

WEEK FOUR
NEBRASKA AT MICHIGAN

ANN ARBOR, Mich. -- Michigan was very motivated to beat Nebraska, using Scott Frost's words against him.

Karan Higdon ran for 136 yards and a touchdown in the first half to help the 19th-ranked Wolverines build a huge lead and they coasted to a 56-10 victory Saturday.

In Frost's last visit to the Big House two years ago, he said Central Florida "outhit" Michigan in a 51-14 loss.

"We didn't forget that," offensive tackle Jon Runyan said.

Michigan moved Nebraska around on offense, clearing huge holes for the running game and giving Shea Patterson plenty of time to throw. On defense, the Wolverines hit hard early and often perhaps in part because defensive coordinator Don Brown told them what Frost said after his last visit.

"We really took that to heart," Wolverines linebacker Devin Bush said. "And, we wanted to make a statement."

Mission accomplished.

"Physicality, we got whipped," Frost acknowledged.

The Wolverines (3-1, 1-0 Big Ten) led 20-0 after the first quarter and 39-0 at halftime.

"It just seemed like they really didn't want to be out there at some points," Michigan defensive end Chase Winovich said.

The Cornhuskers (0-3, 0-1) are off to their worst start since 1945. They have lost seven in a row dating to last season for the first time since 1957.

"We're really going to find out who loves football and who loves each other and who is going to band together," Frost said.

Michigan rested Higdon, who missed the previous game with an injury, in the second half. Patterson played only the first series of the second half, giving Dylan McCaffrey an extended opportunity to play.

Patterson was 15 of 22 for 120 yards with a 5-yard TD pass to Zach Gentry midway through the second quarter that put the Wolverines ahead 30-0.

Fullback Ben Mason ran for three touchdowns -- for a total of 6 yards -- to match the number of times he had scored previously.

Nebraska quarterback Adrian Martinez was cleared to play after missing last week's loss to Troy because of a knee injury. The freshman was 7 of 15 for 22 yards with an interception and he lost 12 yards rushing.

Martinez batted down the football from the end zone after his first attempt on a play was deflected back to him, giving Michigan a safety and a 39-0 lead.

The Wolverines also scored on special teams, taking a 46-0 lead early in the third on Donovan Peoples-Jones' 60-yard punt return.

"I don't know how many times I've been a part of a game like that, but we got beat in every phase," Frost said.

While trailing 56-3, the Cornhuskers had lost more yards due to penalties (66) than they had gained on offense (61) early in the fourth quarter.

Nebraska finished with 39 yards rushing and 93 yards passing.

"We're not ready to beat a team like this yet," Frost said. "But, the key word is yet."

THE TAKEAWAY

Nebraska: Frost, in his first season, has quite a challenge ahead of him trying to turn around a once-proud program.

"I told them that I honestly believe this is going to be the bottom," Frost said.

Michigan: Momentum is on the Wolverines' side after winning three straight games by lopsided scores after opening with a seven-point loss at Notre Dame.

"They're an improving, ascending team," coach Jim Harbaugh said.

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Michigan linebacker Khaleke Hudson was ejected for targeting for a second straight game and will have to miss the first half next week at Northwestern.

Harbaugh agreed with the ruling.

"You can't lead with your head," he said.

HONORED

Charles Woodson was recognized for being selected for induction into the College Football Hall of Fame later this year. The 1997 Heisman Trophy winner and national champion drew a roar from the crowd when he was shown on the videoboards during a timeout.

POLL IMPLICATIONS

The rout and three straight wins may help Michigan move up a little in the poll.

Final	1	2	3	4	T		
NEB	0	0	3	7	10		
MICH	20	19	10	7	56		
Scoring Summary -----							
FIRST QUARTER					NEB	MICH	
MICH TD 10:27							
Ben Mason 1 Yd Run (Quinn Nordin Kick)					0	7	
6 plays, 64 yards, 2:56							
MICH TD 8:58							
Karan Higdon 44 Yd Run (Quinn Nordin Kick)					0	14	
1 play, 44 yards, 0:10							
MICH TD 3:09							
Ben Mason 4 Yd Run (Quinn Nordin PAT failed)					0	20	
8 plays, 66 yards, 4:13					NEB	MICH	
SECOND QUARTER							
MICH FG 14:11							
Quinn Nordin 50 Yd Field Goal					0	23	
3 plays, -5 yards, 1:06							
MICH TD 8:20							
Zach Gentry 5 Yd pass from Shea Patterson (Quinn Nordin Kick)					0	30	
3 plays, 2 yards, 1:23							
MICH TD 5:25							
Ben Mason 1 Yd Run (Quinn Nordin Kick)					0	37	
3 plays, -20 yards, 1:36							
MICH SF 4:03							
Team Safety					0	39	
3 plays, 34 yards, 1:19					NEB	MICH	
THIRD QUARTER							
MICH TD 9:01							
Donovan Peoples-Jones 60 Yd Punt Return (Quinn Nordin Kick)					0	46	
3 plays, 3 yards, 1:32							
NEB FG 5:23							
Barret Pickering 35 Yd Field Goal					3	46	
8 plays, 55 yards, 3:38							
MICH FG 0:58							
Quinn Nordin 38 Yd Field Goal					3	49	
11 plays, 55 yards, 4:25					NEB	MICH	
FOURTH QUARTER							
MICH TD 14:21							
Ronnie Bell 56 Yd pass from Dylan McCaffrey (Quinn Nordin Kick)					3	56	
2 plays, 56 yards, 0:17							
NEB TD 4:14							
Wyatt Mazour 3 Yd Run (Barret Pickering Kick)					10	56	
7 plays, 80 yards, 3:06							
Team Stats		NEB		MICH			
First Downs		12		22			
Total Yards		132		491			
Total Plays		54		76			
Avg Gain Per Play		2.4		6.5			
Net Yards Rushing		39		285			
Rushes		30		45			
Yards Per Rush		1.3		6.3			
Net Yards Passing		93		206			
Comp-Att		13-24		18-31			
Yards Per Pass		3.9		6.6			
Times Sacked		4		1			
Yds Lost To Sacks		-39		-9			
Interceptions		1		1			
Punts		9		3			
Punt Average		44.7		59.3			
Penalties		10		8			
Penalty Yards		79		77			
Fumbles		1		2			
Fumbles Lost		1		0			
Possession		24:31		35:29			
Individual Stats							
RUSHING							
NEB	Rush	Yds	Avg	TD	Long		
Andrew Bunch	3	23	7.7	0	23		
Wyatt Mazour	5	18	3.6	1	17		
Devine Ozigbo	6	5	0.8	0	6		
Greg Bell	6	3	0.5	0	4		
Maurice Washington	3	2	0.7	0	1		
Adrian Martinez	7	-12	-1.7	0	15		
MICH	Rush	Yds	Avg	TD	Long		
Karan Higdon	12	136	11.3	1	46		
Christian Turner	10	55	5.5	0	19		
Tru Wilson	6	43	7.2	0	26		
Dylan McCaffrey	2	23	11.5	0	17		
O'Maury Samuels	6	23	3.8	0	9		
Ben Mason	6	18	3.0	3	6		
Team	2	-4	-2.0	0	0		
Shea Patterson	1	-9	-9.0	0	0		
PASSING							
NEB	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
Andrew Bunch	6	9	71	7.9	0	0	132.9
Adrian Martinez	7	15	22	1.5	0	1	45.7
MICH	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
Shea Patterson	15	22	120	5.5	1	0	129.0
Dylan McCaffrey	3	8	86	10.8	1	0	169.1
Brandon Peters	0	1	0	0.0	0	1	-200.0
RECEIVING							
NEB	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	Long		
Stanley Morgan Jr.	3	61	20.3	0	32		
Wyatt Mazour	1	21	21.0	0	21		
Tyjon Lindsey	2	16	8.0	0	14		
Devine Ozigbo	1	5	5.0	0	5		
JD Spielman	4	5	1.3	0	9		
Maurice Washington	1	-4	-4.0	0	0		
Adrian Martinez	1	-11	-11.0	0	0		
MICH	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	Long		
Ronnie Bell	1	56	56.0	1	56		
Zach Gentry	3	32	10.7	1	21		
Sean McKeon	2	29	14.5	0	15		
Nico Collins	2	28	14.0	0	23		
Oliver Martin	1	15	15.0	0	15		
Jake McCurry	1	15	15.0	0	15		
Donovan Peoples-Jones	1	10	10.0	0	10		
Tru Wilson	1	9	9.0	0	9		
Karan Higdon	1	7	7.0	0	7		
Grant Perry	4	5	1.3	0	9		
O'Maury Samuels	1	0	0.0	0	0		