

Nebraska vs. Ohio State (Oct. 8, 2011)

Nebraska Player Quotes

Sophomore Quarterback Taylor Martinez

Mood on team when down

"I just that we knew we had to come back. Our offense knew we had to step up. The first two drives we couldn't put it in the end zone. We were just kicking field goals. We just knew we had to score, and the defense needed to make some turnovers and they finally did that, which turned the whole game around when LaVonte [David] made that huge turnover."

On being able to stay poised

"We were just playing together as a family. That's been our motto all week: togetherness and "familiness". We just came together. I'm glad we came through with the win."

On the play that tied the game up

"Just they caught us and they knew we were doing a play-action pass. I had to get around that guy. Then I saw Rex wide open. And he did an amazing job catching the ball and juking that guy and getting into the end zone."

On Rex Burkhead's performance

"Just that he's very consistent, and he's one heck of a player and I'm glad he's on our team."

On the crowd

"The crowd did an amazing job. I think that was the loudest I've ever heard the crowd at the beginning of the game. I've never heard the crowd that loud. I think they played a huge part with penalties and offsides."

Junior I-Back Rex Burkhead

On whether it was the greatest game of Burkhead's career

"Probably so. That was something else. That was unbelievable. I've never been a part of a game to be down that much and come back and win in that fashion. That was an unbelievable win all around. It feels good."

On maintaining poise

"We just had to focus on the little details. Going into halftime we made some changes. We weren't really executing in the first half. When we came out in the second half, (the) defense did a great job of getting us the ball and made some great plays. The offensive line really got it going and it opened up some big holes. It was a great play by Taylor (Martinez). He was rolling out to the right, then went back left then came back to me on that side. I really wasn't expecting it at the time. It was a great play by him. I got a block down field to get into the end zone as well. "

On Taylor Martinez being a leader

"He did a tremendous job, especially coming out in the second half. He had some big pass plays, over the middle, down the field. It shows his maturity and leadership and experience from last year and how much he's grown in that role in the quarterback of our team. We believe in him. He's a big-time playmaker. He's going to get the job done."

On the comeback

"It's awesome, especially for Bo and the rest of the coaching staff being from Ohio. We're just happy we could win for him."

Senior Linebacker Lavonte David

On the play where he forced the fumble

"I'm chasing the quarterback down. He had his back turned and I had the chance to strip it. So I went out there. That's something that we've been working on all week. I did the same way they told us to do it in practice. I just took a shot at it and I got it."

On what he learned from the Wisconsin game and carrying it over

"We got to come together. Last week, I feel like we didn't come together. I feel like some guys probably had their head down. I feel like that's my job to take over and be the leader that everybody expects me to be."

On making big plays

"We had that ball-hawking mentality and that's something we really went over in practice: being aggressive. Coach Carl (Pelini) was preaching that the whole week, be more aggressive. He hasn't seen that swagger that we've had. So that's what we tried to do tonight. Have that swagger, attack the football and get after it."

On the last series and what it means going forward

"I think it's a big boost for us. It gives us something to fall back on. We have to start off better than the way we've been starting off. We have to start off better and build momentum. We have to keep competing."

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Nebraska Player Quotes - Postgame

Safety Austin Cassidy

On the second half turnaround

"Well, we got pretty much what we expected out of them. I wouldn't say we made any major adjustments. I think we started making tackles and stopped blowing assignments, and I think that was the biggest difference for us in the second half. Maybe some guys had just said enough; 'let's go it's now or never.' I think that kind of showed in the second half."

On what was said at halftime

"In the locker room we had a couple guys kind of say, 'hey, enough is enough. Take care of your assignment and don't worry about what everyone else is doing out there. If everyone does their own individual assignment then we'll be good to go,' and I think you saw that in the second half."

On if the defense has been wondering where the big plays have been this season after forcing two huge turnovers

"I don't think so. Turnovers a lot of times are an effort thing. We've been in position all season and just haven't made them. We got a couple big ones tonight with Stanley (Jean-Baptiste) and Lavonte (David). That was obviously huge for us. If we don't make those two plays then we probably don't win that game. I think that's just something we're going to have to keep working on."

Wide Receiver Jamal Turner

On how the offense came back in the second half

"We just came out in the second half and played hard, played together, and we moved the ball and scored some touchdowns. That's all you can do and that's what we did."

On how it feels to be a part of the biggest comeback in Nebraska history

"It feels good. We were going so crazy in the locker room. We all feel good. Coach (Pelini) is so proud of us. He said he's never been prouder of a team before in his life. We came out with the victory."

On if he ever doubted they could come back

"I wouldn't say we were doubting. I guess you could say we were mad, and we knew we had to come out and play harder. We knew it was going to be a dog-fight and it was."

Wide Receiver Quincy Enunwa

On what changed in the second half

"Well, you know, these past couple games we've really been a second-half team, besides the Wisconsin game. We just really went out there and picked it up and just told each other to keep our heads up and play our game."

On the game quarterback Taylor Martinez played

"We'll never get down on our quarterback. He's a great quarterback. He makes plays in practice and we're just happy that he's able to go out there and make plays in the game as well. This whole week he's just been working."

On how much confidence this gives the team going into the bye week

"A lot of confidence. We get to rest now and focus on our next team and get ready for our next opponent."

On what the team will work on for the next two weeks

"We'll watch film and see what we need to work on, but there's a lot of things we can get better at, so we (don't) get behind 21 points."