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Huskers wear down the Hurricanes as Abdullah leads a punishing rushing attack; The defense comes up with clutch plays to hold off an old nemesis and move to 4-0



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Nebraska's Ameer Abdullah cuts through Miami defenders in the fourth quarter. Abdullah rushed for 229 yards and became NU's career leader in all-purpose yards, passing Johnny Rodgers.

NU puts heat on Miami

Abdullah, Huskers play with passion on emotional night

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LINCOLN — By the end, the guts of Miami's defensive linemen had begun to sag. The owners of those stomachs were spent, drained, gassed, softened and glazed, a wall of noise from the biggest crowd ever to see a football game in the state hitting them almost as hard as Nebraska's offensive line did.

That's what a night's worth of body blows looks like.

The Hurricanes wanted this fight, and even triggered a few scums during the game that sent flags flying. But Nebraska finished, 41-31, with an old-fashioned power game, paced by a running back heading for the Husker record books and a run-heavy plan straight out of the 1994 season NU celebrated before kickoff.

Nebraska racked up 343 rushing yards — Ameer Abdullah ran for 229 on a career-high 35 carries — and averaged 6.5 yards per carry. NU ran inside and outside, out of the pistol, shotgun and Wildcat, with no tight ends and two tight ends. Offensive coordinator Tim Beck — who did not talk after the game —

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Nebraska's Randy Gregory celebrates after sacking Miami quarterback Brad Kaaya in the fourth quarter. Gregory had seven tackles and two sacks.

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The '94 Huskers got a kick watching this year's NU group beat Miami — similar to 20 years ago. **Page 7CF**

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COLUMNIST

It's more than a win; for fans, it's cathartic

LINCOLN — Better believe this was personal. For more than 30 years, Nebraskans have wanted Miami in their yard, with their weather, on their turf, surrounded on all four sides by "Go Big Red" with the walls closing in.

When the moment happened, and they pried open the old box of Miami emotions, well, oh my.

It was a day, a night, like no other in Lincoln. It was a scene like no other Nebraska home game.

It was a crowd like no other Nebraska home crowd, angry, wanting blood.

Somebody said there was a crescent moon out. Better double check. Could have sworn it was full.

This was fun. This was crazy. This was unreal. This was Miami finally coming to a stadium near you.

Hours before this Miami-Nebraska game,

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