

Nebraska 49,

Huskers blow past Cyclones

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The Nebraska football team just checked in to see what condition their condition was in.

And the resounding diagnosis after Saturday's 49-14 win over Iowa State: a clean bill of health and a ringing endorsement from the doctor.

"I feel better about this football team right now," Cornhusker Coach Frank Solich said. "We gained some confidence, and I think we're all really pleased with where we are."

Facing off against a 3-1 ISU squad that came into the game with something to prove after a disheartening letdown in last week's 35-28 loss to Kansas State, the Huskers were doing anything but looking past the Cyclones.

It showed, as Nebraska surmounted ISU from all points on the field with an extended host of players contributing in the Husker win.

"We substituted a great deal, had a lot of players play," Solich said. "That's gratifying for those guys and gratifying for the coaches as well."

Also, much to the delight of the

"In terms of offensive execution, this was the best game we've had all season."

ERIC CROUCH
NU quarterback

NU squad, were the 439 rushing yards, including 361 yards between three running backs.

Solich said the NU ground game took on new life, distancing itself from some of the off-field problems that crept into the picture in past weeks.

Also spurred by bold words earlier in the week from ISU's top tailback, Darren Davis, NU's Dan Alexander, Correll Buckhalter and Dahrren Diedrick said it was time to check the pulse of the Husker running back corps.

"It was really important for us to

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Penalties, mental errors hurt ISU

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Iowa State arrived in Lincoln on Friday with a supposedly better football team than it has had in recent years.

But it left Memorial Stadium on Saturday night singing the same old song and dance to the tune of a 49-14

loss to Nebraska.

The Cyclones repeatedly shot themselves in the foot with penalties and mental errors.

ISU received the opening kickoff and drove down to the Cornhusker 19-yard line. A holding penalty, followed by a false start, moved the ball back to the 33-yard line. NU rover Joe Walker then sacked ISU quarterback Sage Rosenfels and recovered the ball — one of two Cyclone fumbles on the day.

For the most part, it was all downhill from there.

Nebraska ran off 21 unanswered points to end the first quarter. The Huskers added seven more points in the second quarter to go up 28-0 at halftime.

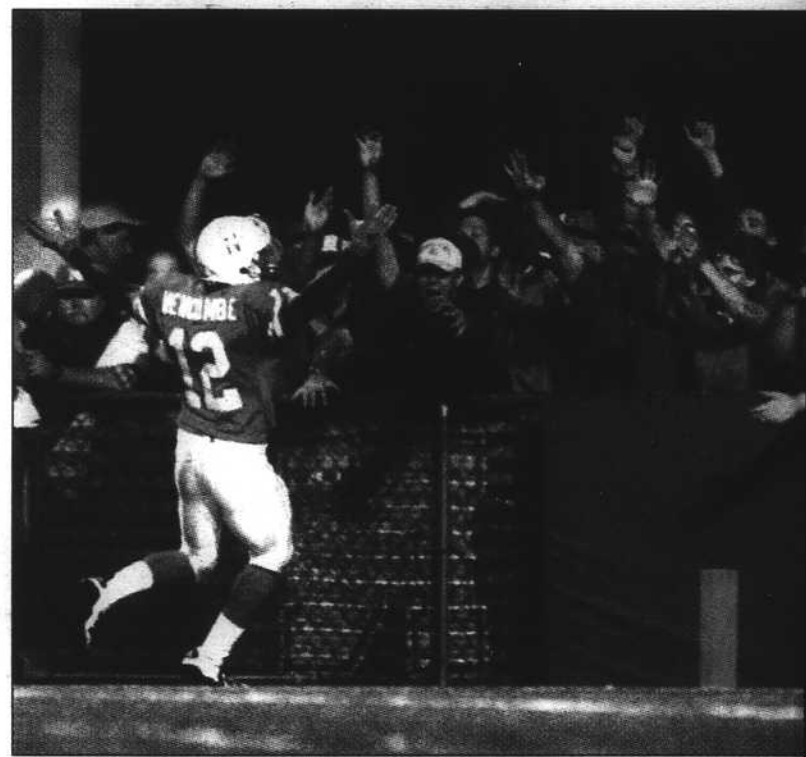
ISU Coach Dan McCarney said his team had trouble blocking NU's defensive linemen.

"We just got whipped up front," McCarney said. "We know we've got a pretty good back. But every time he was getting a handoff, there was a red shirt or another red shirt or three or four red shirts."

The "pretty good" back who McCarney described was the nation's leading rusher, Darren Davis.

Davis entered Saturday night's matchup averaging 176 yards per game. Against NU, he managed 107

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Football Top 25

The Top 25 teams in The Associated Press college football poll.

Rank	Team	Record
1	Florida St. (63)	6-0
2	Penn St. (6)	6-0
3	Nebraska	6-0
4	Virginia Tech (1)	5-0
5	Michigan St.	6-0
6	Tennessee	4-1
7	Florida	5-1
8	Georgia Tech	4-1
9	Kansas St.	5-0
10	Michigan	5-1
11	Alabama	4-1
12	Mississippi St.	6-0
13	Texas A&M	4-1
14	Georgia	4-1
15	Marshall	5-0
16	Syracuse	5-1
17	Wisconsin	4-2
18	Ohio St.	4-2
19	Texas	5-2
20	Purdue	4-2
21	BYU	4-1
22	Mississippi	5-1
23	E. Carolina	5-1
24	Miami	2-3
25	S. Mississippi	3-2

Scoring summary

Team	Qtr.	Scoring play	Plays - yards	Score
NU	1	D. Alexander 7 yd run (J. Brown kick)	7-62	7-0
NU	1	R. Brown 0 yd blocked punt return (J. Brown kick)		14-0
NU	1	M. Davison 47 yd pass from E. Crouch (J. Brown kick)	3-62	21-0
NU	2	C. Buckhalter 7 yd run (J. Brown kick)	16-79	28-0
NU	3	B. Newcombe 24 yd pass from E. Crouch (J. Brown kick)	4-90	35-0
NU	3	E. Crouch 20 yd run (J. Brown kick)	2-24	42-0
NU	4	D. Adams 37 yd fumble recovery (J. Brown kick)		49-0
IS	4	D. Davis 35 yd run (M. McKnight kick)	3-74	49-7
IS	4	D. Davis 2 yd run (M. McKnight kick)	2-61	49-14

Football Game Review Nebraska 49 Iowa St. 14

Nebraska				Iowa St.							
Rushing				Rushing							
Name	Yds	Avg	TD	Name	Yds	Avg	TD				
Dan Alexander	135	13.5	1	D. Davis	107	4.9	2				
C. Buckhalter	127	9.1	1	D. Walker	22	3.7	0				
D. Diedrick	99	6.2	0	S. Rosenfels	11	1.8	0				
Receiving				Receiving							
Name	No	Yds	TD	Name	No	Yds	TD				
Matt Davison	2	53	1	C. Anthony	4	17	0				
B. Newcombe	1	24	1	D. Groce	3	57	0				
T. Beveridge	1	9	0	M. Drantley	3	59	0				
Passing				Passing							
Name	Att	Cmp	Int	Yds	TD	Name	Att	Cmp	Int	Yds	TD
Eric Crouch	10	5	0	85	2	S. Rosenfels	21	11	1	89	0
Joe Chrisman	4	0	0	0	0	D. Walker	10	6	0	75	0
Game Stats				Game Stats							
Nebraska	IS	Nebraska	IS								
First downs	25	18	Fumbles lost	1	2						
Rushing attempts	57	35	Interceptions	1	0						
Rushing yards	439	146	Penalties / yards	7 / 70	12 / 99						
Passing attempts	14	32	Punt returns / yards	4 / 40	0 / 0						
Passing completions	5	14	Kickoff returns / yards	1 / 13	5 / 84						
Passing yards	85	185	Time of possession	29:27	30:33						
Total plays	71	67	Third-down conversion	7 of 14	4 of 14						
Total yards	524	331	Fourth-down conversion	1 of 2	1 of 2						
Average yards per play	7.4	4.9	Sacks / yards	3 / 20	2 / 10						