

NEBRASKA FOOTBALL

2001

Husker Records and Streaks

- ▶ NCAA-record 240 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
- ▶ 327 consecutive weeks ranked by the Associated Press, a continuing AP record
- ▶ 32 consecutive years ranked in AP top 25
- ▶ 14-game home winning streak
- ▶ 92-10 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. 28: Defensive Coordinator Craig Bohl from 11:50 a.m.-Noon; Coach Frank Solich from Noon-12:30 p.m.; QB Eric Crouch from 12:30 - 12:40; other selected players from 12:40-1:30 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 3 p.m.

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Game 2: No. 4/4 Nebraska (1-0) vs. Troy State (0-0)

DATE: Saturday, Sept. 1, 2001; **TIME:** 11:38 a.m.

SITE: Memorial Stadium—241st Consecutive Sellout; **STADIUM CAPACITY:** 73,918

FIELD: Tom Osborne Field, Lincoln, Nebraska; **SURFACE:** FieldTurf (1999)

TV: Fox Sports Net (Drew Goodman--BBP, Dave Lapham--Color, Jim Knox--Sideline); **Big 12 Syndicated Game of the Week (KXVO, Channel 15 in Lincoln)**

NEBRASKA RADIO: Pinnacle Sports Network (Warren Swain-Play-by-Play; Color-Adrian Fiala; Dave Weber-Halftime Studio Host)

No. 4/4 Nebraska (1-0) Hosts Troy State (0-0) in Game 2

With one win under its belt, Nebraska (1-0) will play host to Troy State this week. The Nebraska defense put up an impressive performance last weekend, holding TCU to just seven points and 186 yards in the 21-7 victory. The Huskers were led by quarterback Eric Crouch as he totaled 220 yards and became the school's career leader in total offense with 5,510 yards.

Now the Huskers turn their attention to first-time opponent Troy State. The Trojans, an independent team from Troy, Ala., will open its 2001 season, as well as its first year of Division I-A ball at Nebraska. Last year the Trojans posted a 10-2 record and made the Division I-AA playoffs for the eighth time in nine seasons. The game is a sellout, Memorial Stadium's 241st consecutive. Fox Sports Net will televise the Troy State game in an 11:38 a.m. kickoff, in the Big 12 Conference syndicated game of the week.

Game One Recap

Nebraska 21, TCU 7, Lincoln, Neb.

Quarterback Eric Crouch became Nebraska's all-time total-offense leader, accounting for 220 yards in leading the fourth-ranked Huskers to a 21-7 victory over TCU in front of a crowd of 77,473 in the 2001 NACDA Pigskin Classic last Saturday. The win marked Nebraska's 14th straight win at home; NU's fifth straight in a preseason game; extended the Huskers' season-opening winning streak to 16; and was Nebraska's sixth straight win against TCU.

Crouch rushed for 69 yards and a score on 24 carries, completed 10-of-18 passes for 151 yards and earned team MVP honors. With his 220 yards of total offense, the senior from Omaha became NU's all-time total-offense leader, passing former Johnny Unitas award winner Tommie Frazier's total of 5,476 set from 1992 to 1995. Crouch now has 5,510 total-offense yards in his three-plus seasons at NU. Crouch was named the NACDA Pigskin Classic Nebraska MVP.

Junior I-back Thunder Collins, starting his first game for the Huskers, rushed for 71 yards, scoring on runs of six and 26 yards, on 14 carries.

While the Huskers amassed 310 yards of total offense against a team that led the nation in total defense last season, the Blackshirt defense allowed just 186 yards of total offense, including just 56 yards on the ground and six first downs. Except for a broken play that resulted in a 67-yard touchdown pass, the Husker Blackshirts held TCU to just 119 yards on the day.

Collins' first touchdown, a six-yard run, came on the Huskers' first possession, as NU marched 70

The 2001 Nebraska (1-0) Football Schedule

Day	Date	Opponent	Time/Res.	TV	Series	Last Meeting (Site) / Notes
Sat.	Aug. 25	TCU	W 21-7	ABC	NU leads 6-1	Crouch MVP for NU as he sets Nebraska career total offense record
Sat.	Sept. 1	Troy State	11:38 a.m.	Big 12*	0-0-0	First Meeting, Troy State is Division I-A Independent in 2001
Sat.	Sept. 8	Notre Dame	7 p.m.	ABC	7-7-1	NU def. Notre Dame 27-24, in OT in 2000 in South Bend
Sat.	Sept. 15	Rice	6 p.m.	FSN	0-0-0	First Meeting; NU Defensive Coordinator Craig Bohl former Rice assistant
Sat.	Sept. 29	at Missouri #	TBA		NU 59-32-3	NU 42-24 in 2000; NU has won 22 straight over Tigers
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 has won last 32 straight Homecomings
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

yards on six plays in taking a 7-0 lead. Collins combined with Crouch for all 70 yards on the drive. Crouch set up the score with a 33-yard scamper deep into TCU territory.

The Horned Frogs would waste little time knotting the score, as Casey Printers connected with Matt Schobel for a 67-yard touchdown pass. Printers eluded the Blackshirts' pass rush, then reversed field before finding Schobel open behind the Nebraska defense for the score.

Nebraska took a 13-7 lead with 1:27 remaining in the first quarter, as Crouch capped a 55-yard drive with a sneak from one yard. Crouch found wingback John Gibson for a 41-yard completion to the TCU 11-yard line, before NU scored three plays later.

Holding a narrow six-point lead midway through the third quarter, the Huskers started a drive at their own 2-yard line and marched 98 yards in 10 plays to extend their lead to the final margin of 21-7. On the drive, Crouch broke free for a 42-yard run to the TCU 32, which set up Collins' second score of the day, a 26-yard run with 25 seconds remaining in the third period.

Coach Solich said the team gained a lot from the early game. "We got a lot out of this," Solich said. "We were in a tough football game and we responded. We had young players who played hard, and I think some of those younger players played very well. And that was the idea behind the game."

Charting the Huskers vs. TCU

► Senior quarterback **Eric Crouch** improved to 25-5 as a starter and broke the school's total offense record vs. TCU. When Crouch completed a 28-yard pass to Tracey Wistrom in the fourth quarter, Crouch went over the 200-yard total offense mark in the game and broke the record. Entering the contest, Crouch needed just 187 total-offense yards to take over the career mark. Crouch now has 5,510 total-offense yards, passing Tommie Frazier's 5,476 total-offense yards from 1992 to 1995. A Heisman, Davey O'Brien and All-America candidate, Crouch owns the school career rushing record for quarterbacks with 2,388 yards (ranks 13th overall) and ranks sixth in passing yards at Nebraska with 3,122 yards. Crouch had 69 yards rushing (on 24 carries) and was 10-18 passing for 151 yards. He had one rushing touchdown (one-yard run), no passing touchdowns and was intercepted once (by Jason Goss in the first half, was not converted to points). Crouch had 20-or-more carries for the seventh time in his career; more than 50 yards rushing for the 25th time in his career (NU is 23-2 in those games); and more than 150 yards passing for the sixth time in his career (4-2 record). He has now been responsible for at least one touchdown in 23 straight games. Crouch was involved in four plays of 25 yards or more, including two passes (28 to Wistrom and 41 to John Gibson) and two runs (42 and 33 yards). After Crouch led the Huskers on a 98-yard drive to go up 19-7, Crouch successfully completed a two-point conversion by rush, giving him 260 career points to rank fifth all time at Nebraska. Crouch was named the NACDA Pigskin MVP for Nebraska (and received a \$5,000 postgraduate scholarship), was Nebraska's nominee for Big 12 Offensive Player of the Week honors, and was the ABC/Chvrolet Player-of-the-Game for the 10th time in his career.

TCU Coach Gary Patterson said Crouch is a winner. "Crouch is the real deal," Patterson said. "When he had to, he made plays. He made a difference. That's what winners do, and that's what teams that win championships do."

► Senior tight end **Tracey Wistrom** had three catches for 38 yards vs. TCU, including a long of 28 yards for a Husker first down. He now has 40 career catches for 865 yards to rank as the Huskers' third-best tight end in receiving yards. He is 36 yards shy of Jerry List's 901 yards from 1970 to 1972. His 40 catches rank fourth among tight ends, two behind Johnny Mitchell's 42 from 1990 to 1991. Wistrom, a candidate for the John Mackey and Biletnikoff awards, is the school's career leader in yards per catch, averaging 21.6.

► Senior **Jamie Burrow** had the difficult task of replacing All-American and team captain Carlos Polk at middle linebacker. But the first-time starter had an excellent game and led the team in tackles with eight, including two solo stops. He also tied for the team lead with two tackles for loss. Burrow said the defense played inspired. "We came out with a lot of emotion today and that's what we set out to do—four quarters, 11 men against the run, 11 men against the pass." Burrow said. "We were relentless for four quarters."

► Senior left cornerback **Keyuo Craver** had one PBU and four tackles vs. TCU. He is second on the NU career pass breakups list with 29, followed by fellow corner **Erwin Swiney's** 26. Craver, a member of the Jim Thorpe Award Watch List, is 21 pass breakups behind All-American Ralph Brown, who had 50 from 1996 to 1999.

► Junior split end **Wilson Thomas** caught three passes for 53 yards for a new career high. All three of his catches bettered his previous career best (eight yards vs. Kansas in 2000). His catches were for 11, 20 and 22 yards.

► First-time starter **Kyle Larson**, punted eight times and averaged 48.6 yards per punt. Each of his first five punts pinned TCU inside the 20-yard line, with the line of scrimmage beginning at the 15, 9, 1, 15, 18. Last year, career record holder Dan Hadenfeldt had just five punts inside the 20-yard line all season. TCU had just 21 yards on five punt returns. All eight of his punts went at least 40 yards, six were over 45 yards and four over 50 with a career best of 56 yards. Coach Frank Solich said this of Larson. "He had a great game. He got the ball off well and really had some hang time as well as some depth."

► Junior I-back **Thunder Collins**, in his first career start, was the game's leading rusher with 71 yards on 14 carries. He capped NU's 98-yard drive with a 26-yard scamper around the corner and also scored on a six-yard run.

Nine Husker First-Time Starters

Nine Huskers earned starts for the first time in their careers. First-time starters included: **OFFENSE (5)...Center**—John Garrison, junior; **Right Guard**—Jon Rutherford, senior; **Right Tackle**—Dan Waldrop, sophomore; **Fullback**—Judd Davies, sophomore (2-1-0 rushing vs. TCU); **I-back**—Thunder Collins, junior (14-71-2 rushing and 1-12-0 receiving); **DEFENSE (2)...MLB**—Jamie Burrow, senior (eight tackles, two for losses); **Free Safety**—Willie Amos, sophomore (three tackles); **KICKERS (2)...PK/Kickoffs**—Sandro DeAngelis, freshman (1-1 PAT); **Punter**—Kyle Larson, sophomore (eight punts, 48.6 ypp, five inside the 20).

Three True Freshmen See Action vs. TCU

Three true freshmen played for the Huskers vs. TCU, including rover Philip Bland (one pass breakup), MLB Barrett Ruud (five tackles, one solo) and wingback Mike Stuntz (no receptions). Ruud and Bland saw action on special teams as well as on the defensive side of the ball in both halves. In addition, Clifford Brye, Nebraska's only junior college transfer in the 2001 recruiting class, also saw action at split end. Under Coach Solich, Nebraska played three true freshmen in 1998, two in 1999 and four in 2000, but Stuntz is the first skill position player on offense to see action.

Miscellaneous Numbers

► **Sacks...**Two Huskers had sacks vs. TCU, RE **Demoine Adams** had 1-11 and RE **Justin Smith** had 1-8. NU had 12 tackles for loss, two each by **Burrow, Chris Kelsay, Smith, Jeremy Slechta** and **Casey Nelson**.

► **Turnovers...**Nebraska committed two turnovers, an interception and a fumble, and TCU had one fumble lost, but neither team converted. For Nebraska, rush end **Chris Kelsay** caused Ricky Madison to fumble and linebacker **Scott Shanle** recovered.

► **Possession time...**Nebraska 33:58; TCU 26:02.

► **On third down...**NU, 7-of-17 on third down, while TCU was 1-for-12.

► **First downs...**16 for NU, 6 for TCU. The six first downs by TCU were the fewest the Husker defense has allowed under Solich, and fewest since Texas Tech had six in 1997.

► **Long plays of 25 yards or more...**Nebraska (6)...I-back **Josh Davis** 35 yard kickoff return; Crouch 41-yard pass to John Gibson (career long for Gibson, previous best was an 11-yard catch vs. Southern Miss last year.); Crouch 28-yard pass to Wistrom; Crouch 42-yard run, 33-yard run; Collins 26-yard run. TCU (2)...Casey Printers to Matt Schobel, 67 yards; and Printers to Adrian Madise, 29 yards.

► **Yards...**Nebraska had 310 yards, including 159 by rush. The 159 rushing yards is the lowest for the Huskers since NU totaled 119 vs. Southern Miss in 1999. TCU had 186, including 56 rushing yards. Take away the two long plays and TCU would have totaled 90 yards.

2001 Big 12 Standings

North		Records	
Team	Overall	Big 12	Last Week
Nebraska	1-0	0-0	W, TCU, 21-7
Kansas State	0-0	0-0	DNP
Iowa State	0-0	0-0	DNP
Kansas	0-0	0-0	DNP
Missouri	0-0	0-0	DNP
Colorado	0-1	0-0	L, Fresno, 22-24

South		Records	
Team	Overall	Big 12	Last Week
Oklahoma	1-0	0-0	W, UNC, 41-27
Texas	0-0	0-0	DNP
Texas A&M	0-0	0-0	DNP
Texas Tech	0-0	0-0	DNP
Okla. St.	0-0	0-0	DNP
Baylor	0-0	0-0	DNP

2001 Non-Conference Opponents:

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

2001 Troy State Schedule

9/1	at Nebraska (FSN)
9/8	at Middle Tennessee State
9/15	Appalachian State
9/22	Nicholls State
10/6	at Miami (Fla.)
10/13	at Mississippi State
10/20	Cal State-Northridge
10/27	Southern Utah
11/3	at Maryland
11/10	at Louisiana-Monroe
11/17	Jacksonville State

2000 Troy State Results (10-2)

9/2	at Alabama A&M	W	28-13
9/9	at Appalachian St.	W	34-28
9/16	Alabama State	W	62-19
9/30	at South Florida	L	10-20
10/7	at Northwestern St.	W	forfeit
10/12	Southwest Texas	W	31-7
10/21	at Sam Houston St.	W	23-21
10/28	Nicholls State	W	41-12
11/4	at Stephen F. Austin	W	6-0
11/11	McNeese State	W	20-16
11/18	at Jacksonville St.	W	28-0
11/25	at Appalachian St.*	L	30-33

* I-AA playoff game

Nebraska-Troy State Notes

- ▶ This week's game will be Troy State's first game at the Division I-A level in football.
- ▶ Troy State is one of two first-time opponents on Nebraska's 2001 schedule, joining Rice (Sept. 15).
- ▶ Nebraska is 6-3 all time against teams from the state of Alabama (3-0 vs. Auburn; 1-0 vs. UAB; 2-3 vs. Alabama).
- ▶ Troy State earned bids in the I-AA playoffs in eight of the last nine years. In 1984 and 1987, the Trojans won Division II national titles.
- ▶ Before changing its nickname to Trojans in 1973, Troy State was known as the Red Wave, a derivation of Alabama's Crimson Tide.

Scouting Troy State

Troy State comes to Lincoln to meet the Huskers for the first time in the Trojans' first game as an NCAA Division I-A team after spending the past nine seasons in Division I-AA. Although the Trojans will have to overcome long odds to upset the Huskers, Troy State is no stranger to success on the gridiron. The Trojans earned I-AA playoff bids in eight of their nine seasons in the division. Before moving up to Division I-AA, Troy State claimed Division II national championships in 1984 and 1987.

Troy State finished with a 10-2 record and advanced to the I-AA playoffs before losing to Appalachian State, 33-30, on Nov. 25, 2000. The Trojans finished the season ranked No. 5 in the ESPN/USA Today I-AA Top 25, after spending three weeks at No. 1 (Sept. 11-25) in 2000.

Troy State featured a balanced attack last season, averaging 160.6 yards rushing and 169.9 yards passing for 330.5 yards of total offense per game. Defensively, the Trojans held opponents to 294.1 yards of total offense per game, surrendering 193.3 yards passing, but just 100.8 rushing per game.

The Trojans return 14 starters, with seven on defense and five on offense, including quarterback Brock Nutter and tailback Demontray Carter. Nutter, a first-team Southland Football League selection, passed for 1,800 yards and 13 touchdowns. Carter rushed for 804 yards and six touchdowns on 135 carries (6.0 ypc) last season to earn SFL Newcomer-of-the-Year honors. Defensively, the Trojans will be led by linebacker Naazir Yamini, who posted 120 total tackles, including 11 tackles for 47 yards lost with six sacks for 32 yards lost a year ago. Fellow linebacker Jimmy McClain added 107 total tackles and two interceptions.

Located in Troy, Ala., which is just 48 miles south of Montgomery, Troy State's enrollment of 6,630 makes it the second-smallest school on Nebraska's schedule this season, trailing only Rice's enrollment of 4,320.

Troy State Head Coach Larry Blakeney

Coach Larry Blakeney (Auburn, 1970) brings his Troy State squad to Lincoln in search of its first victory as a Division I-A team. Entering his 11th season, Blakeney has produced an impressive 92-29-1 record, including eight I-AA playoff appearances. Blakeney was also the AFCA Division I-AA Regional Coach of the Year and the Southland Football League Coach of the Year in 2000.

Before leading the Trojans in their transition from Division II to I-AA from 1991 to 1993, Blakeney spent 14 seasons as an assistant coach at his alma mater, Auburn. Before joining the Auburn staff in 1977, Blakeney was a high school coach from 1969 to 1976.

Blakeney was a three-year letterman as a quarterback at Auburn and also lettered in baseball in 1968 and 1969 as a shortstop and third baseman for the Tigers. Several of Blakeney's assistant coaches also have ties to Auburn, including assistant head coach Wayne Bolt, who was an assistant coach at Auburn from 1981 to 1985 and 1990. Tight ends coach Jim Dye was a graduate assistant at Auburn from 1986 to 1987, while defensive ends coach Tracy Rucker (1985-88) was a two-time All-American, and defensive tackles coach Mike Pelton (1991-94) was a second-team All-American and a first-team All-SEC pick for the Tigers.

The Nebraska-Troy State Series (First Meeting)

Nebraska's game with Troy State will be the first meeting between the two schools on the football field, but the Huskers have enjoyed success against Alabama schools in the past. Nebraska is 3-0 all-time against Coach Larry Blakeney's alma mater Auburn, but just 2-3 against Alabama. In the last meeting between the Huskers and an Alabama school, then-No. 4 Nebraska defeated UAB, 38-7, on Sept. 5, 1998, in Lincoln.

The only meeting between the Huskers and Trojans in any sport came when the Nebraska women's basketball team overwhelmed Troy State, 108-54, at the Bob Devaney Sports Center on Dec. 8, 1998.

Troy State Top Statistical Returnees

Rushing	Att.	Yards	Avg.	TD
Demontray Carter, TB	135	804	6.0	6
LeBarron Black, TB	110	385	3.5	3
LaQuateus Justice, FB	33	135	4.1	1

Passing	Att.	Comp.	Pct.	Int.	Yards	TD
Brock Nutter, QB	140	285	54.3	5	1,800	78

Receiving	No.	Yards	Avg.	TD
Heyward Skipper, WR	26	386	14.8	2
LeBarron Black, TB	14	87	6.2	0
Demontray Carter, TB	12	224	18.7	2
Daniel O'Brien, WR	11	131	11.9	1

Scoring	TD	PAT	2PAT	FG	Pts.
Demontray Carter, TB	9	0	0	0	54

Tackles	UT	AT	TT	TFL	Sacks
Naazir Yamini, LB	68	52	120	11-47	6-32
Jimmy McClain, LB	63	44	107	1-5	0-0

Interceptions	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TD
Jimmy McClain, LB	2	105	52.5	0
Rayshun Reed, DB	2	44	22.0	1

Division I-A Coaches

Best Career Starts

First Four Years by Wins

<u>Rank</u> , <u>Coach</u> , <u>School</u>	<u>Years</u>	<u>Rec.</u>
1. Walter Camp, Yale	1888-91	54-2-0
2. George Woodruff, Penn	1892-95	53-4-0
3. *John Robinson, USC	1976-79	42-6-1
4. Barry Switzer, Oklahoma	1973-76	41-3-2
5. Bill Battle, Tennessee	1970-73	39-9-0
* Frank Solich, NU	1998-01	32-7-0

(*Active)

Solich vs. Ranked AP Teams (7-6)

<u>(Gametime rank)</u>		<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
2001:				

Solich Superlatives

When Rushing for 300 Yards	18-0
When Rushing for 400 Yards	8-0
When Rushing for 500 Yards	1-0
When NU player rushes for 100 Yards	21-4
When Opp. has 100 Yd. Rusher	7-3
When Scoring 35 or More Points	20-0
When Hold Opp. to less than 10 Pts. .	13-0
Consecutive Weeks Ranked by AP	52

Individual Honors

Draft Picks	17
All-Americans	5
Academic All-Americans	6
All-Conference Winners	16
Academic All-Conference Winners	66

Team Honors

Conference Championships	1
Nine-Win Seasons	3
10-Win Seasons	2
11-Win Seasons	1
12-Win Seasons	1

NCAA Team Statistical Top 15 Finishes

Rushing Offense (1 national title)/Def. ...	3/1
Passing Offense/Defense	0/2
Total Offense/Defense	1/1
Scoring Offense/Defense	3/2

**Big 12 Conference/Nebraska
Player of the Week Nominees**

<u>Game</u>	<u>Offense</u>	<u>Defense</u>	<u>Special</u>
TCU	Crouch	Burrow	Larson

boldface underlined=winner;*=co-winner

The Road to the Roses--NU's 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 first three opponents open their seasons vs. Nebraska, and NU has back-to-back night games for the first time in Husker history on Sept. 8 and Sept. 15, vs. Notre Dame and Rice, respectively.

The Huskers' 2001 schedule features four straight home games for the first time since 1990. Nebraska opened the season with a 21-7 win over TCU in the NACDA Pigskin Classic. This week Troy State comes to town. For the second consecutive week and second of four straight, NU will play on television, as Fox Sports Net airs the game on the Big 12 syndicated package at 11:38 a.m. NU plays host to 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. NU closes its four-game season-opening homestand against Rice on Sept. 15 in a 6 p.m. Fox Sports Net kickoff. Rice and Troy State are first-time opponents of the Huskers.

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) is in his fourth season at the helm of the Huskers and owns a 32-7 school and career record. Solich is seven wins shy of ranking among the top five on the all-time Division I-A list for wins in the first four seasons as a head coach.

Solich was named Nebraska's 26th head coach on Dec. 10, 1997, after serving as an NU assistant for 19 years. He played fullback for Hall of Fame Coach Bob Devaney, lettering in 1963-64-65. Solich was the first Husker running back to rush for 200 yards in a game and remains the only fullback to accomplish that feat. He also lettered for the NU baseball team in 1965. After serving as a local high school football coach for 14 years, Solich took over the NU freshman program and posted a 19-1 record from 1979 to 1982. He was elevated to NU's running backs coach after four seasons, a position he held for 15 years (1983-97). 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, and a 1-0 start in 2001, Solich's career record stands at 32-7. 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 are 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.

Injury Update

Nebraska exited its first game with no major injuries. Nose tackle Jason Lohr sprained an ankle, but it was not serious. Nine NU players missed the season opener due to injuries, including first-teamers WLB T.J. Hollowell and CB Erwin Swiney. NU is still without the services of Mike linebacker Tony Tata (torn left ACL) and sophomore right guard Jon Dawson (torn right ACL) who tore ligaments during the spring and offensive tackle Chris Loos (torn left ACL, MCL and PCL) who suffered a major knee injury in pre-bowl practices.

Charting Nebraska Record Setters and Awards Candidates

► Senior Left Cornerback Keyuo Craver

Senior corner and captain 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 29. 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 2,388 career rushing yards on 469 carries to rank 13th on the NU career rushing charts, first among quarterbacks. He needs 58 yards to tie Roger Craig's 2,446 yards from 1979 to 1982; 61 yards to tie Rick Bern's 2,449 yards from 1976 to 1978; and 68 yards to move into the Husker top 10, tying Dan Alexander's 2,456 yards from 1997 to 2000. With a 100-yard rushing day vs. Troy State, Crouch would tie Keith Jones' 2,488 yards from 1983 to 1987. Crouch's 2,388 career rushing yards rank 15th all time among Division I-A quarterbacks. Crouch needs 612 yards to become one of just seven quarterbacks in Division I-A to rush for 3,000 yards. Crouch ranks 13th in the Big 12 in career rushing yards. Only 13 players have hit the 2,000-yard mark since the Big 12 formed in 1996, and among those only Crouch and Missouri's Corby Jones were quarterbacks. Jones rushed for 2,533 from 1995 to 1998. Crouch needs 145 rushing yards to pass Jones as the Big 12's all-time leading quarterback rusher.

Crouch's 42 rushing touchdowns rank tied for second all time at NU with Ahman Green's 42 rushing TDs from 1995 to 1997. Crouch remains seven rushing touchdowns behind Mike Rozier's school-record 49 set from 1981 to 1983. Crouch ranks second in the Big 12 in career rushing TDs, 22 behind Texas' Ricky Williams' 64.

Crouch is one of 18 Division I-A quarterbacks all time who have rushed for 2,000 yards and passed for 3,000 yards in their careers. Crouch has 3,122 career passing yards, which ranks sixth on the NU passing chart.

In total offense, Crouch holds the Nebraska record with 5,510 yards (sixth in the Big 12). Crouch has 61 total-offense touchdowns, scoring 43 times (one on a reception). He added a two-point conversion run against TCU. He has scored 260 points in his career to rank fifth at Nebraska and in the Big 12.

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 469; Most rushing yards by an NU QB with 2,388; Most rushing touchdowns by an NU QB with 42.

A preseason All-American, Crouch was the co-Big 12 offensive player of the year 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 entered 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 Toniu Fonoti

As a sophomore, Toniu Fonoti earned first-team All-Big 12 honors from the Dallas Morning News and second-team honors from the league coaches and AP. Fonoti 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 had 10 pancakes vs. TCU and has 188 career pancakes, 189 short of Aaron Taylor's school career record of 377 from 1995 to 1997.

► Senior Tight End Tracey Wistrom

Tracey Wistrom, who had three catches for 38 yards against TCU, 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 Big 12. Wistrom earned conference honors for the second straight year and claimed third-team AP All-America honors. He 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 in 1990. Wistrom is on school-record pace for best career average with 21.6 yards per catch (40 receptions, 865 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 21 catches, 180 receiving yards and six receiving touchdowns short of the NU 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.

Charting the Huskers

NU Career Passing QBs

Rank	Player, Years	Yds	TD
1.	Dave Humm, 72-74	5,035	41
2.	Jerry Tagge, 69-71	4,704	32
3.	Tommie Frazier, 92-95	3,521	43
4.	Turner Gill, 80-83	3,317	34
5.	Vince Ferragamo, 75-76	3,224	32
6.	Eric Crouch, 98-01	3,122	22

NU Career Rushing QBs

Rank	Player, Years	Yds	TD
1.	Eric Crouch, 1998-01	2,388	42
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

Rank	Player, Years	Att.	Yds.	TDs
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, 98-01	469	2,388	42

NU Career Total Offense

Rank	Player, Pos., Years	Yards	TDs
1.	Eric Crouch, QB, 98-01	5,510	61
2.	Tommie Frazier, QB, 92-95	5,476	79

NU All-Time Career Scorers

Player, Years	TP
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. Eric Crouch, QB, 98-99-00-01	260
6. Calvin Jones, IB, 91-93	252
24. Josh Brown, PK, 99-00-01	153

NU Top Tight Ends by Yards

Rank	Player, Years	No.Yards	Avg.	TD
1.	Junior Miller, 77-79	55	1,045	19.0
2.	Jerry List, 70-72	61	901	14.8
3.	Tracey Wistrom, 97-01	40	865	21.6
4.	Todd Millikan, 85-88	40	825	20.6
5.	Johnny Mitchell, 90-91	42	816	19.4

school career record holders in bold

NU Career Pass Breakups

Rank, #	Player, Position, Years
1. 50	Ralph Brown, RCB, 1996-97-98-99
2. 29	Keyuo Craver, LCB, 1998-99-00-01
3. 27	Erwin Swiney, RCB, 1997-98-00-01

Senior Left Tackle Dave Volk

Starting every game the last two years at right (1999) and left (2000) tackle, Dave Volk is one of the most consistent linemen NU has ever had. Starting at left tackle this season, Volk has 229 career pancakes including 111 in 1999, 107 last year and six this season. He will contend for athletic and academic All-America honors this season. He owns a 3.289 grade-point average and graduated in August with a bachelor's degree in psychology.

The Receivers

While Nebraska took a big hit at both wideout receiver positions, losing four-year lettermen Matt Davison at split end and Bobby Newcombe at wingback, the Huskers have talent at the receiver positions. Against TCU, five different Huskers had receptions including three each by Wistrom (3-38) and Wilson Thomas (3-53). It was a career-best day for split end Thomas, who entered the season with just one catch. At 6-6, 215, Thomas has big-play potential. Sixth-year senior John Gibson started at wingback and had two receptions for 44 yards, including a career-best 41-yard catch. He has been one of the most consistent Husker receivers this fall. Junior tight end Aaron Golliday and I-back Thunder Collins also had one reception each. True freshman Mike Stuntz saw action at split end, but did not have a reception.

The Running Backs

Dahrran Diedrick is back this week to play against Troy State after serving a one-game suspension last week. In his absence, junior first-time starter Thunder Collins was the game's leading rusher with 71 yards and two touchdowns on 14 carries. Sophomore DeAntae Grixby also saw action (8-15-0), while sophomore Robin Miller sat out with an injury. The fullback position is solid with sophomore Judd Davies and redshirt freshman Steve Kriewald. Nebraska led the nation in rushing last year averaging 349.3 yards per game. While NU only totaled 159 last week vs. TCU, NU is expected to have a solid rushing game again in 2001. Quarterback Eric Crouch led the Huskers in 1999 with 889 yards and was second on the team last season with 971 yards.

Charting the Husker Backs

2001 Rushing Stats, Att-Yd-TD, team leader in boldface

Opp.	Crouch	Diedrick	Collins	Grixby	Davies	Kriewald	TEAM
TCU	24-69-1	DNP	14-71-2	8-15-0	2-1-0	2-3-0	50-159-3

The Defense

Nebraska lost 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. Returning starters include junior rush ends Chris Kelsay and Demoine Adams; senior tackles Jason Lohr (nose) and Jeremy Slechta (DT), junior Sam linebacker Scott Shanle, senior corners Keyuo Craver and Erwin Swiney, and free safety/rover Dion Booker. In addition, junior DeJuan Groce, who started at right corner last week, and senior Mark Vedral who started at Will linebacker, both had previous starting experience. While Jamie Burrow, NU's starting Mike linebacker, is a first-time starter, he has played in 36 games to date.

The Husker defense dominated last Saturday, in all but two plays. If you negate TCU's two long pass plays of 67 and 29 yards, the Horned Frogs would have been held to just 90 total-offense yards. NU caused a turnover and held TCU to just six first downs, the lowest since the Blackshirts held Texas Tech to six first downs in 1997.

Coach Solich wanted to see an aggressive defense this season, and the Huskers did not disappoint in the season opener, with 12 tackles for loss, two sacks, three breakups, and one fumble caused. Nebraska's Shanle recovered the fumble caused by Kelsay, but did not convert.

Charting the Husker Defense

Opp.	Rush	Pass	Total	FD	Sacks	TFL	TO	Pts.
TCU	28-56-0	22-11-0-130-1	50-186-1	6	2-19	12-40	1 FC Kelsay	7

Special Teams

Coach Solich also wanted to see improvement in NU's special teams this season. Despite the absence of place-kicker Josh Brown who was serving a one-game suspension, NU special teams were solid against TCU. First-time punter Kyle Larson had an All-America day, averaging 48.6 yards on eight punts and pinning the Horned Frogs inside the 20 five times. All eight of his punts were for 40 yards or more and four went for more than 50 yards. Nebraska's eight punts were the most since NU punted nine times vs. Texas in the 1999 Big 12 Championship. The Huskers recorded their longest kickoff return since the 1999 season, when sophomore I-back Josh Davis had a career-best 35-yard return vs. TCU (2-52 in game). NU is still looking for improvement in its punt return game after returning nine for 69 yards (7.6 ypr), with a long of 19 yards by cornerback Keyuo Craver. NU bobbed two punts and lost one to TCU. Redshirt freshman Sandro DeAngelis hit on one PAT in place of Brown, but snapper John Garrison had his first bad snap in three years, which holder Joe Chrisman could not convert. To make up for the lost PAT, Crouch scored a two-point PAT via rush on NU's last score.

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	32-7-0	4	0
Since 1962	388-76-5	40	5
1890-1962	366-223-35	72	0
All-Time	754-299-40	112	5

Husker AP Ranking Notes

- ▶ Nebraska has been ranked in the AP poll 327 consecutive weeks—an AP record
- ▶ NU has been ranked in the top 10 for 132 of the last 137 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 95 straight games when holding opponents to 10 points or less.
- ▶ NU has not been shut out in 206 home games and in 63 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** **310-56-5** **.842**
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 754-299-40 record in 1,093 games (.708). In the last 31 years, NU is tops, posting a record of 320-58-5 for an .842 winning percentage (383 games), an average of 10 wins per year. In terms of wins, the Huskers are third in NCAA Division I-A history with 754. 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), Michigan (705), Notre Dame (736) and Alabama (728) are the only four 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 92-10 record (.902 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 50 of 51 home games (14 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 82-3 at home the last 13-plus 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 449-122-20 (.777, 591 games, 112 years) in Lincoln, 324-99-13 (.758, 436 games, 79 years) in Memorial Stadium (since 1923) and 19-1 at home under Coach Solich (.950, 20 games, four years) with a current 14-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 94-5 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 Sellout Streak Reaches 240

Nebraska's Memorial Stadium boasts an NCAA-record 240 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 fewer than Nebraska. NU is 214-26 during the sellout streak (50-9 under Devaney, 145-16 under Osborne, 19-1 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 327

Nebraska extended its AP poll record to 326 consecutive weeks (every

weekly AP poll since Oct. 17, 1981) 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 (201) and Florida (186). The Huskers have been ranked in the top 10 in 132 of the last 137 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 35 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 501 of the last 504 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.

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 (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 233 games against unranked opponents since 1973 (24-1 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 19 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 29 years, Nebraska has gone 218-13-2 against unranked opponents (.940, 233 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 Ground Out 14th Rushing Title in 2000

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).

Huskers in the Polls

Date	A	C	B	1st Plc.	Results
Pre.	4	4	NA	4/6	vs. TCU (8/25)
8/27	4	4	NA	3/4	def. TCU, 21-7

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

Associated Press Poll**(Aug. 27)**

No.	Team (1st)	Record	Points
1.	Florida (21)	0-0	1,723
2.	Miami (Fla.) (33)	0-0	1,710
3.	Oklahoma (10)	1-0	1,610
4.	Nebraska (3)	1-0	1,472
5.	Texas (4)	0-0	1,467
6.	Florida State	0-0	1,452
7.	Oregon (1)	0-0	1,367
8.	Tennessee	0-0	1,347
9.	Virginia Tech	0-0	1,164
10.	Oregon State	0-0	1,024
11.	Georgia Tech	1-0	945
12.	Michigan	0-0	926
13.	<i>Kansas State</i>	<i>0-0</i>	<i>914</i>
14.	LSU	0-0	780
15.	Washington	0-0	679
16.	Northwestern	0-0	660
17.	UCLA	0-0	641
18.	<i>Notre Dame</i>	<i>0-0</i>	<i>594</i>
19.	Clemson	0-0	568
20.	Mississippi State	0-0	541
21.	South Carolina	0-0	367
22.	Wisconsin	1-0	257
23.	Ohio State	0-0	186
24.	Colorado State	0-0	170
25.	Alabama	0-0	131

ESPN/USA Today Coaches Poll**(Aug. 27)**

No.	Team (1st)	Record	Points
1.	Florida (28)	0-0	1,429
2.	Miami (Fla.) (16)	0-0	1,379
3.	<i>Oklahoma (10)</i>	<i>1-0</i>	<i>1,348</i>
4.	Nebraska (2)	1-0	1,255
5.	Florida State (1)	0-0	1,251
6.	Texas (2)	0-0	1,179
7.	Oregon (1)	0-0	1,076
8.	Tennessee	0-0	1,071
9.	Virginia Tech	0-0	969
10.	Michigan	0-0	876
11.	<i>Kansas State</i>	<i>0-0</i>	<i>852</i>
12.	Oregon State	0-0	828
13.	Washington	0-0	662
14.	Georgia Tech	1-0	658
15.	UCLA	0-0	581
16.	Louisiana State	0-0	549
17.	<i>Notre Dame</i>	<i>0-0</i>	<i>535</i>
18.	Clemson	0-0	508
19.	Mississippi State	0-0	470
20.	Northwestern	0-0	356
21.	Ohio State	0-0	260
22.	South Carolina	0-0	236
23.	Wisconsin	1-0	224
24.	Colorado State	0-0	146
25.	Alabama	0-0	132

Italics - 2001 opponents

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 in every game for 63 straight games. Nebraska has not been shut out at home since KSU shut out the Huskers, 12-0, on Homecoming in 1968 (207 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, but made great strides in the season opener against TCU. Against the Horned Frogs, NU allowed a single touchdown and held TCU off the board for the final three periods. With the performance, NU has now won 95 straight games when holding opponents to 10 or less dating back to a 10-7 loss to Iowa on Sept. 12, 1981. In fact, NU is 203-5-1 since 1962 (Devaney's first year) when holding opponents to 10 or fewer points, including a perfect 13-0 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. After allowing 113.7 yards per game last season, NU gave up just 56 yards on 28 rushes (2.0 ypc) on Saturday vs. TCU, including just one rush longer than 15 yards.

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.

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 181 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 Demoin 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...

► **2001 Husker Captains...** 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. 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 helped the Huskers to a 32-7 record over the past three-plus 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.

► **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. Former walk-ons Scott Shanle (SLB) and Kyle Larson (P) both started the 2001 opener vs. TCU.

► **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 NU); sophomore I-back Josh Davis (father Tony played in 1973-75) and 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. This season, NU also welcomes the first set of twins in the program's history in true freshmen Josh and Daniel Bullocks.

► **Non-Redshirts...** In addition to the three freshmen who played in the opener, nine others have bypassed redshirt season during their NU careers. The following are listed along with their true freshman season: Willie Amos (2000); Terrell Butler (2000); T.J. Hollowell (2000); Benard Thomas (2000); Tionu Fonoti (1999); John Garrison (1999); Keyuo Craver (1998); Jason Lohr (1998) and Jeremy Slechta (1998). In 1999, Fonoti became only the third NU offensive lineman in the modern era to play as a first-year freshman, joining center Jake Young (1986) and guard Will Shields (1989).

► **Nebraska Natives...** 10 in-state products entered fall camp at the top of the depth chart at their respective positions, including six on offense; 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 defense side of the ball; LRE Chris Kelsay (Auburn), DT Jeremy Slechta (LaVista), 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.

Records Report

Category Record

All-time	754-299-40
Home	449-122-20
Memorial Stadium	324-99-13
In Last 11 years	35-5
Since 1962	387-76-5
Last 31 years	319-58-5
Last 8 Years	91-10
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	13-0
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 240 Consecutive Sellout Streak...

All-time	214-26
vs. Ranked Teams	35-18

Under Head Coach Frank Solich...

All-Time	32-7
Home	19-1
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	24-1
Home	15-1
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	2-0
September	11-0
October	9-4
November	7-2
December	2-1
January	1-0

NU Streaks...The Huskers have...

- ▶ won 14 straight home games
- ▶ won 16 straight non-conference regular-season games
- ▶ won 19 straight over unranked opponents
- ▶ won 105 straight when rushing for 300 yards
- ▶ won 93 straight when rushing for 400 yards
- ▶ won 95 consecutive games when holding the opponent to 10 or fewer points
- ▶ scored in 63 consecutive games
- ▶ scored in 206 straight home games
- ▶ shut out opponents 100 times

▶ **FieldTurf...**Nebraska is 13-0 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 12 (-1 in 2001).

▶ **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 NU'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 in 2000. 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, when the Huskers trailed 9-0 at halftime before winning 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 133-57-1 all-time on television, since losing to Oregon in the first-ever nationally televised TV game on Sept. 19, 1953. NU has won 15 of its last 17 TV games. NU is 27-7 under Coach Solich on TV. NU is a perfect 4-0 in games televised on the Big 12 TV package (since 1996), outscoring opponents a combined 200-51.

▶ **Former Head Coach Tom Osborne...** Osborne posted a remarkable 255-49-3 record for an .836 winning percentage, all at Nebraska. Osborne coached the Huskers in his 25th consecutive bowl game on Jan. 2, 1998, when the No. 2 Huskers (13-0) defeated No. 3 Tennessee 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 and 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.

A Look at the Numbers

▶ Scoring Drives...

Through one game, Nebraska's average scoring drive has covered 74.3 yards on 7.3 plays in 3:09. TCU produced just one scoring drive, covering 74 yards on four plays in 2:02, which was highlight by a 67-yard touchdown pass from Casey Printers to Matt Schobel.

Nebraska produced a scoring drive that will be hard to beat in either number of plays or distance this season, as the Huskers' third scoring drive covered 10 plays and 98 yards in 4:48 in the third quarter in the season-opening victory over TCU. The drive was capped by Thunder Collins' 26-yard touchdown run that was set up by a 42-yard run by Eric Crouch.

On the opening drive of the season, Nebraska marched 70 yards on six plays in just 2:07 to take a 7-0 lead. That drive was also capped by a Collins run of six yards. After being stopped on their next two possessions, the Huskers moved 55 yards on six plays in 2:31 to take a 13-7 first-quarter lead.

Game	Scoring Time		Avg.	Plays		5 or less	1-Play
	Drives	Total		Total	Avg.		
TCU	3	9:26	3:09	22	7.3	0	0
Totals	3	9:26	3:09	22	7.3	0	0
Opp.	1	2:20	2:02	4	4.0	1	0

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

The Huskers featured the big play in the opening game against TCU, reeling off three long runs, two long pass plays and one long return. Eric Crouch accounted for two of the Huskers' three long runs, with a 33-yard run in the first quarter and a 42-yard run in the third quarter. Thunder Collins produced the Huskers' longest scoring run of the season with his 26-yard dash for Nebraska's third and final touchdown against TCU.

Crouch added two long passes to his two long runs, with a season-best 41-yard completion to John Gibson in the first quarter, which was Gibson's longest reception of his career. Crouch added a 28-yard completion to Tracey Wistrom in the fourth quarter.

TCU managed two long plays, both passes, including a season-best 67-yard scoring strike from Casey Printers to Matt Schobel in the first quarter. The only other long play was a 29-yard completion from Printers to Adrian Madise in the fourth quarter.

TCU	Husker Long Plays				Opponent Long Plays			
	Rush	Pass	Ret	Total	Rush	Pass	Ret	Total
	3	2	1	6	0	2	0	2
Totals	3	2	1	6	0	2	0	2

▶ Nebraska in the Red Zone...

Nebraska converted both of its red zone opportunities against TCU for a perfect 100 percent (2 of 2) success rate. Both of the Huskers' penetrations into the red zone have resulted in rushing touchdowns, the first by Thunder Collins (6 yards) and the second by Eric Crouch (1 yard).

The Blackshirts did not allow a single drive into their red zone against TCU. Aside from a 67-yard scoring pass in the first quarter, the closest TCU got to the Nebraska end zone was the NU 35-yard line after Keyuo Craver fumbled a punt return. TCU could get no closer and was forced to punt three plays later after losing one yard on the drive.

Game	Scores Inside 20				No Score Inside 20				Half/	Pct.
	Chances	Total	TDs	FGs	MissFGs	TOs	Downs	Gm.		
TCU	2	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	1.00	
Totals	2	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	1.00	
Opp.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00	

Note: Nebraska has 2 rushing and 0 passing TDs and no FG in the red zone. Opponents have 0 passing TDs, 0 rushing TDs and 0 FG in the red zone.

▶ Quarterback Drive Efficiency *Total Drives Begun as Starting QB

QB	Drives*	Scores	TDs	FG-FGA	Eff.	Red Zone
Crouch	14	3	3	0-0	.214	2-2
Totals	14	3	3	0-0	.214	2-2

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

▶ Nebraska Points Off Turnovers...

Through one game, Nebraska was a minus-one in turnover margin, committing two turnovers against TCU, while forcing just one turnover. The Huskers fumbled twice but lost just one against the Horned Frogs, and Eric Crouch threw his first interception of the season, but neither turnover was converted into points, as the Blackshirt defense shut down the TCU offense all afternoon. The Blackshirts also forced one fumble, as rush end Chris

Kelsay stripped the ball loose from TCU running back Ricky Madison, which was recovered by linebacker Scott Shanle midway through the second quarter. The Huskers were unable to convert the turnover into points.

Game	TO's		Scores		TO's	
	Gained	TDs	FG-FGA	Pts.	Lost	
TCU	1	0	0-0	0	2 (1 fumble/1 int.)	
Totals	1	0	0-0	0	2 (1 fumble/1 int.)	
Opponent	2	0	0-0	0	1 (1 fumble/0 int.)	

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

Nebraska	Rush	Pass	Total
TCU	50/159/3	18-10-1/151/0	68/310/3
Opponents	Rush	Pass	Total
TCU	28/56/0	22-11-0/130/1	50/186/1

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

For the first time since a 38-14 win over Oklahoma State on Oct. 2, 1999, the Husker offense failed to produce a 100-yard rusher in the 21-7 season-opening win over TCU. Thunder Collins led the Huskers with 71 yards and two touchdowns in his first career start, while Eric Crouch added 69 yards and a score as the Horned Frog defense held the Huskers to just 159 yards rushing on the afternoon, the lowest team rushing total since Southern Miss held the Huskers to 119 yards on Sept. 18, 1999.

▶ Husker 100-Yard Rushing Games (0) (* notes career best)

vs. TCU--None

Opponents--None

▶ Starting Field Position

Nebraska enjoyed a distinct field position advantage throughout the opener against TCU, as the Huskers produced an average starting position at their own 32.6 yard line, while holding TCU to average starting spot at the 24.3, for a +8.3 yard per drive average. Sophomore punter Kyle Larson buried the Horned Frogs inside their own 20 five times, matching Dan Hadenfeldt's season total in 2000. All eight of Larson's punts went for 40 yards or longer, including a 40-yarder that stuck TCU at its own 1-yard line. On the day, TCU started two drives inside its own 10, six drives inside the 20 and two more at the 20. TCU also started two drives on Nebraska's half of the field following turnovers, with a best start at the NU 35.

The Huskers started one drive inside their own 10 yard line with a worst starting position at their own 2. NU started a total of three drives inside its own 20 and enjoyed a best starting field position at the TCU 49. Nebraska started six drives beyond its own 40 yard line against the Horned Frogs.

	NU Avg. Start	Opp. Avg. Start
TCU	32.6 (457/14)	24.3 (340/14)
Total	32.6 (457/14)	24.3 (340/14)

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

▶ Penalty Numbers

Traditionally, Nebraska is one of the most disciplined and well-trained teams in college football, continually making fewer mistakes than its opponents. In the first game this season, the Huskers continued that trend committing just five penalties for 46 yards, while TCU was flagged for 11 penalties and 85 yards. Of Nebraska's five penalties, two were on the offense, two came on special teams and one was on the defense. Seven of TCU's penalties were whistled on the offense, while two came against the special teams and two more against the defense.

	NU Pen.-Yds.	Opp. Pen.-Yds.
TCU	5-46	11-85
Total	5-46	11-85

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

Game	Team 'Cakes	Indiv. (#)	*Sacks Allowed	O-Line Penalties	Perfect Plays
TCU	45	12 (#66)	2	1-10	54.0%
Totals	45	12 (#66)	2	1-10	

▶ Husker Pancake Leaders...

	TCU	Tot Avg.
Rutherford	12	12 12.0
Fonoti	10	10 10.0
Volk	6	6 6.0
Garrison	6	6 6.0
Waldrop	6	6 6.0
Cody	5	5 5.0

2001 Husker Depth Chart (Sunday, Aug. 26)

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.
16 Mike Stuntz, 6-2, 185, Fr., Council Bluffs, Iowa
85 Clifford Brye, 5-10, 175, Jr., Lincoln, Neb.
- LT:** 58 **DAVE VOLK*****, 6-5, 300, Sr., Battle Creek, Neb. (11)
76 **Chris Loos***, 6-3, 310, So., Lincoln, Neb.
75 **Kyle Kollmorgen*****, 6-5, 310, Sr., Lincoln, Neb.
73 **Scott Koethe***, 6-5, 310, Jr., Central City, Neb.
72 Tim Green, 6-4, 325, So., Omaha, Neb.
- LG:** 77 **TONIU 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:** 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.
59 **Wes Cody***, 6-2, 295, Jr., Fremont, Neb.
55 **Junior Tagoa'i***, 6-2, 290, So., Hauula, Hawaii
- RT:** 68 **Dan Waldrop***, 6-5, 330, So., Wilmington, Calif.
69 Nick Povendo, 6-3, 300, Fr., Keller, Texas
67 **Nate Kolterman***, 6-3, 330, Jr., Seward, 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.
45 Steve Kriewald, 5-10, 255, Fr., Scotia, Neb.
49 Nick Gragert, 6-0, 230, Sr., Columbus, Neb.
- IB:** 1 **Thunder Collins***, 6-2, 190, Jr., Los Angeles, Calif.
-OR-30 **Dahrran Diedrick****, 6-0, 225, Jr., Scarborough, Ontario
6 **DeAntae Grixby***, 5-8, 205, So., Omaha, Neb.
25 Josh Davis, 5-11, 195, So., Loveland, Colo.
2 Cory Ross, 5-7, 190, Fr. Denver, Colo.
- 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
-OR-26 **JOSH BROWN****, 6-2, 190, JR., FOYIL, OKLA.
- KO:** 22 Sandro DeAngelis, 5-8, 195, Fr., Niagara Falls, Ontario
-OR-26 **Josh Brown****, 6-2, 190, Jr., Foyil, Okla.

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).

Defense

- LRE:** 57 **CHRIS KELSAY****, 6-5, 270, Jr., Auburn, Neb. (7)
92 **Justin Smith****, 6-4, 260, Jr., Sherman, Texas
-OR-10 **Benard Thomas***, 6-4, 250, So., East Palo Alto, Calif.
- NT:** 70 **JASON LOHR*****, 6-2, 275, Sr., Tulsa, Okla. (11)
55 **Jon Clanton****, 6-2, 280, Jr., Glendale, Ariz.
59 Ryon Bingham, 6-3, 275, So., Sandy, Utah
-OR-91 **Manaia Brown**, 6-4, 300, Fr., West Valley City, Utah
- DT:** 56 **JEREMY SLECHTA*****, 6-6, 285, Sr., LaVista, Neb. (4)
85 **Casey Nelson****, 6-2, 285, Sr., Newman Grove, Neb.
94 **Patrick Kabongo***, 6-6, 290, So., Montreal, Quebec
- RRE:** 98 **DEMOINE ADAMS****, 6-2, 235, Jr., Pine Bluff, Ark. (4)
95 **J.P. Wichmann****, 6-4, 230, Sr., Shawnee, Kan.
-OR-88 **Trevor Johnson***, 6-4, 250, So., Lincoln, Neb.
- 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
38 Barrett Ruud, 6-2, 220, Fr., Lincoln, Neb.
44 Jason Richenberger, 6-1, 220, Fr., Liberty, Mo.
- WLB:** 9 **Mark Vedral*****, 6-1, 210, Sr., Gregory, S.D. (1)
23 **Blanchard Johnson***, 5-11, 205, So., Omaha, Neb.
- LCB:** 3 **KEYUO CRAVER*****, 5-10, 190, Sr., Harleton, Texas (11)
28 **Pat Ricketts***, 5-11, 180, So., Omaha, Neb.
-OR- 1 **Lornell McPherson**, 5-9, 175, Fr., Omaha, Neb.
- FS:** 27 **Willie Amos***, 6-0, 185, So., Sweetwater, Texas
-OR-14 **DION BOOKER*****, 6-1, 205, Sr., Oceanside, Calif. (7)
31 **Jerrell Pippens***, 6-2, 190, So., Philadelphia, Pa.
- ROV:** 14 **DION BOOKER*****, 6-1, 205, Sr., Oceanside, Calif. (7)
40 Lannie Hopkins, 6-2, 205, Fr., Rowlett, Texas
-OR-21 **Philip Bland**, 6-0, 205, Fr., Lafayette, Colo.
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.
26 **Josh Brown****, 6-2, 190, Jr., Foyil, Okla.

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***, 25 **Josh Davis**
Kickoff Ret.: 25 **Josh Davis**, 1 **Thunder Collins**