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**USC 28, NEBRASKA 10**  
LOS ANGELES COLISEUM

**Three reasons the Huskers lost Saturday**

**1** **Playing the clock:** Huskers' offensive strategy eats time, but doesn't scare Trojans

**2** **Grounded:** NU's West Coast offense heads south and is held to 68 yards rushing

**3** **Pass and catch:** USC's receivers have the look of those who play on Sundays

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Linebacker Kaluka Maiava takes down Nebraska I-back Kenny Wilson, who finished as the Huskers' leading rusher with 46 yards on 19 carries. The Southern Cal defense limited Nebraska to 68 rushing yards on 36 carries, and the Husker ended up with 211 total yards and 10 first downs.

**■ Callahan expresses no regrets over a grind-it-out game plan that doesn't get the Huskers far against Trojans' defense.**

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LOS ANGELES — The discussion during USC-Nebraska week often turned to similarities between the teams' offenses.

But when they played, they seemed two time zones apart.

Southern Cal mixed the run and pass, made big plays and didn't turn over the football Saturday night in a 28-10 victory at the Los Angeles Coliseum.

Nebraska, well, let's just say it couldn't quite match the Trojans before a crowd of 92,000, which included about 25,000 Husker fans wanting to see how their West Coast offense worked on the West Coast.

"It was a game we wanted to take into the fourth quarter," NU coach Bill Callahan said. "We felt very strongly about that until we had the turnover at the beginning of the third quarter, and they separated from us a little bit."

On "Separation Saturday," as ESPN was billing it, No. 19 Nebraska showed it hadn't caught up with teams like the second- and fourth-ranked Trojans.

The most obvious difference was offensively as NU (2-1) managed 211 total yards after gaining more than 1,000 combined against two undermanned opponents. After running for 250-plus yards against Louisiana Tech and Nicholls State, the Huskers apparently thought they could travel that route again.

The result? Just 68 rushing yards and 1.9 per carry, even though Nebraska ran it 36 times and threw it only 17. And before quarterback Zac Taylor ran off three straight completions to finish the third quarter, the Huskers had attempted two passes on their previous four series.

Callahan testily answered questions about the two-to-one ratio of runs to passes, saying, *See Huskers: Page 4*



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Tailback Chauncey Washington caps the Trojan scoring on a 7-yard run with 6:27 remaining, delivering Southern Cal's fourth touchdown of the game. Washington's 52 yards helped USC roll for 142 rushing yards.

*NU played it much too safe on big stage*

LOS ANGELES — You wanted a measuring stick? You got it.

USC is still USC. And Nebraska is not quite Nebraska again, not the Nebraska that can go toe-to-toe with anyone on the national stage.

Nebraska? Better, but not yet ready for ABC prime time. Says who?

Says coach Bill Callahan's game plan.

If we learned anything from USC's 28-10 victory over the Huskers at the Los Angeles Coliseum on Saturday night, it may be that Nebraska's own coach doesn't think his third-year program is ready to run with the big dogs.



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**Top 25 scores**  
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Oregon 34, Oklahoma 33  
Florida 21, Tennessee 20

**Irish eyes are cryin'**  
Michigan set Notre Dame's BCS plans on the back burner with a 47-21 rout of the No. 2-ranked Irish.



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**CBs stick to plan**

Nebraska defensive backs had their hands full against Jarrett, Smith and other USC receivers. **Page 3**

**Ground to halt**

Southern Cal crunches NU rushing attack, holding Huskers to 68 yards. **Page 3**