

Nebraska Postgame Notes - Nebraska vs. Nevada

▶ Nebraska's 52-10 victory in today's game marked the Huskers' 22nd straight win in a season opener, continuing the longest streak in the nation. Nebraska last dropped a season opener in 1985 against Florida State. The Huskers have won eight straight home games in the month of September and eight of their past nine home games overall.

▶ Junior I-back **Marlon Lucky** rushed for a career-high 233 yards on a career-best 30 carries in today's game. Lucky's 233 rushing yards marked his third career 100-yard rushing game (also vs. Troy and Nicholls State in 2006). Lucky has 1,090 career rushing yards, and became the 56th 1,000-yard career rusher in school history. Lucky's career day moved him up to 49th place on the Nebraska career rushing list.

▶ The 233 rushing yards by Lucky are the most since Nebraska quarterback Jammal Lord rushed for 234 yards against Texas in 2002. The 233 yards fell just one yard shy of the top 10 on the Nebraska single-game rushing chart. It is the 33rd, 200-yard rushing day in school history. Lucky is the 15th different Husker to rush for 200 yards in a game. The 233 rushing yards marked the most ever for a Husker in a season opener, bettering the 208 yards by Dan Alexander against San Jose State in 2000.

▶ Lucky also caught three passes for 33 yards, including a 16-yard touchdown catch in the first quarter to give Nebraska a 7-0 lead. The touchdown catch was the first of Lucky's Nebraska career. On the Huskers' first scoring drive, Lucky rushed for 34 yards and accounted for another 18 yards via receptions.

▶ In addition to the most rushing yards in a season opener, Lucky also set NU records for most all-purpose yards (266) and most touchdowns (4) in a season opener.

▶ The 266 all-purpose yards by Lucky tied for the fifth-most in school history and are the most by a Husker since Calvin Jones had a school-record 298 all-purpose yards at Kansas in 1991.

▶ Lucky accounted for four touchdowns in today's game, a career-high. Lucky previously had a career-best three touchdowns against Troy last season. Lucky entered the season with six career touchdowns (all by rush in 2006). The four touchdowns by Lucky marked the first time a Husker had scored four touchdowns in a game since David Home had four rushing touchdowns at Texas A&M on Oct. 26, 2002 in a 38-31 Nebraska win.

▶ Senior wide receiver **Terrence Nunn** caught two passes for 36 yards in today's game. Nunn has now caught a pass in 28 straight games dating back to his freshman season, the second-longest stretch in school history. Nunn now has 103 career receptions, the second-most in school history. Nunn's 1,346 career receiving yards ranks third in school history.

▶ Senior quarterback **Sam Keller** threw for 193 yards in today's game, while completing 14-of-25 passes. Keller threw his first Nebraska touchdown in the first quarter, a 16-yarder to Marlon Lucky.

▶ Nebraska continued two trends it established last season—Red Zone efficiency and dominance of the time of possession. The Huskers were 7-of-8 in the Red Zone in today's game after taking a knee inside the five-yard line on the game's final play. In terms of time of possession, Nebraska controlled the football for 40:38, including 20:09 in the first half.

▶ The Husker running game was powerful. Nebraska rushed for 413 yards in the victory, marking the sixth time in the past two seasons the Huskers have topped 200 yards on the ground, including each of the past two season openers. The 413 rushing yards are the most by Nebraska under Bill Callahan, bettering the 363 yards against Western Illinois in the 2004 season opener.

▶ Nebraska finished the day with 625 yards of total offense, the sixth time Nebraska has topped 500 yards under Bill Callahan, and the most in Callahan's four seasons as Husker head coach. Today's game marked the first time Nebraska has topped 600 yards of total offense since putting up 688 yards of total offense against Baylor in 2001.

▶ Nebraska senior **Cortney Grixby** returned a second-quarter kickoff 42 yards to set up a TD drive that put the Huskers ahead 14-10. The 42-yard return was longer than any return by a Husker player last season (32 yards was season-long).

▶ Freshman place-kicker **Adi Kunalic** connected on a 46-yard field goal in the third quarter, the longest for Nebraska since David Dyches hit a 46-yarder at Texas Tech in 2004. The last time a Nebraska player made a field goal longer than 46 yards was a 49-yarder by Dale Endorf against Colorado in 2002.

▶ Nebraska scored 24 points in the third quarter of today's game. A year ago, Nebraska totaled 49 third-quarter points in 14 games.

▶ Nebraska used 11 newcomers in today's game, including seven true freshmen. True freshmen who saw their first action as Huskers included I-backs Quentin Castille and Roy Helu, receiver Niles Paul, cornerback Anthony Blue, place-kicker Adi Kunalic, linebackers Thomas Grove and Blake Lawrence. Other newcomers who saw action in today's game included Larry Asante and Armando Murillo who started in the NU secondary, defensive linemen Kevin Dixon and Shukree Barfield

▶ Nebraska's 52 points in today's game marked the seventh time in the past eight home games Nebraska has scored at least 34 points. The Huskers averaged 41.6 points per game at home in 2006. Nebraska has now topped 50 points five times under Bill Callahan.

▶ Today's game marked the 283rd consecutive sellout at Memorial Stadium, dating back to the 1962 season. Today's attendance was 84,078.