

# NEBRASKA

Game 13

62 Nebraska  
24 Florida

Tostitos Fiesta

Bowl

National

Championship Game

Jan. 2, 1996

Tempe, Arizona

Attendance: 79,864

## GAME AT A GLANCE

In front of a national television audience and a Fiesta Bowl record crowd of 79,864 at Sun Devil Stadium in Tempe, Arizona, top-ranked Nebraska scored 29 unanswered points in the second quarter en route to an impressive 62-24 win over the second-ranked Gators to win the National Championship. The Cornhuskers secured their second straight national title with the victory, becoming the first school since Alabama in 1978-79 to win two straight NCAA Division I-A football titles.

The Gators looked strong in the early going, scoring on two of their first three drives to take a 10-6 lead after the first quarter. Bart Edmiston hit a 23-yard field goal and Danny Wuerffel scored on a one-yard keeper with 1:17 remaining in the first quarter.

The lead was short-lived. Five plays, 71 yards and 1:49 later, Phillips ran 42 yards to give the Cornhuskers a 13-10 lead. Florida took over on its own 43-yard line, but three penalties and a 21-yard sack of Wuerffel moved UF back to its own four. Feeling pressure once again, Wuerffel was sacked in the endzone for a safety to give Nebraska a 15-10 lead. The Gators' three remaining possessions of the second quarter resulted in two punts and an interception, which was returned 42 yards by Michael Booker for a score. The Cornhuskers led at the break, 35-10.

The Gators scored twice in the second half, once in the third quarter when Wuerffel lofted a 35-yard pass to sophomore wide receiver Ike Hilliard in the right corner of the endzone and a 93-yard kickoff return by Anthony in the fourth quarter, the first kickoff return for a touchdown in UF bowl history.

Nebraska ran for 524 yards in the game, the most ever given up by a UF defensive unit, and racked up 629 yards in total offense, also the most ever yielded by a UF team. The Cornhuskers also held the Gators to their second-worst rushing performance in school history with -28 yards on the ground.

## GAME NOTES

- Florida had a school-record 12-game winning streak broken with the loss.
- The Gators are now 10-13 in bowl games. Spurrier is 2-3 at Florida in bowl games and has a career mark of 2-4 (0-1 at Duke). This is the third straight year the team has played in a major New Year's Day bowl game, the first time in school history.
- UF has now been outrushed in 12 of the 13 games it has lost since 1990.
- Senior wide receiver Chris Doering finished the night with eight catches for 123 yards, just one catch short of the Fiesta Bowl record of nine by Melvin Bratton (1985).
- The Gators finished the year ranked second in the final AP poll, the highest finish in school history. It marks the fifth straight final AP Top 10 poll appearance for the Gators (UF and FSU are the only schools in the

nation to finish in the top 10 in each of the last five years, 1991-95).

- Florida is now one of only four teams in the nation (Florida, Florida State, Nebraska and Texas A & M) to win at least nine games in each of the last six seasons (1990-95).

## SCORING SUMMARY & STATISTICS

Team	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
Florida	10	0	8	6	24
Nebraska	6	29	14	13	62

**1st:** UF: 11:06 - B. Edmiston 23-yard field goal - 11 plays, 55 yards, 3:54 UN: 8:10 - L. Phillips 16-yard pass from T. Frazier (PAT blocked) - 6 plays, 52 yards, 2:56 UF: 1:17 - D. Wuerffel 1-yard run (B. Edmiston PAT) - 12 plays, 54 yards, 4:23

**2nd:** UN: 14:28 - L. Phillips 42-yard run (K. Brown PAT) - 5 plays, 71 yards, 3:29 UN: 12:42 - D. Wuerffel sacked by J. Williams for a Safety UN: 9:13 - A. Green 1-yard run (K. Brown PAT) - 7 plays, 51 yards, 3:29 UN: 3:46 - K. Brown 26-yard field goal - 9 plays, 33 yards, 3:08 UN: 2:40 - M. Booker 42-yard interception return (K. Brown PAT) UN: 0:08 - K. Brown 24-yard field goal - 8 plays, 59 yards, 1:10

**3rd:** UN: 2:21 - T. Frazier 35-yard run (K. Brown PAT) - 6 plays, 70 yards, 1:51 UF: 0:52 - L. Hilliard 35-yard pass from D. Wuerffel (Wuerffel pass to Anthony) - 5 plays, 77 yards, 1:29 UN: 0:01 - T. Frazier 75-yard run (K. Brown PAT) - 2 plays, 80 yards, 0:51

**4th:** UN: 8:25 - L. Phillips 15-yard run (PAT blocked) - 6 plays, 22 yards, 2:54 UN: 4:44 - B. Berringer 1-yard run (T. Retzlaff PAT) - 5 plays, 55 yards, 2:01 UF: 4:31 - R. Anthony 93-yard kickoff return (Pass failed) - 0 plays, 93 yards, 0:13

## TEAM STATISTICS

	FLORIDA	NEBRASKA
First Downs	15	27
Rushes - Net Yards	21 (-28)	66-524
Passing Comp.-Att.-Yds.	20-38-297	6-15-105
Total Offense	269	629
Penalties-Yards	9-78	4-30
Turnovers (Fumbles Lost/Interceptions)	1/3	0/2
Possession Time	24:43	33:17

## INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

### Rushing (Attempts-Yards-Touchdowns)

Florida: E. Williams 6-6-0; D. Wuerffel 9-(-37)-1; T. Jackson 4-4-0; R. Anthony 2-(-1)-0.  
Nebraska: L. Phillips 25-165-2; T. Frazier 16-199-2; Je. Mackowicka 6-32-0; A. Green 9-68-1; B. Schuster 1-4-0; C. Childs 3-14-0; Jo. Mackowicka 2-4-0; D. Benning 1-3-0; B. Berringer 1-1-1; J. Sims 2-35-0; B. Legate 1-1-0; M. Turman 1-(-2)-0.

### Passing

(Completions-Attempts-Yards-Touchdowns-Interceptions)

Florida: D. Wuerffel 17-31-255-1-5; E. Kresser 3-7-42-0-0.

Nebraska: T. Frazier 6-14-105-1-2; L. Phillips 0-1-0-0-0.

### Receiving (Receptions-Yards-Touchdowns)

Florida: C. Doering 8-123-0; L. Hilliard 6-100-1; R. Anthony 2-40-0; J. Evaris 1-5-0; T. Jackson 1-10-0; T. McGriff 2-19-0.

Nebraska: L. Phillips 1-16-1; C. Johnson 2-43-0; J. Vedral 1-5-0; B. Holbein 1-33-0; Je. Mackowicka 1-8-0.

### Leading Tacklers (Total Tackles-Sacks)

Florida: D. Daniels 12-0; J. Bates 10-0; L. Wright 9-0; T. Brown 9-0.

Nebraska: T. Farley 8-2; P. Ellis 6-0; M. Minter 5-0; G. Wistrom 5-1.