

Nebraska at Illinois, Friday, Oct. 6, 2023

Nebraska Postgame Notes

- With the win, Nebraska snapped Illinois' three-game win streak in the series. The Huskers improved to 14-6-1 overall against the Illini including a 7-4 record since joining the Big Ten.
- Nebraska improved to 4-0 in Friday night road games since 2017. In addition to tonight's win, Nebraska also won at Illinois in 2017, at Rutgers in 2020 and at Rutgers in 2022.
- Tonight's win marked **Matt Rhule's** 50th victory as a college head coach.
- Nebraska held Illinois scoreless in the first quarter, marking the fourth time in six games the Huskers have blanked the opponent in the opening quarter. NU has shut out the opponent in the first quarter in all three road games.
- In its last five games against Big Ten West opponents, Nebraska has allowed only 10 first-half points. The Huskers shut out Minnesota, Wisconsin and Iowa in the first half in their final three divisional games in 2022 and at Minnesota in this year's season opener, the Huskers limited the Gophers to three points. Illinois scored seven first-half points on Friday.
- Quarterback **Heinrich Haarberg** had a 25-yard TD run in the second quarter, marking his fifth run of at least 20 yards this season.
- Haarberg accounted for 236 total yards in the game, including 82 rushing yards and 154 passing yards. Haarberg has accounted for better than 200 total yards in three of his first four starts.
- Nebraska's 14-play touchdown drive in the second quarter matched Nebraska's longest of the season in terms of plays. The Huskers had a 14-play TD drive against Northern Illinois.
- The Huskers had two first-half drives covering at least 6:30 on the clock. Nebraska has four drives this season of 6:30 or more.
- Illinois rushed 19 times for 21 yards in the game. This marked the fifth time in six games Nebraska has held its opponent to less than 60 yards rushing.
- Nebraska's defense had a season-high seven pass breakups in the game, led by a career-high three breakups from **Isaac Gifford**, all in the fourth quarter.
- Senior cornerback **Quinton Newsome** made his 30th consecutive start in tonight's game. He had an interception (with a 39-yard return) in the fourth quarter to mark his first career interception.
- Receiver **Ty Hahn** had a 21-yard reception on a Nebraska scoring drive in the second quarter, marking his first career reception.
- True freshman **Malachi Coleman** had a 5-yard reception in the second quarter, good for his first career reception.
- Receiver **Marcus Washington** had a 39-yard reception in the first quarter before being injured. His 39-yard catch pushed his career receiving yardage total to 1,013 yards.
- Linebacker **John Bullock** had a 4-yard sack in the second quarter, marking his first career sack.
- Defensive end **Jimari Butler** had 1.5 sacks in the second quarter. He had a total of two career sacks entering the game.
- Tonight's game captains were DE **Jimari Butler**, TE **Thomas Fidone**, CB **Tommi Hill** and WR **Marcus Washington**.