Nebraska Game Notes vs. Ohio

Sept. 5, 2026—Memorial Stadium

- Today's game marked the first ever meeting between Nebraska and Ohio. Hall of Fame Coach **Frank Solich** handled the coin flip. Solich was the head coach from Nebraska for six seasons and served as Ohio's head man for 16 seasons.
- Nebraska's victory marked the third straight year it has won its season opener and was the 100th victory in a season opener in 137 years of football. Nebraska now owns a 100-32-5 all-time record in season openers.
- Freshman running back **Jamal Rule** scored Nebraska's first touchdown on a 1-yard TD run in the first quarter. It marked Rule's third career carry. He finished the game with 15 carries for 122 rushing yards and two touchdowns. His 100-yard rushing game was the first by a freshman in a season opener since quarterback Adrian Martinez had 117 rushing yards against Colorado in the 2018 opener. Rule was the first Husker running back to have 100 rushing yards in a season opener since Tierre Green, who ran for 112 yards against Western Illinois in 2004.
- Rule also caught two passes for 47 yards, including a 24-yard touchdown reception in the second quarter. In his collegiate debut, Rule finished with 169 scrimmage yards and three total touchdowns on only 17 touches.
- Nebraska had a 7-play, 92-yard scoring drive in the second quarter, marking Nebraska's longest scoring drive since a 93-yard drive vs. Illinois in 2022.
- Quarterback **Anthony Colandrea** completed 18-of-32 passes for 275 yards and three touchdowns in his Nebraska debut. With his 298 yards of total offense, Colandrea increased his career total offense total to 8,991.
- Colandrea's 24-yard touchdown pass to Rule in the second quarter marked his 50th career touchdown pass.
- Junior receiver **Jacory Barney** had 60 receiving yards and nine punt return yards for a total of 69 all-purpose yards in the game. Barney increased his career all-purpose yards to 1,993 with today's effort.
- Barney's 60 receiving yards pushed his career yardage total to 991.
- Running back **Mekhi Nelson** accounted for 129 all-purpose yards, including 10 carries for 64 yards, and a 29-yard rushing touchdown. He caught two passes for 65 yards, including a 51-yard fourth-quarter touchdown.
- Nelson's 51-yard touchdown catch was a career best and the longest by a Nebraska running back since Emmett Johnson had a 56-yard reception at UCLA last season.
- **Dexter Foster** had five tackles in the game, increasing his career total to 100 tackles.
- Nebraska had eight pass breakups in the game, its most since the Huskers had nine breakups against Rutgers on Oct. 5, 2024.