

POSTGAME



Home groan

Tigers hand Huskers worst Lincoln loss in a half-century



Joe Ganz is belted after completing a first-quarter pass to Roy Helu. Ganz threw for 290 yards but had a costly interception for a second straight week.

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LINCOLN — Turns out Chase Daniel was right. Nebraska is just another notch on the belt of this Missouri football team.

The fourth-ranked Tigers scored on the third play from scrimmage Saturday night and never punted in a 52-17 rout to hand Nebraska its worst home loss since 1955. Missouri needed only 59 seconds to send a message that its 16th visit to Memorial Stadium since its landmark 1978 win would, indeed, be different.

"It's my fault," first-year NU coach Bo Pelini said after the Tigers recorded their second-highest point total in the 102-game series. "I apologize to the team. I apologize to the state of Nebraska. I apologize to everybody associated with University of Nebraska football.

"It is my responsibility. I was hired to do a job, and I didn't do the job tonight."

Daniel, the senior Heisman Trophy candidate, boasted last week that a win over Nebraska would amount to nothing more than the latest of the Tigers' ground-breaking achievements.

He completed 18 of 23 passes for 253 yards and three touchdowns and moved to 48 the season-long stretch of possessions under his guidance without a three-and-out series.

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A dose of reality

Saturday's blowout obliterated any remaining hope for fans of a quick rebound from the Bill Callahan era. Page 6CF

Cut to the Chase

Missouri quarterback Chase Daniel stays on the attack; says Huskers play dirty. Page 8CF

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These Tigers have look of a rare breed

LINCOLN — Take Mizzou's 52-17 walk-over of Nebraska with this grain of salt at your breakfast table: That's probably the best Missouri team ever.

My, what a team.

It produced the worst home loss in the modern Nebraska era, starting with Bob Devaney in 1962. Of course, after the Bobfather showed up, there weren't many home losses to choose from.

This one was easy and clinical. Missouri was so good there was no traffic jam on the way home. The fourth quarter was played before many gray splotches in Memorial Stadium's red quilt.

Missouri is that good. Before you play the blame game this morning, first blame Mizzou for firing basketball coach Quinn Snyder rather than football coach Gary Pinkel a few years ago. And blame Texas coach Mack



Tom Shatel

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