

Huskies blow past Cyclones

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go out and do this," said Alexander, who led all rushers with 135 yards on 10 carries. "This game was a good game for us, and it helps (the running backs) out a lot."

With Alexander seeing a fair amount of time at fullback and Buckhalter in support at I-back, the two found themselves abandoning the usual war of attrition NU wages against opponents and broke away on several long jaunts downfield.

Alexander made a career-high run with a 44-yard sprint to end the first half, only to take the first handoff of the second half 54 yards from the Huskers' 20-yard line to the Cyclone 26. The run set up a touchdown pass from Eric Crouch to Bobby Newcombe to put Nebraska on top 35-0.

"The holes were just huge out there," Alexander said. "When I saw that, I first said, 'Praise the Lord,' and then it was all up to me to take advantage of the situation."

Buckhalter also proved his mettle with a stretch of long runs in the third. On three of four plays from scrimmage, he rushed for 13, 27 and 12 yards.

"I think it's back," Buckhalter said

of the Husker rushing game, following a 127-yard, 14-carry effort. "We come out every week and show that we want to be the best team in the nation, and today we proved it."

Buckhalter and Alexander finished with a touchdown apiece before freshman Diedrick, NU's No. 3 I-back, came in late in the third quarter to finish the day, picking up 99 yards on 16 carries.

"I think they're going to have trouble," Buckhalter said of the double threat posed to other teams by Alexander and himself. "We just want to keep it going for the rest of the season."

Crouch also got in on the action, churning up 58 yards on the ground with a long of 26 and a 20-yard touchdown dash.

The sophomore quarterback also threw for 85 yards and two touchdowns, including a 47-yard bomb to Matt Davison in the first quarter, while keeping up a balanced attack that used the option sparingly and pummeled the Cyclones with big runs through big holes.

"In terms of offensive execution, this was the best game we've had all season," Crouch said. "We were able to

play our power game. We're really bonding as an offense, and we're playing more consistent."

And if the offense was just coming together with their A-game, the defense put up another stellar performance, scoring on a blocked punt and a fumble return.

Ralph Brown's recovery of the blocked kick and Demoiné Adams' 37-yard fumble return raised to 30 points the total scored by the Nebraska defense this season.

The Blackshirts also held Cyclone tailback and national rushing leader Darren Davis to 107 yards, his lowest total of the season. At the end of the third quarter against the No. 1 and No. 2 defenses, Davis had just 40 yards on the ground.

"I think we played tremendous," Husker rover Mike Brown said. "We focused on stopping the run and dominating them up front, and we did it."

And with the two halves of Solich's squad clicking their tumblers in harmony, Saturday's win was right where NU's head coach wanted to see his team.

"It was a pleasing game for us," he said. "A lot of congratulations goes out to this whole football team."

Penalties, mental errors hurt ISU

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yards on 22 carries and two fourth-quarter touchdowns.

The Cyclones, now 3-2, had started fast in their first four games - but NU opened up quickly on them for a change.

"They started fast," defensive end Kevin DeRonde said. "We tried to recover and come back, but we kept fighting; we never gave up."

Penalties (12 for 99 yards) killed any momentum the Cyclones had and forced them to play catch-up from the start.

"A lot of penalties were just inexcusable," McCarney said. "When you have that many holding calls - one offensive lineman had three, another had two - we were getting beat up front."

Woman wins boxing battle of the sexes

SEATTLE (AP) - Margaret MacGregor and Loi Chow made pugilistic history and proved that a woman who can box a little can beat a man who can't box at all.

MacGregor won all four rounds on all three judges' cards Saturday night, then left it to others to assess whether her waltz in the ring with Chow will be remembered as a landmark in sports, a stride for women or yet another punch in the nose for boxing.

The matchup pitted a 36-year-old female landscaper and a 33-year-old male jockey, who earned \$1,500 apiece in boxing's first sanctioned battle of the sexes.

Chow, who weighed 128 and wore a welt on his forehead following the beating, said, "It proves a woman cannot hurt a man."

MacGregor showed she had the moxie to stand up to a man, flicking light jabs, and landing a few combinations to the head and body. In other words, she didn't stink up the joint.

Chow, on the other hand, did.

The jumpy little jockey - he's listed as 5-foot-2 but barely came up to the 5-4 MacGregor's chin - bounced around the ring as if he were looking for an exit. When the judges' cards were announced - each scored it 40-36 for MacGregor - and Chow fled with a final wave, the crowd showered him with boos.

"He looked scared out of his wits," said Bob Jarvis, a former fighter.

The Cyclones came into the game averaging 328 yards per game on the ground. They did not reach half of that total Saturday, gaining 146 yards.

Davis said the NU defense was aggressive on the snap and tackled well. "They don't let too many guys get yards on them," Davis said. "I was the No. 1 rusher in the nation, and they were out to prove I wasn't."

"I wish I could have got a victory out of it, but 100 yards; I will settle with it. It wasn't the prettiest 100 yards I have ever got, but I got them."

Rosenfells said his team lost not because of what they didn't do but because of what Nebraska did.

"They really disrupted it," Rosenfells said. "They out-toughed us. They had a lot of guys in the back, and they did not give Darren any room. Any time he got room, he put on his move

that usually works, and they were making tackles."

Iowa State allowed Nebraska a season-high 439 rushing yards. NU was 1 yard shy of having three backs with more than 100 yards - Darran Diedrick finished with 99 yards.

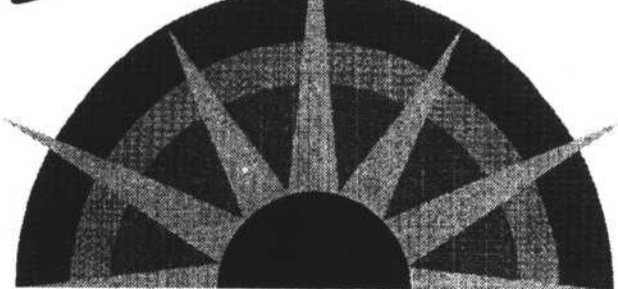
DeRonde said that the Huskers' backs were the "real deal."

ISU also surrendered its first passing touchdown of the season when NU quarterback Eric Crouch hit Matt Davison on an out pattern for a 47-yard score.

ISU did escape Lincoln without surrendering 70 points to NU - something it hasn't done in its past two trips.

Offensive lineman Bill Marsau may have summed up the feelings of Cyclone players when he kicked the locker room door and said, "I hate this place."

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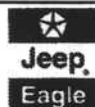
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