

Husker History: NU Opens '75 Season with Win vs. LSU

Nebraska took its first step toward its first of 15 10-win seasons under Tom Osborne as No. 6 Nebraska defeated LSU, 10-7, on this day in Husker history, Sept. 13, 1975.

The Huskers, who had won nine games in each of the previous three seasons, looked to break through in 1975, led by senior H-back Tony Davis on offense and eventual All-Americans Wonder Monds and Bob Martin on defense.

NU faced LSU for just the second time in school history, and the first since the Huskers clinched the 1970 national championship with a 17-12 win over the Tigers in the Orange Bowl on Jan. 1, 1971. LSU was looking to rebound from a 5-5-1 season, the first non-winning season for the Tigers under head coach Charlie McClendon. LSU was led by future NFL head coach Terry Robiskie at running back.

The Huskers got off to a stumbling start, as Curtis Craig fumbled the opening kickoff. It was recovered by Nebraska, and the Huskers moved from their own 35 to the LSU 26, but a Monte Anthony fumble was recovered by LSU at its own 30. After trading possessions, a Tiger fumble gave Nebraska the ball at the Tiger 29, but two sacks of Husker quarterback Terry Luck pushed Nebraska back 17 yards and out of scoring range.


Early in the second quarter, Nebraska again drove into Tiger territory, after a 26-yard run by Davis pushed NU to the LSU 24. But a 37-yard field goal attempt four plays later by Mike Coyle was wide to the left, and the game remained scoreless. After the Tigers' next drive sputtered following two first downs, a 36-yard punt return by Dave Butterfield set the Huskers up at the LSU 34. This time, Nebraska took advantage of the opportunity, marching down the field to take a 7-0 halftime lead courtesy of a four-yard touchdown pass from Luck to Bobby Thomas.

In the second half, Martin recovered a Robiskie fumble to give Nebraska the ball at the LSU 34. NU drove to the 20 before having to settle for a 37-yard field from Coyle to take a 10-0 lead with 5:23 to go in the third quarter. LSU answered on the next drive with a 10-yard touchdown run by Pat Lyons to cut the Huskers' lead to 10-7.

From there, the Blackshirts took over, allowing LSU just one first down and 20 yards on 11 plays from scrimmage in the final 15 minutes. Though Nebraska's offense didn't add to the score, it held the ball for nearly 10 minutes, helping the Huskers hold on for a 10-7 win that was the first of 10 straight wins to start the 1975 season.



Nebraska's 1975 win was Tom Osborne's first versus LSU. He went on to post a 4-0-1 record against LSU, including a 3-0 mark in bowl games. Osborne finished his 25-year career with a 13-1-1 record against members of the Southeastern Conference.



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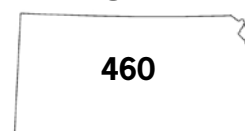
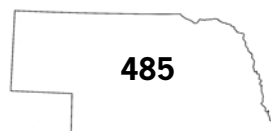
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