

Illinois Postgame Notes □

Nebraska 31, Illinois 16

Memorial Stadium // Lincoln, Neb. // Oct. 1, 2016 // Attendance: 90,374

TEAM NOTES

- Illinois faced its first Associated Press Top 25-ranked opponent of the season. Nebraska is No. 15 in this week's AP poll and also is No. 15 in the current USA Today Coaches Poll.
- Illinois trails the all-time series with Nebraska, 3-10-1 (.250).
- The Illini are 1-8 in Lincoln with the lone winning coming in 1924 (9-6). Illinois made its third trip to Lincoln in the last four years.
- The Illini have lost 14 straight and 23 of their last 25 against foes ranked in the AP poll since beating No. 1 Ohio State 28-21 on Nov. 10, 2007. The lone win during that span came on Sept. 17, 2011, over No. 22 Arizona State, 17-14.
- Illinois is 0-4 against Nebraska when the Cornhuskers are ranked in the AP poll with losses in 1985 (L, 52-25 at No. 17 Nebraska), 1986 (L, 59-14 vs. No. 6 Nebraska) and 2014 (L, 45-14 at No. 21 Nebraska).
- Despite careers in both NFL and college head coaching, Illinois' Lovie Smith and Nebraska's Mike Riley faced each other for the first time.
- Nebraska's 18-play, 75-yard drive that lasted 10:42 and gave the Cornhuskers a 17-16 lead in the fourth quarter was the longest drive allowed by the Illini this season in terms of plays and time elapsed.

INDIVIDUAL NOTES

- Redshirt-freshman DB **Patrick Nelson** made his first career start. It took him just one quarter to tie his career high in tackles (6), before finishing the game with 16 tackles, the most by an Illini this season.
- Senior CB **Darius Mosely** had his first career interception followed by a 24-yard return with 0:28 left in the second quarter.
- Sophomore LB **Tre Watson** made his first career start. He had a career-high 10 tackles and forced a fumble for the first time in his career.
- Redshirt-freshman DB **Reggie Corbin** made his first career start. Before today, Reggie Corbin had 0 career first-half carries. Today he had 6 carries for 38 yards (6.3 avg) in the first half. Corbin had career highs in carries (9), rushing yards (72) and all-purpose yards (101).
- Senior LB **Hardy Nickerson** had 10 tackles, the third time in the first four game he has had 10+ tackles.
- Senior DT **Rob Bain** recovered a fumble for the first time in his career.
- Sophomore LB **Julian Jones** made his first career start.
- Consecutive starts streaks extended today: **DiLauro** (23), **Barton** (17), **Lunt** (16), **Smoot** (16)