

# Nebraska Post-Game Notes

## Nebraska vs. Georgia, 2013 Capital One Bowl, Jan. 1, 2013

▶ The loss today marked Nebraska's third straight bowl loss and dropped Nebraska to 24-25 all-time in bowl games, including a 3-3 record under Head Coach Bo Pelini. The Huskers are now 12-7 all-time against SEC teams in bowl games, including a 1-1 mark against Georgia.

▶ Junior quarterback **Taylor Martinez**, who made his Nebraska record 39th career start at quarterback today, completed 16-of-27 passes for 204 yards and two touchdowns in the game. With his two passing touchdowns today, Martinez has 23 passing touchdowns this season, the third-most in a season in NU history. Martinez has accounted for 33 touchdowns this season, setting a Nebraska season record, surpassing Gerry Gdowski's 32 touchdowns in 1989.

▶ Martinez finished his junior season with 2,871 passing yards, good for the third-highest season total in school history.

▶ Martinez also rushed for 46 yards in today's game to finish with 1,019 rushing yards this season. He became only the fourth Husker quarterback to rush for 1,000 yards in a season.

▶ Martinez accounted for 250 yards of total offense in today's game to increase his season total offense to 3,890 to set a Nebraska season record for total offense in a season. The previous record was held by Joe Ganz who accounted for 3,826 yards of total offense in 2008.

▶ Martinez now has career rushing yards 2,858 and he moved up one spot to eighth place on the NU career rushing list. He passed I.M. Hipp in today's game (2,814 yards) to move up to eighth.

▶ Senior I-back **Rex Burkhead** rushed 24 times for a season-high 140 yards, including a two-yard TD run in the third quarter. Today's game was Burkhead's third 100-yard rushing effort of the season and the 14th of his career. The 14 career 100-yard rushing games ties for the sixth-most in Nebraska history. With his 140 yards, Burkhead increased his career rushing total to 3,329 yards. Burkhead finishes his Nebraska career fifth on the NU rushing list. With his rushing touchdown today, Burkhead became the 10th player in school history with 30 career rushing touchdowns.

▶ With his 140 rushing yards today, Burkhead finished his career with 357 rushing yards in four career bowl games, the most in Nebraska history. He eclipsed the previous record of 349 yards by Dan Alexander from 1998 to 2000. Burkhead's 24 carries gave him 76 rushing attempts in his bowl career, the most in Nebraska history. The previous high was 66 bowl carries by Mike Rozier from 1981 to 1983.

▶ Burkhead caught four passes for 39 yards in today's game, including a 16-yard touchdown reception in the second quarter. Burkhead's touchdown reception was his second of the season and the fifth of his career. Burkhead increased his career receptions total to 60, the fourth-most in school history for a Nebraska running back.

▶ Sophomore I-back **Ameer Abdullah** rushed for 48 yards to push his season rushing total to 1,137, the 19th-best single-season rushing total in school history and the sixth-most in NU history by a sophomore.

▶ Nebraska rushed for 239 yards, marking the 12th time in 14 games Nebraska has rushed for 200 yards. Nebraska finishes the season averaging 280.1 rushing yards per game, the Huskers' best season rushing average since averaging 268.7 rushing yards per game in 2002.

▶ Senior linebacker **Will Compton** made his first career interception and returned it 24 yards for a score in the first quarter to give NU a 14-9 lead. Compton has five takeaways this season, including a team-high four fumble recoveries.

▶ Compton's 24-yard interception return for a touchdown was Nebraska's first defensive touchdown in a bowl game since Jason Peter returned a fumble 31 yards for a touchdown in the 1996 Orange Bowl against Virginia Tech.

▶ Senior place-kicker **Brett Maher** scored seven points on four extra points and one field goal. He increased his season scoring total to 119, setting a Nebraska season record for points in a season by a kicker, bettering Kris Brown's 116 points in 1997. Maher's 119 points this season rank fifth overall on the NU single-season list.

▶ Maher connected on a 39-yard field goal in the second quarter for his 20th field goal of the season. His 20 field goals are the second most in a season in school history, trailing only Alex Henery's school record 24 field goals in 2009.

▶ Senior tight end **Ben Cotton** caught two passes for a career-high 69 yards, including a career-long 56-yard reception in the first quarter.

▶ Sophomore receiver **Kenny Bell** caught four passes for 60 yards in today's game, pushing his season receiving totals to 50 receptions for 863 yards. Bell's 50 catches this season mark the seventh 50-plus reception season in school history and his 863 receiving yards rank fourth on the NU single-season list. Bell also moved into the top 10 on the NU career receptions list with 82 career receptions.

▶ Senior defensive end **Eric Martin** had two tackles for loss in the game to give him 18 tackles for loss this season, tying him for the 10th-best single season total in school history.

▶ The 87-yard TD pass by Georgia in the fourth quarter was the longest play from scrimmage against Nebraska in a bowl game. It also ties for the third-longest TD pass against Nebraska in school history.

▶ Georgia's 591 yards of total offense were the most Nebraska has allowed in a bowl game, eclipsing the previous high of 518 yards by Alabama in the 1966 Orange Bowl. The Bulldogs' 45 points also tied for the most in Husker bowl history, matching the 45 points Georgia Tech scored in the 1991 Citrus Bowl. Individually, Aaron Murray set opponent bowl records for passing yards (427) and passing touchdowns (5). Overall, Georgia's 427 yards passing were the fourth-most against Nebraska in school history.