

WEEK EIGHT
MINNESOTA AT NEBRASKA

LINCOLN, Neb. -- A bucket of sports drink having been just poured over his head, Scott Frost wrapped up a quick television interview near midfield and started sprinting off the field at Memorial Stadium.

Moments after the clock hit zeroes on a 53-28 victory over Minnesota Saturday, it was time for him to soak it all in.

As he ran through the end zone and entered the tunnel, Frost took off his cap and held it high to thank the fans who had waited seven games for the native son who won so many times as a player on this field to pick up his first win as coach.

"I just didn't expect it to be in October," Frost said. "But we've got as good a fans as there are in the country. They're loyal. They're supportive. Our kids appreciate it them. They're fighting hard for them. Yeah, I almost teared up running off the field. That was a special moment."

A week after squandering a late 10-point lead at Northwestern and losing in overtime, the Huskers (1-6, 1-4 Big Ten) scored on three of their first four possessions on their way to a 28-0 lead.

Minnesota (3-4, 0-4) made things interesting, though, scoring on three possessions in a row spanning the halves, with backup quarterback Tanner Morgan replacing Zack Annexstad to open the third quarter and leading two straight touchdown drives to pull the Gophers to 28-22.

"That's how this whole year has been. We're going to have to play well for four quarters," Frost said. "We're getting better every day. We're still not so good we can sleep on a lead or not play our best. So proud of this team. They could have quit a long time ago. They could have shut it down. This team every week does more of what we ask them, does it better, keeps getting better. That was a pretty good show out there today."

Barrett Pickering kicked a field goal between Adrian Martinez's TD passes of 35 and 67 yards to Stanley Morgan Jr. to break things open again, and as the 365th home consecutive sellout crowd started sensing the long-awaited win, a chorus of "Go Big Red" chants began.

Nebraska rushed for 383 yards and totaled 659. Devine Ozigbo ran for 152 yards, Martinez for 125 and Maurice Washington for 109.

Martinez completed 25 of 29 passes adding up to 276 yards and three TDs. Stanley Morgan caught 10 balls for 163 yards, both career highs.

Tanner Morgan was 11 of 16 for 214 yards and Annexstad 9 of 20 for 135. Gophers coach P.J. Fleck said Annexstad had to leave the game because of an internal injury in his midsection. He was taken to a hospital for treatment.

"Congratulations to Coach Frost," Fleck said. "It's a big deal, everybody remembers your first. This team should be 5-1 or 4-2. We didn't stop them tonight at all. We didn't tackle well. We didn't set an edge."

THE TAKEAWAY
Minnesota: A quarterback controversy could be coming, if Annexstad is healthy enough to play next week. Tanner Morgan gave the Gophers a spark. The Minnesota defense had no answer for Martinez and Co., though.

Nebraska: The defense's depth issue continues to show up in second halves. The Huskers seemed to tire for the second straight week. This team is much like Frost's teams at Central Florida. It's all about the offense.

HOLD OFF ON THE GATORADE
Frost said his Gatorade shower was "inappropriate," hinting that such high jinx should be reserved for championships.

"First of all, it was cold. I took it like a man," he said. "I saw it coming, but I'm glad the guys are so excited. They deserve to be excited. There's going to be a day around here where we aren't celebrating one win, and we'll keep working toward it."

CREATIVE PLAY CALLS
Frost, who calls the offensive plays, dialed up two Statue of Liberty plays, with Washington gaining 17 yards on the first. He also had Washington throw a halfback pass, but the ball fell short of tight end Austin Allen.

The Gophers used a flea-flicker on their second drive of the second half, with Tanner Morgan connecting with tight end Seth Green for 31 yards before Green took a snap out of the wildcat formation and ran in from 4 yards to cut it to 28-22.

IBRAHIM HELD IN CHECK
The Gophers were without running back Shannon Brooks, who was arrested last weekend on suspicion of misdemeanor assault for an altercation with his male roommate. Brooks, who was medically cleared to play after rehabbing an offseason knee injury, didn't make the trip.

Mohamed Ibrahim, who ran for 157 yards against Ohio State on Oct. 13, was limited to 49 yards on 18 carries.

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MINN	0	8	14	6	28
NEB	14	14	8	17	53

Scoring Summary -----

FIRST QUARTER	MINN	NEB
NEB TD 13:04		
Devine Ozigbo 40 Yd Run (Barret Pickering Kick)		
7 plays, 75 yards, 1:56	0	7
NEB TD 1:25		
Devine Ozigbo 59 Yd Run (Barret Pickering Kick)		
4 plays, 90 yards, 1:10	0	14
SECOND QUARTER	MINN	NEB
NEB TD 11:40		
Adrian Martinez 3 Yd Run (Barret Pickering Kick)		
9 plays, 85 yards, 3:08	0	21
NEB TD 1:58		
JD Spielman 9 Yd pass from Adrian Martinez (Barret Pickering Kick)		
5 plays, 72 yards, 2:25	0	28
MINN TD 0:52		
Demetrius Douglas 13 Yd pass from Zack Annexstad (Matt Morse Run for Two-Point Conversion)		
8 plays, 68 yards, 0:59	8	28
THIRD QUARTER	MINN	NEB
MINN TD 13:49		
Mohamed Ibrahim 1 Yd Run (Emmit Carpenter Kick)		
4 plays, 75 yards, 1:11	15	28
MINN TD 7:22		
Seth Green 4 Yd Run (Emmit Carpenter Kick)		
8 plays, 79 yards, 3:48	22	28
NEB TD 6:04		
Stanley Morgan Jr. 35 Yd pass from Adrian Martinez (Adrian Martinez Pass to Stanley Morgan Jr. for Two-Point Conversion)		
4 plays, 74 yards, 1:12	22	36
FOURTH QUARTER	MINN	NEB
NEB FG 7:53		
Barret Pickering 32 Yd Field Goal		
14 plays, 82 yards, 7:03	22	39
NEB TD 5:19		
Stanley Morgan Jr. 67 Yd pass from Adrian Martinez (Barret Pickering Kick)		
3 plays, 80 yards, 1:33	22	46
MINN TD 4:14		
Tanner Morgan 9 Yd Run (Two-Point Run Conversion Failed)		
3 plays, 44 yards, 1:01	28	46
NEB TD 1:57		
Maurice Washington 3 Yd Run (Barret Pickering Kick)		
5 plays, 32 yards, 2:16	28	53

Team Stats	MINN	NEB
First Downs	22	28
Total Yards	474	659
Total Plays	72	73
Avg Gain Per Play	6.6	9.0
Net Yards Rushing	125	383
Rushes	36	43
Yards Per Rush	3.5	8.9
Net Yards Passing	349	276
Comp-Att	20-36	25-30
Yards Per Pass	9.7	9.2
Times Sacked	1	2
Yds Lost To Sacks	-5	-12
Interceptions	1	0
Punts	6	3
Punt Average	0.0	0.0
Penalties	8	6
Penalty Yards	80	43
Fumbles	0	2
Fumbles Lost	0	1
Possession	30:58	29:02

Individual Stats							
RUSHING							
MINN	Rush	Yds	Avg	TD	Long		
Mohamed Ibrahim	18	49	2.7	1	8		
Tanner Morgan	4	35	8.8	1	11		
Bryce Williams	5	18	3.6	0	7		
Seth Green	5	17	3.4	1	7		
Jonathan Femi-Cole	1	9	9.0	0	9		
Zack Annexstad	3	-3	-1.0	0	2		
NEB	Rush	Yds	Avg	TD	Long		
Devine Ozigbo	12	152	12.7	2	59		
Adrian Martinez	15	125	8.3	1	53		
Maurice Washington	14	109	7.8	1	22		
JD Spielman	1	2	2.0	0	2		
Team	1	-5	-5.0	0	0		
PASSING							
MINN	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
Tanner Morgan	11	16	214	13.4	0	1	77.0
Zack Annexstad	9	20	135	6.8	1	0	42.5
NEB	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
Adrian Martinez	25	29	276	9.5	3	0	92.1
Maurice Washington	0	1	0	0.0	0	0	2.8
RECEIVING							
MINN	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	Long		
Tyler Johnson	11	184	16.7	0	28		
Chris Autman-Bell	2	75	37.5	0	69		
Demetrius Douglas	3	31	10.3	1	17		
Seth Green	1	31	31.0	0	31		
Rashod Bateman	2	15	7.5	0	15		
Bryce Witham	1	13	13.0	0	13		
NEB	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	Long		
Stanley Morgan Jr.	10	163	16.3	2	67		
JD Spielman	8	77	9.6	1	13		
Devine Ozigbo	3	25	8.3	0	14		
Mike Williams	1	7	7.0	0	7		
Kade Warner	1	3	3.0	0	3		
Maurice Washington	2	1	0.5	0	2		