

NEBRASKA CORNHUSKERS



QB Taylor Martinez

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2012

QUARTERBACKS - Taylor Martinez, who spent some time at WR in '09, took charge of the QB position in a roller coaster '10 season. He got into the Heisman race after running for a Huskers' QB record 241 yds on Nat'l TV vs K-St but after a tremendous first 5 gms he was benched vs Texas. Martinez rebounded and set a frosh record for pass yds in a game (23-35-323, 5-0 vs Okla St) while becoming the 1st QB in NU hist with 300 pass and 100 rush in a gm. In the first 7 Martinez rushed for 870 (8.7). He was inj'd vs MO and in the final 7 had just 95 (1.5). He threw for 1,631 (59%, 10-7). LY Martinez stayed healthier and put up similar numbers throwing for 2,089 (56.2%, 13-8) while rushing for 874 (4.6) and leading a new no huddle power based offense in a new league. He did have 3 int on 3 consec drives vs Wisc but had just 1 in his L'132 att's. Martinez was backed by rFr Brion Carnes (PS#54, 3 gm, 2 att) and Wildcat QB Rex Burkhead. Martinez improved his footwork in spring and should have his best season yet.

RUNNING BACKS - In '09 Roy Helu rushed for 1,147 (5.2) while true frosh Rex Burkhead (PS#39) missed 5 (inj) but rushed for 346 (4.3) incl 89 running the Wildcat in the bowl. In '10 Helu set a schl record with 307 (Calvin Jones 294, '91) vs MO and became the first Husker RB to post B2B 1,000 yd seasons since Jones ('92-'93). Helu led with 1,245 (6.6) and Burkhead added 951 (5.5). LY Helu left (#4DC) but they added 3 true frosh in Aaron Green (PS#8), Braylon Heard (PS#23) and Ameer Abdullah (PS#95). The question in Aug was which one would emerge as the key bkp but no one really did. With Martinez hobbled, Burkhead set a schl record with 38 carries vs Iowa (Cory Ross, 37 '03 Alamo Bowl). He tied a Huskers rec'd with 10 straight gms with a td and finished with 1,357 (4.8) and 15 td. The speedy Abdullah led the true frosh with 150 (3.6), Heard had 114 (4.6) and Green added 105 (4.4). Heard has since moved to CB while Green transferred. Tyler Legate (6 st, 54 yd) also moves on. Abdullah should be able to keep Burkhead fresher and this is one of the Big Ten's top RB units.

RECEIVERS - Last year the Huskers had to replace their #1 rec'r (516, 13.2) but ret'd their #2 Brandon Kinnie (494, 11.2) and #3 TE Kyler Reed (395, 18.0). True frosh QB Jamal Turner (PS#11) moved to WR. Rfr Kenny Bell is one of the fastest players in the NCAA and led but with just 461 (14.4) while Kinnie (PS#47JC) added 257 (11.7). Soph Quincy Enunwa was #2 with 293 (14.0) and Reed added 257 (17.1). Turner had 15 rec in the first 7 gm but 0 over the last 6. TY they lose Kinnie (7 st) and TE Kevin Thomsen (2 st). I like the size and speed of this group and look for much improved production from this unit.

OFFENSIVE LINE - NU was famous for its OL "Pipeline" but OL coach Milt Tenopir moved on after '02 and Neb did not have a 1st Tm B12 OL from '01-'09. In '09 they had to replace 2

NFL DC's and slipped to 147 rush ypg (4.0, 19 sk). In '10 with 2 st's back and having a mobile QB, they improved to 248 ypg (5.5) but with 29 sks (10.3%). LY they had to replace 3 st's (1st Tm B12 RG, #6DC). They got back Marcel Jones (11 st '09) and I expected PS#3JC Jermaine Hardrick to have a bigger impact. At times they st'd 3 OL who were former walk-ons in Spencer Long, Seung Hoon Choi and Mike Caputo. NU slipped to 217 ypg (4.6) but trimmed the sks to 21 (7.2%). Tyler Moore became NU's first true frosh OL to start the opener (just 4th to st) but lost his spot when Jones ret'd from inj. Surprisingly 6'6" 320 Jeremiah Sirles (14 st '10) saw limited duty as a bkp due to Hardrick's emergence. TY they lose C Caputo (13 st, 2Y st'r, 2nd Tm B10), RT Jones (9 st, 2Y st'r, #7DC NO) and LT Hardrick (13 st). Just like in '11 NU loses 3 st's but have 4 back w/a comb 30 sts LY (44 car) and should be just as strong.

DEFENSIVE LINE - With an inexp D-line, NU yielded 232 ypg (5.2, 13 sk) in '07 which was their worst in modern history. In Pelini's first 2 yrs, the unit made great strides yielding 116 ypg (3.6) in '08 and 93 ypg (2.8) in '09. A key to the improvement was the dominant play of 1st Tm AA Ndumukong Suh. In '10 they had to replace 2 st's incl Suh (NFL Def Rookie Yr) but ret'd 1st Tm B12 DT Jared Crick. Then DC Carl Pelini talked about the def being as good or better than the '09 version, but I was skeptical and NU regressed (153 ypg, 3.9, 30 sk). LY they only had to replace 1 st'r and had 7 of the top 8 back incl Crick and Baker Steinkuhler (PS#1). Crick was OFY after 5 st and their numbers were disappointing (158, 4.0, 21 sk). TY they lose DT Crick (22 tkl, 1 sk, #4DC HOU), DE Williams (2 st, 15 tkl, 1 tfl) and DT Terrence Moore (7 st, 20 tkl, 1 sk) but have 7 of the top 10 back and after underperforming in '11, should be tougher up front.

LINEBACKERS - In '10 NU had to replace their #2 tkl'r (#4DC) then lost ret st'r Sean Fisher (#11 tkl'r) over the summer. Lavonte David lived up to his PS#6JC billing and set an NU record with 152 tkl (149 Barrett Ruud '03). LY they had to replace a 1st Tm B12 (#7 tkl'r, #7DC) but ret'd David and Will Compton (8 st '09). Compton was banged up and missed 2 sts but still finished as the #2 tkl'r. After adding bulk to play in the more physical B10 David led with 133 tkl (13 tfl). Depth was an issue at times and the Huskers slipped to allowing 23.4 ppg. TY they lose David (#2DC TB) but return 3 of the top 4 including Fisher (PS#47). I thought the Huskers D underperformed LY and while they lose their top guy, they will try for some JUCO magic again bringing in a PS#17JC and should improve their ppg in their 2nd sn of Big Ten play.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - In '08 the Huskers finished #39 in my PDR and in '09, thanks in part to a dominating D-line, climbed all the way up to #1 (48%, 7-20). In '10 they had to replace 2 st's (#5DC) but did ret 1st Tm B12 CB Prince Amukamara and I rated the secondary #2 overall. The CB duo of Amukamara and Alfonzo Dennard helped the Huskers finish #1 again (49%, 13-19). LY NU had to replace 1st Tm AA Amukamara (#1DC), their FS (#2 tkl'r, #5DC) and 2 others (7 sts, 47 tkl). Dennard missed the first 3 and NU ranked just #78 in FBS pass D without him. NU had a difficult time filling the CB slot opposite Dennard with 5 diff players earning sts incl 6'3" former WR Stanley Jean-Baptiste. Dennard earned the Big Ten's DB POY award but NU dropped to #37 (53.2%, 16-10) in my PDR. TY they lose 2nd Tm AA CB Dennard (10 st, 31 tkl, 6 pbu, #7DC NE), FS Austin Cassidy (13 st, 70 tkl, 2 int, 4 pbu) and NB Lance Thorell (3 st, 38 tkl). The Huskers add in PS#25JC Mohammed Seisay who st'd at Memphis and RB Heard (PS#23). NU returns 3 who st'd 7+ and 9 who st'd LY and could actually move up in my PDR.

SPECIAL TEAMS - In the last 18 yrs NU has ranked in the top 10 of my ST rankings 8 times and in the top 30 thirteen times. NU finished #16 in '09 and with everyone back in '10 I had them as the #8 ST unit and they finished #4. LY they had to replace outstanding K/P Alex Henery (18-19 FG, 37.7 net), RM

Niles Paul (24.4 KR, 11.4 PR) and their KO man Adi Kunalin (39 TB). Brett Maher was the Big Ten's top specialist hitting 19-23 FG (L51), avg 44.5 on punts (38.3 net) and 20 TB on 72 KO. True frosh Ameer Abdullah was the top KR (29.3) and PR (7.1) and had a schl record 211 KR yds vs Fresno (100 yd td). NU finished #13 and with everyone back will challenge for the top spot.

COACHES - Bo Pelini was the DC here in '03 and the interim HC for NU's '03 bowl win. He was Oklahoma's co-DC in '04 and LSU's DC from '05-'07 before returning as HC in '08. Pelini was the only cch in Big 12 history to win at least a share of a div title in his first 3Y. LY he led NU to 9+ wins for a 4th str time and his contract was extended through 2016. Tim Beck is in his 5th season here (2nd as OC). Bo's brother Carl left to become the FAU HC and 4Y DL cch John Papuchis was promoted to DC although Bo will still call the D signals himself.

ALSO ON ROSTER:

QB Anthony Ridder 6'2" 195 Jr	TE Eddie Ridder 6'5" 225 Jr	DB Jase Dean 6'0" 200 Sr
QB Ron Kellogg 6'1" 215 Jr	TE David Sutton 6'3" 240 Jr	DB Andrew Holt 6'0" 200 So
QB Tyson Broekemeyer 6'1" 175 Sr	LS PJ Mangani 6'3" 240 Sr	DB Derek Foster 5'11" 190 So
RB Maral Kuzi 5'11" 195 Jr	OL Joseph Rotherham 6'0" 200 Jr	DB Austin Williams 6'0" 190 So
RB Zach Taylor 6'2" 210 So	DL Kenny Anderson 6'2" 280 Sr	DB Seth Jameson 6'1" 200 Jr
WR Tyler Wullenweber 6'1" 195 So	DL Connor McDermott 6'2" 255 Sr	DB Greg Milken 6'1" 195 Jr
WR Tyler Wullenweber 6'1" 195 So	DB Yusuf Wade 5'10" 185 So	DB Antonio Bell 6'2" 200 Sr
TE Robert Barry 6'8" 245 Jr	DB Joey Felici 5'9" 175 So	

PHIL'S FORECAST

Nebraska was 11-0 and headed for the Big 12 Title gm in '01 when they were upset at Colo, 62-36. From that point through the end of '04, the tm had 9 losses by 22+ pts. Frank Solich's last tm earned an amazing 35th str bowl in '03 but he was let go despite a 58-19 record! After interviewing DC Bo Pelini among others, NU chose ex-OAK Raiders HC Bill Callahan. In '04 they were making a dramatic switch from the option to the West Coast off. I called for Iowa St (2-10 in '03) to top NU in the Big 12 North. NU's loss to Colo in the finale gave them their 1st losing season s/'61! Callahan's tms improved to 8-4 in '05 and 9-5 in '06 (Big 12 Title gm). I was one of the few NOT to pick NU to win the Big 12 North in '07. The '07 Huskers' D set schl rec's for most pts (455) and yds (5,722) all'd and Callahan was let go after a 5-7 season. In '08 Neb made my Most Improved List despite just 10 ret sts and 5 opp's who were in Jan bowls in '07. NU did not disappoint me (9-4) as they were +112 ypg in conf play (best North). In '09 they had to replace twelve 5th year Sr's and I was in the minority calling for NU to win the Big 12 North (most had KU). They almost upset Texas in the Big 12 Title gm (46 yd FG snuck thru after :01 put back on clock). The Huskers then routed Arizona (bowl), 33-0. Despite their 6-2 Big 12 record in '09, NU was just -12 ypg. The Huskers were the preseason favorite to win the North in '10. After NU accepted a bid to the Big Ten conf, their Big 12 foes hit them with their best parting shots. NU was #8 (1st pressen TO s/'02) but after losing to Wash in the bowl finished just 10-4 (#20). LY the B10 matched them vs the top 3 of the Leaders div (OSU, UW, PSU) but they were still the media's pressen pick to win the Legends division and the highest ranked Big Ten tm in the AP poll. The Huskers opened 4-0 winning by 33, 13, 13 and 24 vs 3 overmatched foes and Washington. In their first B10 game at #7 Wisc, Neb led 14-7 2Q but QB Martinez had 3 int on 3 straight drives and UW scored 3 td's to win, 48-17. Neb was dead in the water trailing OSU 27-6 in the 3Q when LB David forced a TO which led to a td. OSU QB Miller was hurt, and Bauserman hit just 1-10 as NU had their largest comeback in schl hist winning, 34-27. After blowing out Minn, they caught Mich St travelling off 2 straight big wins and won 24-3. NU was then upset by NW (trailed 28-18 before td w/18 left). They travelled to face PSU the wk after Paterno was fired. NU was outgained 375-331 but won by 3. They only trailed Mich 17-10 at half but then TO's turned it into a blowout loss. NU beat Iowa in the finale (led 20-0 4Q). In the bowl they gave up a Hall Mary pass on the last play of the 1H vs SCar and lost by 17 to finish 9-4. TY the Huskers have 14 ret sts. Seven of my 9 sets of PR's call for a DD win ssn and the Huskers have a great shot at getting to the B10 Title game.

OFFENSE

JERSEY # IN RED

QB 3 TAYLOR MARTINEZ JR. 6-1 200 PS#99. 11 st, 1631 (59%, 10-7), 965 rush (6.0) rFr. 13 st, 2089 (56%, 13-8), 874 rush (4.6) LY. **15** Brion Carnes (6'1" 200 So) PS#54. 3 gm, 2 att LY. **14** Bronson Marsh (6'0" 200 Jr) PS#105.

IB 22 REX BURKHEAD SR. 5-11 210 PS#39. 2 st, 1297 (5.1) '09-'10. 13 st, 1357 (4.8), 177 rec (8.4), 1st Tm B10 LY. **8** Ameer Abdullah (5'9" 180 So) PS#95. Imani Cross (6'1" 220 Fr) PS#45. Richard Wynne (5'9" 170 Fr) PS#168.

WR 80 KENNY BELL SO. 6-1 180 PS#164. 11 st, 461 (14.4) LY. Jordan Westermark PS#36. **FB 19** Mike Marrow (6'2" 250 Jr) PS#90. At Alabama '09, out LY. **38** Graham Stoddard (6'2" 235 Sr) CJ Cimzmerer (6'0" 235 Jr).

WR 10 Jamal Turner So. 6-1 180 PS#11. 12 gm, 243 (16.2) LY. **6** Tim Marlowe (5'10" 175 Sr) PS#423. 1 st, 13 gm, 113 (9.4), 77 rush (11.0) LY. **21** Steven Osborne (6'4" 210 Sr) 6 gm LY. **87** Taylor Dixon (5'11" 195 Sr) PS#429.

WR 18 QUINCY ENUNWA JR. 6-2 210 PS#263. 10 gm, 1 rec true. 7 st, 13 gm, 293 (14.0) LY. **7** Tariq Allen (6'3" 195 rFr) PS#133. **88** Tyler Evans (6'1" 195 So) PS#135. 2 gm LY. **85** KC Hyland (6'6" 215 Sr) PS#367. **46** Sam Burtch (6'3" 175 rFr).

TE 81 BEN COTTON SR. 6-6 255 PS#17. 1 st, 43 (8.6) rFr. 13 st, 34 (11.3) '10. 11 st, 189 (13.5), HM B10 LY.

25 KYLER REED (6'3" 230 Sr) PS#89. 11 st, 459 (16.0) 2Y. 4 st, 12 gm, 257 (17.1) LY. **41** Jake Long (6'4" 240 Jr) PS#260. 2 st.

3 C Ryne Reeves rFr. 6-3 300 PS#21. **62** Cole Pensick (6'2" 275 Jr) PS#132. 8 gm C/OG 2Y. **72** Justin Jackson (6'3" 270 Sr) PS#446. 3 gm DT, 1 tkl 2Y. 2 gm LY. C in spg. **58** Mark Pelini (6'0" 285 So). **59** Will Sailors (6'3" 255 rFr).

RG 61 SPENCER LONG JR. 6-4 305 PS#801. 13 st, 2nd Tm B10 LY. **78** Brandon Thompson (6'6" 300 Sr) PS#124. 20 gm 3Y. **52** Ryan Klachko (6'4" 285 Fr) PS#29. 415 bench. **70** Nick Ash (6'5" 275 Jr) PS#139. **74** Chris Long (6'4" 260 rFr).

LG 63 ANDREW RODRIGUEZ JR. 6-6 325 PS#13. 5 gm bkp '10. 7 st, 8 gm inj LY. **77** Seung Hoon Choi (6'2" 290 Sr).

6 st, 11 gm LY. **67** Scott Crist (6'3" 270 Jr) PS#377. Wyom trans (6'4" 275 Fr). Aaron Hayes (6'3" 265 rFr).

RT 73 TYLER MOORE SO. 6-6 290 PS#15. 4 st, 9 gm, 1st NU true Fr OL to start an opener. **76** Brent Quale (6'7" 320 Jr). 11 gm LY. **57** Zach Sterup (6'8" 275 Fr) PS#41. **68** Brodrick Nickens (6'5" 300 Jr). **51** Brandon Chapek (6'5" 305 Jr).

LT 71 JEREMIAH SIRLES JR. 6-6 320 PS#49. 14 st '10. 12 gm bkp LY. **74** Mike Moudy (6'5" 305 So) PS#68. No action LY. **68** Jake Cotton (6'6" 295 So) PS#301. OFY (ACL) LY. OFS '12. **53** Adam Kucera (6'6" 295 rFr).

K 96 BRETT MAHER SR. 6-0 185 Walk-on holder. 27 gm in '09-10. 19-23 FG, L51, B10's K POY, 1st Tm B10, Groza semi LY. **37** Mauro Bondi (6'0" 190 So) PS#43. 4 KO, 4 gm LY. Spencer Lindsay is PS#50.

2012 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP

DE 46 ERIC MARTIN SR. 6-2 260 PS#64. 2 st, 27 gm, 41 tkl 2Y. 2 st, 12 gm, 23 tkl, 3.5 tfl LY. **9** Jason Ankrab (6'4" 265 Jr) PS#107. 2 tkl rFr. 9 st, 17 tkl, 3 tfl LY. **91** Donovan Vestal (6'5" 250 So) PS#172. **52** JC Moore (6'3" 265 So).

DT 97 Chase Rome So. 6-3 295 PS#40. 2 st, 10 gm, 13 tkl, 1 sk LY. **53** Thad Randle (6'1" 300 Jr) PS#102. 7 tkl '10. 7 gm, 8 tkl, OFY (knee) LY. **57** Todd Peat (6'3" 305 rFr) PS#31. OFS. **61** Jeff Uher (6'1" 275 So) PS#205.

NT 55 BAKER STEINKUHLER SR. 6-6 290 PS#1. 1 tkl rFr. 1 tfl rFr. 13 st, 46 tkl, 3.5 sk '10. 13 st, 40 tkl, 5 tfl, HM B10 LY.

99 Jay Guy (6'1" 295 So) PS#81. 3 gm LY. 92 Kevin Williams (6'2" 270 Fr) PS#68. 48 Tobu Okuyemi (6'2" 265 So) PS#103.

DE 34 CAMERON MEREDITH SR. 6-4 260 PS#59. 21 gm, 5 tfl rFr. 14 st, 64 tkl, 8 tfl, 2nd Tm B12 '10. 13 st, 58 tkl, 5 sk, HM B10 LY. **7** Joseph Carter (6'5" 250 Sr) PS#37J. 10 gm, 9 tkl LY. **47** Walker Ashburn (6'2" 255 So) PS#104.

WLB NA Zaire Anderson Jr. 6-1 220 PS#17JC. **45** Alonzo Whaley (6'1" 235 Sr) PS#159. 1 st, 9 tkl 2Y. 1 st, 13 gm, 11 tkl LY. **41** David Santos (6'0" 205 Fr) PS#64. **22** Derek Slaughtier (5'11" 195 rFr) PS#404. **59** Colby Starkebaum (6'1" 220 Jr).

MLB 51 WILL COMPTON SR. 6-2 230 PS#32. 8 st, 40 tkl, 2nd Tm Fr AA rFr. 4 st, 15 tkl '10. 11 st, 82 tkl, 6.5 tfl, HM B10 LY. **43** Trevor Roach (6'2" 235 So) 5 gm, 7 tkl, 2 tkl LY. Micah Kreikemeier (6'3" 220 Sr). Matt Manning (6'1" 220 Sr).

BLB 42 SEAN FISHER SR. 6-6 235 PS#47. 6 st, 35 tkl, 3rd Tm Fr AA rFr. OFY (inj) '10. 4 st, 10 gm, 24 tkl, 3 tfl LY. **40** Max Pirman (6'5" 215 rFr) PS#71. Michael Rose is PS#47. **95** Jack Gangwish (6'2" 225 rFr) PS#453.

CB 4 Mohammed Seisay Jr. 6-2 200 PS#25JC. From Memphis to JC '11. IFS. **17** Clante Evans (6'1" 185 Jr). PS#129. 1 st, 9 tkl, 2 pbu true. 7 st, 33 tkl LY. **5** Braylon Heard (5'11" 180 So) PS#23. 7 gm RB, 114 (4.6) LY. CB in spg.

CB 11 ANDREW GREEN JR. 6-0 190 PS#143. 10 st, 13 gm, 48 tkl, 9 pd LY. **16** Stanley Jean-Baptiste (6'3" 220 Jr). 1 st, 9 gm, 9 tkl, 1 int LY. **5** Josh Mitchell (5'11" 165 So) PS#294. 1 st, 8 gm, 5 tkl LY. Daniel Davie (6'1" 185 rFr) PS#53WR.

SS 3 DAIMION STAFFORD SR. 6-1 210 PS#15JC. 12 st, 80 tkl, 10 pbu, HM B10 LY. Courtney Osborne (6'2" 200 Sr) PS#297. 1 st, 6 tkl inj LY. Justin Blatchford (6'1" 200 Jr) 37 gm, 19 tkl 3Y. Will Richards (5'11" 195 Jr) 10 gm, 5 tkl LY.

FS 13 PJ Smith Sr. 6-2 210 PS#121. 1 st, 11 gm, 33 tkl, 1 int LY. **6** Corey Cooper (6'1" 210 So) PS#21. 1 st, 11 gm, 9 tkl LY. **1** Harvey Jackson (6'2" 205 So) PS#165. 12 gm, 8 tkl LY. Dijon Washington (6'0" 190 Jr) 13 gm, 5 tkl LY.

P 96 BRETT MAHER SR. 6-0 185 PS#51. 14 gm holder rFr. 13 gm holder '10. NU's best avg s/Q5 w/59 punts (44.5), net 38.3, 25 I20, 20 TB on 72 KO, B10 Punter of Yr, 1st Tm B10, 4th Tm AA, Groza semifinalist LY.

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Phil's Homefield Edge-4.75
2012 Schedule Difficulty-#25

Date	Opponent	TURF	LINE	Final Score NU Opp	W L
Sep. 1	Southern Miss	A			
Sep. 8	at UCLA	G			
Sep. 15	Arkansas St	A			
Sep. 22	Idaho St	A			
Sep. 29	Wisconsin (HC)	A			
Oct. 6	at Ohio St	A			
Oct. 13					
Oct. 20	at Northwestern	G			
Oct. 27	Michigan	A			
Nov. 3	at Michigan St	G			
Nov. 10	Penn St	A			
Nov. 17	Minnesota	A			
Nov. 23	at Iowa (Fri)	A			
Dec. 1					

CAREER PASSING LEADERS
1. Zac Taylor 5,860 '05-'06
2. Joe Ganz 5,125 '06-'08
3. Dave Humm 5,035 '72-'74

CAREER RUSHING LEADERS
1. Mike Rozier 4,780 '81-'83
2. Ahman Green 3,880 '95-'97
3. Eric Crouch 3,434 '98-'01

CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
1. Johnny Rodgers 2,479 '70-'72
2. Nate Swift 2,476 '05-'08
3. Terrence Nunn 1,762 '04-'07

Nebraska is 2-1 vs SM but did lose the L/meeting 21-17 in '04. SM scored 18 pts off 4 NU TO's. Last time the Cornhuskers lost a home opener was in '85, 17-13 loss to #17 FSU (26-0 since).

Nebraska is 6-1 vs UCLA since 1973 (only loss in Pasadena in '88). LTH ('93) NU won 14-13. The Cornhuskers are 7-3 since 1997 in the reg ssn road gms vs non-conf BCS tms.

Just one prior meeting in 2009. NU won 38-9 with a 494-274 yd edge (+12 FD's). Into 2012, NU is 43-3 since 1996 hosting non-conf opp's incl 9 str wins by an avg 29 ppg.

The Bengals have suffered 8 straight losing seasons. ISU went 2-9 LY incl losses to Wash St (64-21) & BYU (56-3). Nebraska has held their L/4 FCS opp to 7 pts or less.

All-time series now 3-3. LY #8 NU led #7 UW 14-7 in the 2Q but the Badgers turned 3 ints into 3 td's in the blowout loss. It marked just the 3rd time the L/3 yrs that NU has lost its conf opener.

The last time that the Cornhuskers played in Columbus was 1956 (34-7 loss). The series started in OH in 1955 (NU is 0-2). HC Pelini is a OSU alumni ('90) playing FB from 1987-'90 as a FS earning 4Ls.

Just one prior meeting in Evanston, in 1931 NU lost 19-7. LY the Cornhuskers were ranked #9 when they were upset by NW. It was the 3rd str year a ranked Nebraska team was upset at home.

LY NU blk'd a punt (called for roughing) & instead of having the ball at the M10, UM went 86/101 for a td w/10:14 left.

LTH ('95) marked the only prior gm in East Lansing. NU won 50-10 w/a 666-335 yd edge in the midst of a 12-0 ssn.

LY NU had a 17-0 3Q lead & held on for the win. It was the highest ranked foe they had beaten away S/'99.

LY NU rolled to a 34-0 lead scoring on all five 1H poss. NU is 20-4 in home finales incl 7 str wins by 19 ppg.

LTH ('99) NU won 42-7 (+374). NU had a 203-63 yd edge at HT but only led 7-0. 1st gm in 1891, NU's 1st "real" foe.

STADIUM: MEMORIAL STADIUM (81,091) (#17)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL (FieldTurf)

	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	10 Yr Total
STRAIGHT UP	7-7	10-3	5-6	8-4	9-5	5-7	9-4	10-4	10-4	9-4	82-48
Home	6-2	6-1	4-2	5-2	6-1	4-3	6-2	5-2	6-1	6-1	54-17
Away	1-4	3-2	1-4	2-2	3-2	1-4	2-2	4-1	4-1	3-2	24-24
Neutral	0-1	1-0	0-0	1-0	0-2	0-0	1-0	1-1	0-2	0-1	4-7
vs Conf	3-5	5-3	3-5	4-4	6-3	2-6	5-3	6-3	6-3	5-3	45-38
vs Non-Conf	4-2	5-0	2-1	4-0	3-2	3-1	4-1	4-1	4-1	4-1	37-10
ATS	6-7	8-5	4-6	6-5	7-5	1-3	7-6	9-5	7-7	4-8	61-63
Home Fav	4-1	4-2	1-3	2-3	4-1	1-4	3-4	3-3	3-4	2-5	27-30
Home Dog	1-1	0-1	1-1	1-0	1-0	1-1	4-0	1-0	0-0	0-0	6-4
Away Fav	0-2	3-1	1-1	1-1	2-1	0-1	2-0	2-2	3-2	2-0	16-11
Away Dog	1-2	0-1	1-2	1-1	0-1	1-3	1-1	1-0	0-0	0-2	6-13
Neutral	0-1	1-0	0-0	1-0	0-2	0-0	1-0	2-0	1-1	0-1	6-5
vs Conf	4-4	5-3	3-5	4-4	5-3	1-6	4-4	4-5	5-4	3-4	39-42
vs Non-Conf	1-2	3-2	1-1	2-1	2-2	1-3	3-2	5-0	2-3	1-4	22-21
Off SU Win	3-4	4-5	0-5	5-2	4-3	1-5	3-5	6-3	4-5	3-6	32-43
Off SU Loss	2-3	3-0	4-1	1-3	2-2	2-4	3-1	2-2	1-1	1-1	22-18



NEWCOMERS 9 VHT 5 HT

2011 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG	PLAYER	TKL	SKS	TFL	PBU	INT	QBH
Rex Burkhead	284	1406	49	1357	15	4.8	Lavonte David	133	5.5	7.5	2	2	3
Taylor Martinez	188	1040	166	874	9	4.6	Will Compton	82	0.5	6.5	0	0	3
Ameer Abdullah	42	172	22	150	3	3.6	Daimion Stafford	80	0.5	2.5	10	0	1
Braylon Heard	25	122	8	114	1	4.6	Austin Cassidy	70	0	0	4	2	1
Aaron Green	24	105	0	105	2	4.4	Cameron Meredith	58	5	1	0	1	9
Kenny Bell	3	100	0	100	1	33.3	Andrew Green	48	0	2	8	1	0
Tim Marlowe	3	77	0	77	0	11.0	Baker Steinkuhler	40	2	3	2	0	4
Tyler Legate	8	54	0	54	0	6.8	Lance Thorns	38	0	1	2	1	0
Brion Carnes	2	0	6	-6	0	-3.0	Claite Evans	33	0	1	3	0	0
PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT	PJ Smith	33	0	0	0	1	0
Taylor Martinez	288	162	56.2	2089	13	8	Alfonzo Dennard	31	0	0	6	0	0
Brion Carnes	2	2	100.0	26	0	0	Sean Fisher	24	0	3	0	0	1
RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG	Eric Martin	23	2.5	1.5	0	0	4	0
Kenny Bell	32	461	14.4	3	50	Jared Crick	22	1	2	1	0	1	0
Quincy Enunwa	21	293	14.0	2	36	Terrence Moore	20	1	1	0	1	4	0
Kyle Reed	15	257	17.1	1	53	Jason Ankrah	17	1	2	0	0	0	0
Brandon Kinnie	22	257	11.7	1	61	Josh Williams	15	0	1	0	0	2	0
Jamal Turner	15	243	16.2	0	43	Chase Rome	13	1	0	1	0	1	0
Ben Cotton	14	189	13.5	0	28	Graham Stoddard	13	0	0	1	0	1	0
Rex Burkhead	21	177	8.4	3	30	Alonzo Whaley	11	0	2	0	0	0	0
Tim Marlowe	12	113	9.4	1	15	Justin Blatchford	11	0	0	1	0	1	0
PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	IND	NO	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG	
Brett Maher	59	2626	44.5	9	38.3	1	25	Ameer Abdullah	15	107	7.1	0	28
KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TLG	LONG	NO	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG	
Brett Maher	43	44	7	5	4	3	19	23	263	29.3	1	100	

2011 STATS GAME BY GAME

ATT	Foe	84,883	Chattanooga
85,101	Fresno St	85,101	Washington
32,617	at Wyoming	107,903	at Penn St
81,384	at Wisconsin	85,426	Ohio St
49,187	at Minnesota	85,641	Michigan St
85,115	Northwestern	107,903	at Penn St
113,718	at Michigan	85,595	Iowa
61,351	† South Carolina	TOTALS	4939 265 611-2824 4.6 164-293 2115 21
85,267 (#12)	HOME	AVERAGES	380 20.4 47-217 4.6 56.0% 163 7.2% 351 18.8 40-158 4.0 53.2% 192 5.8% 29 -0.1 #48 21 #37 26 #29
74,360 (#16)	AWAY	TOTALS	394 20.7 48-218 4.5 59.0% 176 5.0% 339 18.3 36-148 4.1 51.4% 191 5.5% 55 -4 #71 18 #45 28 #37

NU Pre #20	2007 RESULTS	Post-#20
#20 Nevada	-21 52-10	
#16 at Wake Forest	-8 20-17	
#14 USC - #1	+9 31-49	
#24 Ball St	-23 41-40	
#25 Iowa St	-21 35-17	
#25 at Missouri - #17	+6 6-41	
at Oklahoma St	-4 14-45	
at Texas A&M	-1 14-36	
at Texas - #17	+20 25-28	
at Kansas - #8	+20 39-76	
at Kansas St	+7 73-31	
at Colorado	+3 51-65	

NU Pre-#	2008 RESULTS	Post-#
Western Michigan	-14 47-24	
San Jose St	-27 35-12	
New Mexico St	-25 38-7	
Virginia Tech	-7 30-35	
Missouri - #4	+10 17-52	
at Texas Tech - #7	+20 31-37 OT	
at Iowa St	-7 35-7	
Baylor	-13 32-20	
at Oklahoma - #4	+21 28-62	
Kansas	-1 45-35	
at Kansas St	-6 56-28	
Colorado	-18 40-31	

NU Pre #24	2009 RESULTS	Post-#
#24 Florida Atlantic	-23 49-9	
Arkansas St	-21 38-9	
at Virginia Tech - #13	+5 15-16	
Louisiana	-28 55-0	
at Missouri - #24	-3 27-12	
Texas Tech	-10 10-31	
Iowa St	-20 7-9	
at Baylor	-13 20-10	
Oklahoma - #20	+4 10-3	
at Kansas	-4 31-17	
Kansas St	-16 17-3	
at Colorado	-10 28-20	
† Texas - #3	+14 12-13	

NU Pre #8	2010 RESULTS	Post-#20
WKU	-38 49-10	
Idaho	-27 38-17	
at Washington	-3 56-21	
South Dakota St	-44 17-3	
at Kansas St	-10 48-13	
Texas	-9 13-20	
at Oklahoma St - #17	-6 51-41	
Missouri - #7	-7 31-17	
at Iowa St	-17 31-30 OT	
Kansas	-35 20-30	
at Texas A&M - #18	-2 6-9	
Colorado	-16 45-17	
† Oklahoma - #10	+4 20-23	

NU Pre #10	2011 RESULTS	Post-#24
Chattanooga	-36 40-7	
Fresno St	-28 42-29	
Washington	-17 51-38	
at Wyoming	-21 38-14	
at Wisconsin - #7	+10 17-48	
Ohio St	-10 34-27	
at Minnesota	-24 41-14	
Michigan St - #9	-4 24-3	
Northwestern	-17 25-28	
at Penn St - #12	-3 17-14	
at Michigan - #20	+3 17-45	
Iowa	-9 20-7	

BO PELINI (Career 39-16)
5th Year at Nebraska
Also coached '03 bowl game
Pelini's Bowl Record: 3-2

Pelini's records at NEBRASKA

39-16 Straight Up	2-7 Vs Top 10
23-6 Home	7-10 Vs Top 25
13-6 Away	5-4 Vs BCS Teams
3-4 Neutral	6-3 Off A Bye
22-12 Vs Conference	10-4 Off A Loss

2011 RECORD: (9-4)
RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 7*
DEFENSE: 7

Returning: 56 (26,27,3)
Lost: 28 (15,11,2)

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2011 1st Yr Big 10
1928-10 Big 8/12



LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

NEBRASKA'S ALL-TIME BOWL RECORD 24-24

06 Cotton - #22	+2	Auburn - #10	14-17
08 Gator	+2	Clemson	26-21
09 Holiday - #20	-2'	Arizona - #22	33-0
10 Holiday - #17	-14	Washington	7-19
11 Capital One - #21	+2'	South Carolina - #10	13-30

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