

GAME NOTES

2009 Dr Pepper Big 12 Championship Game

Saturday, Dec. 5, 2009

Cowboys Stadium - Arlington, Texas



With a TEXAS win...

Texas will most likely advance to the BCS National Championship Game for the first time since 2005.

UT clinched its third Big 12 title (1996, 2005, 2009) and improved to 3-2 all-time at this event.

The Longhorns now lead the all-time series against the Huskers, 9-4, and stand 2-1 against the Huskers in this event. Nebraska is now 2-3 all-time at the Big 12 Championship.

Not many points, but it's enough: The two teams combined to score just 25 points, which was a Big 12-record low. Texas K Hunter Lawrence made the difference with a 46-yard field goal as time expired. UT also set a record-low for a winning team with just 202 total yards. The Huskers had just 106 total yards, which was the second-lowest overall total in the Big 12 Championship.

Henery's kick a record!: Nebraska K Alex Henery certainly did his part. He was 4-for-4 on field goals, tying the record set in 1997 and 1998. He connected from 45, 52, 28 and 42 yards. The 52-yard field goal was also a Big 12 Championship Game record. Nebraska's Kris Brown held the previous record with a 51-yarder in 1996.

Great day for DBs: UT (T-2nd) and Nebraska (T-13th) both came into the game among the national leaders in interceptions. They picked off a Big 12 record-setting six passes, three each. The 2001 game was just as wild as UT and Colorado quarterbacks combined to throw five interceptions. Eric Hagg and Prince Amukamara both had first-half interceptions for Nebraska. Dejon Gomes also had a fourth-quarter pick. Blake Gideon, Aaron Williams and Roddrick Muckelroy all made interceptions for UT.

UT's pass defense shines: The Longhorns' pass defense allowed just six completions, which was a Big 12 record. Nebraska QB Zac Lee finished the game 6-for-19 for 39 yards. Nebraska's passing total was the lowest ever in the championship game.

A man named Suh: Nebraska DT Ndamukong Suh had 4.5 sacks for 21 yards to set a new Big 12 Championship record. He also had a record six tackles for loss. Several players had two sacks in prior years; Suh had 2.5 sacks in the first half alone. The Huskers tallied nine sacks as a team. It was the most allowed by Texas all season.

Big 12 Championship notable

Nebraska had the odds in its favor initially. Prior to Saturday's game, the eventual Big 12 winner was 9-4 when scoring first and 8-3 when leading after the first quarter (2 games tied). ... The total points scored in the first half (13) equaled the lowest first-half scoring total in Big 12 history (13 in 2002). ... The longest play of the game was a 43-yard punt return by Nebraska's Niles Paul.

Fourth-highest attendance ever: An announced crowd of 76,211 fans attended Saturday's game at Cowboys Stadium. It was the fourth-largest crowd in Big 12 Championship Game history.

1. 80,031 (2006)
2. 79,655 (2000)
3. 79,451 (2003)
4. 76,211 (2009)
5. 71,707 (2005)