



# 60-14 Cruise Past N. Illinois NU Offense Goes Into Overdrive

## Husker Offense Makes Its Point

Lincoln — The Huskers took care of business Saturday. They were supposed to handle Northern Illinois and, once they got going, they put it to the Huskies in a big way — 60-14.

As it turned out, if this were an old-fashioned cornhusking farm-yard party, Nebraska was definitely the Huskers and Northern the Huskies.

"Offensively, we felt like we had something to prove," said junior I-back Leodis Flowers of Omaha, who rushed for a career-high 124 yards. "This week we were on a mission."

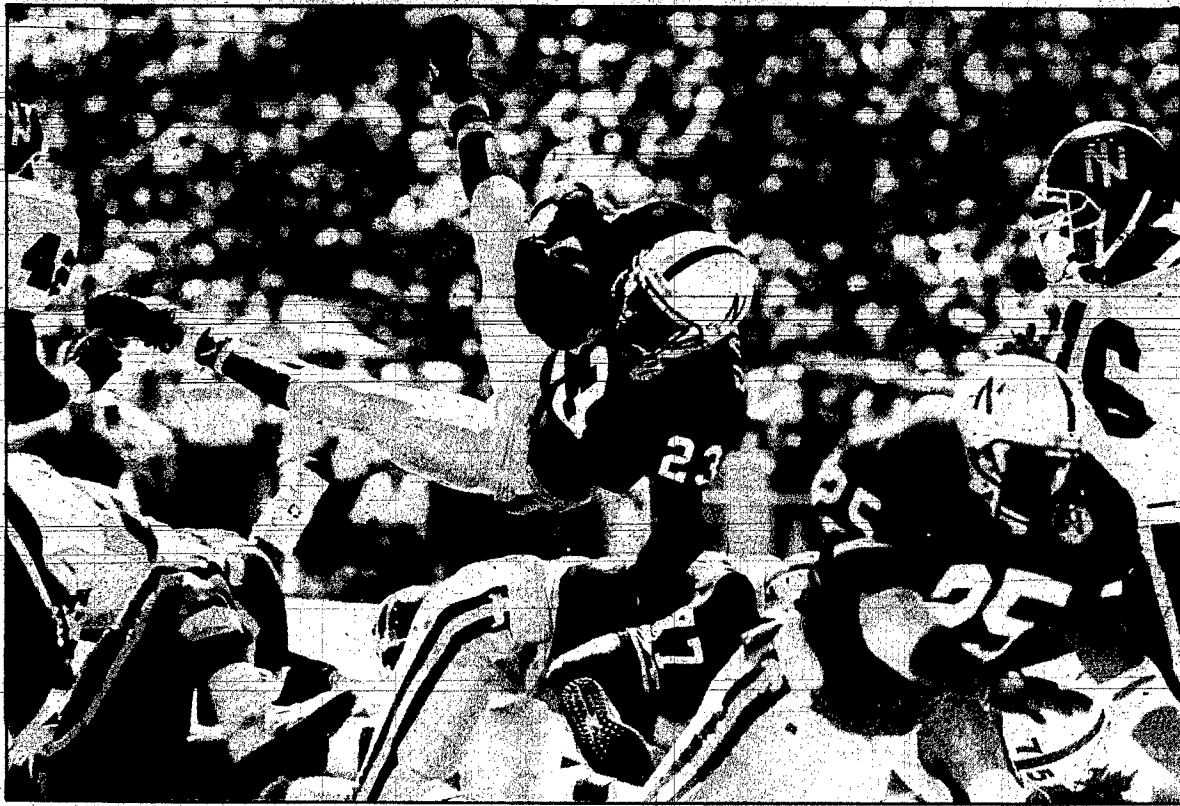
The previous week, in the season opener against Baylor, NU didn't score a touchdown until 22 seconds remained. The Huskers' reward for a 13-0 victory — a three-spot demotion in The Associated Press poll, which hadn't happened after a Nebraska victory in 53 years.

Co-captain and linebacker Pat Tyrance said the drop to 10th was no big deal.

"It's still early in the season," he said. "You don't like to drop in the polls after a win, but it's not like it was Week 10. There's still a long way to go. That didn't affect us too much."

The Husker performance Saturday was good, but not a masterpiece. Coach Tom Osborne acknowledged that "at times during the day we probably didn't play real well."

So what was wrong with a 46-point victory, 549 yards of offense and giving up 235 yards to Northern?



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I-back Leodis Flowers flies into the end zone on a 1-yard run with 2:40 left in the first half with the help of Omar Soto, No. 25, and Terry Eyman, No. 77, giving Nebraska a 23-11 lead... Flowers, who rushed for a career-high 124 yards on 21 carries, paced an attack that picked up 424 rushing yards.

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Lincoln — A Nebraska football fan from Kansas City called The World-Herald Friday to ask if first-game starting quarterback Mike Grant was going to play Saturday against Northern Illinois.

Not likely, the man was told, because of a knee bruise.

"Then I'm not coming to the game," he said. "I'm not driving up there to see Mickey Joseph."

Too bad.

The man missed a coming-out party of sorts for the junior from Marrero, La., during Nebraska's 60-14 romp over the Huskies before 76,943 fans at Memorial Stadium.

Joseph, in his first varsity start, ran for 75 yards in 11 carries and a 1-yard touchdown, completed 4 of 11 passes for 103 yards and a 20-yard touchdown and earned kind words from NU Coach Tom Osborne.

"He ran the audibles very well and ran the option well," Osborne said. "He threw two or three deep balls well, and he was off on a few more."

"I thought he did a good job. You can win a lot of ball games with Mickey Joseph."

Several other Huskers got spotlight time, too, including:

- I-back Leodis Flowers, whose 124 yards rushing in 21 carries were a career high in his third start ever.
- Wideback Tyrone Hughes, who had three kickoff returns for 136 yards, including a 65-yard dash to start the game.
- Inside linebacker Pat Tyrance, who had a game-high 12 tackles, a sack and a fumble recovery.
- And freshman I-back Derek Brown. His first varsity carry was for a

## Unbalanced Line

Not much, really. But the NU defense didn't meet its goals of 10 points and 250 yards, and the offense was stopped on short-yardage again in the first quarter and took a while to assert itself.

Northern showed something new in its wishbone offense, an unbalanced line that threw the Husker defenders off balance and led to a 49-yard touchdown run by Northern fullback Adam Dach, who burst up the middle and cut to the right sideline.

NU didn't get the problem fully corrected until halftime — it was accomplished. Defensive Coordinator Charlie McBride said, by getting the strong safety "more involved."

Nebraska held NIU's Stacey Robinson, touted as a Heisman Trophy candidate after setting an NCAA record last year for rushing yards by a quarterback, to 58 yards on 20 carries.

But he completed 10 of 16 for 98 yards (one interception) and ran untouched on a two-point conversion.

Reggie Cooper, Nebraska's pre-season Playboy All-American, played an enthusiastic game and made seven tackles, including two for losses. But his demonstrations appeared to irritate the Huskies, and a downed player kicked at him once.

On another play, after giving up a 21-yard pass on third and 19, Cooper tackled the receiver and then turned to the crowd and strutted, his hands raised in triumph as if he had made the greatest play of the year. Northern ended up with a field goal to cut NU's lead to 16-11.

## Mickey's Day

Mickey Joseph, making his first career start as a result of a knee bruise to Mike Grant, played a fine game — running well and getting some good work on his passing.

He was only 4 of 11 for 103 yards (one interception), but receivers fought the sun on a couple of well-thrown balls, and Mick showed good arm strength.

He said he was disappointed in misfiring on three balls to open receivers at the end of the first half, forcing Nebraska to settle for a field goal. But he hit tight end Chris Garrett with a nice 20-yarder for a touchdown in the first quarter.

Joseph, usually as talkative as Grant is quiet, was dignified and serious in a post-game meeting with reporters.

"My performance doesn't matter," he said. "The team won and we're 2-0. Last week we didn't execute like we were supposed to. We were a little rusty. But today we had a feel for each other and put things together."

Said Flowers: "Mickey did a great job. He showed leadership and got us fired up."

## 96 Huskers Played

Northern Illinois, 9-2 last year, is hoping for a bowl bid and a Top 25 finish, but doesn't play top teams. So it's difficult to judge NU's performance.

A week ago, Northern had to fight for its life to come from behind and beat Eastern Illinois. This time it was playing Eastern Nebraska, which also is Western Nebraska, Central Nebraska, Southern California, Texas, South Florida, New Jersey and the rest of the locations from which the Cornhuskers draw big-time football players.

The participation chart was full. Nebraska used 96 players, including five quarterbacks. The heralded freshman I-back, Derek Brown, scored a 1-yard touchdown on his first collegiate carry and later dazzled on a 59-yarder.

Three fullbacks scored. It was that kind of day — someone should have checked student IDs as players ran on to the field.

Catching a pass in the fourth quarter was 31-year-old senior Keith Makell, who graduated years ago from Omaha Bryan, worked for a while, served in the military and then returned to college as a non-traditional student.

# BYU Storms Past Top-Ranked Hurricanes

Provo, Utah (AP) — Little Ty Detmer led Brigham Young to a college football upset over the top-ranked Miami Hurricanes Saturday night.

Detmer passed for 406 yards and three touchdowns as the 16th-ranked Cougars shocked the defending national champions 28-21 — only the Hurricanes' third loss in 53 regular-season games.

"Ty Detmer is unbelievable," Miami Coach Dennis Erickson said. "He's a great, great quarterback and he showed it tonight."

Detmer, who led the nation in passing last season, outdueled Miami quarterback Craig Erickson in what was billed as a battle of Heisman Trophy candidates.

Detmer, a junior who is generously described as 6 feet tall and 175 pounds in the BYU press guide, picked apart Miami's feared defense with short, pinpoint passes. He completed 38 of 54 passes, including a 7-yard touchdown toss to Mike Salido and two-point conversion pass to Andy Boyce that gave BYU a 28-21 lead late in the third quarter.

Erickson, who led Miami to the national title in his first year as a starter, completed 28 of 52 passes for 299 yards and no touchdowns. Both quarter-

backs had one interception.

Detmer's 406 passing yards were the most against Miami since Doug Flutie of Boston College threw for 472 yards against the Hurricanes in 1984.

"I don't think this one game will mean I'll win the Heisman," Detmer said. "I'm just glad I played well enough for us to win."

Sensational scrambling by Detmer gave him time to get off two of his scoring strikes, a 14-yarder to Matt Bellini in the second quarter and the winning toss to Salido in the third period.

"I don't know what I do out there," said Detmer, who needed six stitches at halftime to close a deep cut on his chin. "I just run around and jump out of the way when I feel something coming. I guess I learned it from playing in the front yard."

Detmer's performance thrilled a record crowd of 66,235 on a warm night at Cougar Stadium and impressed his Miami counterpart.

"Ty played an outstanding game," Craig Erickson said. "He really ignited the place tonight."

Miami drove into BYU territory twice late in the fourth quarter, but both drives were halted by Cougar corner-

back Ervin Lee. Lee intercepted a pass in the end zone with 8:28 left and knocked away another Erickson pass on the BYU goal line with 1:49 remaining in the game.

It was the opening game of the season for Miami. BYU opened its season last week with a 30-10 victory over Texas-El Paso.

BYU's other points came on field goals by Earl Kauffman.

Miami's scores came on a pair of short runs by Steve McGuire in the first half and a 5-yard run by Leonard Conley in the third quarter.

Miami, which led the nation in total defense last season, was shredded by the BYU offense. The Cougars outgained the Hurricanes 474-395 and had the edge in first downs 28-21.

Although BYU dominated the first half, the Cougars led only 17-14 at halftime because of four turnovers.

Detmer, who led the nation in passing last season, completed 28 of 35 passes for 289 yards and two touchdowns in the first half.

Miami's defense, which allowed only 217 yards per game last season, gave up 332 in the first half against BYU while

## How the Top 25s Fared

AP/UPI	Next Opponent
1/ 1 Miami (0-1) lost to BYU 28-21	California
2/ 2 Notre Dame did not play	Michigan
3/ 4 Auburn (1-0) beat Fullerton State 38-17	Mississippi
3/ 3 Florida State (1-0) beat East Carolina 46-21	Georgia Southern
5/ 6 Michigan did not play	Notre Dame
6/ 7 Colorado (1-0-1) beat Stanford 21-17 Thursday	Illinois
7/ 5 Southern Cal (1-0) did not play	Penn State
8/ 8 Tennessee (2-0-1) beat Mississippi St. 40-7	Texas-El Paso
9/ 10 Clemson (1-1) lost to Virginia 20-7	Maryland
10/ 9 Nebraska (2-0) beat Northern Illinois 60-14	Minnesota Sept. 22
11/ 12 Illinois (0-1) lost to Arizona 28-16	Colorado
12/ 11 Texas A&M (1-0) did not play	SW Louisiana
13/ 17 Alabama (0-1) lost to Southern Miss 27-24	Florida
14/ 13 Virginia (2-0) beat Clemson 20-7	Navy
15/ 15 Arkansas did not play	Tulsa
16/ 18 Brigham Young (2-0) beat Miami, Fla. 28-21	Washington St.
17/ 19 Pittsburgh (2-0) beat Boston College 29-6	Oklahoma
18/ 14 Ohio State (1-0) beat Texas Tech 17-10	Boston College
19/ 21 UCLA (0-1) lost to Oklahoma 34-14	Stanford
20/ 16 Washington (1-0) beat San Jose State 20-17	Purdue
21/ 20 Penn State (0-1) lost to Texas 17-13	Southern Cal
22/ 23 Michigan State did not play	Syracuse
23/ 24 Oklahoma (1-0) beat UCLA 34-14	Pittsburgh
24/ Houston (1-0) beat UNLV 37-9	Texas Tech Thursday
25/ West Virginia (1-1) lost to Maryland 14-10	Louisville Sept. 22
22 Fresno State (1-0) played New Mexico, late	Utah
23 Florida (1-0) beat Oklahoma State 50-7	Alabama
23 Texas (1-0) beat Penn State 17-13	Colorado Sept. 22

## Inside Sports

### Drabek Wins 19th; Pirates Stay 3 1/2 Up

Doug Drabek goes to 19-5 as the Pittsburgh Pirates top Montreal 6-1, retaining their 3 1/2 game lead on the New York Mets.

**RANGERS WIN:** Rafael Palmeiro has the winning hit as the Texas Rangers nick Kansas City 2-1.

**HOT HUSKERS:** The Nebraska volleyball team stays on its upset kick, topping No. 2 Hawaii.

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# Barnes' 2 TD Runs Start UNO to Victory

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UNO Coach Tom Mueller told Victor Barnes to "set the tempo" on the opening kickoff.

Barnes responded by racing 94 yards for a touchdown to help send the Mavericks on their way to a 44-21 victory over Kearney State Saturday night before an estimated 8,100 fans at Camiglia Field.

The victory was the first for Mueller as head coach of the University of Nebraska at Omaha and evened the Mavs' record at 1-1. The former defensive coordinator, who was elevated to the position June 29, lost his debut against Wayne State last week.

"It feels like a huge weight has been removed," Mueller said. "The kids played with a lot more intensity out there tonight and it really showed."

One intense player was Barnes, a 6-foot senior from Dallas. In addition to his kickoff return, he ran a punt back a school-record 79 yards less than three minutes later to put the Mavericks on top 14-0.

"Coach said we needed to set the tempo and we did that," Barnes said. "The coach asked us to give 100 percent tonight, and I was giving 125."

It was Barnes' third touchdown this season on a return. He scored on a 70-yard punt return against Wayne State. The 1-1 Antelopes outyarded UNO 504-386. But the Mavs' big plays negated an outstanding performance by Antelopes' quarterback Russ Harvey.

The senior from Grand Island, Neb., set a school record with 353 yards passing and tied the mark for completions with 20 in 51 attempts. But he also threw four interceptions, including two by Omaha Burke graduate Larry Sibley.

"We just weren't quite good enough tonight," Kearney State Coach Claire Boroff said. "They've got a good program, and they showed they can play better than they did last week."

The Mavs got in a big hole last week in their loss to the Wildcats, trailing 24-3 at halftime. But UNO used that tactic

# Championship Series Down to One Game Royals' Rally in 9th Falls Short

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Nashville, Tenn. — The American Association Championship Series has been reduced to a one-game season for the Omaha Royals and Nashville.

Nashville hung on to post a 5-4 victory over the Royals Saturday night, turning back an Omaha rally in the ninth inning and evening the best-of-five series at two wins apiece.

The final game will be played tonight at 7:35 at Greer Stadium. The winner will advance to the Triple-A Classic to face International League playoff champion Rochester. The loser packs away its gear until the 1991 season.

"It's a one-game series now," Omaha outfielder Gary Thurman said. "We're still confident. We've been in every game, and we know we should have won this one."

The Royals, down 5-1 entering the ninth, rallied for three runs and had the tying run at third base and the winning run at second with two outs. Nashville reliever Milt Hill needed only three pitches to shut down Omaha's final

# Omaha Plays a Part in History With Marathon Playoff Victory

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Nashville, Tenn. — High noon came at 3:50 Saturday morning for Omaha pitcher Greg Everson.

Twenty innings of baseball between Omaha and Nashville had come down to one pitch. Omaha had an 8-7 lead in Game 3 of the American Association Championship Series. The Sounds had runners at second and third, two outs.

At the plate with a 3-and-2 count stood Steeker Barnes, a Royal-killer throughout his career.

"I knew if I walked him, I was out of the game," Everson said. "I knew

if I gave up the hit, we would lose. I knew I had to come up with a big pitch."

He did. Everson threw Barnes a fastball. Barnes swung and missed. Seconds later, Everson disappeared in a mob of tired-yet-thrilled teammates.

"This was the biggest game I've ever pitched in," the 24-year-old Everson said. "That was the biggest pitch I've ever thrown."

The strikeout ended the longest game in Royals, Sounds and Association championship-play history.

# Gabby Leaves Steffi in a Haze

The Open will have an All-American men's final after Andre Agassi ousts Boris Becker and Pete Sampras turns back John McEnroe. Page 2.

just the fourth time in 22 matches that Sabatini had defeated Graf, the world's No. 1 female player for the last 160 weeks.

It was also the first of her victories over the 22-year-old West German that did not require a third set.

"It's very hard for me to talk right now," Sabatini said in the moments after her victory at the National Tennis Center in Flushing Meadows, Queens.

"I just can't believe that I won this tournament. There are no words to explain this emotion. I've been training

threat, striking out Tommy Hinzo. Hinzo's third swing and miss touched off a celebration among the 10,112 at Greer, and left the Royals wondering

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