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# Holieway, Jackson Boom Sooners To Orange Bowl, Huskers to Fiesta

## Title Bid Ends 5th Year in Row

Norman, Okla.

By the time they get to Phoenix, the Nebraska Cornhuskers won't feel so bad. This one will hurt for just a few days.

Their dream of a national championship game in the Orange Bowl ended Saturday when the Oklahoma Sooners overwhelmed them.

It was a good season. The Huskers surprised some people. In a few weeks, they'll head to Tempe, Ariz., near Phoenix for the Sunbist Fiesta Bowl, Nebraska's 17th bowl in a row, the longest current streak of any school.

"We appreciate your invitation very much," Coach Tom Osborne told a Fiesta official after Saturday's game. "I'm sorry we didn't play better today."

It was enough to make you wonder about the virtues of clean living. Tom Osborne, upstanding, hard-working and religious, watched his team's chance for a national title disappear for the fifth year in a row. The string would drive a lesser man to drink.

Oklahoma won, as they say, convincingly; perhaps convincing a national TV audience that OU can win the national title.

"We just got a good kickin' today," Osborne said after the 27-7 loss.

The Huskers won nine in a row between the bookend losses to Florida State in the opener and to Oklahoma in the regular-season finale. As a reward, they'll celebrate New Year's Day with the Michigan Wolverines.

### Sooner Swagger

All last week, it appeared that the old Oklahoma swagger had returned. Osborne said he had tried to keep his team loose and confident, but that it apparently didn't work.

"I think they were a little uptight at the start," he said. "They wanted to play well awfully badly."

The Huskers missed some tackles, but that was partly because OU freshman Jamelle Holieway was as slippery as an Oklahoma oil rig, and more than worth his weight in the black gold.

Nebraska averaged only 3.9 yards per play, to OU's 6.2, and completed only 4 of 15 passes, with three interceptions. The Huskers had four turnovers to Oklahoma's two. The numbers just didn't add up for Nebraska.

If this was the summit conference in Switzer Land, the guys on the other side got the best of the deal. The OU Star Wars defense was too much for the Huskers to penetrate.

The better team won, but the Huskers couldn't get a break. This, as OU Coach Barry Switzer said, was just the Sooners' day.

### Chance Wasted

The game started well for the Huskers. They forced OU to punt on the first series and McCathorn Clayton completed a 16-yard pass on NU's first play. The Huskers punted to the OU 9, and you know how important field position is.

In this case, not very.

Keith Jackson, who should have stayed up in the ABC broadcast booth with Frank, ran 88 yards on an end-around for a touchdown and a 7-0 Oklahoma lead. The Huskers then punted to the OU 10 and the Sooners again had lousy field position. Unfortunately, Holieway, shortly ran 43 yards and positioned the ball in the end zone.

The next time, NU punted to the OU 2. The Sooners, on the way to 461 total yards, moved it out to midfield and fumbled, the Huskers recovering. But Clayton threw an interception on the next play and that was the end of that chance.

The key, if there was one, was Oklahoma stepping the Huskers after Von Sheppard ran 52 yards to the OU 6-yard line. Dale Klein missed a 23-yard field-goal attempt, and an OU field goal made it 17-0 at the half.

### Taylor Enters

Enter the Husker freshman quarterback, Steve Taylor, with 9:19 left in the third quarter.

Taylor owns the best physical tools among NU quarterbacks, but he has had little experience in varsity games. He bobbed a snap, threw a 10-yard completion and then fumbled a snap, which NU recovered.

Oklahoma scored another TD to put the game away, and then came the strangest play of the game — a reminiscent of a play in the 1978 NU-OU game.

In that one, a Husker tackler knocked the ball loose from a Sooner kick returner and NU recovered inside the 10. But the official had whistled the play dead, not seeing it fly loose.

In Saturday's game, OU's Derrick Shepard called for a fair catch on a punt, but fumbled. The Huskers' Mike Hoefler recovered. The official standing a few feet away blew the whistle as soon as the ball touched Shepard, not waiting to see whether he caught it.

So they replayed the down, the folks back in Nebraska probably shaking their TV sets by now, and this time OU made a nice catch.

It was that kind of day. When the Huskers moved the ball to the 1-yard line on a pass from Taylor to Todd Frain and a nifty Taylor scramble, the freshman fumbled a snap and OU recovered.

Taylor leaped in frustration. For the Huskers, the future is bright. They should believe that, even if it takes a giant leap of faith.



Jamelle Holieway, Oklahoma's freshman quarterback, eludes Nebraska linebacker Mike Knox, No. 44, and Bryan Siebler for a 3-yard, first-period run... Holieway, who scored on runs of 43 and 17 yards, rushed for 110 yards in 25 carries to lead the Sooners to a 27-7 win and an Orange Bowl bid.

By Terry Henion

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Norman, Okla. — Oklahoma took a giant step toward the national championship Saturday by putting its foot down on Nebraska, squashing the second-ranked Huskers, 27-7.

It was Nebraska's worst loss in 99 games since the Sooners beat NU 38-7 in 1977. Chris Spachman's 76-yard touchdown return with a fumble with 26 seconds left in the game allowed the Huskers to avert their first shutout in 147 games. NU suffered its last shutout in 1973, when the Sooners beat the Huskers 27-0 at Norman.

The Sooners, rated No. 3 by United Press International and No. 5 by The Associated Press, wrapped up at least a share of the Big Eight title and a Jan. 1 berth in the Orange Bowl. The Sooners, 8-1 overall and 6-0 in the Big Eight, will meet top-ranked Penn State, which beat Pittsburgh Saturday night. If the Sooners beat Oklahoma State and SMU the next two weeks, the Orange Bowl probably will be for the national title.

Oklahoma's win, coupled with Oklahoma State's 15-10 upset loss at Iowa State, assured the Sooners of a share of the Big Eight championship. Nebraska, which finished conference play at 6-1, still can earn a share of the Big Eight title if Oklahoma State upsets the Sooners this week.

Oklahoma fans swarmed the field after the game and tore down the south goal posts at Ower Field.

Nebraska, 9-2, accepted a bid Saturday night to the Jan. 1 Sunbist Fiesta Bowl against Michigan in Tempe, Ariz. The No. 6-rated Wolverines, 9-1-1, Saturday defeated Ohio State, 27-17.

"This was our day. It's as simple as that," said Oklahoma head coach Barry Switzer. "This was Oklahoma's day. It's a great feeling. A lot of things went right for us today."

Nebraska head coach Tom Osborne didn't need to look at the game's final statistics to confirm what he already knew.

"They are probably the best team in the country right now," Osborne said. "They have as good a defense, I think, as they ever had."

Osborne didn't make excuses for Nebraska's loss. The NU coach said his

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# Rose Awaits Winningest Hawks

By Steve Pivovar

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Iowa City, Iowa — It was a day of records and roses for Iowa's football team.

The Hawkeyes set 14 records and completed their most successful regular season ever with a 31-9 victory over Minnesota. The win made the Hawkeyes the first team in school history to win 10 games in a season and kept their national championship hopes alive.

But to the rose-carrying Kinnick Stadium crowd of 66,020, the win on this

## UCLA Comes Up Roses Despite Loss

UCLA booted a chance to clinch a Rose Bowl berth Saturday afternoon but qualified anyway later in the night. Arizona kicked two fourth-quarter field goals Saturday night to edge Arizona State 16-13. Arizona State would have earned a Rose Bowl bid with a victory or a tie. UCLA lost to Southern Cal 17-13. The Bruins will play Iowa in the Jan. 1 game in Pasadena, Calif. Story on Page 20.

chilly November Saturday meant one thing.

Rose Bowl!

"We're looking forward to participating in the Rose Bowl," a beaming Iowa

Coach Hayden Fry said. "And, I guarantee you one thing: We'll do a better job this time than we did last time."

Fry took his 1981 team to Pasadena, and the Hawkeyes lost an embarrassing

28-0 decision to Washington. On the final plays of that game, a freshman quarterback named Chuck Long took a couple of snaps from center.

Four seasons later, the 10-1 Hawkeyes are headed back to the Rose Bowl as the Big Ten representative. They will meet 8-2 UCLA, the Pacific 10 champion. Long, Fry said, is the big reason Iowa's California dreams came true in 1985.

"The greatest quarterback in America," Fry said to Long as he passed along the bouquet of roses that Fred

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# OU Tight End Says Reverse Special for NU

By Steve Sinclair

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Norman, Okla. — Oklahoma tight end Keith Jackson announced his own candidacy.

"I think I should be nominated for the Heisman now," Jackson said, smiling, after his big performance in Saturday's 27-7 victory over Nebraska.

The Sooner sophomore probably didn't convince the world he's ready to win the Heisman Trophy, but he did influence the outcome of a football game.

Jackson, a 6-foot-3, 241-pounder from Little Rock, Ark., sent shock waves through the Cornhusker defense in the first quarter when he scored the Sooners' first touchdown on an 88-yard tight end reverse.

And Jackson wasn't finished. He led the Sooners in rushing with 136 yards on three carries, all tight end reverses — and made Oklahoma's only pass reception of the day. It was a 38-yarder on a third-and-four. Three plays later, quarterback Jamelle Holieway scored OU's second touchdown on a 43-yard run.

It was an unusual day with Keith Jackson playing a starring role in a game televised nationally by ABC with announcer Keith Jackson calling the play-by-play.

"This is the first time I've ever had a tight end lead our offense in rushing," Oklahoma Coach Barry Switzer said.

Oklahoma added the tight end reverse to their offense last week just for the Nebraska game, Jackson said.

"Usually the coaches put in a new play every week," Jackson said. "They said, 'Keith, we've got a play for you.'"

Jackson said Switzer told him it would work. The Sooners run a lot of reverses, but usually with split end Derrick Shepard.

"Coach said we were going to run it and it's going to be a big play," Jackson said, "because they're going to be expecting Shepard."

The Sooners showed their confidence in the play by calling it after Husker

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# Cyclones Save Best for Last In Big Upset

Ames, Iowa (AP) — Iowa State saved its best game for last, using a strong defensive effort and just enough offense to upset seventh-ranked Oklahoma State 15-10 Saturday in a Big Eight Conference football game.

ISU kicker Rick Frank made three field goals, then unleashed a 45-yard punt late in the game to take Oklahoma State out of scoring position, sealing the victory.

"It was by far my biggest win since I've been at ISU," Coach Jim Criner said. "The kids played a heck of a ballgame. They really hit hard. The offense took advantage of opportunities and the defense played a tough, tough game all day."

Iowa State linebacker Jeff Braswell and defensive end Lester Williams sacked OSU quarterback Ronnie Williams twice with time running out to help preserve the win.

"Basically they just lined up against us and whipped us," Coach Pat Jones said. "You've got to give Coach Jim Criner and all his players all of the credit in the world. They came out and played a great game."

Frank kicked field goals of 23 and 30 yards in the first half, and added a 34-

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## How the Top 20s Fared

AP/UPI	Next Opponent or Bowl
1/1 — Penn State (11-0) beat Pittsburgh 41-7	Oklahoma in Orange
2/2 — Nebraska (9-2) lost to Oklahoma 27-0	Michigan in Fiesta
3/4 — Iowa (10-1) beat Minnesota 31-9	UCLA in Rose
4/5 — Miami, Fla. (9-1) beat Colorado State 24-3	Notre Dame
5/3 — Oklahoma (8-1) beat Nebraska 27-7	at Oklahoma State
6/6 — Michigan (8-3) beat Ohio State 27-17	Nebraska in Fiesta
7/7 — Oklahoma State (8-2) lost to Iowa State 15-10	Oklahoma
8/8 — UCLA (8-2-1) lost to Southern Cal 17-13	Iowa in Rose
9/ — Florida (8-1-1) did not play	Florida State
10/9 — Auburn (8-2) did not play	Alabama
11/13 — Brigham Young (10-2) beat Utah 38-28	at Hawaii, Dec. 7
12/11 — Ohio State (8-3) lost to Michigan 27-17	BYU in Florida Citrus
13/10 — Air Force (10-1) played Hawaii, late	Bluebonnet
14/12 — Florida State (8-2) did not play	at Florida
15/14 — Baylor (8-3) lost to Texas 17-10	Liberty
16/15 — Tennessee (7-1-2) beat Kentucky 42-0	Vanderbilt
17/17 — Louisiana State (7-1-1) beat Notre Dame 10-7	at Tulane
18/18 — Arkansas (9-2) beat SMU 15-9	Arizona State in Holiday
19/18 — Texas A&M (8-2) beat TCU 53-6	Texas, Thursday
20/ — Georgia (7-2-1) did not play	at Georgia Tech
19/19 — Texas (8-2) beat Baylor 17-10	at Texas A&M, Thursday
20/20 — Arizona State (8-3) lost to Arizona 16-13	Arkansas in Holiday

# Hoppen Scores 29 to Help NU Survive 'Nightmare' in Opener

By Stu Pospisil

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Lincoln — Not until late in the second half Saturday night could Nebraska consider its season-opening basketball victory against Wisconsin-Stout secure.

The Cornhuskers needed a game-high 29 points from center Dave Hoppen to

take a 71-53 victory over the Blue Devils before 7,340 at the Bob Devaney Sports Center.

Wisconsin-Stout, an NAIA school located at Menomonee, Wis., stayed within range of Nebraska until junior guard Brian Carr converted a five-point

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# Michigan Gets 'Great Feeling,' Will Play NU

Ann Arbor, Mich. (AP) — It was a matter of pride for Michigan quarterback Jim Harbaugh.

The sixth-ranked Wolverines, smarting from a 6-6 season a year ago, completed their turnaround Saturday by beating arch-rival Ohio State 27-17 before a sellout crowd in Michigan Stadium.

The victory gave the Wolverines a 9-1-1 record and a berth in the Fiesta Bowl Jan. 1 against Nebraska.

"It's just a great feeling after coming off that 6-6 season last year," said Harbaugh, who threw three touchdown passes and set two school records. "Nobody had expected us to do anything. Some of the coaches around the Big Ten thought we would lose another five games this year. I think we proved a lot of people wrong."

Michigan finished second to conference champion Iowa at 6-1-1 in the Big Ten. The 12th-ranked Buckeyes finished 8-3 and 5-3.

"Today there were two fine teams who played well and we're just happy to win," Michigan Coach Bo Schembechler said. "It's been a great season for us even though we didn't win the

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