

No. 6 Nebraska Set To Run Right At South Dakota State

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LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — Nebraska's offense is in overdrive and showing no signs of slowing down heading into Saturday night's game against South Dakota State.

The sixth-ranked Cornhuskers (3-0) have scored 20 touchdowns in three games, and 12 of them have come on drives lasting five plays or less. Seven TDs have come on three plays or less.

Old-school Nebraska fans like it that the offense is relying on the run to get it done. The Huskers are fourth nationally in rushing at 344 yards a game, and their average of 8 yards per carry is best in the nation by more than a yard.

Redshirt freshman Taylor Martinez has left no doubt he was the right choice after a quarterback competition before the season. He's the first Nebraska quar-

terback to rush for more than 100 yards in three straight games since Heisman Trophy winner Eric Crouch in 2001.

"We put him in there because that's what we thought he could be," coach Bo Pelini said. "He's putting up some good numbers, really great numbers, as are a lot of the other guys on offense. I think the exciting thing about it is he has a long way to go."

Martinez is averaging 143.3 yards rushing a game and a nation-leading 10.5 yards a carry. He has seven runs of at least 20 yards and touchdowns of 67, 46, 43, 20 and 80 yards.

Martinez continues to gash defenses with the zone-read option, the play where the quarterback puts the ball in his running back's belly and then, based on what the defense is doing, decides whether to let the running back keep the ball or pull it back and run with it himself.

The emergence of Martinez has

allowed Roy Helu Jr. and Rex Burkhead to thrive on inside running plays. Helu and Burkhead joined Martinez as 100-yard rushers in last week's 56-21 win at Washington. Helu is averaging 10.2 yards a carry, second nationally to Martinez, and 82 a game. Burkhead is running for 79 a game.

South Dakota State (0-2) is a Football Championship Subdivision team and defending the run is not the Jackrabbits' forte. They have given up an average of 222 yards on the ground in losses to Delaware and Illinois State.

SDSU linebacker Derek Domino knows everyone expects the Huskers to pad their stats in what looks like one of the biggest mismatches in a long time at Memorial Stadium.

"We play the game for a reason," Domino said. "We're in need of a win. I don't know how far-fetched that is to say that. We have to stop the run. It's that simple."

The Huskers don't plan on letting up in their last tuneup before Big 12 play begins Oct. 7 at Kansas State.

"There are yards out there and there are opportunities out there. Why? Because getting ready to go down the road here in the Big 12 season we need to be on the p's and q's," offensive coordinator Shawn Watson said.

Pelini said he's not concerned about trying to protect players from injury.

"If you start worrying about that, I think that's when injuries happen," he said. "You have to go play football, and we need to take a step and get better as a football team this week."

But if all goes as planned, the Huskers should be able to get everyone who suits up onto the field. That means backup quarterback Cody Green, who has been playing one series each half, should get significant time.

The Jackrabbits are the alma mater of place-kicker Adam Vinatieri, the 2002

and 2004 Super Bowl hero for the New England Patriots, and Jim Langer, the Miami Dolphins' Hall of Fame center. The game was scheduled three years ago, with the Jackrabbits agreeing to come to Lincoln for \$375,000.

SDSU coach John Stiegelmeier said he can't predict how his team will respond to playing a top 10 team in front of 85,000 fans.

The Jacks have played two other Football Bowl Subdivision opponents, losing 44-17 at Iowa State in 2008 and 16-13 at Minnesota last year.

"Obviously, we're playing one of the best programs ever historically in college football, and obviously they've got the program back in a big way," Stiegelmeier said. "We're excited about it. We're going to go down with the goal to try to play our best football against the best football team we'll face and see how it turns out."

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against Menno as Gayville-Volin defeated Menno 42-14 Friday night in Gayville.

Kasuske had a total of 90 rushing yards for the night, and had one touchdown run for the Raiders (2-3).

Also for the Raiders, Jack Huether had a 15 yard touchdown run and a nine yard touchdown run.

Ben Fischer had a total of 12 tackles for the Menno Wolves (1-3).

Quarterback Kory Henricks ran a total of 80 yards to score a touchdown, while Austin Herrboldt ran for a 56 yard touchdown.

The Raiders travel to Irene to try their rushing offense against Irene-Wakonda, while Menno travels to Viborg-Hurley.

NEENOA (1-3).....0 0 0 0 -14
GAYVILLE-VOLIN (2-3).....21 14 7 0 -42

Alcester-Hudson 12, Baltic 6

ALCESTER — The Alcester-Hudson Cubs had a total of 204 rushing yards compared to the Baltic's 73 yards, which helped Alcester-Hudson defeat Baltic 12-6 Friday in Alcester.

The Cubs (2-2), Cody Nielsen had a total of 64 rushing yards and nine tackles.

Josiah Aberson had 86 receiving yards, a five-yard fumble return and eight tackles.

The Bulldogs (0-4) Tyler Tabbert had a total of 148 rushing yards and one completion for 19 yards.

Dilyn Thompson rushed for 30 yards, returned two punts for 38 yards and 10 tackles.

The Bulldogs will be hosting Centerville, while the Cubs will be taking on Chester.

BALTIC (0-4).....5 0 0 0 -5
ALCESTER-HUDSON (2-2).....0 6 0 0 -12

Platte-Geddes-Dakota Christian 29, Chamberlain 0

PLATTE — The Platte-Geddes-Dakota Christian Black Panthers took a 22-point lead at halftime and didn't look back shutting out Chamberlain 29-0 Friday in Platte.

Black Panther's Trey DeHaan (3-1) helped score the first points of the game on a 22-yard pass to Hunter Johnson. Jon Hoeksema flashed his special team skills with a 35-yard punt return for a touchdown.

Mike Kimball scored two touchdowns both on one-yard touchdowns runs.

The Cubs (1-3) had 104 yards of total offense.

Next on the schedule for Platte-Geddes-Dakota Christian is hosting Stanley County, while Chamberlain hosts Miller.

CHAMBERLAIN (1-3).....0 0 0 0 -0
PLATTE-GEDDES-DAKOTA CHR. (3-1) 15 0 7 -29

Osmond 34, Hartington 14

HARTINGTON Neb. — Osmond defeated Hartington 34-14 Friday night in Hartington, Neb.



Viborg-Hurley quarterback Cory Jacobsen (26) looks for a block as he runs during the second quarter of Friday night's game in Avon.

No stats were available for either team.

Hartington (1-3) will host Allen while Osmond (3-1) travels to Creighton.

OSMOND (3-1).....5 22 0 0 -34
HARTINGTON (1-3).....0 6 0 0 -14

Colome 52, South Central 7

BURKE — The fifth-ranked Colome Cowboys barreled past the South Central Cougars 52-7 in 9 man high school football on Friday night in Burke.

Colome controlled the game with 275 yards on the ground. Zach Harter scored the Cowboys' first touchdown with a 50-yard run in the first quarter. He would finish with 182 yards in 13 carries. Harter also scored

four total touchdowns and was 2-4 with 50 yards in the air.

Receiving for the Cowboys, Chris Hofeldt made two receptions for 48 yards, including a 29 yard touchdown from Harter.

Michael Rohde scored on a 46 yard run in the second quarter for Colome. He ended with 93 yards in 11 carries for the Cowboys. Terrance Kinzer put the game away for Colome with a 57 yard touchdown run in the fourth quarter.

Defensively for the Cowboys, Jacob Debus had nine tackles and Lance Farnar had eight tackles.

South Central started out strong with an 18-yard reception

by Christian Schweigert from Brian Juran in the first quarter. Schweigert finished with four catches for 83 yards. Juran completed 10 passes for 149 yards for South Central.

Colton Johnson led the Cougars on the ground with 54 yards in 11 carries, he also had three receptions for 44 yards.

The Cougar defense was led by Christopher Warnke who racked up nine tackles, and Colton Johnson who had seven.

South Central (2-2) will be traveling to Avon next Friday. Colome (3-1) will be hosting Sunshine Bible Academy at home next Friday.

COLOME (3-1).....8 16 22 6 -52
SOUTH CENTRAL (2-2).....7 0 0 0 -13

Volleyball: West Holt Battles Past L-C-C

ATKINSON, Neb. — The West Holt Huskies dropped the second and third sets, but came back in the fourth and fifth set to beat Laurel-Concord-Coleridge, 28-26, 23-25, 16-25, 25-16, 15-8, Thursday in Atkinson, Neb.

The Huskies improve their overall record to 9-2. No stats were available for West Holt.

For Laurel-Concord-Coleridge (9-4), Jade Cunningham's all-around performance with 29 assists, 15 kills, 10 digs and four blocks. Amy Pritchard followed with 21 kills, four digs and two aces.

Mandy Nelsen added 20 assists, 11 kills and five solo blocks in the loss.

Both teams play today

(Saturday) as West Holt travels to Plainview and Laurel-Concord-Coleridge travel to the Wisner-Pilsner Tournament in Wisner.

LAUREL-CONCORD-COLERIDGE (9-4) 28 25 25 16 8
WEST HOLT (9-2).....28 23 16 25 15

Humphrey-St Francis 3, Bloomfield 0

HUMPHREY, Neb. — Humphrey-St. Francis took control to earn a 19-25, 21-25, 19-25 victory over Bloomfield in girls high school volleyball on Thursday.

Sadie Wachter led Humphrey-St. Francis with 28 digs, nine kills, three blocks, and one

set assist. Kylie Abbenhaus posted seven kills, 12 blocks, and 12 digs. Autumn Luger pounded down eight kills, nine blocks and 13 digs.

Also for Humphrey-St. Francis, Brooke Hopkins had 26 set assists and 14 digs. Becca Broders posted 17 digs, five kills, three blocks and one set assist. Karrah Johnson added eight digs, two set assists, and two kills.

Humphrey-St. Francis, 6-4 overall, will be at home on Tuesday to take on Pender. Bloomfield, 0-8 overall, will be traveling to Wynot on Tuesday.

BLOOMFIELD (0-8).....19 21 19
HUMPHREY-ST. FRANCIS (6-4).....25 25 25

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Dell Rapids 48, Lennox 12

LENNOX — Second-ranked Dell Rapids Cole Langer had three rushing touchdowns to seal the deal for the Quarriers, as they defeated the Lennox Orioles 48-12 Friday in Lennox.

The Quarriers (4-0) had a total of 252 rushing yards and 53 passing yards.

Langer had a total of 103 yards, while Greg Schwebach had two catches for a total of 26 yards.

As for the Orioles (0-5), Alex DeVries completed seven out of 14 passes for a total of 132 yards, and Jason Herrboldt had three catches for a total of 69 yards.

The Orioles had a total of 158 rushing yards, 132 passing and three turnovers.

Lennox will be playing at West Central, while Dell Rapids will be hosting Vermillion.

DELL RAPIDS (4-0).....21 14 13 0 -48
LENNOX (0-5).....0 12 0 0 -12

Dell Rapids St. Mary 42, Arlington 14

ARLINGTON — The third-ranked Dell Rapids St. Mary Cardinals pushed past the Arlington Cardinals to claim a 42-14 victory on Friday in Arlington.

Leading Dell Rapids St. Mary on the ground was Cody Gannon with 111 yards in 14 carries. Nick Bares added 63 yards in 16 carries with two rushing touchdowns.

Lee Hoffman led Dell Rapids St. Mary in receiving with three catches for 46 yards, he also had one receiving touchdown.

Dell Rapids St. Mary's quarterback, Jason Michel, completed three out of seven for 46 yards and one touchdown.

Arlington was led by quarterback Austin King who completed nine out of 21 pass attempts for 180 yards and one touchdown. King also led the team in rushing with 42 yards in ten carries.

Receiving leaders for Arlington were Lane Weber with five catches and 117 yards with one touchdown. Also Matt Josephsen made three completions for 54 yards.

Dell Rapids St. Mary (4-0) will be hosting Castlewood next Friday. Arlington (1-3) will be traveling to Colman to take on Colman-Egan.

DELL RAPIDS ST. MARY (4-0).....12 18 6 6 -42
ARLINGTON (1-3).....6 0 0 0 -14

West Central 34, Madison 0

HARTFORD — The Madison Bulldogs were no match for the West Central Trojans running game as they lost 34-0 Friday in Hartford.

Tucker Smith ran for 81 yards

and two touchdowns for the Trojans (3-1), while Tim Weber had 15 rushes for 106 yards and one touchdown.

For the Bulldogs (1-3), Matt DeBlizan had a 37 rushing yards and four completions for 26 yards.

Rush Milne had a total of six rushing yards, while Laker Thompson had seven tackles.

West Central will be hosting Lennox next Friday for their homecoming game, while Madison will be heading to Harrisburg.

MADISON (1-3).....0 0 0 0 -0
WEST CENTRAL (3-1).....13 14 0 -34

Wessington Springs-Woonsocket 73, Sunshine Bible 35

MILLER — Wessington Springs-Woonsocket took an eight point lead going into half-time and continued to build-up points downing Sunshine Bible Academy 73-35 Friday in Miller.

Trevor Kenobbe ran the ball 15 times for 138 yards including three touchdowns for Wessington Springs-Woonsocket (3-1), followed by Dylan Ochsner with 16 carries for 110 yards and four touchdowns.

Kole Kopfmann finished off the rushing attack with 10 carries for 79 yards and two touchdowns.

For the Crusaders (2-3), Jake Moreland ran the ball 17 times for 79 yards including two touchdowns, while Cole McClain threw for 299 yards and three touchdowns.

Wessington Springs-Woonsocket next game is at first-ranked Hitchcock-Tulare, while Sunshine Bible Academy travels to fifth-ranked Colome.

WESS. SPR.-WOONOCKET (3-1) 20 16 30 7 - 73
SUNSHINE BIBLE ACADEMY (2-3).....28 7 0 - 35

Little Wound 21, Todd Co. 0

MISSION — The Little Wound Mustangs held the Todd County Falcons to a shutout in their 21-0 victory in high school football action on Friday.

All of the scoring occurred in the second quarter, with Little Wound's Kevin Hunter finding the endzone twice on the ground and once through the air to Anthony Hopkins.

For Todd County, Doug Stenberg led the team with 40 yards in 11 carries. Tre Tuttle racked up 23 yards in eight carries.

Little Wound (3-1) will be hosting Red Cloud at home in Kyle on Friday. Todd County (2-2) will be traveling to St. Francis on Friday to take on St. Francis Indian School.

LITTLE WOUND (3-1).....0 21 0 0 - 21
TODD COUNTY (2-2).....0 0 0 0 - 0

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