

Minneapolis Weather
High of 38. Snow showers, some rain may mix in. Snow accumulation less than 1 inch.

Nebraska-Minnesota Series
Minnesota leads the series 32-25-2. The Huskers won 53-28 a year ago in Lincoln.

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Nebraska owns a 4-2 record, matching last year's win total. The Huskers are one of just 17 FBS teams to have already matched or exceeded last year's win total.

Television
FS1
Play-by-play: Brian Custer
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Vedral steps in when needed for Huskers

By Bob Hamar
BH Media News Service

When Noah Vedral got his chance, the sophomore quarterback from Bishop Neumann did his thing.

He engineered the game-winning drive against Northwestern with a 32-yard pass to Wan'Dale Robinson to set up the winning 24-yard field goal by Lane McCallum as time expired for a 13-10 victory at Memorial Stadium.

Vedral got his chance to shine after starting quarterback Adrian Martinez went out with an injury at the end of the third quarter. Vedral played the remainder of the game, except for one play after his helmet was knocked off.

Vedral opened his career at Central Florida, but transferred to Nebraska after the Huskers hired Scott Frost as head coach. Frost has had a big impact on Vedral.

Before the Ohio State game, Frost told the players about a friend of his who had climbed Mount Everest. Frost asked him what do you do differently to climb a mountain like that?

His friend said, "Nothing. If you have to change something, you shouldn't be climbing Mount Everest," Vedral said. "That's a quote that kind of goes for this week for the quarterback unit. We don't need to do anything different. We prepare the same every week regardless of the team or who's playing or whatever the situation may be."

Vedral comes from a Husker football family. His uncle Jon Vedral played for the Huskers from 1993 to 1996 at the same time as his uncle Matt Turman, now the head coach at Omaha Skutt. Frost played with both the uncles when he was a quarterback at Nebraska.

Frost said he liked the way Noah Vedral threw and his athletic ability when he recruited him to play at Central Florida.

"He's a really good athlete in high school – basketball, football, track and field," Frost said. "(There were) several times he ran the (hurdle) times that he had. We knew he had the speed that he needed. He's just got the right mentality. We saw something in him and he hasn't disappointed us. He's been a really good player."

Vedral said he wasn't recruited by Nebraska when Mike Riley was coach, but he said that didn't bother him.

"I mean it might have frustrated my uncles or my family a little more than me," he said. "To see something take a step back that was special to our family, but again, I wasn't immediately impacted by it so, no, not really."

NEBRASKA
GAME DAY

Huskers vs. Minnesota Gophers

6:30 p.m. CDT
Saturday
TV: FS1



Noah Vedral

East Division			West Division		
Team	BT	OVA	Team	BT	OVA
Ohio St.	3-0	6-0	Minnesota	2-0	5-0
Penn St.	2-0	5-0	Wisconsin	2-0	5-0
Michigan	2-1	4-1	Nebraska	2-1	4-2
Michigan St.	2-1	4-2	Iowa	1-1	4-1
Maryland	1-1	3-2	Illinois	0-2	2-3
Indiana	0-2	3-2	Purdue	0-2	1-4
Rutgers	0-3	1-4	Northwestern	0-3	1-4

Saturday's Games (All times Central)

- Rutgers at Indiana, 11 a.m. (BTN)
 - Maryland at Purdue, 11 a.m. (BTN)
 - Michigan at Illinois, 11 a.m. (ABC)
 - Michigan St. at
- Wisconsin, 2:30 p.m. (BTN)
 - Penn St. at Iowa, 6:30 p.m. (ABC)
 - Nebraska at Minnesota, 6:30 p.m. (FS1)



The Associated Press
Oklahoma quarterback Jalen Hurts leads the Sooners against Texas Saturday in the Red River Rivalry.

Friday, Oct. 11

- No. 13 Oregon vs. Colorado, 9 p.m.
- No. 20 Virginia at Miami, 7 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 12

- No. 1 Alabama at No. 24 Texas A&M, 2:30 p.m.
- No. 2 Clemson vs. Florida State, 2:30 p.m.
- No. 3 Georgia vs. South Carolina, 11 a.m.
- No. 5 LSU vs. No. 7 Florida, 7 p.m.
- No. 6 Oklahoma vs. No. 11 Texas at Dallas, 11 a.m.
- No. 8 Wisconsin vs. Michigan State, 2:30 p.m.
- No. 9 Notre Dame vs. Southern Cal, 6:30 p.m.
- No. 10 Penn State at No. 17 Iowa, 6:30 p.m.
- No. 14 Boise State vs. Hawaii, 9:15 p.m.
- No. 15 Utah at Oregon State, 7 p.m.
- No. 16 Michigan at Illinois, 11 a.m.
- No. 18 Arizona State vs. Washington State, 2:30 p.m.
- No. 19 Wake Forest vs. Louisville, 6:30 p.m.
- No. 22 Baylor vs. Texas Tech, 3 p.m.
- No. 23 Memphis at Temple, 11 a.m.
- No. 25 Cincinnati at Houston, 2:30 p.m.

Note: All times Central.

Players to Watch

- **JD Spielman:** The junior receiver had two catches against Northwestern before leaving with an injury. He has 21 catches for 410 yards and a TD this season and could provide a big boost for the Husker offense if he's ready to play Saturday.
- **Marquel Dismuke:** The Husker safety had a big game Saturday and is now second on the team in tackles this season with 35.
- **Wan'Dale Robinson:** Husker receiver/running back was named Big Ten freshman of the week for the second time. He leads all Power Five conference freshmen with 113.5 all-purpose yards per game.
- **Tanner Morgan:** Minnesota quarterback has completed 78-of-111 passes (70.1 percent) for 1,250 yards and 13 touchdowns.
- **Rodney Smith:** Gophers' top back has 536 yards rushing on 100 carries with three touchdowns.
- **Rashod Bateman:** Minnesota receiver has 23 catches for 537 yards and four TDs.

Breaking up is hard to do

- Junior Dicaprio Bootle and senior Lamar Jackson team up to give Nebraska one of the Big Ten's top cornerback tandems. Jackson has two interceptions and a team-high nine pass breakups in 2019. Bootle ranks second on the team with five breakups.
- Jackson is tied for second in the nation in passes defended per game at 11 and is third nationally with nine breakups. Jackson had his second interception of the season with 1:00 remaining against Northwestern. His pick and 11-yard return set up Nebraska's game-winning field goal.
- Jackson had a career-high four breakups against Northern Illinois, bettering his previous career high of two breakups in a single game.
- In 2018, Bootle broke up 15 passes and had 39 tackles in his first season as a starter. Bootle helped Nebraska rank 34th nationally in pass efficiency defense.
- Bootle ranked ninth nationally in breakups and 16th nationally in passes defended per game (1.3) in 2018. His 15 pass breakups ranked second on Nebraska's season chart.

What they said

- "We'll see. I'm hoping for a nice, pretty, brisk fall day. If it turns into something else, we just have to make sure we have the right plays and ball sheet to operate in whatever kind of environment we're playing in." – **Nebraska coach Scott Frost on the forecast calling for snow in Minneapolis on Saturday.**
- "I've done it before. I don't think really anyone loves it, but we'll make the best of it. I mean, what did they say it will be, 30 to 40? Still not quite cold for Nebraska's standards so we'll be OK." – **QB Noah Vedral on playing in the cold.**
- "I have no control over the weather, so it's one of those things where God blessed us with the day, so just be thankful for it. I'm not used to playing in cold weather, but I get used to it. After warm-ups, I'll be straight." – **nose guard Darrion Daniels on the weather.**
- "I've never played in the snow before so that'll be a first." – **Nebraska freshman Wan'Dale Robinson.**

Husker Schedule (All times Central)

GAME 1 South Alabama (1-5) Idle	GAME 2 at Colorado (3-2) at Oregon, 9 p.m.	GAME 3 N. Illinois (1-4) at Ohio, 2:30 p.m.	GAME 4 at Illinois (2-3) vs. Michigan, 11 a.m.	GAME 5 Ohio State (6-0) Idle	GAME 6 N-Western (1-4) Idle	GAME 7 at Minnesota (5-0) vs. Nebraska, 6:30 p.m.	GAME 8 Indiana (3-2) vs. Rutgers, 11 a.m.	GAME 9 at Purdue (1-4) vs. Maryland, 11 a.m.	GAME 10 Wisconsin (5-0) vs. Michigan State, 2:30 p.m.	GAME 11 at Maryland (3-2) at Purdue, 11 a.m.	GAME 12 Iowa (4-1) vs. Penn State, 6:30 p.m.

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