

Nebraska vs. Minnesota (Nov. 12, 2016)

Minnesota Head Coach Tracy Claeys Postgame Quotes

On what changed after halftime

"Well we didn't block, and we didn't tackle. That's what changed, for whatever reason."

On what made it tough to run against Nebraska

"You've got to block them, you know? Obviously we didn't do a good job of blocking them and staying on our blocks. Defensively we did not tackle very well, and offensively we did not block very well in the second (half)."

On Minnesota's three losses this season (all by seven points or fewer)

"Well obviously we are all disappointed, and you go on the road and you have a chance but we just did not play well enough in the second half to win the ball game. Nebraska just played better than we did. (We) still had a drive there at the end and a chance to tie it up but we didn't block and tackle well."

On if Nebraska surprised them with anything they did

"No, we knew they walked right down the box and it just comes down to blocking and tackling."

On why Nebraska had success on short passes

"We weren't tackling it. All year long we have been able to tackle that and if you tackle it people quit doing it, and so we just badge out tackling on the perimeter."

On how he felt going in to halftime with a lead

"Well, we couldn't rush the ball still consistently in the first half. We made some throws, and so obviously we are on the road and had the lead at halftime. We felt that we were doing some of the things we needed to do. But we came out in the second half and we didn't block and tackle very well."

On the last drive

"They had the guy covering the receiver on the last play and tipped the ball over the air and got a safety over the top. Besides that they had a penalty and we threw and caught a couple balls on the last drive. We moved the ball on the last drive of the game, their underneath coverage guy did a good job breaking underneath and tipping it and had the safety over the top to catch it."

On Nebraska quarterback Tommy Armstrong Jr.

"He's a good player. He has won a lot of games here, and is a good player so he played well."

On if the difference was Nebraska's ability to finish games in the fourth quarter

"No. We usually finish, too. They got the lead before the fourth quarter. They are a good football team. I think we are a good football team. I think that they played better in the second half than we did and they won."