

Big Day Comes to Pass for NU, Gdowski as Oklahoma Falls 42-25



NU head coach Tom Osborne, with defensive coordinator Charlie McBride at his right, pounds the turf after Oklahoma pulled its second "fumbleroosky" play of the game to gain 6 yards to the NU 1-yard line with about 13 minutes left in the game. ... Osborne used the same play — an offensive guard running with an intentional fumble — to score a touchdown in 1979 against Oklahoma. The Sooners set up two touchdowns with the play.

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By Lee Barfknecht
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Lincoln — Memorial Stadium became the site of an honors convocation Saturday after Nebraska slugged Oklahoma 42-25.

Coach Tom Osborne honored his 10-1 and sixth-ranked Huskers with his words.

"I'm really proud of this football team," the 17-year veteran said. "I told them that of the teams I have coached at least through the regular season — that they probably have come as close to fulfilling their potential as any team we've had."

Nebraska fans in the crowd of 76,404 honored the Huskers with their deeds.

Though the game was for second place in the Big Eight after Colorado locked up the title earlier Saturday, red-wrapped boosters offered a champion's salute — a topping of both goals, just like they fell after NU victories over OU in Lincoln in 1959, 1978 and 1982.

Then in the postgame interview room, teammates paid tribute to quarterback Gerry Gdowski.

The senior from Fremont, Neb., threw for four touchdowns, ran for a fifth and led Nebraska to its highest point total at home against Oklahoma since 1921 and the fourth-highest point total ever in the 70-game history of the series.

"I'll take my hat off to him, I'll take my shirt off to him and I'll take everything else off to Gerry," senior wingback Richard Bell said. "He is a great quarterback."

"I don't know what else to say about him."

Third-Quarter Drives

If no words exist, try some numbers. Gdowski completed 12 of 15 passes for 225 yards, no interceptions for the sixth straight game and touchdowns of 23, 24, 31 and 33 yards.

He sparked a 22-point first quarter, the most points NU has scored on OU in any quarter since at least 1929.

His 247 yards of total offense pushed the 6-foot, 190-pounder to second on NU's single-season list with 2,251 yards — just 82 short of Jerry Tagge's all-time record.

And after the Sooners closed to within seven points at halftime, he led touchdown drives on Nebraska's first two possessions of the third quarter to scuttle OU's comeback hopes.

On the first drive after halftime, passes of 16 and 18 yards to split end Joe Bostick preceded Gdowski's 23-yard TD pass to tight end Chris Garrett, the sophomore's second scoring catch of the day.

Then after cornerback Tahaun Lewis' 28-yard interception return ended OU's next possession, Gdowski found senior split end Morgan Gregory five plays later for a 38-yard touchdown and a 38-19 lead entering the fourth quarter.

The Huskers' passing prowess apparently stunned Oklahoma.

OU Uses Trick Play
NU offensive tackle Tom Punt said he was standing next to OU defensive tackle Scott Evans watching a play continue downfield late in the third quarter when Evans turned and asked: "When did you guys start passing so much?"

Oklahoma, which used an old Nebraska trick play — the fumbleroosky — for 16 yards to help a second-quarter scoring drive, used it again for 6 more yards to set up fullback Leon Perry's 1-yard touchdown run with 12:49 left in the fourth quarter. That pulled OU back to 39-25.

But Gregg Barrios' 35-yard field goal with two minutes left clinched the victory.

After the game, Osborne gave the first official word that Nebraska is headed to the Fiesta Bowl to play Florida State on New Year's Day. Bowl bids can't be formally accepted until next Saturday.

"To those who are disappointed in

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425 Yards Rushing

Irish's Ground Forces Stomp on Penn State

By Ivan Maisel

The Dallas Morning News

University Park, Pa. — A snow squall sprinted through the Happy Valley on Saturday morning, leaving dusty footprints. No. 1 Notre Dame blew through in the afternoon with much greater force.

The Fighting Irish, 11-0, defeated the elements and No. 17 Penn State, 63-1, in elementary fashion. The 34-23 final doesn't convey the dominance the Irish displayed in extending their school-record winning streak to 23 games.

Notre Dame plays its next two games in the Orange Bowl, against No. 7 Miami, 9-1, and, on New Year's Night, against No. 2 Colorado. If the Irish control those two games as thoroughly as they did this one, they deserve mention with the sport's greatest teams.

To understand Notre Dame's performance, rattle the pages of another record book. Before Saturday, no team had rushed for 400 yards against Penn State. Notre Dame beat that standard with 25 yards in reserve. Senior quarterback Tony Rice carried the ball 26 times

for a career-high 141 yards and scored twice. Tailback Ricky Watters added another 123 yards and a score.

"I wouldn't expect to run that many yards (against Penn State) if I was in a marathon," Notre Dame Coach Lou Holtz said.

Despite two turnovers inside the Penn State 5-yard line, the Irish never allowed the home team or the crowd of 86,025 fans at Beaver Stadium into the game. Notre Dame ended a four-game losing streak in this stadium.

Notre Dame's last defeat, 21-20 in 1987, had been played in temperatures so cold the Irish admitted they lost their concentration. After practicing all week into the wind, the offense cut through the 15 mph westerlies with little more than reddened skin.

"What football is all about," Irish guard Tim Grunhard said of the 33-degree temperature with a wind chill of zero. That was at kickoff, the heat of the day. Good football weather called for good football.

"Rice is the guy we just couldn't handle," said Penn State Coach Joe

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How Rated Teams Fared

AP/UPI	Next Opponent
1/ 1 Notre Dame (11-0) defeated Penn State 34-23	Miami, Fla.
2/ 2 Colorado (11-0) defeated Kansas State 59-11	Reg. season over
3/ 4 Michigan (9-1) defeated Minnesota 49-15	Ohio State
4/ 3 Alabama (10-0) defeated Southern Miss 37-14	Auburn Dec. 2
5/ 5 Florida State (8-2) defeated Memphis State 57-20	Florida Dec. 2
6/ 6 Nebraska (10-1) defeated Oklahoma 42-25	Reg. season over
7/ 7 Miami (9-1) defeated San Diego State 42-6	Notre Dame
8/ 8 Southern Cal (8-2-1) tied UCLA 10-10	Reg. season over
9/ 10 Tennessee (8-1) defeated Mississippi 33-21	Kentucky
10/ 9 Arkansas (8-1) did not play	Texas A&M Friday
11/ 11 Auburn (8-2) defeated Georgia 20-3	Alabama Dec. 2
12/ 12 Illinois (8-2) defeated Indiana 41-28	Northwestern
13/ Houston (7-2) did not play	Texas Tech
14/ 15 Texas A&M (7-2) did not play	Arkansas Friday
15/ 13 Clemson (8-2) defeated South Carolina 45-0	Reg. season over
16/ 14 Virginia (10-2) defeated Maryland 48-21	Reg. season over
17/ 16 Penn State (6-3-1) lost to Notre Dame 34-23	Pittsburgh
18/ 20 West Virginia (7-2-1) did not play	Syracuse Thursday
19/ 18 Texas Tech (8-2) defeated East Carolina 47-42	Penn State
20/ 19 Brigham Young (9-2) defeated SMU 49-24	Houston
21/ 17 Brigham Young (9-2) defeated Utah 70-31	San Diego State
22/ Ohio State (8-2) defeated Wisconsin 42-22	Michigan
23/ Fresno State (10-1) lost to New Mexico 45-22	Reg. season over
24/ Hawaii (8-2) did not play	Oregon State
25/ Duke (8-3) defeated North Carolina 41-0	Reg. season over

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Manley Ponders Options After Being Suspended

The Washington Post

Washington — Washington Redskins defensive end Dexter Manley was banned from the National Football League Saturday due to a third positive test for an illegal substance, but can petition the league to be reinstated after one year.

Manley, 31, spent most of the day inside his Reston, Va., home, though he said he is considering a possible legal challenge to the NFL's decision.

He took a 20-minute drive to unwind after hearing the news of his suspension, announced in a two-paragraph statement released at about 11:30 a.m. CST. In a brief telephone interview, he said the thought of living without foot-

ball unnerved him.

"College football's on TV," he said. "I can't stand to even look at it."

At Redskins Park, meanwhile, team owner Jack Kent Cooke told Washington's WRC-TV "we certainly would give him the utmost consideration (to returning to the team) when he comes back as clean as he was before he became addicted to this dreadful disease, drugs."

Manley's \$480,000 contract expires after this season. Manley also said Cooke called him at home Saturday, but would not elaborate on their discussion.

Because the NFL players union is in the process of decertifying as a bargain-

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56-Yard Kick Gives Wesleyan 2-OT Victory Over Chadron

By Mike Patterson

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Chadron, Neb. — Because place-kicker Lee Jameson kept his head down, the Nebraska Wesleyan Plainsmen left Chadron's Elliott Field with their heads held high.

Jameson kicked a school record 56-yard field goal to lift Wesleyan to a 46-43 double-overtime victory over Chadron State in a first-round NAIA Division II playoff game Saturday.

A crowd estimated at 2,000 looked on as Jameson's kick, boosted by a strong

west wind, cleared the crossbar with plenty to spare. The Eagles still had a chance to win the game on their final offensive possession of the second overtime, but running back David Jones fumbled the ball and Wesleyan's Tim Miller recovered to end the game.

"I just kept my head down and tried not to look," Jameson said. "I looked up just in time to see it clear the uprights. By far, that's the most important kick I've ever made."

Jameson, a senior from Weeping

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Controversial Goal Costs Lancers in OT

A controversial goal in overtime gives Madison a 7-6 victory over the Omaha Lancers in the United States Hockey League.

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TENNIS FINALISTS: Steffi Graf and Martina Navratilova advance to today's final of the Virginia Slims Championships.

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UNO OPEN: Two UNO wrestlers win titles and nine other Mavericks place in the UNO Open, the nation's biggest single-day tournament.

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Seminole's Rapid-Fire QB Stuns Memphis

Tallahassee, Fla. (AP) — Making up for lost time, Florida State quarterback Peter Tom Willis threw a school-record six touchdown passes in 20 minutes Saturday.

Willis, a fifth-year senior who sat on the Florida State bench until this season, passed for 423 yards and the six TDs in the first half to lead the fifth-ranked Seminoles to a 57-20 victory over Memphis State.

"I didn't get to play for four years so I'm just trying to get it all in one year," said Willis, who is closing in on a host of single-season records at Florida State.

Willis, who completed 23 of 31 passes for 492 yards before leaving midway through the third period, threw five TD

passes in the second quarter. "I was surprised that they passed as much as they did," Memphis State Coach Chuck Stobart said. "They were trying to get something, and I guess they got what they were looking for because they eventually stopped."

"Florida State, 3-2, won its eighth straight game and is set to play No. 6 Nebraska in the Fiesta Bowl."

Willis' first TD pass came with 7:11 left in the first quarter. His sixth touchdown throw came with 1:55 left in the half.

The 6-foot-3, 200-pound Willis moved within 88 yards of Gary Huff's single-season passing yardage mark of 2,893, established in 1972. He needs 15 comple-

By Craig Harper

The Boulder Camera

Manhattan, Kan. — As Michael Jones filed into the University of Colorado locker room following Saturday's 59-11 thrashing of Kansas State, he said, to no one in particular:

"I'm glad I'm a senior, because this is a hard act to follow."

Yes, it's hard to improve on perfection. And with Saturday's victory, the Buffaloes capped the school's first 11-0 regular season and first unbeaten regular season since 1937.

"It sounds pretty good," senior offensive tackle Bill Coleman said. "We tried 7-4 and 6-5 a few times, but 11-0 sounds a lot better. I've never been on an unde-

feated team before, and it's kind of neat."

"We get to echo it for a year, then we have to buckle it up," added outside linebacker Alfred Williams.

Actually, second-ranked Colorado will have to strap on the helmets much sooner than that.

The Buffs will leave for Miami on Dec. 22 for their Jan. 1 date in the Orange Bowl against No. 1 and defending unbeaten national champion Notre Dame, which is 11-0 with a game remaining at Miami Saturday.

"They're the national champions, and we've got to go out and play the best game we've played all year," Colorado receiver Jeff Campbell said. "A lot better than we played today."

That might be difficult to imagine,

considering the numbers Colorado put up against K-State.

■ The 59 points were the most scored by the Buffs since they hit Iowa State for 61 in 1970.

■ The 518 yards rushing were 33 shy of the school record set in 1958.

■ The 246-yard rushing effort by tailback J.J. Flannigan was the fourth best in school history and just eight short of No. 2.

■ Kansas State did not make a first down in the first half, and had minus-1 yard rushing and 8 yards total offense as Colorado roared to a 31-0 lead.

■ Buff quarterback Darian Hagan, who rushed for 156 yards and three touchdowns and passed for 69 yards,

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Wells Says NU to Focus On a Bowl Win This Year

By Doug Thomas

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Lincoln — A Nebraska-Florida State Fiesta Bowl wouldn't be like last season's Nebraska-Miami Orange Bowl, NU defensive tackle Kent Wells said.

"Last year, we were really concentrating on getting to the Orange Bowl," Wells said. "You never heard, 'Let's get to the Orange Bowl and win.'"

"This year, we're going to the Fiesta Bowl, and we're going to concentrate our hardest to win. We're not going to be satisfied by being there."

Last season, the Huskers ended a four-game losing string against the Sooners with a win in Norman, Okla. But Miami beat them 23-3 in the Orange Bowl.

NU tackle Doug Glaser said he could tell soon after Saturday's 42-25 win over Oklahoma that the outlook was different this year.

"I think we're more focused on what we want to do," he said. "We talked about it right after the game. It's time to take a week or so off, then start thinking and really get focused."

Strong safety Reggie Cooper said the Huskers still have something to prove after losing to Colorado.

"I think we got robbed when we played Colorado," he said. "I'm pretty

sure they know who's the best team."

"I think the Colorado game will sit in the back of our minds for an eternity."

But Saturday's win showed the Huskers have shaken off the disappointment from that game, wingback Richard Bell said.

"We knew this wasn't going to be for the Big Eight championship or a trip to the Orange Bowl," he said. "We were just going to take each game individually."

"Oklahoma is out of the way. We've got one more."

And it will be a tough one, Glaser said.

"I feel we might be playing the best team in the country," he said.

No problem, Cooper said.

"We're not scared of Florida State. I'm not," he said. "There's a lot of people saying Florida State's tough. We're tough also."

"I'm looking forward to it. I hope we get Florida State or somebody that's No. 1 or No. 2 in the country. I think we'll rise to the occasion."

Last year, guard Bill Bobbora said, some Huskers felt burnt out after beating Oklahoma.

"It was like everybody had reached their goal," he said. "But this year's team is still chipping away."