

HUSKERS CELEBRATE 300TH SELLOUT ON HOMECOMING

By Nebraska Media Relations

After dropping a disappointing one-point decision at 13th-ranked Virginia Tech last Saturday that snapped one of the nation's 10-longest winning streaks, the Nebraska football team returns to the field tonight on Homecoming looking to start a new streak while also celebrating the 300th consecutive sellout at Memorial Stadium.

The Huskers have won five straight home games and have been victorious on Homecoming in 42 of the 47 seasons during the sellout streak, dating back to 1962. NU has scored at least 24 points in 21 of its last 23 Homecoming games and the Huskers hope that trend continues after Nebraska was held without a touchdown last Saturday for the first time since 2007.

Like Nebraska, Louisiana-Lafayette also traveled to a ranked opponent for its first road game of the season last Saturday. And like the Huskers, the Ragin' Cajuns did not score a touchdown while suffering their first loss of the season, falling 31-3 at No. 9 LSU. ULL may have a hard time finding the end zone again tonight, as the Husker defense has allowed only one touchdown in two home games this season, while limiting opponents to 6.0 points per game inside Memorial Stadium.

Speaking of the 87-year old stadium, tonight's game will have several special features to celebrate the ongoing NCAA record 300th consecutive sellout. Nebraska will be wearing throwback uniforms tonight, created by adidas to be replicas of the uniforms the Huskers wore during the 1962 season, when the sellout streak began. Special video features about the streak will play on the HuskerVision screens throughout the game and players from the 1962 team and family members of former Head Coach Bob Devaney will be recognized on the field. Following the game, a fan tribute will be played on the HuskerVision screens before a fireworks show caps the festivities.

The Huskers are also looking for plenty of fireworks on the field after a frustrating game at Virginia Tech. NU had five scoring drives and drove inside the red zone five times, while the Hokies had only three scoring drives and made just two trips inside the Huskers' 20-yard line. A return home may help the Huskers find the end zone, as NU has scored 12 touchdowns at Memorial Stadium this season and allowed only one.

Henery Has 'Special' Day

Junior Alex Henery made a big impact for the Huskers' special teams units at 13th-ranked Virginia Tech last Saturday. Henery accounted for all 15 Husker points, drilling five field goals in five attempts. Henery connected on four first-half field goals from 40 yards, 27 yards, 19 yards and 38 yards. In the second half, Henery added another 38-yard field goal that put NU on top by five with less than five minutes to play. That field goal put Henery in exclusive company, as he became only the second kicker in Husker history to make five field goals in a game. The only other member of that club is Dale Klein, who booted an NCAA-record seven field goals against Missouri in 1985.

With the perfect 5-of-5 effort, Henery extended his impressive streak to 19 consecutive field goals made from less than 50 yards. In his career, Henery has made 32 of his 36 career attempts for a school-record 89-percent success rate. With 15 points against the Hokies, Henery moved up from No. 16 to No. 11 on the Nebraska all-time career scoring chart, just two points shy of entering the top 10.

As if Henery's place-kicking performance wasn't enough, he also showed off his leg during his punting duties. In his first punt attempt of the game, Henery rolled to his right and eluded a defender before unleashing a 76-yard punt that ranks as the fourth-longest in Husker history.

Suh Sets School Record

Senior Ndamukong Suh had an outstanding performance last Saturday at No. 13 Virginia Tech. Suh finished with a team-high eight tackles, including half of a sack and one tackle for loss. But his most impressive statistic came in another category, as Suh batted down four Tyron Taylor passes. The four pass breakups set a Nebraska record for most breakups in a game by a defensive lineman.

In addition to breaking that nine-year old record, Suh also moved into the NU top 10 in career tackles-for-losses. Suh has recorded 38 TFLs in his career to rank eighth in Husker history. With 14.0 career sacks, Suh finds himself needing just 1.5 sacks to enter the top 10.



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Helu Sets Career High

Junior H-back Roy Helu Jr. nearly carried Nebraska to a road victory over 13th-ranked Virginia Tech last Saturday, as he ran for a career-high 169 yards, averaging 6.0 yards per carry on his career-high 28 attempts.

Helu has posted some impressive road rushing totals over the past two seasons. In five road games since the beginning of 2008, Helu has rushed for 511 yards, an average of more than 100 yards per game, despite making only one start and receiving 10 or fewer carries in two of those five games. Helu amassed his 511 yards on only 73 carries, averaging 7.0 yards per carry.

Helu has been even more impressive in road games against ranked teams. In three road games against top-15 opponents since 2008, Helu has ran for 373 yards.

Guarding the Goal Line

Despite allow two touchdowns last weekend, the Nebraska defense has surrendered only three touchdowns through three games this season. The Blackshirts did not allow a touchdown until the second quarter of the second game, as the Huskers held their opponents out of the end zone for the first five quarters of the year, the longest season-opening streak since 1994.

Even more impressive is that only one of the three touchdown drives the defense has allowed has covered more than 35 yards. The first touchdown the Blackshirts allowed this season required Arkansas State to drive only 32 yards to find the end zone. Against Virginia Tech last Saturday, the Hokies' first TD drive covered only 24 yards as a 76-yard opening kickoff return set Virginia Tech up with a short field. The lone long touchdown drive was the Hokies' game-winning 88-yard scoring march with 21 seconds to play last weekend.

The Huskers did an excellent job of limiting the length of the every Hokie drive last Saturday as Virginia Tech was held to fewer than 30 yards in 11 of its 13 drives last weekend, including six drives where the Hokies managed two yards or less.

So far on the season, Nebraska has allowed only 28 points, as the Huskers' average of 9.3 points per game ranks seventh nationally. Nebraska has now held three straight opponents under 20 points for the first time since the opening three games

Tonight's Cover

In honor of the 300th consecutive sellout at Memorial Stadium, tonight's cover pays tribute to former Head Coach Bob Devaney. The streak began during Devaney's first season in 1962

Tonight's Sponsor

Tonight's corporate sponsor is adidas.



Big 12 Standings (as of Sept. 20)

North	Record	Big 12
1. Missouri	3-0	0-0
Kansas	3-0	0-0
3. Nebraska	2-1	0-0
Iowa State	2-1	0-0
5. Kansas State	1-2	0-0
Colorado	1-2	0-0

South	Record	Big 12
1. Texas	3-0	1-0
2. Texas A&M	2-0	0-0
3. Oklahoma	2-1	0-0
Oklahoma State	2-1	0-0
5. Baylor	1-1	0-0
6. Texas Tech	2-1	0-1

2009 Nebraska Schedule

Date	Opponent (TV)	Time/Result
Sept. 5	Florida Atlantic (FSN PPV)	W, 49-3
Sept. 12	Arkansas State (FSN PPV)	W, 38-9
Sept. 19	at Virginia Tech (ABC)	L, 15-16
Sept. 26	Louisiana-Lafayette (FSN PPV)	6 p.m.
Oct. 8	at Missouri* (ESPN)	8 p.m.
Oct. 17	Texas Tech*	TBA
Oct. 24	Iowa State*	TBA
Oct. 31	at Baylor*	TBA
Nov. 7	Oklahoma*	TBA
Nov. 14	at Kansas*	TBA
Nov. 21	Kansas State*	TBA
Nov. 27	at Colorado* (ABC)	2:30 p.m.

*Big 12 Conference game

Nebraska Football Facts

Team

Season of Football	120th
National Championships.....	5
Back-to-Back National Championship Seasons	2
Undefeated Seasons	11
Perfect Seasons.....	9
Total Conference Championships.....	43
Big 12 Conference Championships	2
All-Time Games Played.....	1,196
All-Time Record	819-338-40 (.701)
National Ranking in All-Time Wins	4th
All-Time Bowl Appearances.....	45
National Ranking in Bowl Appearances	5th
All-Time Bowl Record	23-22
Home Games Played	649
Home Games Record	495-135-20 (.776)
Memorial Stadium Games Played.....	495
Memorial Stadium Record.....	370-112-13 (.760)
Consecutive Home Winning Seasons.....	40
Consecutive Home Sellouts*	300
All-Time Record in September.....	149-37-6 (.792)

Individual

College Football Hall of Fame Players.....	14
College Football Hall of Fame Coaches	6
All-Americans	106
CoSIDA Academic All-Americans*	98
NCAA Top Eight Award Winners*	9
Heisman Trophy Winners.....	3
Walter Camp Award Winners	3
Maxwell Trophy Winners.....	1
Outland Trophy Winners*	8
Lombardi Trophy Winners	4
Butkus Award Winners	1
Johnny Unitas Golden Arm Award Winners	1
Davey O'Brien Award Winners.....	1
Rimington Award Winners.....	1
Retired Jerseys	16
Retired Numbers	2
All-Conference Selections.....	494

*Total leads the nation

of the 2005 season. NU has not held four consecutive opponents to fewer than 20 points since a streak of five games to open the 2003 season.

Fourth Quarter Figures

Virginia Tech outscored Nebraska 6-3 in the fourth quarter last Saturday, with the Hokies' late touchdown providing the winning margin in the come-from-behind victory. Virginia Tech became the first team to outscore Nebraska in the fourth quarter in 14 games - since the third game of last season - as the Huskers ranked second nationally a year ago in both fourth-quarter points scored and point differential. The touchdown also marked the first time in four games dating back to 2008 that NU had allowed a fourth-quarter touchdown.

The Hokies' comeback win marked the first time Nebraska has lost a game when leading in the fourth quarter under Head Coach Bo Pelini. Pelini had been 10-0 when leading at any point in the fourth quarter (including his 2003 Alamo Bowl victory as interim head coach). The Huskers had won 10 straight games when leading in the fourth quarter dating back to a 28-25 loss a 17th-ranked Texas in 2007. The last time Nebraska gave up a game-winning touchdown with less than a minute to play was on Homecoming in 2005, when No. 15 Texas Tech scored the game-winning touchdown with 12 seconds remaining.

Huskers on Homecoming

Tonight marks Nebraska's first Homecoming game against a non-conference opponent since 1954, when the Huskers fell to Pittsburgh, 21-7. In fact, only 10 of the Huskers' 98 all-time Homecoming games have come against non-conference opponents. NU has a record of 3-6-1 against non-conference Homecoming opponents, while overall, the Huskers are an impressive 72-22-4 in Homecoming games.

Nebraska won 36 straight Homecoming games from 1969 to 2004. Since then, the Huskers have lost three of their last four Homecoming games. During the sellout streak, NU has won 42 of its 47 Homecoming contests.

Game Information

Tonight's game marks the monumental 300th consecutive sellout at Memorial Stadium. The ongoing NCAA record began on Nov. 3, 1962 on Homecoming against Missouri. Nearly 47 years later, we celebrate sellout No. 300 at another Homecoming game.

With both the 300th consecutive sellout and Homecoming being celebrated tonight, there are a lot of special events happening inside the stadium.

In honor of the 300th consecutive sellout, the Huskers will be wearing throwback uniforms produced by adidas to resemble the uniforms worn in the first sellout in 1962. Fans can bid on these authentic game-worn throwback jerseys on Huskers.com until Oct. 7. Members of the 1962 team, as well as family members of former Head Coach Bob Devaney will be recognized at tonight's game and a fireworks show and fan tribute video will take place after the game.

In honor of Homecoming, the royalty candidates will be introduced at halftime with the Homecoming King and Queen announced at that time.

Former Husker volleyball coach Terry Pettit will also be recognized this evening as a recipient of the Dr. Barbara Hibner Trailblazer Award. Pettit helped build the Husker volleyball program into a national powerhouse, winning one national title while compiling a 694-149-11 record in 23 seasons.

The 1962 Homecoming game between Nebraska and Missouri was a memorable meeting, even though the Tigers prevailed 16-7. That contest marked the start of Nebraska's ongoing NCAA-record consecutive home sellout streak, which reaches 300 tonight. The first sellout also marked the first loss of Head Coach Bob Devaney's NU coaching career.

Marking the 300th Sellout

When Nebraska hosted Missouri on Homecoming on Nov. 7, 1962, for the first of the 300 consecutive home sellouts we

celebrate tonight, John F. Kennedy was the President of the United States, a movie ticket cost \$0.50 and The Beverly Hillbillies was the nation's top-rated TV show.

A lot has changed since then and to show you just how impressive the longevity of the sellout streak has been, let's examine some interesting facts:

»Total attendance during the sellout streak has been 22,127,996 (not including tonight).

»There have been 10 U.S. Presidents during the sellout streak, including five who served more than one term.

»Nebraska has compiled a 260-39 record at Memorial Stadium during the sellout streak.

»Louisiana-Lafayette marks the 75th different opponent Nebraska has faced during the sellout streak.

»The Huskers have faced teams from 35 different states during the streak.

»The nation's second-longest current sellout streak (Notre Dame, 207 straight sellouts) began in 1974, 12 years after the Huskers' streak.

»Since the streak began, the Husker football program has awarded 2,985 letters.

As for the game itself, both Nebraska and Louisiana-Lafayette are 2-1 this season after suffering their first losses of the year last Saturday. The Huskers fell by one point, 16-15, at No. 13 Virginia Tech last weekend, while the Ragin' Cajuns fell at No. 9 LSU, 31-3 in their first road game of the season. One of ULL's two victories this season came over Big 12 foe Kansas State, while the other was against Southern.

The Huskers and Ragin' Cajuns are meeting for the first time ever tonight. ULL is the third Sun Belt Conference school Nebraska is facing for the first time this season. The Huskers defeated Florida Atlantic and Arkansas State earlier this month and NU is 8-0 all-time against current members of the Sun Belt, with each win coming at Memorial Stadium.

Husker Head Coach Bo Pelini is in his second year at Nebraska in 2009 and owns a **12-4** career record. Louisiana-Lafayette Head Coach Rickey Bustle is in his eighth season in charge of the Ragin' Cajuns' program and has compiled a 34-51 record at ULL.

Tonight's game is being televised by Fox Sports Net on a pay-per-view basis. A condensed version of the game will likely be available next week on Fox Sports Net (check local listings).

Tonight's game is also being carried by the Husker Sports Network. Fans in and around Memorial Stadium can get all the pregame news, live game action and postgame coverage here in Lincoln on 1400 AM KLIN.

Current Sellout Streaks

1. Nebraska	300
2. Notre Dame	207
3. Michigan	157
4. Florida	126