

SYLVANIA Alamo Bowl | Saturday, December 30, 2000

#8 Nebraska **66** vs. #19 Northwestern **17**

Attendance:	60,028	
TV Rating:	3.8	
Team Payout:	\$2,856,845 combined	
Offensive MVP:	Dan Alexander, RB, Nebraska	
Defensive MVP:	Kyle Vanden Bosch, DE, Nebraska	
Sportsmanship Winner:	Zak Kustok, QB, Northwestern	
Head Coaches:	Frank Solich (Nebraska)	Randy Walker (Northwestern)
Final Records:	Nebraska (10-2)	Northwestern (8-4)

Recap: On paper, the 2000 SYLVANIA Alamo Bowl was one of the most intriguing matchups of the bowl season as the power running of #8 Nebraska lined up against the high scoring spread offense of the Big Ten co-champion Northwestern Wildcats.

On the field, it was a different story as the Cornhuskers showed why they had the nation’s best rushing offense overpowering Northwestern in a 66-17 victory.

Dan Alexander, who was selected as the Offensive MVP, set a bowl record with 240 yards rushing on just 20 carries. Eric Crouch, who won the Heisman Trophy the following season, finished the day with a bowl record four touchdowns (two rushing and two passing) and Husker place-kicker Josh Brown set a bowl record with nine extra points.

Scoring Summary:	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
Nebraska	7	31	21	7	66
Northwestern	3	14	0	0	17

First Quarter

NEB: Alexander 15-yd run (Brown kick)
 NW: Long 44-yd FG

Second Quarter

NW: Johnson 10-yd pass from Kustok (Long kick)
 NEB: Crouch 50-yd run (Brown kick)
 NEB: Alexander 2-yd run (Brown kick)
 NEB: Buckhalter 2-yd run (Brown kick)
 NEB: Brown 51-yd FG
 NW: Anderson 69-yd run (Long kick)
 NEB: Newcombe 58-pass from Crouch (Brown kick)

Third Quarter

NEB: Davison 11-yd pass from Crouch (Brown kick)
 NEB: Crouch 2-yd run (Brown kick)
 NEB: Davison 69-yd pass from Newcombe (Brown kick)

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Fourth Quarter

NEB: Diedrick 9-yd run (Brown kick)

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Team Stats:

Category	Nebraska	Northwestern
First Downs	28	14
Net Yards Rushing/Att.	476/69	232/38
Net Yards Passing	160	151
Comp-Att-Int	6-14-1	17-43-1
Total Offense Plays	83	81
Total Net Yards	636	383
Avg. Gain Per Play	7.6	4.7
Possession Time	33:37	26:23

Individual Stats:

Rushing (Att-Yds)

NU - Alexander 20-240, Crouch 15-118, Buckhalter 12-58, Diedrick 4-28, Davies 3-17, Lord 4-16; W.Miller 3-10

NW - Anderson 18-158; Kustok 14-83; Simmons 2-14; Lawrence 3-13; Danielson 1-1

Passing (Comp-Att-Int, Yds)

NU - Crouch 5-13-1, 91; Newcombe 1-1-0, 69

NW - Kustok 15-35-0, 138; Danielson 2-8-1, 13

Receiving (Rec-Yds)

NU - Davison 3-85; Newcombe 1-58; Bowling 1-9; Hassebroek 1-8

NW - Johnson 4-53; Anderson 4-12; Simmons 3-24; Foster 2-41; Patrick 2-6; Schweighardt 1-9; Wright 1-6



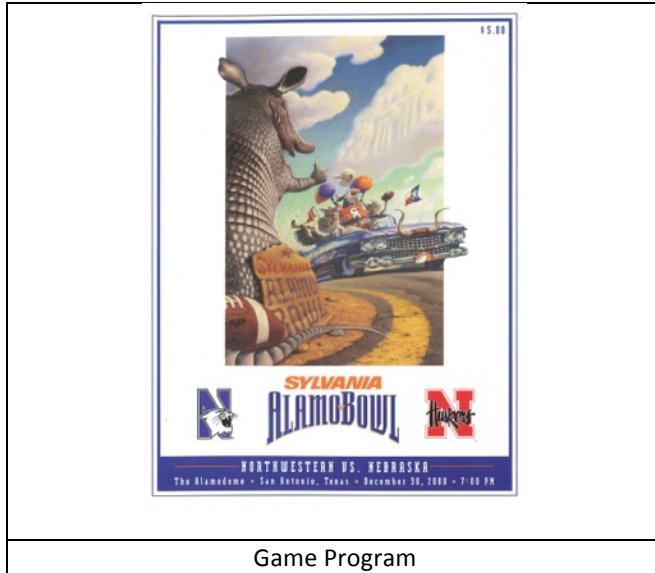
Eric Crouch – QB, Nebraska



Dan Alexander – RB, Nebraska

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