

# Nebraska Post-Game Notes

## Nebraska vs. Illinois, Oct. 1, 2016, Memorial Stadium, Lincoln, Neb.

**0** —Nebraska did not punt against Illinois.

**0** —Nebraska did not allow a sack of Tommy Armstrong Jr. today. Illinois entered the game leading the nation in sacks per game (4.3 spg).

**5** —Nebraska improved to 5-0 for the second time in three seasons (2014) and for the sixth time since 2000.

- Nebraska won its Homecoming game for the eighth consecutive year, including three games over Illinois (2013, 2014, 2016).
- Nebraska is 10-3-1 all-time against Illinois and 8-1 in Lincoln.
- Nebraska improved to 5-1 in Big Ten home openers, including three wins over Illinois.

**18** — Nebraska scored on an 18-play, 75-yard drive that consumed 10:42 spanning the third and fourth quarters. The drive was Nebraska's longest scoring drive of the season in terms of plays, bettering three 13-play scoring drives..

**21** — Nebraska scored 21 unanswered points in the fourth quarter to turn a 16-10 deficit into a 31-16 win. Nebraska has now outscored its five opponents by a combined 78-6 this season in the fourth quarter.

**38:01** — Nebraska notched a season-high time of possession of 38:01 against Illinois. It marked the fifth consecutive game to open the season that Nebraska won the time of possession, including three straight games with time of possession of 35:00 or more.

**44** — Illinois ran just 44 plays in today's game, while Nebraska ran 72. Nebraska's previous opponent season low was 63 snaps by Wyoming.

**63** — Terrell Newby's 63-yard fourth-quarter touchdown run was Nebraska's longest run from scrimmage this season. The touchdown, which was Newby's second of the game and the quarter, capped the scoring to give Nebraska a 31-16 win.

**113** — Newby carried 16 times for 113 yards in the fourth quarter to finish with 27 carries for 140 yards in the game. It was Newby's third career 100-yard rushing game and his second highest totals for both carries and yardage in his career. He had career highs of 28 carries for 198 yards last season against South Alabama.

**203** — Nebraska rushed for 203 yards against Illinois for its fourth 200-yard rushing game this season. The Huskers improved to 8-0 when rushing for 200 or more yards in a game.

**220** — Quarterback **Tommy Armstrong Jr.** passed for 220 yards in today's game, pushing his career passing total to 7,842. Armstrong totaled 232 yards of total offense to push his career total to 9,442 and is now 791 yards from the NU career total offense record of 10,233 yards held by Taylor Martinez.

- Armstrong's one-yard TD run in the first quarter marked his 20th career rushing touchdown. He is the seventh Husker quarterback to rush for 20 career touchdowns.
- Armstrong's 16 completions in today's game increased his career total to 550, just 25 from Martinez's school record 575 completions.

### **Other Notes...**

\* Nebraska notched its second come-from-behind win this season and it's fourth in the past eight games (Michigan State, UCLA, Oregon, Illinois).

\* Nebraska opened the game with a 13-play touchdown drive, marking the first time in 2016 Nebraska has scored on its first drive of the game. At the time the drive tied Nebraska's longest of the season in terms of plays, matching 13-play scoring drives against Fresno State (TD) and at Northwestern (FG). Nebraska later had an 18-play scoring drive.

\* Place-kicker **Drew Brown** missed a 56-yard field goal in the second quarter, ending his streak of 13 consecutive field goals made. Brown later connected on a 29-yard field goal for his 38th career field goal.

\* Nebraska senior tight end **Cethan Carter** caught one pass before leaving the game with an injury. The catch was the 50th of Carter's career, making him the eighth NU tight end with 50 career receptions.

\* Sophomore **Devine Ozigbo** had a 37-yard reception in the first quarter. The catch was his second reception of at least 35 yards this season, after a 39-yard catch against Wyoming.

\* Senior receiver **Jordan Westerkamp** had four receptions for 65 yards, marking his 31st consecutive game with at least one reception. Westerkamp increased his career receptions total to 142, one shy of Johnny Rodgers' No. 3 total on the NU career receptions list.

\* Junior **De'Mornay Pierson-El** had a 27-yard punt return in the third quarter. The return marked the 11th punt return of at least 25 yards in Pierson-El's career, including two this season (45 vs. Oregon).

\* Senior **Trey Foster** hauled in a six-yard touchdown pass in the fourth quarter to give Nebraska a 24-16 lead with 4:32 left. It was Foster's first touchdown catch of the season and second of his career. It was Foster's first reception overall this season.

\* Senior receiver **Brandon Reilly** had 11 receiving yards, pushing his career total to 961, leaving him 39 yards from becoming the 24th NU player with 1,000 career receiving yards.