

# Nebraska Post-Game Notes

## Nebraska vs. Iowa, Nov. 25, 2011

- ▶ Nebraska improved to 9-3 overall and 5-3 in Big Ten Conference play with today's win. The victory gives Nebraska nine or more wins in each of Bo Pelini's four seasons as head coach, and gives the NU program nine or more wins for the 38th time in the past 42 seasons. Nebraska was one of 10 schools entering the season with nine or more wins each of the past three seasons.
- ▶ Nebraska improved to 27-12-3 all-time against Iowa, and won for the fourth straight time in the series. NU is now 14-2-1 all-time against the Hawkeyes in Lincoln.
- ▶ Nebraska finished 6-1 at home for the second straight season, won its regular-season finale for the fourth straight season and improved to 12-4 under Bo Pelini in games played in the month of November. .
- ▶ Nebraska junior I-back **Rex Burkhead** rushed a Nebraska record 38 times for 160 yards and a touchdown for his seventh 100-yard rushing game of 2011 and the 11th of his Nebraska career. Burkhead's 38 carries bettered the previous school record of 37 carries by Cory Ross in the 2003 Alamo Bowl against Michigan State. Burkhead's previous career high in carries was 35 carries for 130 yards against Michigan State.
- ▶ Burkhead raised his season rushing total to 1,268 yards, moving up from 20th to 11th on the single-season rushing list. Burkhead will need 32 yards in Nebraska's bowl game to crack the top 10 on the Nebraska single-season rushing list.
- ▶ Burkhead also moved up five spots to 13th on the Nebraska career rushing list at 2,565. In today's game, Burkhead moved past Roger Craig (2,446 yards), Rick Berns (2,449), Dan Alexander (2,456), Keith Jones (2,488) and Correll Buckhalter (2,522) and Jammal Lord (2,573). Burkhead is 179 yards from reaching the top 10 on the Nebraska career rushing list.
- ▶ Burkhead's two-yard touchdown run in the fourth quarter gave him at least one touchdown in 11 of 12 games this season. He has 15 rushing touchdowns and 17 overall touchdowns in 2011, tying him for seventh place on the NU single-season touchdowns list.
- ▶ Senior linebacker **Lavonte David** recorded eight tackles in today's game, increasing his season total to 122, moving him into the top 10 on the Nebraska single-season tackles list. David already holds the top spot on that list with 152 tackles in his junior season.
- ▶ David increased his career tackle total to 274, moving him from seventh to fifth on the Nebraska career tackles list. In today's game, David passed Steve Damkroger (269 tackles) and Clete Pillen (273 tackles) on the Nebraska career tackles list.
- ▶ David also caused and recovered a third-quarter fumble, the second time this season he has caused and recovered a fumble on the same play. David also has two interceptions in 2011. He added an 11-yard fourth-quarter sack to give him 3.5 sacks in 2011.
- ▶ Junior place-kicker **Brett Maher** connected on a 40-yard field goal in the second quarter to open the scoring, and added a 21-yarder in the third quarter. Maher is 19-of-22 on the season on field goals, and his 19 field goals are tied for second on the Nebraska single-season list (with Jordan Congdon in 2005). Maher's only misses this season have come from beyond 50 yards. Maher also punted seven times for a 41.9-yard average.
- ▶ Sophomore quarterback **Taylor Martinez** rushed four times for 20 yards. Martinez pushed his season rushing total to 837, good for ninth place on the Nebraska quarterback season rushing list. Martinez also holds the No. 5 spot on that list with 965 rushing yards last season.
- ▶ Martinez also completed 12-of-22 passes for 163 yards and a six-yard TD pass to Kyler Reed. Martinez moved into sixth place on the Nebraska career passing yards list in today's game. He now has 3,604 career passing yards, and he surpassed Tommie Frazier's 3,441 from 1992 to 1995.
- ▶ Martinez's 183 yards of total offense today moved him up one spot to No. 6 on the Nebraska career total offense list at 5,406. Martinez passed Jerry Tagge (5,283) in today's game. He also improved his 2011 total offense total to 2,810, moving up to third on the NU single-season total offense chart. He passed Jammal Lord's 2,774 yards of total offense in 2002.
- ▶ Martinez did not throw an interception in 22 attempts today, extending his streak to 116 consecutive passing attempts without an interception. Martinez has just one interception in his past 152 passing attempts, over the last 26 quarters. His only interception since halftime of the Ohio State game came in the second quarter against Michigan State.
- ▶ Nebraska senior cornerback **Alfonzo Dennard** drew the primary assignment on Iowa receiver Marvin McNutt, the Big Ten receiving leader. McNutt finished the day with four receptions for 29 yards, after entering the game averaging 112 yards per game. Earlier this season, Dennard held Michigan State's B.J. Cunningham without a reception, ending Cunningham's streak of 41 straight games with a reception.
- ▶ Junior tight end **Kyler Reed** caught a six-yard touchdown pass in the second quarter for his first TD catch of the 2011 season. Reed had a Nebraska tight end record eight touchdown catches last season.
- ▶ Redshirt freshman wideout **Kenny Bell** caught a career-high five passes for 93 yards in today's game. Bell's 93 receiving yards today were the most by a Husker in any game this season. Bell leads the team with 29 receptions for 408 yards and he is in position to be just the second freshman receiver to lead Nebraska in receptions and receiving yards, joining Nate Swift in 2005.
- ▶ A week after holding the ball for just 18:39 against Michigan, Nebraska controlled the football today with 37:47 of time of possession, including 17:59 in the first half alone. The 37:47 of possession time was a season high for Nebraska, bettering 31:52 at Minnesota.
- ▶ Nebraska rushed for 222 yards and improved to 7-0 this season when reaching 200 yards rushing. The Huskers are 17-0 the past two seasons when rushing for 200 or more yards, and just 2-7 when it is held to less than 200 rushing yards.
- ▶ Nebraska held Iowa scoreless in the first half, marking the third time in the past six games NU has held the opponent off the scoreboard in the first half (also at Minnesota and at Penn State). NU has held five of its last six foes to seven points or fewer in the first half.
- ▶ Nebraska converted 10-of-21 third-down attempts in today's game, while limiting Iowa to 2-of-12 on third-down conversions.
- ▶ Nebraska's game captains today was the entire senior class, led by center **Mike Caputo**, linebacker **Lavonte David** and safety **Austin Cassidy**.
- ▶ Nebraska will learn of its bowl destination on Sunday, Dec. 4. This year's bowl appearance will be Nebraska's 48th all-time bowl trip.