NEBRASKA GAME PLAN CALL SHEET vs WASHINGTON

SIDE 1: HUSKER OFFENSE

WASHINGTON (4-3, 1-3) AT NEBRASKA (5-2, 2-2) | SAT OCT 31, 2026 7:00 PM CT | BTN | MEMORIAL STADIUM, LINCOLN | WEEK 9 | HALLOWEEN BLACKOUT

UW DEFENSE PROFILE (DC Walters)

FRONT	Film: 4-down on 96% of tagged snaps, avg box 6.3 (6-man 62%, 7-man 31%). EDGE Lane | DT E. Davis | DT Colman-Brusa | EDGE Fruean (knee, GTD) / R. Davis II. LB Rainey-Sale or Alexander, Manu. Nickel Clark / J. Jones.
COVERAGE	Film: 2-high on 50% of readable snaps (WSU 84%, Minn 76%, USC 59%; Iowa 1-high 95%); RZ 2-high 88%. Pass D 60th: 60.7% comp, 7.0 y/att, 10 TD. Ball-hawks: 9 INT (10th), 26 PBU.
PRESSURE	Film: 4-man rush on nearly every dropback; 5+ blitz 2 of 122 (both S McLaughlin, both sacks). 13 sacks (88th); 0 vs Iowa. Manu 2.5, McLaughlin 2.5, R. Davis II 2.0.
RUN D	UW allows 3.84 ypc, all games (239-918, cfbstats; 54th), 131.1 yds/g. Big Ten 4.52 ypc (133-601). Iowa ran 38-263. October 4.76 ypc.
EXPLOSIVES	Allowed 45: 28 runs of 10+, 17 passes of 20+ (ESPN PBP, film-checked; one phantom WSU run removed). Film: 17 of 21 box-tagged explosive runs came vs a 6-man box or lighter.
3RD DOWN	28/89 = 31.5% (22nd). Their strength vs ours: NU 3rd-down O 50/99 (15th).
RED ZONE	22/24 scores (91.7%, 119th), 14 TD. Big Ten opponents 16/16.
SCORING	22.7 pts/g (56th); 5.29 yds/play (51st).

UW RUN D BY DIRECTION (opp. view)

Dir	Car	Yds	YPC	Read
LEFT	50	318	6.36	Attack: OZ L
MIDDLE	112	496	4.43	Duo / IZ ok
RIGHT	54	208	3.85	Tougher

Derived from ESPN PBP direction tags, 216 non-sack rushes by UW opponents (official 239 includes sacks). Gap-level data not available.

NU SELF-SCOUT: BEST CONCEPTS (7 games)

OZ LEFT	17 snaps, 10.9 y/p, 59% success
QUICK GAME L	33 snaps, 7.3 y/p, 64%
QB RUN RIGHT	10 snaps, 8.7 y/p, 100%
PLAY-ACTION	34 PA passes, 8.9 y/p, 56%; 6 gains of 20+
12 PISTOL	19 snaps, 7.2 y/p, 58%
NU EXPLOSIVES	68 of 504 scrimmage plays (45 runs 10+, 23 passes 20+)
PASS vs 1-HIGH	8.2 y/p, 57% (vs 2-high: 6.9, 44%)
CAUTION	Inside zone: 130 snaps, 4.6 y/p, only 33% success. Motion runs 3.4 y/p.

SCRIPTED OPENING 15 (SUGGESTED CALLS; "why" = stat)

#	Call	Why
1	11 Gun 2x2: Quick game L (stick/hitch)	QG L: 64% success, 7.3 y/p. Easy completion, settles QB.
2	11 Gun 3x1: Outside zone LEFT	NU OZ L 10.9 y/p; UW allows 6.36 ypc to offense's left.
3	12 Pistol: Outside zone L / IZ tag	NU 12 Pistol: 58%, 7.2 y/p. Puts UW in base.
4	12 Pistol: PA shot off OZ L	NU PA on 2nd & 7+: 17.0 y/p, 71%. UW dropbacks faced vs a 7-man box: 9.6 y/p (film).
5	Gun: QB keep RIGHT (zone read)	NU QB run R: 10 of 10 successful, 8.7 y/p.
6	11 Empty: Quick game R	NU empty: 54%, 6.8 y/p; QG R 55%. Read the rush count.
7	11 Gun 2x2: RB screen	UW 43 TFL (42nd), a front that penetrates; NU RB screens went 51 and 25 yds.
8	11 Gun 3x1: OZ LEFT (repeat)	UW allowed 28 runs of 10+; runs vs a 6-man box 5.9 ypc (film).
9	Dropback: dig / seam MIDDLE	Dropback M 7.7 y/p; NU passing vs 1-high 8.2 y/p, 57%.
10	3rd & short: QB run	NU 3rd-down QB run: 7 of 8 successful (88%).
11	3rd & medium: Quick game (best side)	NU 3rd-down QG: 67%, 10.4 y/p. UW 3rd-down D is 22nd; win it.
12	12 Pistol: PA MIDDLE post	PA M produced 27 (Ohio) and 44 (MSU).
13	Heavy: Power (inside 5)	NU power inside the 5: 3 of 3 TDs. UW RZ D 119th.
14	11 Gun: OZ RIGHT (tendency breaker)	OZ R 5.7 y/p, 47%. Keeps UW from cheating left.
15	Dropback L: deep shot	Dropback L 6.8 y/p; gains of 32, 29 & 27 yds. UW has 0 sacks vs Iowa.

Self-scout stats = NU film charting (538 snaps, 7 games); success = 50/70/100% of yards to go on downs 1/2/3-4. *PFF via Seattle Times, cited in data/matchups.json. Call names are suggested; adjust to the call sheet language your staff uses.

KEY MATCHUP NUMBERS

NU RUSH O 29th vs UW RUSH D 54th. NU rushing in Big Ten play: 149 carries, 572 yds; 33-78 at Oregon. OZ L (not IZ) leads.

NU RZ O 20th vs UW RZ D 119th. Plan for TDs, not FGs: Cunanan is 4-8, long 40, 0-3 from 50+.

PASS PRO: UW rush is light (88th); 5 vs Indiana.

1st & 10

A Outside zone, lean L (57% on 1st & 10, 9.3 y/p)
B QB run (55%) / 12 Pistol PA
AVOID Inside zone: 31% on 1st & 10
UW Film: 6-man box on 68%: spread + run

2nd & SHORT (1-3)

A PA shot: free play (SUGGESTED)
B Duo M / QB keep R

2nd & MEDIUM (4-6)

A Quick game L / R (64% / 55%)
B OZ L, RB screen

2nd & LONG (7+)

A Play-action (7 snaps, 71%, 17.0 y/p)
B Quick game (53%, 9.2 y/p); QB run 80%
AVOID Dropback (27%) and IZ (26%)

3rd & SHORT (1-3)

A QB run / Power (QB run 5 of 5, power 3 of 3)
B IZ (60%); PA if they load 8+

3rd & MEDIUM (4-6)

A Quick game (67% on 3rd)
B QB draw / scramble (43%)

3rd & LONG (7+)

A Dropback dig / seam vs 1-high
B RB screen: punt-safe vs pressure
UW 2-high, 4-man: QB draw (USU +17)

RED ZONE (20-6)

A QB run (4 of 6, 3 TD)
B Quick game (4 snaps, 2 TD); OZ / Duo
UW 91.7% scores allowed; film 2-high 88% in RZ

GOAL LINE (5-in)

A Heavy Power (3 of 3 TD)
B Duo (1 TD); play-action (2 snaps)

2-MINUTE

A Quick game (13 snaps, 54%, 2 TD)
B Dropback (60%, 12.1 y/p); QB scramble
NOTE Clock check at 0:40: QG to the sideline

4-MINUTE (KILL CLOCK)

A OZ L / Duo from 12 Pistol
B QB keep R; quick game L to move chains
NOTE NU TOP 39:33 vs Indiana

BACKED UP (own 1-10)

A 12 Pistol OZ L (no backfield-deep runs)
B Quick game L (64%); no 7-step drops
NOTE Backed-up NU sample = 0 snaps: all SUGGESTED

Sources: cfbstats (thru 10/24, of 138), ESPN PBP, UW & NU game notes (10/26), Husker Film Room charting of 448 UW snaps + 538 NU self-scout snaps. "SUGGESTED CALL" = coaching judgment, not data. No betting content.

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SIDE 2: DEFENSE + SPECIAL TEAMS

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UW CALLS BY DOWN & DISTANCE (448 charted snaps)

Situation	Snaps	Run%	Top calls (count)	ANSWER*
1st & 10+	186	44%	QG L 30, IZ 28, QB run 20, QG R 20	2-high, fit IZ with 6-7
1st & <10	20	65%	IZ 8, QG R 4, RB run R 3	Fit IZ, tackle
2nd & 1-4	37	57%	IZ 12, QG R 7, RB run R 4	Squeeze IZ, play the run
2nd & 5-9	59	41%	QG R 13, QG L 10, IZ 9, QB run 7	Sink flats, rally
2nd & 10+	47	34%	QG R 13, QG L 7, RB run R 6, QB run 5	Spy QB on draws
3rd & 1-4	30	43%	QG L 7, QG R 6, RB run R 4, QB run 4	Tight man; plug QB
3rd & 5-9	36	25%	QG L 8, QG R 6, QB run 6, sacked 5	4-man rush + sticky under
3rd & 10+	21	14%	QG M 4, deep shot 4, QG R 4, QB run 3	Cap it, rally to sticks
4th & 1-4	8	25%	IZ 2, QG L 2, QG M 2	Gap-sound, fit QB
4th & 5+	4	25%	QG M, QB run, QG R, QG L (1 each)	Sticks coverage

Rows total all 448 scrimmage snaps (186+20+37+59+47+30+36+21+8+4). No snaps excluded; 2-pt tries and pre-snap penalties are not scrimmage snaps.

UW CALLS BY FIELD ZONE

Zone	Snaps	Run%	Y/P	Top calls
Backed up (<25)	85	39%	6.7	QG L 16, IZ 12, QB run 10
Own 25-34	76	38%	5.2	IZ 13, QG R 13, QG L 13
Own 35-50	76	33%	8.2	QG L 11, QG R 11, IZ 9
Opp 36-50	69	35%	7.8	QG L 15, DEEP SHOT 10
Opp 21-35	44	41%	6.5	QG R 13, QB run 6
Red zone 6-20	70	54%	3.6	QG R 16, QB run 15, RB R 9
Goal line 5-in	28	61%	1.6	IZ 12 of 28

QG = quick game (41% of all snaps; 89% of snaps from shotgun). *ANSWER = SUGGESTED CALL. Source: film/tendency_summary_washington.md.

UW ALERTS (film)

TARGETS	Roebuck 64, Lawson 41, R. Williams 33, TE Naone 21, TE DeGraaf 19.
CARRIES	Bonner 64 (38 middle), Williams Jr. 45, Cooley 33. Inside zone 4.0 ypc.
PLAY-ACTION	Only 10 snaps but 12.4 y/p, 70% success; 8 came from UC single back.
SHOT ZONE	10 of 27 deep balls thrown between midfield and opp 36.
NO-HUDDLE	38 snaps, 4.6 y/p, 45% success.

TOP FORMATIONS + HUSKER ANSWER

Formation	Snaps	Run%	SUGGESTED answer
SG / Gun offset	398	37%	Nickel, 4-down, 2-high; rally on QG L/R
UC single back	19	58%	PA tell (8 of 19): safeties eyes on run/pass keys
Pistol	16	94%	RUN (15 of 16): base, 7 in box, squeeze IZ
UC I / offset	7	100%	RUN (7 of 7): heavy, spill to LBs
SG 2-back	5	40%	Stay sound; fit QB

PRESSURE + COVERAGE (what worked vs UW)

4-MAN HEAT	Minn + Iowa: 13 of the 22 sacks; UW 4.6 y/p vs them (6.1 vs others). UW 127th in sacks allowed.
2-HIGH	Pass vs 2-high: 5.4 y/att, 13 sacks; vs 1-high 8.3. Runs vs 2-high only 4.5 ypc.
3RD & 5+	UW 28% success; 11 of 22 sacks on 3rd. NU 3rd-down D is No. 1 (19.3%).
RED ZONE	UW 3.6 y/p, 37% success. GL/6-down fronts held them to 1.1 y/p.
BALL	8 TO on film; Purdue picked Brown 3 times. USC: 48-yd strip-sack return TD.
SUGGESTED	Base 4-down nickel, 2-high; pressure with 4 on 3rd & 5+; cap the opp 36-50 shot zone.

QB BY SITUATION (dropbacks incl. sacks)

QB	Situation	Snaps	Y/P	Succ	Sk / Expl
Williams Jr.	All	193	6.7	47%	17 / 17
	1st down	78	9.5	60%	6 / 11
	2nd down	59	6.2	47%	3 / 4
	3rd down	49	2.0	22%	8 / 1
	Red zone	27	3.6	41%	1 / 0
Brown	All	72	7.7	58%	3 / 12
	1st down	33	7.5	55%	0 / 5
	2nd down	22	6.5	55%	2 / 3
	3rd down	15	9.9	67%	1 / 4
	Red zone	15	2.5	47%	0 / 0

Film charting, 448-snap file (QB tagged on 265 dropbacks). Williams Jr. on 3rd: 22% success and 8 sacks. Brown on 3rd: 67% success. Small samples for Brown. Expl = runs 10+, passes 20+. Sk counts only QB-tagged dropbacks; full film file: Williams 19 sacks overall, 10 on 3rd down (table: 17 and 8).

QB PLAN: WILLIAMS JR. (QB1, fractured rib)

PASS	116/174, 1,396 yds, 8 TD, 3 INT; sacked 19 times.
SHORT	85% of throws are short. Short L 44/63, R 48/65.
DEEP	7 of 22 deep (L 3/10, R 2/10).
RUNS	45-292 (6.5 ypc); right side 9-96 (10.7).
SUGGESTED	Contain rush, spy on 3rd; force him LEFT; hit the rib legally and often. Squat on QG, dare deep.

QB PLAN: BROWN (if he starts; not announced till kickoff)

PASS	51/69, 578 yds, 7 TD, 3 INT; sacked 3 times.
ZONES	Short mid 12/14; short R 21/30 (4 TD); deep 3/6.
RECENT	Iowa 28-39, 251, 3 TD; Purdue 21-27, 302, 3 TD, 3 INT.
RUNS	Not a run threat on film (QB run game is Williams).
SUGGESTED	Drop 7 and wall the middle; disguise 2-high to rotate; play the ball: he has thrown INTs into it.

SPECIAL TEAMS

UW K	Robles 9-11, long 48. 20-29 3-4, 30-39 4-4, 40-49 2-3, 50+ none tried. PAT 22-22.
UW P	Green 47.9 avg (8th), long 64, net 43.3, 10 I20, 11 FC. KO 7/7 TB at Purdue.
UW RET	Clark PR/KR. PR 5.9 avg (112th), KR 17.6 (110th). Muffs: Robinson punt at UW 10 (Purdue rec.), Clark KO (kept).
FAKES	None on ST film or PBP. 1 onside (MINN Q4).
NU	Cunanan 4-8, long 40, 0-3 from 50+. Wilson 44.2, net 42.2. 3 blocked kicks (4th nat'l).
SUGGESTED	Pressure punts (Green: 0 blocked); squib/hang KOs to test Clark; FG range inside opp 23.

UW EXPLOSIVES: 48 on film (runs 10+, passes 20+)

BY CALL	Deep shot 9, intermediate 8, QB run 7, RB run R 5, QG L 5, IZ 4, QG R 3, other 7.
BY ZONE	Opp 36-50: 11; own 35-50: 10; own 25-34: 10; backed up: 9; opp 21-35: 5; red zone: 3.
BY DOWN	1st: 27; 2nd: 12; 3rd: 7; 4th: 2.
WHO	Lawson 8, Williams Jr. 7, Roebuck 7, Bonner 6, R. Williams 5, Cooley 3, others 12.
CHECK	19 runs + 29 passes; matches the ESPN PBP season count exactly. Scrimmage plays only; no penalty plays or sacks.

KEYS TO WIN

1. WIN 3RD DOWN
NU D No. 1 (19.3%) vs UW 119th (33.3%); UW went 1-12 at USC, 1-10 vs Minn.

2. 4-MAN HEAT
UW allowed 22 sacks (127th). NU has 19 (25th).

3. RUN OZ LEFT
UW 4.52 ypc in Big Ten play; 6.36 to offense's left.

4. FINISH IN THE RZ
UW RZ D 119th (91.7%); NU RZ O 20th.

5. TAKE THE BALL
NU +6 margin (14th); UW gave it away 5 times at Purdue.

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