

Gameday:

Gameday Notebook

Nebraska's 42-7 victory over Iowa on Saturday was the identical score as the last time the two teams met in 1982. NU Quarterbacks Coach Turner Gill was the Cornhuskers' quarterback and NU Quarterbacks Coach Chuck Long was Iowa's quarterback. NU now holds a 25-13-3 all-time record against the Hawkeyes.

Sean Applegate's 47-yard touchdown reception in the third quarter was his first catch since the opening game of the 1997 season against Akron. His previous long catch was nine yards in that same Akron game. Senior tight end T.J. Debates also caught a career-long 18-yard pass.

Three true freshmen saw action in Saturday's game including snapper John Garrison, free safety Taylor Gehman (on the punt team) and left guard Toniui Fonoti.

The 42-7 victory marked Nebraska's 14th-straight home-opening win. The last opening game loss was a 17-13 loss to Florida State on Sept. 7, 1985, in Lincoln. NU defeated Louisiana Tech 56-27 last year in Frank Solich's first opener as NU's head coach.

Eric Crouch was ABC/Chevrolet's player of the game. A \$1,000 scholarship grant was given to the university in his honor. Crouch carried the ball five times for 92 yards and scored three touchdowns. He also threw for 67 yards, including a 38-yard completion to Matt Davison.

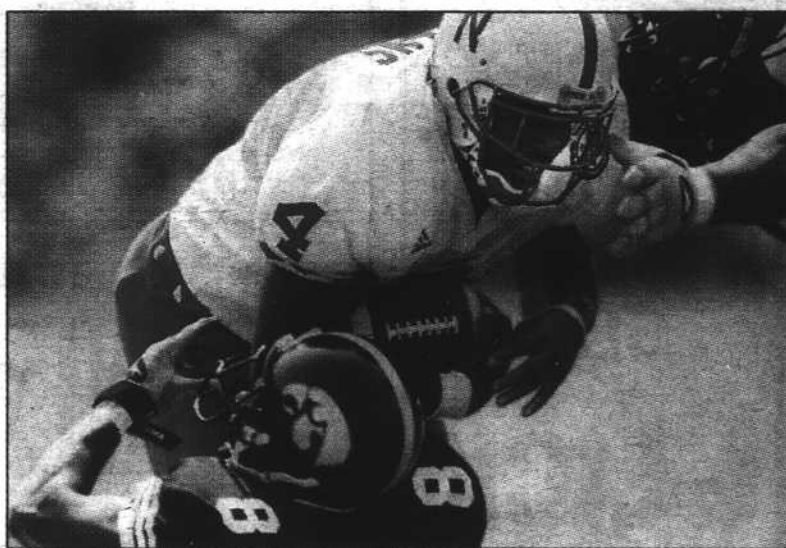
DeAngelo Evans became the 48th Husker to go over the 1,000-yard mark for his NU career with 69 yards Saturday. Evans now has 1,063.

NU sported an improved offense in the opening game. The offense's 536 yards of total offense were more than all of the 1998 games except Kansas. The Huskers' 196 passing yards would have been the third-best total last year. NU's 347 rushing yards would have ranked fourth out of 1998 games.

Split end Matt Davison extended his streak of games in which he has caught at least one pass to 18. He had four catches for 69 yards.

In the first punts of his career, senior walk-on Dan Hadenfeldt punted 33 yards to the Iowa 3-yard-line (downed by Randy Stella); 54 yards to Iowa 4 (tackle by DeJuan Groce); 45 yards (1 yard return to the 20); but was blocked on his last attempt (by Doug Miller; Tim Dodge returned for Iowa's only touch down). All three of Hadenfeldt's kickoffs were touchbacks into the end zone.

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NU trounces Iowa after a sluggish start

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IOWA CITY, Iowa — Eric Crouch went silent to the media for the week leading up to the Iowa football game, but on Saturday, he spoke volumes with his play off the bench.

Crouch scored three touchdowns, including Nebraska's first and only score in the first half, as the Huskers rolled to a 42-7 victory.

But after the game, the sophomore from Millard North continued his silence with the media — which began after Bobby Newcombe was named the starting quarterback last week.

Crouch uttered a few words to a handful of TV cameras following Saturday's game and then trotted off the Kinnick Stadium field to a loud round of applause from the large contingency of NU fans in attendance.

The way Crouch played and handled himself on the field drew praise from I-back DeAngelo Evans, another Husker player who has had to deal with adversity.

"To be honest, I was so happy to see (Eric) play the way he did," said the junior I-back, who rushed for 69 yards on 13 carries. "He's had a really tough week. Nothing against Bobby, Bobby is our guy, but I was really happy for Eric on a personal level. I am a spiritual person, and I think the Lord was looking out for Eric."

"If you look at his heart, it is big. He very well could have been the starter, but he took a back-seat role. I am very proud of the way he played."

After the game, Coach Frank Solich said his quarterback-rotating scheme went as he had hoped it would — and said he planned to continue the system

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Football Game Review

Nebraska 42
Iowa 7

Rushing

No.	Name	Yds	Avg	TD	No.	Name	Yds	Avg	TD
38	Dan Alexander	95	6.3	0	48	Ladell Betts	73	4.9	0
7	Eric Crouch	92	18.4	3	47	Jeremy Allen	2	2.0	0
4	DeAngelo Evans	69	5.3	0	31	Rob Thelin	2	0.7	0

Receiving

No.	Name	No	Yds	TD	No.	Name	No	Yds	TD
3	Matt Davison	4	69	0	87	Kevin Kasper	5	58	0
87	Tracey Wistrom	2	32	0	6	Chris Oliver	2	22	0
82	Sean Applegate	1	47	1	86	A. Wheatley	2	13	0

Passing

No.	Name	Att	Cmp	Int	Yds	TD	No.	Name	Att	Cmp	Int	Yds	TD
12	Bobby Newcombe	10	7	1	128	1	4	Kyle McCann	27	11	1	112	0
7	Eric Crouch	5	3	0	68	0	18	Scott Mullen	3	0	0	0	0

Game Stats

	Nebraska	Iowa		Nebraska	Iowa
First downs	24	8	Fumbles lost	2	2
Rushing attempts	62	26	Interceptions	1	1
Rushing yards	370	83	Penalties / yards	6 / 57	0 / 0
Passing attempts	15	30	Punt returns / yards	6 / 83	3 / 38
Passing completions	10	11	Kickoff returns / yards	1 / 29	3 / 59
Passing yards	196	112	Time of possession	35:55	24:05
Total plays	77	56	Third-down conversion	4 of 12	2 of 15
Total yards	543	169	Fourth-down conversion	1 of 2	0 of 0
Average yards per play	7.1	3.0	Sacks / yards	3 / 22	1 / 6

Scoring Summary

				Score by quarters			Total
				Nebraska	Iowa		
				0	7	14	21
				0	0	0	7
Team	Qtr	Scoring play	Plays - yards	Score			
				Nebraska	Iowa		
NU	2	Crouch, Eric 28 yd. run	4, 47	7			
NU	3	Applegate, Sean 47 yd. run	3, 58	14			
NU	3	Newcombe, Bobby 1 yd. run	3, 29	21			
NU	4	Newcombe, Bobby 5 yd. run	13, 73	28			
NU	4	Crouch, Eric 6 yd. run	4, 68	35			
NU	4	Crouch, Eric 21 yd. run	5, 80	42			
IA	4	Dodge, Tim 10 yd. blocked punt return			42	7	

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