

# Gameday: Nebraska 56, Loui

## Gameday Notebook

Tight end Sheldon Jackson posted a career-high 94 yards on two receptions Saturday. He scored Nebraska's first touchdown of the game on a 46-yard pass from Bobby Newcombe. Jackson fell short of another score with a career-long 48-yard reception that ended at the 1 yard line. Many in Memorial Stadium thought he had scored.

"My teammates said I did, and the fans said I did, but the men in stripes are all that matters," Jackson said. "You'd think, being at home, that I would get that call. But I'll work on it Monday. It won't happen again."

The Huskers suffered few injuries Saturday but may not have escaped totally unscathed. Bobby Newcombe sprained his left knee and may not be able to play in next Saturday's game against Alabama-Birmingham.

Defensive Coordinator Charlie McBride expressed concern over rush end Mike Rucker. McBride said a nagging groin injury may have bothered Rucker. Other minor injuries struck quarterback Eric Crouch (bruised right shoulder), linebacker Julius Jackson (sprained left ankle) and defensive tackle Jason Wiltz (right knee sprain).

Although McBride and Defensive Backs Coach George Darlington were disappointed with the play of NU's secondary — which allowed 590 yards passing — Louisiana Tech Coach Gary Crowton said the Huskers have nothing to worry about.

"I am very impressed with their secondary," Crowton said. "Those are the best recruits in the country out there. Ralph Brown made play after play."

Louisiana Tech graduate and NFL Hall of Fame quarterback Terry Bradshaw filled in for NBA star Karl Malone as Louisiana Tech's honorary captain.

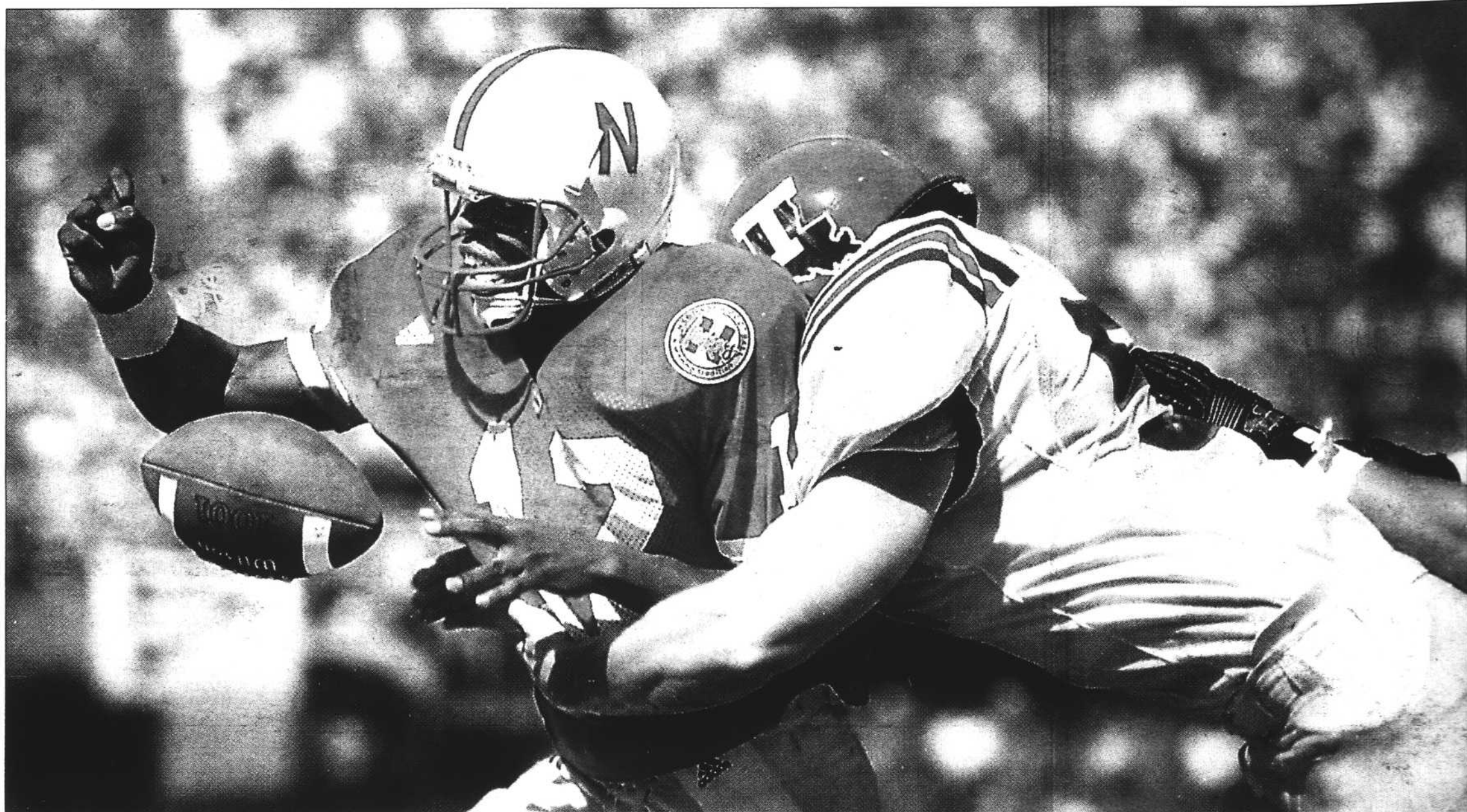
Malone, a Louisiana Tech basketball player, was scheduled to appear, but a death in his family forced him to miss the game.

Bradshaw played at Tech from 1966-69 throwing for 6,589 career yards — third best in school history.

During a halftime ceremony, former NU rush end Grant Wistrom had his No. 98 uniform retired.

Former offensive lineman Aaron Taylor also was scheduled to have his number retired, but was not able to attend, so he will have a different ceremony at a later date.

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## Second-half heroics fail to stop Huskers

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Unstoppable.

Louisiana Tech quarterback Tim Rattay and wide receiver Troy Edwards were just that Saturday, but their individual efforts were not enough to help the Bulldogs upset No. 3 Nebraska.

Edwards' 405 yards receiving shattered the NCAA single-game record of 363 yards set by UNLV's Randy Gatewood in 1994 against Idaho State.

His 21 receptions and yardage totals also were career highs and Louisiana Tech single-game school records.

The other half of the dynamic duo, Rattay, completed 46 of 68 pass attempts while throwing for 590 yards — all three were career highs and Bulldog records.

"Troy Edwards and Tim Rattay are as good as there are out there," Louisiana Tech Coach Gary Crowton said.

Before NU (1-0) and Louisiana Tech (0-1) agreed to play in the Eddie Robinson Classic, most Nebraska fans had never heard of either player.

But Edwards had everyone's attention in the Cornhusker state after his pre-game remarks.

"I think (their defensive backs) are good, but I think I'm just a better player than they are," Edwards said before the game.

Crowton said he tries to keep Edwards from spouting off, but he wasn't all that unhappy with him.

### Football Game Review Nebraska 56 Louisiana Tech 27

Nebraska Rushing					Louisiana Tech Rushing				
Name	Car	Yds	Avg	TD	Name	Car	Yds	Avg	TD
Correll Buckhalter	19	143	7.5	2	Kevin Johnson	2	9	4.5	0
Joel Makovicka	10	47	4.7	0	Troy Edwards	1	6	6.0	0
Willie Miller	3	24	8.0	1					

Nebraska Receiving					Louisiana Tech Receiving				
Name	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	Name	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD
Kenny Cheatham	3	19	6.3	0	Troy Edwards	21	405	19.3	3
Sheldon Jackson	2	94	47.0	1	Kevin Jordan	8	45	5.6	0
Matt Davison	2	21	10.5	0	Sean Cangelosi	5	57	11.4	1

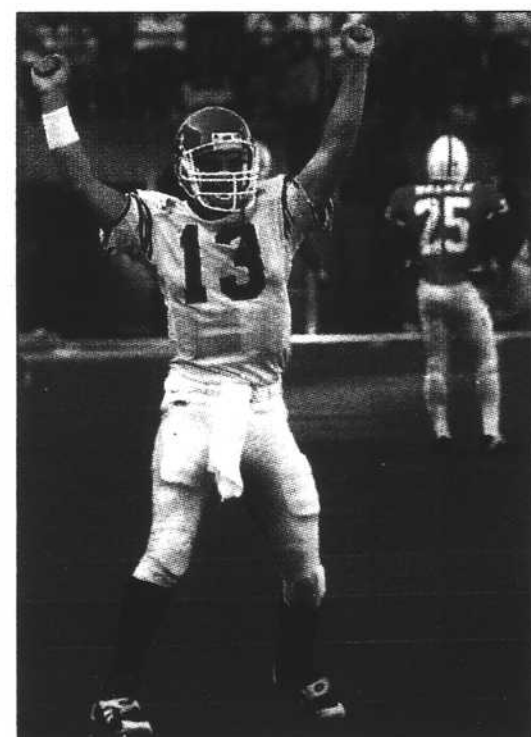
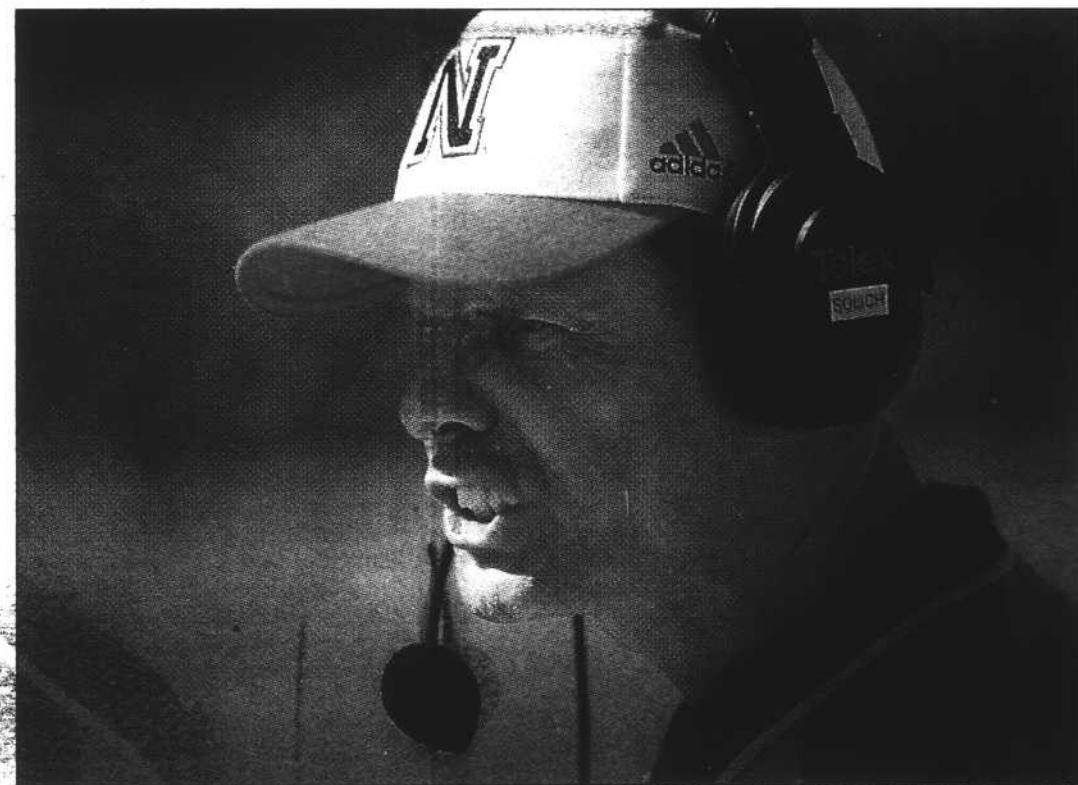
Nebraska Passing					Louisiana Tech Passing				
Name	Comp	Att	Yds	TD	Name	Comp	Att	Yds	TD
Bobby Newcombe	9	10	168	1	Tim Rattay	46	68	590	3
Eric Crouch	1	3	5	0					

Game Stats	Nebraska	Tech	Nebraska	Tech
First downs	29	25	Fumbles lost	0 0
Rushing attempts	56	14	Interceptions	1 0
Rushing yards	289	21	Penalties / yards	5-49 12-88
Passing attempts	13	68	Punt returns / yards	1-5 0-0
Passing completions	10	46	Kickoff returns / yards	5-182 2-33
Passing yards	173	590	Time of possession	32:04 27:56
Total yards	462	569	Sacks / yards	3-26 1-6

### Scoring Summary

Team	Qtr	Scoring play	Plays-yards	Score
Nebraska	1	S. Jackson 46 yd pass from B. Newcombe	3-70	7 0
Nebraska	1	B. Newcombe 1 yd run	14-60	14 0
Nebraska	2	W. Miller 8 yd run	10-63	21 0
Tech	2	S. Cangelosi 1 yd pass from T. Rattay	16-80	21 6
Nebraska	2	J. Walker 99 yd kickoff return		28 6
Nebraska	2	B. Newcombe 1 yd run	5-64	35 6
Tech	3	T. Edwards 52 yd pass from T. Rattay	6-80	35 14
Tech	3	T. Edwards 94 yd pass from T. Rattay	2-94	35 21
Nebraska	3	D. Alexander 4 yd run	9-77	42 21
Nebraska	4	C. Buckhalter 4 yd run	5-42	49 21
Tech	4	T. Edwards 80 yd pass from T. Rattay	1-80	49 27
Nebraska	4	C. Buckhalter 43 yd run	5-60	56 27

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Photos (clockwise from bottom left)

**LOUISIANA TECH QUARTERBACK TIM RATTAY** celebrates after throwing a 94-yard touchdown pass to wide receiver Troy Edwards. Rattay completed 46 of 68 passes for 590 yards, a record for an NU opponent.

**NEBRASKA COACH FRANK SOLICH** yells at a referee during NU's 56-27 win over Louisiana Tech. Solich won his first career game as the head coach of the Cornhuskers.

**NEBRASKA QUARTERBACK BOBBY NEWCOMBE** fumbles the football as he is hit near the goal line by Louisiana Tech linebacker Damon Harrington.

**NEBRASKA TIGHT END SHELDON JACKSON** escapes the grasp of Louisiana Tech cornerback Selu Alotipo during Jackson's 46-yard touchdown reception to start off the game. He finished the contest with two catches for 94 yards.

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