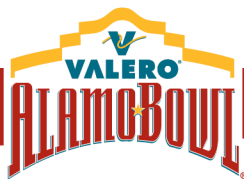


GAME RECAP



Alamo Bowl Presented by Master Card | Monday, December 29, 2003

21 Nebraska 17 vs. Michigan State 3

Attendance:	56,229	
TV Rating:	4.2	
Team Payout:	\$2,861,189 combined	
Offensive MVP:	Jammal Lord, QB, Nebraska	
Defensive MVP:	Trevor Johnson, DE, Nebraska	
Sportsmanship Winner:	Joe Tate, OL, Michigan State	
Head Coaches:	Bo Pelini (Nebraska)	John L. Smith (Michigan St.)
Final Records:	Nebraska (10-3)	Michigan State (8-5)

Recap: What many anticipated to be an offensive shootout turned out to be a one-sided affair in the 2003 MasterCard Alamo Bowl as the Nebraska Cornhuskers led by interim Head Coach Bo Pelini shut down the Michigan State Spartans 17-3.

Cornhusker running back Cory Ross rushed for a career-high 138 yards and two touchdowns for Nebraska, which was playing in its NCAA-record 35th consecutive bowl game. As a team Nebraska tallied 229 rushing yards and outran MSU by a 12:1 ratio.

Husker quarterback Jammal Lord rushed for 79 yards, including a career-long 66-yard scamper that set up Ross' second score. But it was Lord's arm that surprised his critics as the senior passer threw for a career-best 180 yards and earned Offensive MVP honors.

Michigan State senior quarterback Jeff Smoker was limited to 156 yards passing and his final pass as a Spartan was intercepted by cornerback Fabian Washington with 1:08 remaining.

The Blackshirt defense of Nebraska did not disappoint the Husker faithful. Nebraska recorded three interceptions and five sacks, limiting the Spartans to 18 rushing yards and 174 total, more than 200 below its average.

Scoring Summary:	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	Final
Michigan State	3	0	0	0	3
Nebraska	3	14	0	0	17

First Quarter

NEB: Dyches 29-yd FG

MSU: Rayner 46-yd FG

Second Quarter

NEB: Ross 3-yd run (Dyches kick)

NEB: Ross 6-yd run (Dyches kick)

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Team Stats:

Category	Michigan State	Nebraska
First Downs	13	20
Net Yards Rushing/Att.	18/23	229/54
Net Yards Passing	160	156
Comp-Att-Int	21-39-3	8-17-0
Total Offense Plays	62	71
Total Net Yards	174	389
Avg. Gain Per Play	2.8	5.5
Possession Time	29:31	30:29
Third-Down Conv.	3/14 (29%)	6/15 (29%)

Individual Stats:

Rushing (Att-Yds)

MSU - Dortch 9-31; Hayes 6-13

NEB - Ross 37-138; Lord 10-79; Kriewald 2-10; Davies 2-4; Fluellen 1-3

Passing (Comp-Att-Int, Yds)

MSU - Smoker 21-39-3, 156

NEB - Lord 8-17-0, 160

Receiving (Rec-Yds)

MSU - Alexander 8-63; Brown 4-41; Shabaj 4-31; Scott 1-18; Knott 1-10; Kavanaght 1-8

NEB - Fluellen 4-84; Pilkington 3-70; Keiser 1-6



Jammal Lord - QB, Nebraska



Game Program