

Nebraska Post-Game Notes

Nebraska vs. Arkansas State, Sept. 15, 2012, Lincoln, Neb.

▶ Nebraska improved to 16-3 in regular-season non-conference games under Head Coach Bo Pelini and won for the 11th straight time in a non-league home game. The Husker also improved to 2-0 all-time against Arkansas State and 11-0 all-time against Sun Belt opponents.

▶ Junior quarterback **Taylor Martinez** completed 13-of-14 passes for 180 yards and two touchdowns, including a 42-yard strike to Kenny Bell in the first quarter and a 25-yard TD pass to Bell in the second quarter. Martinez completed 8-of-8 passes for 150 yards in the first half. Martinez's two touchdown passes give him 30 in his career, and he became the ninth quarterback in school history with at least 30 career touchdown passes.

▶ Martinez's 54 rushing yards pushed his career rushing total to 2,015 yards. Martinez became the 27th player in Nebraska history and fourth quarterback to reach 2,000 career rushing yards. He joins quarterbacks Eric Crouch, Jammal Lord and Steve Taylor in the 2,000-yard club. With 2,015 career rushing yards, Martinez ranks 27th overall on the NU career rushing list.

▶ Martinez joined Eric Crouch as just the second player in school history and 25th player in FBS history to record 2,000 career rushing yards and 4,000 career passing yards. Martinez is just the 13th player to reach the milestone before the start of their senior season.

▶ Sophomore receiver **Kenny Bell** had three receptions for 71 yards, and a 42-yard touchdown catch in the first quarter, and a 25-yard TD reception in the second quarter. Bell has now had at least one reception in 15 straight games with at least three receptions in eight of those games.

▶ Sophomore I-back **Ameer Abdullah** rushed 30 times for 167 yards and two touchdowns, all career highs for Abdullah. The 167-yard effort marked Abdullah's second consecutive 100-yard rushing game, after racking up 119 yards last week at UCLA. He also had two touchdowns last week at UCLA.

▶ Freshman I-back **Imani Cross** rushed for a career-high 66 yards and his first career touchdown. In addition to his two-yard touchdown run in the fourth quarter, Cross unleashed a career-long 44-yard run in the final quarter.

▶ Nebraska rushed for 347 yards in today's game, marking its third straight game with at least 250 yards on the ground. The last time Nebraska had rushed for better than 250 yards in three consecutive games was the first three games of the 2010 season against Western Kentucky, Idaho and Washington. Nebraska is now 19-1 since the start of 2010 when rushing for at least 200 yards.

▶ Junior receiver **Quincy Enunwa** had three receptions for 34 yards in today's game, marking his third straight game with three or more receptions. Enunwa has a team-high 13 receptions through three games.

▶ Nebraska had one scoring drive of 75 yards in today's game and now has eight drives of 75 yards or longer this season. The Huskers also converted 10-of-13 third-down conversions this week after going just 1-of-11 on third down in a loss at UCLA last week. The Huskers were 12-of-15 on third down in the opening game two weeks ago against Southern Miss. NU is 22-of-28 on third down at Memorial Stadium this season.

▶ Arkansas State made three trips into the Nebraska red zone in today's game and those drives resulted in two field goals. ASU's second red zone appearance occurred after a muffed punt. That drive started at the NU 15 and ASU gained no yardage before a 32-yard field goal. Nebraska has now allowed the opposition to convert just 2-of-12 red zone drives into touchdowns.

▶ The Nebraska defense limited Arkansas State to 286 total yards - approximately half of the Red Wolves offensive average of 574.5 yards entering the game.

▶ Nebraska senior safety **P.J. Smith** had a first-quarter interception to end a Red Wolves scoring threat. The interception was the first of the season for Nebraska and marked the fifth interception of Smith's Nebraska career. Smith led the Huskers with nine total tackles on the day.

▶ **Eric Martin** forced and recovered a fourth-quarter fumble that led to Nebraska's final touchdown of the day. Martin also posted a quarterback sack on the play for one of NU's three sacks on the day. Martin added three quarterback hurries in the game.

▶ Nebraska senior linebacker **Will Compton** recorded seven tackles in today's game. Compton posted 12 tackles in each of NU's first two games and leads the Huskers with 31 tackles through three games.

▶ Nebraska senior safety **Daimion Stafford** recorded seven tackles and one breakup. **Josh Mitchell** and **Ciante Evans** also posted seven tackles apiece on the day.

▶ Today's game captains were junior receiver **Quincy Enunwa**, senior center **Justin Jackson**, senior receiver **Steven Osborne** and junior defensive back **Ciante Evans**.

▶ Nebraska continues its three-game homestand next week against Idaho State. The game will be televised by BTN with kickoff set for 2:30 p.m. CT.



ARKANSAS STATE FOOTBALL POSTGAME NOTES
A-STATE vs. No. 24 NEBRASKA (Memorial Stadium)
September 15, 2012

- The 85,290 in attendance made today's crowd the fifth largest to ever watch an Arkansas State game.
- J.D. McKissic matched his career high with 8 catches. It was the second-straight 8-catch game for McKissic, who also had eight catches for 99 yards against Memphis.
- Qushaun Lee recorded a career-high 15 tackles, which were also the most by an ASU player since Javon McKinnon recorded 16 against Louisville on Oct. 2, 2010. He is the third player this year to record double-figure stops (Nathan Herrold 11 vs. Oregon and Nebraska, Ryan Carrethers 10 vs. Memphis). His 15 tackles were the most by an ASU player this season, and tied the most by an ASU player for all of 2011.
- Nathan Herrold matched his season high with 11 tackles, giving him a double-figure tackles total in two of ASU's first three games. He also posted 11 vs Oregon and 9 vs Memphis to give him a team-high 31 on the year.
- Don Jones recorded a season-high eight tackles, leaving him just 2 shy of his career high set against Troy in ASU's 2011 regular-season finale.
- Lee recorded the first touchdown of his career on a fumble recovery in the end zone. The fumble recovery was also the first of Lee's career.
- Shervarius Jackson recorded his first career sack and forced fumble on the same play, which led to the Lee's fumble recovery in the end zone.
- Ryan Carrethers was also responsible for the first fumble recovery of his career.
- Brian Davis has now made at least one field goal in each of ASU's first three games, giving him six on the season and 30 for his career. He took over sole possession of the sixth most career field goals in school history during the game.
- Davis has made two field goals in each of ASU's first three games, and he now has 8 career games with multiple field goals.
- Neely Sullivent averaged 48 yards per punt, almost a full 10 yards more than his season average of 38.4. He recorded his second punt of the season to travel over 50 yards.