

# Nebraska vs. Minnesota (Nov. 12, 2016)

## Minnesota Player Quotes

### Senior Quarterback Mitch Leidner

#### On the atmosphere

"Well we felt pretty good at halftime, we knew it was going to be a battle in the second half. We knew they would make adjustments and that we would have to be ready for them. Ultimately, when you have a great football team like that, that can make explosive plays and work their way down the field. As an offense, from our standpoint, we just have to be ready to go and unfortunately in the second half we couldn't put those points together, that we needed to win the ball game."

#### On Nebraska's defensive adjustments

"I think it would have to be something off the front. I can't see everything off the run game after I hand it off, but they did a really good job at stopping it."

#### On the running game - different not being able to run the ball?

"Going into this week, something we struggled with last week was third downs and something we really prepared hard for this week. We had the opportunity to throw the football on the third down in a lot of instances tonight and I really thought our preparation helped me into tonight. So when we weren't getting those big runs on first and second down like we normally do, I felt really good about where we were at on third down and being able to convert."

#### On last play/drive

"Its rough how those things go I guess, cause you feel like you can do anything as you're making your way down the field there and completing a few balls, guys making plays and then something like that happens where a linebacker makes a great play on the ball and tips it up. It was definitely a throw I want back, but at the same time it's a good learning experience for us and I feel confident in knowing the guys in the locker room will be able to move forward from this and hopefully end the season on a strong note."

#### On the game overall

"Like I said, a lot of the times it came down to the third down and I thought I was able make some decent throws. The O-line battled for me hard on third down for protection and really throughout the whole game with what those guys are playing through. That's the toughest group of guys that I have ever seen and I love throwing myself at them because it just gets the best out of everyone on the offense. It's a lot of tough physical players. Those guys did a good job."