NEBRASKA







(2-4 Big Ten)

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UNIVERSITY **OF NEBRASKA** CORNHUSKERS

	SCHEDULE		
Date Sept. 1	Opponent vs. Southern Miss	UNL 49	Opp 20
Sept. 8	at UCLA	30	36
Sept. 15	vs. Arkansas State	42	13
Sept. 22	vs. Idaho State	73	7
Sept. 29	vs. Wisconsin	30	27
Oct. 6	at Ohio State	38	63
Oct. 20	at Northwestern	29	28
Oct. 27	vs. Michigan	23	9
Nov. 3	at Michigan State	28	24

STAT	LEADERS

vs. Minnesota (2:30 p.m.)

RUSHING					
	Att	Yds	Avg	Long	Т
Ameer Abdullah	182	942	5.2	45	
Taylor Martinez Rex Burkhead	132 47	770 405	5.8 8.6	92 73	
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HUSKERS Opponents	466 410	2,693 1,799	5.8 4.4	92 80	1
PASSING					
	Com	Att	Yds	Int	Ţ
Taylor Martinez	166 3	265 5	2,112 19	8 1	1
Ron Kellogg III	-	-			
HUSKERS Opponents	169 140	270 302	2,131 1,644	9 7	1
RECEIVING					
	No	Yds	Avg	Long	Т
Kenny Bell	35	653	18.7	74	
Quincy Enunwa Ameer Abdullah	29 22	335 164	11.6 7.5	35 26	
HUSKERS	169		7.5 12.6	20 74	2
Opponents	140	2,131 1.644	12.6	74 54	1
PLACE KICKING		,			
Brett Maher	EPm 45	EPa 45	FGm 15	FGa 21	Lor 5
PUNTING					
		No	Avg. 41.5	Long	ln2

PROBABLE STARTERS

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Will Compton

Alonzo Whaley Baker Steinkuhler

		HUSKERS OFFE	NSE		
Pos	No	Name	Ht	Wt	Yr
QB	3	Taylor Martinez	6-1	200	Jr.
ΙB	22	Rex Burkhead	5-11	210	Sr.
FB	31	C.J. Zimmerer	6-0	230	Jr.
WR-X	80	Kenny Bell	6-1	185	So.
WR-Z	18	Quincy Enunwa	6-2	215	Jr.
RT	71	Jeremiah Sirles	6-6	310	Jr.
RG	61	Spencer Long	6-4	305	Jr.
С	72	Justin Jackson	6-3	280	Sr.
LG	77	Seung Hoon Choi	6-2	290	Sr.
LT	76	Brent Qvale	6-7	315	Jr.
TE	81	Ben Cotton	6-6	255	Sr.
		HUSKERS DEFE	NSE		
Pos	No	Name	Ht	Wt	Yr
DE	46	Eric Martin	6-2	250	Sr.
DT	53	Thad Randle	6-1	295	Jr.
DT	55	Baker Steinkuhler	6-6	290	Sr.
DE	34	Cameron Meredith	6-4	260	Sr.
LB	42	Sean Fisher	6-6	230	Sr.
LB	51	Will Compton	6-2	230	Sr.
LB	45	Alonzo Whaley	6-1	230	Sr.
CB	11	Andrew Green	6-0	195	Jr.
S	13	P.J. Smith	6-2	210	Sr.
S	3	Daimion Stafford	6-1	205	Sr.
CB	_	Landa A Panda all	F 44	455	_
OD	5	Josh Mitchell	5-11	155	So.

Series: Minnesota leads 29-21-2; Last Meeting: Nebraska 41, Minnesota 14 (2011)



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Nebraska's Jamal Turner catches a 5-yard touchdown pass with six seconds to play against Michigan State, touching off a celebration on Nov. 3 in East Lansing, Mich. The score lifted Nebraska to a 28-24 victory.

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Legends	Division		Leadei	aders Division			
•	Conf	All		Conf	All		
Nebraska	5-1	8-2	Ohio State	6-0	10-0		
Michigan	5-1	7-3	Wisconsin	4-2	7-3		
Northwestern	3-3	7-3	Penn State	4-2	6-4		
lowa	2-4	4-6	Indiana	2-4	4-6		
Minnesota	2-4	6-4	Purdue	1-5	4-6		
Michigan State	2-4	5-5	Illinois	0-6	2-8		

MATCHUPS

HUSKERS OFFENSE VS. GOPHERS DEFENSE Nebraska Ameer Abdullah is poised to go over 1,000 yards for the season and is the first Nebraska back since 1994 to run for 100-plus yards in his first five starts.

The Huskers lead the Big Ten in rushing and will be looking to ram the ball right at **HUSKERS DEFENSE VS. GOPHERS OFFENSE** The Huskers lead the Big Ten with 27 sacks and will want to put lots of heat on

freshman QB Philip Nelson. Nobody has had much luck stopping DE Eric Martin, who has a conference-leading 7 1/2 sacks. The Gophers have health issues up front. They'll start converted guard Zac Epping at center after Jon Christenson and Zach Mottla went out with injuries. The left side of their line, anchored by Ed and Tommy Olson, is banged up. (AP)

SPECIAL TEAMS

Neither team has been all that great in field goals, but look for Nebraska's return game to give the Gophers fits all game.

INTANGIBLES

Nebraska can take another step toward locking up the Legends Division title. Losing at home today would be a big punch to the gut, but it wouldn't be a seasonwrecker. The Gophers are bowl eligible and looking to move up in the pecking order.

PREDICTION

Nebraska's offense is simply too experienced and too dangerous for the Gophers. Look for big games on the ground from Ameer Abdullah and Rex Burhead, as well as from QB Taylor Martinez.

HUSKERS 41, GOPHERS 21

UNIVERSITY **OF MINNESOTA**

GOLDEN **GOPHERS** SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent at UNLV (3 OT)	ŪΜ	Op ₂
Aug. 30		30	2
Sept. 8	vs. New Hampshire	44	
Sept. 15	vs. Western Michigan	28	23
Sept. 22	vs. Syracuse	17	10
Sept. 29	at Iowa	13	3
Oct. 13	vs. Northwestern	13	2
Oct. 20	at Wisconsin	13	38
Oct. 27	vs. Purdue	44	28
Nov. 3	vs. Michigan	13	3
Nov. 10	at Illinois	17	;
Nov. 17	at Nebraska (2:30 p.m.)		
Nov. 24	vs. Michigan State (2:30 p.m.)		

STAT LEADERS

RUSHING

Mike Rallis

Donnell Kirkwood

GOPHERS	415	1,662	4.0	75	10
Opponents	363	1,680	4.6	48	18
PASSING					
Max Shortell	Com 60	Att 105	Yds 791	Int 4	TD 6
Philip Nelson	50	90	615	2	6
GOPHERS	144	253	1.875	8	17
Opponents	164	295	1,688	9	10
RECEIVING					
A.I. Barker	No 30	Yds 577	Avg 19.2	Long	ΤĎ
A.J. Barker Isaac Fruechte	30 18	252	19.2	63 34	7
MarQueis Gray	12	121	10.1	33	0
GOPHERS	144	1.875		63	17
Opponents	164	1,688	10.3	49	10
PLACE KICKING					
Jordan Wettstein	EPm 26	EPa 27	FGm 12	FGa 20	Long 44
PUNTING					
Christian Eldred		No 46	Avg. 38.5	Long 63	In20 14
DEFENSIVE LEAD	DERS				
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PROBABLE STARTERS

	GOPHERS OF	FENSE
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:	HB/FB	81	John Rabe	6-4	258	Sr.	
:	WR-X	5	MarQueis Gray	6-5	250	Sr.	
:	WR-Z	14	Isaac Fruechte	6-3	205	So.	
:	RT	65	Josh Campion	6-5	309	RFr.	
:	RG	64	Caleb Bak	6-3	294	RSo.	
:	С	63	Jon Christenson	6-4	288	RFr.	
:	LG	52	Zac Epping	6-2	306	RSo.	
:	LT	74	Marek Lenkiewicz	6-5	281	RSo.	
:	TE	83	Drew Goodger	6-5	255	So.	
:			GOPHERS DEFEN	SE			
:	Pos	No	Name	Ht	Wt	Yr	
	Pos DE	No 98	Name Michael Amaefula	Ht 6-2	Wt 242	Yr So.	
	Pos DE DT	No 98 46	Michael Amaefula Cameron Botticelli				
	DE	98	Michael Amaefula Cameron Botticelli Ra'Shede Hageman	6-2	242	So. RSo. RJr.	
	DE DT	98 46	Michael Amaefula Cameron Botticelli	6-2 6-5	242 284	So. RSo.	
	DE DT DT DE LB	98 46 99	Michael Amaefula Cameron Botticelli Ra'Shede Hageman D.L. Wilhite Aaron Hill	6-2 6-5 6-6	242 284 301	So. RSo. RJr.	
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	DE DT DT DE LB LB LB	98 46 99 95 57 26 4	Michael Amaefula Cameron Botticelli Ra'Shede Hageman D.L. Wilhite Aaron Hill Mike Rallis Keanon Cooper	6-2 6-5 6-6 6-3 6-2	242 284 301 244 228	So. RSo. RJr. Sr. RJr. RSr. RSr.	
	DE DT DT DE LB LB	98 46 99 95 57 26	Michael Amaefula Cameron Botticelli Ra'Shede Hageman D.L. Wilhite Aaron Hill Mike Rallis Keanon Cooper Troy Stoudermire	6-2 6-5 6-6 6-3 6-2 6-2	242 284 301 244 228 245	So. RSo. RJr. Sr. RJr. RSr.	
	DE DT DT DE LB LB CB S	98 46 99 95 57 26 4	Michael Amaefula Cameron Botticelli Ra'Shede Hageman D.L. Wilhite Aaron Hill Mike Rallis Keanon Cooper Troy Stoudermire Derrick Wells	6-2 6-5 6-6 6-3 6-2 6-2 6-0	242 284 301 244 228 245 220	So. RSo. RJr. Sr. RJr. RSr. RSr.	
	DE DT DT DE LB LB LB CB	98 46 99 95 57 26 4 2	Michael Amaefula Cameron Botticelli Ra'Shede Hageman D.L. Wilhite Aaron Hill Mike Rallis Keanon Cooper Troy Stoudermire	6-2 6-5 6-6 6-3 6-2 6-2 6-0 5-10	242 284 301 244 228 245 220 195	So. RSo. RJr. Sr. RJr. RSr. RSr. Sr.	

No. 16 Nebraska Wants No **Late Drama Vs Minnesota**

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — Nebraska coach Bo Pelini joked this week about the priority listed at the top of his game plan for Minnesota.

"Not get behind by 14 at halftime, that's first," he said.

The No. 16 Cornhuskers (8-2, 5-1 Big Ten) have reached this point of the season in unconventional fashion. They've come back from double-digit, second-half deficits

to win four games. Because Nebraska has come out on the right side of the drama, the conference's Legends Division title is in sight.

The Huskers would assure themselves of playing Wisconsin in the Big Ten title game Dec. 1 in Indianapolis with a win Saturday over Minnesota (6-4, 2-4) and another next week at Iowa.

"They understand what's at stake," Pelini said. "We've got two tough games ahead of us, and we just have to stay the course. I know this: we are going to get what we earn over the next two weeks.

Nebraska and Michigan are tied for the division lead, but the Huskers own the tiebreaker because of their win in the head-tohead meeting. If the Huskers lose one of their next two, they would still go to Indy unless the Wolverines beat both Iowa and unbeaten Ohio State.

The Huskers are trying for their first conference title since 1999 and first bid for a BCS game since the 2001 season.

"We're all aware of that, but we have to stay locked in," line-backer Will Compton said. "We can't take this next game lightly at all. We have to take care of us and take care of business. We're in the driver's seat, but we have to continue to stay in the driver's seat, and to do so we have to take care

of business this next week. The Gophers, who became bowl-eligible with their road win over Illinois last week, are battling

injuries on the offensive side. Zach Mottla has a broken leg and Jon Christianson has a high ankle sprain, meaning converted guard Zac Epping will make his first start at center. Brothers Ed and Tommy Olson, who make up the left side of the line, have been banged up. Wide receiver A.J. Barker is questionable because of a lingering ankle problem.

Freshman Philip Nelson is 2-2 as the Gophers' third starting quarterback. He played in a venue as unfriendly to opposing quarterbacks as Memorial Stadium when he made his first career start at Wisconsin.

Last year the Huskers rolled up a season-high 515 yards and broke out to a 34-0 lead on their way to a 41-14 victory in Minneapolis.

The Gophers are much improved defensively, allowing 336 yards and 22.3 points a game. Those numbers were 431 yards and 34.5 points through 10 games a year ago.

"They are a more physical football team, I think, than they were a year ago," Pelini said. "That's what you expect. With more time under coach Kill and his staff, you see the improvement and you've got to give them a lot of credit."

The Huskers also deserve credit after overcoming more double-digit, second-half deficits than any team in Nebraska history. Only two other teams in majorcollege football since 2000 have pulled off comebacks of such magnitude in a season.

Coyotes

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ppg) and 10th in total defense (300.9 yards/game).

"They've got a great line; I think that's the strength of their defense," Chancellor said. "They're all strong guys, so that means we have to be on the ball

every play." USD's offense will again rely heavily on sophomore quarterback Josh Vander Maten (1,443 pass yds, 7 TD; 485 rush yds, 6 TD), who accounted for 340 of

the team's 400 total yards last

Terrance Terry and Will Pow-

ell each have 47 catches and a combined five touchdowns in the receiving game, while Marcus Sims is the team's leading rusher with 584 yards.

More than simply stats and matchups, the Coyotes have heard rivalry stories all week from USD alumni and former players. Included in that lineup was appearances Thursday by Wayne "Moose" Merrigan and Jefferson native Joe Trudeau.

"It's inspirational to talk to people who played here years ago, and to know that this game is a big deal for so long," Mc-Martin said. "I'm just glad to be a part of this.'

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