

# Nebraska Postgame Quotes vs. Iowa (Nov. 25, 2011)

## Head Coach Bo Pelini

### On Rex Burkhead's Day

"He had 38 carries and I think the first 37, he didn't have a yard lost until that last carry. I just told our football team, I'm proud of that group of guys. That was a group of warriors today. We're a beat up football team. We have a lot of guys that were hurt, a lot of guys that had to play a ton of snaps because of other guys being hurt. I appreciate what they did today. I think they showed a lot of character and showed the type of pride that makes the group in there a special group. I'm really proud of our football team."

### On Taylor Martinez's injury

"He got hurt in the first quarter; his ankle. He's going to be hurting for a few days. We basically couldn't run him in the second half. He sucked it up. Like I said, we lost Baker (Steinkuhler) on the first play of the game. Terrence Moore got hurt. Both our defensive tackles got hurt on the first play of the game. I appreciate the effort those guys gave out there today."

### On if he wonders what will happen next

"You kind of said it. Sometimes it seems like when it happens it kind of comes in numbers. It's like turnovers. The injuries this week were like us putting the ball on the ground last week. There were a lot of guys going in and out of that football game today. I think our resolve was something special. I loved the approach our football team had today. They had a never say die attitude. That was a well-earned win. I have a lot of respect for that Iowa football team. I think they're extremely well coached and they're a physical team. They play the game the right way. I have a tremendous amount of respect for Kirk Ferentz, but also the kids in that program. I have a lot of respect for Iowa."

### On Alfonzo Dennard being on Marvin McNutt

"I really liked our plan. I think McNutt is a big part of their offense. It was about fifty-fifty with how we did it. We used Fonzo in a number of different ways in that game. I think taking care of him was a big part of the deal. Let me tell you, our guys up front, you can't play some of the things we did coverage wise without the guys up front making plays. We did just enough there. That's a pretty good, physical offensive line."

### On what a win like this does heading into a bowl game

"It was a big game for us. Our team was very upset with ourselves for the way we played in that Michigan game. Just because we didn't play our best football. No one on our football team made an excuse. No one pointed a finger. Everybody, on a short week, came back and approached it the right way. And for that, that's why I say I'm proud of our team."

### On the drive that end of the first half that scored a touchdown

"I thought it was a huge drive, a big drive. I thought, not only did it give us great momentum going into the half; it gave us a two-score lead. I really like how we were playing defensively. That's why I thought right at that point, that's why I went for it on fourth down. I thought that could be a statement drive for us, and really big going into the half. Fortunately, we got it on fourth down and we executed right down the field. That was a great drive for us."

### On their third-down success and if he challenged the guys on that this week

"Yeah, on both sides. They were 2-12 and we were 10-21. We didn't turn the ball over. We had some penalties at the end it seemed like a flag was flying on every play. I thought those were two big statistics, being able to get off the field on third down, convert our third downs and also win the take-away battle. We talked about that before the game."

### On the time of possession and if it affected their rhythm of Iowa's offense

"I think it was big. I always say, 'the best defense is when you're standing on the sideline watching your offense go.' I thought it was a really good team effort by our guys. I thought we played well in all three phases of the game. I knew we were going to need to do that to come out on top today."