

Husker History: NU Beats FSU in First Night Game

The lights came on for the first time at Memorial Stadium for a Nebraska football home game on this day in Husker history, Sept. 6, 1986, as No. 8 Nebraska defeated No. 11 Florida State, 34-17.

Early on, it looked as if Florida State would match its 17-13 upset of Nebraska from the previous season. The Seminoles sprinted down the field in the first drive of the game, covering 74 yards in just six plays. Chip Ferguson hit Victor Floyd for a 30-yard touchdown to cap the drive.

Nebraska answered early in the second quarter, as Steve Taylor scrambled 34 yards to put the Huskers on the FSU 20. He then sprinted around the left end on the next play for the game-tying touchdown with 9:11 to go in the half.

A 33-yard field goal by Dale Klein gave the Huskers a 10-7 lead with 57 seconds remaining in the second quarter. It looked as if NU would take a lead into the locker room until Sammie Smith dashed around the left end for 57 yards on a fake reverse for a touchdown that gave the Seminoles a 14-10 halftime lead.

Things got worse for Nebraska early in the third quarter. After the Huskers went three-and-out on their first drive, it looked as if the Blackshirts had stuffed the Seminoles' offense, forcing a three-and-out on Florida State's first drive. But Dana Brinson fumbled on the ensuing punt return, which the Noles recovered at the NU 35. FSU picked up nine yards on the first three plays and looked to have converted the 4th-and-1 at the Nebraska 26, but an illegal procedure call erased the conversion. It pushed the Seminoles back to the 30 and forced FSU to settle for a Derek Schmidt 46-yard field goal, to give Florida State a 17-10 lead five minutes into the third quarter.

The next two Husker drives were aided by crucial pass interference penalties against Florida State. On the first drive, NU marched from its own 37 to the FSU 19. On 3rd-and-8, a pass from Taylor to Rod Smith was incomplete, but a pass interference call kept the drive alive. On the next play, Taylor scored his second touchdown of the day with a six-yard keeper.

After FSU was three-and-out on its next drive, NU again benefitted from a pass interference call on 2nd-and-10 from the FSU 22. On the next play, Taylor hooked up with Todd Millikan for a 12-yard touchdown pass to give the Huskers the lead for good.

Nebraska tacked on a 46-yard touchdown pass from Taylor to Von Sheppard and a 38-yard Klein field goal to finish off the 34-17 win.



Steve Taylor rushed for two touchdowns and threw for two more scores as eighth-ranked Nebraska beat No. 11 Florida State, 34-17, in the first night game ever played at Memorial Stadium on Sept. 6, 1986.

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Upcoming Home Schedule

Sunday, September 7
UAB
1:00 p.m.

Friday, September 12
Drake
5:00 p.m.

Sunday, September 14
Oakland
1:00 p.m.

Friday, September 19
North Dakota State
5:00 p.m.

Sunday, September 21
Stephen F. Austin
1:00 p.m.



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