

Oklahoma State 14

Big 12 Notebook

Correll Buckhalter narrowly missed the longest run of his college career when he stepped out of bounds amid a 66-yard touchdown. Buckhalter took a second quarter option pitch from quarterback Eric Crouch and started down the sidelines, apparently hitting the chalk 23 yards into what would have been a clear path to the end zone. Replays proved inconclusive.

"Really, I didn't think I stepped out, so I kept running," Buckhalter said. "But then I heard that whistle, and my heart dropped to my foot."

Wide receiver Matt Davison watched his 20-game consecutive catch streak end Saturday as he failed to catch a pass in four quarters. Davison was thrown only to a few times as he was well covered the entire game.

Though he started at I-back, Dan Alexander moved to fullback late in the game against Oklahoma State, gaining 3 yards on his only carry. The I-back during that time was Buckhalter. Coaches had spoken earlier in the week about working Alexander in at the position because of an injury to backup Ben Kingston.

No major injuries were reported for the Cornhuskers in the game, although a few players came out with minor bumps and bruises. Fullback Willie Miller had a sprained left ankle, quarterback Jeff Perino had a bruised quadriceps muscle and left guard James Sherman had a sprained right ankle. None are expected to miss significant time. Starting rush end Kyle Vanden Bosch is expected to play next week after sitting out the game against the Cowboys.

Tight end Tracey Wistrom's four receptions and 116 yards receiving were both career highs. His previous career best was 102 yards (on two catches) vs. California and previous best in receptions was three against Arizona in the Holiday Bowl.

"I was talking to the coaches, and I told them that it seems like when it rains, it pours," a laughing Wistrom said afterward. "I either do nothing or have a really big game."

As the backup tight end, Wistrom leads the team in receiving yards with 250 on eight catches. His two touchdowns also are tops this season and three career touchdowns are more than the rest of the receivers combined.

It was a big day for senior linebacker Brian Shaw. Prior to the game, a \$10,000 Burger King Scholar Athlete scholarship was presented to Nebraska in Shaw's name. Coincidentally, Saturday also was Brian Shaw Day at Memorial Stadium.

Shaw didn't disappoint the fans as he blocked a punt in the first quarter to set up a Nebraska touchdown. He also made four tackles.

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CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT: HUSKER middle linebacker Carlos Polk turns Cowboy tailback Nathan Simmons onto his head Saturday. AARON WILLS' fist full of Ben Bowling's facemask in the second quarter prevented a would-be-safety from staying on the scoreboard.

MIKE WARREN/DN
NU CHEERLEADER Nichole McAdams, a senior from Ider, Ala., screams, "Go Big Red" as she holds up a sign to help lead the fans at Memorial Stadium in the cheer.

OKLAHOMA STATE linebacker J.B. Flowers grasps onto the jersey of NU fullback Willie Miller after getting run over by Miller in the second quarter.

Football Game Review Nebraska 38 Oklahoma St. 14

Nebraska				OSU			
Rushing				Rushing			
No.	Name	Yds	Avg TD	No.	Name	Yds	Avg TD
7	Eric Crouch	61	5.5 1	2	J. Fobbs	79	3.9 1
36	C. Buckhalter	60	5.0 2	1	N. Simmons	51	3.2 0
15	Willie Miller	47	7.8 0	3	T. Richardson	35	35.0 0

Nebraska				OSU			
Receiving				Receiving			
No.	Name	No	Yds TD	No.	Name	No	Yds TD
87	Tracey Wistrom	4	116 1	3	T. Richardson	2	28 0
82	S. Applegate	2	25 0	19	Ethan Howell	2	11 0
1	F. London	1	4 0	2	J. Fobbs	1	26 0

Nebraska				OSU			
Passing				Passing			
No.	Name	Att	Cmp Int Yds TD	No.	Name	Att	Cmp Int Yds TD
7	Eric Crouch	13	7 0 145 1	13	B.J. Tiger	11	3 0 40 1

Game Stats		Nebraska	OSU	Nebraska		OSU
First downs		21	14	Fumbles lost		0 1
Rushing attempts		49	48	Interceptions		0 0
Rushing yards		240	188	Penalties / yards		7 / 71 11 / 82
Passing attempts		14	21	Punt returns / yards		4 / 33 4 / 65
Passing completions		7	7	Kickoff returns / yards		2 / 34 5 / 108
Passing yards		145	85	Time of possession		29:31 30:29
Total plays		63	69	Third-down conversion		3 of 11 5 of 17
Total yards		385	273	Fourth-down conversion		1 of 1 2 of 2
Average yards per play		6.1	4.0	Sacks / yards		2 / 13 0 / 0

Scoring summary

Score by quarters		Total	
Nebraska	Oklahoma St.	Nebraska	Oklahoma St.
21	10	7	0
0	0	7	14

Team	Qtr.	Scoring play	Plays - yards	Score
NU	1	E. Crouch 4 yd run (J. Brown kick)	9 - 51	7 0
NU	1	C. Buckhalter 2 yd run (J. Brown kick)	2 - 49	14 0
NU	1	C. Buckhalter 6 yd run (J. Brown kick)	2 - 8	21 0
NU	2	J. Brown 36 yd field goal	8 - 46	24 0
NU	2	T. Wistrom 16 yd pass from E. Crouch (J. Brown kick)	8 - 66	31 0
NU	3	D. Alexander 6 yd run (J. Brown kick)	6 - 80	38 0
OS	3	M. Rivers 6 yd pass from B.J. Tiger (T. Sydnes kick)	9 - 80	38 7
OS	4	J. Fobbs 1 yd run (T. Sydnes kick)	14 - 64	38 14

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