

# UAB 7

## NU passing game key in 31-point win

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Dietitians strongly recommend a balanced diet to maintain health.

Despite the absence of several key starters, Nebraska was able to feast on a balance of passing and running with a 38-7 win over the University of Alabama-Birmingham at Memorial Stadium on Saturday.

For the second week in a row, the historically run-happy Cornhuskers, now 2-0, have resorted to using the pass.

And this time it was redshirt freshman quarterback Eric Crouch at the helm, starting in place of the injured Bobby Newcombe.

"I think my contribution helped out a lot, considering Bobby was out," Crouch said.

Crouch finished the game completing 11 of 17 passes for 126 yards and a touchdown.

In addition, Crouch ran the ball seven times for 69 yards and two scores, one of which took the 75,921 fans on hand by surprise.

Right before halftime, the Huskers were faced with a first and 10 at the UAB 11-yard line, with just over 10 seconds remaining and no timeouts.

NU Head Coach Frank Solich called a 39 sprint, and if the Huskers didn't convert, the score would remain 14-7 at the half.

Crouch did convert, and the Huskers went into the locker room with a 21-7 lead.

"We were in a hurry-up situation," Crouch said. "And the guy who I was supposed to option off took the running back, and I decided to cut up the field."

However, things didn't start off so well for Crouch and the Huskers from the opening kickoff.

The Blazers, 0-1, forced the Huskers to punt on their first two series of the game, before senior Shevin Wiggins returned a UAB punt 35 yards to the Blazer 33-yard line.

NU quickly went to work and scored in six plays, capped by a three-yard run by fullback Joel Makovicka.

### Football Game Review

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#### Nebraska

##### Rushing

Name	Car	Yds	Avg	TD
Correll Buckhalter	19	96	5.1	0
Eric Crouch	7	69	9.9	2
Joel Makovicka	8	27	3.4	1

##### Receiving

Name	Rec	Yds	Long	TD
Kenny Cheatham	4	37	16	0
Sheldon Jackson	3	33	15	1
Correll Buckhalter	3	18	10	0

##### Passing

Name	Comp	Att	Yds	TD
Eric Crouch	11	17	127	1
Monte Christo	4	4	81	1

#### Game Stats

	Nebraska	UAB
First downs	22	16
Rushing attempts	43	46
Rushing yards	236	154
Passing attempts	21	18
Passing completions	15	8
Passing yards	208	56
Total yards	444	210

#### Alabama Birmingham

##### Rushing

Name	Car	Yds	Avg	TD
Daniel Dixon	16	50	3.1	0
Ortavious Miles	8	33	4.1	1
Bernard Anderson	7	30	4.3	0

##### Receiving

Name	Rec	Yds	Long	TD
Quentin Troupe	2	20	12	0
Bernard Anderson	1	15	15	0
Daryl Johnson	1	9	9	0

##### Passing

Name	Comp	Att	Yds	TD
Daniel Dixon	8	15	56	0
Lee Jolly	0	3	0	0

### Scoring Summary

Score by Quarters	0	7	0	0	Total
Alabama Birmingham	0	7	0	0	7
Nebraska	7	14	0	17	38

Team	Qtr	Scoring play	Plays-yards	Score	
				Nebraska	UAB
NU	1	J. Makovicka 3 yd run	6-33	7	0
NU	2	S. Jackson 15 yd from E. Crouch	13-71	14	0
UAB	2	O. Miles 2 yd run	16-80	14	7
NU	2	E. Crouch 11 yd run	12-70	21	7
NU	4	K. Brown 27 yd field goal	14-77	24	7
NU	4	E. Crouch 59 yd run	4-76	31	7
NU	4	T. Wistrom 63 yd pass from M. Christo	1-58	38	7

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"That first series the offense was a little flat, and not motivated maybe, but that second series, we knew we had to move the ball," Crouch said.

The next time the Huskers touched the ball, it was a vintage Nebraska drive with an unfamiliar ending.

Starting at their own 29, the Huskers marched down the field before being forced with third and 11 at the UAB 15. Crouch then threw a screen pass to I-back Correll Buckhalter, who managed to avoid a

loss by breaking the tackle from UAB safety Wes Foss.

Eventually Buckhalter motored to the UAB 11-yard line, leaving NU with a fourth and one.

Solich called for a pass to tight end Sheldon Jackson, a play that might not have been called in years past.

"We really waited for the right time," NU Head Coach Frank Solich said. "They had one guy fall off and

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