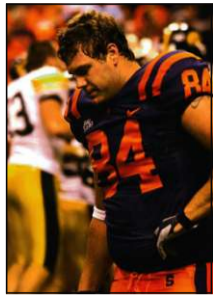


# POSTGAME



UNLV gives Cyclones all they can handle, but Iowa State hangs on for win. Page 7

**Big Ten report**



Iowa .....20  
Syracuse. 13 (2 OT)  
With quarterback Drew Tate out with an injury, Iowa turned to its defense in a double-overtime thriller at Syracuse. The Hawkeyes kept the Orangemen out of the end zone on seven consecutive plays inside the 2 to seal the win.

Notre Dame .....41  
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**Top 25**

No. 4 Auburn .....34  
Mississippi St.....0  
More Top 25. **Page 2**

**Big 12 report**

Oklahoma .....37  
Washington .....20  
Behind Adrian Peterson's 165 rushing yards, OU pulled away in the second half.

Missouri.....34  
Mississippi.....7  
Colorado State...14  
Colorado.....10  
Texas A&M .....51  
La.-Lafayette.....7  
Kansas.....21  
La. Monroe .....19  
Oklahoma State..35  
Arkansas State.....7  
Baylor .....47  
NW State .....10  
Kansas State .....45  
Fla. Atlantic.....0  
Texas Tech .....38  
UTEP ..... 35 (OT)  
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**State colleges**

Chadron State .....35  
Montana State.....24  
Danny Woodhead ran for 215 yards as the Eagles beat Montana State, a team that beat Colorado in the season opener.  
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**Lucky emerges:** It appears Marlon Lucky has gained the upper hand in the I-back derby after he rushed for 103 yards and a touchdown Saturday. **Page 3**

**Purify steps up:** Two big catches may have signaled a coming-out party for Maurice Purify. **Page 4**  
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**OHIO STATE 24, TEXAS 7**

## Texas a blast for Buckeyes



Lee Barfknecht

■ Ohio State QB Troy Smith does a number on the Longhorns.

AUSTIN, Texas — Rarely has the value of talented, veteran quarterback play been more in evidence than on Saturday night during No. 1 Ohio State's 24-7 victory over No. 2 Texas.

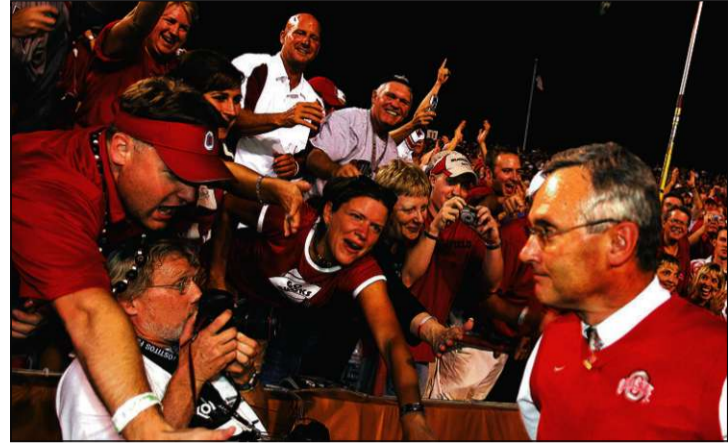
The Buckeyes are still in the national championship hunt — and Texas' 21-game winning streak is over — because of the work of OSU senior Troy Smith.

Ohio State flanker Ted Ginn Jr. is an electri-

fying talent, but Smith is the real Heisman Trophy candidate on this team.

Smith has had his ups and downs, including a two-game suspension at the end of 2004 and the start of 2005 for accepting \$500 from a booster. That absence cost him playing time during last year's 25-22 loss to Texas.

The graduate student made up for it Saturday. *See Buckeyes: Page 2*



Ohio State coach Jim Tressel celebrates with Buckeye fans after their team beat Texas 24-7 on Saturday night in Austin, Texas.



**NEBRASKA 56, NICHOLLS STATE 7**  
MEMORIAL STADIUM, LINCOLN

# Rout to L.A.

## Huskers pound Colonels in USC tune-up



JEFF BUNDY/THE WORLD-HERALD

Bo Ruud, No. 51; Corey McKeon, No. 13; and Tierre Green collar Nicholls State quarterback Vin Montgomery, who lasted only the first series before heading to the sideline with a knee injury.

### Nebraska insists it focused only on its Division I-AA opponent

**103**  
Rushing yards on 18 carries for Husker I-back Marlon Lucky

**4**  
Touchdown passes for quarterback Zac Taylor; he has seven this year

BY RICH KAIPUST  
WORLD-HERALD STAFF WRITER

LINCOLN — Take a deep breath and repeat after most everybody who already has the Nebraska football schedule memorized: It's USC week.

The moratorium on Southern California talk officially can be lifted after the Huskers pounded Nicholls State 56-7 at Memorial Stadium. They tended to business Saturday, just as coach Bill Callahan

promised they would before turning any focus toward the Trojans.

"I don't think it was as hard as everybody tried to make it seem," NU safety Tierre Green said.

Nebraska gained 498 total yards against the NCAA Division I-AA Colonels and once again did it with a balanced attack. The Huskers scored on six of seven possessions to start the game. The NU defense al-

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### So much for the NU preseason; it is now officially Trojan time

LINCOLN — Finally, it's here. USC Week. Pete Carroll. Tommy Trojan. The Coliseum. Disneyland. The Beverly Hilton. Paris Hilton.

Is Nebraska ready?

Yes, as ready as you can be after pummeling Division I-AA Nicholls State and its triple-option in the rain. It was 56-7. It didn't matter. The Huskers could have squeezed the Co-



Tom Shatel

lonels off the field.

The Huskers are looking good, feeling good. But exhibition season is over. Time for the real season.

Time to find out where this program stands in year three, Callahan time.

That will be the theme this week, as a nation turns its eyes to Big Red. Well, maybe if it has a remote. *See Shatel: Page 4*



**NU at USC**

7 p.m. Saturday  
Los Angeles

**USC:** 1-0, No. 3

**Last home loss:**  
Sept. 29, 2001  
(21-16 to Stanford)