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What rivalry?

NU defeated OU 69-7 Saturday ending the 69-year history of the series. The two teams won't play again until 2000. **PAGE 6**



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A dying art?

While dance students wonder if their major will endure, fine and performing arts college administrators say it's too premature to tell. **PAGE 9**

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Osborne reels in 250th win NU coach gives players credit

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Although 10 college football coaches have won 250 games or more, only one man has done it in 25 years: Tom Osborne.

Husker fans helped celebrate Osborne's milestone in Memorial Stadium after his victory over Oklahoma - his 250th win. In the north end zone, fireworks exploded in brilliant fashion. HuskerVision screens showed highlights of some of Osborne's greatest games.

Athletic Director Bill Byrne and defensive tackle Jason Peter awarded Osborne a game ball in honor of all Husker teams Osborne coached. Osborne was then given the microphone. To no one's surprise, Osborne gave credit to everyone but himself.

"I've been a small part of this, and I really mean that," Osborne said.

His players said they knew better. After the game many were emotional about being able to help Osborne reach another milestone.

Defensive end Grant Wistrom said winning the



AFTER THE GAME, Nebraska Football Coach Tom Osborne was introduced by Athletic Director Bill Byrne and given praise for his achievement of reaching 250 NU wins in only 25 years of coaching.

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game was about no one but Osborne.

"Nobody wanted to be the person to let Coach Osborne down," Wistrom said.

No one did let Osborne down, even if it meant putting personal habits to the wayside. Wingback Lance Brown has done either a front flip or back flip after scoring a touchdown, even if it meant receiving an unsportsmanlike conduct penalty. Brown said he thought about another gymnastic performance after his 9-yard rushing touchdown in the third quarter, but thought better of it.

"I thought about it, but it was TO's 250th (win)," Brown

"I've been a really small part of this, and I really mean that."

TOM OSBORNE
NU football coach

said. "I didn't want to ruin it by getting him mad."

Wistrom said though this year's team was on the field for Osborne's 250th victory, the win was dedicated to every team and every player who has played under

Osborne.

"We're just the tip of the iceberg," Wistrom said. "We're not the only ones that have ever played for him. There were some before us and there will probably be a few after us."

Gusty winds cast more trials on LES

■ Twenty power lines got knocked out Sunday by 40 mph gales, leaving 2,000 customers temporarily out of power.

BY TED TAYLOR
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Just when you thought it was safe to have your electricity turned back on.

... She's back.

Mother Nature was at it again Sunday with gusty 40 mph winds that knocked down 20 lateral power lines and caused power outages for about 2,000 LES customers.

But later in the afternoon, Lincoln Electric System spokeswoman Carolyn Douglas said 17 of those lines had been fixed, and only about 450 customers remained without power. She expected power to be restored to those customers by late Sunday or early today.

"We're getting close," she said. "It's been a long haul, but our crews have done a tremendous job."

The crews, who had been working 16-hour shifts during the week, Sunday went back to their normal, 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. shifts, Douglas said.

"We're still operating with people around the clock though," she said. "It's not quite back to business as usual, but we're getting closer to that."

At the height of last Sunday's snow storm, about 150,000 people statewide, including more than 30,000 LES customers in Lincoln and the surrounding area, were without power.

That number gradually fell throughout the week as warmer temperatures melted the 13 inches of snow, but LES crews still had difficulty getting to many of the outages because of fallen or broken tree limbs.

There were still about 17,000 Omaha Public Power District customers without power on Sunday.

By midweek, LES had enlisted the help of about 400 outside electric and utility contractors from across the region to help with the cleanup and power restoration efforts.

But Thursday more than 20,000 customers were still in the dark. That number fell to about 2,000 Saturday afternoon.

All week, especially Saturday, Nebraska's capital city sounded more like a northwestern logging community as the roar of chain saws could be heard down nearly every neighborhood street in the central, older part of the city.

The National Guard was called in to help with the cleanup efforts Friday and Saturday, because President Clinton signed Gov. Ben Nelson's request for federal disaster assistance.

The executive order will allow for assistance in the form of more trucks, chippers and hoisters, as well as more National Guard personnel assistance.

Federal Emergency Management Agency officials are expected to be in the state this week to survey the damage and possibly get the ball rolling for emergency funding assistance.

Nelson's press secretary Karl Bieber said that storm-related damages statewide could hit

Cook Pavilion shelter draws few fans

BY ANN MARY LANDIS
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UNL didn't have exactly the kind of slumber party Mayor Mike Johanns called for.

Johanns had asked the University of Nebraska-Lincoln to open Cook Pavilion, the indoor practice field in the Campus Recreation Center, hoping that Husker fans would give up their reserved hotel rooms for people without power.

Saturday at least 2,000 people were still without electricity in their homes because of an Oct. 26 snow storm that downed tree limbs and power lines. Throughout the week, many of those residents took refuge in hotels.

But the people who stayed in Cook Pavilion - all three of them - came only "to play where the Cornhuskers practice," not to relieve hotel con-

gestion.

Larry Fichtner and his two sons, 10-year-old Kyle and 7-year-old Dylan, didn't even need to spend the night in Lincoln; they live eight miles away in Waverly.

The three went to the Nebraska-Oklahoma game and went home. Then the boys persuaded their dad to drive back to Lincoln to stay at the pavilion.

They only toy they brought was a football. They also brought a cooler, sleeping bags and pillows.

One possible reason for the low attendance was that not all hotels were full after the football game.

The Quality Inn Lincoln Airport, 1101 W. Bond St., reported it had about 20 rooms free. A desk clerk at the Holiday Inn, 11th Street and Belmont Avenue, said it had eight vacant rooms. The Hampton Inn, 1301 W. Bond Circle, had five

rooms left.

The campus rec staff, who didn't know hotels had vacancies, expected more than three people.

"I expected between 50 and 100 people," Daniel Caporaso, a campus rec employee, said Saturday night. The rec center had held back sleeping bags and hired a staff member, Scott Roskilly, to stay overnight.

Roskilly, a senior biological sciences major, said that as the night grew closer to 10, when the campus rec doors were locked, he knew not many people would come. But he said he wasn't upset about staying overnight to monitor three people.

Roskilly and the four regularly scheduled maintenance men made up the majority of people at Cook Pavilion, as Caporaso predicted late Saturday.

"We'll have more staff than campers," Caporaso said.