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LEFT: WITH 1:21 REMAINING in the game, NU cornerback Keyuo Craver picks off his second pass of the game from Jeff Kelly at the Nebraska 1-yard line. Craver returned the interception 5 yards to the NU 6-yard line to seal NU's victory. **BELOW: NU LINEBACKER Julius Jackson** sacks USM quarterback Jeff Kelly in the first quarter for a 9-yard loss. Jackson would finish the day with one fumble recovery and one interception, both of which he ran back for touchdowns.

Gameday Notebook

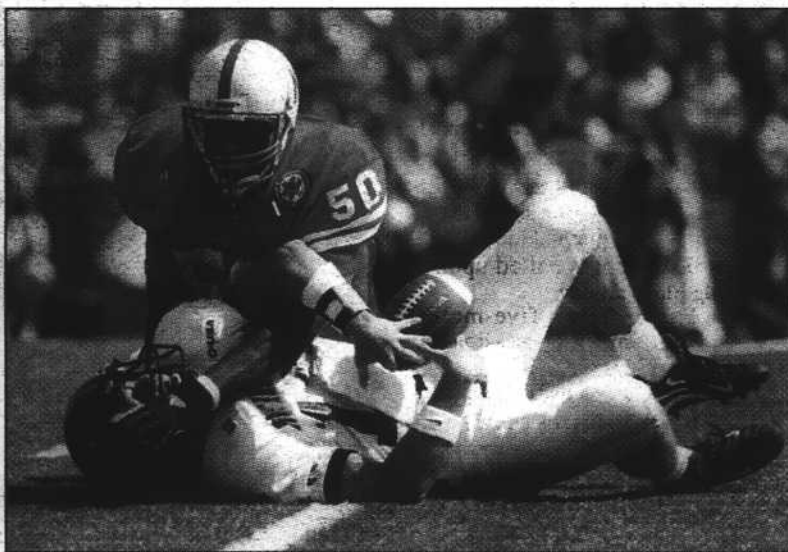
Senior linebacker Julius Jackson stole the show by scoring twice. The first score came when Kyle Vanden Bosch sacked Southern Miss quarterback Jeff Kelly and knocked the ball loose. Jackson picked up the fumble on the 16 yard line and crossed the plain before being tackled in the end zone. The second came when Keyuo Craver tipped a Kelly pass. Jackson intercepted it and returned it 28 yards for the score.

Football Game Review Nebraska 20 S. Mississippi 13

Nebraska					Southern Mississippi								
Rushing					Rushing								
No.	Name	Yds	Avg	TD	No.	Name	Yds	Avg	TD				
38	Dan Alexander	54	3.4	0	43	Derrick Nix	70	2.4	0				
15	Willie Miller	38	4.8	1	17	Jeff Kelly	-45	-9.0	0				
7	Eric Crouch	26	1.6	0									
Receiving					Receiving								
No.	Name	No	Yds	TD	No.	Name	No	Yds	TD				
6	John Gibson	2	19	0	80	Todd Pinkston	11	163	1				
3	Matt Davison	2	19	0	11	Sherrod Gideon	8	81	1				
38	Dan Alexander	1	27	0	15	Josh Gullley	3	16	0				
Passing					Passing								
No.	Name	Att	Cmp	Int	Yds	TD	No.	Name	Att	Cmp	Int	Yds	TD
7	Eric Crouch	10	6	2	66	0	17	Jeff Kelly	45	23	4	268	2

Game Stats	Nebraska	USM	Game Stats	Nebraska	USM
First downs	8	15	Fumbles lost	3	2
Rushing attempts	41	34	Interceptions	4	2
Rushing yards	119	25	Penalties / yards	9 / 62	5 / 24
Passing attempts	10	45	Punt returns / yards	6 / 56	5 / 50
Passing completions	6	23	Kickoff returns / yards	1 / 50	2 / 36
Passing yards	66	268	Time of possession	27:41	32:19
Total plays	51	79	Third-down conversion	3 of 12	7 of 18
Total yards	185	293	Fourth-down conversion	0 of 0	0 of 1
Average yards per play	3.6	3.7	Sacks / yards	5 / 45	1 / 2

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The Nebraska secondary rose to the challenge presented by Kelly and a pesky group of receivers. Southern Miss passed 45 times for 268 yards, but the secondary came up with four interceptions by three different defenders. Craver, Jackson and Clint Finley all had interceptions.

Senior rover Mike Brown led the defense with a quiet but effective 12 tackles. Brown also had one pass breakup to go along with four for Craver and two for Ralph Brown.

Freshman linebacker Randy Stella gave glimpses of what is to come after a 94-yard kickoff return for a touchdown after the Golden Eagles' first score. The touchdown was called back on a holding penalty, but Stella was still credited with a 50-yard return.

Senior punter Dan Hadenfeldt continued his solid play with a 49.8 yard average on Saturday. He is first in the Big 12 and second in the nation with a 47.7 punting average. Hadenfeldt had a long punt of 59 yards and pinned Southern Miss once inside their own 20 yard line when tight end Aaron Golliday saved the ball from the end zone and a touchback.

Eric Johnson suffered a medial collateral ligament sprain in the first quarter. He will be out four to six weeks, and Julius Jackson is expected to start in his place while he is injured.

After Saturday's game, NU had the top two rated passers in the Big 12 Conference. Newly converted wingback Bobby Newcombe is No. 1 with a 191.1 rating while Eric Crouch is second with a 177.2 rating. Newcombe and Crouch both have attempted 17 passes with Crouch completing 11 to Newcombe's 10.

Southern Miss is now 0-3 against the Big 12 under Head Coach Jeff Bower. The chance to go for another win won't be too long for Bower as Texas A&M is up next for the Golden Eagles on Saturday.