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DAZE OF OLD

Tying it on their own pick-six, Huskers are set for big things before ground-and-pound Badgers steal spotlight

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LINCOLN — The moon was out and the Nebraska crowd, dressed in black, was bearing its teeth.

Wisconsin put a fist right through the night and the noise in its usual way: An old-fashioned power running game right into the Huskers' living room. And the back doing the damage, Jonathan Taylor, is just a true freshman. Get used to him.

NU's already used to the one-sided nature of this series. The No. 9 Badgers won their fifth straight over the Huskers, 38-17, rushing for 353 yards.

The 5-foot-11, 215-pound Taylor, a bull with quick feet and sprinter's speed, gained 249 on his own, including a 75-yard touchdown in the first half.

But he and Wisconsin saved their final, most demoralizing work for their final three touchdown drives, all of which came after Nebraska tied the game at 17 with safety Aaron Williams' pick-six.

Out of 30 plays, Wisconsin ran the ball 28 times for 177 yards. Badger backs broke Husker arm tackles and waited for big holes to open wide. Nothing fancy. Just fierce.

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Wisconsin beats NU with a back who reminds Lee Barfknecht of a former Husker Heisman winner. **Page 9CF**

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Wisconsin's Dontye Carriere-Williams breaks up a second-quarter pass intended for Nebraska's JD Spielman.

A classic smack-down that's straight out of 1997



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LINCOLN — And just like that, 1997 became 2017.

That was quite a tribute to the '97 national champions on Saturday night at Memorial Stadium. With the game tied at 17, they put their heads down and got to work.

Ten plays, eight rushes, 93 yards, touchdown.

Ten plays, 10 rushes, 80 yards,

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