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Blackshirts shine at Cal

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BERKELEY, Calif. — A Nebraska defense that promoted itself as one of the best in the nation during the pre-season finally revealed the substance behind the hype Saturday.

The Blackshirts produced their best performance of the season in a 24-3 win over California at Memorial Stadium in Berkeley, responding to critics who labeled the defense over-rated after it allowed Louisiana Tech 590 yards passing in the season opener.

No. 4 NU sacked Cal quarterback Justin Vedder a season-high six times. And the much-maligned secondary grabbed two interceptions — one each by Mike Brown and Carlos Polk — during the last three minutes of the game.

"When you put the responsibility on your shoulder of being one of the best defenses in the country, that's a lot of hype," NU left rush end Chad Kelsay said. "We have a lot of new guys on offense and people were expecting us to carry the team through the first few games. So when you start giving up a few too many yards here or there, people will freak out."

The Huskers (3-0) provoked many of the 67,397 fans — including over 25,000 red-clad spectators — to "freak out" with the game in doubt much of the second half.

The defense's defining moment came in the opening minutes of the fourth quarter. Nebraska held a 14-3 lead, but with Cal threatening to score on nearly every drive in the sec-

Football Game Review

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Nebraska

Rushing

Name	Car	Yds	Avg	TD
Joel Makovicka	13	79	5.9	0
Correll Buckhalter	12	75	5.9	0
Eric Crouch	16	78	3.7	2

Receiving

Name	Rec	Yds	Long	TD
Shevin Wiggins	7	97	36	1
Matt Davison	5	44	20	0
Sheldon Jackson	1	31	31	0

Passing

Name	Comp	Att	Yds	TD
Eric Crouch	6	16	74	0
Monte Christo	9	12	106	1

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Rushing

Name	Car	Yds	Avg	TD
Marcus Fields	9	31	3.2	0
Joshua White	7	18	2.3	0

Receiving

Name	Rec	Yds	Long	TD
Demeane Douglas	5	124	40	0
Joshua White	4	15	10	0
Ronnie Davenport	1	22	22	0

Passing

Name	Comp	Att	Yds	TD
Justin Vedder	14	32	224	0

Game Stats

	Nebraska	Cal		Nebraska	Cal
First downs	24	9	Fumbles lost	0	0
Rushing attempts	60	25	Interceptions	2	1
Rushing yards	254	12	Penalties / yards	4 / 29	9 / 53
Passing attempts	28	32	Punt returns / yards	7 / 41.9	9 / 38.2
Passing completions	15	14	Kickoff returns / yards	2 / 48	3 / 84
Passing yards	180	224	Time of possession	35:42	24:18
Total yards	434	236	Sacks / yards	6 / 36	3 / 21

Scoring Summary

Team	Qtr	Scoring play	Plays-yards	Score
Nebraska	7	7	0	10
California	0	0	3	0
				Total
				Nebraska 24
				Cal 3

Team	Qtr	Scoring play	Plays-yards	Score
NU	1	E. Crouch 1 yd run	7 - 67	7 - 0
NU	2	E. Crouch 3 yd run	5 - 64	14 - 0
CAL	3	T. Wolleck 38 yd field goal	6 - 47	14 - 3
NU	4	S. Wiggins 5 yd pass from M. Christo	9 - 70	21 - 3
NU	4	K. Brown 41 yd field goal	4 - -10	24 - 3

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ond half, Kelsay said, the Huskers needed to gain some momentum. And the Bears (1-1) presented an opportunity.

Cal regained possession after

Kris Brown missed a 40-yard field goal attempt with 11 minutes and three seconds remaining in the fourth

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