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Nebraska defensive players praised KSU's Michael Bishop after the game. The senior quarterback accounted for 446 yards of total offense. Bishop hit 19 of 33 passes for 306 yards and two touchdowns and rushed for 140 yards and two more scores. He became the first Kansas State player to run for more than 100 yards against Nebraska since J.J. Stokes in 1993.

"I think we frustrated (Bishop) in the first half, but he bounced back, and that's part of the reason they're such a good team," NU cornerback Ralph Brown said.

"Bishop assured us that he is one of the best quarterbacks in the country."

Officials from the Rose, Sugar, Orange, Cotton, Holiday and Fiesta bowls had seats in the press box Saturday. Fiesta Bowl officials appear most interested in Kansas State, which has a good shot to go to Tempe, Ariz. if it wins out.

While the Wildcats may be traveling to Tempe, the Huskers are looking toward San Diego. Holiday Bowl officials walked Nebraska's side of the field and talked with NU Coach Frank Solich after the game. Holiday Bowl officials have indicated they want Nebraska if the Huskers defeat Colorado on Nov. 27 in Lincoln.

Kansas State set a home attendance record Saturday with 44,298 fans on hand. The crowd made its presence known, cheering wildly through most of the game. Crouch said the noise did not affect NU's offense.

Split end Kenny Cheatham and tight end Sheldon Jackson led an effective performance by Nebraska's receiving corps Saturday. Cheatham caught a career-long reception and a career-long touchdown reception when he grabbed a 45-yard Crouch pass with one hand. The score gave NU a 14-7 advantage with 11 minutes remaining in the fourth.

Jackson had a career-best two touchdowns in the game, an 8-yard pass from Crouch for NU's first touchdown of the game and a 9-yard Crouch pass that gave the Huskers a 30-27 lead with 8:27 remaining in the fourth. The last time a Nebraska tight end scored twice in the same game was against Iowa State in 1996.

NU place kicker Kris Brown tied the NCAA record for career points after touchdowns when he made one in the third quarter. However, Brown missed a chance to break the record when he failed to hit an extra point on the Huskers' next scoring drive. Brown now has 216 career extra points on 221 attempts.

Gameday notebook compiled by senior staff writer Shannon Heffelfinger



Huskers fall to K-State for first time since '68

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Mass hysteria gripped the Kansas State football team and its fans Saturday in the waning moments of the Wildcats' 40-30 victory over Nebraska.

After the Wildcats' game-clinching score in the fourth quarter, Michael Bishop picked up the ball and ran down the field in celebration. And most of the 44,298 people who made up the largest crowd in KSU history stormed Wagner Field and swung from the goal post.

Problem was, three seconds still remained on the clock.

Thirty years of NU dominance over Kansas State couldn't end soon enough for the Wildcats and their fans. They ran around hugging each other, screaming and crying and reveling in the sweetness of the biggest win in Kansas State history.

The Cornhuskers, strapped with three regular-season losses for the first time since 1977, tasted only the bitterness of one that got away.

They acted disgusted when asked if the torch has been passed from one Big 12 great to another.

"This is a one-year thing," NU cornerback Ralph Brown said. "Next year, we will not lose to Kansas State. You can put that on me. We will not lose."

Few Huskers were more diplomatic than Brown. Although purple covered the field and the stands, and everywhere Brown's teammates looked after the game, most of the Huskers saw only red.

"If you ask them off the record, away from the TV cameras, they will know deep down that they should not have won this game," Nebraska linebacker Jay Foreman said. "They did not come out here today and kick our butts."

"I don't know what the hell the deal was, but they did not win that game."

Foreman disputed several calls by the referees, including a no-call by the officials on Nebraska's last realistic chance to piece together a scoring drive.

The scoreboard read 34-30 Kansas State. With no time outs remaining, the Huskers lined up for fourth-and-eight from their own 32. KSU linebacker Travis Ochs sacked Crouch for a 12-yard loss with 2:32 left in the fourth quarter.

NU Coach Frank Solich and every

Football game review

Nebraska 30
Kansas St. 40

Nebraska Rushing

Name	Car	Yds	Avg	TD
Eric Crouch	22	108	4.9	0
Correll Buckhalter	13	54	4.2	0
Joel Makovicka	5	28	5.6	0

Receiving

Name	Rec	Yds	Long	TD
Sheldon Jackson	4	48	22	2
Matt Davison	2	21	12	0
Kenny Cheatham	1	45	45	1

Passing

Name	Comp	Att	Yds	TD
Eric Crouch	10	21	139	3

Kansas St. Rushing

Name	Car	Yds	Avg	TD
Michael Bishop	25	140	5.6	2
Eric Hickson	11	56	5.1	0
Brian Goolsby	1	5	5.0	0

Receiving

Name	Rec	Yds	Long	TD
Darnell McDonald	12	183	38	2
Aaron Lockett	6	117	61	0
Brian Goolsby	1	6	6	0

Passing

Name	Comp	Att	Yds	TD
Michael Bishop	19	33	306	2

Game Stats

	Nebraska	Kansas St.	Nebraska	Kansas St.
First downs	18	27	Fumbles lost	2 / 4
Rushing attempts	43	43	Interceptions	1 / 1
Rushing yards	236	233	Penalties / yards	5 / 34 / 8 / 83
Passing completions	10	19	Punt returns / yards	0 / 0 / 2 / 105
Passing attempts	21	33	Kickoff returns / yards	4 / 47 / 2 / 45
Passing yards	139	306	Time of possession	28:53 / 31:07
Total yards	351	512	Sacks / yards	1 / 10 / 3 / 22

Scoring summary

Score by quarters
Nebraska 7 10 7 6 Total 30
K-State 7 7 10 16 40

Team	Qtr.	Scoring play	Plays - yards	Score	Texas
NU	1	S. Jackson 8 yd pass from E. Crouch	8 - 80	7	0
KSU	1	M. Bishop 2 yd run	11 - 55	7	7
NU	2	K. Cheatham 45 yd pass from E. Crouch	3 - 43	14	7
NU	2	K. Brown 18 yd field goal	9 - 62	17	7
KSU	2	M. Bishop 1 yd run	7 - 76	17	14
KSU	3	D. McDonald 17 yd pass from M. Bishop	7 - 61	17	21
KSU	3	M. Gramatica 25 yd field goal	4 - 4	17	24
NU	3	R. Brown 74 yd fumble recovery		24	24
KSU	4	M. Gramatica 21 yd field goal	13-63	24	27
NU	4	S. Jackson 9 yd pass from E. Crouch	6-77	30	27
KSU	4	D. McDonald 11 yd pass from M. Bishop	10-80	30	34
KSU	4	J. Kelly 23 yd fumble recovery		30	40

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Husker on the field argued that Ochs yanked Crouch's face mask and spun it around his head.

"It was a face mask," Crouch said. "It should have been a penalty, but they didn't make the call."

Said Ochs: "I'm not sure I got him, but they would have had to score anyway to beat us, and that was a long ways off."

The Wildcats took over on NU's 20-yard line, rushed four times, ate up 2:17 and did not score.

Nebraska regained possession with 15 seconds left - enough time for one play. KSU's Joe Bob Clements

slammed into Crouch and forced a fumble. Kansas State's Jeff Kelly scooped it up and sprinted into the end zone for the Wildcats' final score of the game.

"We played well, but not quite well enough to beat what is ranked the No. 1 team in the country," Solich said. "Yes, I thought it was a face mask, but apparently no one else saw it that way."

The disputed face mask call served as the final oddity in a game full of them. There were three lead changes in the game, and KSU trailed at the half

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