

Nebraska vs. Wyoming (Sept. 10, 2016)

Nebraska Player Quotes

Senior Safety Nathan Gerry

On creating turnovers

"Honestly, just contagious as energy. That's one thing we talk about being a Blackshirt, providing energy. Its contagious. At practice you bring energy and people build off of it and today I think that we built off of that."

On energy from sitting out last week

"The energy has built up since Rutgers, honestly. But yeah, its my senior year and as an individual I want to help lead this team. That's one of my goals, is to bring us to the Big Ten Championship. We've a great bunch of guys and I'm proud to be among them. If we just keep pushing and pushing each other to be the best that we can be then the sky is the limit for us."

On the unsportsmanlike conduct call

"I got up and thought it was the referee, I was so pumped I threw the ball into a white shirt and it was the wrong guy."

On takeaways from today

"I think that the understanding of the defense that proved we put into the offseason has helped a lot. I think that we have a lot of athletes on the defensive side and we got five picks today. I was kind of surprised, we dropped a lot of picks in the last couple weeks of practice. I was happy that Aaron (Williams) got one, but like I was telling you that turnovers are contagious. If you want to be an elite football team and we want to make it later in the year we have to get more turnovers."

On the touchdown pass before halftime

"We just put it behind us. We can't dwell on it. The dude made a nice play, the quarterback is a hell of a player. He put some balls on the money and No. 4 is also a good player. Two scholarship athletes going up against each other, one has got to make a nice play. I told Chris (Jones) just to brush it off and come back out there. He came back out and did good."

On Oregon next week

"I think one of our big emphases last year was you got to start fast. Last year we, especially in defense, we gave up a touchdown almost every first possession. So week-by-week we got to win each half. After two wins in a row its a good mentally for us going into the Oregon game with a very talented team and they're going to play until the fourth quarter."

On two wins under the belt

"It feels good, we got a W today. We just have to come back tomorrow to watch film. As a defensive unit, as a team, I think we just got to get better. If you want to be one of those elite teams, if you want to be one of the best in the Big Ten we've got to get better each day. It doesn't matter who we're playing, we got to keep progressing, we can't step back."

Senior Wide Receiver Jordan Westerkamp

On the receivers...

"I thought we did real well. Guys were making plays left and right, it was even awesome to see Gabe Rahn get in there and catch a touchdown. It's awesome when guys work their tails off and they get in there and get the opportunity and they make a big play. It's great to see that as an older guy. I thought overall today the wideouts played well. They blocked well, we were really happy with the results. As always we can always get better, we just have to keep working with Coach Williams and we'll get there."

How much were they daring you guys to throw?

"A lot. We saw that this whole week watching how they played Northern Illinois. A lot of that press man, the outside guys, we hit some big ones today. We were able to hit some inside fades just how they were playing it. We wanted to attack that and it was great to make some plays today."

On the big plays...

"If you're sitting there just pounding it away and making big play after big play it wears on those guys. That's why as an offensive guy you've just gotta go out there and never let them stop you. It'll wear and tear on them and they'll get beat down and things will become easier."

On the low amount of turnovers...

"It was just how we worked all off season and fall camp. Turnovers were an issue for us last year from everybody and we had to cut down on that because that was, when it came down to it, the difference for us in some close games. We worked our tails off in the off season to hold onto the ball and create less turnovers and it's been shown these last two games and it's been awesome for us."

On Kieron's run...

"It was great, it was awesome. He got in there and scored. He's a guy, I went up to him and said 'I'm so happy for you man because you work your tail off and it's happening for you now and it's awesome to see that.' Proud of him, our defense was making plays left and right, Nate (Gerry) had two picks today, Aaron Williams snagged one. It was awesome to see, our defense has been playing lights out."

On Tommy Armstrong Jr.'s record breaking touchdown pass...

"I'm incredibly happy for him. I didn't know that until afterwards in the locker room. He got the game ball today for doing that, so that's awesome. He's worked so hard since he's been here so it's fantastic to see that happening for him."

On the Oregon game...

"Oregon is no joke. They're a top program in the entire nation, this will be our first big test and we have to take them extremely serious and have a great week at practice because they're going to come ready to play. If we can get a win against Oregon that will be huge for our program on a national level, just beating a team like that would just propel forward a lot in people's minds."

On Brandon Reilly's diving catch...

"He thought he had it, we all thought he had it so it stunk that it was over-turned because he had awesome effort, laid out completely, and we thought he snagged it so it was tough to have that called back."