

NEBRASKA FOOTBALL

2001

Husker Records and Streaks

- ▶ NCAA-record 239 consecutive sellouts in Memorial Stadium
- ▶ 39 consecutive winning seasons—current NCAA record
- ▶ 32 consecutive nine-win seasons—NCAA record
- ▶ 32 consecutive bowl bids—NCAA record
- ▶ 39 bowl appearances—tied for fourth in NCAA
- ▶ 326 consecutive weeks ranked by the Associated Press, a continuing AP record
- ▶ 32 consecutive years ranked in AP top 25
- ▶ 13-game home winning streak
- ▶ 91-10 record since 1993 (eight years)

Media Information

Coach Frank Solich--is available daily after practice; on the Monday Big 12 Conference call; and in person at Tuesday press conference or via teleconference.

Next Press Conference: Tuesday, Aug. 21: Coach Frank Solich from 12:30-1 p.m.; Defensive Coordinator Craig Bohl from 1 p.m.-1:10 p.m.; QB Eric Crouch from 1:10 - 1:20; other selected players from 1:20-2 p.m. up front and on line. To get on line, call Vicki Cartwright in the SID Office (402-472-2263). To request players/coaches contact SID office by Monday at 10 a.m.

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Game 1: No. 4/4 Nebraska (0-0) vs. TCU (0-0) NACDA Pigskin Classic

DATE: Saturday, Aug. 25, 2001; **TIME:** Noon

SITE: Memorial Stadium, Tom Osborne Field, Lincoln, Nebraska

STADIUM CAPACITY: 73,918; **SURFACE:** FieldTurf

TV: ABC National (Mike Tirico-Play-by-Play, Tim Brant-Color, Todd Harris-Sideline)

NEBRASKA RADIO: Pinnacle Sports Network (Warren Swain-Play-by-Play; Color-Adrian Fiala; Dave Weber-booth assistant)

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No. 4/4 Nebraska Cornhuskers (0-0) Host TCU (0-0) in Pigskin Classic

Nebraska opens its 112th season by playing host to the TCU Horned Frogs in the NACDA Pigskin Classic. It is the season opener for both teams and a national television audience will watch the early kickoff in a Noon ABC national broadcast. The Huskers are 4-0 in preseason games, but this is the first time NU has participated in a Pigskin Classic. Nebraska is 5-1 against TCU in a series that dates back to 1951, when TCU upset the 12th-ranked Huskers 28-7. Nebraska has won the last five meetings, including back-to-back games in Lincoln in 1975 and 1976. The Huskers enter the 2001 game ranked fourth in both preseason polls, while TCU is unranked, but earned enough points to rate 37th in the ESPN/USA Today Coaches Poll and 44th in the AP Poll after posting a 10-2 record in 2000. Nebraska had six first-place votes in the coaches poll and four in the Associated Press Poll after posting a 10-2 record last season. This year's top 10 preseason ranking marks the 26th time in the last 29 years that NU has opened the season ranked in the top 10 and marks the 500th week NU has been ranked in the last 503 polls (since 1969). Under the direction of fourth-year head coach Frank Solich, Nebraska has enjoyed a 31-7 record, and this season the Huskers will utilize several members of his three stellar recruiting classes to fill key roles. Solich will rely on 13 returning starters, including senior Heisman candidate, quarterback Eric Crouch, who has started 29 games in his career, posting a 24-5 record.

Huskers to Contend for Titles in 2001

Nebraska finished the 2000 season 10-2 and brought home the Alamo Bowl trophy, but is looking for more in 2001. With 13 starters returning, including eight on defense, the Huskers want nothing less than to reclaim the Big 12 championship and play in the Rose Bowl, site of this season's national championship game. Nebraska has won two of the five Big 12 titles and has finished among the nation's top 10 in seven of the last eight years. Led by quarterback Eric Crouch, NU ranked eighth and seventh, respectively in the Associated Press and coaches polls last year. Nebraska will have an extremely tough haul to get to the Rose Bowl, the site of NU's first of 39 bowl games in 1941, but the Huskers have the personnel and preseason ranking to be in position to again be a legitimate title contender. Along the way, Nebraska will face defending champion Oklahoma, Notre Dame and Kansas State, but this year, all three games are in the friendly confines of Memorial Stadium, which has enjoyed an NCAA-record 239 consecutive sellouts.

The 2001 Nebraska (0-0) Football Schedule

Day	Date	Opponent	Time	TV	Series	Last Meeting (Site) / Notes
Sat.	Aug. 25	TCU	Noon	ABC	NU leads 5-1	NU 64-10 in 1976 (Lincoln); NU leads series 5-1
		Pigskin Classic			0-0 in Pigskin	NU 4-0 in Preseason Games; NU is 30-9-1 vs. Texas schools
Sat.	Sept. 1	Troy State	11:30 a.m.	Big 12*	0-0-0	First Meeting, Troy State is Division I-A in 2001
Sat.	Sept. 8	Notre Dame	7 p.m.	ABC	7-7-1	NU def. ND 27-24, in OT in 2000 in South Bend
Sat.	Sept. 15	Rice	6 p.m.	FSN	0-0-0	First Meeting; NU Def. Coordinator Bohl former Rice assistant
Sat.	Sept. 29	at Missouri #	TBA		NU 59-32-3	NU 42-24 in 2000; NU has won 22 straight
Sat.	Oct. 6	Iowa State #	TBA		NU 79-14-2	NU 49-27 in 2000 (Ames); RB Coach Mike Grant-former Husker QB
Sat.	Oct. 13	at Baylor #	1 p.m.		NU 6-1-0	NU 59-0 in 2000 (Lincoln); NU has outscored BU 228-57 in series
Sat.	Oct. 20	Texas Tech # (HC)	TBA		NU 6-0-0	NU 56-3 in 2000 (Lubbock); NU is 23-7 vs. four Big 12 Texas schools
Sat.	Oct. 27	Oklahoma #	TBA		OU 40-36-3	OU 31-14 in 2000 (Norman); 30-year anniversary—"Game of the Century"
Sat.	Nov. 3	at Kansas #	TBA		NU 83-21-3	NU 56-17 in 2000 (Lincoln); Series is third-longest in NCAA Div. I-A
Sat.	Nov. 10	Kansas State #	TBA		NU 71-12-2	KSU 29-28 in 2000 (Manhattan); NU has won 30 of last 32 games
Fri.	Nov. 23	at Colorado #	2:30 p.m.	ABC	NU 43-14-2	NU 34-32 in 2000 (Lincoln); Last four games decided by 10 points
Sat.	Dec. 1	Big 12 Champ.	7 p.m.	ABC	NU 2-1-0	at Texas Stadium, Irving, Texas; NU has won two of five titles

Big 12 Conference Games; All times (Central), are subject to change, non-televvised home games will kick off at 12:30 p.m.;* Big 12 Syndicated Package

NU Opens 112th Season with Streaks in Place

With a potent offense, the Huskers finished with a 10-2 record in 2000 and a No. 7 coaches and No. 8 AP final ranking, which continued an unprecedented winning tradition no other school in the country can claim. Nebraska will open its 112th season of intercollegiate football with several streaks in place, including...39 consecutive winning seasons; 32 consecutive nine-win seasons; 32 straight bowl bids and 32 years ranked in the AP top 25.

The 2001 Schedule

For the first time since 1905 and just the fourth time ever, Nebraska's 2001 football schedule features eight home games. The eighth game and 12-game schedule, came about on March 8, when Nebraska committed to host TCU in the NACDA Pigskin Classic.

The Huskers' 2001 schedule features four straight home games for the first time since 1990, as Nebraska hosts Troy State on Sept. 1 in game No. 2. That game against the Trojans, was previously scheduled to be a night game but was picked to air on the Big 12 syndicated package at 11:30 a.m. Troy State will be Division I-A beginning in 2001. Nebraska's non-conference schedule features back-to-back night games for the first time in Husker history, as NU hosts Notre Dame, in the second and last game of a home-and-home series, at 7 p.m. on Sept. 8. Notre Dame finished the season 9-3 and ranked 15th and 16th, respectively, by the Associated Press and the coaches polls. Nebraska defeated Notre Dame, 27-24, in overtime at South Bend last season. Each of NU's first three opponents will open their seasons in Lincoln against the Huskers. NU closes its four-game season-opening homestand against Rice on Sept. 15 in a 6 p.m. Fox Sports Net kickoff. Nebraska's final four home games come against Iowa State on Oct. 6, Texas Tech for Homecoming on Oct. 20, defending national champion Oklahoma on Oct. 27 and Kansas State on Nov. 10. All but two of Nebraska's eight home opponents participated in bowl games last season and five were ranked in the final polls, including Oklahoma (No. 1 AP/No. 1 coaches), Kansas State (9/8), Notre Dame (15/16), TCU (21/18) and Iowa State (25/23). Nebraska travels to Missouri, Baylor, Kansas and ends the regular-season at Colorado on the Friday after Thanksgiving. The Dr. Pepper Big 12 Championship game will be played in Texas Stadium at Irving, Texas, on Dec. 1. Four teams on the NU 2001 schedule are ranked in the preseason polls, including Oklahoma (No. 3/3 AP/Coaches), Texas (5/6) Kansas State (13/11) and Notre Dame (18/16).

Four games have already been picked by ABC television for national broadcasts, including TCU on Aug. 25 (noon), Notre Dame on Sept. 8 (7 p.m.), Colorado on Nov. 23 (2:30 p.m.) and the Dr. Pepper Big 12 Championship on Dec. 1 (7 p.m.).

Special events have also been determined for the 2001 season, with the Nebraska Hall of Fame members being honored and Special Olympics Day occurring at the Sept. 1 Troy State game; Lt. Shane Osborn in attendance for Notre Dame on Sept. 8; Salute to 1970 and 1971 National Championship Teams vs. Rice on Sept. 15; Red Cross Day vs. Iowa State on Oct. 6; Homecoming on Oct. 20 vs. Texas Tech; and Toys for Tots, a Veterans Day Salute and Senior Day vs. Kansas State on Nov. 10.

Nebraska Head Coach Frank Solich

Coach Frank Solich (Nebraska, 1966) begins his fourth season at the helm of the Huskers and owns a 31-7 school and career record. With the 66-17 win over Northwestern in the Alamo Bowl, Solich recorded his 31st win and moved into a tie for fourth on the all-time Division I-A list for wins in the first three seasons as a head coach. Solich is in good company as all three coaches who rank ahead of him in the three-year rankings, won national championships by their fourth year at the school, including Walter Camp at Yale, George Woodruff at Penn and Barry Switzer at Oklahoma.

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). Promoted to assistant head coach in 1991, Solich was named head coach following the 1997 season. Solich is one of 15 Division I-A football coaches who played for and now coach 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 recorded the best record of any Husker second-year coach, as his team posted a 12-1 record in 1999, leading NU to a Big 12 championship and No. 2 (coaches) and No. 3 (AP) 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. After a 10-2 record in 2000, Solich's career record stands at 31-7. His 31 wins in three years bettered both Osborne and Devaney's 28 wins in their first three years. Solich is also 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 and Solich won their first conference titles in their second year, while Osborne tied for his first title in his third year at the helm.

Solich was named the Big 12 Coach of the Year by his league peers and the AP after winning the league championship in 1999. Solich earned his bachelor's (1966) and master's degrees (1972) from Nebraska.

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 offensive line coach Milt Tenopir. The 2001 season will be Coach Bohl's second as defensive coordinator, after 23-year veteran Charlie McBride retired following the 1999 season.

NU Staff Boasts 132 Years of Experience

One very good reason Coach Solich was named as Osborne's replacement was to keep the staff intact. Director of Athletics Bill Byrne recognized that much of Nebraska's success should be attributed to its veteran assistants. Although NU lost 18-year defensive coordinator Charlie McBride to retirement after the 1999 season, NU still boasts 132 years of combined experience at NU and a staff that has participated in 132 bowl games. 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). Five members of the Husker coaching staff also played at Nebraska, including Solich, Bohl, Gill, Gillespie and Jamrog.

Huskers in Season Openers

Nebraska has won 15 straight openers since a 17-13 loss to Florida State in Lincoln in 1985. Nebraska is 80-26-5 in **SEASON** openers, including last year's 49-13 win over San Jose State. Head NU Coach Frank Solich is 3-0 in season openers, winning his first season opener in 1998 against Louisiana Tech (56-27). In the last 28 years, the Huskers are 23-4-1 in season openers, 18-2 at home, losing only to FSU in 1985 and Washington State in 1977 (10-19). In all-time **HOME** openers, NU is 89-17-5 including 61-14-3 at Memorial Stadium. NU is 26-2 in home openers over the last 28 years. When NU opens the season on the **ROAD**, NU is 12-13-2. Season openers...NU is one of four Division I-A schools in the country that won each of its season openers during the 1990s. Nebraska leads the pack with 15 straight season opening victories, followed by Florida State with 12, Kansas State with 11 and Florida with 11 straight.

2000 Big 12 Standings

North		Records	
Team	Overall	Big 12	Bowl
Kansas St.	11-3	6-2	Cotton
Nebraska	10-2	6-2	Alamo
Iowa State	9-3	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	13-0	8-0	Orange
Texas	9-3	7-1	Holiday
Tex. A&M	7-5	5-3	Independence
Texas Tech	7-6	3-5	Gallery Furn.
Okl. St.	3-8	1-7	
Baylor	2-9	0-8	

Big 12 Championship Game in K.C.:

Oklahoma 27, Kansas State 24

2001 Non-Conference Opponents:

Team	2000	Bowl
TCU	10-2	Mobile Alabama
Troy State	10-2	1-AA
Notre Dame	9-3	Fiesta
Rice	3-8	

TCU 2001 Schedule

8/25	at Nebraska (NACDA Pigskin Classic)
9/1	at North Texas
9/8	at SMU
9/15	Marshall
9/22	Northwestern (La.) State
9/29	at Houston
10/13	at Tulane
10/20	Army
10/30	East Carolina
11/10	at UAB
11/24	Louisville
11/30	at Southern Miss

TCU 2000 Results (10-2)

9/9	at Nevada	W	41-10
9/16	Northwestern	W	41-14
9/23	Arkansas State	W	52-3
9/30	at Navy	W	24-0
10/7	Hawaii	W	41-21
10/21	at Tulsa	W	17-3
10/28	Rice	W	37-0
11/4	at San Jose State	L	24-27
11/11	Fresno State	W	24-7
11/18	UTEP	W	47-14
11/24	at SMU	W	62-7
1/1	vs. Southern Miss*	L	21-28

*GMAC Mobile Alabama Bowl

Nebraska-TCU Notes

Nebraska and TCU meet for the first time in 25 years...the matchup will mark the first time either team has played in the Pigskin Classic...the Huskers hold a 4-0 record in sanctioned preseason contests...Nebraska has won the last two by an average score of 60-12.

Huskers from Texas

Willie Amos, Sweetwater
Keyuo Craver, Harleton
T.J. Hollowell, Copperas Cove
Lannie Hopkins, Rowlett
Nick Povendo, Keller
Justin Smith, Sherman

Scouting Texas Christian

For the first time since 1976, Nebraska will square off with the TCU Horned Frogs on the gridiron, as the Huskers kick off their 2001 season in the NACDA Pigskin Classic at Memorial Stadium on Saturday, Aug. 25, in an ABC national broadcast at Noon. Nebraska was scheduled to play TCU in 2000, but the Horned Frogs opted out of the contract and were replaced by San Jose State. TCU agreed March 7, 2001 to play Nebraska in the NACDA Pigskin Classic.

TCU, which will be led by first-year head coach Gary Patterson, finished the 2000 season with a 10-2 record and an unsuccessful trip to the GMAC Mobile Alabama Bowl. Patterson, who coached the Horned Frogs in the bowl game after Dennis Franchione accepted the head coaching job at Alabama, enters the season with an 0-1 career mark.

The Horned Frogs, the defending Western Athletic Conference co-champions, not only lost their head coach but also Doak Walker Award-winning running back LaDainian Tomlinson, who rushed for 2,158 yards (196.2 ypg) and 22 touchdowns last season. Overall, TCU returns just 10 starters from last year's squad, including four on offense, five on defense and one specialist.

The Horned Frogs will be led by junior quarterback Casey Printers, who threw for 1,584 yards and 16 touchdowns, while completing 58 percent of his passes. Printers, who is also TCU's top returning rusher, ran for 265 yards and four scores. Junior wide receiver LaTarance Dunbar returns as Printers' favorite target after hauling in 17 receptions for 251 yards (14.8 ypc) and four touchdowns. Defensively, the Horned Frogs will be led by senior linebacker Chad Bayer, who notched 107 total tackles, including 71 solos.

TCU Head Coach Gary Patterson

Coach Gary Patterson (Kansas State, 1983) opens his first full season as a collegiate head coach after suffering a 28-21 loss to Southern Miss in his debut in the 2000 GMAC Mobile Alabama Bowl. Patterson spent his first two seasons at TCU as the defensive coordinator/safeties coach, and helped the Horned Frogs to three consecutive bowl appearances. Last season, TCU led the nation in total defense, surrendering just 245 yards per game. The Horned Frogs also led the WAC in rushing defense (84.4 ypg) and passing defense (160.6 ypg). TCU held six of its 12 opponents to seven points or less last season, including a pair of shutouts.

The Nebraska-TCU Series (Nebraska leads 5-1)

Nebraska leads the all-time series with TCU, 5-1, including five straight victories after losing the series opener, 28-7, in Lincoln on Sept. 29, 1951. In the last meeting on Sept. 25, 1976, Nebraska blasted the Horned Frogs, 64-10. Five of the six previous meetings have been in Lincoln and all five of those games were played in September. Nebraska has been ranked in the top 20 in all five of those games.

At Lincoln (Memorial Stadium): Nebraska leads, 4-1-0; **At Fort Worth:** Nebraska leads, 1-0-0

Current win streak (start): Nebraska, five games (1965)

Date	Site	Rank--NU/TCU	Result	Score
9/29/1951	Lincoln	12/	L	7-28
9/18/1965	Lincoln	1/	W	38-14
9/17/1966	Lincoln	3/	W	14-10
10/28/1967	Fort Worth	/	W	29-0
9/27/1975	Lincoln	4/	W	56-14
9/25/1976	Lincoln	6/	W	64-10

Series scoring	Total	Average
Nebraska	204	34.0
Texas Christian	76	12.7

Highest NU score: 64 in 1976; **Widest NU margin:** 54 in 1976 (64-10)

Highest TCU score: 28 in 1951 (28-7); **Widest TCU margin:** 21 in 1951 (28-7)

Highest-scoring game: 74 in 1976 (NU 64, TCU 10)

Shutouts by (last time): NU 1 (1967), TCU None

TCU Top Statistical Returnees

Rushing	Att.	Yards	Avg.	TD		
Casey Printers, QB	84	265	3.2	4		
Passing	Att.	Comp.	Pct.	Int.	Yards	TD
Casey Printers, QB	176	102	58.0	6	1,584	16
Receiving	No.	Yards	Avg.	TD		
LaTarance Dunbar, WR	17	251	14.8	4		
Kevin Brown, WR	11	157	14.3	1		
Scoring	TD	PAT	2PAT	FG	Pts.	
LaTarance Dunbar, WR	6	0	0	0	36	
Casey Printers, QB	4	0	0	0	24	
Tackles	UT	AT	TT	TFL	Sacks	
Chad Bayer, LB	71	36	107	14	3.0	
Interceptions	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TD		
Tyrone Sanders, CB	3	0	0.0	0		
Jason Goss, CB	2	8	4.0	0		

Division I-A Coaches**Best Career Starts****First Three Years by Wins**

<u>Rank</u> , <u>Coach</u> , <u>School</u>	<u>Years</u>	<u>Rec.</u>
1. Walter Camp, Yale	1888-90	41-2-0
2. George Woodruff, Penn	1892-94	39-4-0
3. Barry Switzer, Oklahoma	1973-75	32-1-1
4. Bill Battle, Tennessee	1970-72	31-5-0
*John Robinson, USC	1976-78	31-6-0
* Frank Solich, NU	1998-00	31-7-0

(*Active)

Solich vs. Ranked AP Teams (7-6)

(Gametime rank)			<u>NU/Opp.</u>		
<u>Date</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	<u>Site</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Result</u>	
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	

Experience Returning and Lost

(Four or More Starts to Qualify)

Total Starters Returning: 13 (4 offense, 8 defense, 1 kicker)**Total Starters Lost:** 15 (7 offense, 6 defense, 2 kickers)**Offensive Starters Lost:** (7) SE Matt Davison; C Dominic Raiola; RG Russ Hochstein; RT Jason Schwab; FB Willie Miller; IB Dan Alexander; WB Bobby Newcombe**Offensive Starters Returning:** (4) LT Dave Volk; LG Toniui Fonoti; TE Tracey Wistrom; QB Eric Crouch**Defensive Starters Lost:** (6) DT Loran Kaiser; RRE Kyle Vanden Bosch; MLB Carlos Polk; FS Troy Watchorn; ROV Joe Walker; WLB Randy Stella**Defensive Starters Returning:** (8 players/7 positions) LRE Chris Kelsay and Demoine Adams; NT Jason Lohr; DT Jeremy Slechta; SLB Scott Shanle; LCB Keyuo Craver; FS Dion Booker; RCB Erwin Swiney**Starting Kickers Returning:** (1) PK Josh Brown**Starting Kickers Lost:** (2) P Dan Hadenfeldt; KO Chace Long**Total Lettermen Returning:** 57 (29 offense, 27 defense, 1 kicker)**Total Lettermen Lost:** 31 (13 offense, 16 defense, 2 kickers)**Huskers Make Early Debut**

Nebraska kicks off its 2001 season playing host to TCU in the NACDA Pigskin Classic on Aug. 25. The game marks the fifth time Nebraska has taken part in one of the NCAA sanctioned preseason games. Nebraska made three previous appearances in the Kickoff Classic in the Meadowlands, N.J., winning all three games, and defeated Louisiana Tech in the Eddie Robinson Classic in 1998. The Aug. 25 opener marks the fifth time in the last eight years that Nebraska has opened its season in the month of August. Nebraska took on West Virginia on Aug. 28 in the 1994 Kickoff Classic; opened the season on Thursday evening at Oklahoma State on Aug. 31 in 1995; hosted Akron on Aug. 30 in 1997 and hosted the Eddie Robinson Classic against Louisiana Tech in 1998. Nebraska also opened its season in August in 1983 and 1988, playing in the Kickoff Classic in both of those seasons. The Huskers' Aug. 25, NACDA Pigskin Classic matchup with TCU is the earliest season opener in school history.

Huskers are 4-0 in Preseason Contests**Aug. 29, 1983; Kickoff Classic; East Rutherford, N.J. (AP gametime rank)**

Nebraska (1)	44
Penn State (4)	6

Behind the running and passing of quarterback Turner Gill, the Huskers made their first preseason appearance a success, knocking off defending national champion Penn State, 44-6, in the first-ever Kickoff Classic in East Rutherford, N.J. Gill threw for 158 yards and a touchdown, while rushing for 53 yards and another score as the Big Red scored on two of its first three possessions en route to a 44-0 lead late in the contest. The loss was the worst in Penn State Coach Joe Paterno's 32 years as a head coach and helped ease the pain of a 27-24 Husker loss at Penn State during the 1982 season.

Aug. 27, 1988; Kickoff Classic; East Rutherford, N.J.

Nebraska (2)	23
Texas A&M (10)	14

Kickoff Classic Most Valuable Player Steve Taylor engineered two second-half drives as second-ranked Nebraska rallied from a halftime deficit to defeat No. 10 Texas A&M 23-14 in the sixth-annual Kickoff Classic. The Huskers trailed 7-3 at halftime only to score 17 unanswered points to prevent the Aggies' upset bid. After a Gregg Barrios 38-yard field goal, Ken Clark's one-yard run gave the Huskers a 12-7 advantage entering the fourth quarter. Taylor, who completed 11-of-22 passes for 125 yards and rushed for 34 more, connected with Todd Millikan on a 20-yard touchdown pass with 13 minutes remaining. After an Aggie score cut the Husker lead to 20-14, Barrios finished the scoring with a 48-yard field goal with 7:10 remaining. The Husker defense, led by All-American linebacker Broderick Thomas' 14-tackle performance, held Texas A&M to 227 total yards.

Aug. 28, 1994; Kickoff Classic; East Rutherford, N.J.

Nebraska (4)	31
West Virginia (24)	0

Kickoff Classic Most Valuable Player Tommie Frazier rushed for 130 yards and three scores as the Huskers improved to 3-0 in preseason contests with a 31-0 victory over West Virginia to open the 1994 season. The No. 4/3 Huskers broke open the game with a 21-point second quarter. Frazier scored on runs of 25 and 27 yards and hit Reggie Baul on a 12-yard touchdown strike, as Nebraska took a 24-0 lead into intermission. Frazier, who had 230 yards of total offense, closed the scoring with a 42-yard run midway through the fourth quarter. Nebraska's defense also put on a dominant display, holding the Mountaineers to 89 total yards and recording eight sacks. After three quarters, West Virginia had 22 yards of total offense and was 0-9 in third-down conversions.

Aug. 29, 1998; Eddie Robinson Classic, Lincoln, Neb.

Nebraska (4)	56
Louisiana Tech	27

Despite a record passing performance by Louisiana Tech quarterback Tim Rattay (590 yards, four touchdowns, 68 attempts, 46 completions) and an NCAA-record performance by Bulldog receiver Troy Edwards (21-405, three touchdowns), Nebraska began the Frank Solich era with a 56-27 victory in the Genuine Nebraska Eddie Robinson Classic in Lincoln. It was the first time Memorial Stadium hosted a preseason game. NU scored on all six of its first-half possessions en route to a 35-6 halftime lead. Bobby Newcombe led the Huskers at quarterback with 168 yards passing, before leaving the game with a knee injury. Correll Buckhalter led the Husker rushing attack with 143 of Nebraska's 289 rushing yards.

2001 Husker Team Captains Named

Coach Solich announced Aug. 18 that five seniors have been selected as captains for the 2001 season. On offense, quarterback Eric Crouch (Omaha, Neb.), tight end Tracey Wistrom (Webb City, Mo.) and offensive tackle Dave Volk (Battle Creek, Neb.) were selected, joining defensive standouts cornerback Keyuo Craver (Harleton, Texas) and defensive tackle Jeremy Slechta (Papillion, Neb.) in team voting conducted on Friday. This marks the third time since 1995 that five captains were selected and only the

fourth time since 1890 that five or more players have been tabbed for this prestigious honor. The quintet has combined for 97 starts during their careers, helping the Huskers to a 31-7 record over the past three seasons, including a Big 12 championship in 1999. Wistrom joins older brother Grant (1997) as a Husker captain, joining an elite fraternity that includes Mike (1983) and Andy Keeler (1988), Erik (1991) and Zach Wiegert (1994) and Christian (1995) and Jason Peter (1997). Crouch is the first quarterback to earn the honor since Mickey Joseph was named a captain in 1991.

2001 Outlook...

Huskers Return 13 Starters From 10-2 Team

Nebraska returns a total of 13 starters (four on offense, eight on defense and one kicker) from a team that dropped just two games last season—to eventual national champion Oklahoma, and to No. 16 Kansas State. Both losses came on the road. Nebraska will be led by All-America candidates Eric Crouch at quarterback, Tracey Wistrom at tight end, offensive linemen Tionu Fonoti at left guard and Dave Volk at left tackle and left cornerback Keyuo Craver. Nebraska lost seven starters on offense, including both wideouts, split end Matt Davison and wingback Bobby Newcombe, three offensive linemen in Dominic Raiola, Russ Hochstein and Jason Schwab, fullback Willie Miller and I-back Dan Alexander. NU also lost its backup I-back Correll Buckhalter.

On defense, eight starters return, including four linemen. Chris Kelsay and Demeoine Adams split time at left rush end last year, Jason Lohr returns at nose tackle and defensive tackle Jeremy Slechta returns after starting four games for NU when senior tackle Loran Kaiser was out with an injury. The line loses academic All-American Kyle Vanden Bosch at right rush end (started every game) and Kaiser, who started seven of 11 regular-season games at defensive tackle. Just one of the three linebackers return, after Will linebacker Randy Stella was dismissed from the team. Sam linebacker Scott Shanle returns, but NU will have to replace All-American and team captain Carlos Polk at Mike linebacker. In the secondary, three corners with starting experience return, including Keyuo Craver at left corner (started every game) and Erwin Swiney and DeJuan Groce at right corner. Swiney started the first 10 games and Groce the last two and a third when NU opened in the nickel package. Dion Booker returns after starting the first seven games at free safety last season. NU loses rover Joe Walker and Troy Watchorn, who started the last five games at free safety.

Nebraska also returns starting place-kicker Josh Brown, who has scored 163 points for the Huskers the past two years, but looks to replace punter Dan Hadenfeldt and Chace Long, who handled kickoffs. Brown will not play in the first game against TCU while serving a one-game suspension.

Record Setters and Awards Candidates Return

Several NU individual and team records were set last season, including the following individual Husker record holders who return in 2001.

► **Senior Left Cornerback Keyuo Craver...** was a member of the Jim Thorpe Award watch list for the nation's best defensive back the past two years and earned first-team all-conference honors from the Houston Chronicle last season. Craver ranks second all time at Nebraska in career pass breakups with 28. The school record may be out of his reach, as All-American Ralph Brown had 50 from 1996 to 1999. Craver also has four interceptions and four blocked kicks as a valuable member of Nebraska's special teams. Craver will contend for All-America honors in 2001.

► **Senior Quarterback Eric Crouch...**A two-time Davey O'Brien Award candidate and Heisman Trophy candidate, Crouch has 2,319 career rushing yards on 445 carries (5.2 ypc) to rank 13th on the NU career rushing charts, first among quarterbacks. His 41 rushing touchdowns rank third all time and first among NU signal callers. 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 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 Nebraska's

Crouch and Missouri's Corby Jones were quarterbacks. Jones rushed 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. Crouch (2,319) and I-backs Dan Alexander (2,456) and Correll Buckhalter (2,522) all hit the 2,000 career rushing plateau last season, the first time in NCAA Division I history that three players on one team hit that mark in the same year.

Crouch has 2,971 career passing yards, which ranks sixth on the NU career passing chart. In total offense, Crouch sits second all time at NU with 5,290 yards (fourth in the Big 12) and is just 186 yards behind school-record holder and 1995 Heisman Trophy runner-up Tommie Frazier's 5,476. Crouch's 252 career points rank fifth all time at NU.

Crouch owns several game, season and career records, including: **Game Records...** Most touchdown passes with five vs. Iowa, 2000; tied for most rushing touchdowns by an NU QB with four vs. Kansas, 2000. **Season Records...** Most rushing touchdowns by an NU quarterback with 20 in 2000; **Career Records...** Most rushing attempts by an NU quarterback with 445; Most rushing yards by an NU QB with 2,319; Most rushing touchdowns by an NU QB with 41.

Crouch was the co-Big 12 offensive player of the year in the Big 12 in 1999 and was a contender for All-America and Heisman honors last season. He will contend for national awards again this year and has already been named to the Davey O'Brien Watch List.

Crouch enters his senior season with nearly 2,000 more total offense yards than his mentors at the position (Tommie Frazier, 1992-95, Turner Gill, 1980-83 and Steve Taylor, 1985-88).

Husker QBs Entering Senior Season

<u>QB (Years)</u>	<u>Rec.</u>	<u>Rushing</u>	<u>Passing</u>	<u>Total Offense</u>
Crouch	24-5	445-2319-41	207-417-2971-22	862-5290-63
Frazier	21-3	270-1351-22	140-306-2159-26	576-3510-48
Gill	17-1	158-786-7	137-258-1801-20	416-2587-27
Taylor	20-4	274-1562-19	112-253-1748-19	527-3310-38

List includes NU's top quarterbacks who started more than two years

► **Junior Offensive Left Guard Tionu Fonoti...**earned first-team All-Big 12 honors from the Dallas Morning News and second-team honors from the league coaches and AP. Fonoti was a member of the initial Outland Trophy Watch list and will contend for national honors this season. Fonoti had double-figure pancakes in all but one of the Huskers' 12 games last year (Kansas State), with a career-best 21 in the Alamo Bowl. He led the team with a school-record 155 pancakes, 15 better than Dominic Raiola's 1999 season record of 140. He also established a school record for pancakes per game at 14.1, bettering Raiola's 1999 average of 11.67. Fonoti has 178 career pancakes, 199 short of Aaron Taylor's school career record of 377 from 1995 to 1997.

► **Senior Tight End Tracey Wistrom...**was a semifinalist for the 2000 John Mackey Award given to the best tight end and was the unanimous first-team tight end in the conference. Wistrom earned conference honors for the second straight year and earned third-team All-America honors from the AP, and will contend for national honors this season. He has already been named to the 2001 Lombardi Watch list, an award his brother, Grant, won in 1997. As a sophomore, Wistrom posted the best yards per reception season average with 26.8 yards per catch, breaking Johnny Mitchell's record of 25.64 set in 1990. Wistrom is on school-record pace for best career average per catch at NU averaging 22.4 yards per catch (37 receptions, 827 yards). Wistrom also tied the school record for most touchdowns in a game with three against Iowa and has eight touchdown receptions in his career. He is 24 catches, 218 receiving yards and six receiving touchdowns short of the NU school records by a tight end. All three records are within his reach after making 19 catches for 314 yards with five touchdowns last year. Wistrom is also a contender for academic All-America honors, earning All-District VII accolades last season with a 3.303 grade-point average in secondary education.

► **Senior Left Tackle Dave Volk...**Starting every game the last two years at right (1999) and left (2000) tackle, Dave Volk returns for his senior season. Volk has 223 career pancakes including 111 in 1999 and 107 last year. He will contend for athletic and academic All-America honors this season, boasting a 3.289 grade-point average in psychology.

Charting the Huskers

NU Career Passing QBs

<u>Rank</u> , <u>Player</u> , <u>Years</u>	<u>Yds</u>	<u>TD</u>
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 Career Rushing QBs

<u>Rank</u> , <u>Player</u> , <u>Years</u>	<u>Yds</u>	<u>TD</u>
1. Eric Crouch, 1998-00	2,319	41
2. Steve Taylor, 1985-88	2,125	32
3. Tommie Frazier, 1992-95	1,955	36
4. Scott Frost, 1996-97	1,533	28
5. Turner Gill, 1980-83	1,317	18

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

NU Career Total Offense

<u>Rank</u> , <u>Player</u> , <u>Pos.</u> , <u>Years</u>	<u>Yards</u>	<u>TDs</u>
1. Tommie Frazier, QB, 92-95	5,476	79
2. Eric Crouch, QB, 98-00	5,290	60

NU 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
24. Josh Brown, PK, 99-00	153

NU Top Tight Ends by Yards

<u>Rank</u> , <u>Player</u> , <u>Years</u>	<u>No.</u>	<u>Yards</u>	<u>Avg.</u>	<u>TD</u>
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 career record holders in bold

NU Career Pass Breakups

<u>Rank</u> , # <u>Player</u> , <u>Position</u> , <u>Years</u>
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

Injury Update

While Nebraska did not have any major injuries this fall, Nebraska did not get through spring unscathed, as three Huskers suffered major knee injuries, including junior Mike linebacker Tony Tata (torn left ACL), sophomore right guard Jon Dawson (torn right ACL) and senior Will linebacker Jon Penny (torn right patella tendon). Penny decided to become a student assistant coach and Dawson and Tata did not report with NU's early 105 and will not play against TCU.

The Huskers by Position...The Offense...

Nebraska lost seven starters on offense (including All-Americans Dominic Raiola and Russ Hochstein) and returns four. All four of the returnees are headliners, including quarterback Eric Crouch, tight end Tracey Wistrom and linemen Toniu Fonoti and Dave Volk. In May, Nebraska received word that wingback John Gibson was granted an extension of the five-year/10-semester rule and will be able to compete for the Huskers this season. This helps Nebraska's depth dramatically, as NU looks to replace both wideouts, including split end Matt Davison and wingback Bobby Newcombe. In the backfield, Nebraska will turn to junior Canadian Dahrran Diedrick, who will be a first-time starter at I-back as the Huskers lost their top two I-backs in Dan Alexander and Correll Buckhalter. It marks the first time NU has a new starter at I-back since the 1998 season.

The Offensive Line

Nebraska lost three of its five offensive line starters, but is anxious to have three key linemen return from injury. All-Americans Dominic Raiola and Russ Hochstein are gone after starting every game at center and right guard, respectively. NU also lost right tackle Jason Schwab. Returning is senior left tackle Dave Volk and junior left guard Toniu Fonoti. Jon Rutherford was Nebraska's sixth man on the line and virtually played every position until he tore his ACL in NU's ninth game of the season. He was held out of the spring, but returned at 100 percent for fall camp. Rutherford will start wherever he is needed the most. NU also lost right tackle Chris Loos to a torn ACL before the bowl game. He was held out of spring camp, but will contend with sophomore Dan Waldrop for time at right tackle this fall. Sophomore Jon Dawson was a contender for starting duties at right guard with junior Wes Cody, but Dawson tore his ACL during spring camp and will not play in the season opener. Six other lettermen return, including juniors Nate Kolterman and Scott Koethe, who are expected to back up Volk at left tackle; juniors John Garrison and Matt Shook who will cover center duties; and senior Kyle Kollmorgen, who will back up Waldrop and Loos at right tackle. Fonoti and Volk ranked first and fourth on the season in pancakes, respectively, leading the team to its 14th NCAA rushing title (349.3 ypg). Fonoti shattered the school record for pancakes and pancakes per game with 155 and 14.1 per game. He also led the team in the bowl game with a career-best 21 'cakes.

The Receivers

Nebraska took a big hit at both wideout receiver positions, losing four-year lettermen Matt Davison at split end and Bobby Newcombe at wingback. Davison finished his career as NU's second all-time receiver in receptions and yards (93-1,456) trailing only 1972 Heisman Trophy winner Johnny Rodgers. Davison led the team in 2000 with 21 catches for 389 yards, while Newcombe was third with 19 catches for 249 yards. Only one other receiver had double-figure receptions, returning senior tight end Tracey Wistrom, who had 19 for 314 yards and a team-leading five touchdowns. Wistrom earned third-team All-America honors in 2000 and was a John Mackey semifinalist. He will contend for national honors again in 2001. John Gibson, who was granted a sixth year of eligibility by the NCAA, will start at wingback. Gibson ranked fourth on the team with eight catches for 41 yards and a touchdown last season. Junior Wilson Thomas (one catch, eight yards) is the projected starter at split end and will be backed by redshirt freshman Ben Zajicek and junior John Klem. Juniors Troy Hassebroek and Ben Cornelsen are expected to see playing time with Gibson at wingback. Nebraska has two other talented lettermen returning at tight end, in juniors Aaron Golliday and Jon Bowling.

The Running Backs

Last year Nebraska became the first school in NCAA Division I-A football history to have three rushers hit the 2,000 career rushing yards plateau in the same season, but unfortunately, two of the three are gone this season. Nebraska loses two-year starter Dan Alexander, who rushed for 2,456 yards (10th on NU's all-time rushing list) and 20 touchdowns in four years and led the team in 2000 with 1,154 yards and eight touchdowns. Nebraska also loses Correll Buckhalter, who carried the load in 1998 and backed up Alexander in 1999 and 2000. Buckhalter rushed for 2,522 yards (ranks eighth on NU's all-time rushing list) and 27 touchdowns in his four-year career. He rushed for at least 650 yards in each of the past three seasons, with 750 yards and seven touchdowns in 2001. However, the cupboard is not bare. NU returns junior Dahrran Diedrick, sophomore DeAntae Grixby, junior Thunder Collins and sophomore Robin Miller, all of whom lettered last season. Diedrick saw the most playing time behind Alexander and Buckhalter, rushing for 212 yards and three touchdowns (6.4 ypc), playing in all 11 games and is listed No. 1 coming out of spring camp and entering fall drills. Collins (77 yards), Grixby (61), Miller (23) and Josh Davis (3) saw limited late-game action and will back up Diedrick.

The fullback position should be very strong with the return of sophomore Judd Davies. Redshirt freshman Steve Kriewald and junior Paul Kastl and senior Nick Gragert will back up Davies.

The Quarterbacks

Eric Crouch has already put his name in the Husker record books, ranking as Nebraska's top rushing quarterback with 2,319 yards (ranks 13th overall at NU) and 41 touchdowns. He ranks second all-time in career total offense with 5,290 yards and sixth in passing with 2,971 yards. Crouch started five games as a freshman, 10 as a sophomore and every game last season, leading NU to a 24-5 record as a starter. He will be backed by talented sophomore Jammal Lord and junior Joe Chrisman. Last season, Lord rushed for 130 yards and four touchdowns and completed 9-of-16 passes for 116 yards. He had an excellent spring and established himself as a confident, talented No. 2 quarterback, that Husker coaches can trust in any game situation. Chrisman rushed five times for eight yards in 2000.

The Defense...

Nebraska loses six starters on defense, including All-America linebacker Carlos Polk and All-Big 12 rush end Kyle Vanden Bosch, but returns eight starters across eight positions. Despite losing Vanden Bosch and defensive tackle Loran Kaiser, NU has four returnees with at least some starting experience on the front line, including Chris Kelsay and Demoine Adams at rush end and Jason Lohr and Jeremy Slechta at nose and defensive tackle, respectively. Polk, the leader of the defense from his middle linebacker position in 2000, is gone, but seven lettermen return across the three linebacker positions, including starter Scott Shanle at Sam linebacker. Three talented corners return, including All-America candidate Keyuo Craver, Erwin Swiney and DeJuan Groce. Nebraska spent a great deal of time this spring developing rovers to replace Joe Walker and Clint Finley, but Dion Booker returns after starting seven games at free safety last year. He could also start at rover if necessary.

The Rush Ends and Defensive Linemen

Even though Nebraska loses two starters on the defensive line in right rush end Kyle Vanden Bosch and defensive tackle Loran Kaiser, NU has 11 returning lettermen across the four positions, including four who started at least four games last year. Junior Demoine Adams started the first four games of 2000 at left rush end, before giving way to junior Chris Kelsay, who started the last eight, including the bowl game. Adams moved to the right side this spring where he is scheduled to start opposite Kelsay. Another junior, Justin Smith, will back up Kelsay, while senior J.P. Wichmann could play either side. Trevor Johnson was a spring experiment that struck gold as the converted tight end moved to the No. 2 spot behind Adams with just 15 practices. Sophomore Benard Thomas is another athletically gifted rush end who will back up the right side. Kelsay ranked ninth on the team last year with 29 tackles and two tackles for loss, while Adams had 12 tackles and one tackle for loss. Thomas was one of four Huskers who played as a true freshman last year. On the interior, senior Jason Lohr returns after starting every game at nose tackle last year. He ranked sixth on the team with 46 tackles, including six for losses. Jeremy Slechta gained valuable experience last season behind Kaiser and started four games at defensive tackle when Kaiser was out with an ankle injury. Slechta, at 6-6, 285 pounds, is primed for a stellar senior season after totaling 25 tackles last year. Lohr will be backed by junior Jon Clanton and true freshman Manaia Brown. Ryon Bingham returns to nose tackle after sitting out most of two years with a hard-to-heal foot injury. Slechta will be supported by senior Casey Nelson and sophomore Patrick Kabongo, who lost nearly 40 pounds since last fall and had an impressive spring.

The Linebackers

Two starting linebackers are gone, including Mike linebacker Carlos Polk, who led the team with 90 tackles last year, en route to All-America honors and Will linebacker Randy Stella, who ranked second on the team last year with 58 tackles and 15 tackles for loss, but was dismissed from the team. Sam linebacker Scott Shanle returns. He ranked fifth with 55

tackles last year. Three-year letterman Jamie Burrow is set to take over for Polk at Mike linebacker. Senior Will linebacker Mark Vedral is also a three-year letterman. He backed up Stella last season, starting one game, and had 22 tackles. Behind Vedral is sophomore Blanchard Johnson and freshman Jason Richenberger. Sophomore T.J. Hollowell, who was one of four Huskers to play as a true freshman last year, has practice experience at all three positions after playing at Sam linebacker last year. He enters fall listed second at Mike linebacker behind Burrow, but could also see action at Will linebacker. Junior Tony Tata will return to back up Burrow and Hollowell at MLB, but suffered a torn ACL during spring drills. Shanle is expected to see support from redshirt freshman Ira Cooper and junior Gabe Fries. True freshman Mike linebacker Barrett Ruud is one of several true freshmen who could see immediate action this season.

The Secondary

The Huskers lost two four-year lettermen in Joe Walker and Clint Finley. Over the past three years, Finley and Walker have either started or alternated at rover and free safety. Nebraska also lost Troy Watchorn, who started the last five games at free safety last year. Despite the losses, four experienced defensive backs return. Senior Keyuo Craver is the headliner in the secondary. He has started every game the last two years at left corner. Craver was tied for third on the team in tackles last season with 56 stops and had 13 pass breakups. An All-Big 12 athlete, Craver will contend for All-America honors this season. At the opposite corner is Erwin Swiney, who started every game in 1998, sat out 1999 with a groin injury, then started the first 10 games last season, recording 19 tackles and 10 breakups. DeJuan Groce is like a starter, coming in as a corner in Nebraska's nickel package. He started the last two games at right corner for Swiney last season and led the team with a school-record 17 pass breakups. He and Swiney will man right corner and will be backed by senior Jeff Hemje. Sophomore Pat Ricketts and redshirt freshman Lornell McPherson will back up Craver at left corner. Dion Booker, who started seven of the first eight games at free safety last year, is back for his senior season and could start at either free safety or rover. At free safety, Booker will be backed by sophomores Willie Amos and Jerrell Pippens. Amos played as a true freshman last season and had a solid spring. Former Will linebacker Lannie Hopkins was one of several successful spring experiments, as he switched to rover and quickly moved up to second on the depth chart at rover behind Booker. Two walk-ons return at the rover position, including junior Aaron Terpening and senior Wes Woodward. Terrell Butler, who saw action at corner as a true freshman last year, could also see action at rover.

The Specialists...

Nebraska returns its place-kicker, snapper and one of three return men, but loses its punter, kickoff man, and two of its top three return specialists. Punter Dan Hadenfeldt has graduated after averaging a school-record 44.98 yards per punt in 1999 and 43.79 in 2000 for a career-record 44.39 two-year average. Sophomore Kyle Larson had a solid spring and is the heir apparent for punting duties, but has never punted in a collegiate game.

Josh Brown returns as place-kicker, but will serve a one-game suspension and will not play against TCU. In his two years as a starter, he is 106-of-107 on PATs and 19-of-30 on field goals. He has a streak of 95 consecutive PATs made (not including four vs. Tennessee in the 2000 Fiesta Bowl and nine vs. Northwestern in the Alamo Bowl). Brown, who practiced at wingback for the second consecutive spring, will be pushed by redshirt scholarship freshman Sandro DeAngelis.

Either Brown or DeAngelis could take over kickoff duties for departed senior Chace Long. Junior snapper John Garrison is back for his third year as snapper, and quarterback Joe Chrisman is expected to take over the holder duties for Hadenfeldt. Return men Joe Walker and Bobby Newcombe are gone. Ben Cornelsen and Keyuo Craver combined for a total of five returns in 2000. The Husker coaching staff will be looking for return men this fall, perhaps among the I-backs and among the incoming freshman scholarship class. Craver and DeJuan Groce are possible candidates who have handled punt returns before, but are also key as the outside punt blockers. Josh Davis and Ben Cornelsen are candidates for kickoff returns.

Huskers Through the Years

Coaches	Record	Years	Natl. Champs
Bob Devaney	101-20-2	11	70, 71
Tom Osborne	255-49-3	25	94, 95, 97
Frank Solich	31-7-0	3	0
Since 1962	387-76-5	39	5
1890-1962	366-223-35	72	0
All-Time	753-299-40	111	5

Husker AP Ranking Notes

- ▶ Nebraska has been ranked in the AP poll 326 consecutive weeks—an AP record
- ▶ NU has been ranked in the top 10 for 131 of the last 136 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. 4 AP ranking in 2001 marked the 26th time in 29 years that NU has opened the season ranked in the top 10.

Husker Incredible Numbers

- ▶ Nebraska is 183-5-0 when rushing for 300 or more yards in a game since 1973.
- ▶ The Huskers have won 105 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 93-0 since 1973 when rushing for 400 or more yards.
- ▶ Nebraska is 293-1 all time when scoring 35 or more points.
- ▶ Nebraska has won 94 straight games when holding opponents to 10 points or less.
- ▶ NU has not been shut out in 205 home games and in 62 games overall.

Division I-A Records in the 1990s

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

Records In Last Three Decades

1. **Nebraska** 309-56-5842
2. Michigan 278-71-8790
3. Penn State 282-76-2786
4. Alabama 271-88-3753
- Ohio State 264-84-8753

Division I-A Consecutive Winning Seasons

Current -- 15 or More

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

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

1. Notre Dame 1889-1932 42
2. **Nebraska** **1962-pres.** **39***
3. Alabama (1911-50) 38

Note: Penn State had 46 consecutive non-losing seasons from 1939-1987 and Texas had 40 consecutive non-losing seasons from 1893-32.

Husker Historical Notes...

Unprecedented Winning Tradition Continues

Nebraska, the nation's third-winningest program all time by wins (fourth by percentage), boasts a 753-299-40 record in 1,092 games (.708). In the last 31 years, NU is tops, posting a record of 319-58-5 for an .842 winning percentage (382 games), an average of 10 wins per year. In terms of wins, the Huskers are third in NCAA Division I-A history with 753. NU has won 10-or-more games 21 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 31 years. Nebraska's 39 years of consecutive winning records ranks second all time behind Notre Dame's 42 (1889-1932) and fourth in terms of non-losing seasons, behind Penn State's 46 (1939-87), Notre Dame's 42 (1889-1932) and Texas' 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).

Huskers Win Three National Titles in Four Years

In 1993, the Huskers went 11-1 losing only to Florida State, 18-16, in the Orange Bowl for the national championship. That began a run of wins, records and crystal collections. Nebraska followed 1993 with three perfect seasons in four years, winning national titles in 1994 (13-0), 1995 (12-0) and 1997 (13-0). No other team won three titles in the 1990s. Nebraska posted incredible numbers from 1993 on, consider...

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

- ▶ Posted a 91-10 record (.901 winning percentage)
- ▶ Played in four national championship games (1993, 1994, 1995 and 1997)
- ▶ Won three national titles (1994, 1995 and 1997) in four years
- ▶ Won five conference crowns (three Big Eight, two Big 12)
- ▶ Posted a 55-6 conference record (.902 winning percentage)
- ▶ Won 49 of 50 home games (13 straight)
- ▶ Gone 26-8 vs. Associated Press Top 25 teams (13-4 vs. top 10)

NU First to Win 100 Games in Back-to-Back Decades

Nebraska recorded its 100th win of the 1990s with a 40-10 win at Missouri on Sept. 25, 1999, and finished the decade with a 108-16-1 mark (.868, second behind Florida State). Nebraska is the first Division I program to win 100-plus games in consecutive decades, as NU went 103-20 in the 1980s. The only other team to post 100-plus wins in the 1980s was Brigham Young (102-26), while Oklahoma (102-13-3) and Alabama (103-16-1) both posted 100-plus wins in the 1970s. Nebraska came close to achieving the mark in three consecutive decades, as the Huskers won 98 games in the 1970s. Florida State finished the 1990s with a 109-13-1 record (.890, first), but had just 87 wins in the 1980s. By decade, the Huskers were 75-30-1 in the 1960s (.712); 98-20-4 in the 1970s (.820, fifth nationally), 103-20-0 in the 1980s (.837, first), 108-16-1 in the 1990s (second) and is 10-2 in this decade. Nebraska's 1990s record was aided by an unprecedented 60-3 five-year run from 1993 to 1997. Nebraska owns the best record over the past three-plus decades with a 319-58-5 record, including an NCAA-best 309-56-5 record (.842) from 1960 to 1999. The Huskers have not lost more than 20 games in any of the last three decades.

Devaney Established Tradition

Retiring as the winningest active coach in the nation, Tom Osborne took over a program firmly entrenched in solid ground in 1973, when Hall of Fame Coach Bob Devaney named Osborne as his successor. Devaney posted a 101-20-2 record in his 11 years at Nebraska, won two national championships (1970 and 1971) and was the winningest active coach in the nation upon his retirement in 1972 with a 136-30-7 career record (.806), including a 35-10-5 record at the University of Wyoming. Osborne followed suit and was selected to the National Football Foundation College Hall of Fame shortly after he announced his retirement (inducted on Dec. 8, 1998). Osborne retired as the nation's winningest active coach, posting a 255-49-3 record (.836). Among all divisions of coaches with career winning percentages of .800 or better over a span of at least 10 years, Osborne is the fifth-winningest coach in Division I-A history, while the late Devaney is not far behind at No. 11. Devaney and Osborne were the third Division I coaching duo to post back-to-back 100-win careers at the same institution (following Penn State's Rip Engle and Joe Paterno and Georgia Tech's John Heisman, Bill Alexander and Bobby Dodd), but were the first pair to do so in an unbelievable 21 years. Devaney and Osborne had a combined 356-69-5 record for an incredible .834 winning percentage (36 years, 430 games). Solich went 9-4 in his

inaugural season, matching the wins of Devaney and Osborne in their first years and posted a school-record 12-1 record his second year and a 10-2 record his third season to post a school-best 31-7 three-year record. Like Osborne, he is on pace to hit 100 wins in 10 years. Devaney went 10-1 his second year (1963) winning his first Big Eight Championship, while Osborne first won 10 games his third year when he also won a share of his first Big Eight title (1975).

NU 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 league (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. 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. The Huskers also competed in the inaugural title tilt in 1996, losing to Texas 37-27. In the last eight years, Nebraska has won five conference crowns (three Big Eight, two Big 12), posting a 55-6 regular-season 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, 111 years) in Lincoln, 323-99-13 (.758, 435 games, 78 years) in Memorial Stadium (since 1923) and 18-1 at home under Coach Solich (.947, 19 games, three years) with a current 13-game winning streak. Nebraska has not lost more than one home game in a season since posting a 5-2 home record in 1980. Since then, NU is 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, 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 (15 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, a span of 200 games. NU has posted 39 unbeaten and untied home seasons, including 2000 when the Huskers went 6-0. Against Kansas in 2000, NU set a new attendance record in Memorial Stadium when 78,096 fans attended. Nebraska.

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). Notre Dame, which will face Nebraska in Lincoln on Sept. 8, is second in all-time consecutive sellouts with 158, 81 less than Nebraska. NU is 213-26 during the sellout streak (50-9 under Devaney, 145-16 under Osborne, 18-1 under Solich), including 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. Nebraska's 2001 schedule includes eight home games, the first time NU will play eight times at home since 1905 and just the fourth time in 112 years of Husker football. All eight games are sold out, which will extend NU's string of consecutive sellouts to 247 at the end of the 2001 season.

AP Poll Record Hits 326

Nebraska extended its AP poll record to 326 consecutive weeks (every weekly AP poll since Oct. 17, 1981, to Dec. 3, 2000) with its No. 4 ranking in the preseason poll released earlier this month. The Huskers' streak is the nation's longest active streak, easily topping Florida State (200) and Florida (185). The Huskers have been ranked in the top 10 in 131 of the last 136 polls dating back to the 1993 preseason poll, including an incredible 96 straight weeks in the top 10 from August of 1993 to Nov. 1, 1998. Currently, the Huskers have been ranked in the top-10 for 34 straight weeks, a streak that is second nationally and trails only Florida State. The ranking marked the 26th time in the past 29 seasons that NU has opened the season in the top 10.

Last season, NU spent the entire season entrenched in the top 10, including nine weeks at the top of the AP poll before losing at Oklahoma. The Huskers dipped to as low as 10th on two occasions (Nov. 12 and 26) before finishing the season with a No. 8 ranking, marking the 29th time since the poll's inception in 1936 that Nebraska has finished the season in the top 10.

The Huskers have been a fixture in the polls, as NU has been ranked in 500 of the last 503 AP polls since 1969 (33 consecutive years), missing one week in 1977 and two weeks in 1981. NU is the nation's fifth-most successful program based on AP rankings since the poll began, scoring 533 points, and NU was the only team to be ranked in every poll of the 1990s. NU finished among the AP top five 14 times overall, and five times in the 1990s.

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 throughout an entire season, in any of those years. In the history of the Associated Press Poll (which began in 1936), Nebraska has been ranked No. 1 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 weeks in 1995, the first five weeks of 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 season. 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 in AP history. The Huskers have played in 54 games as the No. 1 AP team, posting a 46-7-1 record (.861). NU's most-recent streak of winning nine straight as the AP No. 1 team ended when Nebraska lost to Oklahoma on Oct. 28, 2000. The school record for wins while being ranked No. 1 is 12 weeks, established twice, within the 1971 and 1983 seasons.

Against Associated Press Ranked Teams

Nebraska is 87-90-3 (.495, 181 games) all time vs. AP ranked opponents, not a bad percentage 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 26-8 against ranked foes, losing to No. 1 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 16 games against top 10 AP teams (since 1994), including six straight at home. Nebraska went 2-2 vs. ranked teams last season, with all four games away from the friendly confines of Memorial Stadium. 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. Over the last 28 years, NU is 69-43-1 (.615, 113 games) vs. ranked teams. In the 1990s, NU was 27-10-1 (counting the Jan. 2, 2000, win over Tennessee). Solich is 8-6 vs. ranked teams

Huskers in the Polls**Date** **A** **C** **B** **1st Plc.** **Results**

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

Associated Press Preseason Poll

No.	Team (1st)	Record	Points
1.	Florida (20)	0-0	1,716
2.	Miami (Fla) (33)	0-0	1,700
3.	Oklahoma (10)	0-0	1,588
4.	Nebraska (4)	0-0	1,525
5.	Texas (5)	0-0	1,461
6.	Florida State	0-0	1,441
7.	Oregon	0-0	1,354
8.	Tennessee	0-0	1,344
9.	Virginia Tech	0-0	1,169
10.	Georgia Tech	0-0	1,005
11.	Oregon State	0-0	974
12.	Michigan	0-0	919
13.	Kansas State	0-0	902
14.	LSU	0-0	763
15.	Washington	0-0	683
16.	Northwestern	0-0	667
17.	UCLA	0-0	639
18.	Notre Dame	0-0	599
19.	Clemson	0-0	569
20.	Mississippi State	0-0	521
21.	South Carolina	0-0	350
22.	Wisconsin	0-0	237
23.	Ohio State	0-0	181
24.	Colorado State	0-0	179
25.	Alabama	0-0	136

ESPN/USA Today Coaches Preseason Poll

No.	Team (1st)	Record	Points
1.	Florida (25)	0-0	1,401
2.	Miami (Fla.) (15)	0-0	1,349
3.	Oklahoma (8)	0-0	1,314
4.	Nebraska (6)	0-0	1,292
5.	Florida State (1)	0-0	1,292
6.	Texas (2)	0-0	1,164
7.	Tennessee (1)	0-0	1,042
8.	Oregon (1)	0-0	1,038
9.	Virginia Tech	0-0	899
10.	Michigan (1)	0-0	856
11.	Kansas State	0-0	844
12.	Oregon State	0-0	796
13.	Georgia Tech	0-0	706
14.	Washington	0-0	652
15.	UCLA	0-0	547
16.	Notre Dame	0-0	534
17.	LSU	0-0	515
18.	Clemson	0-0	503
19.	Mississippi State	0-0	481
20.	Northwestern	0-0	366
21.	Ohio State	0-0	259
22.	South Carolina	0-0	258
23.	Wisconsin	0-0	204
24.	Colorado State	0-0	168
25.	Alabama	0-0	131

Italics - 2001 opponents

(3-3 vs. top 10 AP teams), winning six of the last eight matchups and has not lost at home to a ranked AP team (4-0 home, 1-5 away, 3-1 neutral).

NU vs. the Unranked

The Huskers have lost just 13 of 232 games against unranked opponents since 1973 (23-1 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 18 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 21 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 and 1999).

More Husker Rushing Numbers

NU is 183-5-0 in the last 28 years when rushing for 300 or more yards in a game (since 1973) and has won 105 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 93-0 since 1973 when rushing for 400 or more yards and topped the 400-yard mark five times in 2000. NU has had 349, 100-yard rushing performances all time (36 under Coach Solich, most recently Dan Alexander, 240 yards vs. Northwestern in the 2000 Alamo Bowl), including 52 games in which two or more Huskers rushed for 100 yards (most recently Eric Crouch 127, Dan Alexander, 119 and Correll Buckhalter, 100 vs. Kansas, 2000). Nebraska had 17, 100-yard rushing performances in 2000 (eight 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). NU tied the school record with three 100-yard rushers against Kansas last season, marking the first time since Sept. 24, 1998 (Ken Clark, Steve Taylor and Terry Rodgers vs. Arizona State) that three Huskers eclipsed the century mark in one game. The Iowa game in 2000 marked the first time in the 52 games where there were two-or-more 100-yard rushers, and Nebraska failed to score at least one rushing touchdown. The Huskers have had 30, 200-yard rushing performances (most recently 240 by Alexander vs. Northwestern). On the 2001 squad, only Couch has a 100-yard rushing performance, totaling 10 in his career.

Nebraska is 18-0 under Coach Solich when the team rushes for 300 or more yards; 8-0 when rushing for 400 or more and 1-0 when rushing for 500 or more. Solich is 21-4 when a Husker rushes for at least 100 yards, and 7-3 when an opponent has a 100-yard rusher (4-0 in 2000). 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-bowl-record 524 yards rushing vs. Florida in the 1996 Fiesta Bowl on a school-bowl-record 68 attempts with a school-bowl-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, 321 vs. Tennessee in the 2000 Fiesta Bowl and most recently 476 vs. Northwestern in the 2000 Alamo Bowl.

Nebraska Posts Stellar On-the-Road Record

Counting games at neutral sites, the Huskers were second to Florida State with a .775 on-the-road winning percentage in the 1990s (among Division I-A schools). Nebraska was 46-13-1 on the road (60 games) for a .775 winning percentage, behind Florida State's 54-12-0 (.818). Not counting neutral site games, the Huskers were tops in the 1990s with a 37-8-1 record (.815, 46 games), which includes a win and a loss to Miami in Orange Bowl games (on Miami's home field). Nebraska is 37-8 away from home since 1993 (13-7 vs. ranked teams--includes neutral sites), including 9-5 under Coach Solich.

Adding up the Points

The Husker offense has averaged 35 or more points for 14 of the last 15 years and ranked second (behind Marshall's 4,896), scoring 4,868 points in the 1990s. The Huskers have averaged 30 or more points per game for 23 straight years (since 1977) and have averaged 40 or more points eight times since 1983, including four of the past six seasons. In 2000, NU averaged 41.5 points per game to rank fourth nationally, scoring 35 or more points in nine of 12 contests. 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 on four occasions (1982, 1983, 1994 and 1997). NU has won 229 consecutive games when scoring 35 or more points and is 293-1 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. Nebraska has since scored at least two points in every game for 62 straight games. Nebraska has not been shut out at home since KSU shut out the Huskers, 12-0, on Homecoming in 1968 (205 games). Offensively, the Huskers have been shut out just five times since 1962, including once at home during that span. Nebraska was held scoreless in the first half at Kansas in 1999, marking the first time that an opponent has accomplished that feat since the Arizona State game in 1996. The Huskers have scored 40 or more points in four of their last six bowl games, including a school and NCAA bowl-record 66 vs. Northwestern in the 2000 Alamo Bowl.

Holding Opponents off the Scoreboard

Nebraska ranked 26th in the nation in scoring defense in 2000, allowing 19.4 points per game. When Nebraska holds its opponents to 10 or fewer points, the Huskers have posted 94 straight wins dating back to a 10-7 loss to Iowa on Sept. 12, 1981. In fact, NU is 202-5-1 since 1962 (Devaney's first year) when holding opponents to 10 or fewer points, including a perfect 12-0 under Solich. Nebraska has recorded 62 shutouts since 1962, four in season openers and four under Solich, including a 59-0 shutout of Baylor in Lincoln last season.

Attack Defense is Solid vs. the Rush

After going to the 4-3 attack defense in 1993, the Husker "D" has posted five of the school's top seven rush defense averages, allowing 79.3 ypg in 1994, 78.4 ypg in 1995 (back-to-back national championship teams), 83.8 ypg in 1996, 73.4 ypg in 1997 and 77.1 ypg in 1999. The 1997 average ranked second-best all time at NU and third nationally. Nebraska has never led the nation in rushing defense, but has ranked in the top 20 in six of the last seven years. Since 1946, the Nebraska defense has allowed 100 or fewer rushing yards per game over the course of the season just 13 times, the first of which was 1963. The school record is 67.5 yards per game allowed in 1967. In 2000, NU ranked 27th, allowing 113.7 rushing yards per game.

NU Leads Conference in Crowns

Nebraska is the only team to capture two Big 12 titles in the five years of the championship game. Texas, Nebraska, Texas A&M, Nebraska and Oklahoma, in order, have won the five Big 12 titles. NU has played in three of the five possible title games. NU lost to Texas, 37-27, in the inaugural championship in St. Louis in 1996, defeated Texas A&M in 1997 in San Antonio, 54-15, and defeated Texas in San Antonio in 1999, 22-6. The Nebraska vs. Texas matchup in the 1999 Big 12 championship game marked the first time the game featured two teams that played each other in the regular season. 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 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 (14-31) and Kansas State (28-29) on the road in 2000. Nebraska has won 43 football conference championships overall, including eight under Coach Bob Devaney, 13 under Coach Tom Osborne and one under Coach Solich.

Husker Title Runs

The Huskers have the skill to be in the hunt for their sixth national title in 2001. NU has played in nine national championship bowl contests, winning back-to-back national championship titles in 1970 and 1971 and again in 1994 and 1995. The Huskers had a shot at the 1996 title until they were upset in the Big 12 championship by Texas. NU entered that game ranked No. 3, despite an early season loss at Arizona State. In 1997, Nebraska went 13-0 and played in its fourth title game in a five-year period, winning the national title as named by the coaches poll, but not by the AP.

The Huskers' back-to-back national championship titles in 1994 and 1995 marked the ninth time overall (by just six Division I schools) and first time in 16 years that a team had repeated, since Alabama won back-to-back titles in 1978-79. Nebraska is only the second school to win undefeated and consensus back-to-back national titles, the first since Oklahoma accomplished that feat in 1955-56. No Division I-A school has won three consecutive national championships. Hall of Fame Coach Bob Devaney (who passed away in May of 1997) won Nebraska's first national title in 1970 and repeated in 1971. Three teams, counting Nebraska, have repeated twice, including Oklahoma (1955-56 and 1974-75) and Alabama (1964-65 and 1978-79). Nebraska and Oklahoma are the only schools, since the coaches began picking national champions, to be unanimous repeat champions, in both polls, posting perfect, back-to-back national championship seasons. OU went 11-0 in 1955 and 10-0 in 1956. The Huskers are the only team to have won four AP and four coaches poll titles since 1970. Nebraska (1994, 1995, 1997 by coaches) and Notre Dame (1946, 1947, 1949 by AP) are the only two teams to win three national titles in a four-year period.

NU Tied for Fourth in AP Title Totals

Notre Dame leads the nation by winning eight Associated Press national titles since 1936. Oklahoma won seven, Alabama won six, while Nebraska, Minnesota and Miami are tied for fourth with four apiece. While the Huskers were awarded the national title by the coaches in 1997, NU finished second to Michigan in the Associated Press Poll. In 1970, NU was awarded the AP national title, but not the coaches (Texas was first, Ohio State second and NU third, as the final poll was released before the bowl games were played). In the coaches poll (since 1950), Nebraska is tied for third with USC with four titles, behind Alabama's and Oklahoma's six.

The Huskers vs. No. 1

In the past 11 years, the Cornhuskers have faced six teams that finished the season ranked No. 1 and shared the national title—Colorado and Georgia Tech (Citrus Bowl) in 1990, Washington and Miami (Orange Bowl) in 1991, Florida State in the 1994 Orange Bowl and Oklahoma in 2000. In addition, Nebraska's 1993 Federal Express Orange Bowl opponent, Florida State, missed winning the 1992 national title by a field goal and finished No. 2. Nebraska's 1996 Fiesta Bowl opponent, Florida, went on to win the national title in the 1996 season, after Nebraska won the title in 1994 and 1995. That game between Nebraska and Florida was the 30th meeting between the No. 1 and No. 2 AP teams including 11 bowl games. The Huskers won 62-24. Nebraska's 38-point margin of victory over Florida was the second largest in such games. Nebraska is 3-2 in No. 1 vs. No. 2 games, and 3-1 as the No. 1 team.

Huskers in No. 1 vs. No. 2 AP Games (3-2)

- ▶ 1971 NU (1) vs. Oklahoma (2), W, 35-31 (regular season)
- ▶ 1972 NU (1) vs. Alabama (2), W 38-6 (Orange Bowl)
- ▶ 1987 NU (1) vs. Oklahoma (2), L, 7-17 (regular season)
- ▶ 1994 NU (2) vs. Florida State (1), L, 16-18 (Orange Bowl)
- ▶ 1996 NU (1) vs. Florida (2), W, 62-24 (Fiesta Bowl)

NU Has Faced 30 AP Top Three Teams Since 1962

The matchup against No. 3 (AP) Oklahoma in 2000 was Nebraska's 30th against an AP top three team since 1962—Bob Devaney's first year as coach. The Huskers lost to No. 3 Oklahoma in Norman, 31-14. Nebraska has posted a 9-20-1 record in those matchups and was the lower ranked team in all but eight of those games. NU is 6-2 when it is the higher-ranked team. Under Solich, NU is 0-2 vs. top three AP teams (0-2 away). The Huskers have won five of their last seven matchups against the AP top three teams, and 10 of the last 12 games against AP top 10 teams since 1994. The K-State game in Manhattan in 1998, when the Wildcats were ranked No. 1 in the coaches poll, was the first time NU faced a No. 1 team (in either poll) in the regular season since facing No. 1 Oklahoma in 1978. OU was No. 1 in both polls and No. 4 NU defeated the Sooners, 17-14, in Lincoln. NU had to face the Sooners again in the 1979 Orange Bowl (OU won 31-24). In the stretch of 30 games

Records Report

Category Record

All-time	753-299-40
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	292-1
vs. Big 12 Teams	429-142-16
In Big 12 Action (since '96)	34-6
Bowls	20-19
On ABC	67-26
On FieldTurf	12-0
At Night	40-14-3
vs. Ranked Teams...	
All-Time	87-90-3
Home	39-30-0
Away	28-46-3
Neutral	20-14-0
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	31-7
Home	18-1
Away	9-5
Neutral	4-1
Bowls	2-1
vs. AP Ranked Teams	8-6
Home	4-0
Away	1-5
Neutral	3-1
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	7-2
August	1-0
September	11-0
October	9-4
November	7-2
December	2-1
January	1-0

NU Streaks...The Huskers have...

- ▶ won 13 straight home games
- ▶ won 15 straight non-conference regular-season games
- ▶ won 18 straight over unranked opponents
- ▶ won 105 straight when rushing for 300 yards
- ▶ won 93 straight when rushing for 400 yards
- ▶ won 94 consecutive games when holding the opponent to 10 or fewer points
- ▶ scored in 62 consecutive games
- ▶ scored in 205 straight home games
- ▶ shut out opponents 100 times

vs. teams ranked in the top three, Nebraska has faced Oklahoma eight times (NU is 2-6 vs. Oklahoma when OU is ranked in the top three, 1-3 in Norman). In six seasons, Nebraska has faced two or more top-three teams (1971, 1978, 1981, 1987, 1992, 1994) and played three top-three teams in 1987 (UCLA, Oklahoma, Florida State). Nebraska's last meeting with an AP No. 1 team was the 1994 Orange Bowl vs. FSU (NU lost 18-16).

NCAA-Best Streak of 32 Straight Bowls

Nebraska has now participated in 32 straight bowls, a continuing NCAA record. Nebraska's 39 bowl appearances overall is tied for fourth best, trailing Alabama's 50, Tennessee's 41, Texas' 40 and is tied with USC's 39. Nebraska has participated in a "major" bowl (BCS, Jan. 1 or top four) in 18 of the past 20 years. The 1998 Holiday Bowl appearance broke a streak of 17 consecutive major bowls. NU's 32 consecutive bowls streak began with a 45-6 win over Georgia in the 1969 Sun Bowl. Nebraska is 20-19 all time in bowl games, 6-1 over the last seven years (2-1 under Solich). The 2000 Fiesta Bowl against No. 6 Tennessee marked the 14th time in 16 years that Nebraska has squared off against a team ranked among the top six. The Huskers hope to be at the Rose Bowl on Jan. 3, 2002, for the national championship game. Nebraska's only Rose Bowl appearance was the school's first bowl appearance, when NU lost to Stanford, 21-13, in 1941. Nebraska has won four of its five national championships at the Orange Bowl, defeating Louisiana State in 1970, Alabama in 1971, Miami in 1994 and Tennessee in 1997. Nebraska defeated Florida in the 1996 Fiesta Bowl for the national championship following the 1995 season.

Huskers Continue Academic Tradition

Nebraska continues to lead the nation in Verizon/CoSIDA Academic All-Americans for all sports and all teams with 181; in first-team winners for all sports with 100; and also leads the nation in football academic honor winners with 58 first-team certificates and 75 football all-teams awards. The 18 is 47 better than second-place Notre Dame, while the 58 football honorees is 20 more than second-place Notre Dame's 38. Last 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. Four of NU's nominees made the first-team All-District VII team and advanced to the final ballot, including Vanden Bosch, Matt Davison, Dave Volk and Tracey Wistrom.

The Husker football program also leads the nation with nine NCAA Today's Top Eight Award winners, 30 NCAA postgraduate scholarship winners and 18 National Football Foundation and College Hall of Fame Scholar-Athletes, including Vanden Bosch last season. Vanden Bosch became Nebraska's second Vincent dePaul Draddy Scholar-Athlete (joining Rob Zatchka in 1994), was named the Woody Hayes Division I Male Scholar-Athlete of the Year and was also honored as the Home Depot Rigid Tools Football Scholar-Athlete of the Year.

NU Higher Than National Average in Grad Rates

Nebraska has led the Big 12 in four of the past five years in graduation rates (all except 2000). Nebraska's four-class (1990-91 to 1993-94) graduation rate was 57 percent. That figure is higher than the national average for all students (56 percent) and football student-athletes (50 percent). Nebraska's student-athlete graduation rate for all sports, which includes only those students who completed their eligibility at NU, is an outstanding 87 percent (national average is 81 percent).

This year's team has four student-athletes who received their degrees at the end of the summer session. Rush end Demoiné Adams (political science), Mike linebacker Jamie Burrow (biological sciences), cornerback Erwin Swiney (sociology) and offensive tackle Dave Volk (psychology) graduated at the end of the summer session. Adams became only the second Husker football player to graduate in three years (including summer sessions) and graduated with five minors (African studies, ethnic studies, English, history and communication studies).

Husker Snippets...

- ▶ **Walk-ons Remain Crucial to Success...**On the preseason depth chart, 19 of the 78 Huskers listed (24 percent) were walk-ons when they first came to Nebraska. Of those, nine were on offense, nine were on defense and one kicker were originally walk-ons. Two of Nebraska's probable starters in 2001 are former walk-ons, Sam linebacker Scott Shanle and punter Kyle Larson.
- ▶ **Nebraska Natives...**10 Huskers who hail from Nebraska entered fall camp at the top of the depth chart at their respective positions, including six on the offensive side of the ball; SE Wilson Thomas (Omaha), LT Dave Volk (Battle Creek), RG Wes Cody (Fremont), QB Eric Crouch (Omaha), FB Judd Davies (Omaha), and WB John Gibson (Papillion); four on the defensive side of the ball; LRE Chris Kelsay (Auburn), DT Jeremy Slechta (La Vista), SLB Scott Shanle (St. Edward) and RCB Erwin Swiney (Lincoln); and one kicker; punter Kyle Larson (Funk). Swiney is the only probable starter from Lincoln.
- ▶ **Family Connections...** Several current Huskers followed their fathers and brothers to NU. Those who followed in their older brothers' footsteps: Chad (1995-98) and Chris Kelsay (junior rush end); Grant (1994-1997) and Tracey Wistrom (senior tight end); Mike (1990-92), Jon (1994-96) and Mark Vedral

(senior WLB) and Mike (1994-96) and Dion Booker (senior free safety/rover); Second generation Huskers include senior MLB Jamie Burrow and freshman FS Dan Burrow (father Jim played in 1974-75 and is now a graduate assistant for Nebraska); sophomore I-back Josh Davis (father Tony played in 1973-75) and true freshman linebacker Barrett Ruud (father Tom played in 1972-74). In fact, Ruud's great grandfather Clarence Swanson played for NU from 1918-21 and is a member of the Nebraska football Hall of Fame.

▶ **Frosh Players...** Last season, four true freshmen saw playing time for the Huskers, free safety Willie Amos, cornerback (now rover) Terrell Butler, linebacker T.J. Hollowell and rush end Benard Thomas. I-back Thunder Collins, a sophomore transfer, also saw immediate action after redshirting his second year of junior college.

▶ **Non-Redshirts...** In addition to the four true freshmen who played last year, left offensive guard Toniu Fonoti and center John Garrison played as true freshmen in 1999. Fonoti, an All-America and national awards candidate, 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). Three other scholarship Huskers have not redshirted in their careers, left cornerback Keyuo Craver, nose tackle Jason Lohr and defensive tackle Jeremy Slechta, who played as true freshmen in 1998.

▶ **FieldTurf...** Nebraska is 12-0 on FieldTurf, the 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. The 2.50-inch blades are resistant to extremes in temperature and have an ultraviolet protectant to help resist fading. Memorial Stadium was filled with 200,000 pounds of ground rubber, recycled from Nebraska tires, and silica sand, before the turf was installed. NU was the first Division I school to install the surface, which has also been installed at other professional facilities and Division I schools.

▶ **Positively Speaking on Turnovers...** In the last 28 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 turnover margin of plus 13.

▶ **When Nebraska Trails...** Last season, Nebraska trailed at least once in eight contests, winning six (vs. Notre Dame in overtime, Iowa, Missouri, Iowa State, Colorado and Northwestern) and losing two (Oklahoma and Kansas State). The last time Nebraska trailed in a game but won, was against Northwestern in the Alamo Bowl. The last time NU trailed in a regular-season game was against Colorado in Nebraska's last regular-season game of 2000, where the Huskers marched 44 yards in 47 seconds to set up Josh Brown's 29-yard field goal as time expired. The win marked 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 at 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 in 1999; and Notre Dame in South Bend, 27-24, in 2000. In 1997, Missouri won the coin toss and Nebraska scored in three plays on a 12-yard Scott Frost run, then held the Tigers. Against CU, Nebraska won the coin toss, held the Buffs to a field goal, then scored five plays later on a one-yard Eric Crouch run. Against Notre Dame, NU 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 and were won by rushing touchdowns (two by Crouch). Nebraska is one of four teams (also UCLA, Houston and Louisiana-Monroe) to have played at least three overtime games and not lost. Entering the 2001 season, Big 12 teams are 12-11 in overtime contests.

▶ **On TV...** Nebraska is 132-57-1 all-time on television, since losing to Oregon in the first-ever nationally televised TV game on Sept. 19, 1953. NU has won 14 of its last 16 TV games. NU is 26-7 under Coach Solich on TV. **ABC TV...** The Huskers are 68-26 all time on ABC and have won 39 of their last 45 ABC telecasts since a 36-21 loss to Washington Sept. 21, 1991. 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 last season (Iowa, Iowa State, Oklahoma). **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. Currently, three regular-season games are scheduled for ABC, including this week's contest against TCU, while the Rice game on Sept. 15 will be broadcast nationally by FOX Sports Net.

▶ **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 ranked 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 Consistently 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. Last year, NU ranked 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. He and his wife, Nancy, have continue to expand the Teammates program for at-risk youths statewide. Osborne was inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame in 1998, and was elected to Congress in Nebraska's 3rd District by a large majority in 2000.

▶ **Huskers in the NFL...Entering training camps...** Entering the start of NFL training camps, 39 former Huskers are active on NFL rosters, including 12 players from last season's team. The 2001 draftees included rush end Kyle Vanden Bosch (Arizona, second round, 34th pick overall), center Dominic Raiola (Detroit, second, 50), linebacker Carlos Polk (San Diego, fourth, 112), I-back Correll Buckhalter (Philadelphia, fourth, 121), offensive guard Russ Hochstein (Tampa Bay, fifth, 151), wingback/return specialist Bobby Newcombe (Arizona, sixth, 166) and I-back Dan Alexander (Tennessee, sixth, 192). Five others signed free agent contracts, defensive tackle Loran Kaiser (Detroit), offensive tackle Jason Schwab (Washington), rover/return specialist Joe Walker (Tennessee), split end Matt Davison (Buffalo Bills) and free safety/rover Clint Finley (Dallas). With the seven selections, NU has had 217 players picked over the last 31 seasons, an average of seven per year. The Huskers also rank among the leaders with 30 first-round draft picks (including 11 in the last 15 drafts).

▶ **O-Line active in NFL...** NU had five offensive linemen active in the NFL in 2000, including Will Shields (Kansas City), Brenden Stai (Jacksonville now with Detroit), 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.

▶ **Husker two-sport athletes...** Several Husker football players spent the off-season helping other Nebraska athletic teams. Split end Wilson Thomas joined the basketball team at the start of the second semester became one of the top reserves for Coach Barry Collier's team, averaging 1.8 points and 1.7 rebounds in 11 minutes per game. Willie Amos (relays), Keyuo Craver (triple jump) and Aaron Golliday (shot put) all played instrumental role in the Huskers' second consecutive Big 12 Indoor Track title last March.

▶ **Johnny Rodgers-Nebraska's Latest Hall of Fame Inductee...** Former Nebraska wingback and Heisman Trophy winner Johnny Rodgers headlined a list of 14 inductees into the 2000 College Football Hall of Fame. The class was honored at a banquet in New York last December and was enshrined at the the Hall of Fame in South Bend, Ind., earlier this month. Rodgers became the 12th Nebraska player to join the Hall of Fame, while six Husker coaches are members of the Hall of Fame.

2001 Husker Depth Chart

(Includes 105 early reports only, official depth to be released Aug. 21)

Offense

- SE:** 9 Wilson Thomas**, 6-6, 215, Jr., Omaha, Neb. (2)
5 Ben Zajicek, 6-0, 210, Fr., Beatrice, Neb.
19 John Klem*, 6-0, 200, Jr., Lincoln, Neb.
- LT:** 58 DAVE VOLK***, 6-5, 300, Sr., Battle Creek, Neb. (11)
67 Nate Kolterman*, 6-3, 330, Jr., Seward, Neb.
73 Scott Koethe*, 6-5, 310, Jr., Central City, Neb.
-OR-72 Tim Green, 6-4, 325, So., Omaha, Neb.
- LG:** 77 TONI FONOTI**, 6-4, 340, Jr., Hauula, Hawaii (11)
78 Mike Erickson, 6-4, 300, Fr., Omaha, Neb.
71 Jake Andersen, 6-1, 290, Fr., Littleton, Colo.
- C:** 66 Jon Rutherford**, 6-3, 300, Sr., Midwest City, Okla.
-OR-52 John Garrison**, 6-4, 285, Jr., Blue Springs, Mo.
53 Matt Shook*, 6-2, 300, Jr., Medina, Ohio
74 David Kolowski, 6-5, 300, Jr., Omaha, Neb.
- RG:** 66 Jon Rutherford**, 6-3, 300, Sr., Midwest City, Okla.
-OR-59 Wes Cody*, 6-2, 295, Jr., Fremont, Neb.
55 Junior Tagoa'i*, 6-2, 290, So., Hauula, Hawaii
- RT:** 66 Jon Rutherford**, 6-3, 300, Sr., Midwest City, Okla.
-OR-68 Dan Waldrop*, 6-5, 330, So., Wilmington, Calif.
76 Chris Loos*, 6-3, 310, So., Lincoln, Neb.
75 Kyle Kollmorgen***, 6-5, 310, Sr., Lincoln, Neb.
- TE:** 87 TRACEY WISTROM***, 6-5, 240, Sr., Webb City, Mo. (9)
99 Aaron Golliday**, 6-4, 285, Jr., York, Neb. (3)
84 Jon Bowling**, 6-3, 245, Jr., Lincoln, Neb.
86 Kyle Ringenberg, 6-5, 245, Jr., Elkhorn, Neb.
- QB:** 7 ERIC CROUCH***, 6-1, 200, Sr., Omaha, Neb. (11)
10 Jammal Lord*, 6-2, 215, So., Bayonne, N.J.
11 Joe Chrisman**, 5-11, 190, Jr., Longmont, Colo.
- FB:** 4 Judd Davies*, 6-0, 240, So., Omaha, Neb.
-OR-45 Steve Kriewald, 5-10, 255, Fr., Scotia, Neb.
37 Paul Kastl*, 5-10, 230, Jr., Lincoln, Neb.
49 Nick Gragert, 6-0, 230, Sr., Columbus, Neb.
- IB:** 30 Dahrran Diedrick**, 6-0, 225, Jr., Scarborough, Ontario
6 DeAntae Grixby*, 5-8, 205, So., Omaha, Neb.
-OR-1 Thunder Collins*, 6-2, 190, Jr., Los Angeles, Calif.
21 Robin Miller*, 5-11, 225, So., Kent, Wash.
- WB:** 8 John Gibson***, 6-0, 195, Sr., Papillion, Neb.+ (3)
89 Troy Hassebroek**, 6-4, 220, Jr., Lincoln, Neb.
81 Ben Cornelsen*, 5-10, 190, Jr., Shawnee, Kan.
31 Fred Thorne, 5-10, 185, So., Lincoln, Neb.
- PK:** 22 Sandro DeAngelis, 5-8, 195, Fr., Niagara Falls, Ontario
- KO:** 22 Sandro DeAngelis, 5-8, 195, Fr., Niagara Falls, Ontario

Key: * indicates letters earned; returning lettermen in **boldface**; returning starters (four or more starts) in **CAPS**; OR means a starter has not been determined, while AND means the two players are both on first team and are expected to rotate; (2000 regular-season starts in parenthesis).

Depth from media guide with 105-man adjustments, Aug. 15.

Defense

- LRE:** 57 CHRIS KELSAY**, 6-5, 270, Jr., Auburn, Neb. (7)
92 Justin Smith**, 6-4, 260, Jr., Sherman, Texas
-OR-95 J.P. Wichmann**, 6-4, 230, Sr., Shawnee, Kan.
- NT:** 70 JASON LOHR***, 6-2, 275, Sr., Tulsa, Okla. (11)
55 Jon Clanton**, 6-2, 280, Jr., Glendale, Ariz.
91 Manaia Brown, 6-4, 300, Fr., West Valley City, Utah
-OR-59 Ryon Bingham, 6-3, 275, So., Sandy, Utah
- DT:** 56 JEREMY SLECHTA***, 6-6, 285, Sr., LaVista, Neb. (4)
85 Casey Nelson**, 6-2, 285, Sr., Newman Grove, Neb.
-OR-94 Patrick Kabongo*, 6-6, 290, So., Montreal, Quebec
- RRE:** 98 DEMOINE ADAMS**, 6-2, 235, Jr., Pine Bluff, Ark. (4)
-OR-88 Trevor Johnson*, 6-4, 250, So., Lincoln, Neb.
10 Benard Thomas*, 6-4, 250, So., East Palo Alto, Calif.
-OR-95 J.P. Wichmann**, 6-4, 230, Sr., Shawnee, Kan.
- SLB:** 43 SCOTT SHANLE**, 6-2, 235, Jr., St. Edward, Neb. (9)
47 Ira Cooper, 6-2, 220, Fr., Omaha, Neb.
51 Gabe Fries, 6-2, 230, Jr., Benkelman, Neb.
- MLB:** 48 Jamie Burrow***, 6-1, 245, Sr., Ames, Iowa
17 T.J. Hollowell*, 6-0, 220, So., Copperas Cove, Texas
- WLB:** 9 Mark Vedral***, 6-1, 210, Sr., Gregory, S.D. (1)
23 Blanchard Johnson*, 5-11, 205, So., Omaha, Neb.
44 Jason Richenberger, 6-1, 220, Fr., Liberty, Mo.
- LCB:** 3 KEYUO CRAVER***, 5-10, 190, Sr., Harleton, Texas (11)
28 Pat Ricketts*, 5-11, 180, So., Omaha, Neb.
1 Lornell McPherson, 5-9, 175, Fr., Omaha, Neb.
- FS:** 14 DION BOOKER***, 6-1, 205, Sr., Oceanside, Calif. (7)
-OR-27 Willie Amos*, 6-0, 185, So., Sweetwater, Texas
31 Jerrell Pippens*, 6-2, 190, So., Philadelphia, Pa.
- ROV:** 14 DION BOOKER***, 6-1, 205, Sr., Oceanside, Calif. (7)
-OR-40 Lannie Hopkins, 6-2, 205, Fr., Rowlett, Texas
2 Aaron Terpening**, 5-11, 200, Jr., Salem, Ore.
20 Wes Woodward***, 5-8, 185, Sr., Omaha, Neb.
4 Terrell Butler*, 5-9, 190, So., Austell, Ga.
- RCB:** 5 DeJuan Groce**, 5-10, 190, Jr., Garfield Heights, Ohio (2)
-OR-16 ERWIN SWINEY***, 6-0, 185, Sr., Lincoln, Neb. (10)
18 Jeff Hemje***, 6-0, 180, Sr., Grand Island, Neb.
- P:** 19 Kyle Larson, 6-0, 205, So., Funk, Neb.

Specialists

- Holder:** 11 Joe Chrisman**, 7 Eric Crouch***, 32 Kelly Cook,
Snapper: 52 JOHN GARRISON** (11), 87 Tracey Wistrom***,
74 David Kolowski
Punt Ret.: 5 DeJuan Groce**, 3 Keyuo Craver***,
81 Ben Cornelsen*, 4 Terrell Butler*
Kickoff Ret.: 25 Josh Davis, 81 Ben Cornelsen*