

Huskers Earn NCAA-Record 32nd Consecutive Bowl Bid

Nebraska Takes on Northwestern in Eighth Annual Alamo Bowl



Nebraska Head Coach Frank Solich

- ▶ 30-7 in three years at helm of Huskers
- ▶ has led NU to nine-win seasons each year
- ▶ has had five first-team All-Americans
- ▶ has had six first-team Academic All-Americans under his tenure
- ▶ is 1-1 in bowl games, having defeated Tennessee, 31-21, in 2000 Fiesta Bowl
- ▶ is coaching in his 22nd consecutive bowl game with the Nebraska Cornhuskers

Husker Records and Streaks

- ▶ NCAA-record 239 consecutive sellouts in Memorial Stadium
- ▶ 39 consecutive winning seasons—current NCAA best, second all time
- ▶ 32 consecutive nine-win seasons—NCAA record
- ▶ 32 consecutive bowl bids—NCAA record
- ▶ 39 bowl appearances—tied-fourth in NCAA
- ▶ 324 consecutive weeks ranked in the Associated Press, a continuing AP record
- ▶ 90-10 record since 1993 (eight years)
- ▶ 13-game home winning streak

Game #12—The Alamo Bowl

No. 9/8/8 (AP/Coaches/BCS) Nebraska (9-2) vs. No. 18/19 Northwestern (8-3)

Bowl, Date, Time: Sylvania Alamo Bowl, Saturday, Dec. 30, 2000, 7 p.m., Central Stadium (Capacity), **Game Site, Surface:** Alamodome (65,000), San Antonio, Texas, AstroTurf
The Coaches: Nebraska—Frank Solich (Nebraska, '66), 30-7, third year career/at Nebraska
 Northwestern—Randy Walker (Miami-Ohio, '76), 70-46-5, 11 year career, 11-11, 2nd year at NU
National TV: ESPN, Dave Barnett (Play-by-Play), Bill Curry and Mike Golic (Color), Michele Tafoya (Sideline)
Nebraska Radio: Pinnacle Sports, Warren Swain (Play-by-Play); Adrian Fiala (Color)
National Radio: Westwood One, Chuck Cooperstein-(Play-by-Play); Jim Wacker-(Color)

No. 9/8/8 Nebraska to Face No. 18/19 Northwestern in the Alamo Bowl

The No. 9/8/8 (AP/Coaches/BCS) Nebraska Cornhuskers (9-2, 6-2 in Big 12, second Big 12 North) are headed to San Antonio, Texas, to face No. 18/19 Northwestern (8-3, 6-2, Big 10 Co-Champions) in the eighth annual Sylvania Alamo Bowl. The game features two teams who have not met since 1974 and two schools who will be playing in the Alamo Bowl for the first time. The Huskers will go bowling for the 32nd consecutive year (longest NCAA streak), and this is Nebraska's 39th bowl appearance overall, which ranks tied for fourth all time behind Alabama (50), Tennessee (41), Texas (40) and USC (39). This is Northwestern's fourth bowl overall, third in the last five years, and the first since the 1997 Citrus Bowl.

While the Huskers have never played in the Alamo Bowl, Nebraska is 2-0 in the Alamodome, having defeated Texas A&M in the 1997 Big 12 Championship game, 54-15, and Texas in the 1999 Big 12 Championship game, 22-6. For the 10th time this season and the fifth consecutive game, Nebraska will appear on television. ESPN will broadcast the game that kicks off at 7 p.m., Central, on Saturday, Dec. 30. It will also be carried on the Pinnacle Sports Radio Network and Westwood One national radio.

The Huskers are 9-2 this season, having lost to two ranked Big 12 teams. Nebraska is 1-2 vs. ranked teams this season, having defeated No. 23 Notre Dame in South Bend on Sept. 9, 27-24 in overtime, losing to then-No. 3 Oklahoma, 31-14, in Norman on Oct. 28, and a heartbreaker to then-No. 16 Kansas State in Manhattan by one point, 28-29. Northwestern will be the Huskers' fourth ranked opponent this season. Nebraska is 2-1 all time vs. Northwestern. The Wildcats are 3-2 vs. ranked teams this season, defeating Wisconsin and Michigan State on the road in back-to-back weekends, Michigan at home, but losing at TCU and at home against Purdue.

A Husker win would give Coach Frank Solich 31 wins in his first three years at the helm of the Huskers. With 31 wins, he will tie for fourth in victories among Division I coaches in their first three years at the helm. Entering the game ranked ninth, Nebraska will finish among the AP top 25 for the 32nd consecutive year (every season since Bob Devaney went 6-4 and finished the season unranked in 1968) and a win would keep NU among the top 10 in the AP, where Nebraska has finished in six of the last seven years, and in the top 10 in 22 of the last 30 years. Since 1969, NU has finished in the AP top 15 every year but two (1990-24th and 1998-19th).

The Cornhuskers improved to 9-2 on the year with a 34-32 season-finale win in Lincoln over the Colorado Buffaloes on Nov. 24. It was an exciting down-to-the-wire contest with Nebraska

2000 Nebraska Football Schedule / Results (9-2, 6-2 Big 12 Conference, 2nd North Division)

Date	Opponent	Site	Time/Score	TV	Quick Bit
Sept. 2	San Jose St.	Lincoln	W 49-13	^	NU rushed for 500 yards for first time since '95 season; Alexander had 208; Buckhalter had 117
Sept. 9	at Notre Dame	So. Bend	W 27-24	OTNBC	NU now 3-0 in OT; Crouch scored three TDs for second week; Alexander rushed for 112 yards
Sept. 23	Iowa	Lincoln	W 42-13	ABC	Crouch ties school record with five TD passes; three to Wistrom and two to Davison
Sept. 30	Missouri #	Lincoln	W 42-24	FOX	Crouch rushes for 110 yards, passes for 173; Newcombe has 94-yard punt return TD in win
Oct. 7	at Iowa State #	Ames	W 49-27	ABC	Defense holds ISU to 37 rushing yards; Crouch had 302 total offense yards including 138 rushing
Oct. 14	at Texas Tech #	Lubbock	W 56-3	FOX	TTU had 19 yards rushing and 200 total; NU had 442 rushing--Alexander-113, Buckhalter-105
Oct. 21	Baylor #	Lincoln	W 59-0	None	First NU shutout as Blackshirts held Bears to five rushing yards and 84 total; NU had 459 on ground
Oct. 28	at Oklahoma #	Norman	L 14-31	ABC	No. 1 NU upset at No. 3 OU; Crouch had 101 rushing yards; NU commits two costly turnovers
Nov. 4	Kansas # (HC)	Lincoln	W 56-17	ABC	NU rushed for 493 with three 100-yard rushers (Crouch-128, Alexander-119, Buckhalter-100)
Nov. 11	at Kansas St. #	Manhattan	L 28-29	FOX	Despite more than 100 rushing yards by Dan Alexander in the fourth quarter, KSU wins 29-28
Nov. 24	Colorado #	Lincoln	W 34-32	ABC	For the first time since records were kept, Nebraska won on the last play of regulation on a FG
Dec. 30	Northwestern	San Antonio, 7 p.m.		ESPN	Huskers extend nation-leading consecutive bowl streak to 32 games by appearing in Alamo Bowl for the first time in school history vs. Northwestern. NU is 2-1 all time vs. Northwestern

Big 12 Conference Game; (HC) Homecoming; ^Not Televised but live internet broadcast on FOXSPORTS.COM

winning the game with no time remaining on a 29-yard field goal by Josh Brown. The game-winning field goal marked the first time since statistics were kept (from 1960) that NU has won on the last play of regulation. With a 9-2 record, the Huskers successfully extended their nation-leading and NCAA record streak of nine-win seasons to 32. The Huskers had already secured their 39th consecutive winning season (a streak which leads the nation and ranks as the second-longest winning streak behind Notre Dame's 42).

The Wildcats feature one of the nation's most explosive offenses, and although a 27-17 loss to Iowa on Nov. 11 prevented a Rose Bowl bid and outright Big Ten Championship, Northwestern secured a part of the three-way conference title with a 61-23 season-finale win over Illinois on Nov. 18.

In This Week's National Polls

Nebraska moved up one spot in both polls this week, to No. 9 in AP and to No. 8 in the ESPN/USA Today/Coaches polls of Dec. 3, after dropping to a season-low 10th in the Nov. 12 and Nov. 26 AP polls and a season-low 10th in the coaches poll on Nov. 12. Nebraska remains eighth in the BCS poll released on Sunday, Dec. 3. Oklahoma, a team that defeated Nebraska 31-14 on Oct. 28 in Norman, is the only undefeated team in the country and remains No. 1. Oklahoma will face No. 3/3 Florida State in the Orange Bowl for the national championship, as FSU edged out No. 2/2 Miami in the Dec. 3 BCS poll. NU had been ranked No. 1 in the ESPN/USA Today Coaches Poll for 10 straight weeks and No. 1 in the AP Poll in nine of the first 10 weeks, until it lost to then-No. 3 Oklahoma on Oct. 28. Three of Nebraska's opponents this season are ranked, plus one other member of the Big 12, including Oklahoma (1/1), Kansas State (11/9), Notre Dame (10/10) and Big 12 member Texas (12/12). Big 12 schools Texas A&M and Iowa State received votes in both polls, while Texas Tech also received votes in the coaches poll.

Huskers in the Bowls

Alamo Bowl is NU's 32nd Consecutive Bowl; 39th Overall

Nebraska will participate in its 32nd consecutive bowl game, the nation's longest current consecutive streak, and an all-time NCAA record. Nebraska's 39 bowl appearances overall is tied for fourth best, trailing Alabama's 50, Tennessee's 41, Texas' 40, and tied with USC's 39. Nebraska has participated in a "major bowl" (BCS, Jan. 1 or top four) in 19 of the last 20 years. The 1998 Holiday Bowl broke a streak of 17 consecutive major bowls. NU's 32 consecutive bowls began with a 45-6 win over Georgia in the 1969 Sun Bowl. Nebraska is 19-19 all-time in bowl games, defeating Tennessee last season, 31-21, in the Fiesta Bowl, the first bowl win under Head Coach Frank Solich.

Northwestern has participated in four bowls, most recently the 1997 Citrus Bowl, and posts a 1-2 bowl record. Both Nebraska and Northwestern will be making their first-ever appearances in the Alamo Bowl.

The Alamo Bowl is in its eighth season. This marks the second year that Sylvania has been the major sponsor. The Big 12 is 1-5 in the Alamo Bowl, losing the last four consecutive games. Most recently, Penn State defeated Texas A&M 24-0 in 1999.

Alamo Bowl History

- 1993** California, 37 vs. Iowa, 3
- 1994** #24 Washington State, 10 vs. Baylor, 3
- 1995** #19 Texas A&M, 22 vs. #14 Michigan, 20
- 1996** #21 Iowa, 27 vs. Texas Tech, 0
- 1997** #16 Purdue, 33 vs. #24 Oklahoma State, 20
- 1998** Purdue, 37 vs. #4 Kansas State, 34
- 1999** #13 Penn State, 24 vs. #18 Texas A&M, 0
- 2000** #9 Nebraska vs. #18 Northwestern

NU Looks to Turn Corner on Bowl Record

Nebraska has won five of its last six bowl games. Overall in bowl games, NU is 19-19, (0-1 under Biff Jones, 0-1 under Bill Glassford, 6-3 under Bob Devaney, 12-13 under Tom Osborne and 1-1 under Frank Solich). Four of Nebraska's last seven bowl games have been for the national title. Nebraska is 0-1 vs. the Big 10 in bowl games, losing to Michigan in the 1986 Fiesta Bowl.

After the 1994 season, No. 1 Nebraska defeated No. 2 Miami, 24-17, in the Federal Express Orange Bowl to post its first national championship under Osborne. In 1995, NU defeated Florida, 62-24, in the Fiesta Bowl for a second national crown. In 1996, No. 6 Nebraska defeated No. 10 Virginia Tech, 41-21, in the Orange Bowl. In 1997, No. 2 NU won its third national title in four years, defeating No. 3 Tennessee, 42-17, in Osborne's last game. Under first-year head coach Frank Solich, Arizona defeated Nebraska, 23-20, in the 1998 Holiday Bowl. That game marked the 14th time in 18 years that the Huskers entered the game as the lower-ranked team, as Nebraska was 14th in the AP and Arizona was No. 5. Last season, No. 3 Nebraska defeated No. 6/5 Tennessee in the Fiesta Bowl, 31-21.

Nebraska has seen stiff competition in the bowls. In fact, including the Alamo Bowl matchup this season, the Huskers have played just two bowl opponents ranked lower than sixth in the AP since 1985 (No. 10 Virginia Tech in 1996 and No. 18 Northwestern this season). In the past 10 years, NU has faced AP's No. 2, 1, 3, 1, 3, 2, 10, 3, 5 and 6 teams, respectively, while NU was not ranked in the top 10 in four of those years. In six of Nebraska's last 10 bowl games, the winner has emerged as national champion. In 1994, 1995 and 1997 it was the Huskers winning it all. Before that, it was Florida State (1993), Miami (1991) and Georgia Tech (1990).

NU's Last Two Bowl Games Under Solich

2000 Fiesta Bowl

No. 3 Nebraska 31, No. 6/5 Tennessee 21

Tempe, Ariz., Jan. 2, 2000—Nebraska recorded its fifth victory in the last six bowl games, defeating Nos. 6/5 (AP/Coaches) Tennessee 31-21 in the 2000 Tostitos Fiesta Bowl. With the win, the Huskers finished the season with a 12-1 record and second and third, in the Coaches Poll and AP, respectively. It was the first bowl win for Nebraska's second-year head coach Frank Solich.

The Huskers started quickly, scoring on a Dan Alexander 7-yard touchdown run on NU's first possession and increasing the lead to 14-0 on a 60-yard punt return by wingback Bobby Newcombe late in the first quarter. The Huskers took a 17-0 lead on a Josh Brown 31-yard field goal before a UT touchdown in the final seconds of the half gave the Huskers a 17-7 halftime advantage.

After the Vols closed to within 17-14 early in the third quarter, the Huskers responded, marching 96 yards in nine plays. After Crouch found reserve tight end Jon Bowling for a 17-yard reception on third down, fullback Willie Miller set up the Husker touchdown with a career-long 47 yard run to the UT 13-yard line. Nebraska scored on the next play, as Crouch connected with tight end Aaron Golliday for a 13-yard TD pass, giving the Huskers a 24-14 lead. Crouch earned offensive MVP honors, completing 9-of-15 passes for 148 yards and a TD, while rushing for 64 yards on 17 carries.

After a UT punt put the ball at the 1-yard line, Nebraska put the game out of reach with a 10-play, 99-yard drive, capped by Correll Buckhalter's two-yard touchdown run, giving the Huskers a 31-14 lead. The Vols would close to within 31-21 midway through the quarter, but the Huskers ran out the final 7:25 on their next possession. Alexander led Nebraska's ground attack with 108 yards, as the Huskers finished the game with 321 yards against the nation's seventh-best rush defense.

In the final game for NU Defensive Coordinator Charlie McBride, the Blackshirts held the Vols to just 44 yards rushing and forced two interceptions, including one by defensive MVP Mike Brown, who finished with seven tackles. All-America cornerback Ralph Brown and Carlos Polk led NU with eight tackles each.

NU in 2000 National Rankings

Date	A	C	B	1st Plc.	Results
Pre.	1	1		36/36	
8/28-31	1	1		35/40	
Sept. 3	1	1		39/43	Def. San Jose St.49-13
Sept. 10	1	1		41/48	Def. ND 27-24 in OT
Sept. 17	1	1		43/44	Idle
Sept. 24	1	1		39/44	Def. Iowa 42-13
Oct. 1	2	1		28/37	Def. Mizzou 42-24
Oct. 8	1	1		67/53	Def. ISU 49-27
Oct. 15	1	1		66/57	Def. TTU 56-3
Oct. 22	1	1	1	67/58	Def. Baylor 59-0
Oct. 29	5	6	4		Lost to Okla. 31-14
Nov. 5	4	5	4		Def. Kansas 56-17
Nov. 12	10	10	8		Lost to KSU 29-28
Nov. 19	9	8	8		Idle
Nov. 26	10	9	8		Def. Colorado 34-32
Dec. 3	9	8	8		Idle

a=Associated Press; C-Coaches; B-BCS

Final BCS and Polls

B/A/C Team (1st)	Rec	Bowl vs.	Opp.
1/1/1	Okla. (56) ...	12-0	Orange-FSU	
2/3/3	Florida St. (1)	11-1	Orange-OU	
3/2/2	Miami (2)	10-1	Sugar-Florida	
4/4/4	Washington ...	10-1	Rose-Purdue	
5/6/5	Virginia Tech .	10-1	Gator-Clemson	
6/5/6	Oregon State .	10-1	Fiesta-N.D.	
7/7/7	Florida	10-2	Sugar-Miami	
8/9/8	Nebraska	9-2	Alamo-Northw.	
9/11/9	Kansas St. ...	10-3	Cotton-Tenn.	
10/8/11	Oregon	9-2	Holiday-Texas	
11/10/10	Notre Dame	9-2	Fiesta-Ore.St.	
12/12/12	Texas	9-2	Holiday-Oregon	
13/15/17	Georgia Tech .	9-2	Peach-LSU	
14/13/16	TCU	10-1	Mobile-So.Miss	
15/16/13	Clemson	9-2	Gator-Va. Tech	
16/17/15	Michigan	8-3	Citrus-Auburn	
14/14	Purdue	8-3	Rose-Washington	
18/19	Northwestern	8-3	Alamo-Nebraska	
19/18	Ohio State	8-3	Outback-So. Carol.	
20/20	Auburn	9-3	Citrus-Michigan	
21/21	Tennessee	8-3	Cotton-K-State	
22/23	Louisville	9-2	Liberty-Colo. St.	
23/22	Colorado St. ...	9-2	Liberty-Louisville	
24/24	Georgia	7-4	Oahu-Virginia	
25/25	Toledo	10-1		

Other Bowls...

Las Vegas...UNLV vs. Arkansas
 Aloha...Boston College vs. Arizona State
 Motor City...Cincinnati vs. Marshall
 GalleryFurniture.com...Texas Tech vs. E.Carolina
 Humanitarian...Boise State vs. UTEP
 Music City...Mississippi vs. West Virginia
 Micronpc.com...Minnesota vs. N.C. State
 Insight.com...Pittsburgh vs. Iowa State
 Sun Bowl...Wisconsin vs. UCLA
 Silicon Valley...Air Force vs. Fresno State
 Independence...Mississippi St. vs. Texas A&M
Nebraska Opponents/Big 12 Schools in Bold

2000 Husker Awards List

All-Americans-

Russ Hochstein (The Sporting News)
 Carlos Polk (AP, AFCA, Collegefootballnews.com);
 Dominic Raiola (Football Writers, Walter Camp,
 AFCA, AP, Collegefootballnews.com)

Bronko Nagurski-Carlos Polk, MLB (1/46)

Butkus*-Carlos Polk, MLB (1/11)

Ray Guy-Dan Hadenfeldt, P (1/40)

Lombardi*+-Dominic Raiola, OC (1/4)

John Mackey*-Tracey Wistrom, TE (1/8)

Davey O'Brien*-Eric Crouch, QB (1/8)

Outland-+Raiola,Russ Hochstein, Toniu Fonoti

Jim Thorpe-Keyuo Craver, LCB (1/40)

Doak Walker*-Dan Alexander, IB (1/8)

Mosi Tatupu Special Teams+ Bobby Newcombe (1/5)

*made semifinal list, +made final list

Stats of Returning Huskers: Rushing-Dan Alexander 21-108-1; Willie Miller 8-87-0, Eric Crouch 17-64-0, Correll Buckhalter 8-59-1; **Passing**-Crouch 15-9-0-148-1; **Receiving**-Matt Davison 2-68-0, Jon Bowling 2-45-0, Aaron Golliday 2-25-1, Bobby Newcombe 2-5-7, Correll Buckhalter 1-5-0; **Punting**-Dan Hadenfeldt 6-237-39.5, 48 long; **Returns**-Newcombe 3-69-1 PR, long 60 TD; Joe Walker 1-3 PR; **Interceptions**-Joe Walker 1--9; **Defense, Tackles, Other**-Carlos Polk 2-6-8, 1 QB Hurry, Dion Booker 3-3-6, Loran Kaiser 1-3-4, 1 TFL, Jason Lohr 1-3-4, 1 QB Hurry, Randy Stella 2-0-2, Keyuo Craver 1-1-2, 2 PBU, Joe Walker 1-1-2, 1 PBU, Clint Finley 1-1-2, Kyle Vanden Bosch 1-0-1, 1 sack, DeJuan Groce 1-0-1, Chris Kelsay 0-1-1, 1 TFL, John Garrison 0-1-1; **Field Goals**-Josh Brown 1-1 (38 yards); **PATs**-Josh Brown (4-4).

1998 Holiday Bowl

No. 5 Arizona 23, No. 14 Nebraska 20

San Diego, Calif., Dec. 30, 1998-Under first-year Head Coach Frank Solich, the Huskers lost a heartbreaker to Arizona, 23-20, in San Diego.

Kelvin Eafon's 1-yard touchdown run with six minutes remaining lifted fifth-ranked Arizona to a 23-20 victory over No. 14 Nebraska in the 1998 Culligan Holiday Bowl, ending the Huskers' four-game bowl winning streak.

In a wild fourth quarter that saw three lead changes, the Huskers had rallied from a 16-13 deficit as quarterback Eric Crouch connected with tight end Tracey Wistrom for a four-yard touchdown to give the Huskers a 20-16 lead with 10:55 remaining. Crouch, who finished with 193 yards passing, was four-of-five on the drive for 69 yards.

Arizona, which finished fourth in the final AP Poll, came right back on its next possession, driving 68 yards on nine plays, capped by Eafon's touchdown. UA quarterback Keith Smith, who earned offensive player-of-the-game honors, kept the Wildcats' drive alive, rushing for a pair of first downs to set up Eafon's touchdown. NU had a final opportunity to regain the lead, driving to the UA 46-yard line before Chris McAlister's second interception of the game sealed the win for the Wildcats.

Trailing 9-0 in the second quarter, the Husker defense forced a pair of Wildcat turnovers, leading to 13 points, as Nebraska took a 13-9 halftime lead. Loran Kaiser's fumble recovery set up a 25-yard field goal by Kris Brown, cutting the Wildcat lead to 9-3. On the Huskers' next possession, Crouch found wingback Shevin Wiggins for a 44-yard touchdown that gave the Huskers a 10-9 advantage. On the ensuing kickoff, Billy Legate forced a Wildcat fumble deep in UA territory, leading to Brown's second field goal of the half as time expired.

The loss overshadowed an outstanding performance by rush end Mike Rucker, who had seven tackles, including six solo stops, four tackles for loss and two quarterback hurries to earn defensive MVP honors.

Stats of Returning Huskers: Rushing-Eric Crouch 15-28-0, Correll Buckhalter 8-22-0; **Passing**-Crouch 28-12-2-193-2; **Receiving**-Matt Davison 3-64-0, Tracey Wistrom 3-41-0, Correll Buckhalter 1--3-0; **Returns**-Wistrom 1-7 KOR; **Defense, Tackles, Other**-Loran Kaiser 1-2-3, Erwin Swiney 1-1-2, 1 PBU, Clint Finley 1-1-2, Keyuo Craver 2-0-2, Mark Vedral 1-1-2, Dominic Raiola 1-1-2, Wes Woodward 1-0-1, Carlos Polk 0-1-1.

Big 12 Conference Sends Seven to Bowls in 2000

The Big 12 has seven teams participating in bowl games this season. The Big 12 lineup is listed below (Central time listed). In addition to the seven Big 12 teams participating in bowls (NU played all but Texas and Texas A&M this season), Notre Dame, a non-conference Husker opponent that NU defeated 27-24 in overtime in South Bend, will play Oregon State in the Fiesta Bowl. The Big 12 was the only league to have four teams finish in the BCS standings (top 16).

Day, Date	Big 12 Team vs. Opponent	Bowl Game	Site	Time* (TV)
Wed., Dec. 27	Texas Tech vs. East Carolina	Galleryfurn.com	Houston	7 p.m. (ESPN2)
Thurs., Dec. 28	Iowa State vs. Pittsburgh	Insight.com	Phoenix	6:30p.m.(ESPN)
Fri., Dec. 29	Texas vs. Oregon	Holiday	San Diego	7:30p.m.(ESPN)
Sat., Dec. 30	Nebraska vs. Northwestern	Alamo	San Antonio	7 p.m. (ESPN)
Sun., Dec. 31	Texas A&M vs. Miss. St.	Independence	Shreveport	7 p.m. (ESPN)
Mon., Jan. 1	Kansas State vs. Tennessee	Cotton	Dallas	10 a.m. (FOX)
Wed., Jan. 3	Oklahoma vs. Florida State	Orange	Miami	7 p.m. (ABC)

The Coaches

Nebraska Head Coach Frank Solich

Coach Frank Solich (Nebraska, 1966) is in his third season at the helm of the Huskers and posts a 30-7 school and career record. With the win over Colorado, Solich recorded his 30th win and moved into fifth on the all-time Division I list for wins in the first three seasons as a head coach. Solich was named Nebraska's 26th head coach on Dec. 10, 1997, after serving as an NU assistant for 19 years. He played fullback for Hall of Fame Coach Bob Devaney, lettering in 1963-64-65.

Solich was the first Husker running back to rush for 200 yards in a game and remains the only fullback to accomplish that feat. He also lettered for the NU baseball team in 1965. After serving as a local high school football coach for 14 years, Solich took over the NU freshman program and posted a 19-1 record from 1979 to 1982. He was elevated to NU's running backs coach after four seasons, a position he held for 15 years (1983-97). He was promoted to assistant head coach in 1991 and head coach following the 1997 season. Solich is one of 15 current Division I-A football coaches who played and coach for their alma mater.

Coach Solich became just the third first-year Nebraska head coach to record nine wins in his first season at the helm, joining a pair of Hall of Fame Coaches—Tom Osborne (9-2-1 in 1973) and Bob Devaney (9-2 in 1962). Solich posted a 9-4 record in his first season, despite being hit heavy with injuries. He posted the best record of any Husker second-year coach as his team posted a 12-1 record last season, leading NU to a Big 12 championship and No. 2 (coaches poll) and No. 3 (AP poll) final national rankings. Solich's 21 wins in his first two years at NU bettered Devaney's previous school record of 19 (Osborne had 18) and ranked in a tie for third all time among Division I coaches in their first two years at the helm. His 30 wins in three years better both Osborne and Devaney's 28 wins in their first three years. Solich is the only Husker coach to have won 12 games in any of his first three seasons. Devaney won nine in his first year, 10 his second year and nine his third, while Osborne won nine, nine and 10, respectively. Devaney won his first conference title his second year, while Osborne tied for his first title in his third year at the helm. Solich was named the 1999 Big 12 Coach of the Year by his league peers and the AP after winning the league championship. He earned his bachelor's and master's degrees from NU in 1966 and 1972, respectively.

NCAA Div. I-A Best Career Starts by Wins—Three Seasons

1. Walter Camp, Yale	1888-90	41-2-0	.953
2. George Woodruff, Penn	1892-94	39-4-0	.907
3. Barry Switzer, Oklahoma	1973-75	32-1-1	.956
4. Bill Battle, Tennessee	1970-72	31-5-0	.861
*John Robinson, USC	1976-78	31-6-0	.838
5. *Frank Solich, Nebraska	1998-2000	30-7-0	.810

(*Active)

Coaches' Game Day Assignments

Following the lead of Tom Osborne, Coach Solich is his own offensive coordinator, calling the plays from the sideline. Defensive Coordinator Craig Bohl is also on the sideline, along with receivers coach Ron Brown, quarterbacks coach Turner Gill, defensive line coach Jeff Jamrog and kickers/offensive line coach Dan Young. Assisting from above in the press box is rush ends coach Nelson Barnes, defensive backs coach George Darlington, running backs coach Dave Gillespie and O-line coach Milt Tenopir.

NU Staff Boasts 132 Years of Experience

One very good reason Coach Solich was named as Osborne's replacement was to keep the current staff intact. Director of Athletics Bill Byrne recognized that much of Nebraska's success should be attributed to its veteran assistants. Although NU lost 23-year veteran and 18-year defensive coordinator Charlie McBride after the 1999 season, NU still boasts 132 years of combined experience at NU (counting 2000) and a staff that will have participated in 132 bowl games (counting this season). The 20-year veterans include **Solich** (22 years), secondary coach **George Darlington** (28) and offensive line coach **Milt Tenopir** (27). The others include offensive line/kickers coach **Dan Young** (18), receivers coach **Ron Brown** (14), quarterbacks coach **Turner Gill** (9), linebackers coach **Craig Bohl** (6), rush ends coach **Nelson Barnes** (4), running backs coach **Dave Gillespie** (3) and the newest member, defensive line coach **Jeff Jamrog** (1). Coach Bohl took over McBride's duties as defensive coordinator in 2000. Bohl is one of five members of the Husker coaching staff who played at Nebraska (also Solich, Gill, Gillespie and Jamrog).

Northwestern Head Coach Randy Walker

Northwestern is led by second-year coach Randy Walker who posts an 11-11 record in two years at Northwestern. Walker turned the Wildcats around from a 3-8 season in 1999 to 8-3 in 2000. He is 70-46-5 in his career after spending nine years as the coach of his alma mater, Miami of Ohio. This is Walker's first meeting against Nebraska and first bowl trip at the helm of the Wildcats. This is Walker's first meeting in two years at Northwestern vs. a Big 12 Conference school.

Scouting the Northwestern Wildcats

The Series

Nebraska leads the three-game series 2-1, defeating the Wildcats 12-0 in Lincoln in 1902, losing 7-19 at Northwestern in 1931, and winning 49-7 in Lincoln in 1974. Nebraska is 74-68-10 all time vs. Big Ten opponents, 0-1 in bowl games. Northwestern is 1-2 in four bowl appearances, having defeated California in the 1949 Rose Bowl (20-14), and losing to USC in the 1996 Rose Bowl (41-32) and to Tennessee in the 1997 Citrus Bowl (48-28).

The Wildcats in 2000

The Wildcats finished the season 8-3 overall and 6-2 in the Big Ten Conference, earning a share of the conference title with Purdue and Michigan. The Wildcats are 3-2 vs. ranked teams this season, defeating No. 7/6 (AP/Coaches) Wisconsin on the road in double overtime, 47-44, on Sept. 23; and No. 18/15 Michigan State on the road the next weekend, 37-17. Northwestern also defeated No. 12/12 Michigan, 54-51, at home on Nov. 4 and lost to No. 20/21 TCU, 14-41, on Sept. 16, and to 21/21 Purdue, 28-41 on Oct. 14. Nebraska and Northwestern have just one common opponent this season, as NU defeated Iowa, 42-13, in game three in Lincoln, and Northwestern lost its chance to gain sole possession of the Big Ten title with a 27-17 loss at Iowa on Nov. 11.

Northwestern ranks among the nation's top 20 in total offense (475.6 ypg, third), rushing offense (257.3 ypg, eighth), scoring offense (38.55 ppg, ninth) and turnover margin (+1.09, tied for sixth).

Leading the Wildcats

Northwestern features an explosive offense that features tailback Damien Anderson, a Doak Walker Award finalist, who gained 1,914 yards and scored 22 touchdowns this season. He rushed for 100 or more yards eight times this season, including four 200-yard performances. His career best came against Indiana, when he rushed for 292 yards and four touchdowns. Quarterback Zak Kustok completed 58.2 percent of his passes this season (191-of-328) with seven interceptions for 18 touchdowns and 2,251 yards. His favorite receivers are Sam Simmons (35-474-5), Jon Schweighardt (34-339-1), Kunle Patrick (32-363-1), Teddy Johnson (29-542-6) and Roger Jordan (26-225-0). Johnson also has 16 kickoff returns for 392 yards (24.5 ypr), while Simmons is second on the team with 9-198 (22.0) and first in punt returns with 12-172 (14.3). DB Harold Blackmon leads the team in interceptions and pass breakups with five and 20, respectively. Place-kicker Tim Long is 12-of-16 on field goals this season, with a long of 46 yards, and 48-of-50 on PATs. Punter J.J. Standing averages 41.7 ypp. LB Billy Silva (116) and Napoleon Harris (101) lead the team in tackles. Harris is second in tackles for loss (13-60) to DT Dwayne Missouri (14-77, 9-62 sacks).

Tracking the Huskers in 2000

Nebraska Leads Nation With Solid Rushing Attack in 2000

Led by a veteran offensive line, a duo of senior I-backs, and an outstanding rushing quarterback, the Husker rushing game continues to lead the nation in rushing yards per game with 349.3 yards per game, 26 yards ahead of No. 2 Ohio's 323.0.

I-back **Dan Alexander** leads the team in rushing with 1,154 yards on 182 carries for 104.9 yards per game and 6.3 yards per carry. He has

Nebraska in Bowl Games

Year	Bowl	Opp.	AP Rank	Res.	Score:
1941*	Rose	Stanford	7/2	L	13-21
1955*	Orange	Duke	--/14	L	7-34
(Bob Devaney 6-3)...					
1962	Gotham	Miami	--/--	W	36-34
1964*	Orange	Auburn	6/5	W	13-7
1965*	Cotton	Arkansas	6/2	L	7-10
1966*	Orange	Alabama	3/4	L	28-39#
1967*	Sugar	Alabama	6/3	L	7-34
(NCAA-Record 31 Straight Bowls Begin Here)					
1969	Sun	Georgia	14/--	W	45-6
1971*	Orange	Louisiana St.	3/5	W	17-12
1972*	Orange	Alabama	1/2	W	38-6#
(Tom Osborne 12-13)...					
1973*	Orange	Notre Dame	9/12	W	40-6#
1974*	Cotton	Texas	12/8	W	19-3
1974*	Sugar	Florida	8/18	W	13-10
1975	Fiesta	Arizona St.	6/7	L	14-17
1976	Astro-BB	Texas Tech	13/9	W	27-24
1977	Liberty	No.Carolina	12/14	W	21-17
1979*	Orange	Oklahoma	6/4	L	24-31
1980*	Cotton	Houston	7/8	L	14-17
1980	Sun	Miss. State	8/17	W	31-17
1982*	Orange	Clemson	4/1	L	15-22#
1983*	Orange	Louisiana St.	3/13	W	21-20
1984*	Orange	Miami	1/5	L	30-31#
1985*	Sugar	Louisiana St.	4/12	W	28-10
1986*	Fiesta	Michigan	7/5	L	23-27
1987*	Sugar	Louisiana St.	6/5	W	30-15
1988*	Fiesta	Florida St.	5/3	L	28-31
1989*	Orange	Miami	6/2	L	3-23
1990*	Fiesta	Florida St.	6/5	L	17-41
1991*	Citrus	Ga. Tech	19/2	L	21-45#
1992*	Orange	Miami	11/1	L	0-22
1993*	Orange	Florida St.	11/3	L	14-27
1994*	Orange	Florida St.	2/1	L	16-18#
1995*	Orange	Miami	1/3	W	24-17#
1996*	Fiesta	Florida	1/2	W	62-24#
1996*	Orange	Virginia Tech	6/10	W	41-21
1998*	Orange	Tennessee	2/3	W	42-17#
(Frank Solich 0-1)...					
1998	Holiday	Arizona	14/5	L	20-23
2000*	Fiesta	Tennessee	3/6	W	31-21
2000	Alamo	Northwestern	9/18	L	10-21

NU in Past 38 Bowls

38 Bowls (ranks fifth all time): 19-19
31 Consecutive Bowls (NCAA record): 17-14
***31 Major Bowls (Jan. 1/BCS):** 14-17
Bowl Record Under Coach Solich: 1-1
#10 National Championship Bowl Games (for at least one team): 5-5
Bold indicates NU conference champion teams

NU in the Bowls

Astro Bluebonnet: 1-0; Cotton: 1-2; Fiesta: 1-4; Florida Citrus: 0-1; Gotham: 1-0; Holiday: 0-1; Liberty: 1-0; Orange: 7-9; Rose: 0-1; Sun: 2-0; Sugar: 3-1

Note: This is the first year Nebraska will play in the Alamo Bowl. NU has not played in the following bowls—Las Vegas, Ford Motor City, Aloha, Insight.com, American General Music City, Micronpc.com, Humanitarian, Peach, Independence, Outback, Gator, Silicon Valley Classic, Galleryfurniture.com and Oahu.

eight rushing TDs, and against Kansas State, became the 23rd Husker to rush for 1,000 yards in a season, the first since I-back Ahman Green (1,877) and QB Scott Frost (1,095) each rushed for more than 1,000 in 1997. His alternate at I-back, **Correll Buckhalter**, has 750 yards on 106 carries with seven rushing TDs to rank third on the team (68.2 ypg, 7.1 ypc). In Nebraska's 11 games, the two I-backs have combined for 1,904 yards rushing on 288 carries for an average of 173.1 yards per game, which would rank third in the nation among individual performers. Add to that the 971 yards and team-leading 20 rushing touchdowns by quarterback **Eric Crouch** and the 408 yards by fullbacks **Willie Miller** and **Judd Davies** (225 and 183, respectively) and you have a solid backfield. Combined, the five have rushed for 3,283 of the team's 3,842 yards this season (298.5 ypg). Alexander and Crouch rank 21st and 46th nationally, respectively, in rushing yards per game. Crouch is second among QBs in yards per game (88.3) and yards per carry (5.7), but first in TDs (20). Overall, Crouch's 20 rushing touchdowns rank fourth nationally.

As a team, the Huskers rushed for a season-best 505 yards vs. San Jose State, 275 yards at No. 23 Notre Dame, 331 vs. Iowa, 311 vs. Missouri, 336 vs. Iowa State, 442 at Texas Tech, 459 vs. Baylor, 195 at No. 3 Oklahoma, 493 vs. Kansas, 200 vs. No. 16 Kansas State and 296 vs. Colorado, rushing for more than 300 yards in six of the last nine games and more than 400 yards four times this season. The 505 rushing yards vs. SJSU marked the first time NU had surpassed the 500-yard mark since NU had an NCAA bowl-record 524 in the Fiesta Bowl vs. Florida (Jan. 2, 1996) and was the most in a regular-season game since NU rushed for 624 vs. Iowa State on Nov. 4, 1995 (the Huskers rushed for 500 or more yards five times in 1995). Nebraska has 45 rushing TDs this season, one behind Virginia Tech's nation-leading 46.

Charting Nebraska's Rushers and Team Totals in 2000

Game	Team	Crouch	Alexander	Buckhalter	Miller
San Jose St.	60-505-6	8-57-3	17-208-2	13-117-0	6-51-0
Notre Dame	59-274-4	16-80-3	24-112-1	9-43-0	6-17-0
Iowa	51-331-0	12-93-0	15-113-0	16-100-0	6-21-0
Missouri	53-311-2	24-110-1	13-34-1	7-94-0	2-5-0
Iowa St.	60-336-6	19-138-1	21-96-0	9-20-3	5-29-1
Texas Tech	77-442-6	12-52-2	20-113-0	13-105-1	5-18-1
Baylor	67-459-7	5-46-0	14-104-2	6-76-2	1-2-0
Oklahoma	43-195-1	23-101-1	9-27-0	5-15-0	4-50-0
Kansas	73-493-7	13-127-4	15-119-0	16-100-1	1-5-0
K-State	45-200-3	17-42-1	18-130-2	6-12-0	4-16-0
Colorado	48-296-3	20-125-3	16-98-0	6-68-0	4-6-0
Totals	636-3,842-45	169-971-20	182-1,154-8	106-750-7	45-225-2

boldface indicates season bests

NU Backs Make History With Three "Two Grand" Rushers

Nebraska's three leading rushers, **Alexander**, **Crouch** and **Buckhalter**, made school, Big 12 and NCAA Division I history this season, becoming the only trio to hit the "Two Grand" career rushing mark in the same season. Buckhalter hit the mark in game three vs. Iowa and has 2,522 career rushing yards to rank eighth at NU; Alexander hit the 2,000 mark in game seven vs. Baylor and has 2,456 in his career to rank 10th, and Crouch hit the mark in game eight vs. Oklahoma when he rushed for 101 yards. He has 2,319 career rushing yards to rank first among quarterbacks and 13th all time at NU. Only 13 players total have hit the 2,000-yard rushing plateau since the Big 12 formed in 1996, counting Buckhalter, Alexander and Crouch. Only Nebraska and Big 12 opponent Missouri have had two rushers hit 2,000 in the same year (Missouri's RB Devin West and QB Corby Jones in 1998). While this season marks the first time NU has had three rushers hit 2,000 in the same season, two rushers have hit the mark the same year three previous times at Nebraska. "We-backs" Calvin Jones and Derek Brown reached the 2,000 mark in 1992; Mike Rozier and Roger Craig reached 2,000 yards in 1982 and I.M. Hipp and Rick Berns both hit the mark in 1978. All three previous pairs shared the I-back position.

A Closer Look at Alexander, Buckhalter and Crouch

On the season, all three athletes hit the 2,000 career rushing mark. Alexander hit the 1,000 yard season plateau vs. Kansas State, Crouch finished just 29 yards short and Buckhalter finished with 750 yards. Alexander is the first Husker to hit the 1,000 yard season rushing mark since I-back Ahman Green (1,877) and quarterback Scott Frost (1,095) accomplished the feat in 1997.

► **Senior Dan Alexander...**A Doak Walker Award semifinalist, Alexander is second in the Big 12 and ranks 21st nationally in rushing, averaging 104.9 yards per game (182-1,154) and 563 of his 1,154 yards (49 percent) were after contact (78 vs. SJSU, 51 vs. ND, 63 vs. Iowa, 25 vs. Missouri, 69 vs. Iowa State, 41 vs. Texas Tech, 48 vs. Baylor, 12 vs. Oklahoma, 56 vs. Kansas, 39 vs. KSU, and 81 vs. Colorado). Among the nation's top 25 rushers, his yards per carry average of 6.3 ranks first in the Big 12 and fifth nationally. Alexander has 2,456 career rushing yards on

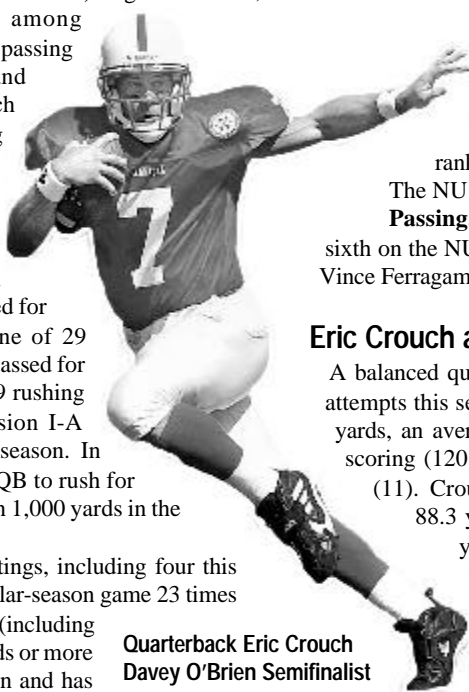
402 carries (6.1 ypc) with 20 TDs to rank 10th on the NU career rushing chart. Alexander recorded his seventh 100-yard rushing game this season against Kansas State and had 96 vs. Iowa State and 98 vs. Colorado. Alexander has 13 100-yard rushing performances in his career (12 in the last 18 games) to rank sixth all time at Nebraska. He also has two receptions this season for 17 yards. Alexander has 122 career points to rank 33rd.

► **Senior Correll Buckhalter...**Buckhalter owns 2,522 career rushing yards on 413 carries (6.0 ypc) with 27 TDs to rank eighth on the NU career charts. Buckhalter became the 18th Husker to rush for 2,000 yards in a career with 100 yards vs. Iowa. Buckhalter has 11 career 100-yard rushing games to rank eighth all time at Nebraska. Buckhalter has 750 yards rushing this season (lost just 19), averaging 68.2 yards per game and 7.1 yards per carry. He also has five catches for 85 yards and a touchdown, the most of any I-back on the team. Buckhalter's average yards per carry of 7.1 is best on the team (among those with 30 or more carries). He has 168 career points to rank tied for 20th.

► **Junior Eric Crouch...**A Davey O'Brien Award semifinalist, Crouch has 2,319 career rushing yards on 445 carries (5.2 ypc) with 41 rushing TDs to rank 13th on the NU career rushing charts, third in rushing TDs. He had back-to-back 100 yard rushing games twice this season, with 110 and a season-best 138 vs. Iowa State (when he also had 164 yards passing and a career-best 302 total offense yards), and 101 vs. Oklahoma and 127 vs. Kansas, with a career-best and school-record tying four rushing TDs vs. the Jayhawks. His four rushing TDs in a game tied three others (Gerry Gdowski vs. Iowa State in 1989; Mickey Joseph vs. Missouri in 1990 and Scott Frost vs. Missouri in 1997). Against Kansas, Crouch became the NU career leader among quarterbacks for rushing and rushing TDs, passing Steve Taylor's 2,125 yards (1985-88) and Tommie Frazier's 36 TDs (1992-95). Crouch hit the 2,000 career rushing mark after rushing for 101 yards against then-No. 3 Oklahoma on Oct. 28. His 41 rushing TDs rank third all time at Nebraska, behind Ahman Green's 42 (1995-97) and Mike Rozier's 49 (1981-83). Crouch is one of 34 quarterbacks all time in NCAA Division I-A who have rushed for 2,000 yards (ranks 15th all time), and one of 29 quarterbacks all time who have rushed and passed for 2,000 yards. Crouch finished the season 29 rushing yards short of becoming one of 12 Division I-A quarterbacks to rush and pass for 1,000 in a season. In 1997, Scott Frost became the only Husker QB to rush for 1,000 (1,095) and pass (1,237) for more than 1,000 yards in the same season.

Crouch has 11 multiple-rushing TD outings, including four this season. He has rushed for 50 yards in a regular-season game 23 times in his career and in 14 of his last 16 games (including the Fiesta Bowl). He has rushed for 100 yards or more 10 times in his career, five times this season and has scored a rushing touchdown in 20 of the last 23 games.

Crouch ranks 13th in the Big 12 in career rushing yards, second in career rushing TDs (41) and 15th all time in rushing among Division I-A quarterbacks. Only 13 players have hit the 2,000-yard rushing plateau since the Big 12 formed in 1996 and among those, only Missouri's Corby Jones was a quarterback, rushing for 2,533 from 1995 to 1998. Crouch needs 214 rushing yards to pass Jones as the Big 12's all-time leading quarterback rusher. Five quarterbacks of teams that now make up the Big 12 have rushed and passed for 2,000 yards in their careers.



**Quarterback Eric Crouch
Davey O'Brien Semifinalist**

QB's From Big 12 Schools Who Have Rushed and Passed for 2,000 Yards in a Career

<u>In Order of Career Rushing Yards</u>	<u>Rush</u>	<u>Pass</u>
Jamelle Holieway, Oklahoma, 1985-88	2,699	2,154
Corby Jones, Missouri, 1995-98	*2,533	3,697
Eric Crouch, Nebraska, 1998-2000	2,319	2,971
Steve Taylor, Nebraska, 1985-88	2,125	2,315
Bucky Richardson, Texas A&M, 1987-91	2,095	3,039
Darian Hagan, Colorado, 1988-91	2,007	3,801

*Big 12 record (since 1996)

Crouch on Other Husker Career Charts

In his junior season, Crouch ranks among the NU career top 10 in nearly every category and already ranks as Nebraska's all-time best rushing quarterback. He has already passed several stellar Husker QBs, including Tommie Frazier (1995 Heisman runner-up, led NU to back-to-back national championships in 1994 and 1995), Scott Frost (led Huskers to a national championship in 1997), Turner Gill (fourth in 1983 Heisman race, national championship game in 1983). Crouch also passed 1983 Heisman Trophy winner Mike Rozier on the NU total offense chart.

Rushing...Crouch ranks first among NU quarterbacks, 13th overall at NU, second among Big 12 quarterbacks, and 15th among Division I quarterbacks all time with 2,319 rushing yards. He has 445 carries and 41 rushing touchdowns, both NU QB records.

Total Offense...Crouch ranks second at Nebraska in career total offense with 5,290 yards (fourth in the Big 12) and is 186 yards behind school-record holder Tommie Frazier's 5,476 (1992-95). Crouch had 1,060 total offense yards as a freshman, 2,158 as a sophomore and 2,072 this season. The season record is 2,333 by Jerry Tagge in 1971.

Scoring...Crouch has scored 252 career points (30 in 1998, 102 in 1999, team-leading 120 in 2000, school season record is 174) in his career to rank tied for fifth all time at Nebraska (fifth in Big 12). The NU record is 388 by Kris Brown (1995-98).

Passing...Crouch has 2,971 career passing yards, which ranks sixth on the NU career passing chart and is 253 yards behind No. 5 Vince Ferragamo's 3,224 yards (1975-76).

Eric Crouch a Nebraska Difference Maker in 2000

A balanced quarterback, Crouch has 169 rushing and 156 passing attempts this season and leads the team in total offense with 2,072 yards, an average of 188.4 per game. He also leads the team in scoring (120 points), rushing touchdowns (20) and passing TDs (11). Crouch has rushed for 971 yards on 169 carries (5.7 ypc, 88.3 ypg). Crouch has 12 runs of 25 yards or more this year and has led the Huskers to 52 scores in 120 of the drives he has started (43.3 percent). He has completed 75-of-156 passes for 1,101 yards and 11 TDs and leads the team, ranks first in the Big 12 and is fifth nationally in scoring, averaging 10.9 points per game and ranks first in the Big 12 and fourth nationally in points responsible for 17.1 per game. Of Crouch's 75 completions, 58 have gone for first downs (47) or touchdowns (11). Crouch has converted 37 of 91 third-down plays, including 23-of-60 passing on third down and 14-of-30 rushing plays. He is 4-for-9 on fourth down (1/4 passing and 3/5 rushing). Crouch has been sacked just three times this season, all occurred on third down and long situations.

Crouch's 88.3 rushing yards per game and yards per carry (5.7) are second-best in the nation among quarterbacks behind Indiana's Antwaan Randle El's 115.5, while his 20 TDs rank first on the team and set an NU QB record. He scored the most rushing TDs in a season since Ahman Green had 22 in 1997, and ranks third in rushing TDs in a season behind Green and Mike Rozier's 29 in 1983.

All-Time Bowl Appearances

1. Alabama	50
2. Tennessee	41
3. Texas	40
4. Nebraska	39
USC	39

Consec. Bowl Appearances

Rank, Team	Most	Current
1. Nebraska	31*	31*
2. Michigan	26	26
3. Alabama	25	--

*NCAA record

Top 20 Bowl Appearances

School:	All-Time:	Consecutive:		
		Most:	Current:	Major:
1. Alabama	50+	25	--	--
2. Tennessee	41	12	12	--
3. Texas	40	9	3	--
4. USC	39	8	--	--
Nebraska	39	+32	32	--
6. Penn State	36	13	--	--
Georgia	36	10	4	--
8. Oklahoma	34	8	2	1
9. Michigan	32	26	26	--
Ohio State	32	15	1	--
11. Louisiana St.	31	5, 5	1	--
Arkansas	31	6, 6	3	--
13. Ga. Tech	29	6	4	--
Mississippi	29	15	4	--
Florida State	29	19	19	10
16. Florida	28	10	10	1
17. Auburn	27	9	1	--
Washington	27	8	6	1
19. Texas A&M	26	6	4	--
20. Miami	25	12	3	1

(Major Bowl--Jan. 1 or Jan. 2 bowls through 1994, Alliance plus Rose 1995-1997, BCS in 1998; +NCAA Record)

Did You Know?

NU Coach Frank Solich still holds the Orange Bowl record for most return yards in a game with 130 in 1966.

Solich vs. Ranked AP Teams (7-6)

(Gametime rank)		NU/Opp.		
Date	Opponent	Site	Rank	Result
1998:				
9/26	Washington	Home	2/9	W 55-7
10/10	Texas A&M	Away	2/18	L 21-28
10/24	Missouri	Home	7/19	W 20-13
11/14	Kansas St.	Away	11/2	L 30-40
12/30	Arizona	Holiday	14/5	L 20-23
1999:				
10/23	Texas	Away	3/18	L 20-24
11/6	Texas A&M	Home	9/21	W 37-0
11/13	Kansas St.	Home	7/5	W 41-15
12/4	Texas	Big 12	3/12	W 22-6
1/2	Tennessee	Fiesta	3/6	W 31-21
2000:				
9/9	Notre Dame	Away	1/23	W 27-24OT
10/28	Oklahoma	Away	1/3	L 31-14
11/18	Kansas St.	Away	4/16	L 29-28

Crouch's Nebraska Records

- ▶ Tied game record for most total offense attempts with 50 vs. Oklahoma
- ▶ Tied game record for most TD passes with five vs. Iowa
- ▶ Tied game record for most rushing TDs by an NU QB with four vs. KU
- ▶ Set season record for most rushing TDs by an NU QB with 20
- ▶ Set career record for most rushing yards by an NU QB with 2,319
- ▶ Set career record for most rushing attempts by an NU QB with 445
- ▶ Set career record for most rushing TDs by an NU QB with 41

NU's Top Rushers by Season

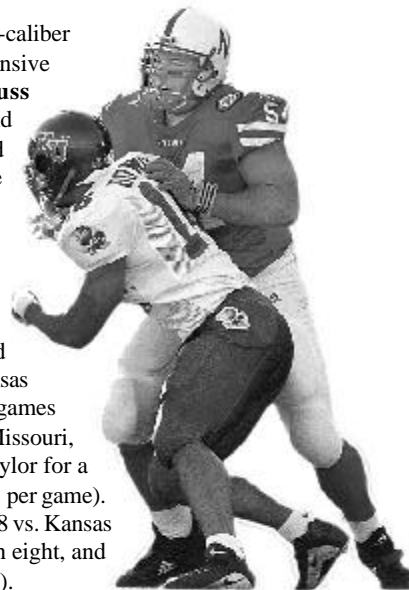
Buckhalter was Nebraska's leading rusher in 1998 with 799 yards and eight touchdowns, while Crouch led the team in rushing in 1999 with 889 yards and 16 touchdowns. This season, Alexander leads the team in rushing yards with 1,154 yards, while Crouch leads the team with 20 rushing TDs and Buckhalter is the team leader in yards per carry at 7.1. Combined, the three have rushed for 7,006 career yards and 85 TDs.

Player	1997	1998	1999	2000	Total
Buckhalter	54-311-0	142-799-8	111-662-6	106-750-7	413-2522-27
Alexander	16-68-0	70-369-4	134-865-8	182-1154-8	402-2456-20
Crouch	RS	96-459-5	180-889-16	169-971-20	445-2319-41
Total	70-379-0	308-1627-17	425-2416-30	457-2875-35	1260-7297-87

NU Career Rushing Rank: Buckhalter 8th; Alexander 10th; Crouch 13th
totals include attempts-yards-touchdowns

O-Line Leads the Way

With four returning starters and an All-America-caliber sophomore manning the front line, the Husker offensive line is as good as it gets. Senior co-captains **Russ Hochstein** and **Jason Schwab** man right guard and tackle, respectively, while Lombardi and Outland finalist **Dominic Raiola** secures center. Sophomore first-year starter **Toniui Fonoti** and junior **Dave Volk** man left guard and tackle, respectively. All five of the Husker starters had double-figure pancakes in both of the first two games, even though most didn't play in the fourth quarter against San Jose State. The two Hawaiians, Raiola and Fonoti have had double-figure 'cakes in 10 of 11 games (all except Kansas State). Fonoti has led the team in five of NU's 10 games with 15 in his first career start against SJSU, 17 vs. Missouri, 16 vs. Iowa State, 19 vs. Texas Tech and 13 vs. Baylor for a team-best and school-record 155 (school-record 14.1 per game). Raiola had a team- and career-best 18 vs. Iowa and 18 vs. Kansas to lead the team, shared the team lead vs. KSU with eight, and ranks second on the team with 145 pancakes (13.2). Against Notre Dame, Hochstein had a career-best and school-record-tying 23 to lead the team (Josh Heskew also had 23 vs. California in 1998) and led the team with 18 vs. Baylor, 13 vs. Oklahoma and 14 vs. Colorado. Hochstein is third on the team with 143 pancakes (13.0 per game). Volk is fourth on the team with 104 pancakes and shared the team lead with Raiola vs. KSU (9.5) and Schwab has 82 (7.5). All five starters average more than seven pancakes per game and the top three all bettered the school record set by Raiola in 1999 (140 pancakes, 11.67 pancakes per game). The team had a school-record 101 pancakes en route to 459 yards rushing vs. Baylor. Raiola, Hochstein and Fonoti were all three on the Outland watch list. Hochstein and Raiola both earned first-team All-America honors.



First-Team All-American, Outland and Lombardi Finalist Center Dominic Raiola

Huskers Through the Air

Nebraska has completed 48.8 percent of its passes this season (84-of-172) for 1,217 yards. NU ranks 111th in passing, but the Huskers have been very efficient in the air. Nebraska's touchdown per attempt ratio of 11 in 172 attempts (6.4 percent) ranks 18th in the nation, while its touchdowns per completion ratio of 13 percent (11-of-84) ranks eighth in the nation. Against Iowa, Nebraska tied a school record set just two other times with five touchdown passes, including a school-record tying three to tight end **Tracey Wistrom**. Crouch has thrown 11 TD passes this season, four more than his then-career-best seven last season. On the receiving end, **Wistrom** has a team-best five touchdown receptions on the season and eight in his career. Split end **Matt**

Davison has three this year and six total. I-back **Correll Buckhalter** and tight end **Jon Bowling** caught their first career TD passes vs. Missouri this season, while wingback **John Gibson** caught his first career TD pass vs. Texas Tech. Nebraska improved its passing totals in each of the first four games and had a stretch where NU totaled more than 100 yards passing in four straight games, but had just 527 yards total in the last six games (87.8). This season, NU has passed for 91 yards vs. San Jose State, 103 vs. Notre Dame, 159 vs. Iowa, 173 vs. Missouri, 164 vs. Iowa State, 98 vs. Texas Tech, 49 vs. Baylor, 133 vs. Oklahoma, 69 vs. Kansas, 39 vs. Kansas State and 139 vs. Colorado.

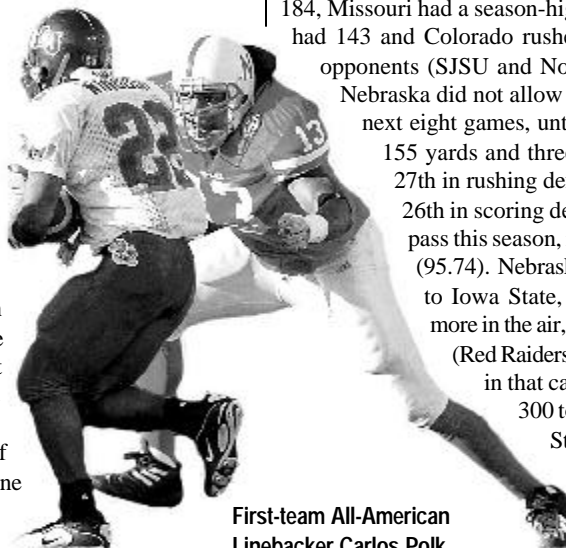
Nebraska Boasts Excellent Receivers at Every Position

The Huskers returned nine starters on offense this season, but will lose two of the three starting receivers after this season. Seniors **Matt Davison** and **Bobby Newcombe** returned to their starting positions at split end and wingback, respectively. Davison has led the Huskers the last three seasons in receptions and ranks second overall at Nebraska in both career receptions and yards. Newcombe was honored as an All-Big 12 return specialist in 1999 in addition to his receiving skills. Junior **Tracey Wistrom** set a school record in 1999 for yards per catch and earned first-team All-Big 12 honors in both 1999 and 2000. Davison (21-389-3), Wistrom (19-314-5) and Newcombe (19-249-0) each have caught 19-or-more passes this season for 240-or-more yards and have combined for 59 of NU's 84 receptions, 952 of NU's 1,217 yards and eight of NU's 11 receiving touchdowns this season.

► **Senior Matt Davison...**has caught at least one pass in 36 of the last 40 games and now has 93 receptions for 1,456 yards (and six TDs) to rank second on the NU career receptions and receiving yards lists. Heisman Trophy winner Johnny Rodgers holds all three of the school receiving records with 143-2,479 yards and 26 touchdowns. Davison leads the team in 2000 with 389 receiving yards on 21 catches and ranks behind Wistrom with three TDs. Davison became just the third Husker to lead the team in receptions three straight years and the first since Johnny Rodgers in 1970-71-72. Davison had a career-best two touchdown catches vs. Iowa this season and has six in his career. Eighteen of his 21 receptions this season have gone for first downs (15) or TDs (three). Seven were third-down conversions.

► **Junior Tracey Wistrom...**A John Mackey semifinalist and third-team All-American from the Associated Press, Wistrom has caught at least one pass in nine of 11 games this year. He is second on the team to Davison with 19 catches for 314 yards and leads the team with five TD catches. All of his 19 receptions have gone for first downs (14) or touchdowns (five), including eight third-down conversions. In his career, Wistrom has 37 career catches for 827 yards, for a 22.4 career yards per catch average and eight touchdowns. His average per catch better the NU school record held by split end Robb Schnitzler, who posted a 21.6 ypc average (1984-86, 30 catches for 648 yards). Wistrom's 827 yards rank third among tight ends on the NU career receiving yards chart and 17th overall, and his 37 catches rank 10th among tight ends and 41st overall.

► **Senior Bobby Newcombe...**has 19 catches for 249 yards this season and 45 catches for 660 yards in his career to rank tied for 23rd on the NU career receptions list and 27th on the receiving yards lists. Newcombe has caught at least one pass in 18 of the last 19 games, and had two catches for first downs on Nebraska's game-winning drive vs. Colorado. Of Newcombe's 19 catches this season, 12 have gone for first downs.



First-team All-American Linebacker Carlos Polk

Charting the Husker Receivers in 2000

	<u>Davison</u>	<u>Newcombe</u>	<u>Wistrom</u>
SJSU	1-22-0	*2-18-0	*2-*51-0
ND	*2-29-0	1-*36-0	*2-26-0
Iowa	2-*74-2	2-24-0	*4-42-*3
Missouri	*5-*66-0	1-18-0	2-27-0
Iowa St.	0-0-0	2-38-0	4-101-0
TTU	*2-*37-0	*2-32-0	0-0-0
Baylor	*1-10-0	*1-*25-0	0-0-0
Okla.	4-*79-*1	*5-26-0	2-23-0
Kansas	0-0-0	*1-17-0	*1-3-*1
K-State	*1-*23-0	0-0-0	*1-16-0
Colorado	*3-*34-0	<u>2-30-0</u>	<u>1-25-0</u>
Totals	21-389-3 (18.5)	19-249-0 (13.1)	19-314-5 (16.5)
Previous	72-1,067-3	26-411-4	18-513-3
Career	93-1,456-6 (15.7)	45-660-4 (14.7)	37-827-8 (22.4)

* indicates team leader for receptions, yards, TDs; yards per catch in ()

Husker Seniors Lead the Defense

Nebraska senior co-captains—MLB **Carlos Polk**, DT **Loran Kaiser** and RRE **Kyle Vanden Bosch**—lead the way for a young and still developing Husker defense. Kaiser returned to action for the Oklahoma game after missing the previous three games and most of the Missouri game with a sprained foot. Kaiser resumed his starting role vs. Kansas. The above three seniors, plus LCB **Keyuo Craver**, are the only four returnees who started all of the games in which they played in 1999. Polk leads the team with 90 tackles and has led the team seven of 11 games, including a career-best 17 vs. Kansas State. Polk has nine tackles for 30 yards lost. The awards candidate was a Butkus Award semifinalist and was the Bronko Nagurski and Big 12 Defensive Player of the Week for his performance against Notre Dame when he had a then-career-best 12 tackles. He has been NU's nominee for Big 12 Defensive Player of the Week five times this season. Will LB **Randy Stella** is second on the team with 58 tackles, in his first year as a starter and is second on the team in tackles for loss with 15-40. Vanden Bosch is tied for third on the team with 56 tackles and leads the team in tackles for loss (17-66), sacks (5.5-37) and quarterback hurries (26). Craver is tied for third with Vanden Bosch with 56 stops and is second on the team in pass breakups with 13, giving him 28 in his career (ranks second all time at NU). Cornerback **DeJuan Groce** set a season school record for pass breakups with 17, bettering All-American Ralph Brown's 15 in 1999.

Huskers Against the Run

NU held five opponents to less than 100 yards rushing this season with a season-low five by Baylor, 19 by Texas Tech, 37 by Iowa State, 47 by Iowa and 97 by Kansas. San Jose State had 193, Notre Dame had 184, Missouri had a season-high 209, Oklahoma had 118, Kansas State had 143 and Colorado rushed for 197. After allowing its first two opponents (SJSU and Notre Dame) to feature a 100-yard rusher, Nebraska did not allow an individual to rush for 100 yards in the next eight games, until Colorado's Cortlen Johnson rushed for 155 yards and three TDs on the season. The Huskers rank 27th in rushing defense, allowing 113.7 yards per game and 26th in scoring defense (19.4 ppg). NU fared better vs. the pass this season, ranking seventh in pass efficiency defense (95.74). Nebraska gave up a season-high 346 passing yards to Iowa State, the third straight game of 250 yards or more in the air, then held Texas Tech to 181 yards passing, (Red Raiders entered the game ranking 10th in the nation in that category) and Baylor to 79, before allowing 300 to Oklahoma. NU held KU to 169, Kansas State had 234 and Colorado had 254 in NU's last three games.

Huskers Through the Years

<u>Coaches</u>	<u>Record</u>	<u>Years</u>	<u>Natl. Champs</u>
Bob Devaney	101-20-2	11	70, 71
Tom Osborne	255-49-3	25	94, 95, 97
<u>Frank Solich</u>	<u>30-7-0</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>0</u>
Since 1962	386-76-5	39	5
<u>1890-1962</u>	<u>366-223-35</u>	<u>72</u>	<u>0</u>
All-Time	752-299-40	111	5

Husker AP Ranking Notes

- ▶ Nebraska has been ranked in the AP poll 324 consecutive weeks—an AP record
- ▶ NU has been ranked in the top 10 for 129 of the last 135 weeks (1993 to present)
- ▶ The Huskers have been ranked No. 1 by the AP a total of 70 weeks, 54 games (46-7-1)
- ▶ A preseason No. 1 AP ranking in 2000 marked the 25th time in 28 years that NU has opened the season ranked in the top 10.

Did You Know?

- ▶ The Nebraska offensive line weighs in at an average 304 pounds and stands 6-3 1/2 tall.
- ▶ The Husker backfield of I-back Dan Alexander (6-0, 245) and Willie Miller (6-1, 245) weigh in at a combined 490 pounds, giving Nebraska its biggest backfield ever.
- ▶ 20,454,888 have attended Nebraska home games in Memorial Stadium since 1943.
- ▶ Nebraska's Memorial Stadium has been sold out 239 straight games since 1962.
- ▶ Last season, the Nebraska Athletic Department site (Huskers.com) averaged more than a million hits per week during the football season. More than 200,000 fans watched the streamlined broadcast vs. SJSU.
- ▶ The Huskers have given up just 10 sacks this season, the fewest since 1997 (four).

Division I-A Records in the 90s

1. Florida State 109-13-1890
2. **Nebraska** **108-16-1** **.868**
3. Florida 102-22-1820

Records In the Last Three+ Decades

1. **Nebraska** **318-58-5** **.846**
2. Michigan 286-74-8788
3. Penn State 287-83-2774
4. Ohio State 272-87-8751
5. Alabama 274-96-3739

Division I-A Consecutive

Winning Seasons

Current -- 15 or More

<u>Rank</u>	<u>Team</u>	<u>Winning Seasons</u>	<u>9-Win Seasons</u>
1.	Nebraska	39	32
2.	Florida State	24	14
3.	Florida	20	10

All-time Div. I-A (Non-losing) *Winning

1. Penn State 1939-87 46
2. Notre Dame 1889-1932 42*
3. Texas 1893-32 40
4. **Nebraska** **1962-pres.** **39***

Huskers Are Plus Two In Turnovers in 2000

The Huskers have 19 takeaways on the season (14 interceptions, five fumbles), with at least one interception in 10 of 11 games (season-best two vs. Iowa, Iowa State, Texas Tech and Colorado). Nebraska rover **Troy Watchorn** intercepted a pass in four straight games (Iowa, Missouri, Iowa State and Texas Tech) setting a school record (previous record was three held by at least three people, most recently Kenny Wilhite in 1991, also Larry Wacholtz in 1966 and Bob Decker in 1951) and had his fifth of the season vs. Oklahoma. Rover **Joe Walker** has three career interception returns for a TD, including one this season vs. Texas Tech, which ties the school career record (tied with Dave Mason's three interception returns for TDs from 1969 to 71, all in 1971). A non-secondary Husker player has intercepted a pass in each of the last three games, including **Jeremy Slechta** vs. Kansas, **Loran Kaiser** vs. Kansas State and **Carlos Polk** vs. Colorado. Nebraska has converted eight of the 19 turnovers gained to 56 points (eight touchdowns—**Watchorn's** 39-yard interception return for a TD vs. Iowa; **Jamie Burrow's** 28-yard fumble return for TD vs. Missouri; **Watchorn's** interception vs. Iowa State, three plays later to a TD; **Walker's** 19-yard interception return for a TD vs. Texas Tech; **Vanden Bosch's** fumble caused/**Chris Kelsay's** fumble recovered vs. Baylor, scored TD four plays later; **Groce's** fumble caused/**Swiney's** fumble recovered vs. Kansas, scored TD eight plays later; **Slechta's** interception to TD, 10 plays later; and **Polk's** 39-yard interception return for a touchdown vs. Colorado). That does not count when NU scored on two blocked punts (vs. Kansas in end zone, blocked and recovered by **Craver**; and **Aaron Terpening** block vs. Kansas State, **Craver** return and TD). Nebraska has scored 56 points off 19 turnovers gained this season, while the opponents have scored 34 on 17 NU turnovers. The Husker Blackshirts (first-team defense) have given up four fourth-quarter touchdowns this season, allowing Kansas to score against a mix of one's and two's on its first drive of the fourth quarter; Kansas State to score the game winner with 2:52 remaining; and Colorado to score on a run and a pass.

Applying Pressure

After totaling just nine sacks in the first five games, Nebraska recorded three or more sacks in five of the last six games (16 total). Senior rush end **Kyle Vanden Bosch** leads the team in sacks with 5.5-37 and quarterback hurries with 26. Nebraska has had at least five breakups in every game this season with a season-best 17 vs. Iowa State, and has applied double-figure hurries in seven games with a season-best 15 vs. Texas Tech.

Putting on the Hits...Charting the NU Defense

Husker Defensive Numbers *TD							
<u>Opp.</u>	<u>Sacks</u>	<u>TFL</u>	<u>QBH</u>	<u>PBU</u>	<u>Int.</u>	<u>Tackle Leader</u>	<u>Other</u>
SJSU	0	4-4	8	9	1	Polk 6	2 BK (Polk-PAT/Johnson-FG)
ND	2-13	3-14	10	7	1	Polk 12	
Iowa	6-41	9-44	10	9	2	Polk 11	
Miss.	0-0	4-8	10	9	1	Polk 8	Slechta 3 PBU
ISU	1-8	6-27	13	17	2	V.Bosch 8	Groce 5 PBU
TTU	3-19	8-26	15	6	2	Craver 7	Polk 5 QBH
Baylor	3-10	10-57	6	7	0	V.Bosch 6	Blocked punt (Craver)
Okla.	3-12	9-19	6	6	1	Polk/Stella 10	
Kansas	3-18	10-42	11	5	1	Polk 8	
K-State	3-18	11-29	11	8	1	Polk 17	Blocked punt (Terpening)
<u>Colo.</u>	<u>1-6</u>	<u>7-15</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>Vanden Bosch/Lohr 11</u>	<u>2 BK (Craver-FG/Stella-FG)</u>
Totals	24-139	63-270	100	83	12-129	Polk 90	

Young Secondary Rises to the Occasion

Despite losing two All-Americans in the secondary, Nebraska has a talented and experienced secondary in 2000. Thorpe Award candidate **Keyuo Craver** returned to his starting left corner position after starting every game as a sophomore in 1999. **Erwin Swiney** sat out the 1999 season as a medical redshirt (groin injury) after starting every game at left corner in 1998 and has the most starts of any Husker with 33. Rover **Joe Walker** played behind Mike Brown each of the last three years, but as a senior, has 18 starts under his belt. **Dion Booker** started the last five games in 1999 and started seven of 11 games this season at free safety. **Clint Finley** backs up both Walker and Booker at rover and free safety and has started at least one game in each of the last four years and 16 total at free safety. The Huskers have held five opponents to less than 200 yards passing this season and held No. 23 Notre Dame to a season-low 40 yards passing. NU has allowed opponents to complete 179-of-393 passes—45.5 percent. Craver and Swiney rank second and third, respectively, in career pass breakups at Nebraska with 28 and 27, behind Ralph Brown's 50 (1996-99). This season, Groce has started the last two games but is a first-teamer in the secondary as part of the nickel package, and broke the school record for pass breakups with 17 (previous record was 15 by Ralph Brown in 1999). Nebraska has 14 interceptions this season,

led by **Watchorn's** five and **Walker's** two (**Willie Amos, DeJuan Groce, Loran Kaiser, Carlos Polk, Scott Shanle, Jeremy Slechta** and **Erwin Swiney** have one each). Watchorn has four starts this season and his 0.45 interceptions per game average is tied for 19th nationally. Craver is tied for third on the team in tackles with 56, has six tackles for 30 yards lost, 2.5 sacks for 16 yards lost and 13 pass breakups, four behind Groce's 17.

Opponent Turnovers/Defensive Scores...

Opponent	Fumbles>Returns	Interceptions	scores in bold
San Jose State	None	Groce 1-0-0	
Notre Dame	None	Walker 1-5-0	
Iowa	None	Shanle 1-18-0; Watchorn 1-39-TD	
Missouri	Burrow 1-28-1	Watchorn 1-0	
Iowa State	None	Watchorn 1-9, Amos 1-0	
Texas Tech	None	Walker 1-19-TD , Watchorn 1-16	
Baylor	Kelsay 1-0, Amos 1-0	None	
Oklahoma	None	Watchorn 1-0	
Kansas	Swiney 1-6	Slechta 1-10	
K-State	Walker 1-0	Kaiser 1-13	
Colorado	None	Polk 1-39-TD , Swiney 1-0	

Special Teams Continue to Improve

Nebraska has outstanding personnel on special teams, returning its starting punter, place-kicker, snapper and return specialists. **Joe Walker** leads the team with 13 kickoff returns for 258 yards this season (19.8 ypr, long of 34 vs. Kansas State), while **Bobby Newcombe** leads the Huskers in punt returns with 20 for 291 yards, one TD (a school-record 94 yard return vs. Missouri) and a 14.6 yards per punt return average, which ranks 15th nationally. Newcombe was second in the nation last season averaging 18.38 yards per return and set a school record in 1997 with 20.33 yards per return. Newcombe and Walker rank second and eighth at Nebraska in career punt return yards with 829 and 653 yards, respectively. Johnny Rodgers holds the school record with 1,515 yards (1970-72). Newcombe broke Rodgers' record (15.46 ypr) for average, with 48 returns for 829 yards, averaging 17.27 yards per return.

Newcombe has three regular-season punt returns for TDs, plus one in the Fiesta Bowl last season, while Walker has one punt return TD, three interception return TDs and one kickoff return TD, tying an NCAA record in 1998 with one of each in the same season. Newcombe's 94-yard punt return vs. Missouri bettered the previous school record held by Rodgers (92-yard return at Oklahoma State on Oct. 23, 1971). The run also tied the Big 12 record, held by three others (David Allen, KSU vs. ISU, 9/25/99; Lamar Chapman, KSU vs. Ohio, 9/13/97; and Isaac Byrd, KU vs. OU, 10/5/96). Newcombe's previous punt return TDs were against Tennessee in the 2000 Fiesta Bowl (60 yards); an 86-yard return vs. Kansas in 1999; and a 53-yard return vs. Iowa State in 1997.

Senior **Dan Hadenfeldt** averages 43.8 yards per punt this season (ranks eighth nationally), after setting the school record (44.98 ypp) in 1999. His season average is the fourth-best average by a Husker punter. Throughout the season, Hadenfeldt steadily improved his average. **Game by Game:** 41.7 at Notre Dame; 44.2 vs. Iowa; 43.4 vs. Missouri; 42.5 vs. Iowa State; 45.5 vs. Texas Tech; 48.0 vs. Baylor; season-best 49.5 vs. Oklahoma; DNP vs. Kansas; 38.3 yards vs. Kansas State; and 46.5 vs. Colorado. He had two punts blocked this season (vs. Oklahoma and at Kansas State. In both cases, a blocking assignment was missed up front. Hadenfeldt has had at least one punt of more than 50 yards in each of the last seven games he has punted in. On the season, he has pinned the opponent inside their own 20-yard line five times. Nebraska did not punt vs. KU. The sixth-year senior has a long of 62 yards vs. Oklahoma, when he also had three punts of 50 yards or more, and a season-best

game average of 49.5. With the 46.5 average in his last game vs. Colorado, he averaged 43.8 yards per punt on the season and set a new school career record with a 44.5 average over 104 punts (4,632 yards). His average broke Jesse Kosch's previous career record of 41.92 from 1994 to 1997 (101 punts, 4,334 yards).

Sophomore **Josh Brown** is 5-of-10 on field goal attempts this season (19-30 in his career). He finished the season perfect on PAT attempts (tying the school record set five other times by four other kickers, most recently Kris Brown in 1997) and is 60-of-60 on PATs this season (school season record is 62-of-62 by Kris Brown in 1997) to extend his streak to 99 consecutive PATs (school career consecutive record is 125 by Kris Brown, 1996-98). Josh has not missed a PAT since his first attempt against Southern Mississippi on Sept. 18, 1999 (game three of the season, a string of 20 games). Brown extended his career consecutive PAT streak to 99 (school record is 125 consecutive by Kris Brown, 1996-98).

He finished the season second in scoring with 75 points and ranks 23rd all time at NU with 163 points. He has hit on 14 of his last 20 field goals with a career-best 42-yarder vs. Texas in the Big 12 Championship game last season and hit on two of three in Nebraska's last game vs. Colorado, including a game-winning 29-yarder as time expired. Brown hit 14-of-20 field goals last year with two vs. No. 18 Texas in the regular-season loss, three (of four attempts) vs. No. 21 Texas A&M, one vs. No. 5 Kansas State, two (of three attempts) in the Big 12 Championship game vs. No. 12 Texas, and one vs. No. 6 Tennessee in the Fiesta Bowl and has made 9-of-12 career field goals vs. ranked teams.

NU's kickoff man, senior walk-on **Chace Long**, has allowed opponents to return 40 of his 69 kickoffs for 511 yards (12.8 average per return), while 29 have been touchbacks (42 percent). Sophomore center **John Garrison** is "perfect" in two years as NU's snapper, with every snap getting to Hadenfeldt and Brown.

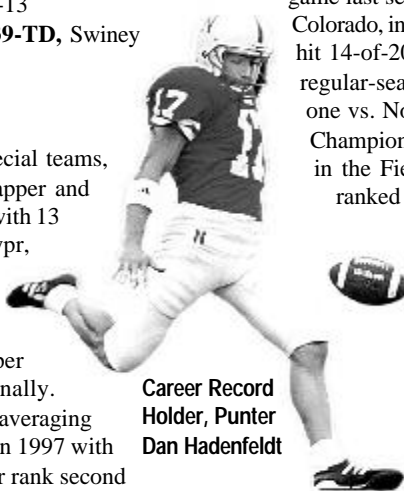
The Huskers have greatly improved their special team's coverage. Since allowing Nebraska's first two opponents 113 yards on four punt returns (28.3 ypr) and 265 yards on eight kickoff returns (33.1 ypr), NU has held its opponents to just 152 yards on 16 punt returns (9.5 ypr) and 615 on 32 kickoff returns (19.2 ypr) in the last nine games. Notre Dame returned both a punt (83 yards) and a kickoff (100) for TDs, and totaled 265 yards in kick returns.

Scoring Every Which Way

Nebraska has scored 63 touchdowns this season, 45 by rush, 11 by pass and seven by return (one punt, two blocked punts, three interceptions and one fumble return). The only way Nebraska did not score this season was via a kickoff return. Nebraska ranks fourth nationally in scoring, averaging 41.5 points per game. NU scored 49 points vs. San Jose State, 27 at Notre Dame and 42 vs. Iowa and Missouri, 49 vs. Iowa State, 56 vs. Texas Tech, a season-best 59 vs. Baylor, a season-low 14 vs. Oklahoma, 56 vs. Kansas, 28 vs. Kansas State and 34 vs. Colorado. The Husker defense, has allowed 19.4 points per game to rank 26th nationally, shutting out Baylor and allowing a season-high 32 points in the win over Colorado. Nebraska has outscored its opponents 150-34 in the first quarter and 111-49 in the fourth quarter. Nebraska has allowed just 49 fourth-quarter points and three in overtime and have given up just six offensive touchdowns (42 points) in the final period (one by Iowa State, two by Kansas, one by Kansas State and two by Colorado), but two of the six scores were against reserves. Notre Dame scored the other seven fourth-quarter points on a punt return touchdown.

27 Seniors to Play in Last Game

The 27-member Husker senior class has posted a 43-7 record over the past four years, winning two Big 12 Conference titles and a national championship in 1997. The class includes 16 starters (in **boldface**). Three of the seniors have already earned their undergraduate degrees (*),



Career Record Holder, Punter Dan Hadenfeldt

Nebraska Career Rushers

<u>Rank</u> , <u>Player</u> , <u>Years</u>	<u>Att.</u>	<u>Yds.</u>	<u>TDs</u>
1. Mike Rozier, IB, 81-83	668	4,780	49
2. Ahman Green, IB, 95-97	574	3,880	42
3. Calvin Jones, IB, 91-93	461	3,153	40
4. Ken Clark, IB, 87-89	494	3,037	29
5. I.M. Hipp, IB, 77-79	495	2,814	21
6. Lawrence Phillips, IB, 93-95	449	2,777	30
7. Derek Brown, IB, 90-92	458	2,699	23
8. Correll Buckhalter, IB, 97-00	413	2,522	27
9. Keith Jones, IB, 84-87	398	2,488	32
10. Dan Alexander, IB, 97-00	402	2,456	20
11. Rick Berns, IB, 76-78	440	2,449	28
12. Roger Craig, IB, 79-82	407	2,446	26
13. Eric Crouch, QB, 98-00	*445*	2,319*	41
14. Jeff Kinney, HB, 69-71	545	2,244	29
15. Doug DuBose, IB, 82-85	362	2,205	16

*NU Quarterback Rushing Record

Nebraska All-Time Career Scorers

<u>Player</u> , <u>Years</u>	<u>TP</u>
1. Kris Brown, PK, 95-98	388
2. Mike Rozier, IB, 81-83	312
3. Johnny Rodgers, WB, 70-72	270
Ahman Green, IB, 95-97	270
5. Calvin Jones, IB, 91-93	252
Eric Crouch, QB, 98-99-00	252
7. Byron Bennett, PK, 90-93	222
Tommie Frazier, QB, 92-95	222
9. Bobby Reynolds, HB/PK, 50-52	211
10. Gregg Barrios, PK, 86-90	205
11. Rich Sanger, PK, 71-73	203
12. Keith Jones, IB, 84-87	200
13. Kevin Seibel, PK, 80-82	199
14. Dale Klein, PK, 84-86	196
15. Jeff Kinney, HB, 69-71	194
Steve Taylor, QB, 85-88	194
17. Rick Berns, IB/FB, 76-78	180
Lawrence Phillips, IB, 93-95	180
19. Ken Clark, IB, 87-89	176
20. Scott Frost, QB, 96-97	168
Correll Buckhalter, IB, 97-00	168

Other ranked Huskers

23. Josh Brown, PK, 99-00	163
33. Dan Alexander, IB, 97-00	122
36. Bobby Newcombe, WB, 97-00	114

Player of the Week Nominees

<u>Game</u>	<u>Offense</u>	<u>Defense</u>	<u>Special</u>
SJSU	Alexander	Polk	Hollowell
ND	Crouch	<u>Polk</u>	None
Iowa	<u>*Crouch</u>	Polk	None
Mizzou	Crouch	Slechta	<u>Newcombe</u>
ISU	<u>Crouch</u>	V.Bosch	Walker
TTU	Buckhalter	Walker	Hadenfeldt
Baylor	Buckhalter	V.Bosch	Newcombe
Okla.	None	Polk	None
Kans.	Raiola	Polk	Newcombe
KSU	Alexander	Craver	Terpening
Colo.	Crouch	<u>*V.Bosch</u>	J. Brown

boldface underlined=winner;*=co-winner

including **Dan Hadenfeldt** (business administration, August, 2000), **Bobby Newcombe** (business management, August, 2000) and **Jason Schwab** (communication studies, May, 2000). Ten others are expected to graduate in December (+), giving the Huskers 13 players who will play in the bowl game with degree in hand, including all six co-captains. Three additional seniors, who have not redshirted, are on track to graduate in May, 2001, in just four years, including **Correll Buckhalter**, **Matt Davison** and **Joe Walker**.

- + **Dan Alexander, IB, Wentzville, Mo. (Co-Captain)**
Rod Baker, LB, Hastings, Neb.
Tom Beveridge, SE, Sutherland, Neb.
Correll Buckhalter, IB, Collins, Miss.
Matt Davison, SE, Tecumseh, Neb.
Clint Finley, FS/Rover, Cuero, Texas
Eric Fischer, FS, Leigh, Neb.
John Gibson, WB, Papillion, Neb.
- + Matt Grummert, RE, Fairbury, Neb.
Seth Gutz, SE, Columbus, Neb.
- * **Dan Hadenfeldt, Punter, Des Moines, Iowa**
- + **Russ Hochstein, OG, Hartington, Neb. (Co-Captain)**
- + **Loran Kaiser, DT, Farwell, Neb. (Co-Captain)**
- + **Chace Long, KO, Wahoo, Neb.**
Dwayne McClary, CB, Rochester, N.Y.
Jake McKee, TE, Goodland, Kan.
- + **Willie Miller, FB, Omaha, Neb.**
+ Brandon Mooberry, RE, Lexington, Neb.
John Murphy, TE, Crawford, Neb.
- * **Bobby Newcombe, WB, Albuquerque, N.M.**
- + **Carlos Polk, LB, Rockford, Ill. (Co-Captain)**
+ Chris Saalfeld, OG, North Bend, Neb.
- * **Jason Schwab, OT, Eagan, Minn. (Co-Captain)**
- + **Kyle Vanden Bosch, RE, Larchwood, Iowa (Co-Captain)**
Joe Walker, Rover, Arlington, Texas
Brian Wanish, NT, Rhinelander, Wis.
Troy Watchorn, FS, Columbus, Neb.

Husker Team Notes...

The Husker 2000 Schedule

The 2000 Husker schedule features five bowl-bound teams, including Notre Dame (Fiesta vs. Oregon State), Iowa State (Insight.com vs. Pittsburgh), Texas Tech (Gallery Furniture.com vs. East Carolina), Oklahoma (Orange vs. Florida State), and Kansas State (Cotton vs. Tennessee). Two other Big 12 teams, which Nebraska did not face this season (Texas and Texas A&M) are also bowl bound (Texas vs. Oregon in Holiday and Texas A&M vs. Mississippi State in Independence). Three of Nebraska's opponents are ranked among the top 25, including No. 1/1 (AP/Coaches) Oklahoma, No. 11/9 Kansas State and No. 10/10 Notre Dame. Two of Nebraska's non-conference opponents, San Jose State (7-4) and Notre Dame (9-2) were bowl eligible, with Notre Dame receiving a berth. NU's three non-conference opponents, including Iowa (3-9), posted a combined 19-15 record this season. The Huskers finished the non-conference portion of their schedule unscathed for the fourth consecutive year. Nebraska kicked off the 2000 season at home against San Jose State on Sept. 2 (49-13) and defeated its first ranked opponent at No. 23 Notre Dame (27-24 OT). NU defeated Iowa, 49-13 at home on Sept. 23, and kicked off the Big 12 Conference season with a 42-24 win over Missouri. Nebraska won consecutive road conference games, defeating Iowa State 49-27 and Texas Tech 56-3, and recorded its first shutout this season at home vs. Baylor on Oct. 21, 59-0. NU's first loss was at then No. 3/3/2 (AP/Coaches/BCS) Oklahoma on Oct. 28. Top-ranked Oklahoma is now the only team without a loss in the country. Nebraska rebounded to defeat Kansas, 56-17, on Homecoming, but lost by one point at No. 16/11 Kansas State (29-28). NU ended the season with a 34-32 win over Colorado in Lincoln.

National Awards and All-America Honors

The 2000 awards watch lists featured 11 Huskers who were up for 11 different awards. Ththree Huskers made the finals lists, including center **Dominic Raiola** (Outland and Lombardi finalist) and wingback **Bobby Newcombe** (Mosi Tatupu Special Teams Award). Raiola (Walter Camp, Football Writers, Collegefootballnews.com, Rivals.com), linebacker **Carlos Polk** (Collegefootballnews.com) and offensive guard **Russ Hochstein** (The Sporting News) have all earned first-team All-America honors, with Raiola en route to consensus honors. Nebraska has had at least one All-American in all but two (1991, 1998) of the past 31 years (since

1970). The three honorees in 2000 give Solich five All-America award winners in three years as head coach. Nebraska ranks sixth all time with 51 consensus All-Americans.

Quarterback **Eric Crouch** and Tight end **Tracey Wistrom** each earned honorable-mention All-America honors as well (by Collegefootballnews.com).

All-Big 12 Huskers

Nine Huskers were named to various All-Big 12 first-teams, including three who were named to both the Associated Press and the conference coaches teams. The three unanimous honorees are **Raiola, Polk** and **Wistrom**. I-back **Dan Alexander** and punter **Dan Hadenfeldt** earned first-team honors from the coaches, while **Hochstein** was a first-team honoree from the AP. Others earning first-team conference honors from other sources include, cornerback **Keyuo Craver** (Houston Chronicle), offensive guard **Toniu Fonoti** (Dallas Morning News) and rush end **Kyle Vanden Bosch** (The Sporting News).

All-America Huskers

► First-team All-American (AP, Walter Camp, Football Writers, AFCA, Collegefootballnews.com, Rivals.com); first-team All-Big 12 (AP, Coaches), Lombardi Award and Outland Trophy finalist, center **Dominic Raiola** became the sixth Husker offensive lineman to earn All-America honors in his junior year, setting himself up for two-time honors next season, joining Daryl White (tackle, 1972-73), Rick Bonness (center, 1974, 1975), Dave Rimington (center, 1981, 1982, 1983), Jake Young (center, 1988, 1989) and Aaron Taylor (center, 1996, guard, 1997). Raiola is one of just two Husker offensive linemen, since the Big 12 Conference was formed in 1996, to be nominated for Big 12 Offensive Player-of-the-Week honors. He was nominated after tying his career high with 18 pancakes vs. Kansas, as he helped lead the Huskers to 493 yards rushing and a 56-3 win, the day he was named one of four finalists for the Rotary Lombardi Award. Raiola was the only junior on that list. Raiola was also an Outland Trophy finalist and ranks second on the team in pancakes with 145 knock-down blocks from his center position (13.2), which bettered his own school season record of 140 (11.67) set in 1999. Raiola has led the Huskers to a No. 1 ranking in rushing, as NU averages 349.3 yards per game—26 yards better than No. 2 Ohio. Raiola also earned second-team academic All-Big 12 honors. Nebraska offensive line coach Milt Tenopir said that Raiola could be the best center Nebraska has ever had, and that is putting him in the same category as the center of the century—Dave Rimington. Rimington was a two-time Outland Trophy winner (1981, 1982) and won the Lombardi Award in 1982. Tenopir said this of Raiola, *“Dom is the best center in the country, no doubt. He is the most mobile center I have ever seen and is the best center we have ever had here in terms of his quickness, savvy, intensity, footwork and energy.”*

► First-team All-American (AFCA, AP, Collegefootballnews.com) senior linebacker **Carlos Polk**, was one of 11 semifinalists for the Butkus linebacker award, was a candidate for the Bronko Nagurski Defensive Player of the Year Award and was also one of 15 finalists for the Football News Defensive Player of the Year. Polk was the national defensive player of the week vs. Notre Dame (12 tackles), had a career-best 17 tackles vs. Kansas State, and leads the team with 90 tackles. The team co-captain has an interception return for a touchdown (39 yards vs. Colorado), five pass breakups, 13 quarterback hurries, 1.5 sacks, nine tackles for 30 yards lost and a blocked PAT. Polk ranks 14th all time at NU with 227 career tackles and has 10 career sacks and 32 tackles for loss.

► Right guard **Russ Hochstein** was a first-team All-American by the Sporting News, second-team by Collegefootballnews.com and Rivals.com and was a first-team All-Big 12 honoree by the AP, Football News and the Houston Chronicle. He was also on the Outland Trophy Watch list. Hochstein had a career-best and school-record 23 pancakes vs. Notre Dame and finished third on the team with 143 pancakes (13.0). Both of his totals also bettered the previous school record set by Raiola in 1999 (140 pancakes, 11.67 per game). A team co-captain, Hochstein had double-figure pancakes in all but two games.

All-Big 12 Huskers

► Senior I-back **Dan Alexander** earned first-team All-Big 12 honors by the coaches (second-team from AP) and was a second-team academic All-Big 12 honoree. He was a semifinalist for the Doak Walker Award (top college running back) and was a Bank of America Community Champion. Alexander leads the Huskers in rushing with 1,154 yards (13th-best season rushing by a Husker) and ranks 21st nationally, averaging 104.9 yards per game, while sharing time with fellow senior Correll Buckhalter. Alexander has had seven 100-yard rushing days this season, 13 in his career, including a career-best 208 vs. San Jose State. The most active Husker in the community, Alexander is a four-time member of Nebraska’s Brook Berringer Citizenship Team.

► Junior left cornerback **Keyuo Craver** was a member of the Jim Thorpe Award watch list for the nation’s best defensive back and earned first-team all-conference honors from the Houston Chronicle. Craver is tied for third on the team in tackles with 56, has six tackles for 20 yards lost, 2.5 sacks and finished second on the team with 13 PBUs and ranks second all time at Nebraska in career pass breakups with 28.

► Sophomore offensive left guard **Toniu Fonoti** earned first-team All-Big 12 honors from the Dallas Morning News and second team honors from the league coaches and AP. Fonoti, Raiola and Hochstein, were all members of the initial Outland Trophy Watch list. Fonoti has had double-figure pancakes in all but one of the Huskers’ 11 games (Kansas State) and led the team with a school-record 155 pancakes, 15 better than Raiola’s 1999 season record (140). He also established a school record for pancakes per game at 14.1, bettering Raiola’s 1999 average of 11.67. Fonoti has had more than 15 pancakes in all but four games. He had 15 vs. Kansas and 10 vs. Colorado, despite playing with a cast on his hand (broken vs. Oklahoma).

► Senior punter **Dan Hadenfeldt** made the most of his sixth year and for his efforts earned first-team All-Big 12 honors from the coaches and the Houston Chronicle and second-team from the AP. He was also a member of the Ray Guy Watch List, an award given to the nation’s best punter. Hadenfeldt averaged 43.8 yards per game this season after setting the school record last year (44.98). He broke Jesse Kosch’s career record (41.9, 1994-97) with a 44.5 career average.

► Rush end **Kyle Vanden Bosch** earned first-team All-Big 12 honors from The Sporting News. He also earned second-team recognition from the AP and was an honorable-mention selection by the coaches. He repeated as a first-team Verizon/CoSIDA Academic All-American, boasting a 3.822 cumulative GPA in finance and graduated in December, without redshirting. He is a three-time first-team academic All-Big 12 honoree and was named a National Football Foundation and College Hall of Fame Scholar-Athlete, one of just six Division I-A players to earn the honor. On Dec. 12, Vanden



Two-Time First-Team Academic All-American Kyle Vanden Bosch

Bosch was selected as the Vincent dePaul Draddy Scholar-Athlete, which included a \$25,000 postgraduate scholarship. The Heisman of academic awards, Vanden Bosch became just the second Husker to win the award, joining 1994 recipient Rob Zatechka. Nebraska and Florida are the only two schools to have more than one Draddy Trophy winner. He finished the season tied for third on the team with 56 tackles and led the Huskers in tackles for loss (17-66), sacks (5.5-37) and quarterback hurries (26) and forced one fumble. Vanden Bosch was Nebraska’s only academic All-American, but continues a streak of 14 straight years with at least one academic All-American. He is also a nominee for the NCAA Today’s Top Eight Award, the highest honor given by the NCAA.

Charting the Huskers

NU Top Career Passing Quarterbacks

Rank	Player, Years	Yds	TD
1.	Dave Humm, 72-74	5,035	41
2.	Jerry Tagge, 69-71	4,704	32
3.	Tommie Frazier, 92-95	3,521	43
4.	Turner Gill, 80-83	3,317	34
5.	Vince Ferragamo, 75-76	3,224	32
6.	Eric Crouch, 98-00	2,971	22

NU Top Career Total Offense

Rank	Player, Pos., Years	Yards	TDs
1.	Tommie Frazier, QB, 92-95	4,76	79
2.	Eric Crouch, QB, 98-00	5,290	60

NU Career Receptions/Receiving Yds.

Rank	Player, Pos., Years	No.	Yds	TD
1.	Johnny Rodgers, 70-72	143	2,479	26
2.	Matt Davison, SE, 97-00	93	1,456	6

NU Top Tight Ends by Yards

Rank	Player, Years	No. Yds	Avg.	TD	
1.	Junior Miller, 77-79	55	1,045	19.0	12
2.	Jerry List, 70-72	61	901	14.8	5
3.	Tracey Wistrom, 97-00	37	827	22.4	8
4.	Todd Millikan, 85-88	40	825	20.6	14
5.	Johnny Mitchell, 90-91	42	816	19.4	12

school leaders in avg., TDs and reapt. in bold

NU Career Pass Breakups

Rank	Player, Position, Years
1.	50 Ralph Brown, RCB, 1996-97-98-99
2.	28 Keyuo Craver, LCB, 1998-99-00
3.	27 Erwin Swiney, RCB, 1997-98-00
4.	21 Bret Clark, S, 1982-83-84

NU Career Punt Return Yards

Rank	Player, Pos., Yr.	Yards
1.	Johnny Rodgers, WB, 70-72	1,515
2.	Bobby Newcombe, WB, 97-00	829
3.	Tyrone Hughes, WB, 89-92	817
4.	Larry Wachholtz, S, 64-66	788
5.	Dana Brinson, WB, 85-88	767
6.	Irving Fryar, WB, 81-83	708
7.	Jeff Smith, IB, 81-84	665
8.	Joe Walker, Rover, 97-00	653

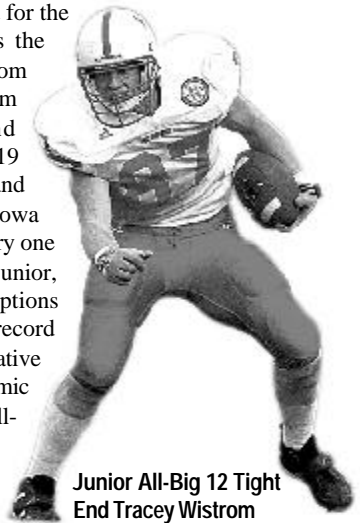
Huskers With Ties to Texas (10)

Willie Amos—Sweetwater
 Keyuo Craver—Harleton
 Mike Demps—Fort Worth
 Clint Finley—Cuero
 T.J. Hollowell—Copperas Cove
 Lannie Hopkins—Rowlett
 Nick Povendo—Keller
 Justin Smith—Sherman
 Erwin Swiney—Dallas (Lincoln, Neb. senior year)
 Joe Walker—Arlington

Huskers from Illinois

Carlos Polk—Rockford

► Junior tight end **Tracey Wistrom** was a semifinalist for the John Mackey Award for the best tight end and was the unanimous first-team tight end in the conference. Wistrom was a half All-American by CNN SI and earned third-team All-America honors from the AP and Collegefootballnews.com. Wistrom posted a career-best 19 receptions for 314 yards, averaging 16.5 yards per catch, and had five touchdowns, including a school-record three vs. Iowa and also scored against San Jose State and Kansas. Every one of his catches have gone for first downs or touchdowns. A junior, Wistrom ranks as the Huskers' fifth best tight end in receptions with 37-827 and eight TDs and is en route to a school record career average per catch (22.4). Boasting a 3.214 cumulative GPA in mathematics, Wistrom also earned first-team academic All-Big 12 honors and was a nominee for academic All-America honors, earning All-District VII accolades.



Junior All-Big 12 Tight End Tracey Wistrom

Crouch Earns Second-Team All-Conference

► Junior quarterback **Eric Crouch** was a semifinalist for the Davey O'Brien Award (top college QB) and Football News Offensive Player of the Year, as well as a contender for the Heisman Trophy. Crouch earned second-team honors by the AP, The Sporting News, Dallas Morning News and the Houston Chronicle, finishing second behind Oklahoma quarterback Josh Heupel. He earned third-team honors from the league coaches. Crouch ranks second nationally in rushing among quarterbacks with 971 yards (88.3 ypg) and in yards per carry (5.7), and ranked first among QBs with 20 rushing touchdowns. He is 23-5 as a starter and is Nebraska's school record holder for most rushing yards by a quarterback (2,319) and rushing TDs by a quarterback (41). Even though he is just a junior, he ranks sixth at NU in passing (2,971), second in total offense (5,290) and 13th all time in rushing, across all positions. This season, he completed 75-of-156 passes (48 percent) for 1,101 yards with 11 TDs and leads the team with 2,072 yards of total offense (188.4 ypg, ranks as eighth-best season at NU) and 120 points. He ranks fourth in the nation in points responsible for with 17.1 ppg and fifth in scoring overall (10.9 ppg). He tied a school record with five touchdown passes vs. Iowa and tied the school record for most touchdowns rushing by a Husker quarterback with four vs. Kansas.

Newcombe Finalist for Mosi Tatupu Special Teams Award

► Wingback **Bobby Newcombe** was named one of five finalists for the 2000 Mosi Tatupu Special Teams Award which will be presented to the winner at the 2001 Hula Bowl in Maui. The other four finalists are David Allen, Kansas State; Stevoonne Smith, Utah; Chad Speck, Clemson; and J.T. Thatcher, Oklahoma. Newcombe leads the Huskers and ranks 15th nationally in punt returns averaging 14.6 yards per return. Newcombe set a school record with a 94-yard punt return for a touchdown this season vs. Missouri and has four punt returns for TDs in his career, including a 60-yarder vs. Tennessee in the Fiesta Bowl last year.

Injury Update

Four Huskers are out for the season and bowl game with injuries. Reserve freshman offensive tackle **Tim Green** tore ligaments in his right knee during fall camp and is out for the season after redshirting in 1999. Team doctors discovered that nose tackle **Ryon Bingham** had broken his foot (old injury) and put it in a cast in August. However, just before he was scheduled to return, he had additional surgery to insert a pin, which knocked him out for the season. Reserve freshman I-back **Josh Davis** tore his left ACL in practice on Oct. 19 and is out for the season. Junior offensive lineman **Jon Rutherford** tore his left ACL in the Kansas game and had surgery the following week. He was the sixth man in on the offensive line and had played every position on the line. No other Huskers are expected to miss the bowl game.

Huskers in Postseason All-Star Games

While the official lineup is somewhat tentative, several Huskers have been invited to participate in senior postseason all-star games. At least two Huskers will compete in the Rivals.com Hula Bowl Senior All-Star Football Classic (War Memorial Stadium, Wailuku, Maui, Jan. 20, 2001, 7 p.m., Central, ESPN), including punter **Dan Hadenfeldt** and offensive guard **Russ Hochstein**. Split end **Matt Davison** is currently listed as a first alternate. I-back **Correll Buckhalter** and **Hochstein** is also slated to play in the East-West Shrine Football Classic (Pacific Bell Park, San Francisco, Calif., Jan. 13, 2001, 3 p.m., ESPN), and wingback **Bobby Newcombe**, linebacker **Carlos Polk**, I-back **Dan Alexander** and rush end **Kyle Vanden Bosch** have been invited to the Senior Bowl (Ladd-Peebles Stadium, Mobile, Ala., Jan. 20, 2001, 1 p.m., Central). The Tyco Gridiron Classic will take place on Jan. 13 in Orlando, Fla. (Florida Citrus Bowl, 1 p.m., ESPN2), but no Huskers are attending.

Husker Historical Notes...

Unprecedented Winning Tradition Continues

Nebraska, the nation's fourth-winningest program all time (by percentage, third in wins), boasts a 752-299-40 record in 1,091 games (.708). In the last 31 years, NU is tops, posting a record of 318-58-5 for an .841 winning percentage (381 games), an average of 10 wins per year. In terms of wins, the Huskers are third in NCAA Division I-A history with 752. NU has won 10-or-more games 20 times in the Devaney/Osborne/Solich eras, went undefeated and untied through the regular season seven times, played in nine national title games and won the championship five times. Since the first Nebraska season in 1890, Husker teams have won 11 or more games 11 times, including six of the last eight years. NU has won 12 or more games seven times; and 13 games three times (in 1971, 1994 and 1997). No one can match Nebraska's current 39-year winning season streak, or its 32-year nine-win streak, and by the same token, no other school has averaged 10 wins per season over the last 30 years. Nebraska's 39 years of consecutive winning records ranks second all time behind Notre Dame's 42 (1989-32) and fourth in terms of non-losing seasons, behind Penn State's 46 (1939-87), Notre Dame's 42 (1889-1932) and Texas's 40 (1893-32). NU's current 32-year streak with at least nine wins is best all time. Nebraska (702), Notre Dame (736) and Alabama (728) are the only three programs to have won 700 games in the last century (1900-99, totals include bowl games following the 1999 regular season, even if games were played in January of 2000). Nebraska became the first Division I team to win 100 or more games in back-to-back decades ranking first in the 80s (103-20-0, .837) and second in the 90s (109-13-1 record, .890) and posted a nation's best 309-56-5 record over the past three decades.

In the Past Eight Years, the Huskers Have...

- ▶ Posted a 90-10 record and played in four national championship games (1993, '94, '95 and '97), winning three titles (1994, '95 and '97)
- ▶ Won five conference crowns (three Big Eight, two Big 12)
- ▶ Posted a 55-6 conference record
- ▶ Won 49 of 50 home games (13 straight)
- ▶ Gone 25-9 vs. AP Top 25 teams (13-4 vs. AP top 10 teams)

Huskers in Big 12 Conference Action

Nebraska is 429-142-16 all-time vs. Big 12 Conference teams. Since the Big 12 was formed in 1996, Nebraska is 34-6 in the Big 12 (18-1 at home), losing to Texas A&M in College Station (28-21), Texas in Lincoln (20-16) and Kansas State in Manhattan (40-30) in 1998, to Texas (24-20) in Austin in 1999, and to Oklahoma in Norman (31-14) and K-State in Manhattan (29-28) in 2000. Nebraska is 18-6 in the Big 12 under Coach Solich. The Huskers' streak of eight straight regular-season Big 12 Conference wins ended vs. Oklahoma on Oct. 28, 2000. Nebraska has participated in three of the five possible Big 12 Championships, winning the 1997 title over Texas A&M (54-15 in San Antonio) and the 1999 title over Texas (22-6 in San Antonio), becoming the first Big 12 team to win two titles. Texas upset Nebraska in the inaugural championship game in St. Louis in 1996 (37-27) and A&M defeated Kansas State in double overtime in St. Louis in 1998. In 2000, Oklahoma defeated Kansas State in Kansas City's Arrowhead Stadium (27-24). In the last eight years, Nebraska has won five conference crowns (three Big Eight, two Big 12), posting a 55-6 conference record (does not count championship games). Nebraska has won 43 football conference championships overall, including eight under Coach Bob Devaney, 13 under Coach Tom Osborne and one under Coach Frank Solich.

Happy at Home

Nebraska is 81-3 at home the last 13 years, losing to two teams that went on to win a share of the national championship (Colorado in 1990 and Washington in 1991), and to Texas in 1998. The Huskers are 448-122-20 (.776, 590 games) in Lincoln, 323-99-13 (.758, 435 games, 77 years) in Memorial Stadium (since 1923) and 18-1 at home under Coach Solich with a current 13-game winning streak. Nebraska has not lost more than

one home game in a season since a 5-2 home record in 1980. Since then, the Huskers are 124-10 at Memorial Stadium, with eight of those losses coming against teams that finished in the top six in the final AP Poll. Included in that stretch are three of the six longest home winning streaks in school history, including a school-record 47-game streak (fifth longest in nation all time) from 1991 to 1998, a 19-game streak from 1988 to 1990 and 21 straight wins from 1981 to 1984. Nebraska also had a 33-game home winning streak from 1901 to 1906 (which is tied for the 11th-longest streak in Division I-A). Since 1986 (13 years), NU is 93-5 in Lincoln, with losses to Colorado, Washington, Oklahoma (twice) and Texas. Those five teams posted a combined mark of 53-6-1 in their respective seasons. Nebraska has not been shut out at home since a 12-0 loss to Kansas State in 1968 (200 games). NU has posted 39 unbeaten and untied home seasons, including 2000 when NU went 6-0. Against Kansas in 2000, the Huskers set a new attendance record in Memorial Stadium when 78,096 fans attended.

NCAA Record 239 Consecutive Sellouts

Nebraska's Memorial Stadium boasts an NCAA-record 239 consecutive sellouts, dating back to Hall of Fame Coach Bob Devaney's first year in 1962 (vs. Missouri on Nov. 3). NU is 213-26 during the 239 sellouts (50-9 under Devaney, 145-16 under Osborne, 18-1 under Solich). The mark includes a 35-18 record against ranked teams. NU is 4-0 in the four milestone sellouts during that period (50th, 100th, 150th and 200th sellouts), including a 24-7 win over No. 2 Colorado on Oct. 29, 1994, for the 200th sellout.

AP Poll Record Hits 324

Ranked No. 1 in the first six AP Polls to start 2000 and three more weeks before the OU loss, Nebraska dropped to its lowest position of the year down to 10th in the Nov. 12 poll, after losing to No. 16/11 Kansas State (29-28). Nebraska extended its AP Poll record to 324 consecutive weeks (every weekly AP Poll since Oct. 17, 1981 to Dec. 3, 2000). Nebraska's nation-leading streak of consecutive weeks in the AP top 10 ended at 96 with the 1998 loss to Texas, but NU has been ranked in the top 10 for 129 of the last 135 weeks from the 1993 preseason poll to present. Nebraska has been in 498 of the last 501 AP polls since 1969 (31 consecutive years), missing one week in 1977 and two weeks in 1981. Nebraska was ranked among the top 10 in the 2000 preseason poll, which marked the 25th time in the last 28 years that NU has opened the season in the top 10. NU is the nation's sixth-most successful program based on AP rankings since the poll began, scoring 502 points, and NU was the only team to be ranked in every poll of the 90s. NU finished among the AP top 10 for the 28th time since the first poll in 1936. NU finished among the AP top five for the 14th time overall, and the fifth time in the 90s.

Nebraska as the Associated Press No. 1 Team

Nebraska began the 2000 season at the top of the Associated Press Poll for the sixth time since the AP's first preseason poll in 1950, also entering the season as the No. 1 pick in 1965, 1972, 1976, 1983 and 1996. Nebraska did not retain the No. 1 position in any of those years after entering the season No. 1. Nebraska has been ranked No. 1 by the Associated Press in the history of the poll (which began in 1936) a total of 70 times, including one week in 1965, one week in 1970, 14 weeks in 1971 (all but preseason poll), one week in 1972 (preseason poll only), one week in 1976 (preseason poll only), 15 weeks in 1983 (all but final poll), four weeks in 1984, one week in 1987, eight weeks in 1994, seven in 1995, the first five weeks in 1996, three weeks in 1997 and nine weeks in 2000 (all but one of the first 10 polls). The Huskers were ranked No. 1 for 12 consecutive weeks spanning the 1995-96 seasons (Oct. 29, 1995 after a 44-21 win over No. 7 Colorado, until Sept. 22, 1996 after a 19-0 loss to Arizona State). After a 14-week hiatus, NU returned to No. 1 on Oct. 19, 1997, where it has been for at least a couple of weeks in five of the last eight seasons (1993-2000). In 1993, NU was No. 1 by the coaches for three weeks, but never higher than No. 2 in AP. But from 1994 to 1997, Nebraska was No. 1 by AP for at least two weeks in each

2000 Big 12 Standings

North		Records	
Team	Overall	Big 12	Bowl
Kansas St.	10-3	6-2	Cotton
Nebraska	9-2	6-2	Alamo
Iowa State	8-3	5-3	Insight.com
Colorado	3-8	3-5	
Kansas	4-7	2-6	
Missouri	3-8	2-6	

South

Team	Overall	Big 12	Bowl
Oklahoma	12-0	8-0	Orange
Texas	9-2	7-1	Holiday
Tex. A&M	7-4	5-3	Independence
Texas Tech	7-5	3-5	Gallery Furn.
Okla. St.	3-8	1-7	
Baylor	2-9	0-8	

Big 12 Championship Game in K.C.:

Oklahoma 27, Kansas State 24

NU Non-Conference Opponents:

Team	Overall	Bowl
San Jose State	7-5	
Notre Dame	9-2	Fiesta
Iowa	3-9	

Injuries that Have Kept Huskers out of Games in 2000

San Jose State, Sept. 2

Ryon Bingham, NT, broken right foot (previous injury, casted 8/13)*

Tim Green, OT, right ACL (8/26)*

Notre Dame, Sept. 9

None

Iowa, Sept. 23

Trevor Johnson, TE, hamstring pull

Missouri, Sept. 30

None, but DT **Loran Kaiser**, injured his foot on first series and did not return

Iowa State, Oct. 7

Wilson Thomas, SE, sprained ankle

Loran Kaiser, DT, sprained foot

Texas Tech, Oct. 14

Wilson Thomas, SE, sprained ankle

Loran Kaiser, DT, sprained foot

Baylor, Oct. 21

Wilson Thomas, SE, sprained ankle

Loran Kaiser, DT, sprained foot

Josh Davis, IB, left ACL (10/19)*

Oklahoma, Oct. 28

Rod Baker, sprained foot

Kansas, Nov. 4

None

Kansas State, Nov. 11

Jon Rutherford, OC/G/T (left ACL, 11/4)*

Junior Tagoa'i, knee strain

Colorado, Nov. 24

Junior Tagoa'i, knee strain

Alamo Bowl vs. Northwestern, Dec. 30

None

* indicates out for entire season

case in that span. Its two streaks of 15 consecutive weeks being ranked No. 1 (1970-72, and entire 1983 regular season) still rank in a tie for third. The Huskers have played in 54 games as the No. 1 AP team, posting a 46-7-1 record. NU's streak of winning nine straight as the AP No. 1 team ended when Nebraska lost to Oklahoma on Oct. 28.

Against AP Ranked Teams

Nebraska is 86-90-3 (.489, 179 games) all time vs. AP ranked opponents, not a bad mark considering NU started with a 7-35 mark before Coach Bob Devaney came on the scene in 1962. Over the last eight seasons, the Huskers have gone 25-9 against ranked foes, losing to No. 1-ranked Florida State in the 1994 Orange Bowl, at No. 17 Arizona State in Tempe in 1996, at No. 18 Texas A&M on Oct. 10, 1998, at No. 2 Kansas State on Nov. 14, 1998, to No. 4 Arizona in the 1998 Holiday Bowl, at No. 18 Texas in Austin in 1999, at No. 3 Oklahoma and at No. 16 Kansas State in 2000. Nebraska has won 13 of its last 17 games against top 10 AP teams (since 1994), including six straight at home. No. 7 Nebraska's 41-15 win in 1999 over No. 5 Kansas State was NU's first win over a higher ranked team since 1997. This year, Nebraska is 1-2 vs. AP-ranked teams, defeating No. 23 Notre Dame, 27-24, in overtime at South Bend and losing 31-14 to No. 3 Oklahoma in Norman and 29-28 to No. 16 Kansas State in Manhattan. Over the last 28 years, NU is 68-43-1 (.612, 112 games) vs. ranked teams. In the 90s, NU was 27-10-1 (counting the Jan. 2, 2000 win over Tennessee). Solich is 7-6 vs. ranked teams (3-3 vs. top 10 AP teams), winning five of the last seven matchups and has not lost at home to a ranked AP team (4-0 home, 1-4 away, 2-1 neutral).

Huskers vs. the Unranked

The Huskers have lost just 13 of 232 games to unranked opponents since 1973 (22-1 record under Solich). Nebraska has lost just five games to unranked opponents at home in that time. Nebraska's most recent loss to an unranked foe was to Texas at home on Oct. 31, 1998, and the Huskers have won the last 16 straight vs. the unranked. NU's last road loss to an unranked opponent was to Texas in the 1996 Big 12 Championship game. In both losses to Texas, the Longhorns were not ranked in the top 25, but had enough votes to rank in the top 30. In a regular-season road game, the Huskers have not lost to an unranked opponent since Iowa State upset the Huskers, 19-10, in 1992. In fact, in the last 28 years, Nebraska has gone 217-13-2 against unranked opponents (.940, 232 games, five losses in the 1990s) and suffered only one loss to a team that finished the season below .500 (Iowa State in 1992). The last time Nebraska lost in Lincoln to a team with a losing record at game time was Kansas State (12-0) in 1968 (2-5 record at game time).

Huskers Win 14th Rushing Title

Nebraska won its 14th NCAA rushing title in 2000, averaging 349.3 yards per game. NU has won the rushing title six times in the last nine years and 12 of the last 20 titles. Since 1978, Nebraska has ranked in the top six in rushing average every year. The last title Nebraska won before 2000, was in 1997, when Nebraska averaged 392.6 yards per game. Nebraska has averaged more than 300 yards per game in all but four of the last 24 years (1993, 1996, 1998, 1999).

It's a Rush

NU is 182-5 in the last 28 years when rushing for 300 or more yards in a game (since 1973) and has won 104 straight when rushing for 300-plus yards since a loss to Michigan in the 1986 Fiesta Bowl, when the Huskers rushed for 304 yards. Nebraska is 92-0 since 1973 when rushing for 400 or more yards (4-0 in 2000). NU has had 348, 100-yard rushing performances all time (33 under Coach Solich, most recently Eric Crouch, 125 yards vs. Colorado, Nov. 24, 2000), including 52 games in which two or more Huskers rushed for 100 yards (most recently vs. Kansas, 2000). Nebraska had 16 100-yard rushing performances in 2000 (seven by Alexander, five by Crouch and four by Buckhalter), including four games when Alexander and Buckhalter both rushed for 100-or-more yards in a game (San Jose State, Iowa, Texas Tech and Kansas) and the Kansas game where NU tied the school record with three 100-yard rushers. Three Huskers rushed for more than 100 yards in a game two times in Husker history, vs. Arizona State in 1988 (Ken Clark, Steve Taylor and Terry Rodgers) and vs. Kansas in 2000 (Eric Crouch 127, Dan Alexander, 119, and Correll Buckhalter, 100). The Iowa game in 2000 marked the first time in the 52 games where there were two-or-more 100-yard rushers, that Nebraska failed to score at least one rushing TD. The Huskers have had 29, 200-yard rushing performances (most recently 208 by Alexander vs. San Jose State).

Nebraska is 17-0 under Coach Solich when the team rushes for 300 or more yards; 7-0 when rushing for 400 or more and 1-0 when rushing for 500 or more. Solich is 20-4 when a Husker rushes for at least 100 yards, and 6-3 when an opponent has a 100-yard rusher (3-0 this season). Oklahoma State is the last conference team to hold the Huskers to less than 100 yards rushing, when NU had just 73 yards against the 'Pokes in 1998.

Nebraska rushed for an NCAA and school-record 524 yards rushing vs. Florida in the 1996 Fiesta Bowl on a school-record 68 attempts with a school-record six rushing touchdowns. NU also had six rushing touchdowns in the 1998 Orange Bowl vs. Tennessee. Under Solich, NU rushed for 87 yards vs. Arizona in the Holiday Bowl and 321 vs. Tennessee in the 1998 Orange Bowl.

Total Effort

Nebraska ranked sixth in total offense in 2000, averaging 459.9 yards per game (349.3 rushing and 110.6 passing). Nebraska has ranked among the nation's top 15, all but five years since 1970, and have ranked among the top 10 a total of 19 times in the past 31 years. Nebraska's 459.9 yards per game is the most since NU led the nation in 1997 with 513.7 yards per game. NU has averaged more than 450 yards per game 11 times. The defense ranked 26th in total defense this season, allowing 321.8 yards per game (113.7 rushing and 208.3 passing), the most since the 1991 team allowed 342.9 ypg.

Adding up the Points

The Husker offense averaged 41.5 points per game this season and averaged 35 or more points for 14 of the last 15 years. In the 1990s, NU ranked second behind Marshall (4,896), scoring 4,868 points in the 90s. The Huskers have averaged 30 or more points for 22 straight years, including 2000 (since 1977) and have averaged 40 or more points seven times since 1983, including four of the past six years. NU has scored at least 35 points in 59 of its last 80 games, most recently scoring 56 vs. Kansas on Nov. 4, 2000. The Huskers have ranked among the nation's top 10 in scoring average for 21 of the last 23 years (since 1978) and finished first four times. The Huskers rank fourth in scoring in 2000, averaging 41.5 points per game. NU has won 227 consecutive games when scoring 35 or more points and is 290-1 all time when scoring 35 or more points, losing only to Oklahoma, 49-35, in 1950. The last time the Huskers were shut out was a 19-0 loss at Arizona State in 1996. Before that, NU had scored in 50 straight games since a 22-0 loss to Miami in the 1992 Orange Bowl. NU's current streak of games in which it has scored is 61 straight games (205 straight at home). The Huskers have been shut out just five times since 1962, and only once at home (Kansas State on Homecoming, 12-0, in 1968) during that span. Nebraska was held scoreless in the first half at Kansas in 1999, and was held scoreless in the second half vs. Oklahoma this season. In bowl games, the Huskers scored a school-record 62 points vs. Florida in the 1996 Fiesta Bowl. Nebraska defeated Colorado on a game-winning field goal, with no time remaining, marking the first time since play-by-plays were kept on file in 1960, that Nebraska has won a game on the last play of regulation. The last time Nebraska won on a field goal, was also vs. Colorado in 1998, when Kris Brown kicked a 25-yarder with 8:48 remaining in the game (NU won 16-14). Nebraska has won the last five games vs. Colorado by a total of 15 points.

Defending the Score

Nebraska ranked 27th nationally in scoring defense in 2000, allowing 19.4 points per game. The Huskers have allowed more than 20 points per game just seven times since team statistics were kept in 1946, most recently 1958. The 19.4 points per game given up this season is the most since the 1958 team allowed an average of 23.5 points per game. When Nebraska holds its opponents to 10 or fewer points, the Huskers have posted 94 straight wins, since losing 10-7 to Iowa in the 1981 season opener. In fact, NU is 202-5-1 since 1962 (Devaney's first year) when holding opponents to 10 or fewer points (11-0 under Solich). Nebraska has recorded 62 shutouts since 1962, 100 all time, including four under Solich. This season, the Huskers shut out Baylor, 59-0.

Huskers Cut Down on Turnovers and Penalties

After fumbling a school-record 49 times last season (25 lost, second worst at NU), the Huskers cut that total in half this season, fumbling 25 times and losing just nine. The nine fumbles lost is the fewest since NU lost nine in 1995. Nebraska has had just six seasons where it has had fewer than 10 fumbles lost, including 2000. Nebraska had a total of 17 turnovers (eight interceptions) compared to its opponents' 19, which ranked tied for 11th in the nation for fewest turnovers. Nebraska tied Baylor in committing the fewest penalties of any team in the Big 12 this season with 71 for 622 yards. The 71 penalties for 622 yards is the most since being assessed 71 for 623 yards in 1996. Nebraska has had 70-or-more penalties on the season just 11 times since 1946.

Huskers Continue Academic Tradition

Nebraska continues to lead the nation in Verizon/CoSIDA academic All-Americans for all sports and all teams with 174; in first-team winners for all sports with 99; and also leads the nation in football academic honor winners with 58 first-team certificates and 75 football all-teams certificates. The 174 is 51 better than second-place Notre Dame, while the 58 is 20 more than second-place Notre Dame's 38. This year, Nebraska continued its streak of 14 straight years with at least one first-team Verizon/CoSIDA All-American when rush end **Kyle Vanden Bosch** won his second, first-team award, becoming the Huskers' 12th double award winner. NU had nine Huskers qualify academically (3.2 or better cumulative GPA) and athletically (starter or important reserve) in 2000. Of those, **Vanden Bosch** and split end **Matt Davison** were first team Verizon/CoSIDA Academic All-District VII selections last year. Four of NU's nominees made the first-team All-District VII team and advanced to the final ballot, including **Vanden Bosch, Davison, Dave Volk** and **Tracey Wistrom**. The award is now called Verizon/CoSIDA as GTE was bought by Verizon. Huskers nominated in 2000 are listed below.

The Husker football program also leads the nation with nine NCAA Today's Top Eight Award winners, 29 NCAA postgraduate scholarship winners and 18 National Football Foundation and College Hall of Fame Scholar-Athletes, including rush end **Kyle Vanden Bosch** this season. Vanden Bosch was also honored as the Home Depot Rigid Tools Scholar-Athlete of the Year, an award which included \$10,000 for the University of Nebraska general scholarship fund. Since 1980, Husker student-athletes have been responsible for \$272,252 in contributions to the University of Nebraska general scholarship fund.

2000 Verizon/CoSIDA Academic All-America Nominees

(+First-Team All-American; *All-District VII)

Demoine Adams	So. RE	3.560	Political Science
Matt Davison*	Sr. SE	3.360	Communication Studies
Jeff Hemje	Jr. CB	3.825	Electrical Engineering
Chris Kelsay	So. RE	3.706	Finance
Willie Miller	Sr. FB	3.442	Communication Studies
Aaron Terpening	So. ROV	3.278	Architecture
Kyle Vanden Bosch*+	Sr. RE	3.828	Finance
Dave Volk*	Jr. OT	3.357	Psychology
Tracey Wistrom*	Jr. TE	3.214	Mathematics

Huskers Place 28 on Big 12 Conference Academic Teams

Nebraska led the Big 12 with 20 first-team academic All-Big 12 honorees and had 28 total with eight additional second-team selections, as announced on Nov. 22. Seniors **Matt Davison, Willie Miller, Kyle Vanden Bosch, Dan Alexander** and juniors **Jamie Burrow** and **Dave Volk** all earned academic All-Big 12 honors for the third consecutive year.

First-team honorees included: **Demoine Adams, Tom Beveridge, Judd Davies, Matt Davison, Jon Dawson, Matt Grummert, Seth Gutz, Jeff Hemje, Trevor Johnson, Chris Kelsay, Chace Long, Jake McKee, Willie Miller, Brandon Mooberry, Chris Saalfeld, Aaron Terpening, Kyle Vanden Bosch, Dave Volk, Troy Watchorn** and **Tracey Wistrom**. Second-team honorees included **Dan Alexander, Jamie Burrow, Troy Hassebroek, Jon Penny, Dominic Raiola, Pat Ricketts, Junior Tagoa'i** and **Wes Woodward**.

Husker Snippets...

► **True Freshmen playing...**Four true freshmen have seen action this fall, including SLB **T.J. Hollowell** (seven tackles), free safety **Willie Amos** (nine tackles, one interception, three pass breakups, one fumble recovery), LCB **Terrell Butler** (one tackle) and rush end **Benard Thomas** (two tackles, one TFL, one QB hurry). Sophomore transfer I-back **Thunder Collins** has also seen his first action this fall (13 carries, 77 yards).

Records Report

Category Record

All-time	752-299-40
Home	448-122-20
Memorial Stadium	323-99-13
In Last 11 years	34-5
Since 1962	386-76-5
Last 31 years	318-58-5
Last 8 Years	90-10

When Scoring 35+ Points	291-1
vs. Big 12 Teams	429-142-16
In Big 12 Action (since '96)	34-6

Bowls	19-19
On ABC	67-26
On FieldTurf	12-0
At Night	39-14-3

vs. Ranked Teams...

All-Time	86-90-3
Home	39-30-0
Away	28-46-3
Neutral	19-14-0
as No. 1 Team	46-7-1

In 239 Consecutive Sellout Streak...

All-time	213-26
vs. Ranked Teams	35-18

Under Head Coach Frank Solich...

All-Time	30-7
Home	18-1
Away	9-5
Neutral	3-1
Bowls	1-1
vs. AP Ranked Teams	7-6
Home	4-0
Away	1-5
Neutral	2-1
vs. AP Top 10 Teams	3-3
Home	2-0
Away	0-2
Neutral	1-1
vs. Unranked Teams	23-1
Home	14-1
Away	9-0
vs. Big 12 Teams	18-6
at Home	11-1
Away	6-5
Neutral	1-0
Big 12 Championship Game	1-0
At Night	6-2
August	1-0
September	11-0
October	9-4
November	7-2
December	1-1
January	1-0

NU Streaks...The Huskers have...

- ▶ won 13 straight home games
- ▶ won 14 straight non-conference regular-season games
- ▶ won 18 straight over unranked opponents
- ▶ won 104 straight when rushing for 300 yards
- ▶ won 92 straight when rushing for 400 yards
- ▶ won 94 consecutive games when holding the opponent to 10 or fewer points
- ▶ scored in 61 consecutive games
- ▶ scored in 205 straight home games
- ▶ shut out opponents 100 times

▶ **Non-Redshirts...**In addition to the four true freshmen playing for the Huskers in 2000, several other Huskers have not redshirted in their careers. In 1999, true freshmen offensive guard **Toniu Fonoti**, free safety **Taylor Gehman** and snapper/center **John Garrison** saw action. Fonoti is NU's starting left guard this year. Last season, Fonoti became only the third Nebraska offensive lineman in the modern era to play as a first-year freshman, joining center Jake Young (1986) and guard Will Shields (1989). Other Huskers who have not redshirted include seniors **Correll Buckhalter**, **Matt Davison**, **Bobby Newcombe**, **Kyle Vanden Bosch** and **Joe Walker** and juniors **Jeremy Slechta**, **Keyuo Craver** and **Jason Lohr**.

▶ **2000 Husker Senior Co-Captains...**Six Husker seniors were elected by their teammates as captains for the 2000 season. I-back **Dan Alexander** (Wentzville, Mo.), offensive guard **Russ Hochstein** (Hartington, Neb.), and tackle **Jason Schwab** (Eagan, Minn.) were elected as offensive captains, while defensive tackle **Loran Kaiser** (Farwell, Neb.), rush end **Kyle Vanden Bosch** (Larchwood, Iowa) and Mike linebacker **Carlos Polk** (Rockford, Ill.) were chosen from the defense. The six recipients mark the first time in school history that more than five players were chosen as captains, as five captains were chosen before the 1995 and 1998 seasons.

▶ **Walk-ons Remain Crucial to Success...**On the depth chart, 30 (13 offense, 14 defense and three kickers) of the 90 Huskers listed (33 percent) were walk-ons when they first came to Nebraska. Five former walk-ons have earned starts in 2000, including senior right tackle **Jason Schwab**, sophomore Sam linebacker **Scott Shanle**, senior free safety **Troy Watchorn** and kickers **Dan Hadenfeldt** (punter) and **Chace Long** (kickoffs). Watchorn earned his first start vs. Texas Tech and leads the team with five interceptions from his free safety position.

▶ **Family Connections...**Several Huskers followed their fathers and brothers to NU. Those who followed in their older brothers' footsteps: Chad (1995-98) and **Chris Kelsay** (sophomore rush end); Grant (1994-1997) and **Tracey Wistrom** (junior tight end); Mike (1990-92), Jon (1994-96) and **Mark Vedral** (junior WLB); and Michael (1994-96) and **Dion Booker** (junior free safety); Second generation Huskers include junior MLB **Jamie Burrow** and freshman FS **Dan Burrow** (father Jim played in 1974-75); and freshman IB **Josh Davis** (father Tony played in 1973-75).

▶ **Nebraska's Surface Record...**Nebraska is 12-0 on FieldTurf (the new artificial grass surface installed in NU's Memorial Stadium before the 1999 season). FieldTurf emulates the look and feel of blades of grass by blending polyethylene and polypropylene, which specially treats the surface to be soft, smooth and strong.

▶ **Positively Speaking on Turnovers...**In the last 27 years, NU has had just one season in which the Huskers had a negative turnover margin (minus five in 1984). Under Solich, NU has a cumulative TO margin of plus 14.

▶ **When Nebraska Trails...**The last time Nebraska trailed in a game but won, was against Colorado in Nebraska's last regular-season game. Nebraska has trailed seven times this season, winning five and losing to ranked teams Oklahoma and Kansas State. Against the Sooners, Nebraska was ahead 14-0 after the first quarter, trailed 24-14 at halftime, and trailed 31-14 after the third and fourth quarters. Against Kansas State, NU scored first, led 14-7 after one quarter, trailed 17-14 at halftime, the fourth time this season NU trailed at halftime, trailed 23-14 after three quarters, took the lead 28-23 with 9:53 remaining, but lost 29-28. Nebraska also trailed vs. Notre Dame in overtime on Sept. 9 (NU trailed 24-21 after Notre Dame made a field goal in their first overtime attempt to score; NU won 27-24 after scoring a touchdown in its first overtime attempt); vs. Iowa on Sept. 23 (Iowa scored the game's first TD, NU won 42-13); vs. Missouri on Sept. 30 (the Tigers scored the game's first TD, NU won 42-24); vs. Iowa State on Oct. 7 (the Cyclones scored the game's first TD, led 7-0 after the first quarter, 14-13 at halftime, NU led 21-20 after three quarters and won 49-27); and Colorado (NU led 14-10 at halftime, and 24-17 after three quarters, but Colorado went ahead twice in the fourth quarter. Nebraska scored on a Josh Brown field goal with no time remaining, marking the first time since statistics have been kept (since 1946) that the Huskers won on the last play of regulation. The last time NU trailed at halftime was against Kansas State. The last time NU trailed at halftime, but won was against Iowa State in 2000. The last time NU trailed entering the fourth quarter, but won was in 1998 against Colorado (NU trailed CU 14-13 entering the final period, but won 16-14). Under Coach Solich, the biggest deficit Nebraska has overcome was nine points to Kansas in 1999. KU led 9-0 at the half, NU led 10-9 after three quarters and won 24-17.

▶ **In overtime...**The Huskers are 3-0 in overtime, defeating Missouri, 45-38, in Columbia in 1997; Colorado, 33-30, in Boulder last season; and Notre Dame in South Bend, 27-24, on Sept. 9, 2000. In the 1997 overtime, Missouri won the coin toss and Nebraska scored in three plays on a 12-yard Scott Frost run, then held the Tigers. Against Colorado, Nebraska won the coin toss, held Colorado to a field goal, then scored in five plays on a one-yard **Eric Crouch** run. Against Notre Dame, Nebraska won the toss, chose defense, held the Irish to a field goal, then scored five plays

later on a **Crouch** seven-yard run. All three of NU's overtime wins were on the road. Two were against Big 12 Conference opponents. Nebraska is one of four teams (also UCLA, Houston and Louisiana-Monroe) to have played at least three overtime games and not lost. Big 12 teams are 12-11 in overtime contests.

► **On TV...**Nebraska is 131-57-1 on television, since losing to Oregon on the first-ever nationally televised TV game on Sept. 19, 1953. NU has won 13 of the last 15 TV games. NU is 25-7 under Coach Solich on TV. **ABC TV...**The Huskers are 68-26 all time on ABC and have won 39 of their last 45 appearances on the network. Since Sept. 21, 1991, when NU lost 36-21 to Washington on ABC television, NU has posted a 39-6 record on ABC (losing to Texas in 1996 Big 12 Championship game and to A&M in College Station, Texas in Lincoln, K-State in Manhattan in 1998; at Texas in 1999, and at OU in 2000). NU QB **Eric Crouch** has been named the ABC/Chevrolet Player of the game nine times in his career, including five times in 1999 (vs. Iowa, Cal, Kansas State, Texas-Big 12 Championship and Tennessee-bowl game) and three this season (Iowa, Iowa State, Oklahoma). **Dan Alexander** was the player of the game for Nebraska vs. Colorado and Texas. Center **Dominic Raiola** was the ABC player of the game vs. Kansas, the first time a Husker offensive lineman has earned the honor and rush end **Kyle Vanden Bosch** was the NU player of the game vs. Colorado. In their honor, ABC and Chevrolet generously donated \$1,000 per game to UNL's general scholarship fund. **FOX Sports Net...**Nebraska is 15-1 on FOX Sports Net TV (15-2 on Fox Sports Net and Prime Sports combined), with the first FOX Sports Net game taking place in 1996 as part of the Big 12 package. **ESPN...**NU is 20-4-1 on ESPN, 0-1 under Coach Solich, losing to Arizona in the 1988 Holiday Bowl.

► **The Husker Defense...**NU's defense has ranked among the nation's top 10 in all four statistical categories five times, most recently in 1999. NU has ranked in the top 13 in all four categories in four of the past seven years. In 2000, NU ranks seventh in pass efficiency defense (95.74), 26th in total defense (321.8), and 27th in scoring defense (19.4) and rush defense (113.5).

► **Husker Offense Ranks High as Well...**The Nebraska offense has ranked among the nation's top 12 in rushing, total offense and scoring in all but four of the last 23 years (since 1978), including 2000, and led the nation in those three categories in both 1982 and 1997. This year, NU ranks No. 1 in rushing (349.3 ypg), No. 4 in scoring offense (41.5) and No. 6 in total offense (459.9 ypg).

► **Former Head Coach Tom Osborne...** Osborne posted a remarkable 255-49-3 record for an .836 winning percentage, all at the University of Nebraska. Osborne coached the Huskers in his 25th consecutive bowl game on Jan. 2, 1998, when the No. 2 Huskers (13-0) defeated the No. 3 Tennessee Volunteers in the Orange Bowl, giving Osborne his third national championship in a four-year period (a feat accomplished just one other time). He is the only collegiate football coach to retire as a reigning national champion. Osborne retired as head football coach on Dec. 10, 1997, but continues working part-time for the University in the Alumni Office. He and his wife, Nancy, have expanded the Teammates program for at-risk youths statewide. Currently, more than 500 mentors have been assigned to Nebraska youth in the Lincoln area alone. Osborne was inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame on Dec. 8, 1998, and on Nov. 7, 2000 was elected to Congress in Nebraska's 3rd District by a large majority.

► **Huskers in the NFL...**On opening day rosters for the 2000 NFL season, 31 former Huskers were active on National Football League teams. Nebraska has had 30 first-round draft picks (11 in the last 14 drafts). Three Huskers were drafted in 2000 giving Nebraska 210 in the last three decades (an average of seven per year). The 2000 draftees included rover Mike Brown (Chicago Bears, eighth pick of second round), defensive tackle Steve Warren (Green Bay Packers, 12th pick of third round) and cornerback Ralph Brown (New York Giants, 11th pick of fifth round).

► **O-Line active in NFL...**NU had five offensive linemen on NFL opening day rosters in 2000, including Will Shields (Kansas City), Brenden Stai (Jacksonville), Zach Wiegert (Jacksonville), Chris Dishman (Arizona) and Adam Treu (Oakland). Shields (1992) and Wiegert (1994) were two of Nebraska's nation-leading eight Outland Trophy winners.

► **2000 NU Opening Day NFL Rosters (31)...(Includes Practice Rosters and Injured Res.):** Michael Booker, CB, Tennessee; Kris Brown, PK, Pittsburgh; Mike Brown, FS, Chicago; Ralph Brown, DB, New York Giants; Chris Dishman, OG, Arizona; Jay Foreman, LB, Buffalo; Scott Frost, S, New York Jets; Irving Fryar, WR, Washington; Ahman Green, RB, Green Bay; Sheldon Jackson, TE, Buffalo; Eric Johnson, DB, Oakland Raiders; Donta Jones, LB, Saints; Chad Kelsay, OLB, St. Louis; Joel Makovicka, LB, Arizona; Mike Minter, FS, Carolina; John Parrella, DE, San Diego; Christian Peter, DT, New York Giants; Jason Peter, DE, Carolina; Mike Rucker, DE, Carolina; Cory Schlesinger, FB, Detroit; Will Shields, OG, Kansas City; Neil Smith, San Diego; Brenden Stai, OG, Jacksonville; Jared Tomich, DE, New Orleans; Adam Treu, OT, Oakland; Eric Warfield, CB, Kansas City; Steve Warren, DT, Green Bay; Zach Wiegert, OG, Jacksonville; Tyrone Williams, CB, Green Bay; Jason Wiltz, DT, New York Jets; and Grant Wistrom, DE, St. Louis. **Assistants in the NFL...**Two former Husker assistant coaches hold positions with NFL teams, including Gene Huey, running backs, Indianapolis; and Monte Kiffin, defensive coordinator, Tampa Bay.

Tracking Husker Starters

► **First-Time Starters...**This season, 11 Huskers earned starts for the first time in their careers, including sophomore **Toniu Fonoti** at left guard and senior **John Gibson** at wingback on offense; junior **Jason Lohr** at nose tackle, sophomore **Scott Shanle** at Sam linebacker, sophomore **Demoine Adams** at left rush end, juniors **Randy Stella** and **Mark Vedral** at Will linebacker, senior **Troy Watchorn** at free safety and sophomore **DeJuan Groce** (RCB/nickel package) on defense. Senior walk-on **Chace Long** handled all of Nebraska's kickoffs (nine of 11 games, all except Notre Dame and Missouri).

► **Nebraska Native Starters...**Fifteen Huskers who hail from Nebraska have started games in 2000, including QB **Eric Crouch** (Omaha), SE **Matt Davison** (Tecumseh), WB **John Gibson** (Papillion), TE **Aaron Golliday** (York), RG **Russ Hochstein** (Hartington), FB **Willie Miller**, (Omaha) and LT **Dave Volk** (Battle Creek) on offense; DT **Loran Kaiser** (Farwell), LRE **Chris Kelsay** (Auburn), SLB **Scott Shanle** (St. Edward), DT **Jeremy Slechta** (LaVista), WLB **Randy Stella** (Omaha), RCB **Erwin Swiney** (Lincoln) and FS **Troy Watchorn** (Columbus) on defense; and **Chace Long** on kickoffs (Wahoo). Swiney is the only starter from Lincoln.

► **Three-Year Husker Starters...**Nebraska has nine Huskers who have started at least one game in each of three years, including six on offense and three on defense. The Huskers are led by three-year starters **Loran Kaiser** (DT, 30 starts) and **Erwin Swiney** (RCB, 33). Kaiser had started 24 consecutive games until he was held out of three games with a sore foot. The Husker offense edges the Husker defense for players with starts, 262-233 and NU's three kickers have 55 starts combined. Nebraska has five senior starters on offense, including three at the skill positions and four on defense. There are no freshmen starters.

Husker Rushing Facts

- ▶ Nebraska is 182-5-0 when rushing for 300 or more yards in a game since 1973.
- ▶ The Huskers have won 104 straight games when rushing for 300-plus yards, since a loss to Michigan in the 1986 Fiesta Bowl, when the team rushed for 304 yards.
- ▶ Nebraska is 92-0 since 1973 when rushing for 400 or more yards.
- ▶ Nebraska has won 13 NCAA rushing titles, 11 since 1980 and five of the last nine.

Did You Know...

- ▶ Nebraska leads the nation in all sports and in football first-team Verizon/CoSIDA Academic All-Americans with 97 and 58, respectively.
- ▶ Across all teams and all sports, NU leads the nation with 175 first, second- and third-team Verizon/CoSIDA Academic All-Americans, 51 more than second-place Notre Dame.
- ▶ Nebraska has produced 58 first-team football Verizon/CoSIDA Academic All-Americans, 20 more than second-place Notre Dame.
- ▶ NU has had at least one first-team Academic All-American for 14 straight years and nominated nine for the award in 2000.

Did You Know?

- ▶ Head Coach and Offensive Coordinator Frank Solich is one of 15 head coaches who played at the school where they coach. Nebraska's defensive coordinator, Craig Bohl, also played at Nebraska. Solich and Bohl join Tennessee's Phillip Fulmer, defensive coordinator John Chavis and offensive coordinator Randy Sanders as the only Division I schools in the country where both coordinators played at the school.
- ▶ Nebraska has five football coaches who played for Nebraska, including, Head Coach and offensive Coordinator **Frank Solich**; defensive coordinator **Craig Bohl**, running backs coach **Dave Gillespie**; quarterbacks coach **Turner Gill**; and defensive line coach **Jeff Jamrog**.
- ▶ NU is one of 12 Division I schools that have four or more coaches who also played at the school, led by Penn State's seven and Nebraska's, Colorado State's and Toledo's five.

Division I Head Coaches Who Played Football at the School they Coach

<u>School--HC</u>	<u>OC</u>	<u>DC</u>	<u>Tot.</u>
Alabama--Mike Dubose	1		4
Arkansas--Houston Nutt*			1
Buffalo--Craig Cirbus			3
Duke--Carl Franks			3
Florida--Steve Spurrier			4
Hawaii--June Jones			3
Idaho--Tom Cable			3
Indiana--Cam Cameron			1
Marshall--Bob Pruett			1
Nebraska--Frank Solich	1	1	5
New Mexico--Rocky Long			1
No. Carolina State--Chuck Amato			1
So. Mississippi--Jeff Bower			5
Tennessee--Phillip Fulmer	1	1	3
Washington State--Mike Price			3

Husker Starting Experience (*Regular Starters in Boldface*)

<u>Offensive Starters</u>	<u>'97</u>	<u>'98</u>	<u>'99</u>	<u>'00</u>	<u>Tot.</u>
Dan Alexander, IB (Wentzville, Mo.)	0	2	10	11	23
Correll Buckhalter, IB (Collins, Miss.)	0	8	1	1	10
Eric Crouch, QB (Omaha, Neb.)	0	6	11	11	28
Matt Davison, SE (Tecumseh, Neb.)	0	3	12	11	26
Toniu Fonoti, LG (Hauula, Hawaii)	0	0	0	11	11
John Gibson, WB (Papillion, Neb.)	0	0	0	3	3
Aaron Golliday, TE (York, Neb.)	0	0	4	3	7
Troy Hassebroek, WB (Lincoln, Neb.)	0	0	1	0	1
Russ Hochstein, RG (Hartington, Neb.)	0	4	13	11	28
Willie Miller, FB (Omaha, Neb.)	0	0	9	5	14
Bobby Newcombe, WB (Albuquerque, N.M.)	0	6	4	10	20
Dominic Raiola, C, (Honolulu, Hawaii)	0	2	13	11	26
Jason Schwab, RT (Eagan, Minn.)	0	13	0	11	24
Wilson Thomas, SE (Omaha, Neb.)	0	0	2	2	4
Dave Volk, LT (Battle Creek, Neb.)	0	0	13	11	24
Tracey Wistrom, TE (Webb City, Mo.)	0	1	3	9	13
Totals	0	45	96	121	262

<u>Defensive Starters</u>	<u>'97</u>	<u>'98</u>	<u>'99</u>	<u>'00</u>	<u>Tot.</u>
Demoine Adams, LRE (Pine Bluff, Ark.)	0	0	0	4	4
Dion Booker, FS, (Oceanside, Calif.)	0	0	5	7	12
Keyuo Craver, LCB (Harleton, Texas)	0	0	13	11	24
Clint Finley, FS (Cuero, Texas)	1	6	8	1	16
DeJuan Groce, RCB (Garfield Heights, Ohio)	0	0	0	2	2
Loran Kaiser, DT (Farwell, Neb.)	0	10	13	7	30
Chris Kelsay, RE (Auburn, Neb.)	0	0	1	7	8
Jason Lohr, NT (Tulsa, Okla.)	0	0	0	11	11
Carlos Polk, MLB (Rockford, Ill.)	0	0	13	11	24
Jeremy Slechta, DT (LaVista, Neb.)	0	0	0	4	4
Scott Shanle, WLB (St. Edward, Neb.)	0	0	0	9	9
Randy Stella, WLB (Omaha, Neb.)	0	0	0	10	10
Erwin Swiney, LCB (Lincoln, Neb.)	10	13	0	10	33
Kyle Vanden Bosch, RRE (Larchwood, Iowa)	0	0	12	11	23
Mark Vedral, WLB (Gregory, S.D.)	0	0	0	1	1
Troy Watchorn, FS (Columbus, Neb.)	0	0	0	4	4
Joe Walker, Rover, ROV (Arlington, Texas)	1	7	0	10	18
Totals	12	36	65	120	233

Starting Kickers

Josh Brown, PK (Foyil, Okla.)	0	0	13	11	24
Dan Hadenfeldt, P (Des Moines, Iowa)	0	0	13	9	22
Chace Long, KO (Wahoo, Neb.)	0	0	0	9	9
Totals	0	0	26	29	55

A Look at the Numbers

► Scoring Drives...

Nebraska's 16-play, 71-yard drive that lasted 7:21 against Texas Tech marked the Huskers' longest drive of the year in terms of plays. NU covered the most yardage with a 97-yard drive against San Jose State, before adding its longest drive by time that ate up 8:20 against Notre Dame.

Nebraska had three drives of 90 or more yards, 20 of 80 or more yards and 31 drives of more than 65 yards. NU had 31 drives of eight or more plays and eight drives that lasted more than five minutes. Nebraska managed 20 drives of five or fewer plays, including a one-play, 27-yard drive that took just 0:07 against Colorado for the shortest scoring drive of the year. The Huskers also had a four-play, 15-yard TD drive against the Bears.

Game	Scoring Time		Plays				
	Drives	Total	Avg.	Total	Avg.	5 or less	1-Play
SJSU	7	25:20	3:37	60	8.6	1	0
ND	3	11:31	3:50	22	7.3	3	0
Iowa	5	15:46	3:15	37	7.4	1	0
Missouri	4	15:11	3:48	35	8.8	1	0
Iowa St.	8	20:16	2:32	48	6.0	4	0
T. Tech	7	30:38	4:23	72	10.3	1	0
Baylor	8	18:17	2:17	47	5.9	4	0
OU	2	4:47	2:24	11	5.5	1	0
KU	8	28:11	3:32	67	8.4	1	0
KSU	3	10:12	3:24	25	8.3	1	0
CU	5	11:03	2:00	37	7.4	2	1
Totals	60	191:12	3:11	461	7.7	20	1
Opp.	32	93:50	2:56	251	7.8	8	1

Note: The scoring drive summary does not include Nebraska's overtime touchdown against Notre Dame, which went 25 yards in five plays, because there is no time of possession.

► Long Season Plays (25 or more yards)...

The Huskers own 53 plays of 25 yards or more, including 29 long runs, 13 long passes, and 11 long returns in 2000. Nebraska's longest play came on Bobby Newcombe's school-record 94-yard punt return for a TD against Missouri. NU notched a season-best nine long plays vs. CU.

Eric Crouch owns Nebraska's longest run with a 62-yard TD run against Notre Dame. Crouch was responsible for 12 long runs and 11 of NU's 13 long passes. Crouch hit Tracey Wistrom for 52 yards at Iowa State for NU's longest pass of the year. Wistrom has three long receptions. Newcombe had two long receptions, including a long of 36 at Notre Dame. Correll Buckhalter had two long catches, including a career-long 34-yarder against Missouri. Matt Davison leads the Huskers with five long catches, including a 43-yard TD against Iowa and a 37-yard TD against OU. Davison hooked up with Jammal Lord on a 25-yard catch against Baylor, and Judd Davies added a 27-yard catch from Lord against Kansas. Dan Alexander contributed nine long runs with a long of 56 against San Jose State. Buckhalter added three long runs with a career-long 58-yard run vs. Missouri. Judd Davies also had three long runs, including a career-long 57-yarder vs. Baylor. Willie Miller added his longest run of the year with a 43-yard burst against OU.

Troy Watchorn and Carlos Polk own NU's longest interception returns with 39-yard TD returns against Iowa and Colorado, respectively. Jamie Burrow added a long fumble return with his 28-yard score against Missouri.

Notre Dame's Julius Jones produced a 100-yard kickoff return in the third quarter for the longest play against the Huskers. Notre Dame's Joey Getherall sent the game to overtime with an 83-yard punt return. ISU's Sage Rosenfels' 53-yard TD pass to Craig Campbell is the longest pass play against NU. San Jose State's Deonce Whitaker produced the longest run of 69 yards. ISU's Jamarcus Powers added a 40-yard interception return for a score. Opponents have not returned a fumble for any yardage.

	Husker Long Plays				Opponent Long Plays			
	Rush	Pass	Ret	Total	Rush	Pass	Ret	Total
SJSU	4	1	0	5	2	1	0	3
ND	2	1	0	3	1	1	4	6
Iowa	3	2	1	6	0	2	2	4
Missouri	4	1	2	7	3	4	1	8
Iowa State	3	3	2	8	0	4	1	5
Texas Tech	1	1	0	2	0	1	1	2
Baylor	4	1	1	6	0	0	1	1
OU	2	1	0	3	0	4	1	5

KU	1	1	0	2	1	1	2	4
KSU	1	0	1	2	0	4	0	4
CU	4	1	4	9	1	1	1	3
Totals	29	13	11	53	8	23	14	45

► Nebraska in the Red Zone...

Game	Chances	Scores Inside 20			No Score Inside 20			Half/	Pct.
		Total	TD	FG	MissFG	TO	Downs		
SJSU	5	5	5	0	0	0	0	0	01.000
ND	2	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	01.000
Iowa	4	3	3	0	0	1	0	0	.750
Missouri	4	3	3	0	0	0	1	0	.750
Iowa State	7	7	6	1	0	0	0	0	01.000
Texas Tech	7	7	7	0	0	0	0	0	01.000
Baylor	7	6	5	1	0	0	1	0	.857
Oklahoma	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000
Kansas	8	8	8	0	0	0	0	0	01.000
Kansas State	3	2	2	0	1	0	0	0	.667
Colorado	4	3	1	2	1	0	0	0	.750
Totals	51	46	42	4	2	1	2	0	.902
Opp.	29	24	15	9	3	0	1	1	.828

Note: Nebraska has 36 rushing and 6 passing TDs and four FG in the red zone. Opponents have five passing TDs, 10 rushing TDs and nine FG.

► Quarterback Drive Efficiency *Total Drives Begun as Starting QB

QB	Drives*	Scores	TDs	FG-FGA	Eff.	Red Zone
Crouch	120	52	47	5-9	.433	38-42
Lord	20	9	9	0-0	.450	8-9
Chrisman	3	0	0	0-0	.000	0-0
Totals	143	61	56	5-9	.424	46-51

*Denotes drives started by the quarterback (includes OT).

► Nebraska Points Off Turnovers...

Nebraska was plus-two in total turnovers in 2000 for an average turnover margin of +0.18. The Huskers scored 56 points off turnovers in the year. Troy Watchorn was NU's top thief after intercepting passes in a school-record four consecutive games to lead a defense that intercepted 14 passes. He added his fifth interception of the season against OU. Watchorn turned his first career interception into a touchdown with a 39-yard return against Iowa. He added his second against Missouri, a third against Iowa State and a fourth at Texas Tech.

Joe Walker added his second interception of the year against the Red Raiders and turned it into his third career interception return for a touchdown to tie the school career record held by Dave Mason (1969-71). Willie Amos (Iowa State), Scott Shanle (Iowa), DeJuan Groce (San Jose State), Jeremy Slechta (Kansas), Loran Kaiser (Kansas State), Carlos Polk and Erwin Swiney added interceptions against Colorado. NU intercepted at least one pass in 10 of 11 games in 2000. Baylor did not intercept a pass vs. Baylor.

NU recovered five fumbles with Jeremy Slechta and Willie Amos recovering Baylor fumbles, Erwin Swiney recovering a Kansas fumble, and Walker recovering a fumble forced by Shanle against Kansas State. Jamie Burrow recovered Nebraska's first fumble of the year and returned it 28 yards for a touchdown vs. Missouri.

The Huskers lost nine fumbles, with one resulting in a Colorado touchdown and two leading to field goals by Kansas and Kansas State. Eric Crouch threw seven interceptions, and three led to touchdowns, including a 40-yard Jamarcus Powers return against Iowa State and a 32-yard Derrick Strait return against OU. San Jose State managed a TD after a Crouch interception. Jammal Lord threw one interception that did not result in opponent points.

Game	TO's Gained	TDs	Scores FG-FGA	Pts.	TO's Lost
Notre Dame	1	0	0-0	0	1 (1 interception)
Iowa	2	1	0-0	7	1 (1 fumble)
Missouri	2	1	0-0	7	0
Iowa State	2	1	0-0	7	1 (1 interception)
Texas Tech	2	1	0-0	7	2 (1 fumble/1 int.)
Baylor	2	1	0-0	7	0
Oklahoma	1	0	0-0	0	2 (1 fumble/1 int.)
Kansas	2	2	0-0	14	2 (2 fumbles)
Kansas State	2	0	0-0	0	2 (1 fumble/1 int.)
Colorado	2	1	0-0	7	3 (3 fumbles/0 int.)
Totals	19	8	0-0	56	17 (8 int., 9 fum.)
Opponent	17	4	2-3	34	19 (14 int., 5 fum.)

► **The Huskers' Numbers...Game by Game...(NU bests in bold)**

Nebraska	<u>Rush</u>	<u>Pass</u>	<u>Total</u>
San Jose State	60/505/6	13-5-3/91/1	73/596/7
Notre Dame	59/274/4	15-7-1/103/0	74/377/4
Iowa	51/331/0	13-10-0/159/5	64/490/5
Missouri	53/311/2	23-11-0/173/2	76/484/4
Iowa State	60/336/6	17-7-1/164/0	77/500/6
Texas Tech	77/442/6	14-7-1/98/1	91/540/7
Baylor	67/459/7	12-5-0/49/0	79/508/7
Oklahoma	43/195/1	27-12-1/133/1	70/328/2
Kansas	73/493/7	8-7-0/69/1	81/562/8
Kansas State	45/200/3	13-2-1/39/0	58/239/0
Colorado	48/296/3	17-11-0/139/0	65/435/3

Opponents	<u>Rush</u>	<u>Pass</u>	<u>Total</u>
San Jose State	29/193/0	37-14-1/153/2	66/346/2
Notre Dame	40/184/1	15-3-1/40/0	55/224/1
Iowa	31/47/0	40-19-2/252/1	71/299/1
Missouri	31/209/2	39-19-1/283/1	71/492/3
Iowa State	25/37/1	43-22-2/346/2	68/383/3
Texas Tech	12/19/0	48-22-2/181/0	60/200/0
Baylor	27/5/0	29-7-0/79/0	56/84/0
Oklahoma	35/118/2	34-20-1/300/1	69/418/3
Kansas	29/97/2	31-16-1/169/0	60/266/2
Kansas State	43/143/1	36-12-1/234/2	79/377/3
Colorado	43/197/3	41-25-2/254/1	84/451/4

► **Husker 100-Yard Rushing Games (* indicates career best)...**

The nation-leading Nebraska running attack produced at least one 100-yard rusher in every game during the 2000 season and finished with 16 100-yard performances. Dan Alexander led NU with seven 100-yard rushing games, including 18 carries for 130 yards against Kansas State to become the first Nebraska back to rush for more than 1,000 yards in a season under Frank Solich. Alexander added 100-yard games against Kansas (15-119), Baylor (14-104), Texas Tech (20-113), Iowa (15-113), Notre Dame (24-112) and San Jose State (17-208), finishing the season with 1,154 yards. Alexander produced 12 100-yard rushing performances in his last 19 games and 13 in his career. Alexander and Correll Buckhalter compiled four double-century rushing games in 2000 with the most recent coming against Kansas. For only the second time in school history, Nebraska had three backs each run for 100 or more yards in the same game, when Eric Crouch (13-127-4), Dan Alexander (15-119-0) and Correll Buckhalter (16-100-1) all crossed the century mark against Kansas. Crouch is NU's career rushing leader among quarterbacks with 2,319 yards after notching his fifth 100-yard game of the season with 125 yards against Colorado. Crouch rushed for a season-high 138 yards on 19 carries at Iowa State, after posting his first 100-yard game of the year with 110 yards on 24 carries against Missouri. Crouch also rushed for 103 yards on 24 carries against Oklahoma and added 127 yards and four touchdowns against Kansas. All four of Buckhalter's 100-yard games came when Alexander also rushed for 100 yards. Buckhalter produced 100-yard games against Kansas (16-100), Texas Tech (13-105), Iowa (16-100) and San Jose State (13-117). Buckhalter owns 11 career 100-yard rushing days.

► **Husker 100-Yard Rushing Games (16) (* notes career best)**

San Jose State--Dan Alexander (17 carries, *208 yards, 2 TD), Correll Buckhalter (13 carries, 117 yards, 0 TD)

Notre Dame--Dan Alexander (24 carries, 112 yards, 1 TD)

Iowa--Dan Alexander (15 carries, 113 yards, 0 TD), Correll Buckhalter (16 carries, 100 yards, 0 TD)

Missouri--Eric Crouch (24 carries, 110 yards, 1 TD)

Iowa State--Eric Crouch (19 carries, 138 yards, 1 TD)

Texas Tech--Dan Alexander (20 carries, 113 yards, 0 TD), Correll Buckhalter (13 carries, 105 yards, 1 TD)

Baylor--Dan Alexander (14 carries, 104 yards 2 TD)

Oklahoma--Eric Crouch (24 carries, 103 yards, 1 TD)

Kansas--Eric Crouch (13 carries, 127 yards, 4 TD), Dan Alexander (15 carries, 119 yards, 0 TD), Correll Buckhalter (16 carries, 100 yards, 1 TD)

Kansas State--Dan Alexander (18 carries, 130 yards, 2 TD)

Colorado--Eric Crouch (20 carries, 125 yards, 3 TD)

Opponents--Deonce Whitaker, San Jose State (15 carries, 147 yards, 0 TD); Arnaz Battle, Notre Dame (14 carries, 107 yards, 0 TD); Cortlen Johnson, Colorado (26 carries, 155 yards, 3 TD)

► **Starting Field Position**

Nebraska enjoyed solid field position throughout the season with an average start at the 31.2 yard line, while holding opponents to an average start at the 30.0 yard line. NU enjoyed its best average start against Baylor (45.8) and its worst average against Missouri (20.2). Colorado produced an average start at the 40.4 for the best average by an opponent, while Texas Tech struggled to an average start at the 20.4 for the worst effort by an opponent.

Oklahoma enjoyed favorable field position against NU, including a season-best opponent start at the NU 4-yard line after a blocked punt.

NU started on Baylor's half of the field eight times, including a season-best start at the Baylor 15. Baylor started one drive at its own 9-yard line for the worst starting position by an NU opponent. Nebraska has started 31 of 142 drives inside its own 20, including a worst start at the 1 against Colorado after an Erwin Swiney interception. Opponents have started 19 drives inside their own 20.

	<u>NU Avg. Start</u>	<u>Opp. Avg. Start</u>
San Jose State	24.5 (294/12)	30.6 (367/12)
Notre Dame	28.3 (368/13)	32.8 (361/11)
Iowa	24.6 (279/11)	28.4 (341/12)
Missouri	20.2 (263/13)	27.3 (382/14)
Iowa State	43.0 (602/14)	25.1 (377/15)
Texas Tech	37.3 (485/13)	20.4 (265/13)
Baylor	45.8 (687/15)	23.6 (355/15)
Oklahoma	21.9 (285/13)	36.4 (473/13)
Kansas	37.2 (446/12)	26.5 (292/11)
Kansas State	30.0 (420/14)	38.4 (615/16)
Colorado	25.1 (301/12)	40.4 (525/13)
Total	31.2 (4,430/142)	30.0 (4,353/145)

Total starting yard lines and total number of drives in parentheses.

► **Penalty Numbers**

Nebraska has made fewer mistakes than opponents in 2000. In fact, the Huskers led the Big 12 Conference with the fewest penalties and the least yardage penalized in 2000, tying Baylor with 71 penalties for 622 yards and averages of just 6.5 penalties and 56.5 yards per game. Baylor committed just two penalties for 20 yards for an opponent season low against NU. The Huskers committed a season-low three penalties for a season-low 29 yards against Kansas. Opponents have committed 83 penalties for 654 yards for averages of 7.5 penalties and 59.5 yards per game. Texas Tech led the league with 109 penalties in 12 games, while Kansas State also committed more than 100 penalties for 889 yards through 11 games.

	<u>NU Pen.-Yds.</u>	<u>Opp. Pen.-Yds.</u>
San Jose State	4-31	12-65
Notre Dame	6-44	7-65
Iowa	5-55	7-57
Missouri	7-53	10-95
Iowa State	5-38	8-71
Texas Tech	9-68	12-83
Baylor	12-110	2-20
Oklahoma	4-50	4-21
Kansas	3-29	5-49
Kansas State	11-94	13-103
Colorado	5-51	3-25
Total	71-622	83-654

► **O-Line Puts up Pancakes...(*sacks allowed by O-line breakdown)**

<u>Game</u>	<u>Team</u>	<u>Indiv. (#)</u>	<u>*Sacks Allowed</u>	<u>O-Line Penalties</u>	<u>Perfect Plays</u>
SJSU	75	15 (#77)	0	0-0	64.4%
ND	81	23 (#55)	1	0-0	61.3%
IU	58	16 (#54)	1	1-10	58.2%
MU	73	16 (#77/#55)	1	0-0	67.9%
ISU	53	16 (#77)	0	1-5	67.5%
TT	76	19 (#77)	0	1-5	60.9%
BU	101	18 (#55)	0	5-54	61.3%
OU	44	13 (#55)	1	1-10	70.0%
KU	74	18 (#54)	0	2-19	70.7%
KSU	30	8 (#54/58)	0	0-0	69.5%
CU	57	14 (#55)	0	0-0	64.6%
Totals	722	23 (#55)	4	11-103	