

Game 3 • September 19, 1993 Washington 29, Nebraska 14

Husky Stadium
Seattle, Wash.
Attendance: 73,333
Weather: 65°, partly cloudy

The second-ranked Huskies thrilled the sold-out crowd of 73,333 at Husky Stadium with a 29-14 victory over 12th-ranked Nebraska in the first night game at home since 1985.

A national television audience on ESPN also looked on as Washington used several big plays on both sides of the ball to defeat the Cornhuskers for the second straight year. The win proved that the 1992 Huskies could be national contenders after opening the season with two less-than-dominating victories.

"When you win two games in a row to start the season, and still don't feel very good about yourselves, then something is missing," Coach Don James said. "Tonight we went out and answered the challenge. The defense grew up tonight."

Senior rover Tommie Smith brought the crowd to its feet late in the first quarter when he zeroed in on Nebraska quarterback Mike Grant in the end zone and dropped him for a safety. The play put Washington ahead 2-0, and more importantly, set the defensive tone for the game, in which the opportunistic Huskies parlayed four Nebraska turnovers into 17 points.

The first turnover came in the opening minute of the second quarter when senior linebacker James Clifford pounced on a fumble after Grant was sacked by defensive



Lincoln Kennedy and the Husky offensive line helped pave the way for 335 yards of total offense against the Huskers.

end Andy Mason at the Nebraska 39-yard line.

Billy Joe Hobert then went to work, passing 16 yards to Joe Kralik and 18 yards to Mark Bruener to set up the Huskies at the one-yard line, where tailback Beno Bryant scored one play later on a dive over the top. Bryant, who was questionable until game time with a sore hamstring, rushed for 19 yards on nine carries in his first action of the season.

Nebraska, however, stalled the Husky momentum two series later when I-back Calvin Jones dashed around right end and raced to a 73-yard touchdown to pull the Cornhuskers to within 9-7.

The Huskies then responded as they had so many times in '91 by scoring two touchdowns

in just 42 seconds. The first came when the Huskies answered the Jones scoring run with a 12-play, 80-yard drive. Napoleon Kaufman broke off a 35 yard gain to the one-yard line, then scored two plays later.

On the second play of Nebraska's next series, senior cornerback Walter Bailey intercepted a Grant pass at the Cornhusker 47-yard line. Two plays later Kralik got behind the secondary and hauled in a 29-yard pass from Hobert in the back of the end zone and suddenly the quick-strike Huskies were ahead 23-7 going into halftime.

There was some dispute as to whether Kralik had possession of the ball inbounds.

"I'm pretty sure my knee was down (in bounds)", Kralik said. "I don't know when the ball came out."

Nebraska fought back with an 80-yard drive to open the second half, cutting the lead to 23-14, but was held to just 102 yards the rest of the game as Washington added two Travis Hanson field goals for the 29-14 victory.

The Cornhuskers entered the game averaging 558 yards per game, but were held to 309 by the Husky defense, led by the 13 tackles of James Clifford, including two for losses.

"Our defense talked all week about needing to make some big plays today and get some points on the board," Clifford said. "We got it done tonight. Our defensive line has been criticized, but they came out and played great."

Eric Bjornson's conversion from quarterback continued to pay dividends as the sophomore split end caught three passes for 72 yards, including two big third-down receptions of 31 and 25 yards.

Score by Quarters

Nebraska	0	7	7	0	14
Washington	2	21	3	3	29

Team Statistics

NU		UW
11	First Downs	15
176	Net Yards Rushing	153
133	Net Yards Passing	182
309	Total Offense	335
21-11-2	Passing: Att-Comp-I	22-13-0
7-43.4	Punting	8-45.1
3-2	Fumbles-Lost	1-1
11-76	Penalties-Yards	3-30
26:03	Time of Possession	33:57

Scoring

Q	Team — Scoring Play, Time (Conversion)	Drive	Score
1	UW — Safety, Grant sacked in endzone, 3:14		2-0
2	UW — Bryant, 1-yard run, 12:14 (T. Hanson kick)	7-39	9-0
2	NU — C. Jones, 73-yard run, 7:23 (Bennett kick)	3-80	9-7
2	UW — Kaufman, 1-yard run, 1:29 (T. Hanson kick)	12-80	16-7
2	UW — Kralik, 29-yard pass from Hobert, 0:47 (T. Hanson kick)	2-47	23-7
3	NU — Grant, 1-yard run, 9:52 (Bennett kick)	11-80	23-14
3	UW — T. Hanson, 42-yard field goal, 5:43	4-(-5)	26-14
4	UW — T. Hanson, 32-yard field goal, 13:17	8-40	29-14

Individual Statistics

RUSHING: (Att-Yds-TD): Brown 16-84-0 (NU); C. Jones 5-79-1 (NU); Kaufman 12-57-1 (UW); Turner 5-55-0 (UW); J. Barry 7-21-0 (UW); Lewis 7-21-0 (NU); Bryant 9-19-1 (UW).

PASSING: (Comp-Att-I-Yds-TD): Hobert 19-10-0-155-1 (UW); Grant 21-11-2-133-0 (NU); Brunell 3-3-0-27-0 (UW).

RECEIVING: (Rec-Yds-TD): Bruener 4-49-0 (UW); Bjornson 3-72-0 (UW); Kralik 3-49-1 (UW); Brown 3-30-0 (NU); C. Jones 3-14-0 (NU); Bell 2-23-0 (NU).