

# Nebraska Post-Game Notes

## #16 Nebraska vs. UCLA, Sept. 8, 2012, Pasadena, Calif.

- ▶ With the loss, Nebraska fell to 1-1 on the season, failing to win its first two games for the first time since 2004. The Huskers also lost their road opener for the first time in three seasons. With the loss, NU fell to 7-5 all-time against UCLA, including 3-4 in games against the Bruins in California and 3-2 vs. UCLA at the Rose Bowl.
- ▶ The loss also snapped Nebraska's 10-game winning streak in the month of September. NU fell to 16-3 in regular-season non-conference games under Bo Pelini.
- ▶ Junior quarterback **Taylor Martinez** had a career-long 92-yard run for a touchdown in the second quarter to put Nebraska ahead 14-7. The 92-yard touchdown run was the longest run by a Nebraska player since Eric Crouch's school-record 95-yard touchdown run at Missouri in 2001. It also tied for the fifth-longest rush in school history and was the second-longest ever by a NU quarterback. The 92-yard run bettered Martinez's previous long rush of 80 yards on two occasions, at Washington in 2010 and at Kansas State in 2010.
- ▶ Martinez finished the game with 11 carries for 108 yards and one touchdown. The game marked the ninth 100-yard rushing game of Martinez's career. The nine career 100-yard rushing games ties Jammal Lord for the second-most among Nebraska quarterbacks, trailing only Eric Crouch's 17 career 100-yard rushing games.
- ▶ Martinez's 108 rushing yards pushed his career rushing total to 1,961 yards. Martinez's total left him 39 yards shy of becoming the fourth quarterback in school history to rush for 2,000 yards in his career. Martinez's 1,961 career rushing yards moved him into 29th place on the NU rushing list, moving him past Tommie Frazier (1,955), Joe Orduna (1,968) and Jeff Smith (1,992).
- ▶ Martinez accounted for 291 yards of total offense. His 291 yards tonight pushed Martinez's career total to 6,214 making him the second player in school history to eclipse 6,000 career total offense yards. Eric Crouch sits in first place on the list with 7,915 career yards.
- ▶ Senior place-kicker **Brett Maher** connected on a career-long 54-yard field goal as time expired in the first half. The 54-yard field goal was the longest ever for Nebraska away from Memorial Stadium and tied the fifth-longest field goal in school history. Maher also made a 44-yarder in the third quarter and a 40-yarder in the fourth quarter, marking the sixth game of his career with two or more field goals.
- ▶ Maher added a 64-yard punt in the fourth quarter, the second-longest punt of his career.
- ▶ Sophomore I-back **Ameer Abdullah** rushed 16 times for 119 yards and two touchdowns, all marking career highs for Abdullah. Abdullah had set career highs with 15 carries for 81 yards last week against Southern Miss.
- ▶ Nebraska rushed for 260 yards in tonight's game and lost for the first time since the start of the 2009 season when rushing for 200 yards (the Huskers were 19-0 entering the game). Nebraska is 26-3 under Pelini when rushing for 200 yards.
- ▶ Sophomore receiver **Kenny Bell** had six receptions for 108 yards to set career highs in both categories. Bell's previous highs were five receptions twice (Iowa, Northwestern, 2011) and 93 receiving yards against Iowa last season. Bell's 108 receiving yards marked the first 100-yard receiving day for a Nebraska receiver since Niles Paul had nine receptions for 131 yards at Oklahoma State in 2010. Bell has now had at least one reception in 14 straight games with at least three receptions in seven of those games.
- ▶ Nebraska had three scoring drives of at least 75 yards in tonight's game and now has seven drives of 75 yards or longer this season.
- ▶ UCLA tackled Martinez for a five-yard loss and a safety with 8:44 remaining in the game to give the Bruins the lead for good. That marked the first time an opponent recorded a safety against Nebraska since Washington in the 2010 Holiday Bowl.
- ▶ UCLA totaled 653 yards of offense in the game. That marked the first time Nebraska has given up 600 yards of total offense since giving up 606 yards at Missouri in 2007. UCLA rushed for 344 yards, marking the first time the Huskers gave up 300 yards on the ground since surrendering 364 at Texas in 2007.
- ▶ Today's game captains were junior quarterback **Taylor Martinez**, senior defensive end **Cameron Meredith**, senior safety **Daimion Stafford** and senior defensive end **Eric Martin**.
- ▶ Nebraska returns home next week to begin a three-game homestand. The Huskers will take on Arkansas State in an 11 a.m. (CDT) game at Memorial Stadium.