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Iowa rebounds
against Illinois



Scott Chandler and Ed Hinkel caught touchdown passes, and Hinkel scored on an acrobatic reverse to help the Hawkeyes erase their Ohio State disaster. **Page 7.**

SATURDAY IN THE BIG 12

@ Nebraska	27
Iowa State	20
Texas	51
@ Missouri	20
@ Texas A&M	16
Baylor	13
Colorado	34
@ Oklahoma State	0
@ Oklahoma	43
Kansas State	21
@ Texas Tech	30
Kansas	17

UP NEXT



Texas Tech at Nebraska
When: 3 p.m., Oct. 8
TV: TBS
Records: TT 4-0, NU 4-0

BIG 12 STANDINGS

NORTH	W-L
Nebraska (4-0)	1-0
Colorado (3-1)	1-0
Iowa State (3-1)	0-1
Kansas (3-1)	0-1
Kansas State (3-1)	0-1
Missouri (2-2)	0-1
SOUTH	W-L
Texas (4-0)	1-0
Texas Tech (4-0)	1-0
Texas A&M (3-1)	1-0
Oklahoma (2-2)	1-0
Baylor (3-1)	0-1
Oklahoma St. (3-1)	0-1

SATURDAY IN THE BIG TEN



Wolverines beat MSU

Garrett Rivas atones for an earlier miss with an overtime field goal as Michigan knocks off rival Michigan State 34-31. **Page 7.**

@ Iowa	35
Illinois	7
Michigan	34
@ Michigan State	31
@ Wisconsin	41
Indiana	24
@ Penn State	44
Minnesota	14
Notre Dame	49
@ Purdue	28

BIG TEN STANDINGS

W-L	W-L
Penn State (5-0)	2-0
Wisconsin (5-0)	2-0
Ohio State (3-1)	1-0
Michigan St. (4-1)	1-1
Minnesota (4-1)	1-1
Iowa (3-2)	1-1
Michigan (3-2)	1-1
Indiana (3-1)	0-1
Northwestern (2-2)	0-1
Purdue (2-2)	0-1
Illinois (2-3)	0-2

NEBRASKA 27, IOWA STATE 20 (2 OT)

OVERTIME PAY



JEFF BEIERMANN/THE WORLD-HERALD

Nebraska senior I-back Cory Ross takes off on a 70-yard touchdown reception from Zac Taylor with 10 minutes left in the third quarter to propel the Huskers to a 10-3 lead. Ross also scored the game-winning touchdown on an 8-yard pass from Taylor during the second overtime. Taylor finished with a single-game school record of 431 passing yards.

Taylor topples NU marks

By Dirk Chatelain
WORLD-HERALD STAFF WRITER

LINCOLN — Bill Callahan found a quarterback. A heap of records went up in smoke. Frantic Memorial Stadium patrons witnessed their first overtime game.

Fingernail clipper salesmen will not have a good week in the Cornhusker State. Nebraska outlasted Iowa State 27-20 in a double-overtime aerial frenzy, remaining undefeated and stamping itself as a contender in the Big 12 North.

Meanwhile, Zac Taylor, the previously unproven junior-college quarterback, threw for 431 yards, completing 36 of 55 throws.

"It's the greatest feeling in the world coming off that field," Taylor said. "Greatest game I've ever played in."

After trading touchdowns in the first overtime, Taylor hit Cory Ross for the go-ahead score. Iowa State couldn't match. Bret Meyer missed Austin Flynn on fourth down from the 16, and NU stormed the field for the second time in two games.

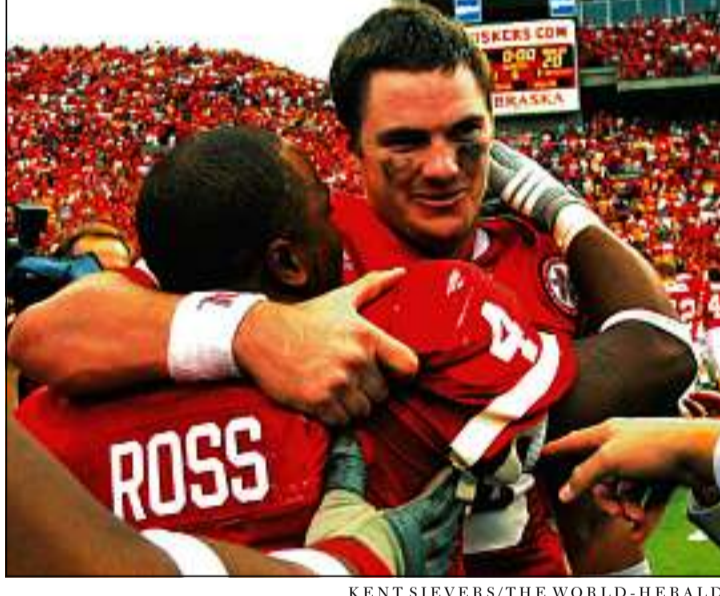
There was a time not so long ago when fans only stayed for the fourth quarter of an Iowa State game so traffic

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More Huskers

Red Hots: World-Herald staffers offer their take on Saturday's game. **Page 3**

Heating up: After struggling in the red zone all day, the NU offense gets it right in overtime. **Page 5.**



KENT SIEVERS/THE WORLD-HERALD

I-back Cory Ross was Zac Taylor's favorite receiver on Saturday, catching eight passes for 131 yards. He also rushed for 32 yards.

Nebraska passing marks

Nebraska's single-game passing yardage leaders:

Yards	Player	Year	Opponent	Result
431	Zac Taylor	2005	Iowa State	W 27-20
342	Joe Dailey	2004	Baylor	W 59-27
306	Joe Dailey	2004	Colorado	L 26-20
297	David Humm	1973	Wisconsin	W 20-16
292	David Humm	1973	Missouri	L 13-12
290	Frank Patrick	1967	Oklahoma	L 21-14
285	Jerry Tagge	1971	Kansas State	W 44-17
281	David Humm	1972	Kansas	W 10-9
271	David Humm	1972	Oklahoma State	T 17-17

Zac Taylor poster

See Page 8 for a full-page keepsake commemorating the NU quarterback's record-setting day Saturday.

Fit to be tied? Get used to it

LINCOLN — Well, there you have it. A Big 12 North Instant Classic.

Has there ever been a Saturday in downtown Big Red like this? Two overtimes. Fifty-five Husker passes for 431 yards. One Iowa State club that wouldn't melt?

Add it all up and you get a 27-20 Nebraska victory, the fourth of the season for those keeping score at home, and a win that laid the groundwork — so to speak — for the rest of the 2005 season.

Need a ventilator? Want to lie down? Does Memorial Stadium keep spinning?

Get used to it.

Want to punch a wall? Does the West Coast offense make you want to burn your Big Red membership card? Can't fathom a Nebraska team that would kick, without blinking, on fourth-and-goal at the 1-yard

line against Iowa State at home? Get over it.

Think National Football League. In the NFL, you win and advance. There are no style points in the NFL. It doesn't matter how you win the game, just win, baby.

Think Zac Taylor. The Nebraska quarterback was twisted and turned like a pretzel by the Cyclones. His arm could have fallen off after 55 pass attempts. But the only thing sore on Taylor was his mouth, from smiling so much afterward.

"Greatest game I ever played in," Taylor said. "That was fun."

Are we having fun yet?

Yes. If you had walked in from the cold late Saturday afternoon and had not seen the game, you would have thought Husker ball was back. There was laughter. Big smiles on faces going through the exits. There was a buzz, an energy in the air.

Husker fans love Tom Osborne. They love the dive option. They also love to win.

No, it wasn't pretty. Yes, for the second straight game, NU

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Tom Shatel

UNO 71, OKLAHOMA PANHANDLE STATE 0

Mavericks manhandle overmatched Panhandle

By Rob White
WORLD-HERALD STAFF WRITER

Just about everyone got into the act Saturday for a UNO football team that needed to feel good about itself again.

The NCAA Division II No. 16 Mavericks (4-1) nearly set a school scoring record in their 71-0 victory over an overmatched Oklahoma Panhandle State before 3,000 at Caniglia Field, just one week after being humbled 59-14 by South Dakota.

"It helps us a little, because this is what we expected to do, and we didn't really give them much," UNO linebacker Kenny Onatolu said. "But next week will be the real test. Will we come out flat? Or will we come out and play like we did today?"

Next week, the University of Nebraska at Omaha jumps back into North Central Conference play, traveling to face surprising Minnesota-Duluth.

"We've got five games left and every single one of them are

big-time games," UNO coach Pat Behrns said.

This one wasn't such a big-time game.

The Mavs had every expectation of blasting the Aggies (1-5), who lost 63-7 earlier this year to Minnesota State-Mankato, another NCC team. The Aggies were paid a \$25,000 guarantee to play UNO.

"It's a smaller school, and we knew if we played the way we could that this would be the way it

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Orlando Vargas of Oklahoma Panhandle, left, grabs the facemask of UNO receiver Austin Parks. Parks had four catches for 58 yards.