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Storm before Hurricanes

I-back Newby leads ground game as NU muscles up

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LINCOLN — Physicality. Impo- sition of will. Pad level. Old-fash- ioned push.

Nebraska's run game didn't balk or back down Saturday night. Tasked by coach Mike Riley at the start of week with improving their effort and production on the ground, the Huskers' offense delivered in a 48-9 win over South Alabama.

No fuss. Plenty of muscle. Sev- en yards per carry and 258 total rushing yards.

Outside zone. Inside zone. Power. Wideout jet sweeps. Even a few quarterback runs. But most of the damage was done by I-back Terrell Newby, a quiet, almost reticent junior who came to Nebraska with a lot of recruiting hype and had not, thus far, made good on it.

But coaches told him late in the week: You're going to be the guy. And quarterback Tommy Armstrong told him just before the game: Be the guy who wants the ball in tough situations.

Consider his 28-carry, 198-yard performance a down payment, his first workhorse moment. Newby even admitted he was sore and a little beat up from the night. The praises of his teammates and

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Above, NU offensive lineman Alex Lewis cheers as he leaves the field with the lead at halftime. Top, this first-quarter 13-yard touchdown run by Terrell Newby was one of three first-half scores for the Husker I-back. Newby carried 28 times for 198 yards and two TDs, and caught a second-quarter scoring pass.

ARMSTRONG CLIMBING THE CHARTS

With 274 yards of total offense Saturday, quarterback Tommy Armstrong moved into eighth place in Nebraska history in that category. In addition, Armstrong is just the third Husker to amass at least 5,000 yards before his senior season. The others? Eric Crouch and Taylor Martinez.

	RUSH	PASS	TOTAL
1. Taylor Martinez	2,975	7,258	10,233
2. Eric Crouch	3,434	4,481	7,915
3. Zac Taylor	-73	5,850	5,777
4. Tommie Frazier	1,955	3,521	5,476
5. Joe Ganz	341	5,125	5,466

	RUSH	PASS	TOTAL
6. Jammal Lord	2,573	2,848	5,421
7. Jerry Tagge	579	4,704	5,283
8. Tommy Armstrong	913	4,250	5,163
9. Dave Humm	-8	5,035	5,027
10. Steve Taylor	2,125	2,815	4,940

TOM SHATEL



COLUMNIST

This is a Riley tradition NU fans could get used to

LINCOLN — One week late, Hail What's Her Name was replaced by a new chant.

"Hip, hip, hoo-ray! Hip, hip, hoo-ray! Hip, hip, hoo-ray!"

The chant got louder and louder in the Nebraska locker room late Saturday night, as the Huskers were fully introduced to their new head coach.

He's got this tradition, right out of 1955.

Win and the room breaks out into a Jimmy Stewart movie.

"At first when (Riley) told them what he wanted to do, they kind of looked around," said NU offensive coordinator Danny Langsdorf. "He told them it's kind of corny, but that's what he wants to do."

"It got louder and louder as they went."

Why not? It wasn't just any victory. This was Riley's first win at Nebraska, a 48-9 rush over South Alabama that had only one complaint.

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