## Nebraska Post-Game Notes

## Nebraska vs. Northwestern, Nov. 4, 2017, Memorial Stadium, Lincoln, Neb.

**49** — Senior linebacker **Marcus Newby** recorded his first career interception in the third quarter, returning it 49 yards for a touchdown to give Nebraska a 21-17 lead. The 49-yard interception return for a touchdown was the longest by a Husker since Larry Asante had a 74-yard interception return against Louisiana-Lafayette in 2009. It was the longest interception return of any kind by an NU player since Nate Gerry had a 54-yard interception return against Illinois in 2014. Newby finished the game with a career-high tying 10 tackles, including eight solo stops.

**8-4** — In the loss Nebraska fell to 8-4 all time in games decided in overtime, including 2-1 at Memorial Stadium. Today was Nebraska's first overtime game since Oct. 29 last season when Nebraska lost, 23-17, at Wisconsin. Nebraska last played an overtime game at home on Sept. 30, 2006, when it beat Kansas, 39-32. Nebraska's other overtime game at home was a victory over lowa State, 27-20, on Oct. 1, 2005.

7 — Northwestern's seven-point victory was the largest margin of victory between the two teams in a game played in Lincoln since Nebraska joined the Big Ten. The last three meetings in Lincoln were determined by a total of eight points, including margins of 3, 3 and 2 points.

**100** — **Stanley Morgan Jr.** caught four passes for 38 yards in the game, increasing his career receptions total to 101. Morgan is the 10<sup>th</sup> Husker with 100 career receptions. Morgan also moved into the top 10 on the NU career receiving yardage list. With his 38 yards today, Morgan has 1,447 career yards to rank 10th in school history. He passed Maurice Purify (1,444 yards) in the game. Morgan has caught a pass in 23 consecutive games, tying for the fifth-longest streak in school history.

**1,000** — Junior I-back **Devine Ozigbo** rushed 23 times for 72 yards. With his 72 rushing yards this afternoon, Ozigbo increased his career rushing total to 1,052 yards and became the 65<sup>th</sup> Husker player with 1,000 career rushing yards.

7 — Senior safety Joshua Kalu intercepted a first-quarter Northwestern pass and returned it 32 yards. It marked Kalu's seventh career interception and his second in 2017.

2 — Quarterback **Tanner Lee** connected on two touchdown passes, marking the seventh time in nine games Lee has thrown for at least two touchdown passes. Lee has thrown for 17 touchdown passes this season, nine shy of the school record of 26 set by Zac Taylor in 2006. With his 225 passing yards today, Lee now has 2,365 yards on the season and moved from  $10^{th}$  to eighth the single-season passing chart. He passed Zac Lee (2,143 – 2009) and Tommy Armstrong Jr. (2,180 – 2016). Lee has thrown for at least 200 yards in eight of nine games this season.

## **Other Notes**

- Nebraska converted two Northwestern turnovers into 14 points, including an interception by a touchdown by Marcus Newby. Northwestern scored seven points following Nebraska's three turnovers.
- The Nebraska defense limited Northwestern to 1-of-11 on third downs, including preventing conversions on the Wildcats' first eight thirddown attempts.
- JD Spielman had a 40-yard run in the second quarter, the longest rush by a Husker this season. It was a career long run for Spielman and doubled his previous rushing total for the season (7 carries, 20 yards). Spielman finished the game with 45 rushing yards, 48 receiving yards and 102 kickoff return yards, giving him 195 all-purpose yards on the game. Spielman has 1,154 all-purpose yards this season, 105 yards shy of the freshman all-purpose record of 1,259 yards by Ahman Green in 1995.
- Quarterback **Tanner Lee** threw an interception on his fifth attempt of the day, ending his streak of attempts without an interception at 122 passes, dating back to the first quarter of the Wisconsin game.
- Redshirt freshman safety Marquel Dismuke made his first career start in today's game.
- Redshirt freshman tight end Jack Stoll had a 32-yard touchdown catch in the second quarter. It marked the first career touchdown for Stoll on his second career reception.
- Senior kicker **Drew Brown** connected on a 23-yard field goal in the third quarter for his 58<sup>th</sup> career field goal. He passed his brother, Kris, for second place on the NU career field goal chart.