

TROY GAME NOTES

TROY 24 (2-1) NEBRASKA 19 (0-2)



TROY CAPTAINS

• Troy's captains for today's game were LB Tron Folsom, K Bratcher Underwood, WR Deondre Douglas, BAN Hunter Reese

SERIES NOTES

• Troy improves to 1-4 all-time against Nebraska and 1-8 against the current members of the Big Ten. Troy had been shutout in consecutive games against Nebraska prior to today's game.

GENERAL NOTES

- The victory over Nebraska marks Troy's second straight over a Power Five opponent; Troy also defeated No. 22 LSU, 24-21, last season.
- Troy lost the toss (1-2) and Nebraska elected to defer to the second half ... Troy received the opening kickoff.
- Junior Travis Sailo made his first career start at nose tackle.
- Neal Brown has never been shutout as a head coach or as an offensive coordinator -- a span of 129 games.
- Troy led 3-0 at the end of the first quarter; the Trojans improved to 23-2 all-time under Neal Brown when leading after one quarter of play.
- Troy led 17-7 at the half; the Trojans improved to 24-1 all-time under Neal Brown when leading at the half.
- Troy led 17-10 at the end of the third quarter; the Trojans improved to 26-0 all-time under Neal Brown when leading after three quarters.
- After opening 3-8 under Neal Brown, Troy is now 24-6 in its last 30 games ... The Trojans have won 23 games over the past two-plus seasons.
- Troy improved 20-1 all-time under Neal Brown when the Trojans had a +1 turnover margin

OFFENSIVE NOTES

- Kaleb Barker's 39-yard pass to Damion Willis on Troy's second drive of the game was the Trojans' longest passing play of the season and led to Troy's first points of the game.
- Sawyer Smith's 57-yard rush in the second quarter was a career best and the longest offensive play of the season for the Trojans. It was the longest run by a Troy quarterback since Hansell Bearden scampered 63 yards against Southern Utah in 2002.
- B.J. Smith gave Troy a 17-0 lead in the second quarter with his third rushing touchdown of the season and fourth of his career. Smith added his second touchdown of the game in the fourth quarter for his first multi-touchdown game of his career.

DEFENSIVE NOTES

- Tyler Murray recorded his second career sack and first of the season on a 10-yard loss on Nebraska's opening drive of the game.
- Tyler Murray added his second-career interception, also in the first quarter, for his first career two-turnover game.
- Troy forced three Nebraska turnovers in the game and have now forced eight turnovers this season; the Trojans have averaged 28 turnovers forced the last two seasons which ranks seventh nationally.
- Hunter Reese recorded his second sack of the season and 8.5 of his career; Tron Folsom and Tyler Murray also had sacks for the Trojans in the game.
- The Trojans recorded 10 tackles for loss in the game marking the second straight contest with double-digit stops behind the line; the Trojans entered the game ranked 10th nationally with 9.5 TFL per game.
- Tron Folsom led Troy with a game-high 14 tackles, two tackles for loss and a pass break up.

SPECIAL TEAMS NOTES

- Tyler Sumpter boomed a 79-yard punt on his first attempt of the game which was a new career-long and the longest in Troy's FBS history and second longest in the schools Division I history; the record for the longest punt in school history is 81 yards by Matt Allen in 1999.
- Tyler Sumpter connected on his second field goal of the season with a 37-yarder to put the Trojans on the board first; he is now 2-for-3 this season and 9-for-12 in his career.
- Cedarius Rookard returned a punt 58-yards for a touchdown to give Troy a 10-0 lead in the second quarter; it was Troy's first punt return for a touchdown since Demetrius Cain returned a blocked punt in 2016 and first true punt return for a touchdown since Teddy Ruben against New Mexico State in 2015.
- Tyler Sumpter missed the single-game Troy punting record by one yard; he averaged 53.8 yards on five punt attempts and the record was 54.8 by Thomas Olmstead in 2004.