

# NEBRASKA FOOTBALL

## 2001

### Husker Records and Streaks

- ▶ NCAA-record 242 consecutive sellouts in Memorial Stadium (counting Notre Dame)
- ▶ 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
- ▶ 328 consecutive weeks ranked by the Associated Press, a continuing AP record
- ▶ 32 consecutive years ranked in AP top 25
- ▶ 15-game home winning streak
- ▶ 93-10 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, Sept. 4: Lunch at 11 a.m.; Volleyball Coach John Cook at 11:15 a.m.; Soccer Coach John Walker at 11:30 a.m.; 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 3: No. 5/4 Nebraska (2-0) vs. No. 17/17 Notre Dame (0-0)

**DATE:** Saturday, Sept. 8, 2001; **TIME:** 7:07 p.m.

**SITE:** Memorial Stadium--242nd Consecutive Sellout; **STADIUM CAPACITY:** 73,918

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

**NATIONAL TV:** ABC (PBP-Brent Musburger; Color-Gary Danielson; Sideline--Jack Arute)

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

**OTHER:** ESPN GameDay to Broadcast Live from Memorial Stadium

### No. 5/4 Nebraska (2-0) Hosts No. 17/17 Notre Dame (0-0)

The Husker defense continued to dominate as NU held Troy State to just two yards in the second half of a 42-14 win. The Huskers were led by starting I-back Dahrran Diedrick's 177 yards. Troy State, meanwhile, was held to minus-25 rushing yards, the fourth-lowest rushing total against a Husker defense. That mark was aided by eight sacks of TSU quarterback Brock Nutter.

Now the Huskers (2-0) can turn their attention to Notre Dame (0-0), a game that has gained national attention and is significant in the Huskers' "Run for the Roses." For the third straight week, Nebraska plays host to a team that is opening its season in Lincoln. The statistics are in Nebraska's favor, as the Huskers have won 15 straight in Memorial Stadium, which will host its 242nd consecutive sellout. ABC will broadcast the game to a national audience and ESPN's GameDay and the Sears National Champion Football Trophy will also be in town. The Huskers are also pleased to host and honor Lt. Shane Osborn at the game. Osborn successfully landed the damaged US spy plane on a China island.

The Huskers defeated the Irish in South Bend last year, 27-24, but needed overtime to wrap up the win. NU was led by Heisman candidate Eric Crouch, who scored three rushing TDs, including a game-winner in overtime that followed a Nick Setta 29-yard field goal for the Irish. Crouch had 103 yards passing and 80 yards rushing. The Irish had two back-to-back long returns for touchdowns, including a 100-yard kickoff return by Julius Jones and an 83-yard punt return by Joey Getherall to tie the game.

This season's matchup marks the 16th meeting between the two schools, but just the third since 1948. The winner will take the advantage in a series that is locked in a 7-7-1 tie. Thirteen of the games were played before 1948, but Nebraska has won the last two games, including a 40-6 win in the 1973 Orange Bowl and a 27-24 overtime win in South Bend last season. Nebraska's Ed Weir and company defeated Notre Dame's legendary "Four Horsemen" in consecutive seasons in 1922 and 1923, handing Notre Dame its only two losses in a three-year period from 1922 to 1924.

### This Week's Polls

The Huskers remained fourth in the coaches poll but dropped to fifth in the AP after a 42-14 win over the Troy State Trojans. Nebraska had been fourth in both polls in the first two polls. In the Associated Press Poll, NU had two first-place votes and 1,474 points, behind Miami (37 first-place votes, 1,737 points), Florida (19, 1,721), Oklahoma (10, 1,633) and Texas (4, 1,482). In the USA Today/ESPN Coaches poll, NU received one first-place vote and 1,248 points, behind Florida (26 first-place votes, 1,439 points), Miami (22, 1,423) and Oklahoma (9, 1,370). Notre Dame is ranked 17th in the AP (604 points) and coaches poll (527 points). Kansas State, who the Huskers will face on Nov. 10, is ranked 12th and 11th respectively.

### The 2001 Nebraska (2-0) Football Schedule/Results

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 ..... W 42-14 .... Big 12\* 0-0-0 ..... Diedrick rushes for 177 yards; NU Blackshirts have eight sacks

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-televised home games will kick off at 12:30 p.m.;\* Big 12 Syndicated Package

## ESPN GameDay in Town

ESPN GameDay comes back to Lincoln to join in the festivities. Husker fans are looking to break the GameDay record of 15,557 set in Manhattan at KSU Stadium last year. The GameDay crew, featuring Chris Fowler, Lee Corso and Kirk Herbstreit, will be inside Memorial Stadium on Saturday morning. ESPN GameDay has been in Lincoln two other times, in 1994 before No. 3 NU defeated No. 2 Colorado, 24-7, and in 1998 when No. 2 Nebraska defeated No. 9 Washington, 55-7. ESPN GameDay was also in South Bend last year for the Husker-Irish overtime matchup.

The stage will be set in the Northeast corner of Memorial Stadium for ESPN's live Saturday morning (9:30 - 11) broadcast. Fans are invited to come free of charge. Fans are invited to enter gates on the Northeast corner and East Stadium (#14, 15, 16 and 17), beginning at 8:30 a.m. There is no charge and game tickets are not required. The stadium will be cleared immediately following the live broadcast at 11:30 a.m. When the Saturday morning program is completed, ESPN will strike the set and reset a smaller stage in the northeast corner for the scoreboard shows it does at halftime of the afternoon games and for its 6:30 p.m. scoreboard show.

## Sears National Champion Trophy Comes to Lincoln

In addition to ESPN GameDay coming to town, the Sears National Champion Football Trophy will be making its 53rd all-time sideline appearance since 1993 and its third appearance at a Nebraska game. The other two visits were Husker wins over Kansas State in 1995 (49-25 on Oct. 21) and 1999 (41-15 on Nov. 13). Nebraska is 9-3 with the Sears Trophy on the sidelines, matching Florida State (9-5) for wins. Nebraska has won the trophy three times (1994, 1995, 1997) more than any other team. Notre Dame is 1-1 playing in front of the Sears Trophy. The home team is 30-11 all-time with the trophy on the sidelines. All eight teams to win the Sears Trophy have played at least one game with the trophy on the sidelines during their championship seasons.

## NU vs. Notre Dame, An Academic Race as Well

Not only are Nebraska and Notre Dame two of the top football programs of all time, but the programs boast many of the best academic numbers in the country as well. In fact, Nebraska and Notre Dame are No. 1 and 2 in terms of Verizon/CoSIDA (formerly GTE) academic All-Americans. Nebraska has 181 all sports, all teams academic All-Americans, including 100 first-team honorees. For football alone, NU has 75 across all teams, and 58 first-team honor winners. Notre Dame is second with 134 all sports, all teams academic All-Americans and second to NU with 37 football academic All-Americans and 35 first-team football academic All-Americans.

## 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 and defeated Troy State 42-14 in week two. 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. Nebraska's game will be carried on television, for the third consecutive week. 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 this week's polls, including Oklahoma (No. 3/3 AP/Coaches), Texas (4/6) Kansas State (12/11) and Notre Dame (17/17).

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 and Notre Dame National Leaders

### All-Time Team Won-Lost Records by Pct.

<u>Rank</u>	<u>Team</u>	<u>Yrs.</u>	<u>Won</u>	<u>Lost</u>	<u>Tied</u>	<u>Pct.</u>
1.	Notre Dame	113	776	241	42	.753
2.	Michigan	122	805	262	36	.746
3.	Alabama	107	737	277	43	.718
4.	Nebraska	112	755	299	40	.708
5.	Ohio St.	112	724	287	53	.705

### All-Time Team W-L Records by Victories

<u>Rank</u>	<u>Team</u>	<u>Yrs.</u>	<u>Won</u>
1.	Michigan	122	805
2.	Notre Dame	113	776
3.	Nebraska	112	755
4.	Texas	109	744
5.	Alabama	107	737

### Consensus First-Team FB All-Americans

<u>Rank</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Players</u>	<u>Total</u>
1.	Notre Dame	77	93
2.	Michigan	56	68
3.	USC	54	61
4.	Ohio State	49	64
5.	Oklahoma	43	52
6.	Nebraska	41	50
7.	Pittsburgh	39	46
8.	Alabama	37	38
9.	Texas	31	36
10.	Penn State	31	33

### Winningest Division I-A Programs

#### Last Three Decades (1970-1999)

(includes Bowl Games)

<u>School</u>	<u>1990s</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Pct.</u>
1. Nebraska	108-16-1	309-56-5	.842
2. Michigan	93-26-3	278-71-8	.790
3. Penn State	97-26-0	282-76-2	.786
4. Alabama	83-40-0	271-88-3	.753
5. Ohio State	91-29-3	264-84-8	.753
6. Oklahoma	61-51-3	254-89-8	.735
7. Florida State	109-13-1	256-94-4	.729
8. Notre Dame	84-35-2	251-96-4	.721
9. Tennessee	99-22-2	251-98-10	.713
10. Texas	74-44-2	235-112-5	.675

### Verizon (GTE)/CoSIDA Academic

#### All Americans, All Sports, All Teams

1. Nebraska	181
2. Notre Dame	134

### GTE (Verizon)/CoSIDA Academic All-Americans, Football Only, All Teams

1. Nebraska	75
2. Notre Dame	37

### GTE (Verizon)/CoSIDA First-Team Academic All-Americans, Football Only

1. Nebraska	58
2. Notre Dame	35

### Division I-A Consecutive Sellout Leaders

1. Nebraska	242
2. Notre Dame	155

## 2001 Big 12 Standings

North		
Team	Overall	Last Week
Nebraska	2-0	W, Troy State, 42-14
Kansas	1-0	W, SW Mo. St., 24-10
Colorado	1-1	W, CSU, 41-14
Kansas State	0-0	DNP
Iowa State	0-0	DNP
Missouri	0-1	L, Bowling Green, 13-20

South		
Team	Overall	Last Week
Oklahoma	2-0	W, Air Force, 44-3
Texas	1-0	W, New Mex. St., 41-7
Texas A&M	1-0	W, McNeese St., 38-24
Texas Tech	0-0	DNP
Baylor	0-0	DNP
Okla. St.	0-1	L, So. Miss, 9-17

### 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 Notre Dame Schedule

9/8	at Nebraska (ABC)	7:07 p.m.
9/15	at Purdue	1:30 p.m.
9/22	Michigan State (NBC)	12:30 p.m.
9/29	at Texas A&M	TBA
10/6	Pittsburgh (NBC)	12:30 p.m.
10/13	West Virginia (NBC)	12:30 p.m.
10/20	USC (NBC)	12:30 p.m.
10/27	at Boston College	TBA
11/3	Tennessee (NBC)	12:30 p.m.
11/17	Navy (NBC)	1:30 p.m.
11/24	at Stanford	7 p.m.

### 2000 Notre Dame Results (9-3)

9/2	Texas A&M	W	24-10
9/9	Nebraska (OT)	L	24-27
9/16	Purdue	W	23-21
9/23	at Michigan State	L	21-27
10/7	Stanford	W	20-14
10/14	Navy	W	45-14
10/21	at West Virginia	W	42-28
10/28	Air Force	W	34-31
11/11	at Boston College	W	28-16
11/18	at Rutgers	W	45-17
11/25	at USC	W	38-21
1/1	vs. Oregon State*	L	9-41

\*Tostitos Fiesta Bowl

### Nebraska-Notre Dame Notes

► Nebraska and Notre Dame have combined for 93 football academic All-American awards, as the Huskers rank No. 1 with 58 and Irish rank No. 2 with 35.

► Nebraska and Notre Dame have combined for 281 football All-Americans. The Irish rank No. 1 with 172, while NU has produced 99.

► Nebraska and Notre Dame have combined for 1,532 football victories dating back to the Irish's first game in 1887 and Nebraska's first game in 1890. Notre Dame ranks No. 2 on the all-time win list with 777 wins, while NU ranks No. 3 with 755.

## Scouting Notre Dame

Notre Dame opens its 2001 season with its first game at Memorial Stadium since Oct. 16, 1948. The Fighting Irish return 19 starters, including 10 on offense, seven on defense and two specialists, from the team that finished 9-3 last season and battled the Huskers to a 21-21 tie at the end of regulation before losing to NU, 27-24 in overtime at South Bend.

The Irish finished the 2000 season ranked No. 15 by the AP after losing 41-9 to Oregon State in the Fiesta Bowl. Notre Dame's only other loss in 2000 came in a 27-21 loss at Michigan State on Sept. 23.

Quarterback Matt LoVecchio returns to lead the Irish offense after completing 73-of-125 passes (58.4 percent) for 980 yards and 11 touchdowns last season. The 6-3, 205-pound sophomore threw just one interception with seven starts and eight appearances during the regular season as a true freshman in 2000. He became just the fourth freshman quarterback to start at Notre Dame since 1951.

Along with LoVecchio, tailbacks Julius Jones (657 yards, 7 TD), Tony Fisher (607 yards, 6 TD) and Terrance Howard (424 yards, 4 TD) give the Irish a talented and experienced backfield. Not only does Jones give the Irish a proven performer in the backfield, he is also a dangerous returner on special teams. Last season against the Huskers, Jones tied the NU opponent record with his 100-yard kickoff return for touchdown in the third quarter to cut Nebraska's lead to 21-14.

Jones teamed with the departed Joey Getherall, who returned a punt 83 yards to tie the score at 21, to become the first opposing duo in Husker history to return a kickoff and a punt for touchdowns in the same game. Getherall's return was the second-longest punt return against Nebraska in school history.

Jones, who had 15 carries for 52 yards against the Huskers last season, helped an Irish rushing attack that produced 184 yards against NU. Quarterback Arnaz Battle led Notre Dame with 107 yards on 14 carries. Eric Crouch rushed for 80 yards on 16 carries with two touchdowns, including the game winner in overtime, while Dan Alexander added 112 yards and a score to help NU roll up 274 rushing and 377 yards total offense. The Huskers held the Irish to just 40 yards passing on the day.

As a team, Notre Dame averaged 24.9 yards per kickoff return and 15.1 yards per punt return in 2000, while scoring three touchdowns on the year. The Irish held opponents to just 19.6 yards per kick return and 4.7 yards per punt return. Notre Dame averaged 213.5 yards rushing per game and 132.2 yards passing per contest for 345.7 yards per game of total offense. For the season, the Irish lost just four fumbles and threw just four interceptions. Defensively, Notre Dame held opponents to 147.6 yards rushing per game, but surrendered 206.2 yards passing per contest, as the opposition actually outgained the Irish with 353.8 yards per game. However, the Irish enjoyed a +14 turnover margin on the season, recovering nine fumbles and intercepting 13 passes for 22 total turnovers gained.

### Notre Dame Head Coach Bob Davie

Coach Bob Davie (Youngstown State, 1976) is in his fifth season at the controls of the Fighting Irish and his fifth season overall as a head coach. Davie has produced a 31-19 record at Notre Dame. The game with the Huskers will be his second against Coach Frank Solich, with Solich owning a 1-0 record after Nebraska's 27-24 overtime win in South Bend.

### The Nebraska-Notre Dame Series (Tied, 7-7-1)

After meeting just once in more than 50 years (with that coming in a bowl game), the Huskers and Fighting Irish will face off for the second consecutive year in the regular season, which will mark 16th overall meeting between the two schools. This week's game will also be the 11th contest played in Lincoln.

Nebraska won in South Bend, Ind., for the first time in the series last year with a dramatic 27-24 overtime victory to give the Huskers their second straight series win.

Several milestone games have been played in the series. Nebraska defeated Notre Dame's legendary "Four Horsemen" in consecutive seasons in 1922 and 1923, handing Notre Dame its only two losses in a three-year period from 1922 to 1924. The 1973 Orange Bowl was Bob Devaney's final game as NU head coach and 1972 Heisman winner Johnny Rodgers scored TDs via rush, reception and pass.

This year will be the third consecutive meeting in which both teams entered the game ranked in the top 25. Last year marked the first time that a team entered the game ranked No. 1, with Nebraska claiming the top spot in the polls at game time and Notre Dame entering the contest at No. 23. In the 1973 Orange Bowl, No. 9 Nebraska defeated No. 12 Notre Dame, 40-6.

The Irish rank No. 1 in all-time appearances in the AP Poll, while the Huskers rank sixth. When the Huskers claimed their first AP national crown in 1970, Notre Dame finished No. 2. Notre Dame has won at least one football national title in eight seasons, with eight AP and three coaches titles. Nebraska has won at least one championship in five seasons, with four AP titles and four from the coaches.

**At Lincoln:** Nebraska leads, 5-4-1

**At South Bend:** Notre Dame leads, 3-1-0

**At Memorial Stadium:** Nebraska leads, 2-1-0

**At Neutral Sites:** Nebraska leads, 1-0-0

**Current win streak (start):** Nebraska, two (1973)

**Highest NU score:** 40 in 1973

**Widest NU margin:** 34 in 1973 (40-6)

**Highest ND score:** 44 in 1948 (44-13)

**Widest ND margin:** 31 in 1947 (31-0) and 1948 (44-13)

**Highest-scoring game:** 57 in 1948 (ND 44, NU 13)

**Longest NU win streak:** Two games, 1922-23 and 1973-present

**Longest ND win streak:** Three games, 1919-21

**Shutouts by (last time):** NU 2 (1925), ND 3 (1947)

**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
	<b>*Frank Solich</b>	<b>NU</b>	<b>1998-01</b>	<b>33-7-0</b>

(\*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>
<b>1998:</b>				
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
<b>1999:</b>				
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
<b>2000:</b>				
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
<b>2001:</b>				
9/8	Notre Dame	Home	4/17	

**Solich Superlatives**

When Rushing for 300 Yards .....	19-0
When Rushing for 400 Yards .....	8-0
When Rushing for 500 Yards .....	1-0
When NU player rushes for 100 Yards .....	22-4
When Opp. has 100 Yd. Rusher .....	7-3
When Scoring 35 or More Points .....	21-0
When Hold Opp. to less than 10 Pts. .	13-0
Consecutive Weeks Ranked by AP .....	53

**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

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

<u>Game</u>	<u>Offense</u>	<u>Defense</u>	<u>Special</u>
TCU	<u>Crouch</u>	Burrow	<u>Larson</u>
TSU	Diedrick	Clanton	None

**boldface** **underlined**=winner;\*=**co-winner****Game Two Recap****Nebraska 42, Troy State 14**

Dahrran Diedrick made the most of his first career start, rushing for 177 yards and three scores, while the Husker defense held Troy State to two yards of total offense in the second half in Nebraska's 42-14 victory over Troy State in front of 77,812 fans at Memorial Stadium on Saturday.

Diedrick, a native of Scarborough, Ontario, scored on runs of 1, 11 and 33 yards, as the Huskers improved to 2-0 heading into next Saturday's nationally televised showdown with No. 17 Notre Dame. Diedrick, who missed last week's 21-7 win over TCU because of a one-game suspension, set career bests in carries (25), yards (177) and touchdowns (three) in posting his first 100 yard game.

Quarterback Eric Crouch accounted for 157 of Nebraska's 457 yards of total offense, completing 8-of-15 passes for 109 yards, while rushing 15 times for 48 yards and a score, as the Huskers finished with 330 yards on the ground.

While the junior I-back set a career high for NU, the Husker defense recorded eight sacks and held the Trojans to minus-25 yards on the ground, the fourth-lowest total ever allowed on the ground by the Blackshirts. Seven Huskers recorded sacks, including a pair by senior nose tackle Jason Lohr, while 12 players made at least one tackle for loss.

The Trojans, playing their first game at the Division I-A level, took advantage of a Husker turnover, as Demontray Carter raced in from nine yards out to give Troy State a 7-0 lead. Keyuo Craver fumbled Troy State's first punt after the game's opening possession, and Lee Walls recovered at the NU 29, leading to the touchdown three plays later.

The Huskers would come right back, scoring a pair of touchdowns during a span of 2:40 midway through the first quarter. On NU's ensuing possession after the Trojan score, the Huskers marched 69 yards on 11 plays for the equalizer, a one-yard dive by Diedrick, who had eight rushes for 62 yards on the drive, including a 38-yard gallop to the TSU 1.

On Troy State's next possession, the Huskers converted a Troy State miscue, as Willie Amos intercepted a Brock Nutter pass at the NU 46 yard line. Nebraska would march 54 yards in eight plays, with Crouch scoring from one yard to give NU a 14-7 lead. Wilson Thomas provided the drive's key play, taking a Crouch pass 36 yards to the TSU 1-yard line, before Crouch scored three plays later.

NU extended the lead to 14 when Lannie Hopkins sacked Nutter and forced a fumble that Jon Clanton picked up and raced 20 yards for the touchdown. Clanton's score, the first of his career, pushed the NU lead to 21-7. The Huskers stretched the lead to 28-7 on their next possession with Diedrick's second score of the day, an 11-yard run, capping a 57-yard drive in six plays.

The Trojans marched 88 yards in nine plays, scoring on Nutter's 31-yard strike to Heyward Skipper to close to within 28-14. TSU would not get any closer, gaining just three total yards after halftime.

While the Blackshirts put the clamps on the Trojan offense, NU continued to pound away, as Diedrick raced 33 yards in the third quarter for his third touchdown, before Thunder Collins capped the scoring with a seven-yard run with less than seven minutes remaining.

Nutter completed just 15-of-36 passes for 190 yards, while he was sacked eight times for 68 yards by NU.

The win for the Huskers was NU's 15th straight win at home; Nebraska's first against Troy State; and the Huskers' fourth straight win overall.

**Nebraska Postgame Notes vs. Troy State**

► In his first career start, after sitting out last week, junior I-back **Dahrran Diedrick** ran for more than 100 yards for the first time in his career. Diedrick had career highs in carries (25), yards (177) and touchdowns (three), scoring on runs of 1, 11 and 33 yards. He had two long runs of 38 and 33 yards, which gives him four long runs in his career. His longest career run is 46 yards vs. Kansas State in 1999. His previous bests were 16 carries for 99 yards vs. Iowa State in 1999. Last season he had one long carry for 30 yards vs. Baylor, 33 carries for 212 yards and three touchdowns total. Diedrick's 25 carries are the most by a Husker I-back since Ahman Green had 29 in the 1998 Orange Bowl. Correll Buckhalter also had 25 carries against Missouri in 1998. The last two years, Buckhalter and Dan Alexander have shared the I-back duties. Diedrick was Nebraska's nominee for Big 12 Offensive Player of the Week.

► Senior quarterback **Eric Crouch** improved to 26-5 as a starter. Crouch had 15 carries for 48 yards vs. Troy State, and a one-yard TD run in the first quarter, after the flu kept him out of two practices last week. He completed 8-of-15 passes for 109 yards. He threw one interception, the second this season, and 16th of his career. With the 48 rushing yards, Crouch moved up from 15th to 13th on the NCAA Division I-A quarterback rushing chart. He now has 2,436 career rushing yards and 43 TDs to remain 13th overall at NU, first among quarterbacks. Crouch had more than 100 yards passing for the second straight game this season. He moved up from sixth to fifth on the NU career passing chart, moving ahead of Vince Ferragamo's 3,244 yards from 1975 to 1965. Crouch now has 3,231 passing yards and is first on the NU total offense chart with 5,567 yards.

Troy State Coach Larry Blakeney had high praise for Crouch. He said, "*When Crouch is in there, they can do some magical things with the option, play-action pass, shotgun, predetermined stuff for him. The guy is made out of Krypton, I think. He's certainly a super player with a lot more of them. The guy that makes them tick is Eric Crouch.*"

► **Senior tight end Tracey Wistrom** has 43 career catches for 901 yards, including three for 36 yards vs. Troy State. Wistrom moved up to a tie for second on the Husker career charts for receiving yards by a tight end, tying Jerry List's 901 yards from 1970 to 1972. He is 144 yards short of school-record holder Junior Miller (1,045 from 1977 to 1979). Wistrom's 43 catches rank third, moving ahead of Johnny Mitchell's 42 from 1990 to 1991. Wistrom needs two more catches to move into the Husker top 25 for all positions.

► **Firsts and Bests...** Junior split end **Wilson Thomas** had a career-best five catches for a career-high 83 yards, including a career-long 36 yard catch. His catch set up Crouch's one-yard TD run to give NU a 14-7 lead. Thomas' previous bests were three catches for 53 yards including a long of 22 vs. TCU in the season opener. Both Thomas and Wistrom had at least three catches in the first two games. CB **Lornell McPherson** and CB **Pat Ricketts** earned their first career starts, as NU opened up in a nickel package. Three of the top four tacklers in the Troy State game were true or redshirt freshmen. True freshman Mike linebacker **Barrett Ruud** led the team with 10 tackles, true freshman rover **Philip Bland** had a career-best seven tackles and redshirt freshman CB **Lornell McPherson** had five stops. In addition, sophomore Will linebacker **T.J. Hollowell** was second on the team with eight stops in his first game this season (missed last week with an ankle injury). **Bland** also had his first career kickoff return of 13 yards, when TSU short-kicked to the upback. Junior wingback **Clifford Brye** had his first career carry on a 17-yard gain. Punter **Kyle Larson** bettered his average, punting twice for 99 yards for a 49.5 average on five punts. Last week in his first career start and first career punts, Larson averaged 48.6 yards per punt. **Keyuo Craver** had four punt returns for 48 yards, including a career-best return of 26 yards. Backup quarterback **Jammal Lord** saw his first action this season, rushing three times for five yards and was 1-for-1 passing for 18 yards.

► **Sacks...** Nebraska had five sacks for 48 yards lost and 10 tackles for 66 yards lost at halftime. In the game, NU totaled eight sacks for 68 yards lost. Huskers with sacks included 2-12 by NT **Jason Lohr**; 1-15 by NT **Jon Clanton**, 1-12 by rover **Lannie Hopkins**, 1-9 by MLB **Jamie Burrow**; 1-5 by RE **Chris Kelsay**, 1-8 by CB **Lornell McPherson** and 1-7 by RE **Justin Smith**. Hopkins' first-career sack caused quarterback Brock Nutter to fumble, which Clanton returned for a 20-yard touchdown to give NU a 21-7 lead with 14:47 remaining in the second quarter. Clanton's fumble return is the first by a Husker since Burrow returned a fumble 28 yards vs. Missouri last season; the first by a defensive lineman since Demoiné Adams' 37-yard fumble return vs. Iowa State in 1999, and the first by a defensive tackle since Jason Peter scored on a 31-yard fumble return vs. Virginia Tech in the 1996 Orange Bowl. Clanton's fumble return for a TD was the first by a TSU opponent since Southwest Texas' William Welch returned one on Oct. 2, 1997. The eight sacks are the most by a Solich-coached team. The eight sacks are the most since NU had eight vs. Texas A&M in 1999 and eight vs. Colorado in 1998. Nebraska had 15 tackles for 90 yards lost in the game, including two each by Hopkins, Lohr, and Kelsay. Nutter was sacked a career-high eight times.

► **Turnovers...Nebraska 3 (2 fumbles, 1 interception).** Husker punt returner Keyuo Craver was hit from behind by David Philyaw and fumbled the punt that followed TSU's first drive. Lee Walls recovered and Troy State scored two plays later, taking a 7-0 lead on NU with 11:43 remaining in the first quarter. That marked the first time NU trailed in a game this season. Nebraska's second turnover was a fumble by Diedrick on the first play of the second half (caused by Byron Knight and recovered by Vernon Marable). TSU did not score because NU MLB **Mark Vedral** intercepted Nutter two plays later. Nebraska's third turnover was Crouch's second interception thrown on the season, when Freeman White picked off Crouch. TSU did not convert. **Troy State 3 (2 interceptions; 1 fumble)...** NT **Jason Lohr** hurried Nutter and CB **DeJuan Groce** broke up the pass and FS **Willie Amos** came down with it. It was Amos' second interception of his career (first was against Iowa State last season). Nebraska converted eight plays later when Crouch scored on a one-yard run with 4:05 remaining in the first quarter. TSU's second turnover was caused when rover **Lannie Hopkins** sacked Nutter, and **Clanton** scored on a 20-yard fumble return. TSU's third

turnover was two plays after Nebraska's Diedrick fumbled the ball to TSU. **Vedral** intercepted Nutter early in the third quarter, but NU did not convert. It was Vedral's first career interception. It marked the first time Nutter has thrown two interceptions in a game since he had two at McNeese State on Nov. 13, 1999, a streak of 15 games and 12 straight regular-season games.

► **By the Numbers...** NU rushed for a season-best 330 yards, while the defense held TSU to negative 25 yards, a total which was aided by eight sacks. Nebraska held TSU to two total-offense yards in the second half. The minus-25 yards rushing is the fourth-best mark by a Husker defense, behind (-45 by Kansas State in 1976; -42 by Kansas in 1971 and -36 by Oregon State in 1989). It is the fewest rushing yards allowed by a Solich-coached team and the second time under Solich that NU held an opponent to negative yardage (also Louisiana Tech, -21 in 1998). Those two games mark the only times Solich-coached teams held opponents to negative yardage.

► **Conversions...** Troy State was 5-for-17 on third down attempts and 0-3 on fourth-down conversions. Two of the fourth-down attempts were on mistakes by the TSU punting team. On the first, punter Lance Lieb had a good snap, but bobbled the punt and took an 11-yard loss (tackle by NU rover **Lannie Hopkins**). Although Nebraska began the next drive at the TSU 18-yard line, NU did not score as place-kicker **Josh Brown's** 22-yard field goal attempt was blocked by David Philyaw. The second attempt was on fourth and 24 to end the first half. Nutter's pass was incomplete. The third attempt was a bad snap by Lee Walls. NU began the next drive at the TSU 32, drove to the one but did not score, after going for it on fourth down. Nebraska was 5-for-13 on third-down conversions and 1-4 on fourth-down conversions. In two games, Husker opponents are 6-29 on third-down attempts.

## Nebraska Head Coach Frank Solich

Coach Frank Solich (Nebraska, 1966) is in his fourth season at the helm of the Huskers and owns a 33-7 school and career record. Solich is six 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 2-0 start in 2001, Solich's career record stands at 33-7. 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. He is 1-0 vs. Notre Dame Head Coach Bob Davie.

## Charting the Huskers

### NU Career Passing QBs

<u>Rank</u>	<u>Player, Years</u>	<u>Yds</u>	<u>TD</u>
1.	Dave Humm, 72-74	5,035	41
2.	Jerry Tagge, 69-71	4,704	32
3.	Tommie Frazier, 92-95	3,521	43
4.	Turner Gill, 80-83	3,317	34
5.	<b>Eric Crouch, 98-01</b>	<b>3,231</b>	<b>22</b>
6.	Vince Ferragamo, 75-76	3,224	32

### NU Career Rushing QBs

<u>Rank</u>	<u>Player, Years</u>	<u>Yds</u>	<u>TD</u>
1.	<b>Eric Crouch, 1998-01</b>	<b>2,426</b>	<b>43</b>
2.	Steve Taylor, 1985-88	2,125	32
3.	Tommie Frazier, 1992-95	1,955	36
4.	Scott Frost, 1996-97	1,533	28
5.	Turner Gill, 1980-83	1,317	18

### Nebraska Career Rushers

<u>Rank</u>	<u>Player, Years</u>	<u>Att.</u>	<u>Yds.</u>	<u>TDs</u>
1.	Mike Rozier, IB, 81-83	668	4,780	49
2.	Ahman Green, IB, 95-97	574	3,880	42
3.	Calvin Jones, IB, 91-93	461	3,153	40
4.	Ken Clark, IB, 87-89	494	3,037	29
5.	I.M. Hipp, IB, 77-79	495	2,814	21
6.	Lawrence Phillips, IB, 93-95	449	2,777	30
7.	Derek Brown, IB, 90-92	458	2,699	23
8.	Correll Buckhalter, IB, 97-00	413	2,522	27
9.	Keith Jones, IB, 84-87	398	2,488	32
10.	Dan Alexander, IB, 97-00	402	2,456	20
11.	Rick Berns, IB, 76-78	440	2,449	28
12.	Roger Craig, IB, 79-82	407	2,446	26
13.	<b>Eric Crouch, QB, 98-01</b>	<b>484</b>	<b>2,426</b>	<b>43</b>

### NU Career Total Offense

<u>Rank</u>	<u>Player, Pos., Years</u>	<u>Yards</u>	<u>TDs</u>
1.	<b>Eric Crouch, QB, 98-01</b>	<b>5,667</b>	<b>62</b>
2.	Tommie Frazier, QB, 92-95	5,476	79

### NU All-Time Career Scorers

<u>Player, Years</u>	<u>TP</u>
1. Kris Brown, PK, 95-98	388
2. Mike Rozier, IB, 81-83	312
3. Ahman Green, IB, 95-97	270
4. <b>Eric Crouch, QB, 98-01</b>	<b>266</b>
5. Johnny Rodgers, 70-72	264
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24. Josh Brown, PK, 99-01	157

### NU Top Tight Ends by Yards

<u>Rank</u>	<u>Player, Years</u>	<u>No.Yards</u>	<u>Avg.TD</u>
1.	Junior Miller, 77-79	55 <b>1,045</b>	19.0 12
2.	Jerry List, 70-72	<b>61</b> 901	14.8 5
3.	<b>Tracey Wistrom, 97-01</b>	43 901	<b>21.0</b> 8
4.	Todd Millikan, 85-88	40 825	20.6 <b>14</b>
5.	Johnny Mitchell, 90-91	42 816	19.4 12

*school career record holders in bold*

### NU Career Pass Breakups

<u>Rank, #</u>	<u>Player, Position, Years</u>
1. 50	Ralph Brown, RCB, 1996-99
2. 30	<b>Keyuo Craver, LCB, 1998-01</b>
3. 27	<b>Erwin Swiney, RCB, 1997-01</b>

## 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 in his second year as defensive coordinator and is on the Nebraska 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.

## 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 two games with no major injuries. Six NU players missed the last two games due to injuries, including CB **Erwin Swiney** (ankle), Mike linebacker **Tony Tata** (torn left ACL), sophomore right guard **Jon Dawson** (torn right ACL), who tore ligaments during the spring, offensive tackle **Chris Loos** (torn left ACL, MCL and PCL), who suffered a major knee injury in pre-bowl practices, I-back **Robin Miller** (hamstring) and RE **Tyler Toline** (knee).

## 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 30. 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. Craver has eight tackles this season.

### ► Senior Quarterback Eric Crouch

Heisman Trophy, Johnny Unitas, Davey O'Brien and All-America candidate, **Eric Crouch** has 2,426 career rushing yards on 484 carries to rank 13th on the NU career rushing charts, first among quarterbacks. He needs 10 yards to tie Roger Craig's 2,446 yards from 1979 to 1982; 13 yards to tie Rick Bern's 2,449 yards from 1976 to 1978; and 20 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. Notre Dame, Crouch would move into the top 10 in the eighth spot passing Keith Jones' 2,488 yards from 1983 to 1987 and Correll Buckhalter's 2,522 from 1997-00. Crouch's 2,426 career rushing yards rank 13th all time among Division I-A quarterbacks. Crouch needs 564 yards to become one of just seven quarterbacks in Division I-A to rush for 3,000 yards and one of just three QBs to rush and pass 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 (ranks 12th) rushed for 2,533 from 1995 to 1998. Crouch needs 97 rushing yards to pass Jones as the Big 12's all-time leading quarterback rusher. Crouch's 43 rushing touchdowns rank second all time at NU, six rushing TDs behind Mike Rozier's school-record 49 set from 1981 to 1983. Crouch ranks second in the Big 12 in career rushing TDs, 21 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 3,231 career passing yards, which ranks fifth on the NU passing chart.

In total offense, Crouch holds the Nebraska record with 5,667 yards (fifth in the Big 12). Crouch has 62 total-offense touchdowns, scoring 44 times (one on a reception). He added a two-point conversion run against TCU. He has scored 266 points in his career to rank fifth at NU and fourth 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 484; Most rushing yards by an NU QB with 2,436; Most rushing touchdowns by an NU QB with 43.

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 Davey O'Brien and Johnny Unitas Watch Lists.



## ► Senior Tight End Tracey Wistrom

**Tracey Wistrom**, who had three catches in each of the last two games, is a contender for John Mackey, Fred Biletnikoff, Lombardi, All-America and academic All-America honors this season. A two-time All-Big 12 honoree, Wistrom claimed third-team AP All-America honors last season. 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 21.0 yards per catch (43 receptions, 901 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 18 catches, 144 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's 43 receptions rank 27th on the NU all-time career receiver's chart. He is 99 yards away from becoming the 11th Husker to total 1,000 or more yards receiving. 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. Wistrom has six catches for 74 yards this season (12.3 yards per catch), which ranks second behind junior split end **Wilson Thomas**' eight catches for 136 yards (17.0).

## ► Senior Left Tackle Dave Volk

Starting every game the last three years at tackle (right tackle in 1999 and left in 2000 and 2001), **Dave Volk** is one of the most consistent linemen NU has ever had. Starting at left tackle this season, Volk has 234 career pancakes including 111 in 1999, 107 last year and 11 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.

## ► Junior Offensive Left Guard Toniui Fonoti

As a sophomore, **Toniui Fonoti** earned first-team All-Big 12 honors from the Dallas Morning News last year and is a member of the initial Outland Trophy Watch list 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, six vs. Troy State (16 this season) and has 194 career pancakes, 183 short of Aaron Taylor's school career record of 377 from 1995 to 1997. Starting right guard **Jon Rutherford** leads the team with 21 pancakes in two games this season, for a 10.5 average with a team season-best 12 vs. TCU. As a team, Nebraska has 89 pancakes this season, with a season-best 45 vs. TCU.

## 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. **Wistrom**, **Thomas** and starting wingback **John Gibson** have each had at least one catch in the Huskers' first two games, with Thomas leading the way. After entering the season with just one career catch, Thomas (at 6-6, 215) leads the team with 8-136-0; followed by Wistrom's (6-5, 250) 6-74 and Gibson's 3-52. Junior tight end **Aaron Golliday** and I-back **Thunder Collins** also have one reception each.

## The Running Backs

Junior **Dahrran Diedrick** led all rushers against Troy State with 177 yards on 25 carries. He is expected to carry the load for NU this season. In the season opener, junior **Thunder Collins** was the game's leading rusher with 71 yards and two touchdowns on 14 carries, starting in Diedrick's place. Sophomore **DeAntae Grixby** saw action (8-15-0) in game one, but suffered a cracked rib, while sophomore **Robin Miller** has sat out the first two games with a hamstring pull. Sophomore **Josh Davis** has seen his action on the kickoff return teams. The fullback position is solid with sophomore **Judd Davies** (4-11-0) and redshirt freshman **Steve**

**Kriewald** (5-24-0). Nebraska led the nation in rushing last year averaging 349.3 yards per game and ranks 17th this season with a 244.5 average.

## Charting the Husker Backs

### 2001 Rushing Stats, Att-Yd-TD, team leaders in boldface

Opp.	Crouch	Diedrick	Collins	Davies	TEAM
TCU	<b>24-69-1</b>	DNP	<b>14-71-2</b>	2-1-0	50-159-3
TSU	<b>15-48-1</b>	<b>25-177-3</b>	<b>11-52-1</b>	<b>2-10-0</b>	<b>60-330-5</b>
<b>Totals</b>	<b>39-117-2</b>	<b>25-177-3</b>	<b>25-123-3</b>	<b>4-11-0</b>	<b>110-489-8</b>

## The Defense

The Nebraska defense has performed well in its first two games, giving up three touchdowns, and a total of 21 points. Nebraska has started four underclassmen, including sophomore free safety **Willie Amos**, freshman cornerback **Lornell McPherson** and sophomore corner **Pat Ricketts**. McPherson and Ricketts started game two vs. Troy State when NU opened in the nickel package.

The Huskers rank fourth in rush defense, holding its first two opponents to 31 yards on the ground. NU sacked Troy State a team-high eight times and held the Trojans to minus-25 yards rushing, the fourth-best figure all time at NU and best under Solich. The defense has yet to allow a rush play of 25 yards or more and has given up just four long plays in two games, all by pass. True freshman MLB **Barrett Ruud** leads the team in two games with 15 tackles. Senior starting MLB **Jamie Burrow** is second on the team with 11 stops, including three tackles for loss. Junior rush end **Chris Kelsay** leads the team with four tackles for loss, while eight different Huskers have recorded sacks, led by senior NT **Jason Lohr**'s 2.5. NU has caused and recovered two fumbles, picked off two passes, but the team is still minus one on turnover margin for the season, a number Defensive Coordinator Craig Bohl would like to see change.

Husker opponents have converted just six of 32 third- and fourth-down conversions. Opponents have yet to score in the second half. Seven of the opponent points (first TD scored by Troy State) came after an offensive turnover.

Coach Solich wanted to see an aggressive defense this season, to date, the defense is on a school-record pace with 27 tackles for loss.

## Charting the Husker Defense

Opp.	Rush	Pass A-C-Y-T	Total	FD	Sks	TFL	TO	Pts.
TCU	28-56-0	22-11-130-1	50-186-1	6	2-19	12-40	1F	7
TSU	35--25-1	36-15-190-1	71-165-2	13	8-68	15-90	1F,2I	7

## Special Teams

Coach Solich also wanted to see improvement in NU's special teams this season. Nebraska special teams have shown a marked improvement this season. First-time punter sophomore **Kyle Larson** had an All-America day in his debut vs. TCU, 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. Against Troy State, Larson punted two times (56 and 43 yards) for a 49.5 average. His season average is 48.8 with five punts of 50 yards or more and five have pinned opponents inside the 20. NU's net punting average of 45.8 ranks fourth nationally.

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). Davis has three returns for 73 yards (24.3 average per return). Senior **Keyuo Craver** has bobbed a couple of punts, but remains an extremely dangerous and talented punt returner. Craver has nine punt returns for 90 yards. **DeJuan Groce** also averages 10 yards per return with three for 30. Nebraska has not given up any returns of 25 yards or more, but has recorded two, including Davis' 35-yard kickoff return and Craver's 26-yard punt return vs. Troy State. Redshirt freshman **Sandro DeAngelis** is 3-3 on PATs and has not had a field goal attempt, while returning starter junior **Josh Brown** is 4-4 on PATs, increasing his consecutive streak to 99 (112 counting bowl games).

## 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	33-7-0	4	0
Since 1962	389-76-5	40	5
1890-1962	366-223-35	72	0
All-Time	755-299-40	112	5

## Husker AP Ranking Notes

- ▶ Nebraska has been ranked in the AP poll 328 consecutive weeks—an AP record
- ▶ NU has been ranked in the top 10 for 133 of the last 138 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 184-5-0 when rushing for 300 or more yards in a game since 1973.
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- ▶ Nebraska is 93-0 since 1973 when rushing for 400 or more yards.
- ▶ Nebraska is 294-1 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 207 home games and in 63 games overall.

## Division I-A Records in the 1990s

1. Florida State ..... 109-13-1 ..... .890
2. **Nebraska** ..... **108-16-1** ..... **.868**
3. Florida ..... 102-22-1 ..... .820

## Records In Last Three Decades (1970-1999)

1. **Nebraska** ..... **309-56-5** ..... **.842**
2. Michigan ..... 278-71-8 ..... .790
3. Penn State ..... 282-76-2 ..... .786
5. Ohio State ..... 264-84-8 ..... .753
- Alabama ..... 271-88-3 ..... .753

## Division I-A Consecutive Winning Seasons

### Current -- 15 or More

Rank	Team	Winning Seasons	9-Win Seasons
1.	<b>Nebraska</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>32</b>
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 755-299-40 record in 1,094 games (.708). In the last 32 years, NU is tops, posting a record of 321-58-5 for an .842 winning percentage (384 games), an average of 10 wins per year. In terms of wins, the Huskers are third in NCAA Division I-A history with 755. 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 32 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 Nine Years, the Huskers Have...

- ▶ Posted a 93-10 record (.903 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 51 of 52 home games (15 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 12-2 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 321-58-5 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 83-3 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 450-122-20 (.777, 592 games, 112 years) in Lincoln, 325-99-13 (.759, 437 games, 79 years) in Memorial Stadium (since 1923) and 20-1 at home under Coach Solich (.952, 21 games, four years) with a current 15-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 125-10 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 95-5 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 201 games. NU has posted 39 unbeaten and untied home seasons, including 2000 when the Huskers went 6-0. NU set a new attendance record in Memorial Stadium when 78,096 fans attended the Huskers' homecoming contest against Kansas in 2000.

## NCAA-Record Sellout Streak Reaches 241

Nebraska's Memorial Stadium boasts an NCAA-record 241 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 155, 86 fewer than Nebraska. NU is 215-26 during the sellout streak (50-9 under Devaney, 145-16 under Osborne, 20-1 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 home contests 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 328

Nebraska extended its AP poll record to 328 consecutive weeks (every weekly AP poll since Oct. 17, 1981) with its No. 4 in this week's poll. The Huskers' streak is the nation's longest active streak, easily topping Florida State (202) and Florida (187). The Huskers have been ranked in the top 10

in 133 of the last 138 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 36 straight weeks, a streak that is second nationally and trails only Florida State. The No. 4 preseason 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 502 of the last 505 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 234 games against unranked opponents since 1973 (25-1 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 219-13-2 against unranked opponents (.940, 234 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).

## More Husker Rushing Numbers

NU is 184-5-0 in the last 29 years when rushing for 300 or more yards in a game (since 1973) and has won 106 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

## 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	3/2	def. TCU, 21-7
9/2	5	4	NA	2/1	def. Troy St., 42-14

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

## Associated Press Poll (Sept. 2)

No.	Team (1st)	Record	Points
1.	Miami (37)	1-0	1,737
2.	Florida (Fla.) (19)	1-0	1,721
3.	Oklahoma (10)	2-0	1,633
4.	Texas (4)	1-0	1,482
5.	<b>Nebraska (2)</b>	<b>2-0</b>	<b>1,474</b>
6.	Florida State	1-0	1,458
7.	Oregon	1-0	1,357
8.	Tennessee	1-0	1,355
9.	Virginia Tech	1-0	1,200
10.	Georgia Tech	2-0	988
11.	Michigan	1-0	963
12.	Kansas State	0-0	943
13.	LSU	1-0	861
14.	UCLA	1-0	809
15.	Washington	0-0	728
16.	Northwestern	0-0	674
17.	Notre Dame	0-0	604
18.	Mississippi State	0-0	571
19.	Fresno State	2-0	554
20.	Clemson	1-0	524
21.	South Carolina	1-0	422
22.	Oregon State	0-1	293
23.	Wisconsin	1-1	208
24.	Ohio State	0-0	189
25.	Georgia	1-0	129

## ESPN/USA Today Coaches Poll (Sept. 2)

No.	Team (1st)	Record	Points
1.	Florida (26)	1-0	1,439
2.	Miami (Fla.) (22)	1-0	1,423
3.	Oklahoma (9)	2-0	1,370
4.	<b>Nebraska (1)</b>	<b>2-0</b>	<b>1,248</b>
5.	Florida State	1-0	1,244
6.	Texas (1)	1-0	1,184
7.	Tennessee	1-0	1,090
8.	Oregon (1)	1-0	1,083
9.	Virginia Tech	1-0	985
10.	Michigan	1-0	879
11.	Kansas State	0-0	850
12.	Oregon State	0-0	826
13.	Georgia Tech	2-0	684
14.	UCLA	1-0	676
15.	Washington	0-0	632
16.	LSU	1-0	594
17.	Notre Dame	0-0	527
18.	Mississippi State	0-0	489
19.	Clemson	1-0	480
20.	Northwestern	0-0	365
21.	South Carolina	1-0	285
22.	Ohio State	0-0	260
23.	Wisconsin	1-1	132
24.	Georgia	1-0	105
25.	Purdue	0-0	88

*Italics* - 2001 opponents

more yards and topped the 400-yard mark five times in 2000. NU has had 350, 100-yard rushing performances all time (37 under Coach Solich, most recently Dahrran Diedrick, 177 yards vs. Troy State), 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). 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). After his career-best 177 yards against Troy State, Diedrick joined Crouch (10 times) as the only Huskers to record 100-yard games.

Nebraska is 19-0 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 22-4 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 are averaging 31.5 points in their two contests this season. 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 230 consecutive games when scoring 35 or more points and is 294-1 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 64 straight games. Nebraska has not been shut out at home since KSU shut out the Huskers, 12-0, on Homecoming in 1968 (208 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 early in the 2001 campaign, allowing just 21 points in the first two games. Against TCU, 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. Through two games, NU has held opponents to 31 yards rushing (15.5 ypg), including minus-25 yards against Troy State. Opponents are averaging 0.5 yards per attempt, with only three rushes 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 Demoiné Adams (political science), Mike linebacker Jamie Burrow (biological sciences), cornerback Erwin Swiney (sociology) and offensive tackle Dave Volk (psychology) graduated at the end of the summer session. Adams became only the second Husker football player to graduate in three years (including summer sessions) and graduated with five minors (African studies, ethnic studies, English, history and communication studies).

## Husker Snippets...

► **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, tight end Tracey Wistrom and offensive tackle Dave Volk were selected, joining defensive standouts cornerback Keyuo Craver and defensive tackle Jeremy Slechta 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 last week's depth chart, 17 of the 77 Huskers listed (22 percent) were walk-ons when they first came to Nebraska. Of those, nine were on offense, seven were on defense and one kicker were originally walk-ons. Former walk-ons Scott Shanle (SLB) and Kyle Larson (P) have started both of NU's contests this season.

► **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.

► **Frosh Players...** Six Husker newcomers have seen their first Division I-A action during NU's first two contests. Against TCU, freshman Mike linebacker Barrett Ruud, rover Philip Bland and split end Mike Stuntz all saw significant action in the Huskers' 21-7 win. In addition to the three freshmen, junior college transfer Clifford Brye also saw time on kick coverage units. A pair of newcomers joined the aforementioned trio in action against Troy State, as defensive tackle Manaia Brown and defensive back Rodney Burgess played part of the fourth quarter. After two games, Ruud leads the Blackshirts with 15 tackles, while Bland has eight stops, including seven vs. Troy State. Stuntz became the first NU offensive skill position player (QB, RB, WR) under Coach Solich to bypass a redshirt season.

► **Non-Redshirts...** In addition to the four freshmen who have played this season, 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)

## Records Report

### Category ..... Record

All-time .....	755-299-40
Home .....	450-122-20
Memorial Stadium .....	325-99-13
In Last 11 years .....	36-5
Since 1962 .....	388-76-5
Last 31 years .....	321-58-5
Last 8 Years .....	93-10

When Scoring 35+ Points .....	293-1
vs. Big 12 Teams .....	429-142-16
In Big 12 Action (since '96) .....	34-6

Bowls .....	20-19
On ABC .....	67-26
On FieldTurf .....	14-0
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 241 Consecutive Sellout Streak...

All-time .....	215-26
vs. Ranked Teams .....	35-18

### Under Head Coach Frank Solich...

All-Time .....	33-7
Home .....	20-1
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 .....	25-1
Home .....	16-1
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 .....	12-0
October .....	9-4
November .....	7-2
December .....	2-1
January .....	1-0

## NU Streaks...The Huskers have...

- ▶ won 15 straight home games
- ▶ won 17 straight non-conference regular-season games
- ▶ won 20 straight over unranked opponents
- ▶ won 106 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 64 consecutive games
- ▶ scored in 207 straight home games
- ▶ shut out opponents 100 times

and RCB Erwin Swiney (Lincoln); and one kicker; punter Kyle Larson (Funk). Swiney is the only probable starter from Lincoln.

▶ **FieldTurf...**Nebraska is 14-0 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..**The last time Nebraska trailed in a game but won, was against Troy State last week (TSU led 7-0). 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 NU trailed in the fourth quarter but won was against Colorado on Nov. 24, 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 134-57-1 all-time on television, since losing to Oregon in the first-ever nationally televised TV game on Sept. 19, 1953. NU has won 17 of its last 19 TV games. NU is 28-7 under Coach Solich on TV. **ABC TV...**The Huskers are 69-26 all time on ABC and have won 40 of their last 46 ABC telecasts since a 36-21 loss to Washington Sept. 21, 1991. NU QB Eric Crouch has been named the ABC/Chevrolet Player of the Game 10 times in his career, including five times in 1999 (vs. Iowa, Cal, Kansas State, Texas-Big 12 Championship and Tenn.-bowl game) three times in 2000 (Iowa, Iowa St., OU) and once this season (vs. TCU).

▶ **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.

▶ **Former Head Coach Tom Osborne...**Osborne posted a remarkable 255-49-3 record for an .836 winning percentage, all at NU. 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).

## A Look at the Numbers

### ► Scoring Drives...

Through two games, Nebraska's average scoring drive has covered 58.3 yards (466 total yards) on 6.5 plays in an average time of 2:33. The Nebraska defense and special teams have given the offense the advantage of playing on a relatively short field, holding TCU and Troy State to just three scores. Against Troy State, the Huskers produced their shortest drive in terms of plays (2) and time (0:43) with a third-quarter touchdown drive that covered 34 yards. On Nebraska's final drive scoring drive of the day, the Huskers had to go a season-low 29 yards in three plays and just 48 seconds. Although Nebraska's second-half scoring drives came quickly against Troy State, the Huskers' first scoring drive took a season-high 11 plays and a season-long 4:49, covering 69 yards. Nebraska longest drive in terms of distance came against TCU, with a 98-yard drive that took 10 plays and 4:48 in the third quarter.

Troy State added a short and long drive of its own against NU, with the Trojans needing just three plays, 29 yards and 36 seconds, all season lows. TSU's second drive lasted nine plays, 88 yards and 3:25, all season highs against the Huskers. TCU produced just one scoring drive, covering 74 yards on four plays in 2:02, which was highlighted by a 67-yard touchdown pass from Casey Printers to Matt Schobel.

Game	Scoring Time			Plays			
	Drives	Total	Avg.	Total	Avg.	5 or less	1-Play
TCU	3	9:26	3:09	22	7.3	0	0
<u>Troy State</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>10:59</u>	<u>2:12</u>	<u>30</u>	<u>6.0</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>0</u>
<b>Totals</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>20:25</b>	<b>2:33</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>6.5</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Opp.</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>6:21</b>	<b>2:07</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>5.3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>

### ► 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.

	Husker Long Plays				Opponent Long Plays			
	Rush	Pass	Ret	Total	Rush	Pass	Ret	Total
TCU	3	2	1	6	0	2	0	2
<u>Troy State</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>2</u>
<b>Totals</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4</b>

### ► Nebraska in the Red Zone...

After going a perfect 2-for-2 on red zone opportunities in the opener against TCU, Nebraska increased its chances with eight trips to the red zone against Troy State, but converted just four of the eight tries, with four touchdowns, three turnovers on downs, and one blocked field goal attempt.

For the season, the Huskers have enjoyed a 60 percent success rate in the red zone, converting 10 chances into six touchdowns. Three of Nebraska's six touchdowns in the red zone have come on one-yard runs, including two by Eric Crouch.

After shutting TCU completely out of the red zone in the season opener, the Blackshirts allowed just two Troy State penetrations into the red zone, and both of those were set up by Husker turnovers. Troy State's first score came after Keyuo Craver's fumbled punt return put the Trojans at the NU 29 in the first quarter. TSU scored three plays later on Demontray Carter's nine-yard scoring run. Troy State's only other venture into the red zone came after Dahrran Diedrick's fumble on the opening play of the second

half gave TSU the ball on Nebraska's 19. The Blackshirts thwarted that trip with Mark Vedral's interception.

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 Craver fumbled a punt return. TCU was forced to punt three plays later after losing a yard.

Game	Chances	Scores Inside 20			No Score Inside 20			Half/	
		Total	TDs	FGs	MissFGs	TOs	Downs	Gm.	Pct.
TCU	2	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	1.00
<u>Troy State</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>.500</u>
<b>Totals</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>.600</b>
<b>Opp.</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>.500</b>

**Note:** Nebraska has 6 rushing, 0 passing TDs and no FG in the red zone. Opponents have 0 passing TDs, 1 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
<b>Crouch</b>	25	8	8	0-1	.320	6-9
<u>Lord</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0-0</u>	<u>.000</u>	<u>0-1</u>
<b>Totals</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>0-1</b>	<b>.308</b>	<b>6-10</b>

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

### ► Nebraska Points Off Turnovers...

Through two games, Nebraska is a minus-one in turnover margin, committing five turnovers (2 vs. TCU, -1; 3 vs. Troy State, 0), while forcing four turnovers. The Huskers have fumbled five times and lost three fumbles in two games, and Eric Crouch has thrown two interceptions, one in each of the first two games. Although the Huskers have committed five turnovers, only one miscue has cost Nebraska points. Troy State converted NU's first turnover, a fumbled punt return at the NU 29-yard line after the game's opening drive, into a touchdown to give the Trojans a 7-0 lead.

The Blackshirts have forced forced two fumbles and posted two interceptions in on the season. The defense scored its first points of the season in the second quarter against Troy State, when Jon Clanton rumbled 20 yards for a touchdown after Lannie Hopkins forced a fumble on a 12-yard sack of TSU quarterback Brock Nutter. Willie Amos recorded NU's first interception of the year by picking off a first-quarter Nutter pass, which the NU offense converted into a touchdown on Eric Crouch's one-yard run to take a 14-7 lead. Mark Vedral added a third-quarter interception to stop a Troy State threat into the NU red zone, but the Husker offense did not convert it 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.)
<u>Troy State</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>0-0</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>3</u> (2 fumbles/1 int.)
<b>Totals</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>5</b> (3 fumbles/2 int.)
<b>Opponent</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>4</b> (2 fumble/2 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
<b>Troy St.</b>	<b>60/330/5</b>	<b>16-9-1/127/0</b>	<b>76/457/5</b>

Opponents	Rush	Pass	Total
TCU	28/56/0	22-11-0/130/1	50/186/1
<b>Troy State</b>	<b>35/(-25)/1</b>	<b>36-15-2/190/1</b>	<b>71/165/2</b>

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

Nebraska produced its first 100-yard rusher of the season, when Dahrran Diedrick cruised for 177 yards on 25 carries with three touchdowns in Nebraska's 42-14 win over Troy State. On the afternoon, the Huskers rolled for a season-high 330 yards on the ground. The Blackshirts have not allowed an opponent individual to rush for 100 yards through two games. In fact, TSU's Demotray Carter owns the top mark by an opposing back with just 44 yards. Despite Carter's yardage, the Blackshirts held TSU to minus-25 yards on the ground, the fourth-lowest total in school history and the lowest of the Frank Solich era.

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. 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 (1) (\* notes career best)**

vs. TCU--None

vs. Troy State-Dahrran Diedrick\*, 25\* att., 177\* yards, 3\* TD

Opponents--None

► **Starting Field Position**

Nebraska has enjoyed a distinct field position advantage through the first two games, as the Huskers have produced an average starting position at the their own 38.0 yard line, while holding opponents to an average start at the 26.6, for a +11.4 yards per drive. A combination of stingy defense and solid punting has helped the Huskers. Sophomore punter Kyle Larson has averaged 48.8 yards per punt on 10 punts and buried TCU inside its own 20 five times, matching Dan Hadenfeldt's entire season total in 2000. All 10 of Larson's punts on the year have gone for 40 yards or longer, including a 40-yarder that stuck TCU at its own 1-yard line.

On the season, opponents have started four drives inside their own 10, including two drives from the 1-yard line, 12 drives inside the 20 and five more at the 20. Opponents have started five drives on Nebraska's half of the field following turnovers, with a best start by Troy State at the NU 19.

The Huskers have started just two drives inside their own 10-yard line with a worst starting position at their own 2 against TCU. NU has started a total of four drives inside its own 20 and enjoyed a best starting field position at the Troy State 7. Nebraska has started 12 of 26 drives beyond its own 40 yard line through two games, with five starts on the opposition's half of the field.

	NU Avg. Start	Opp. Avg. Start
TCU	35.2 (457/13)	24.3 (340/14)
<u>Troy State</u>	<u>40.7 (530/13)</u>	<u>28.6 (457/16)</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>38.0 (987/26)</b>	<b>26.6 (797/30)</b>

**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. Through the first two games this season, the Huskers have continued that trend, committing just nine penalties for 106 yards, while opponents have been flagged for 19 penalties and 138 yards. Of Nebraska's nine penalties, three have been on the offense, two on special teams and four against the defense. Opponents have been flagged for 13 offensive penalties, three special teams infractions and three defensive penalties.

	NU Pen.-Yds.	Opp. Pen.-Yds.
TCU	5-46	11-85
<u>Troy State</u>	<u>4-60</u>	<u>8-53</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>9-106</b>	<b>19-138</b>

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

Game	Team	Indiv. (#)	*Sacks Allowed	O-Line Penalties	Perfect Plays
TCU	45	12 (#66)	2	1-10	54.0%
<u>Troy State</u>	<u>44</u>	<u>10 (#52)</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0-0</u>	<u>53.0</u>
<b>Totals</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>12 (#66)</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1-10</b>	

► **Husker Pancake Leaders...**

	TCU	TSU	Tot Avg.
Rutherford	12	9	21 10.5
Fonoti	10	6	16 8.0
Garrison	6	10	16 8.0
Volk	6	5	11 5.5
WalDROP	6	3	9 4.5
Cody	5	2	7 3.5
Kollmorgen	DNP	3	3 3.0
Shook	0	4	4 2.0
Altstadt	DNP	2	2 2.0



# 2001 Husker Depth Chart (Date of Depth, Saturday, Sept. 1)

## 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

**LT:** 58 **DAVE VOLK\*\*\***, 6-5, 300, Sr., Battle Creek, Neb. (11)  
 75 **Kyle Kollmorgen\*\*\***, 6-5, 310, Sr., Lincoln, Neb.  
 76 **Chris Loos\***, 6-3, 310, So., Lincoln, Neb.  
 73 **Scott Koethe\***, 6-5, 310, Jr., Central City, Neb.

**LG:** 77 **TONIU FONOTI\*\***, 6-4, 340, Jr., Hauula, Hawaii (11)  
 64 **Steve Altstadt\***, 6-5, 295, Sr., Fort Calhoun, Neb.  
 78 Mike Erickson, 6-4, 300, Fr., Omaha, Neb.

**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.  
 66 **Jon Rutherford\*\***, 6-3, 300, Sr., Midwest City, Okla.  
 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:** 30 **Dahrran Diedrick\*\***, 6-0, 225, Jr., Scarborough, Ontario  
 1 **Thunder Collins\***, 6-2, 190, Jr., Los Angeles, Calif.  
 25 Josh Davis, 5-11, 195, So., Loveland, Colo.

**WB:** 8 **John Gibson\*\*\***, 6-0, 195, Sr., Papillion, Neb.+ (3)  
 89 **Troy Hassebroek\*\***, 6-4, 220, Jr., Lincoln, Neb.  
 85 Clifford Brye, 5-10, 175, Jr., Lincoln, Neb.  
 81 **Ben Cornelsen\***, 5-10, 190, Jr., Shawnee, Kan.  
 31 Fred Thorne, 5-10, 185, So., Lincoln, Neb.

**PK:** 26 **JOSH BROWN\*\***, 6-2, 190, JR., FOYIL, OKLA.  
 22 Sandro DeAngelis, 5-8, 195, Fr., Niagara Falls, Ontario

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 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)  
 17 **T.J. Hollowell\***, 6-0, 220, So., Copperas Cove, Texas  
 -OR-23 **Blanchard Johnson III\***, 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)  
 21 Philip Bland, 6-0, 205, Fr., Lafayette, Colo.  
 -OR-40 **Lannie Hopkins**, 6-2, 205, Fr., Rowlett, Texas  
 2 **Aaron Terpening\*\***, 5-11, 200, Jr., Salem, Ore.  
 20 **Wes Woodward\*\*\***, 5-8, 185, Sr., Omaha, Neb.  
 4 **Terrell Butler\***, 5-9, 190, So., Austell, Ga.

**RCB:** 5 **DeJuan Groce\*\***, 5-10, 190, Jr., Garfield Heights, Ohio (2)  
 -OR-16 **ERWIN SWINEY\*\*\***, 6-0, 185, Sr., Lincoln, Neb. (10)  
 18 **Jeff Hemje\*\*\***, 6-0, 180, Sr., Grand Island, Neb.

**P:** 19 Kyle Larson, 6-0, 205, So., Funk, Neb.  
 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), 74 David Kolowski  
**Punt Ret.:** 5 **DeJuan Groce\*\***, 3 **Keyuo Craver\*\*\***,  
 81 **Ben Cornelsen\***, 25 Josh Davis  
**Kickoff Ret.:** 25 Josh Davis, 85 Clifford Brye

## Injured:

**IB-6** **DeAntae Grixby\***, 5-8, 205, So., Omaha, Neb.  
**IB-21** **Robin Miller\***, 5-11, 225, So., Kent, Wash.