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Sooners Storm 'Horns

Undefeated Oklahoma hands archrival Texas a 63-14 humiliation in the Red River Shootout.

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Dallas— You know you're in for a good day of football when your offense scores five touchdowns and your defense adds a sixth before your Top 10-ranked opponent gets more than one first down.

It's even better when it happens against your archrival — and you continue the thrashing in the second half.

Tenth- and 12th-ranked Oklahoma did all of that Saturday in the Red River Shootout, shocking everyone but itself with a 63-14 drubbing of No. 10 and 11 Texas before a sellout crowd of 75,587 at the Cotton Bowl.

"We came in confident," OU Coach Bob Stoops said.

Confident enough to hammer Texas, a 2½-point favorite, by the largest margin the Sooners have ever beaten a ranked opponent?

Well, maybe not quite that confident, Stoops said, with a hint of a smile.

"But we were ready to play," he said. "This team was confident, and I liked the way we were playing."

Texas Coach Mack Brown liked the way his team had been playing, too.

But not after giving up a record six touchdown runs to OU running back Quentin Griffin — of 1, 1, 2, 3, 4 and 8 yards — and being outgained 534 yards to 154, including a minus-7 yards rushing.

"Nobody could screw it up as bad as I did today," Brown said. "Practice was good. I thought we would win the game, to show you how far off I was."

"I felt very confident coming in, but we didn't do one thing right. So I don't even know what to tell the kids."

Brown did know what to say to everyone else dressed in burnt orange, most of whom had vacated the stadium by midway through the third quarter.

"I want to apologize to all Texas fans, and to our players and assistant coaches because obviously I did a poor job," he said. "You can't play that poorly and have a head coach do anything right during the week."

"That's as poor a performance as I've seen out of a football team I was responsible for in a long time."

Texas had no answers for Oklahoma quarterback Josh Heupel.

Heupel, the nation's most accurate passer coming in at 67.1 percent, completed 17 of 27 passes (62.9 percent) for 275 yards with one touchdown and no interceptions. He guided OU to 11 plays of 10 yards or more in the first half alone.

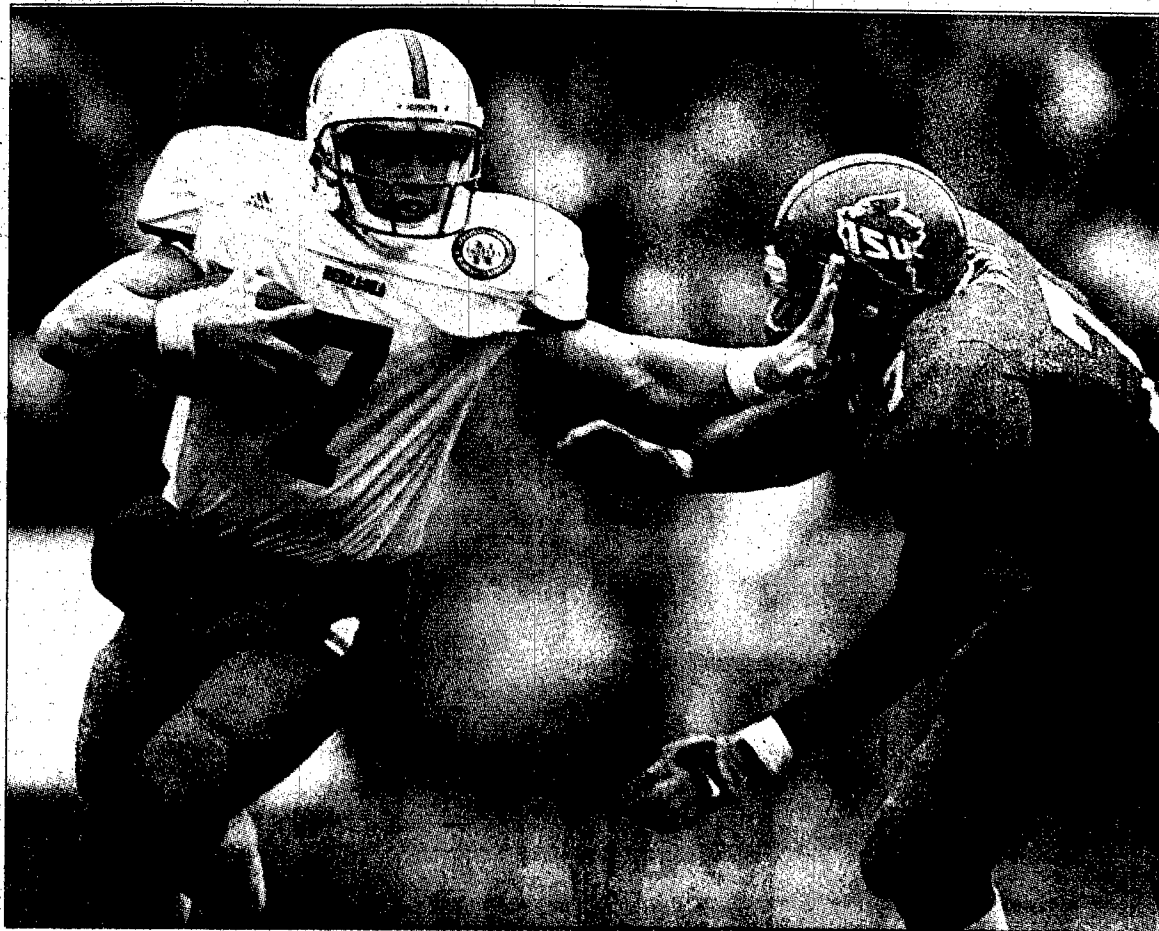
Heupel led OU to a 17-0 lead against Texas last season, but saw the Longhorns rally for a 38-28 win.

"We took a lot from this game last year," Heupel said. "What was different today was we were able to keep our mental edge when we got the lead and finish things off."

Finish. That was the word of emphasis throughout summer workouts for Oklahoma, which led in all five games it lost last season.

OU Strength and Conditioning Coach Jerry Schmidt, a Harvard, Neb., See OKLAHOMA Page 2

Huskers State Their Case



KEEPING HIM OFF: NU's Eric Crouch pushes away Iowa State safety Dustin Avey on this 32-yard fourth-quarter run. Crouch scored on a 1-yard run six plays later as NU took a 42-20 lead.

Huskers Answer ISU in 4th Quarter

Ames, Iowa

Somehow, they knew. Some way, they believed.

It wasn't easy. Not now. Not after Iowa State had played Nebraska tough, heck, played it even, through three quarters. The Cyclones had done everything they could have hoped. They strung out the option. Made the big play. Prevented the big plays. Made the Huskers settle for two field goals. The only difference was a missed extra point by Iowa State.

And now it was the fourth quarter.

And Iowa State was still within one, 21-20.

And the Cyclones were everywhere.



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covering the side hills, standing in the aisles, jumping up and down. And they could sense something big about to happen, maybe something that would be the biggest thing to happen on this field in a long time, maybe ever. Because Associated Press No. 1 Florida

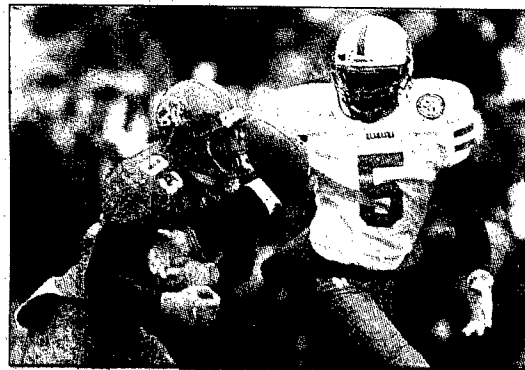
State had gone down already earlier in the day and now the Cyclones had the other No. 1 right where they wanted it.

With that brutally-cold north wind at their backs.

And blowing, mockingly, in the Huskers' faces.

The Cyclones had it all going for them going into the fourth quarter on Saturday. The wind. A hot quarterback and his receivers. And a Nebraska team that had failed to deliver in dominance this season. A Nebraska team that had spent the week with ears burning on the homefront and confidence seemingly waning after being dropped to No. 2 by the AP.

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LAST GASP: Nebraska cornerback DeJuan Groce breaks up a pass intended for ISU wide receiver Jamaul Montgomery (83) on the last play of the first half.

No. 7 Miami Knocks Off No. 1 Seminoles

Miami (AP) — After 1,013 yards, 100 passes and 51 points, Florida State-Miami came down to Wide Right III.

Amazing.

When Matt Munyon's 49-yard field goal try sailed wide right, No. 7 Miami completed its 27-24 victory over No. 1 Florida State on Saturday and derailed the Seminoles' national championship run.

"I watched it, I watched it," Miami receiver Reggie Wayne said. "The only thing going through my mind was wide right one, wide right two, and I was hoping there would be a wide right three."

There was, much to the dismay of

Seminole Coach Bobby Bowden, who lived through wide right field goals in 1991 and 1992 against Miami — that probably cost his teams a pair of national titles. The Hurricanes went on to win the national crown in '91.

"Wouldn't you know it?" Bowden asked. "He's been wide left all year, and then that happens. We had him out there pretty far, though."

Until the frantic final minutes, Miami (4-1) had an answer for everything Florida State (5-1) tried. Four times in the first half, the Seminoles failed to score from inside the Hurricanes' 26-yard line.

Twice, FSU quarterback Chris Weinke threw interceptions on plays

designed especially for this game. Two other times, Florida State passed on easy field goals and came up empty — once on a failed fourth-down run from the 16; the other on an incomplete pass from the 13.

"We put some plays in that would have been touchdowns," Bowden said. "They didn't fall for them. They ate them up. I should have kicked."

Miami was glad he didn't as the Hurricanes won their biggest game in Butch Davis' six years as coach. Miami, playing before a crowd of 80,903 at the Orange Bowl, finally showed it is back after five years of rebuilding from NCAA sanctions that stripped the school of 31 scholarships.

"It's huge for the program."

linebacker Dan Morgan said. "This is definitely going to put us in national contention. There's no telling how good this team can be."

A week after replacing Nebraska in the top spot of the AP poll, the Seminoles fell behind 17-0 at the half, but staged a furious rally in the final minutes behind Weinke, a Heisman Trophy contender, who was 29 of 58 for 496 yards and three TDs — the final one a 29-yarder to Atrews Bell with 1:37 left that put the Seminoles ahead 24-20.

But Ken Dorsey answered for Miami, which took over on its own 32. Dorsey hit 6 of 7 passes, including hookups with Santana Moss for 13 See HURRICANES Page 2



NO. 1 SEMINOLES FAIL: Miami's Jeremy Shockey celebrates.

Finally! Hawkeyes End 13-Game Losing String

Iowa City, Iowa (AP) — Finally, a masterpiece of a win for the Iowa Hawkeyes and Coach Kirk Ferentz.

Jon Butjer's 43-yard touchdown pass to Kevin Kasper with less than three minutes remaining rallied Iowa to a 21-16 victory over Michigan State and snapped a school record 13-game losing streak on Saturday.

"There were some plays that weren't that pretty, but the whole game was a Mona Lisa to me," said Ferentz, who was 1-10 in his first season at Iowa last year.

"I think we have taken some big steps with this win," Ferentz said, fighting back tears at the postgame press conference.

Butjer said he hopes the Hawkeyes would no longer be hapless.

"We know we can win, and that's the big thing. They come easier as you go. We know the feeling now," he said.

"We're tired of losing, and we want to keep this thing going."

First-year Michigan State Coach Bobby Williams thought his team played hard but didn't play hard long enough.

"We didn't play a full game. We played about ¾ quarters," said

Williams, whose Spartans lost their second straight. "I'm very disappointed. Offensively, I think we had pretty good numbers. But we didn't get the win, so those numbers don't mean anything."

Officials quickly lowered the goal posts to the ground at the final gun as thousands of Iowa fans swarmed the field to congratulate the Hawkeyes.

"There's nothing greater than winning," said Khalil Hill, who was inconsistent in returning punts, but made up for it with a long touchdown run on a kickoff return that got Iowa back into the game in the third quarter.

"I was almost in tears. To see some of those big 300-pound guys breaking down and crying because you want it so bad, you work so hard for it and you finally get it. You feel like you've accomplished something."

The Hawkeyes, who last won on Sept. 18, 1999, with a 24-0 victory over Northern Illinois, avenged a 49-3 rout by Michigan State a year ago that started their losing streak.

Iowa (1-5, 1-1 Big Ten) also snapped a skid during which it lost 20 of 21 games. The victory over the Spartans See HAWKEYES Page 2



TURNOVER TIME: UNO's Melvin Estes has the football after Northern Colorado's Kevin Prosser fumbled at the end of a 57-yard kickoff return to start the second half. The Bears' Cabell Rohloff, No. 46, chases down Estes.

Defense Delivers for Mavs Again In Comeback Win Over Bears

BY RICH KAIPIST

Northern Colorado scored seven points Saturday against UNO, but didn't hold that against the Mavericks' defense.

It was basically another shutout. The University of Nebraska at Omaha stuffed Northern Colorado's offense on the way to a 17-7 victory at Camiglia Field. The Mavs limited the Bears to 113 total yards and forced two fourth-quarter turnovers before a crowd of 4,200.

"We felt we could win the game with defense," UNO Coach Pat Behrens said. "So in turn what that means was try not to make a lot of mistakes on offense, punt the ball, try to work with the best field position we could and hope for the best."

The strategy paid off in a victory that kept the Mavs tied for the North Central Conference lead. In a give-and-take battle, the defense held tight until the special teams and offense supplied a fourth-quarter touchdowns.

"We were patient, and we kept at it."

UNO linebacker Ryan Hoffman said. "It was a dogfight out there, obviously. We just capitalized on a lot of adverse situations. But the defense stuck together, and that's the main thing."

No. 12-ranked UNO (5-1, 4-0 NCC) allowed its only points when a second-quarter punt attempt turned into a Northern Colorado touchdown. A high snap went through Kevin Ruch's hands, and Martin Jones recovered the ball and scored from 1 yard out.

Including last week's 36-0 victory over St. Cloud State, the Mavs' defense hasn't given up any points since the fourth quarter of the Morningside game on Sept. 23. The seven points over the last two weeks is the lowest back-to-back output by UNO opponents since 1988.

What made it more impressive Saturday was that No. 22 Northern Colorado (3-3, 2-2) started three possessions in UNO territory. Also, the Mavs' offense twice threw interceptions on first-down plays after the defense had just left the field.

"The sign of a great defense is don't See UNO FOOTBALL Page 4