

Nebraska Red-White Spring Game (April 11, 2015)

Nebraska Player Quotes

Michael Rose-Ivey

On how it felt to get out there and hit again

"It felt good, having the ability to go out there and compete for the whole spring practice felt good. Just trying to get some growth and development and chemistry with the guys. They had a whole year playing, and I had a whole year sitting out. It's been a journey, but it feels good to finally get into it."

On how difficult it was for you not being able to play for that long

"It was difficult. I had never gone that long without playing ball. It is a big adjustment. At times you feel isolated just because you are not with your teammates, especially on the road. There was a lot of people around here and people back home that helped me out through the process. They have as much of a hand in it as anybody."

On if there was any apprehension

"No, I think everything is good. The only thing I think I really get is a little tendinitous, a little swelling but that is just something you have to deal with, it comes along with the surgery."

On how the defense did as a whole today

"I think we did good. There were some things that we missed that were emphasized but as of right now, it's spring ball, its a chance for growth and development. When we get into fall camp that is where it will get more strict as far as our assignment and being more disciplined. As far as the spring, I think it went pretty well."

On the lack of depth at linebacker and how solid the group is

"I mean as far as number-wise, we have some guys who can play. Chris Weber did have a great spring, good with everything. Dedrick (Young) coming in was a big help for us, like you said with a lack of numbers, but he had a good spring game. He's a kid that is going to be looking to play in the fall, and I think Dedrick expects that. As a group I think we saw some development, some growth. We just have to continue with it in the summer and then in the fall."

On the new coaching staff in the spring game

"They're professional, they understand what is going on. I know Coach (Mike) Riley personally from the first couple of months he wasn't even around us, he was doing stuff around Nebraska. I think he understands the importance of football in Nebraska and he understands how big of a football culture this is. I think they enjoyed it. I think they enjoyed being out there with 76,000 I believe we had, and we all enjoyed it as well."

On the Gatorade shower after the game

"That was just a little initiation for Coach Riley. He made it through a spring ball with us, so we figured we would welcome him to the club."

On how he would describe the defense

"I'm very confident in the defense. I think a lot of other people are. We put in some great work. Of course during spring ball, especially with the new offense coming in, we would expect the defense to kind of set the tone for the whole spring ball. Which we did and I'm glad we actually did it. It was pretty good. I think we have some things to work on this summer. We'll get some of the freshman guys coming in and I think it will be fun. It should be a fun summer for us."

Quarterback Tommy Armstrong Jr.

On how he feels he came along this spring

"Really well. I felt like I improved, just mentally. Being able to know where I needed to go with the ball. My assignments, giving other guys assignments. Putting myself in the right situations."

On the differences in this passing offense

"It's a lot different terminology-wise. I pretty much tell offense line, the receivers, the running back, where they need to be, what route they need to run. By the play call I know exactly who needs to do what and when they have to run it. Other than that we haven't really gotten into detail about alerting certain situations."

On the spring progressing and the coaches discovering what you are good at

"I feel like it was a great thing for us. Not just for me but for our offense in general. We have some guys that can make plays, get first downs when we need to. I think that they took that into consideration when it came to building this playbook around the guys in the offensive room. We have guys all over this field who can make plays as well. It's a big diversity of different plays that help out this offense by just giving the guys the ball that can make plays."