

Nebraska Postgame Notes - Nebraska vs. Colorado

- ▶ Today's loss ended a two-game Nebraska winning streak against Colorado in Boulder and marked just the Buffs' second win over Nebraska in Boulder in the last eight meetings at Colorado.
- ▶ With the loss Nebraska finishes the season at 5-7 and will miss post-season play for just the second time in the past 39 seasons.
- ▶ The final score of 65-51 (116) makes this the highest scoring game between Nebraska and Colorado in series history, topping the previous highest combined score of 98 (62-36, Colorado) from 1998 by 18 points.
- ▶ Junior quarterback Joe Ganz rushed six times for 37 yards and two touchdowns in today's game. Ganz's two rushing touchdowns marks the first time a Nebraska quarterback has run for two scores in a game since Joe Dailey had two rushing touchdowns against Western Illinois in the season opener in 2004.
- ▶ Ganz completed 31-of-58 passes for 484 yards, the second best passing effort in school history, trailing only his own 510-yard game against Kansas State. The 484 yards pushed his season passing total to 1,435 yards and 16 touchdowns this season, including 1,399 yards and 15 touchdowns in the past two games.
- ▶ In his three career starts, Ganz has produced three of the top five single-game passing efforts in school history and three of the four 400-yard passing days in school history.
- ▶ Senior wide receiver Maurice Purify caught 11 passes for 136 yards, including a 25-yard second-quarter touchdown. The 11 receptions were a career-best for Purify, bettering his seven receptions earlier this season against USC and Kansas. Purify became the first player in Nebraska history to record three straight 100-yard receiving games, following his 158 yards against Kansas and 108 yards vs. Kansas State. Purify has four 100-yard receiving games this season, tying the NU season record (also Johnny Rodgers in 1971 and 1972).
- ▶ Purify's 11 receptions give him 57 catches in 2007, the second-most in school history, trailing only teammate Marlon Lucky's NU record reception total this season. In today's game, Purify passed season reception totals of 55 and 53 by Rodgers. Purify's reception total marks just the fourth 50-reception season in school history. Purify pushed his career receptions total to 91, moving him up to sixth on career receptions list.
- ▶ Purify's 136 receiving yards today give him 814 this season and 1,444 in his career. Purify's season receiving yardage total is third in school history, trailing only Rodgers' season totals in 1971 and 1972. His career receiving yardage total is fifth.
- ▶ Purify's 25-yard touchdown in the second quarter was his seventh of the season, matching his 2006 total (tied for fifth in NU history). The 17 career receiving touchdowns rank second on the NU career list, trailing only Rodgers' 25 career touchdowns.
- ▶ Junior I-back Marlon Lucky rushed for 69 yards, giving him 1,019 yards this season, marking the 28th, 1,000-yard rushing day in school history. Lucky reached the 1,000-yard barrier on a two-yard touchdown run in the first quarter to cut the Colorado lead to 17-14.
- ▶ Lucky pushed his career rushing total to 1,876, good for 27th on the Nebraska career list. Lucky has six 100-yard rushing days in 2007, including three of the past four games.
- ▶ Lucky caught eight passes for 115 yards, and now has 1,091 career receiving yards. Lucky became the first player in Nebraska history to surpass 1,000 career rushing and 1,000 career receiving yards. Lucky cracked the 1,000-yard career rushing barrier on a 38-yard reception in the first quarter that set up Lucky's two-yard touchdown run.
- ▶ Lucky pushed his season receiving total to 598 and moved into the top 10 on the NU single-season receiving yards list. Lucky's 1,705 receiving yards this season places him in fourth place on the season receiving yardage list.
- ▶ Lucky had 184 all-purpose yards today, giving him 1,743 this season, the best all-purpose yardage total at Nebraska since Ahman Green had 1,982 all-purpose yards in 1997.
- ▶ Senior wide receiver Terrence Nunn had four catches, pushing his career total to 136, seven behind Johnny Rodgers' Nebraska record of 143 career receptions. Nunn has 1,762 career receiving yards to rank second on the NU all-time yardage list. Nunn has 18 career games with four or more receptions, including three in 2007. His 30-yard reception in the second quarter of today's game tied his season-long reception, matching a 30-yarder at Wake Forest.
- ▶ Lucky has caught at least three passes in 15 of NU's last 18 games, and has had four or more catches in 10 of the past 11 games.
- ▶ Nebraska produced 610 yards of total offense in today's game, marking the fifth straight game Nebraska has topped 400 yards of total offense and the eighth time in 12 games this season. The 610 yards are also the third most this season, trailing only 625 against Nevada and 702 against Kansas State.
- ▶ The Nebraska offense has passed for a school-record 4,012 yards in 2007, bettering the previous team season record of 3,417 yards in 2006.
- ▶ Nebraska scored 35 points in the first half today, giving Nebraska 73 combined points in the first half of the past two games (38 vs. Kansas State).
- ▶ Nebraska has had four scoring drives of less than one minute this season, with all four occurring in the past two games, including three in today's contest.
- ▶ Today's game marked the fifth Nebraska game this season with a combined point total of more than 80 points.
- ▶ Senior linebacker Steve Octavien had ... tackles for loss, pushing his team-leading TFL total to ... (13+today).
- ▶ Senior Cortney Grixby had 107 kickoff return yards today, giving him 1,094 kickoff return yards this season. The 1,094 return yards is a Nebraska and Big 12 record, breaking Josh Davis' NU and league record of 994 yards in 2002.
- ▶ Junior quarterback Joe Ganz served as today's game captain, alongside senior captains Brett Byford, Bo Ruud and Zack Bowman.