

WEEK SIX  
NEBRASKA AT WISCONSIN

MADISON, Wis. (AP) Jonathan Taylor ran for 221 yards and three scores, including a career-best 88-yarder in the fourth quarter, and No. 16 Wisconsin's punishing ground game wore down winless Nebraska in a 41-24 victory Saturday night.

Playing short-handed in the secondary, the Badgers (4-1, 2-0 Big Ten) withstood the Cornhuskers' desperate second-half comeback attempt from a 17-point halftime deficit led by two touchdown passes in the third quarter by Adrian Martinez.

"We didn't get to him as much as we'd like," linebacker T.J. Edwards said. "We did what he had to do to win so overall it was a good game."

Nebraska's offense flashed big-play promise behind their freshman quarterback, who threw for 384 yards and rushed for a score. JD Spielman had nine catches for 209 yards, including a 75-yard touchdown catch.

It still wasn't enough to prevent the Cornhuskers (0-5, 0-3) from losing their ninth straight game, extending a program record.

Just too many mistakes to keep up with the disciplined Badgers.

Nebraska was flagged 10 times for 100 yards. Martinez fumbled in the third quarter, a turnover that Wisconsin cashed in for a 20-yard touchdown run from Taiwan Deal for a 24-point lead with 6:50 left in the third quarter.

"You can't let a team like this get out in front of you because they're going to keep pounding you and pounding you," Nebraska coach Scott Frost said.

The Cornhuskers still kept attacking through the air, a smart move considering Wisconsin was thin at cornerback because of injuries. Martinez found Jack Stoll for a 12-yard touchdown pass with 4:20 left to get back within 17.

Nebraska was driving again early in the fourth quarter with a chance to cut into the lead.

Edwards, a preseason All-American, finally put a stop to their comeback hopes. The inside linebacker had his second sack of the night on third-and-14 to force a punt.

Taylor barreled through the line on the next play from scrimmage before speeding away from a winded defense for his 88-yard score and a 41-17 lead with 12:50 left.

Right guard Beau Benzchawel said the line got a sense early in the game that they could dominate up front.

"We just had to clean some things up and get everybody on the same page," he said. "We knew that if we did that - get everybody where they needed to be, we'd make big plays."

Taylor finished with 24 carries. Alex Hornibrook was 13 of 24 for 163 yards and a score.

Martinez finished 24-of-42 passing, adding 57 yards on the ground on 13 carries.

THE TAKEAWAY

Nebraska: There is potential on offense with Martinez's athleticism and ability to throw down field. In his third start, he seemed to be more at ease after halftime with the Cornhuskers trying to comeback. He appeared to be tentative at times in the first half while under pressure. And a season-long problem with penalties must be addressed.

Wisconsin: The young secondary banged up at cornerback coming into the game took two more hits after cornerback Deron Harrell left with a head injury in the second quarter. Safety Scott Nelson was then ejected for targeting late in the third quarter, meaning he will miss the first half of next week's prime-time matchup on the road at No. 15 Michigan. Backup safety Eric Burrell, along with freshmen cornerbacks Rachad Wildgoose and Donte Burton may have to get up to speed quickly. Wisconsin also had chances for at least three interceptions but errant passes bounced off the hands of defenders.

Final	1	2	3	4	T		
NEB	0	3	14	7	24		
WIS	3	17	14	7	41		
Scoring Summary -----							
FIRST QUARTER				NEB	WIS		
WIS FG 7:08							
Rafael Gaglianone 30 Yd Field Goal							
15 plays, 63 yards, 7:52				0	3		
SECOND QUARTER				NEB	WIS		
WIS FG 12:58							
Rafael Gaglianone 28 Yd Field Goal							
9 plays, 41 yards, 4:12				0	6		
NEB FG 9:55							
Barret Pickering 31 Yd Field Goal							
10 plays, 61 yards, 3:03				3	6		
WIS TD 6:51							
Jonathan Taylor 3 Yd Run (Rafael Gaglianone Kick)							
6 plays, 64 yards, 2:55				3	13		
WIS TD 0:42							
Jake Ferguson 14 Yd pass from Alex Hornibrook (Rafael Gaglianone Kick)							
6 plays, 63 yards, 1:31				3	20		
THIRD QUARTER				NEB	WIS		
NEB TD 14:13							
JD Spielman 75 Yd pass from Adrian Martinez (Barret Pickering Kick)							
2 plays, 75 yards, 0:47				10	20		
WIS TD 11:04							
Jonathan Taylor 21 Yd Run (Rafael Gaglianone Kick)							
7 plays, 71 yards, 3:02				10	27		
WIS TD 6:50							
Taiwan Deal 20 Yd Run (Rafael Gaglianone Kick)							
6 plays, 59 yards, 2:56				10	34		
NEB TD 4:20							
Jack Stoll 12 Yd pass from Adrian Martinez (Barret Pickering Kick)							
8 plays, 75 yards, 2:30				17	34		
FOURTH QUARTER				NEB	WIS		
WIS TD 12:50							
Jonathan Taylor 88 Yd Run (Rafael Gaglianone Kick)							
1 play, 88 yards, 0:13				17	41		
NEB TD 9:11							
Adrian Martinez 7 Yd Run (Barret Pickering Kick)							
7 plays, 95 yards, 3:26				24	41		
Team Stats			NEB	WIS			
First Downs			26	26			
Total Yards			518	533			
Total Plays			68	72			
Avg Gain Per Play			7.6	7.4			
Net Yards Rushing			111	370			
Rushes			24	48			
Yards Per Rush			4.6	7.7			
Net Yards Passing			407	163			
Comp-Att			26-44	13-24			
Yards Per Pass			9.3	6.8			
Times Sacked			2	1			
Yds Lost To Sacks			-12	-6			
Interceptions			0	0			
Punts			4	3			
Punt Average			41.5	40.7			
Penalties			10	5			
Penalty Yards			100	50			
Fumbles			2	1			
Fumbles Lost			1	1			
Possession			24:27	35:33			
Individual Stats							
RUSHING							
NEB	Rush	Yds	Avg	TD	Long		
Adrian Martinez	13	57	4.4	1	28		
Devine Ozigbo	5	29	5.8	0	9		
Maurice Washington	5	27	5.4	0	11		
Andrew Bunch	1	-2	-2.0	0	0		
WIS	Rush	Yds	Avg	TD	Long		
Jonathan Taylor	24	221	9.2	3	88		
Taiwan Deal	10	74	7.4	1	20		
Garrett Groshek	9	73	8.1	0	24		
Kendric Pryor	1	5	5.0	0	5		
Alec Ingold	1	3	3.0	0	3		
Aron Cruickshank	1	1	1.0	0	1		
Team	1	-1	-1.0	0	0		
Alex Hornibrook	1	-6	-6.0	0	0		
PASSING							
NEB	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
Adrian Martinez	24	42	384	9.1	2	0	149.7
Andrew Bunch	2	2	23	11.5	0	0	196.6
WIS	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
Alex Hornibrook	13	24	163	6.8	1	0	125.0
RECEIVING							
NEB	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	Long		
JD Spielman	9	209	23.2	1	75		
Stanley Morgan Jr.	8	93	11.6	0	25		
Maurice Washington	4	53	13.3	0	24		
Kurt Rafdal	1	18	18.0	0	18		
Jack Stoll	1	12	12.0	1	12		
Mike Williams	1	11	11.0	0	11		
Kade Warner	1	6	6.0	0	6		
Bryan Reimers	1	5	5.0	0	5		
WIS	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	Long		
A.J. Taylor	3	60	20.0	0	26		
Jake Ferguson	4	47	11.8	1	15		
Danny Davis III	3	38	12.7	0	16		
Garrett Groshek	2	10	5.0	0	9		
Kendric Pryor	1	8	8.0	0	8		