

# Nebraska Post-Game Notes

## Nebraska at Iowa, Nov. 23, 2012

- ▶ Today's victory allowed Nebraska to improve to 10-2 on the season and 7-1 in Big Ten Conference play. The victory clinched at least a share of the Big Ten Legends Division title and a trip to the Big Ten Championship Game next Saturday in Indianapolis against Wisconsin. The championship game appearance marks Nebraska's third in four seasons, after playing in the 2009 and 2010 Big 12 Championship Games.
- ▶ Nebraska secured its third 10-win season in five years under Head Coach Bo Pelini, and its 27th 10-win season in school history.
- ▶ Nebraska finished Big Ten play with a 7-1 record, its most conference wins since a 7-1 record in Big 12 play in 2001.
- ▶ Today marked Nebraska's sixth consecutive victory overall and in Big Ten play, Nebraska's longest overall winning streak since a six-game streak spanning the 2009 and 2010 seasons and longest conference winning streak since winning its final five regular-season Big 12 games in 2009 and the Big 12 opener in 2010.
- ▶ Nebraska improved to 28-12-3 all-time against Iowa, including 9-6 in Iowa City, with its fifth straight victory in the series with the Hawkeyes.
- ▶ Nebraska improved to 16-4 in November games under Head Coach Bo Pelini, including 7-3 on the road. Nebraska has a 5-0 record in games on the Friday after Thanksgiving under Pelini.
- ▶ Nebraska trailed 7-3 at the half, before rallying for a 13-6 victory. The win marked the fifth time in seven Big Ten victories that Nebraska has rallied from a second-half deficit to win.
- ▶ Senior tight end **Ben Cotton** tied his career-high with three receptions for a career-high 39 yards, bettering his 36 yards against Northwestern in 2011. Today's game marked the third time in his career Cotton has had three receptions.
- ▶ Senior I-back **Rex Burkhead** had a three-yard TD run in the third quarter, marking his first touchdown since scoring two rushing touchdowns against Idaho State on Sept. 22. Burkhead has four rushing touchdowns this season and 29 in his career. Burkhead rushed 16 times for 69 yards in his first action since Oct. 20 at Northwestern. In the fourth quarter alone, Burkhead carried the ball 10 times for 57 yards.
- ▶ Junior quarterback **Taylor Martinez** completed 8-of-14 passes for 63 yards against Iowa. The eight completions give Martinez 472 career completions, setting a Nebraska career record, bettering the previous record of 465 by Zac Taylor. Martinez's 63 passing yards give him 2,483 yards on the season, good for fourth place on the NU single-season passing list.
- ▶ Martinez also rushed 16 times for 41 yards, increasing his season rushing total to 833 yards. Martinez is now 10th on the single-season quarterback rushing list and owns three of the top 10 spots on that chart.
- ▶ Martinez accounted for 104 yards of total offense to increase his season total offense mark to 3,216 yards. The 3,216 yards of total offense in 2012 places Martinez second on the season total offense list, trailing only Joe Ganz's school record of 3,826 yards in 2008.
- ▶ Sophomore I-back **Ameer Abdullah** rushed 14 times for 50 yards, to increase his season rushing total to 1,071 yards.
- ▶ Sophomore receiver **Kenny Bell** did not catch a pass in today's game, snapping his streak of 23 consecutive games with at least one reception. The streak was the third-longest in Nebraska history.
- ▶ Senior place-kicker **Brett Maher** scored seven points in today's game on a 26-yard first-quarter field goal, a 52-yard field goal in the third quarter and one PAT. With his seven points today, Maher increased his season total to 105 and his career total to 205. Maher is just three points from the top 10 on the NU single-season scoring list. Maher also moved from 16th to a tie for 12th on the NU career scoring list.
- ▶ Today's game marked the 10th time in Maher's career he has had at least two field goals, including five times this season. Maher's 52-yard field goal in the third quarter improved him to 3-of-5 from beyond 50 yards in 2012 and 6-of-11 in his career.
- ▶ Maher also punted six times for a 43.2-yard average, including a 61-yard punt to pin Iowa on its 4 in the second quarter.
- ▶ Iowa completed 11-of-24 passes in the game marking the 10th team in 12 games to complete 50 percent or less of its passes. Nebraska entered the game allowing opponents to complete just 46.4 percent of their pass attempts, the best mark in the nation.
- ▶ Senior safety **Daimion Stafford** had a third-quarter interception, good for his team-leading fourth interception of the season. Stafford has interceptions in three straight games and four of the past five games.
- ▶ Senior defensive end **Eric Martin** had three tackles for loss for 10 yards, including a six-yard sack. Martin increased his team-leading totals to 16 tackles for loss and 8.5 sacks. Martin also caused a fumble on his fourth-quarter sack and had a pair of quarterback hurries.
- ▶ Senior linebacker **Alonzo Whaley** finished with a career-high 11 tackles, bettering his previous career high of nine against Wisconsin on Sept. 29. Whaley also intercepted a pass with 2:11 remaining in the fourth quarter and Iowa trailing by six. The interception was the first of Whaley's career.
- ▶ Nebraska shut out Iowa over the final three quarters and the Husker defense limited Iowa to 27 plays for 70 total yards in the second half.
- ▶ Nebraska was limited to a season-low 263 yards of total offense. The previous low was 331 yards against Michigan.
- ▶ Nebraska scored a season-low 13 points in today's game, just the fourth time Nebraska has not scored at least 30 points in a game. Nebraska's previous scoring low was 23 points against Michigan.
- ▶ Nebraska committed just two penalties for 25 yards, its fewest totals since committing two penalties for 30 yards in the season opener against Southern Miss.
- ▶ Nebraska's 16-play, 75-yard drive for a field goal to start the game took 8:09. The drive was NU's longest scoring drive of the season in terms of plays and time.
- ▶ Today's game captains were senior tight end **Ben Cotton**, defensive end **Joseph Carter**, senior offensive tackle **Brandon Thompson** and senior linebacker **Matt Manning**.