

Bo's defenses deliver



By holding Arizona nearly 300 yards and 30 points below its season averages, the 2009 Cornhuskers put an exclamation point on a trend. Nebraska, on average, held each 2009 opponent 127 yards and 19 points below what the opponent averaged against all other teams during the season.* And in bowl games, Bo Pelini-coached Nebraska teams have racked up even more impressive differentials: minus-212 yards and minus-20 points.

Opponents' total offense

2009	vs. Nebraska	Season average*	Difference
Fla. Atlantic	368	437.91	-69.91
Ark. State	274	333.81	-59.81
Virginia Tech	278	398.27	-120.27
La.-Lafayette	222	374.45	-152.45
Missouri	225	434.64	-209.64
Texas Tech	259	480.18	-221.18
Iowa State	239	370.37	-131.37
Baylor	276	349.00	-73.00
Oklahoma	325	428.00	-103.00
Kansas	335	430.37	-95.37
Kansas State	293	354.45	-61.45
Colorado	403	306.27	96.73
Texas	202	451.58	-249.58
Arizona	109	434.64	-325.64
Average	272.00	398.85	-126.85

Bowls	vs. Nebraska	Season average*	Difference
2003 Mich. St.	174	383.50	-209.50
2008 Clemson	210	339.33	-129.33
2009 Arizona	109	407.50	-298.50
Average	164.33	376.78	-212.44

Opponents' scoring

	vs. Nebraska	Season average*	Difference
	3	29.64	-26.64
	9	23.91	-14.91
	16	32.82	-16.82
	0	24.19	-24.19
	12	32.00	-20.00
	31	37.19	-6.19
	9	22.18	-13.18
	10	21.73	-11.73
	3	33.63	-30.63
	17	30.55	-13.55
	3	24.82	-21.82
	20	22.45	-2.45
	13	43.00	-30.00
	0	32.37	-32.37
	10.43	29.32	-18.89

	vs. Nebraska	Season average*	Difference
	3	30.00	-27.00
	21	25.50	-4.50
	0	29.67	-29.67
	8.00	28.39	-20.39

* Opponents' season averages do not include their games against Nebraska or their bowl games