend. There has been speculation that UT John Mackovic's job may be on the line if he can't turn in a strong performance for the rest of the season.

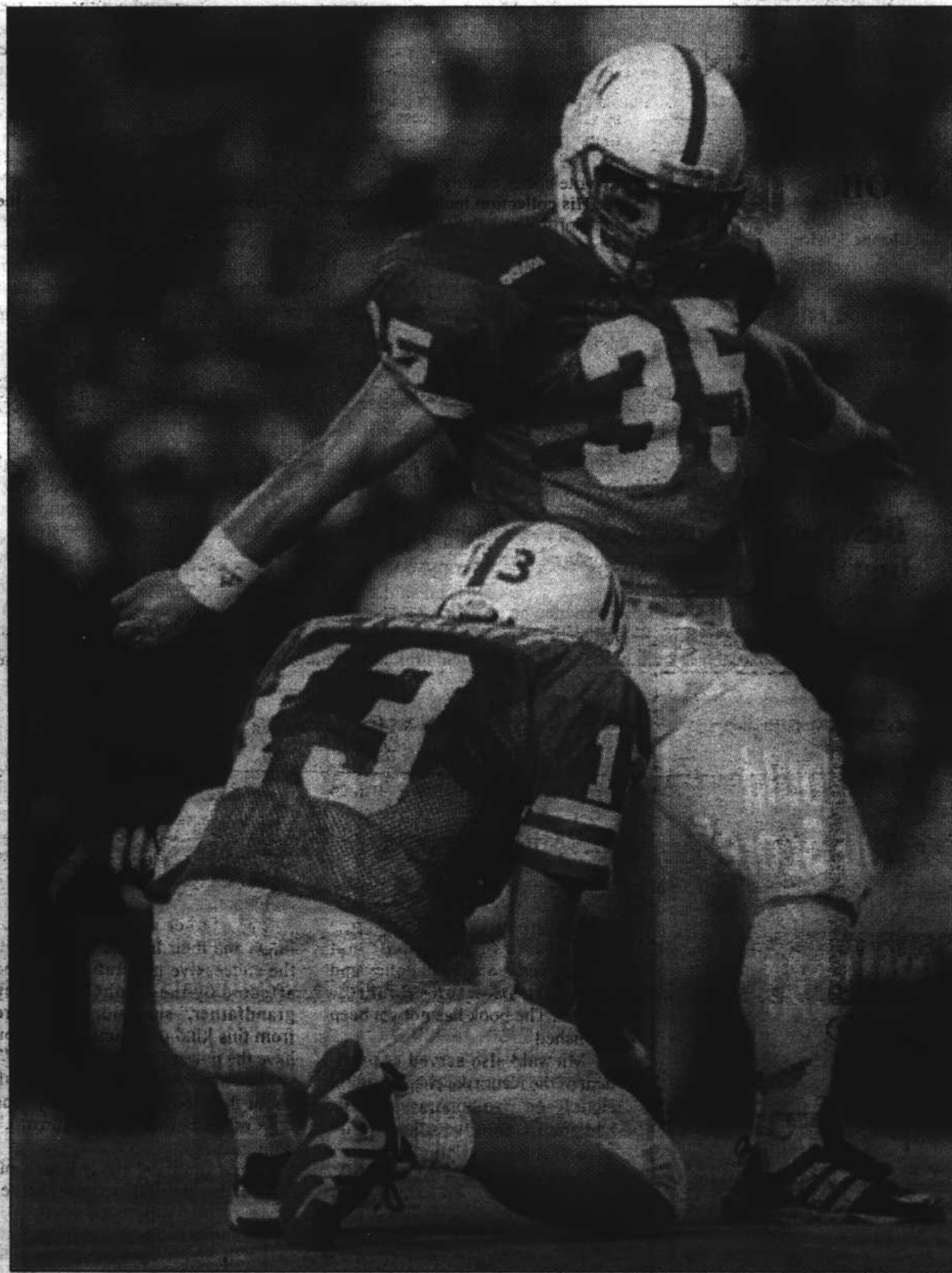
For his part, Mackovic said he doesn't think his job is in jeopardy in any way.

"To be straightforward, I don't have any discussion about this with anyone but the media," Mackovic said. "I'm not worried about it at all right now."

**This week's Big 12 games**

- Missouri at Oklahoma State
- Baylor at Iowa State
- Texas A&M at Texas Tech
- Kansas State at Oklahoma
- Colorado at Texas
- Nebraska at Kansas

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AFTER STARTING THE SEASON missing three of his first five field-goal attempts, NU place-kicker Kris Brown has redeemed himself making seven of his last seven. Brown is the all-time leading scorer among NU kickers.

## Brown boots kicking slump

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Kris Brown's three field goals Saturday didn't come as a shock to Texas Tech Coach Spike Dykes.

"That guy hasn't missed a field goal since - well, we're talking about Germany - since Hitler was a corporal," Dykes said. "He just kicks everything right through the middle."

The Nebraska junior made field goals from 31, 32 and 41 yards - his season long - as the Cornhuskers downed the Red Raiders 29-0 at Memorial Stadium.

Though he has now made seven consecutive field goals, Brown didn't start the season off on the right foot.

In the Huskers' first three games, Brown missed three of five field goals and said he knew something wasn't right.

"I would be lying if I said I wasn't disappointed," Brown said after NU's 27-14 victory at Washington Sept. 26. "I expect more out of myself. I'm a perfectionist."

With two weeks of preparation prior to the Kansas State game on Oct. 4, Brown and NU Kickers Coach Dan Young reviewed tape of some of Brown's field goals and compared his form from last season to this year.

Problem solved. "He wasn't aggressive enough to the ball," Young said Saturday. "He just wasn't attacking the ball. And his plant foot at times was just a little bit too far up. Mostly it was a matter of kicking with a little more confidence and just going after it."

Since looking at the tapes, Brown has made five of five field-goal

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