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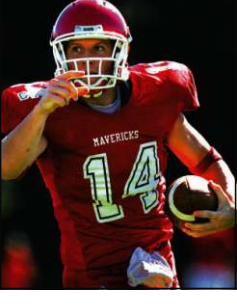
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NEBRASKA 23, BAYLOR 14

One for the road



Brian Masek, above, rushed for a score and passed for another, and Kyle Kasperbauer and Nate Wurth each rushed for two TDs as the Mavericks ran over Augustana 50-24. Page 6.

SATURDAY IN THE BIG 12

Nebraska	23
@ Baylor	14
@ Texas Tech	59
Kansas State	20
@ Texas	42
Colorado	17
@ Texas A&M	62
Oklahoma State	23
@ Missouri	27
Iowa State	24
Oklahoma	19
Kansas	3

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Nebraska at Missouri

When: 11:30 a.m., Oct. 22

TV: Fox Sports Net

Records: NU 5-1, MU 4-2

BIG 12 STANDINGS

NORTH	W-L
Nebraska (5-1)	2-1
Colorado (4-2)	2-1
Missouri (4-2)	2-1
Kansas State (4-2)	1-2
Iowa State (3-3)	0-3
Kansas (3-3)	0-3
SOUTH	W-L
Texas (6-0)	3-0
Texas Tech (6-0)	3-0
Texas A&M (4-2)	2-1
Oklahoma (3-3)	2-1
Baylor (4-2)	1-2
Oklahoma St. (3-3)	0-3

SATURDAY IN THE BIG TEN



Iowa tied for league lead

Drew Tate passed for 265 yards and two touchdowns as Iowa fought off Indiana Saturday in Iowa City. Page 2.

@ Iowa	38
Indiana	21
@ Ohio State	35
Michigan State	24
Wisconsin	38
@ Minnesota	34
Northwestern	34
@ Purdue	29
@ Michigan	27
Penn State	25

BIG TEN STANDINGS

	W-L
Penn State (6-1)	3-1
Wisconsin (6-1)	3-1
Iowa (5-2)	3-1
Northwestern (4-2)	2-1
Ohio State (4-2)	2-1
Minnesota (5-2)	2-2
Michigan (4-3)	2-2
Indiana (4-2)	1-2
Michigan St. (4-2)	1-2
Illinois (2-4)	0-3
Purdue (2-4)	0-3



JEFF BEIERMANN/THE WORLD-HERALD

Nebraska receiver Todd Peterson, a redshirt freshman from Grand Island Central Catholic, scores a 21-yard touchdown on the first catch of his career.

■ The Huskers move to 5-1 with their first conference road victory since beating Colorado in 2003.

By DIRK CHATELAIN
WORLD-HERALD STAFF WRITER

WACO, Texas — Traditionalists, you've had your day.

Count Greg Austin in that camp. The junior guard with the strong will and bad knees came to Nebraska in 2003 when a satisfying offensive day meant 400 rushing yards and a heap of bruised defensive egos.

Saturday was Austin's shining moment.

"I came here to run the football," Austin said. "Running the ball is like a boxing match. You're going round for round — pound, pound, pound. You're slowly wearing people down. That's exactly what we did to them."

The Huskers ran the ball 36 of their 44 second-half snaps and battered the Baylor Bears in a 23-14 win.

Nobody in Big 12 country will look twice. Nobody will demand the Huskers crack the Top 25. But NU took a baby step back to its old form, notching its first conference road win since Frank Solich's last hurrah at Colorado in 2003.



REBECCA S. GRATZ/THE WORLD-HERALD

Cory Ross led the Husker ground attack with 93 yards on 26 carries.

Nebraska has struggled for a year and a half to bury trailing opponents — remember Southern Miss and Pitt in 2004? This time Bill Callahan took NU back to its roots.

Afterwards, Huskers were talking about the Bears' fatigue, an element in which players of old took pride.

"I think it's important to run on the road," said Callahan, whose team matched its 2004 win total. "You've got to be able to show a physicality."

The green and gold perennial Big 12 doormat came in two wins shy of bowl eligibility, fresh off a

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More Huskers

Red hots: World-Herald staffers provide their take on Saturday's game. Page 3.

The Thick Red Line: Baylor coach Guy Morriss says Nebraska manhandled his team up front. Page 4.

Great start: Todd Peterson's first career catch at NU goes for a touchdown. Page 5.

Deep conference: Big 12 Commissioner Kevin Weilberg says his conference boasts balance rather than weakness. Page 5.

Grixby keepsake: A keepsake poster page commemorating Cortney Grixby's big game. Page 8.

Huskers leave Waco without Bear scratch

WACO, Texas — Bring on Missouri.

And Oklahoma. And Kansas. And Kansas State. And Colorado.

The Nebraska Cornhuskers survived a Bear trap on Saturday night. The Huskers beat Baylor, 23-14, and set up a second half run that should be no less than compelling, intriguing and downright interesting.

The Huskers, 5-1, have now equaled last year's win total and are all but guaranteed to best it. Throw in coach Bill Callahan's first Big 12 road win and break out the bubbly.

OK, so keep it on ice. Until late November, perhaps.

There's suddenly a lot of season left, with a lot of different possibilities.

The Huskers, now 2-1 in the Big 12, are tied with Colorado and Missouri at the top of the Big 12 North. With apologies to Iowa State, Kansas State and Kansas, this is now a three-team race to Houston.

The Huskers can make it a two-team race by winning in Columbia next Saturday, especially with Mizzou still having to play at Kansas State, Kansas and Colorado. The Tigers will not win any AAA travel awards for excellence on the road.

The Buffs have three home games left, against Mizzou, KU and NU, and trips to K-State and Iowa State. Despite Saturday's loss to focused Texas, the Buffs are solid. You can't expect more than one more loss for CU before Thanksgiving.

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Tom Shatel

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA 34, NOTRE DAME 31

Luck of the Trojans sinks the Irish

THE KANSAS CITY STAR

SOUTH BEND, Ind. — At several points in the final minutes Saturday, Notre Dame could have sealed the upset of the season.

But top-ranked Southern California continued its quest as a team for the ages by resisting at every juncture.

The Trojans claimed a 34-31 heart-stopping triumph on the game's final snap when quarterback Matt Leinart twisted over from the 1, with the ball crossing the goal line before his body. Three seconds remained.

Moments earlier, Notre Dame students rushed the field in a victory celebration. What they saw was the scoreboard clock at :00.

What they didn't see were officials at the goal-line pylon determining where to spot the ball and how much time remained after Leinart had fumbled the ball out of bounds from the 2 on the previous play.

The stadium clock never stopped, touching off the wild scene. But 7 seconds remained, and the ball was placed on the 1.

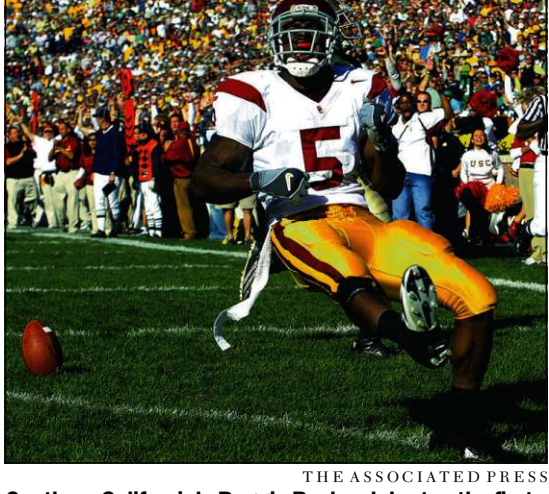
clock started as soon as the ball was spotted, so coach Pete Carroll passed on a field-goal attempt that would have forced overtime.

It was the ultimate gamble: One play for 1 yard with a top ranking and 27-game winning streak on the line.

In the most hostile of environments. Against a program that's written volumes about magical moments and courageous comebacks and even broke out green jerseys in a motivational play.

"It took all day to get this win, every second of it," Carroll said. "You only get a

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Southern California's Reggie Bush celebrates the first of his three touchdown runs Saturday in South Bend, Ind. Bush carried 15 times for 160 yards.