

2004 Texas Tech Football
Red Raiders vs. Nebraska (Jones Stadium, Lubbock, Texas)
October 9, 2004

Postgame Notes

GETTING STARTED

- Nebraska won the opening kickoff and elected to defer. Tech has lost the opening toss now twice this season.
- Today's game was televised by TBS and was the fourth televised game of the season. Texas Tech's four-consecutive games on television marked a first in school history.
- Josh Rangel made his first career start in tonight's game at the strong safety position.
- Senior defensive end Adell Duckett did not start tonight's game but did return after missing last week's game against Oklahoma (injury).
- Tonight's attendance of 52,954 is the eighth largest crowd in school history.

Starters – (LT) Daniel Loper, (LG) Cody Campbell, (C) Dylan Gandy, (RG) Manuel Ramirez, (RT) E.J. Whitley, (QB) Sonny Cumbie, (F) Taurean Henderson, (H) Nehemiah Glover, (X) Jarrett Hicks, (Y) Trey Haverty, (Z) Cody Fuller **(Defense)** – (LE) Seth Nitschmann, (NT) Chris Hudler, (DT) Ken Scott, (RE) Keyunta Dawson, (SAM) Fletcher Session, (MIKE) Brock Stratton, (WILL) Mike Smith, (LC) Antonio Huffman, (SS) Josh Rangel, (FS) Vincent Meeks, (RC) Khalid Naziruddin

TECH ENDS DROUGHT AGAINST NEBRASKA

Texas Tech picked up its first-ever win over Nebraska as the Red Raiders defeated the Huskers 70-10. The win ended a seven-game streak by the Huskers that began in 1976 when the Huskers edged Tech 27-24 in the Bluebonnet Bowl in Houston. The 60-point loss was the worst suffered by the Huskers since the 1968 season when they fell to Oklahoma 47-0.

- The 70 points by Texas Tech is the most given up in Nebraska history. The previous was 62 by Colorado on Nov. 23, 2001.
- Tonight's 70-10 win over Nebraska gives the Huskers the worst loss in school history. The previous largest margin of defeat was 54 points twice against Minnesota (61-7 on Oct. 6, 1945 and 54-0 on Oct. 2, 1943).

70 POINTS AGAIN

For the second time this season, Texas Tech reached the 70-point mark. The Red Raiders scored 70 in the home opener against TCU back on Sept. 18 and that was the first time in the Mike Leach era that his team had put up 70 points. The 2004 season will mark the first time in school history that Tech has scored 70-plus points in two different games in the same year. The 70 points is also tied for the fourth highest in school history. The last season Tech scored 70 or more points in a game was in the 1953 season in a 71-0 win over New Mexico State.

THAT'S ONE LONG PASS!

Sophomore wide receiver Jarrett Hicks logged an 80-yard touchdown reception with 1:14 remaining in the first half to give Tech a 20-3 lead. The touchdown reception was the longest during head coach Mike Leach's tenure at Texas Tech and is tied for eighth all-time. Hicks' 80-yard TD is tied with Don Schmidt (80 yards vs. Houston in 1954), Mickie Brown (80 yards vs. Baylor in 1958) and Rodney Blackshear (80 yards vs. Houston in 1991). The previous longest TD reception in the Leach era was a 70-yard pass from BJ Symons to Carlos Francis at Mississippi in 2003.

HICKS HAS ANOTHER BIG NIGHT

Jarrett Hicks had another big night for the Red Raider offense as he picked up his fifth 100-plus yard receiving game this season. He fell shy of the century mark last weekend against Oklahoma with a season-low 74 yards but rebounded tonight with 107 yards and two touchdowns.

CUMBIE ANSWERS HIS CRITICS

Senior quarterback Sonny Cumbie silenced his critics tonight as he finished the game with 436 passing yards and five touchdowns. Cumbie helped pile up 523 yards of total offense on a Nebraska defense that entered the game as the best unit in the Big 12 and was ranked fifth nationally. The Huskers were giving up just 255.5 yards of total offense entering tonight's contest and were allowing 198 through the air. The Nebraska scoring defense also came into the game allowing just 15.8 points-per-game.

BREAKOUT NIGHT FOR MACK

Senior running back Johnnie Mack had a huge night against Nebraska as he scored a game-high three touchdowns to help pace Tech to a 70-10 win over Nebraska. Mack picked up his first touchdown of the game with 4:16 remaining third quarter when he caught a six-yard pass from Sonnie Cumbie. The receiving TD was his third of the season and the fourth of his career. He added two more rushing touchdowns to give him four on the season and eight in his career.

HALFTIME TIDBITS

- The 2004 Homecoming King and Queen were announced in a ceremony held at halftime. The student body crowned Armen

Williams (Kappa Kappa Psi) of Arlington, Texas, King, and Emily Curtis (Pi Beta Phi) of Pampa, Texas, Queen.

- The Goin' Band From Raiderland honored current track and field athlete Jonathan Johnson who competed in the 2004 summer Olympic games in Athens. Johnson is in his senior season at Texas Tech and is the defending Big 12 Champion the 800 meters as well as the NCAA National Champion and US National Champion.

NOTING THE RED RAIDERS

- The Texas Tech defense held Nebraska scoreless (missed field goal) on its opening possession and has not allowed an opponent to score on the its opening drive this season.
- Jarrett Hicks scored the first touchdown of the game at the 6:23 mark in the first quarter on an 11-yard pass from Sonnie Cumbie. Tech's touchdown on the opening drive marked just the second time this year that the Red Raiders scored on its first possession (last against New Mexico).
- Senior defensive end Adell Duckett picked up the third interception of his career (late in first quarter) and the first since the SMU game last season. He has registered at one interception in the last three seasons as his first came against Mississippi in 2002.
- Junior running back Taurean Henderson gave Tech a 13-0 lead with 10:35 remaining in the second quarter when he scored on a three-yard run. The rushing touchdown was his seventh of the season and the 24 of his career (36 overall career TD's – passing and rushing).
- The 74-yard touchdown pass by Nebraska on the first possession of the third quarter was the longest play from scrimmage allowed by the Tech defense this season.
- Junior wide receiver Bristol Olomua picked up his fifth touchdown of the season with 2:24 remaining in the third quarter.
- Junior free safety Vincent Meeks picked up his first interception of the season late in the third quarter and he now total eight career INT's.
- Senior wide receiver Nehemiah Glover scored his first touchdown of the season when he caught a two-yard pass from Cumbie with 9:36 remaining in the game. Glover is now tied for second (21 career TD's) with Mickey Peters (2000-2003) and Carlos Francis (2000-2003) on the all-time touchdown list at Texas Tech.
- Junior defensive back Dwayne Slay logged his second interception of the season with 9:20 remaining in the fourth quarter and returned it 33 yards to the Tech 6-yard line. Slay's last INT came on final play of the Red Raiders' 31-30 win over Kansas in Lawrence.
- Texas Tech improved to 5-6-1 overall on Oct. 9 and ended a three-game losing streak on this date. Tech's last win on Oct. 9 was against 17th-ranked Texas A&M (27-16) in 1976.
- Junior linebacker Sylvester Brinkley picked up his first career interception in the fourth quarter, while senior cornerback Jamaal Jackson recorded his first interception of the season and the second of his career.