

Nebraska Post-Game Notes

Nebraska vs. Ohio State, Oct. 8, 2011, Lincoln, Neb.

► Nebraska's 34-27 victory marked the largest comeback in Husker football history, after trailing by 21 points (27-6) midway through the third quarter to Ohio State. NU's previous largest rally in history came with a 17-point comeback at Texas A&M midway through third quarter in 2002 (31-14, won 38-31). Nebraska also trailed 17-0 in the first quarter at Kansas in 1991 before winning 59-23. The last time Nebraska trailed after three quarters and won the game was against Colorado in 2008, when the Huskers trailed 31-27, before winning 40-31.

► Nebraska improved to 5-1 to open the season for the second straight year, while winning its first-ever Big Ten Conference football game. The Homecoming victory by the Huskers over the Buckeyes also marked NU's first win in a conference home opener since 2007. NU improved to 75-22-4 all-time in Homecoming games and 3-1 under Coach **Bo Pelini**.

► Nebraska finished with 232 rushing yards on 51 carries for the game, marking the fifth time in six games this season that the Husker offense has rushed for 200 or more yards. NU is 5-0 this season when rushing for 200 yards and is 15-0 the past two seasons when crossing the 200-yard plateau on the ground. Overall, Nebraska is 22-2 under Coach Bo Pelini when rushing for 200-plus.

► Nebraska rushed for nearly 200 yards in the second half alone against the Buckeyes, after managing just 37 yards on 19 carries in the first half. The Husker offense rolled to 195 rushing yards after halftime on 32 carries.

► Junior I-back **Rex Burkhead** (26 att., 119 yards, 1 TD) and sophomore quarterback **Taylor Martinez** (17 att., 102 yards, 1 TD) produced the 69th double 100-yard rushing game in Nebraska history and the first of the 2011 season. It also marked the second time in their careers that Burkhead and Martinez teamed up for joint 100-yard performances (at Washington with Roy Helu Jr., 2010).

► Martinez posted his third 100-yard rushing game of the season to give him eight in his career in 19 career games played. Martinez tied Jammal Lord for the second-most 100-yard rushing games by a Husker quarterback in school history. Heisman Trophy winner Eric Crouch (18) is the only Nebraska quarterback in history with more 100-yard rushing games than Martinez.

► Martinez also completed 16-of-22 passes for 191 yards and two touchdowns. His 16 completions were a season high while his 22 attempts tied a season high. The two touchdowns also tied his season best (Washington) and marked just the third time in his young career that he threw for two or more scores in a game (5 at Oklahoma State, 2010). Martinez pushed his career passing total to 2,645 yards and became just the 12th player in school history with 2,500 career passing yards.

► Martinez accounted for 293 yards of total offense, pushing his career total offensive output to 4,195. Martinez reached the 4,000-yard mark in total offense in his 19th career game played, tying former Husker quarterbacks Zac Taylor (4,138) and Joe Ganz (4,096) as the fastest players in school history to reach 4,000 yards of total offense. His 4,195 yards are the most by any NU quarterback after 19 career games.

► Burkhead's 100-yard rushing effort was his third of the season and his third in the past four games. Burkhead now has seven career 100-yard rushing games and needs just 68 yards to become the 26th back in Husker history to reach the 2,000-yard career rushing mark. Burkhead helped fuel Nebraska's second-half comeback by rushing 12 times for 96 yards and a touchdown in the fourth quarter alone.

► Burkhead had five receptions for 59 yards, both career highs. His previous bests were four receptions and 47 yards (Western Kentucky, 2010). Burkhead's 30-yard touchdown reception was the second touchdown reception of his career and the first of 2011.

► Nebraska senior linebacker **Lavonte David** recorded 13 tackles. David pushed his career tackle total to 210, making him the 31st player in Husker history with 200 or more career tackles. David has 58 tackles this season after a school-record 152 tackles in 2010. David added a fumbled caused and recovered in the third quarter that led to a Nebraska touchdown just two plays later, sparking the Huskers' record-breaking comeback. David also had one tackle for loss and a hurry.

► Sophomore wide receiver **Quincy Enunwa** had a 36-yard touchdown catch in the third quarter, marking the longest reception of his career. His previous career long catch was a 31-yarder against Chattanooga in the season opener.

► Freshman return man **Ameer Abdullah** had a 35-yard return in the first quarter. Abdullah now has seven kickoff returns of 30 yards or more this season. Abdullah entered the game leading the nation at 35.1 yards per return.

► Nebraska junior kicker **Brett Maher** had field goals of 50 and 34 yards in the first half of tonight's game. The 50-yard field goal tied Maher's career long, also against Chattanooga. His two field goals improved Maher to 11-of-13 on field goals this season with his two in the first half. Both of Maher's misses this season have been from 50 yards.

► Nebraska forced two Ohio State turnovers in the game, converting the miscues into 14 points. Nebraska's one turnover resulted in three Buckeye points.

► Nebraska's game captains for tonight's game were sophomore quarterback **Taylor Martinez**, senior offensive tackle **Marcel Jones**, junior linebacker **Eric Martin** and junior receiver **Tim Marlowe**.

► Nebraska is off next week before resuming Big Ten play at Minnesota on Saturday, Oct. 22. The game will be Nebraska's first against a Big Ten Legends division opponent. Minnesota is 1-5 and 0-2 in the Big Ten after a 45-17 loss at Purdue on Saturday.