

## Recapping Game Four...Nebraska 38, Southern Miss 14

► Nebraska improved to 4-0 for the sixth time in the past seven seasons and won its road opener for the fifth time in six seasons under Frank Solich. The Huskers are now a perfect 4-0 in ESPN Thursday night games and 23-5-1 all time on the network.

► The win pushed Frank Solich's winning percentage to .768, fifth among active coaches with five years experience. Solich passed Joe Paterno on the list with the victory.

► Nebraska's 17 first-quarter points were its most in any quarter this season and the most points NU has scored in a first quarter since also scoring 17 against Utah State on Sept. 7, 2002.

► Nebraska forced five turnovers for the second time this season (also Oklahoma State), including three fumbles and a pair of interceptions. NU converted the five turnovers into 21 points. The Huskers have forced 15 opponent turnovers in just four games in 2003.

► Junior linebacker **Barrett Ruud** had a third-quarter fumble recovery, his third of the season. Ruud is now tied for the linebacker record for season fumble recoveries, tying his father, Tom (1974). The last time any Husker had three fumble recoveries in a season was Tyrone Williams in 1993. NU has scored on each of Ruud's fumble recoveries this season, resulting in 17 points.

► **Josh Bullocks** picked off his fourth pass in the season's first four games and continues to lead the nation in interceptions per game. Bullocks returned his interception 41 yards. Bullocks' four interceptions this season tie Nebraska's season high in 2002 by Fabian Washington and DeJuan Groce.

► **Fabian Washington** had two pass breakups in the game, including a deflection on Bullocks' interception. Washington now has 18 breakups in his career to rank 10th on Nebraska's career chart.

► Senior linebacker and Butkus candidate **Demorrio Williams** led Nebraska with 12 tackles, including a three-yard sack, his team-leading fourth of the season. Williams also had a fumble recovery and two quarterback hurries.

► Punter **Kyle Larson** had a pair of punts of more than 60 yards, including a season-long 67-yarder in the fourth quarter. Three of Larson's punts pinned Southern Miss inside its own 20, and he has now pinned opponents inside their own 20 on eight of 17 punts this season. Larson averaged a season-high 47.6 yards on seven punts.

► True freshman place-kicker **David Dyches** made a 40-yard field goal in the first quarter and is now 9-of-10 on field goals this season.

► Nebraska once again held a decided advantage in field position. The Huskers' average drive began at their own 43-yard line, while Southern Miss started at an average of its own 29. NU started six drives on USM's half of the field and scored on all six of those possessions.

► **Ross Pilkington's** 44-yard TD catch was the second of his career and NU's first TD pass of the season. Pilkington, who finished with three catches for 56 yards, scored his other TD on a 90-yard catch at Iowa State last season.

► **Isaiah Fluellen** made his first career reception memorable, hauling in a 43-yard TD pass from Lord. A redshirt freshman, Fluellen has played in just two games at Nebraska.

► The two touchdown passes tied **Jammal Lord's** career high and his 124 yards passing were a season-high.

► **Josh Davis** continued to carry a heavy load for Nebraska, compiling 143 all-purpose yards (59 kickoff returns, 42 rushing, 42 punt returns). Davis entered the game ranked fifth nationally in all-purpose yards per game. His 59 kickoff return yards left him just eight yards shy of the Big 12 career record.

► Senior I-back **Robin Miller** scored his second career touchdown on a 47-yard run in the fourth quarter. Miller entered the game with eight career carries for 38 yards.

► Southern Miss' fourth-quarter touchdown marked the first points NU has allowed in the second half this season. The Huskers have outscored opponents 47-0 in the third quarter.

### NU-So. Miss Stat Wrap

<u>Team Stats</u>	<u>NU</u>	<u>USM</u>
First Downs	11	19
Rushes-Yards	50-141	36-108
Passes	15-6-1	42-18-2
Passing Yards	124	211
Total Offense	265	319
Fumbles	2-0	3-3
Turnovers	1	5

#### NU Rushing Leaders

Robin Miller-2 carries, 47 yards, TD  
Josh Davis-10 carries, 42 yards

#### NU Passing Leader

Jammal Lord-14-6-0, 124 yards, 2 TD

#### NU Receiving Leaders

Ross Pilkington-3 catches, 56 yards, TD  
Isaiah Fluellen-1 catch, 43 yards, TD

#### NU Defensive Leaders

Demorrio Williams-12 tackles, sack,  
fumble recovery, two hurries  
Barrett Ruud-10 tackles, fumble recovery  
Josh Bullocks-41-yard interception return