

2008 GAME RECAPS

NEBRASKA 47 Western Michigan 24 - WM gained 8 yds over the first 3 series. NU took its 2nd drive 61/4pl for a TD then went 62/8pl for a TD, 14-0 after 1Q. WM fmbld at their own 31 and NU got a 44 yd FG, 17-0. WM went 80/10pl for a 3 yd TD pass but NU after converting on 3rd & 10 for a 12 yd pass got a 61 yd TD on the next pl, 24-7 (10:14). A 28 yd PR set up NU for a 21 yd drive for a 44 yd FG, 27-7. WM went 42/8pl, converted on 4th & 1 for a FD to the 1 but opted for a FG on 4th & gl from the 1, 27-10 (1:15) and NU went 59/4pl with a 2 yd TD pass with :32 left in the half and they had a 208-102 yd edge and led 34-10. WM did get a pair of 80 yd TD drives in the 2H, the 2nd when they trailed 44-17 as they made it 44-24 (14:43). The next 3 poss ended in int's and WM was SOD at the NU 42 (7:08). The Huskers added a 44 yd FG. WM was SOD at the NU 48 with 2:24 left.

NEBRASKA 35 San Jose St 12 - At HT, SJS had a 221-111 yd edge. SJS took its first drive 59/5pl for a TD, 6-0 (xpng, 9:48). NU went 86/9pl for a TD, 7-6 (5:16). NU got a 49 yd IR TD. After a 56/8pl drive SJS missed a 41 yd FG. SJS went 50/9pl for a 41 yd FG, 14-9 (7:09) & missed a 32 yd FG on the final play of the 1H. After 5 punts to open the 3Q, NU fumbled at the SJS 49 (:02). SJS went 42/6pl settling for a 26 yd FG, 14-12 (12:17). NU's Paul ret'd the KO 85 yds for a TD & SJS QB Reed was inj'd on a sk. Backup Eden hit just 1 of 7 passes. NU went 35/5pl (27 yd punt) for a TD & after SJS was int'd at the 15, drove 74/10pl for a TD with 3:03 left to clinch it.

NEBRASKA 38 New Mexico St 7 - NMS went 77/15pl but had a 20 yd FG blk'd. NU went 70/13pl but missed a 35 yd FG. NU then went 58/6pl, 20/1pl (after int) & 89/6pl for TD's on its next 3 poss, 21-0. NU went 60/12pl but was SOD at the 4 & at half had an amazing 368 yds but just 21 pts. NU increased it to 35-0 after the 3Q with NMS putting together a 66/14pl drive but they were int'd at the 4. NU led 38-7 & NMS was SOD at its own 45. After a FD at the NU 2, NMS's final pass was incomplete.

Virginia Tech 35 NEBRASKA 30 - VT blk'd a punt for a safety and then got an IR 15 yds to the NU5 setting up a short TD, 9-0 (5:22). NU went 68/3pl for a TD but VT 54/10pl settling for a 19 yd FG, 12-7. NU went 44/9pl for a 49 yd FG and VT 59/9pl for a 38 yd FG, 15-10 (7:10). VT went 66/9pl for a 27 yd FG w/ 1:15 left 1H, 18-10. VT opened the 3Q w/a 61/9pl and 33/3pl drives, the 1st for a 38 yd FG, the 2nd after a 20 yd PR for a 19 yd TD run, 28-10 (6:54). NU went on a 75/12pl drive for a TD. VT was stopped on 3rd & 4 but a pers foul and unsportsmanlike pen on Pelini moved the ball ahead 26 yds to the 10 and VT got a TD 3 plays later, 35-23 (2:28). NU went 80/4pl for a TD (1:32). VT rec'd the onside kick and punted (:25) and NU10 got to the VT 40 but fmbld w/ :05 left.

Missouri 52 NEBRASKA 17 - (HC) MO scored on their first 4 poss getting a 58 yd TD pass on their 3rd play on 3rd & 5, 7-0. NU went 60/7pl for a TD. MO went 80/8pl for a TD, 14-7 (6:53). NU went on a 9pl drive to the MO 29 but a pair of sk forced a punt and MO went 61/12pl for a 48 yd FG. MO then went 75/10pl for a TD, 24-7 (4:08). MO added a 17 yd IR TD, 31-7 (2:59). NU went 58/12pl for a 28 yd FG, 31-10 and MO missed a 59 yd FG on the last play of the half. NU had a punt blk'd to open the 3Q and MO went 52/6pl for a TD. NU was SOD at the MO28 and the Tigers got a 43 yd TD run 4 plays later, 45-10. NU fmbld at their own 26 and MO got a TD pass on the next play, 52-10 (1:32 3Q). MO was SOD at the NU30 with 3:08 left and the Huskers got a 20 yd TD pass on the game's final play.

TEXAS TECH 37 Nebraska 31 (OT) - TT took its 2nd poss 80/7pl for a TD and the Huskers answered with a 74/15pl drive for a TD, 7-7 (11:46 2Q). TT went 59/6pl for a 26 yd FG and NU went 50/11pl but was SOD at the TT30. TT got a 56 yd pass on the next play and went 70/4pl for a TD, 17-7 (1:18). NU missed a 53 yd FG on the final play of the half. NU went 75/14pl but settled for a 21 yd FG. TT went 77/7pl for a TD, 24-10 (4:47). NU went 73/13pl incl a 4th & 7 fake FG for a FD, the TD made it 24-17 then the Huskers went 68/8pl for a TD, 24-24 (6:06). Each team went on a long TD drive, the Huskers getting a 17 yd pass with :29 left to tie. TT got a TD to open OT but the xp was blk'd and NU on 2nd & 10 was int'd.

Nebraska 35 IOWA ST 7 - NU dominated the 1H with a 349-45 yd edge. NU fmbld at midfield, drove 92/9pl for a TD, punted, drove 85/11, 71/9pl for TD's, 21-0 (2:23). NU went 59/5pl but fmbld at the ISU10 with :11 left in the half. ISU got a 67 yd TD run on the 3Q's 2nd play, 21-7. The next 5 poss were punts. ISU then fmbld at the NU26 and the Huskers fmbld it back. ISU missed a 40 yd FG (12:04). ISU fmbld the PR at their own 39 and the Huskers got a TD 9 pl later, 28-7 (6:35). NU went 80/7pl for a TD with 1:55 left, 35-7.

NEBRASKA 32 Baylor 20 - BU gave Neb its most competitive gm in Lincoln since the Bears won 26-7 in 1956. BU went 3 & out. NU, after an 19 yd PR, started at the BU39. Six play later they had a TD, 7-0. BU went 63/3pl to tie 7-7 (7:03). NU punted. BU got a 40 yd run by Griffin and then on 4th & 1 he raced 47 yds for a TD, 14-7 (2:26). NU punted. BU got 1 FD & punted. NU went 57/14pl but settled for a 27 yd FG, 14-10 (5:41). BU got 1 FD but a sk forced a 4th & 19 and their 25 yd punt set up NU at the B36. 4 plays later NU was up 17-14 (2:06). BU went 80/7pl and got a TD with :17 left in the half. At HT BU had a 234-200 yd edge. After 2 FG blk's NU went 80/12pl for a TD, 24-20. BU was SOD at N35. NU went 65/4pl capped by a 53 yd TD pass, 30-20 (12:11, xpng). BU punted. NU went 78/7pl but on 2nd & G at the 3 fmbld at the 2. BU was tkld for a safety on the next play, 32-20 (6:59). NU, after the KO went OOB, started at the B47 and 4th & 1 came up inches short at B38. BU punted with 3:55 left (on 4th & 20 after chop block pen) and NU got 2 FD's running out the clock.

OKLAHOMA 62 Nebraska 28 - The story of this game was TO's. OU went 53/7pl for a TD and then NU turned it over an amazing 3x on their first 5pl and OU took advantage with an 18 yd IR TD, a 52/3pl drive and a 9/1pl drive for TD's, 28-0 (9:27 1Q). At half OU led 49-14 but only had a 305-224 yd edge. Another TO set up OU for an 18 yd drive for a TD late 3Q, 62-21. NU did get an 81/4pl drive for a garbage TD with :21 left.

NEBRASKA 45 Kansas 35 - This game was played in 21 mph winds. NU went into the wind in the 1&3Q's. NU took its 2nd poss 80/8pl for a TD. KU answered with an 87/4pl drive for a TD, 7-7 (3:17). NU was SOD at the KU34 on 4th & 7 (:09). NU fmbld at the KU25 (9:41 2Q) and KU got a 53 yd TD pass 2 poss later, 14-7. NU went 67/8pl for a TD on a drive where they converted on 4th & 5 and the 25 yd TD pass came on 3rd & 10, 14-14 (2:11). NU got to the KU36 but was int'd at the 18 (1:04). NU had a 13-8 FD edge at the half. A 47 yd PR by Swift set up a 35 yd FG, 17-14 but Swift fmbld the next PR at their own 20 (6:00 3Q). KU got a TD 4pl later for the lead, 21-17. NU went 78/8pl for a TD, 24-21 after 3Q's then Helu got a 52 yd TD run, 31-21 (14:01). KU went 80/9pl for a TD, 31-28 (9:50). NU went 56/7pl for a TD, 38-28 (5:58). KU was int'd at their own 22. NU faked a 37 yd FG and got a FD to the 11 and on 3rd & 13 a 14 yd TD pass with 3:48 iced it, 45-28. KU went 75/9pl for a TD with 2:15 left, rec'd the onside kick but on 4th & 25 gained just 3 yds.

Nebraska 56 KANSAS ST 28 - NU had a commanding 610-247 yd edge. KSU got a 57 yd IR TD and led 7-0 but NU went 73/9pl, 81/6pl for TD's, 14-7 after 1Q. KSU went 80/6pl for a TD, 14-14 but KSU fmbld a punt on its own 30 and 3pl later NU got a 24 yd TD run, 21-14 then after a 25 yd PR went 35/7pl for a TD, 28-14 (7:05). 2 poss later NU went 54/8pl for a TD, 35-14 at the half. KSU took its 2nd 3Q poss 92/9pl for a TD, 35-21 but NU went 84/8pl for a TD, 42-21. KSU got a 98 yd KR TD and NU went 72/6pl for a TD, 49-28. KSU was SOD at their own 43 and the NU49 (4:37) and the Huskers got a 31 yd TD run 4pl later, 56-28 (3:05).

NEBRASKA 40 Colorado 31 - NU had a 23-13 FD edge and 407-291 yd edge. CU on the 2nd play got a 68 yd TD pass. After a NU punt, CU got a 44 yd pass foll'd by a 36 yd TD run to stunningly led 14-0. NU went 64/9pl and got a 53/1pl pass, 14-14 (4:04). CU was int'd at their own 33 and NU got a 35 yd FG, 17-14. CU got a 57 yd KR setting up a 37 yd FG, 17-17 (9:08). NU went 64/12pl for a TD (2:03) then rec'd the KO at the CU36 when the key play of the game happened. The Huskers settled for a 50 yd FG and faked it but the holder flicked the ball over his shoulder and it was picked off by Jimmy Smith who ret'd it 58 yds for a TD with 1:11 left in the half, 24-24. NU had a 13-5 FD edge at the half. NU opened the 3Q with a 70/9pl drive for a 27 yd FG and CU went 65/9pl for a TD, 31-27. NU fmbld at the CU5 and settled for a 37 yd FG and trailed 31-30 (8:09). They forced a punt (4:35) and got a school record 57 yd FG which made it by inches, 33-31 (1:43) then DL Suh took a deflected pass 30 yds for a TD, 40-31 (:55).