

# Gameday: Oklaho

## Gameday Notebook

Oklahoma had seven quarterback changes during the course of the game against Nebraska Saturday. OU started sophomore Justin Fuente, who played two drives, and then alternated between junior Eric Moore and Brandon Daniels. Moore led OU to its only touchdown.

With 105 yards on 18 carries, junior I-back Ahman Green moved into third place on Nebraska's all-time rushing charts with 3,101 yards in his career, passing Ken Clark, who had 3,037 yards. Green is 152 yards behind No. 2 rusher Calvin Jones (3153 yards). Green now has 1,098 yards this season, becoming the seventh Husker to get his second 1000-yard season.

Junior fullback Joel Makovicka set a NU fullback single-game record with three touchdowns. The previous best was held by several fullbacks - including Makovicka - with two. The record-breaker came late in third quarter on a 32-yard gallop to the end zone.

Junior place-kicker Kris Brown not only has the career record for field goals made with 34, but tied former kicker Dale Klein with nine consecutive made field goals after two successful kicks Saturday. Brown tied the record in the second quarter when he made a 42-yarder against the wind to put the Huskers up 13-0.

The 75,926 in attendance for NU/OU game was the largest crowd in Memorial Stadium this season, bettering the crowd at the Kansas State contest.

Nebraska had a season-high 69 points against the Sooners, 10 points better than the previous high of 59 against Akron. Combined with the 37-0 win in 1995 and the 73-21 win last year, NU has outscored Oklahoma 179-28 in the past three seasons.

Moore, a fourth-year junior, has seen the Nebraska national championship teams of 1994 and '95 play the Sooners. So is the 1997 NU team, which handed OU its worst loss in history, the best he's seen?

"No," Moore said. "That team with Tommie Frazier that shut us out (in 1995) was the best that I've ever seen. They're a little better than this team."

Nebraska now travels to Missouri on Saturday to face a Tiger team which has produced two upset victories over Oklahoma State and Colorado the last two weeks.

The game will be televised regionally by ABC beginning at 2:30 p.m.

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# Huskers hand OU worst loss

## Wistrom, Newcombe star

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A picture-perfect rainbow hung over Memorial Stadium Saturday afternoon, but Nebraska's 69-7 victory over Oklahoma didn't seem a picture-perfect way to end one of college football's great rivalries.

The No. 1 Cornhuskers (8-0 overall and 5-0 in the Big 12 Conference) used their normal dose of option football to rack up 552 yards of total offense against the Sooners (3-6 and 1-4).

Oklahoma, which won't play the Huskers again until 2000, didn't live up to its end of the bargain. OU's offense turned the ball over four times and mustered just 154 yards of total offense.

A crowd of 75,926 - the stadium's 219th straight sellout - watched Oklahoma Coach John Blake play musical quarterbacks with sophomore Justin Fuente, junior Eric Moore and sophomore Brandon Daniels. The Sooners switched quarterbacks seven times.

Through a combination of switching of quarterbacks and going against the Blackshirts defense, the OU offense never seemed to find a rhythm.

Nebraska rush end Grant Wistrom said the Huskers defense had to adjust, depending on which quarterback it faced.

"We played Moore and Daniels the same," Wistrom said. "We wanted to attack them a little because they were a threat to run. With Fuente, we were able to counter a little and get up the field a bit."

Wistrom, a senior from Webb City, Mo., led the defensive attack with 10 total tackles, including nine unassisted stops. Wistrom also recorded two sacks, forced three fumbles and recovered a fumble.

The Husker defense allowed 85 yards of rushing and sacked the Sooner quarterbacks five times. OU's four lost fumbles led to 20 Husker points.

"We were pleased, especially with the turnovers," Nebraska Defensive Coordinator Charlie McBride said. "We had certain things we wanted to do. We were disappointed about giving up a touchdown though."

Nebraska had no problem at quarterback with senior Scott Frost rushing for 66 yards on eight attempts and a touchdown. Frost was also 6 of 10 passing for 107 yards, including a 40-yard touchdown pass to freshman wingback Bobby Newcombe.

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LANCE BROWN  
Nebraska wingback

NU, which led 34-0 at halftime and 55-0 before Oklahoma scored late in the third quarter, still relied on its rushing attack to hand the Sooners the worst loss in the history of their storied program. For the game, 11 Huskers ran the ball, led by juniors Ahman Green and Joel Makovicka.

Green rushed for 105 yards on 18 carries. It was his seventh straight 100-yard game. Green was held out of the end zone for the first time in six games.

Makovicka picked up Green's slack, scoring three times while rushing for 101 yards on 10 carries.

"Scott really played well and so did Joel Makovicka," Osborne said. "When they're playing well, then the offensive line is playing well, too."

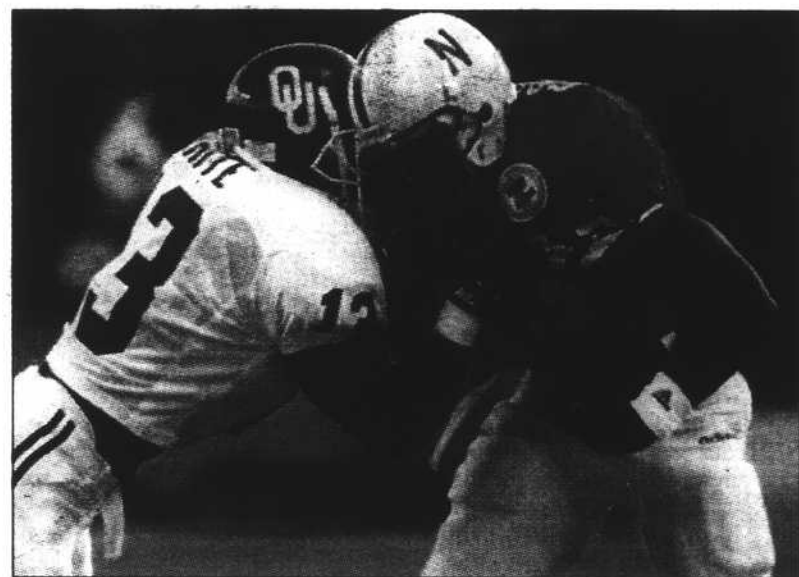
The offense also ran a variation of the wishbone - ironically a weapon in past years used repeatedly by Oklahoma to torment Osborne - several times Saturday. The "wingbone," which features two wingbacks in the game at the same time, gave many rushers an opportunity to carry the ball, including junior wingback Lance Brown.

Brown had a 9-yard touchdown run in the third quarter, his first collegiate rushing touchdown. The junior from Papillion said he hopes the touchdown wasn't his last.

"Everyone is used to Makovicka and Green," Brown said. "It's fun to put someone else in there. It's great. (Rushing the ball) is something different that I'm not used to."

Even though the game ended up as a lopsided win for the Huskers, Osborne said he felt a little nervous before the game. Saturday also marked Osborne's 250th victory as Nebraska's coach. In his 25th year, he reached 250 faster than any other coach in history.

"I felt a little on edge going in," Osborne said. "I was kind of surprised at the outcome. After a few bad things they may have lost a little heart and we began to generate some offense."



MICHAEL WARREN/DN  
I-BACK AHMAN GREEN runs downfield and is forced out of bounds by Oklahoma safety Terry White. Green rushed for 105 yards Saturday, his seventh straight game with more than 100 yards.

### Scoring Summary

		Score by Quarters					Total
		1	2	3	4	Total	
NU	1	K. Brown 24 yd field goal				3	0
NU	1	J. Makovicka 5 yd run				10	0
NU	1	K. Brown 42 yd field goal				13	0
NU	1	C. Buckhalter 15 yd run				20	0
NU	2	B. Newcombe 40 yd pass from S. Frost				27	0
NU	2	S. Frost 12 yd run				34	0
NU	3	L. Brown 9 yd run				41	0
NU	3	J. Makovicka 37 yd run				48	0
NU	3	J. Makovicka 32 yd run				56	0
OU	3	S. Littrell 2 yd run				55	7
NU	4	C. Buckhalter 5 yd run				62	7
NU	4	W. Miller 7 yd run				69	7

### Football Top 25

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

AP Top 25				USA TODAY/Coaches Top 25			
Rank	School	Record	Pvs	Rank	School	Record	Pvs
1	Nebraska (46)	8-0	1	1	Nebraska (50)	8-0	1
2	Penn St. (16)	7-0	2	2	Florida St. (2)	8-0	3
3	Florida St. (5)	6-0	3	3	Penn St. (6)	7-2	2
4	Michigan (1)	8-0	4	4	Michigan (2)	8-0	4
5	North Carolina (2)	6-0	5	5	North Carolina	6-0	5
6	Washington	7-1	7	6	Washington	7-1	7
7	Ohio St.	6-1	9	7	Tennessee	6-1	8
8	Tennessee	6-1	8	8	Ohio St.	8-1	9
9	Georgia	7-1	14	9	Georgia	7-1	15
10	UCLA	7-2	12	10	Kansas St.	7-1	12
11	Kansas St.	7-1	13	11	UCLA	7-2	13
12	Iowa	6-2	15	12	LSU	6-2	14
13	Florida	6-2	6	13	Florida	6-2	6
14	LSU	6-2	16	14	Iowa	6-2	16
15	Arizona St.	6-2	20	15	Washington St.	7-1	10
16	Washington St.	7-1	10	16	Arizona St.	6-2	21
17	Alabama	7-2	11	17	Alabama	7-2	11
18	Toledo	8-0	22	18	Virginia Tech	6-2	22
19	Mississippi St.	6-2	18	19	Syracuse	6-3	24
20	Virginia Tech	6-2	23	20	Toledo	8-0	23
21	Texas A&M	6-2	25	21	Texas A&M	6-2	25
22	Syracuse	6-3	-	22	West Virginia	6-2	17
23	Purdue	6-2	18	23	Oklahoma St.	6-2	18
24	So. Mississippi	6-2	24	24	Purdue	6-2	18
25	Oklahoma St.	6-2	19	25	So. Mississippi	6-2	18