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Encore for a Hail Mary? Try suffocating defense and an Armstrong-led drive
Nebraska silences huge crowd and ends Michigan's 19-game home win streak



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Ameer Abdullah helped start and finish Nebraska's victory. Here he reaches in to complete an 8-yard touchdown run in the first quarter. He also caught the winning 5-yard TD pass from Tommy Armstrong.

Bringing down the House

Pelini says NU's
character shows
through in victory

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ANN ARBOR, Mich. — Their faces wore smiles hardened by a Big House brawl. Knowing smiles. Fifty-yard stares. The ones football players and coaches get when odds were slim, the win was earned and you're filing through the only tunnel out of the brick-encased ring and fans of both colors hang over the wall, pounding the proverbial ropes.

On one of college football's definitive stages, Nebraska delivered a dominating defense, a game-clinching drive, a 17-13 win and finally a rustling hush in Michigan's Big Ten battleship of a stadium, like innumerable leaves sweeping across a yard, except for a thin band of red cheering in one end zone.

The Huskers — who don't come back until 2018 — snapped the Wolverines' 19-game home winning streak, longest in the FBS.

"We wanted to quiet 110,000 fans — and that's what we did," said quarterback Tommy Armstrong, who engineered one of the more memorable drives in coach Bo Pelini's career. "There's nothing like it. It's the best feeling ever."

"We're short-handed and we're beat

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NU defensive end Randy Gregory sacks Michigan quarterback Devin Gardner in the second quarter. Gregory had three sacks, including the last one on Michigan's final drive.

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GUTS, GRIT AND GAME-PLANNING

Blackshirts say they knew what to expect from Michigan. But the game came down to heart. **Page 6CF**

ARMSTRONG DELIVERS

Young quarterback rises to occasion in a big way in the Big House, writes Dirk Chatelain. **Page 8CF**

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COLUMNIST

*A big win for Bo;
big steps for QB, D;
big plot holes to fill*

ANN ARBOR, Mich. — I'd love to put this one into perspective for you. But the season won't stand still.

Something's happening here. The plot just took another interesting twist, and if you leave now for popcorn, you're going to regret it.

Last weekend it was Jordan Westerkamp's Hail Mary. It was a moment in time, but what did it mean? Matt Davison and Mike Stuntz-to-Eric Crouch, those were in the middle of championship chases. What did the Hail Jordan lead to?

Maybe it was its own brilliant moment in time. Or would it be a bridge to something bigger? Would it lead to breathing room for Bo Pelini, perhaps to come back in 2014, and then lead the program to glory?

The Hail Mary still lives. What it did was provide room for Pelini's signature win, his most timely win, most satisfying win.

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GROUND JORDAN: Jordan Canzeri runs for a career-best 165 yards in Iowa's 38-14 victory over Purdue on Saturday. **Page 5CF**



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