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SATURDAY IN THE BIG 12



Texas edges Ohio St.

Quarterback Vince Young and No. 2 Texas defeated No. 4 Ohio State 25-22. **Page 6.**

Nebraska	31
Wake Forest	3
Iowa State	23
Iowa	3
Texas	25
Ohio State	22
Kansas State	21
Marshall	19
Oklahoma	31
Tulsa	15
Kansas	36
Appalachian State	8
Baylor	48
Samford	14
Texas Tech	56
Florida International	3
Colorado	39
New Mexico State	0
New Mexico	45
Missouri	35
Oklahoma State	23
Florida Atlantic	3

UP NEXT



Pittsburgh at Nebraska

When: 2:30 p.m.
Saturday
TV: ABC
Records:
Pitt 0-2; NU 2-0

BIG 12 STANDINGS

NORTH	W-L
Iowa State	2-0
Kansas	2-0
Kansas State	2-0
Nebraska	2-0
Colorado	2-0
Missouri	1-1
SOUTH	W-L
Baylor	2-0
Oklahoma State	2-0
Texas	2-0
Texas Tech	1-0
Oklahoma	1-1
Texas A&M	0-1

SATURDAY IN THE BIG TEN



Irish eyes smiling

Defensive lineman Trevor Laws and Notre Dame had plenty to celebrate on Saturday. The No. 20 Fighting Irish traveled to the Big House in Michigan and stunned the No. 3 Wolverines 17-10, improving new coach Charlie Weis' record to 2-0. **Page 6.**

Notre Dame	17
Michigan	10
Purdue	49
Akron	24
Wisconsin	65
Temple	0
Penn State	42
Cincinnati	24
Minnesota	56
Colorado State	24
Northwestern	38
Northern Illinois	37
Michigan State	42
Hawaii	14
Illinois	49
San Jose St.	19
Indiana	35
Nicholls State	31



MATT MILLER/THE WORLD-HERALD

Nebraska strong safety Daniel Bullocks sprints toward the end zone on a 30-yard fumble return for a touchdown after pulling the ball away from Wake Forest sophomore tailback Micah Andrews on a first-down carry. Quarterback Benjamin Mauk, No. 8, can't catch Bullocks on the Huskers' second defensive touchdown of the game, which extended Nebraska's lead to 14-0 with 2:45 left in the first quarter.

Win is a win, but it's still disturbing

LINCOLN—Feelin' Lucky? And I don't mean Marlon, although, at this point, it might not be a bad call to get the young colt loose in the bullpen.

Nebraska beat Wake Forest 31-3 on Saturday night. And that has to be the bottom line. The Huskers are 2-0, which is one game ahead of last year at this pace. More bottom line.

They also beat a Demon Deacon team that won't be confused with Texas or Iowa State. Then again, there were some experts picking the Deacs to come into Lincoln and steal a win. So across College Football America, it will be seen as a good win, even impressive.

Even more impressive when you look at how Nebraska did it.

Defense, defense, defense. One for every touchdown the Blackshirts scored against the visitors from the new, improved Atlantic Coast Conference.

For those keeping score at



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home, the final tally was Blackshirts 21, Offense 10, Wake Forest 3.

Semantics? Perhaps. But, unlike the Maine opener, this was the real Main Event for Nebraska. This game, against a smash-mouth, old-school bunch from Winston-Salem, N.C., was going to tell you a lot about what to expect in red in 2005.

This was a team that was going to run right at Nebraska. And a team with a defense accommodating enough to let you try to return the favor.

What did we learn, class? That the Huskers have developed a somewhat disturbing

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CAPTAIN CORY

More Huskers

After a slow first-half start, NU I-back Cory Ross goes over the 100-yard rushing mark to finish with 123 yards on 20 carries. **Page 4.**

A full-page keepsake from Saturday's game. **Page 8**

Husker 'D' feasts on Deacon miscues

By DIRK CHATELAIN
WORLD-HERALD STAFF WRITER

LINCOLN — Blackshirts 4, West Coast offense 2.

Through two Husker wins, that's the baffling touchdown count. Yes, Nebraska's linebackers own two more touchdowns than their I-backs. Daniel Bullocks has matched Zac Taylor's one score.

Nebraska beat Wake Forest 31-3 Saturday at Memorial Stadium, and there's no disputing why. While Bill Callahan's West Coast offense continued to look as trendy as a rubber corn-cob hat, the Blackshirts appeared in late-season form as they bruised and abused the Demon Deacons' backfield much to a sellout crowd's delight.

Bullocks scored a touchdown. Corey McKeon did, too. Stewart Bradley even got one. That's a

school record. "You can't really explain it," said safety Blake Tiedtke, who picked off a pass in the second quarter. "If you play hard, if you go to the ball, those things happen. It's just fun. We're competing."

The defense, which forced five turnovers, has allowed just 10 points in two games. Its four touchdowns are exactly four more than it created in 2004.

"Any time you can create a turnover on defense and then capitalize and score, that just adds to the dimension of momentum," Callahan said. "It makes the play-calling a lot easier."

The Huskers have emphasized turnovers since last year, and Tiedtke said momentum snowballed Saturday. Once one defender makes a hit or an interception

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UNO 28, CENTRAL WASHINGTON 21

Mavs win wild one over 'Cats

By ROB WHITE

WORLD-HERALD STAFF WRITER

It was the perfect finish to an imperfect game.

Anticipating an all-out blitz, UNO quarterback Brian Masek lofted a spiral to Austin Parks. And Parks slipped behind the one-on-one coverage of Adam Jackson to reel in the game-winner with six seconds to go Saturday as the Mavericks escaped with a 28-21 victory over Central Washington before 4,100 at Caniglia Field.

"They had the tendency at that point to pressure," University of Nebraska at Omaha coach Pat Behrns said. "If we could max protect, we could get into a three-step drop and run a three-and-go. As soon as I saw it lined up, I knew we were going to get it. He just had to make sure he threw



JEFF BEIERMANN/THE WORLD-HERALD

Maverick quarterback Brian Masek eyes a receiver on Saturday. Masek was 15 of 25 for 215 yards against Central Washington.

the ball on time."

The touchdown capped a wild final three minutes in which the NCAA Division II No. 5 Maver-

icks (3-0) had to hold off a stubborn bunch of Wildcats (1-2) who had been blown out on their home field two weeks ago by fourth-ranked North Dakota.

"That football team got 100 percent better from the first week," Behrns said. "There's no question that's a different team from the one we saw on film."

Central Washington was driving for the go-ahead touchdown but, on third-and-five from the UNO 7, linebacker Antwain Woods crushed quarterback Mike Reilly, forcing a fumble that Luke Ridder recovered with 2:10 to go.

UNO advanced, but not until after Masek went 23 yards on a fourth-and-1 bootleg from his own 28. The Mavs appeared headed for the go-ahead score, but safety Ryan Andrews

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Be warned: ISU is now the real deal

AMES, Iowa — Next question for Iowa State, please.

The lingering doubt about whether this program was worthy of preseason Top 25 votes, whether it could repeat a title run in the Big 12 North and whether it could handle the expectations that go with high hopes was answered Saturday.

Iowa State 23, Iowa 3.

Look again. That's eighth-ranked, nine-point favorite, possible national title contender Iowa on the short side of the scoreboard. And it was no fluke.

From forcing a turnover on Iowa's first possession, to building a 16-0 halftime lead to burning time off the clock in the second half with consecutive drives of 12, eight and nine plays, Iowa State dominated.

"It was a thorough beating for



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us," Iowa coach Kirk Ferentz said, "and a great win for Iowa State."

Now, for the disclaimer.

This hardly thrusts ISU into the national title hunt. The Cyclones' kicking game at times still had TV blooper show qualities, and the offense didn't have a play longer than 13 yards until split end Todd Blythe's 40-yard catch in the final five minutes.

But those are minor details to the first win over a Top 10 team in coach Dan McCarney's 11 years at ISU.

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