

# Nebraska Looking For A Feel-Good Win Against Southern Miss

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LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — Southern Mississippi would seem the perfect tonic for a Nebraska team coming off another close loss.

Saturday's game is at home and the Golden Eagles have lost 33 of their last 39, including six in a row against opponents from the Power Five conferences.

The Cornhuskers (1-2) are in no position to look past any opponent, though, not after losing to BYU at home on a Hail Mary and in overtime at Miami last week.

The record doesn't necessarily show it, but Southern Miss (2-1) is an improving program under third-year coach Todd Monken. The Eagles played Mississippi State tough in their opener and has scored 108 points the last two weeks, albeit

against FCS Austin Peay and relatively new FBS program Texas State.

"We're not about to go out there and play some scrubs," Huskers offensive lineman Chongo Kondolo said. "They're a team that will beat us if we go out there flat and not ready to play."

The Eagles are averaging almost 42 points a game to rank 23rd nationally. Their defense, however, is giving up 30 points a game to rank 90th, and they've surrendered a total of 486 yards on the ground against their two FBS opponents.

Quarterback Tommy Armstrong Jr. said he expects Southern Miss to provide more of a challenge than it did two years ago, when Nebraska beat the Eagles 56-13 in Lincoln.

"We've got to make sure we study them as well as we can and just make sure that we prepare for anything because coming off a loss

like this (against Miami), we've got to make sure we bounce back right," Armstrong said.

Southern Miss junior quarterback Nick Mullens has been sharp, for the most part, completing 64 percent of his passes for 306 yards a game and eight touchdowns. He played the last two series of the 2013 meeting, throwing the last of his team's four interceptions. Mullens became the starter four games later, and Southern Miss finished 1-11.

"We went up there a couple years ago and didn't put our best foot forward," Monken said, "but we are significantly better now than we were then."

Things to know about the teams' third meeting in four years:

**FREQUENT FOES:** Nebraska and Southern Miss have played five times since 1999. The Golden

Eagles' only win came against the Bill Callahan-coached Huskers, 21-17 in Lincoln in 2004. The Huskers dominated in 2012 and '13, winning by a combined 105-33. No future meetings are scheduled.

**BIG PLAY BONANZA:** The Eagles have had 18 plays from scrimmage go 20 yards or longer, and they're tied for fourth nationally with 13 plays of 30-plus yards. Nebraska's defense has given up 13 plays of 30-plus yards, the third-worst mark in the country.

**IT'S HOMECOMING:** Nebraska will be facing a nonconference opponent on homecoming for the third time since 1955. The Huskers are 78-22-4 on homecoming.

**REMEMBER YOU, TOMMY?** Monken recalled meeting Armstrong at a camp in San Antonio when Monken was an Oklahoma State assistant. Armstrong already

had an offer to play quarterback at Nebraska, and OSU wasn't in the market for a QB that year. Monken said he tried to convince Armstrong to move to safety or wide receiver and consider going to OSU. Monken also told Armstrong that Nebraska probably would move him to another position anyway. The argument didn't sway Armstrong, now in his third year as the starting QB. "To be real honest with you, I'm sad they haven't moved him," Monken said. "He is going to be a handful."

**FAVRE FACTOR:** Armstrong for the second year in a row worked out with former Southern Miss and NFL great Brett Favre in Hattiesburg in the offseason. Armstrong spent part of his childhood in Mississippi, and Favre is a friend of his father, Tommy Armstrong Sr. said early in the week that he hadn't spoken with Favre about the game.

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MADISON (5-0)	27	14	7	0	-48
VERMILLION (1-4)	0	0	0	0	-15

### Parkston 44, Wagner 16

WAGNER — Parkston's Josh Rands scored four touchdowns to help lead the Trojans to a 44-16 win over Wagner.

Rands completed five passes for 159 yards and a touchdown, and he also had a 30-yard touchdown run. Jake DeLange caught two touchdowns and had 87 yards for Parkston.

For Wagner, Caden Kazena completed two passes for 56 yards and ran the ball for 52 yards. Terrel Twiss led the Wagner receiving corps with 335 yards.

Next action for Parkston will be next Friday, as they play host to Jones County/White River. Wagner will host Aberdeen Roncalli of Friday.

PARKSTON (3-2)	10	27	0	7	-44
WAGNER (1-3)	0	0	0	0	-16

### Scotland 48, Tripp-Delmont-Armour 0

SCOTLAND — The Scotland Highlanders remain undefeated, as they defeated Tripp-Delmont-Armour 48-0 on Friday in Scotland.

Chase Mogck rushed for 115 yards and two touchdowns on just four attempts. Mogck also had a 75-yard kick return for a touchdown.

Pascal Paravan led TDA with 40 rushing yards in the road loss.

Scotland will have a road game with Marty Indian next Friday, while TDA will host Gayville-Volin in Armour next Friday.

TRIPP-DELMONT-ARMOUR (1-3)	0	0	0	0	-0
SCOTLAND (4-0)	20	14	8	6	-48

### Colome 56, Avon 22

AVON — Colome picked up a road victory over Avon on Friday night, as they defeated the Pirates 56-22 in Avon.

Reed Harter had a big night for Colome, rushing for 163 yards and two touchdowns and passing for 125 yards and four touchdowns. Will Cahoy recorded 96 yards on the ground and a touchdown in the victory.

For Avon, Brendan Johnson had a 82 yard touchdown



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Alcester-Hudson quarterback Grant Johnson finds running room during the Cubs' Tri-Valley Conference football game with Irene-Wakonda on Friday in Irene.

run on his lone run of the game. Levi DeLong added 75 rushing yards and a touchdown for Avon.

Colome will host Andes Central/Dakota Christian next Friday, while Avon will host Burke/South Central next Friday.

COLOME (5-0)	22	20	8	6	-56
AVON (1-5)	0	6	8	8	-22

### Corsica-Stickney 62, Andes Central-Dakota Christian 12

LAKE ANDES — Clayton Menning rushed for 162 of his team's 338 yards as Corsica-Stickney rolled past Andes Central-Dakota Christian 62-12 on Friday night in Lake Andes.

Landon Bruinsma completed 5-of-7 passes, while Blake Moke led the Corsica-Stickney defense with nine tackles.

In the loss for AC-DC (1-3), Jacey Garcia completed 9-of-12 passes for 192 yards, with 142 of those yards going to Daaron Tronvold.

Next week, Corsica-Stickney (4-1) is off and Andes Central-Dakota Christian visits Colome.

### Platte-Geddes 48, Sunshine Bible 24

PLATTE — Paker Boyden

combined for four touchdowns in their 48-24 victory over Sunshine Bible on Friday night in Platte.

Boyden ran for 168 yards and three touchdowns and completed a 62 yard touchdown pass. Riley Hoffman had a rushing and a passing touchdown in the win, while Ricky Knecht and Jackson Johnson each had seven tackles to lead the defense.

For Sunshine Bible, Denver Paul rushed for 112 yards and two touchdowns in the loss.

Platte-Geddes will have a week off next week and will host Miller on Oct. 9. Sunshine Bible will host Wosley-Wessington next Friday.

PLATTE-GEDDES (1-5)	14	18	8	8	-48
SUNSHINE BIBLE (1-4)	0	12	6	6	-24

### Burke-South Cent. 55, Marty 0

BONESTEEL —Burke-South Central got off to a quick start Friday night and they didn't look back. Burke South Central won the game 55-0. The game was held in Bonesteel.

Burke-South Central was able to put points on the board as they lead 32-0 after the first quarter. They would go on to score 23 in the second quarter and the game was called at halftime.

Leading the way for BSC,

Tyson Mizner had 49 yards on four rushing attempts. Zach Sebern had 42 yards on two attempts.

In the loss for Marty, Mason Dion had 34 yards passing on four completions, Oscar Bernie had two catches for 14 yards, and Preston Dion had four tackles.

Burke-South Central's next game is against Avon in Avon and Marty's next game is against Scotland at home.

MARTY (0-4)	0	0	0	0	-0
BURKE-SOUTH CENTRAL (2-3)	32	23	55		

### S.F. Christian 43, Flandreau 0

FLANDREAU — With a strong rushing attack, Sioux Falls Christian was able to get past Flandreau 43-0. The game was held in Flandreau.

Sioux Falls Christian had two players who rushed for over 100 yards each. Keegan Van Egdom rushed for 145 yards on 10 carries and scored three touchdowns. Jackson Olson had 130 yards and one touchdown.

As a team, Sioux Falls Christian had 340 rushing yards.

In the loss for Flandreau, Rowden Hammen rushed for 18 yards on four carries and Dylan Rice had 11 tackles.

Sioux Falls Christian has a record of 5-0 on the season and Flandreau is 0-5.

Next week, Sioux Falls Christian will travel to Madison and Flandreau will play in Volga against Sioux Valley.

### Winner 52, Chamberlain 6

CHAMBERLAIN — Riley Frazier opened up scoring for Winner with a 45 yard touchdown run. Winner would go on to score 44 points in the first quarter to continue their undefeated season and hand Chamberlain their first loss with a score of 52-6.

Frazier would end his night with 70 total rushing yards on three carries and three touchdowns, all coming in the first quarter. Windsor Barry rushed for 85 yards on three carries and added one touchdown. Levi McClanahan made seven tackles for Winner.

Parker Evans scored the lone touchdown for Chamberlain on a six yard run with 10:32 left in the fourth quarter. Evans also completed seven passes for 36 yards. Jeremy Herron and Dodge Knippling each made seven tackles.

Chamberlain will travel to Todd County and Winner will have a bye week.

WINNER (5-0)	44	0	0	8	-52
CHAMBERLAIN (4-1)	0	0	0	6	-6

## Big Ten Teams Use Last Nonconference Games To Clean Up Acts

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The last Saturday in September will be the last chance for Big Ten teams to work out their kinks before conference play begins.

Minnesota is desperate for more offense. Nebraska needs better play from its defense. Even defending national champion and top-ranked Ohio State has problems.

The Buckeyes' most talked-about issue, of course, has been quarterback. Just as disconcerting to coach Urban Meyer have been the struggles of the players around Cardale Jones and J.T. Barrett.

Meyer, whose team hosts Western Michigan ahead of its conference opener against Indiana, is looking for improvement in all areas from an offense that accounted for 13 points and five turnovers in last week's 20-13 win over Northern Illinois.

"One of the worst-executed performances since we've

been here, so we'll get that corrected," Meyer said.

Minnesota (2-1) hopes what's been a woeful offense starts moving against Ohio before opening Big Ten play at surprising Northwestern. Injuries have forced shuffling on the offensive line. As a result, the running game has been stymied and Mitch Leidner has been forced to throw too much. Leidner's two interceptions in a 10-7 win over Kent State led to calls for him to be replaced. Coach Jerry Kill has offered no hint that will happen.

"Nothing is ever easy, but I think we can certainly improve this week. I really do," Kill said. "I'm looking forward to it because controversy sometimes makes you better. I've had a lot of that in my life, and kids, it makes them mentally tougher."

Nebraska (1-2) needs to shore up a pass defense that ranks among the worst in the country before next week's Big Ten opener at Illinois. The Huskers will get a good test Saturday against Southern

Mississippi's spread offense. Some other Big Ten teams' areas of concern as nonconference play winds down:

— Illinois (2-1) had its rushing defense exposed when North Carolina ran for 254 yards.

— Indiana (3-0) has the same problem as always — defense. The Hoosiers have given up an average of 544 yards and 35 points against understated competition.

— Iowa (3-0) had a punt blocked and threw an interception against Pittsburgh last week. Coach Kirk Ferentz said those areas must be cleaned up.

— Maryland (2-1) seeks more steady play from new starting QB Caleb Rowe, who threw for 297 yards and four TDs against South Florida last week but also was intercepted three times.

— Michigan (2-1) is showing improvement under Jim Harbaugh, though the Jake Rudock-led offense isn't nearly consistent enough.

— Michigan State (3-0) didn't close games against

Western Michigan and Air Force as strong as coach Mark Dantonio would like.

"In both cases, though, we were comfortably ahead so it didn't cost us anything. In the Oregon game, we needed to finish, and we did," he said.

— Northwestern (3-0), led by a stout defense so far, is going to need Clayton Thorson to be better than a 50-percent passer.

— Penn State (2-1) gave up 10 sacks against Temple and none the last two weeks. Still, the offensive line figures to remain an issue throughout the season.

— Purdue (1-2) has been turnover-prone, and coach Darrell Hazell will give red-shirt freshman David Blough

his first start against Bowling Green ahead of next week's visit to Michigan State.

— Rutgers (1-2) has problems everywhere and won't get much out of playing Kansas. Michigan State and Ohio State are two of the Scarlet Knights' first three Big Ten opponents.

— Wisconsin (2-1) is humming along, but any injuries along an offensive line that has three new starters could spell ruin.

## VOLLEYBALL GAMEDAY

### Aberdeen Cent. (9-0) at Yankton (2-7)

7 p.m., Summit Center

**LAST MEETING:** Current University of Iowa basketball player Tagyn Larson pounded out 21 kills as Roosevelt claimed a 3-1 decision on Sept. 23, 2014.

**LAST MATCH:** Yankton dropped a 3-1 decision at Sioux Falls Roosevelt on Thursday. Aberdeen Central downed Brandon Valley on Friday.

**NEXT UP:** Yankton continues a three-match home stand with Mitchell, the first repeat ESD opponent of the season, on Oct. 1. Aberdeen Central travels to Brookings on Sept. 29.

## Ruter, Myers To Enter USF Hall

SIoux FALLS — Irene grad David Ruter and Centerville grad Steph (Austin) Myers are among the seven individuals selected for induction into the University of Sioux Falls Athletic Hall of Fame, announced on Friday.

The induction will take place Oct. 23-24 during ceremonies at the McDonald's Center on the USF campus. The Hall of Fame dinner ceremony will begin with a social at 5:30 p.m., dinner at 6 p.m. and the induction event at 7 p.m. Long-time play-by-play announcer Tom Frederick will serve as master of ceremonies. USF President Mark Benedetto will welcome attendees and inductees. In addition, USF Director of Athletics Josh Snyder will provide an update on USF Athletics and present Hall of Fame honorees with their induction gift.

Ruter is USF's career rushing yardage leader and played a key role in the Cougars' 1996 NAIA championship football team. Ruter, arguably USF's greatest running back ever, finished with a school record 4,783 yards rushing on 677 carries for a 7.1 yard average (school record) in 50 games. He totaled a school record 22, 100-yard rushing games and had 5,865 yards of total offense in his career. Ruter had 1,452 yards rushing and 29 TDs; 1,445 yards and 23 TDs as a junior; and a single season school mark of 1,726 yards and 19 TDs as a sophomore for the 1996 national champions. Ruter, who also had 79 catches for 1,082 yards and 12 TDs, had a school record 85 career TDs, setting an NAIA record that still stands of 518 points. He was just the third player in college football history at any level to accomplish that mark. Additionally, he is the only player in school history to rush for over 300 yards in a single game, doing it twice (33-315-4 TDs vs. U-Mary, 11-23-1996; 29-304-4 TDs vs. Olivet Nazarene, 11-21-1996). Ruter, who operates Ruter Contracting in Irene, is married to Stephanie and has five children, Dylan, Taylor, Ella, Lane and Logan.

Myers, who earned a B.S. in Exercise Science and Well-

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**Tuesday, September 29**  
7:40 am Steel Magnolias (Tara Gill)  
8:20 am Manufacturing Week (SAPA)

## Mitchell Tops Yankton In Freshman Football

The Mitchell Kernels used a touchdown and two-point conversion in the third quarter to beat the Yankton Bucks 14-7 in freshman football action on Thursday at Crane-Youngworth Field. Caid Kozletzky scored on

a 25-yard run for Yankton's only touchdown. He ran for 61 yards in the game, while Ethan Wishon completed 3-of-15 passes for 50 yards. Rex Ryken, Levi Wiersma and Kozletzky all caught a pass. Ryken also led the Yank-

ton defense with eight tackles and had a fumble recovery, while Dayne LaPointe also recovered a fumble.

Yankton (1-3) plays Sioux Falls Lincoln next Thursday.