

NEBRASKA FOOTBALL

2001

Husker Records and Streaks

- ▶ NCAA-record 243 consecutive sellouts in Memorial Stadium (counting Rice)
- ▶ 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
- ▶ 329 consecutive weeks ranked by the Associated Press, a continuing AP record
- ▶ 32 consecutive years ranked in AP top 25
- ▶ 16-game home winning streak
- ▶ 94-10 record since 1993 (nine 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. 11: 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 2 p.m.

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Game 4: No. 4/4 Nebraska (3-0) vs. Rice

DATE: Saturday, Sept. 15, 2001; **TIME:** 6:08 p.m.

SITE: Memorial Stadium—243rd Consecutive Sellout; **STADIUM CAPACITY:** 73,918

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

REGIONAL TV: FOX Sports Net; Joel Meyers (Play-by-Play); James Lofton (Color); Eric Clemons (Sideline); channel 37 in Lincoln

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

No. 4/4 Nebraska (3-0) Hosts Rice (2-0)

The No. 4/4 (AP/coaches) Nebraska Cornhuskers improved to 3-0 on the season with a 27-10 victory over then-No. 17/17 Notre Dame. Nebraska will host the Rice Owls this week, in Nebraska's third straight game at home, third straight on TV and second straight night game. Fox Sports Net will carry the game on its national network in a 6:08 p.m. kickoff. Three times in the regular season NU has played back-to-back night games, most recently vs. Kansas State (Oct. 4) and Baylor (Oct. 11) in 1997. Rice is 2-0 coming off a 15-13 win over Duke last Saturday.

The Husker defense continues to dominate as NU has now held its first three opponents to a total of 74 yards rushing on 93 carries (0.8 yards per carry) and 513 total offense yards (171 yards per game, 2.8 yards per carry). Nebraska's first three opponents have scored just 31 points (10.3 ppg). Meanwhile, the Huskers are averaging 223.7 yards per game rushing and 345.7 total and are led by quarterback **Eric Crouch** (165.3 total offense yards per game), I-back **Dahrran Diedrick**, who rushed for more than 100 yards in each of the last two games (155.0 ypg) and tight end **Tracey Wistrom**, who has 10 catches for 145 yards (14.5 ypc).

The Huskers have won 16 straight in Memorial Stadium. A record 78,118 fans piled into Memorial Stadium last week to see two teams with great tradition collide, this week it will again be a packed house as Nebraska will play in front of its 243rd consecutive sellout. Husker fans are accustomed to setting records and before the Notre Dame game last week, NU set the record for ESPN GameDay when 15,808 Husker faithful attended the live broadcast.

This Week's Polls

The Huskers remained fourth in the coaches poll and moved back up to fourth in the AP after a 27-10 victory over NU's first ranked opponent this year. Notre Dame entered the game ranked 17th in both polls, but dropped to 23rd in the coaches poll (150 points) and in the AP (211 points). Nebraska had been fourth in both polls in the first two polls, but dropped to fifth last week in the AP. In this week's Associated Press Poll, NU has two first-place votes and 1,521 points, behind Miami (40 first-place votes, 1,749 points), Florida (14, 1,715) and Oklahoma (11, 1,638). In the USA Today/ESPN Coaches poll, NU received two first-place votes and 1,288 points, behind Miami (29 first-place votes, 1,441 points), Florida (19, 1,427) and Oklahoma (7, 1,367). Kansas State, who the Huskers will face on Nov. 10, is ranked 12th and 10th respectively.

The 2001 Nebraska (3-0) 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*	1-0-0	Diedrick rushes for 177 yards; NU Blackshirts have eight sacks
Sat.	Sept. 8	Notre Dame	W 27-10	ABC	8-7-1	Diedrick rushes for 133 yards on career-high 32 carries
Sat.	Sept. 15	Rice	6:08 p.m.	FSN	0-0-0	First Meeting; NU Defensive Coordinator Craig Bohl former Rice assistant
Sat.	Sept. 29	at Missouri #	TBA		NU 59-32-3	NU 42-24 in 2000; NU has won 22 straight over Tigers
Sat.	Oct. 6	Iowa State #	TBA		NU 79-14-2	NU 49-27 in 2000 (Ames); RB Coach Mike Grant-former Husker QB
Sat.	Oct. 13	at Baylor #	1 p.m.		NU 6-1-0	NU 59-0 in 2000 (Lincoln); NU has outscored BU 228-57 in series
Sat.	Oct. 20	Texas Tech # (HC)	TBA		NU 6-0-0	NU 56-3 in 2000 (Lubbock); NU has won last 32 straight Homecomings
Sat.	Oct. 27	Oklahoma #	TBA		OU 40-36-3	OU 31-14 in 2000 (Norman); 30-year anniversary—"Game of the Century"
Sat.	Nov. 3	at Kansas #	TBA		NU 83-21-3	NU 56-17 in 2000 (Lincoln); Series is third-longest in NCAA Div. I-A
Sat.	Nov. 10	Kansas State #	TBA		NU 71-12-2	KSU 29-28 in 2000 (Manhattan); NU has won 30 of last 32 games
Fri.	Nov. 23	at Colorado #	2:30 p.m.	ABC	NU 43-14-2	NU 34-32 in 2000 (Lincoln); Last four games decided by 10 points
Sat.	Dec. 1	Big 12 Champ.	7 p.m.	ABC	NU 2-1-0	at Texas Stadium, Irving, Texas; NU has won two of five titles

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

Game Three Recap

Nebraska 27, Notre Dame 10

The Cornhuskers improved to 3-0 on the season, defeating then-No. 17/17 Notre Dame (0-1), 27-10, in Lincoln. It was Nebraska's first night game this season and rain fell early in the second half. In front of Nebraska's 242nd consecutive sellout, a record crowd of 78,118 (old record was 78,096 vs. Kansas on Nov. 4, 2000), saw Nebraska total 270 yards to Notre Dame's 162. The Irish had just 43 yards rushing, and were minus 34 in the rushing category in the first quarter. For the third straight game, NU did not give up more than 56 yards rushing. Nebraska marched 64 yards to a touchdown on its first possession, which included four plays of 10 yards or more, and never looked back, increasing its lead to 17-0 after the first quarter and 27-3 at the half. The 17 points scored by Nebraska in the first quarter were the most by a Notre Dame opponent in one period since Stanford also put up 17 points in the first quarter in 1999. The Huskers utilized an average first-half starting field position at the Notre Dame 42-yard line, including three drives which began inside the Irish 25 yard line. Nebraska scored on its first, second, fourth, seventh and eighth possessions, but was held scoreless in the second half and to 70 yards total, all came on the ground. Notre Dame's only touchdown came on the Irish's first drive of the fourth quarter. The Huskers did not score in the second half.

The win for the Huskers was Nebraska's 16th straight win at home; NU's third straight against Notre Dame; gave NU an 8-7-1 series lead; was Nebraska's fifth straight win overall; gave Coach Frank Solich a 2-0 record vs. the Irish and Notre Dame Coach Bob Davie; marked Coach Solich's ninth win over a top 25 AP ranked team in four years (9-6 record); extended Coach Solich's perfect record vs. ranked teams at home to five games; and gave NU a 27-8 record over ranked teams in the last nine seasons (88-90-3 all time vs. AP ranked teams).

▶ Senior quarterback **Eric Crouch** improved to 27-5 as a starter and 7-5 as a starter vs. ranked teams. He already owns Nebraska school records for career rushing yards by a quarterback (2,467) and career total offense (5,786) and moved up from 13th into 10th on the NU career rushing chart, the only quarterback to rank in the top 10. He remains 13th in the Big 12 and 13th among NCAA Division I-A quarterbacks. He needs 76 yards to pass Missouri's Corby Jones and become the Big 12's best rushing quarterback. Against the Irish, Crouch completed 6-of-9 passes for 88 yards, including his first touchdown pass this season, a 22-yard strike to John Gibson on NU's first one-play drive of the season. He passed his coach Turner Gill to move from fifth to fourth on the NU all-time passing chart. He carried 14 times for 31 yards.

▶ Senior tight end **Tracey Wistrom** led the Huskers and tied his career best with four catches for 71 yards (season bests). Three of his receptions set up Husker scores and two were third-down conversions (14 and 22-yard gains). He now has 47 career catches for 972 yards. Wistrom is tied for second among Husker tight ends in receiving yards and is third in receptions. He is 173 yards shy of tying school-record holder Junior Miller (1,045 from 1977 to 1979). Wistrom is 14 catches behind Jerry List's school-record 61 receptions (from 1970 to 1972) and eight behind Miller's 55.

▶ Senior LB **Jamie Burrow** had a career-best 11 tackles to lead the Huskers, including two tackles for losses and a fumble recovery on the defense's first play from scrimmage. Burrow was named the Big 12 Defensive Player of the Week for his efforts.

▶ Sophomore I-back **Josh Davis** had two long kickoff returns of 25 yards or more and a career-best 76 yards on two returns. The first was a 33-yard return on the game's opening kickoff, that set up Diedrick's two-yard TD run to put the Huskers up 7-0, the second was a career-best 43-yard kickoff return that set up Diedrick's three-yard touchdown run to give the Huskers a 24-3 lead. Davis' return was the longest kickoff return for the Huskers since Randy Stella had a 50-yard return vs. Southern Miss in 1999. Davis now has three kickoff returns of plus-25 yards this season and in his career. Davis had two kickoff returns for 76 yards, a career best and the most since Joe Walker had 182 vs. Louisiana Tech in the 1998 season opener.

▶ I-back **Dahrran Diedrick** recorded his second straight 100-yard rushing day. He carried 25 times for 177 yards and three TDs last week vs. Troy State, and had a career-high 32 carries for 133 yards and two TDs vs. Notre Dame. Diedrick hit the 100-yard rushing mark on his 20th carry, with an 11-yard gain on NU's first drive of the third quarter. His 32 carries were four off the school record (36 by Rick Berns vs. Missouri on Nov. 18, 1978 and Lawrence Phillips vs. Iowa State on Nov. 12, 1994) and the highest under Coach Solich. Diedrick said, *"I am just thankful that everything has been falling into place for me lately. I've been happy with the way I've played and I have to give a lot of the credit to the offensive line. They're a young group, and they have improved so much."*

▶ Junior cornerback **DeJuan Groce** recorded his first interception this season and second of his career. His return of 40 yards was a career best and the longest by a Husker this season. The last time Nebraska had an interception return of 40 yards or more was Clint Finley vs. Colorado in 1998 (42-yard touchdown). Groce had eight tackles in the game, the interception and two pass breakups. He also had a punt return for a touchdown called back because of a penalty.

▶ Freshman place-kicker **Sandro DeAngelis** kicked his first and second field goals of his career. DeAngelis was successful on a 19-yard field goal with 3:59 remaining in the first quarter to give Nebraska a 17-0 lead after a Notre Dame turnover on a bad snap, and kicked a 21-yard field goal to put the Huskers up 27-3 at the half with just one second remaining on the clock. DeAngelis also kicked PATs for the Huskers and was 3-for-3.

▶ **Other Firsts and Bests...**Sophomore fullback **Judd Davies** had a season-long carry of 11 yards on NU's first TD drive. Senior split end **John Gibson** recorded his first touchdown reception of the season on a 22-yard pass from Crouch to give NU a 14-0 lead. It was the second of his career and a career long. That score marked NU's first touchdown pass this season.

▶ **Turnovers...Nebraska**-two (2 fumbles, 0 interceptions, Notre Dame converted 0 to 0 points); **Notre Dame**-four (2 fumbles, 2 interceptions, Nebraska converted two to 10 points). Notre Dame's TB Terrance Howard was hit by RE **Demoine Adams** and LB **Jamie Burrow** recovered. On the next play, Crouch completed a 22-yard TD pass to John Gibson to give NU a 14-0 lead with 10:19 remaining in the first quarter. On Nebraska's next possession, Crouch fumbled and Notre Dame recovered, but after the Husker Blackshirts held the Irish to three-and-out, snapper John Crowther snapped the ball over Joey Hildbold's head, after Hildbold touched the ball, but couldn't recover, NU RE **Justin Smith** recovered the ball and was credited with a seven-yard return to the ND 8-yard line. NU converted the turnover to three points when **Sandro DeAngelis** hit his first career field goal (19 yards). Nebraska did not convert **DeJuan Groce's** interception of Matt LoVecchio, as Crouch fumbled, but Notre Dame also did not convert. In the second half, NU FS **Willie Amos** picked off Carlyle Holiday at the NU 5-yard line, but Nebraska went three-and-out (NU punter **Kyle Larson** suffered his first blocked punt and Notre Dame recovered at the NU 4-yard line, but that does not count as a turnover). Last season, Notre Dame had four fumbles lost the entire season.

▶ **Sacks...**Nebraska 2-8...RE **Demoine Adams** (1-4), **Scott Shanle** (1-4). Nebraska now has 12 sacks for 95 yards lost on the season, with at least two in each game. NU also has 35-151 TFL on the season, including 8-21 vs Notre Dame. **Third-Down Conversions...**NU held Notre Dame to 3-of-15 on third-down conversions and on the season has held opponents to 9-of-44 on third-down conversions this year. **Defense...**Opponents have rushed for a total of 74 yards in the first three games on 93 carries for a 0.8 ypp. NU has also held all three opponents to less than 200 yards of total offense.

▶ **NU Team Highs and Lows...Highs**--penalties and penalty yards (10-69); turnover margin (plus two)...**Lows**...passing (88); **Opponent Lows**...passing (119); total offense (162); **Opponent Long Run**...35 yards by Tony Fisher (first rush of 25 yards or more this season vs. the Blackshirts, but NU did not give up a single pass play of 25 yards or more for the first time this season).

2001 Big 12 Standings

North	Records	
Team	Overall	Last Week
Nebraska	3-0	W, Notre Dame, 27-10
Iowa State	1-0	W, UNI, 45-0
Kansas State	1-0	W, USC, 10-6
Colorado	2-1	W, SJSU, 51-15
Kansas	1-1	L, UCLA, 17-41
Missouri	0-1	W, SW Texas, 40-6

South	Records	
Team	Overall	Last Week
Oklahoma	3-0	W, No. Texas, 37-10
Texas	2-0	W, UNC, 44-14
Texas A&M	2-0	W, Wyoming, 28-20
Texas Tech	1-0	W, New Mexico, 42-30
Baylor	1-0	W, Ark. St., 24-3
Oklahoma St.	1-1	W, La. Tech, 30-23

2001 Non-Conference Opponents:

Team	2001 Record
TCU	2-1
Troy State	0-2
Notre Dame	0-1
Rice	2-0

2001 Rice Schedule

9/1	at Houston	W, 21-14
9/8	Duke	W, 15-13
9/15	at Nebraska (FSN)	6 p.m.
9/29	at Hawaii	11:05 p.m.
10/6	Boise State	7 p.m.
10/13	at Navy	11 a.m.
10/20	Nevada	7 p.m.
10/27	at Louisiana Tech	1:30 p.m.
11/3	at Fresno State	6 p.m.
11/10	Tulsa	2 p.m.
11/17	Texas-El Paso	7 p.m.
11/24	Southern Methodist	2 p.m.

2000 Results (3-8)

9/2	vs. Houston	W, 30-27 (OT)
9/9	at Michigan	L, 7-38
9/16	vs. Tulsa	L, 16-23
9/23	at Oklahoma	L, 14-42
9/30	at San Jose State	L, 16-29
10/5	vs. Fresno State	L, 24-27
10/21	vs. Hawaii	W, 38-13
10/28	at TCU	L, 0-37
11/4	vs. SMU	W, 43-14
11/11	at Texas-El Paso	L, 21-38
11/18	at Nevada	L, 34-38

Nebraska-Rice Notes

► Nebraska junior rush end Demoiné Adams and Rice sophomore nose guard Jonathan Chism were teammates at Pine Bluff High School in Arkansas in 1997. Chism did not join Pine Bluff starting lineup until 1998, Adams' redshirt year at Nebraska. Adams graduated from NU in August in just three years of college. Chism is an ordained minister and was the Pine Bluff salutatorian in 1999.

Huskers from Texas

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

Scouting Rice

Rice comes to Lincoln for the first meeting between the two schools with a 2-0 record after posting wins over Houston and Duke the past two weekends. The Owls could equal their win total for the entire 2000 season with an upset of the Huskers in Lincoln, after Rice finished with a 3-8 overall record and 2-6 mark in the Western Athletic Conference last season.

The Owls and Coach Ken Hatfield return 22 starters, including eight on offense, nine on defense and five specialists from last year's squad. Defensively, bandit Dan Dawson was a playmaker for the Owls last year, amassing 88 tackles, including nine tackles for loss, while snagging seven interceptions. Dawson returned the interceptions for a total of 206 yards for a 29.4 yard average and one touchdown. Dawson is also Rice's top punt returner. Along with Dawson, linebacker Rashard Pittman also returns after making 88 tackles, including 63 solos and nine tackles for loss. Linebacker Joe Bob Thompson led the Owls with 10 tackles in the season opener against Houston, with 10 tackles, including three for loss with two sacks. Defensive end Brandon Green pitched in nine tackles against the Cougars with four tackles for loss including three sacks.

In Rice's spread-option attack, the Owls will rely on diminutive sophomore quarterback Kyle Herm to lead the club. Despite standing just 5-foot-8 and weighing just 175 pounds, Herm has proven his toughness through the first two games. In the 21-14 season-opening win at Houston, Herm rushed 15 times for 119 yards (7.9 ypc) to lead an Owl attack that churned out 354 rushing yards on 69 carries. Herm also completed 4-of-8 passes for 26 yards. In the 15-13 win over Duke on Saturday, Herm was held to just 29 yards on the ground, but scored the opening touchdown. He also completed 11-of-18 passes for 106 yards.

Freshman right halfback Clint Hatfield (no relation to Coach Ken Hatfield) has added 84 yards on just nine carries, including his first career score against Houston, while fullbacks Jamie Tyler and Robbie Beck have combined for nearly 169 yards in two games. The Owls also have a group of talented experienced receivers in Gavin Boothe and Gilbert Okoronkwo, who combined for 29 catches and 449 yards last season.

Nebraska defensive coordinator Craig Bohl served as an assistant coach/defensive coordinator at Rice from 1989 to 1993, preceding Hatfield's arrival at the Houston school.

Rice Head Coach Ken Hatfield

Coach Ken Hatfield (Arkansas, 1964) is in his eighth season at Rice and his 23rd season overall as a head coach. Hatfield owns a 36-42-1 record with the Owls and a 149-104-4 mark in his career. Hatfield has never faced Nebraska. Hatfield has led 10 teams to bowl games and eight teams to final top-25 national rankings.

Although Hatfield and Nebraska Coach Frank Solich have never faced each other on the sidelines, the pair did battle each other on the field in the 1965 Cotton Bowl, when Hatfield's Arkansas team defeated Solich's Huskers, 10-7. Arkansas finished the season 11-0 and No. 2 in both national polls, while Solich and the Huskers finished 10-2 with a No. 6 national ranking. As a fullback, Solich rushed 11 times for 34 yards, returned one kick for 24 yards and one punt for three yards. Hatfield played a crucial role for the Razorback defense, intercepting two passes, while returning one kickoff for 16 yards and two punts for 16 yards.

Hatfield was also an assistant coach at Florida in 1974 when the Huskers knocked off the Gators, 13-10, in the Sugar Bowl in Tom Osborne's second season as Nebraska's head coach.

Hatfield began his career as a head coach at Air Force in 1978, where he turned around the Falcons from a 2-9 squad in his first season to back-to-back bowl bids, including a 10-2 mark and a trip to the Independence Bowl in his final season at Air Force in 1983. He led Arkansas to six straight bowl bids and four top-20 national finishes from 1984 to 1989, before leading Clemson to a 10-2 mark and a final No. 9 national ranking in 1990. He left Clemson after posting an 8-3 mark and a No. 24 national finish in 1993.

The Nebraska-Rice Series (First Meeting)

This week's game will mark the first meeting between Nebraska and Rice on the gridiron. The last time Nebraska faced the Owls in any sport came earlier this year in baseball, when the Huskers swept Rice, 7-0 and 9-6, in the 2001 NCAA Baseball Super Regional at Buck Beltzer Stadium in Lincoln to advance to Nebraska's first-ever appearance in the College World Series.

Nebraska owns a 31-9-1 record against Texas schools, including a 23-7 mark against the four Big 12 teams from Texas. Nebraska is 6-1 vs. TCU, 1-0 vs. North Texas, 1-0-1 vs. SMU and 0-1 vs. Houston.

Nebraska-Rice 2001 Statistical Comparison

	Nebraska (3-0, 0-0)			Rice (2-0, 0-0 WAC)		
	Rankings (4/4)			Rankings (NR/NR)		
Top 20 NCAA Rankings in Boldface						
Category	Avg.	Natl.	Big 12	Avg.	National	WAC
Rushing Offense	223.7	18th	3rd	254.0	7th	1st
Passing Offense	122.0	101st	10th	79.0	114th	10th
Total Offense	345.7	63rd	8th	333.0	69th	4th
Scoring Offense	30.0	32nd	6th	18.0	77th	6th
Rushing Defense	24.7	2nd	1st	73.0	18th	2nd
Pass Eff. Defense	86.1	20th	5th	102.6	44th	6th
Total Defense	171.0	4th	1st	263.5	24th	2nd
Scoring Defense	10.3	19th	4th	13.5	29th	3rd
Net Punting	43.1	23rd	5th	31.7	94th	8th
Punt Returns	9.0	59th	8th	5.8	85th	8th
Kickoff Returns	27.0	22nd	5th	19.7	69th	6th
Turnover Margin	+0.33	49th	6th	+1.50	16th	3rd

Division I-A Coaches

Best Career Starts

First Four Years by Wins

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

*Frank Solich, NU 1998-01 34-7-0

Solich vs. Ranked AP Teams (9-6)

(Gametime rank)	NU/Opp.	Date	Opponent	Site	Rank	Result
1998:						
9/26	Washington	Home	2/9	W	55-7	
10/10	Texas A&M	Away	2/18	L	21-28	
10/24	Missouri	Home	7/19	W	20-13	
11/14	Kansas St.	Away	11/2	L	30-40	
12/30	Arizona	Holiday	14/5	L	20-23	
1999:						
10/23	Texas	Away	3/18	L	20-24	
11/6	Texas A&M	Home	9/21	W	37-0	
11/13	Kansas St.	Home	7/5	W	41-15	
12/4	Texas	Big 12	3/12	W	22-6	
1/2	Tennessee	Fiesta	3/6	W	31-21	
2000:						
9/9	Notre Dame	Away	1/23	W	27-24OT	
10/28	Oklahoma	Away	1/3	L	31-14	
11/18	Kansas St.	Away	4/16	L	29-28	
12/30	Northwest.	Alamo	9/18	W	66-17	
2001:						
9/8	Notre Dame	Home	4/17	W	27-10	

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	23-4
When Opp. has 100 Yd. Rusher	7-3
When Scoring 35 or More Points	21-0
When Hold Opp. to 10 Pts. or less	14-0
Consecutive Weeks Ranked by AP	54

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

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

boldface **underlined**=winner;*=co-winner

The Road to the Roses--NU's 2001 Schedule

For the first time since 1905 and just the fourth time ever, Nebraska's 2001 football schedule features eight home games. The eighth game and 12-game schedule, came about on March 8, when Nebraska committed to host TCU in the NACDA Pigskin Classic. The Huskers' first three opponents open their seasons vs. Nebraska, and NU's Memorial Stadium played host to back-to-back night games for the first time in Husker history on Sept. 8 and Sept. 15, vs. Notre Dame and Rice.

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 defeated its first ranked opponent, when No. 5/4 (AP/coaches) Nebraska defeated No. 17/17 Notre Dame, 27-10, in the second and last game of a home-and-home series, on Sept. 8. For the third consecutive week, Nebraska will play on television, as the Rice game will be televised by Fox Sports Net in a 6:07 p.m. 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 (5/6) Kansas State (12/10) and Notre Dame (23/23).

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

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

Nebraska Head Coach Frank Solich

Coach Frank Solich (Nebraska, 1966) is in his fourth season at the helm of the Huskers and owns a 34-7 school and career record. Solich is five 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 3-0 start in 2001, Solich's career record stands at 34-7. 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. It is the first meeting between Solich and Rice's Head Coach Ken Hatfield, although the two have met before as assistants.

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 142 years of combined experience at NU (counting 2001) and a staff that has participated in 132 bowl games. The 20-year veterans include Solich (23 years), secondary coach George Darlington (29) and offensive line coach Milt Tenopir (28). The others include offensive line/kickers coach Dan Young (19), receivers coach Ron Brown (15), quarterbacks coach Turner Gill (10), linebackers coach Craig Bohl (7), rush ends coach Nelson Barnes (5), running backs coach Dave Gillespie (4) and the newest member, defensive line coach Jeff Jamrog (2). Five members of the Husker coaching staff also played at Nebraska, including Solich, Bohl, Gill, Gillespie and Jamrog.

Injury Update

Nebraska may have suffered its first major injury of the season when senior nose tackle **Jason Lohr** sprained a ligament in his left knee in the first half of the Notre Dame game. The extent of the injury is not known at this time, but junior **Jon Clanton** is expected to get his first career start against Rice. Five NU players missed the last three games due to injuries, including 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).

NU 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 32. 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 14 tackles this season, a team-best four pass breakups and 11 punt returns for 119 yards (10.8 average).

► Senior Quarterback Eric Crouch

Heisman Trophy, Johnny Unitas, Davey O'Brien and All-America candidate, **Eric Crouch** has 2,467 career rushing yards on 498 carries to rank 10th on the NU career rushing charts, first among quarterbacks. Crouch's 2,467 career rushing yards rank 13th all time among Division I-A quarterbacks. Crouch needs 533 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 66 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 3,319 career passing yards, which ranks fourth on the NU passing chart. Crouch needs 202 yards passing to tie No. 3 Tommie Frazier's 3,521 passing yards from 1992 to 1995.

In total offense, Crouch holds the Nebraska record with 5,786 yards (fourth in the Big 12). He passed KSU's Michael Bishop last week and

needs 444 yards to catch No. 3 Corby Jones' 6,230 yards from 1995 to 1998. Crouch has 66 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 498; Most rushing yards by an NU QB with 2,467; 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 has had at least three catches in each of the first three games this season, 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 20.7 yards per catch (47 receptions, 972 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 14 catches, 73 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. He leads the team with 10 catches for 145 yards this season. Wistrom's 47 receptions are tied for 20th on the NU all-time career receiver's chart. He is 28 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 tied his career best with four catches vs. Notre Dame. He has had four receptions five times in his career. Wistrom averages 14.5 yards per catch this year, which ranks third on the team.

► 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 244 career pancakes including 111 in 1999, 107 last year and 21 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 Toniu Fonoti

As a sophomore, **Toniu 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, 18 vs. Notre Dame (34 this season) and has 214 career pancakes, 165 short of Aaron Taylor's school career record of 377 from 1995 to 1997. Starting right guard **Jon Rutherford** leads the team with 31 pancakes in three games this season, for a 10.3 average with a team season-best 12 vs. TCU. As a team, Nebraska has 152 pancakes this season, with a season-best 63 vs. then No. 17/17 Notre Dame.

Charting the Huskers

NU Career Passing QBs

Rank	Player, Years	Yds	TD
1.	Dave Humm, 72-74	5,035	41
2.	Jerry Tagge, 69-71	4,704	32
3.	Tommie Frazier, 92-95	3,521	43
4.	Eric Crouch, 98-01	3,319	23
5.	Turner Gill, 80-83	3,317	34

NU Career Rushing QBs

Rank	Player, Years	Yds	TD
1.	Eric Crouch, 1998-01	2,467	43
2.	Steve Taylor, 1985-88	2,125	32
3.	Tommie Frazier, 1992-95	1,955	36
4.	Scott Frost, 1996-97	1,533	28
5.	Turner Gill, 1980-83	1,317	18

Nebraska Career Rushers

Rank	Player, Years	Att.	Yds.	TDs
1.	Mike Rozier, IB, 81-83	668	4,780	49
2.	Ahman Green, IB, 95-97	574	3,880	42
3.	Calvin Jones, IB, 91-93	461	3,153	40
4.	Ken Clark, IB, 87-89	494	3,037	29
5.	I.M. Hipp, IB, 77-79	495	2,814	21
6.	Lawrence Phillips, IB, 93-95	449	2,777	30
7.	Derek Brown, IB, 90-92	458	2,699	23
8.	Correll Buckhalter, IB, 97-00	413	2,522	27
9.	Keith Jones, IB, 84-87	398	2,488	32
10.	Dan Alexander, IB, 97-00	402	2,456	20
11.	Rick Berns, IB, 76-78	440	2,449	28
12.	Roger Craig, IB, 79-82	407	2,446	26
13.	Eric Crouch, QB, 98-01	498	2,467	43

NU Career Total Offense

Rank	Player, Pos., Years	Yards	TDs
1.	Eric Crouch, QB, 98-01	5,786	63
2.	Tommie Frazier, QB, 92-95	5,476	79

NU All-Time Career Scorers

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

24. Josh Brown, PK, 99-01	157

NU Top Tight Ends by Yards

Rank	Player, Years	No.Yards	Avg.TD
1.	Junior Miller, 77-79	55 1,045	19.0 12
2.	Jerry List, 70-72	61 901	14.8 5
3.	Tracey Wistrom, 97-01	47 972	20.7 8
4.	Todd Millikan, 85-88	40 825	20.6 14
5.	Johnny Mitchell, 90-91	42 816	19.4 12

school career record holders in bold

NU Career Pass Breakups

Rank, #	Player, Position, Years
1. 50	Ralph Brown, RCB, 1996-99
2. 32	Keyuo Craver, LCB, 1998-01
3. 27	Erwin Swiney, RCB, 1997-01

The Receivers

The Huskers have had good production from each of their three starting receivers this season. Senior tight end **Tracey Wistrom** leads the team with 10 catches for 145 yards and no touchdowns. After entering the season with just one career catch, junior **Wilson Thomas** (6-6, 215) is second with 8-136-0 and senior **John Gibson** recorded the team's first touchdown reception vs. Notre Dame (22 yards). Gibson has four catches for 74 yards. Junior tight end **Aaron Golliday** and I-backs **Thunder Collins** and **Dahrran Diedrick** have one reception each.

O-Line Improves

The Nebraska offensive line has helped the Huskers to a No. 18 national rank in rushing, averaging 223.7 yards per game. The O-line had its best game against Notre Dame, recording a season-high 63 pancakes. Junior left guard **Toniu Fonoti** leads the team with 34 pancakes, an average of 11.3 per game and had a team-high and season-best 18 vs. Notre Dame. Senior right guard **Jon Rutherford** is second on the team with 31 pancakes (10.3) and led the team with a season-best 12 vs. TCU. Center **John Garrison** is third on the team with 24 (8.0) and led the team with a season-best and career-high 10 vs. Troy State. Senior left tackle **Dave Volk** is fourth on the team with 21 (7.0); sophomore right tackle **Dan Waldrop** is fifth with 20 (6.3) and junior right guard **Wes Cody** is sixth with 132 (4.3), including a career-best six vs. Notre Dame. The O-line has had three offensive penalties this season and has given up three sacks.

The Running Backs

For the second straight week, junior **Dahrran Diedrick** led all rushers with 133 yards against then No. 17 Notre Dame. Diedrick had a career-high 32 carries against Notre Dame, the most by a Solich back and the most since Ahman Green had 34 vs. Texas A&M in 1997. Green is also the last back to carry 30 or more times in a game. It was four off the school record of 36 held by Rick Berns (1978) and Lawrence Phillips (1994). Diedrick did not play in the season opener, then rushed for a career-high 177 yards and a career-best three touchdowns against Troy State on 25 carries. Diedrick does not rank in the NCAA statistics (does not meet the 75 percent of games requirement), but is averaging 155.0 yards per game, a figure that would rank third.

Nebraska led the nation in rushing last year averaging 349.3 yards per game, as Dan Alexander and Correll Buckhalter split time at I-back. Neither Alexander or Buckhalter ever carried 30 or more times. Crouch has fewer carries in three games than Diedrick has had in two this season, giving Nebraska's Heisman Trophy candidate a much-needed break. Last year Crouch carried 169 times in 11 games, an average of 15.4 times. He had 20 or more carries three times. In the first game when Diedrick did not play vs. TCU, Crouch had a season-high 24 carries.

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. Collins has 25 carries for 123 yards on the season and three TDs. He did not see action vs. Notre Dame. Sophomore **DeAntae Grixby** saw action (8-15-0) in game one, but suffered a cracked rib, and has not played in the last two games. Sophomore **Robin Miller** has sat out the first three games with a hamstring pull. Sophomore **Josh Davis** has seen his only action of the season on the kickoff return teams. The fullback position is solid with sophomore **Judd Davies** (9-32-0) and redshirt freshman **Steve Kriewald** (5-24-0).

Charting the Husker Backs

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

Opp.	Crouch	Diedrick	Collins	Davies	TEAM
TCU	24-69-1	DNP	14-71-2	2-1-0	50-159-3
TSU	15-48-1	25-177-3	11-52-1	2-10-0	60-330-5
ND	14-31-0	32-133-2	0-0-0	5-21-0	52-182-2
Totals	53-148-2	57-310-5	25-123-3	9-32-0	162-671-10

The Defense

The Nebraska defense has dominated in its first three games. The Blackshirts rank among the nation's top 20 in all four defensive categories, including second in rushing defense (24.7 ypg), fourth in total defense (171.0 ypg), 19th in scoring defense (10.3 ppg) and 20th in pass efficiency defense (86.1 rating). Nebraska has held each of its first three opponents to less than 100 yards rushing and less than 200 yards of total offense.

The last time three straight opponents were held to less than 100 yards rushing was in 2000 when Iowa State (37), Texas Tech (19) and Baylor (5) totaled 61 yards in games five, six and seven. In 1999, the Blackshirts held its first four opponents to less than 100 yards rushing before Oklahoma State totaled 188 in game five. NU held Iowa (57), California (40), Southern Miss (25) and Missouri (25) to just 147 yards in the first four games in 1999. NU has given up just 74 yards in the first three games, with a high of 56 by TCU and a low of minus-25 by Troy State. That total is the lowest in the Solich era and the fourth-best figure all time at NU.

The last time NU held three straight opponents to less than 200 yards of total offense was in 1997 when Texas Tech (127), Kansas (48) and Oklahoma (154) combined for 329 total-offense yards in games

six, seven and eight. The last time NU held four consecutive opponents to 200 yards or less was in 1981 (Auburn 150, Colorado 148, Kansas State 136, Missouri 193). Over the last three weeks, the Huskers have given up just 513 yards of total offense and opponents are averaging 2.8 yards per play.

The Blackshirts have given up four touchdowns in three games and a total of 31 points. Troy State scored a season-high 14 points against the Huskers, seven came after a turnover (drive began on NU's 29 yard line). Notre Dame scored 10 points last week and Troy State was held to a season-low seven points.

Defensive Personnel

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 defense features eight returning starters and six senior starters with three letters each. Fifteen different Huskers have started at least one game on defense for NU and next week vs. Rice, junior nose tackle **Jon Clanton** is expected to get his first career start as senior **Jason Lohr** will miss with a knee injury. Left cornerback **Keyuo Craver** has started 27 consecutive games, while right cornerback **Erwin Swiney** has 33 career starts, but none in 2001 after missing the first two games with a sprained ankle.

Going Backward

Nebraska sacked Troy State a team-high eight times and 15 tackles for 90 tackles for loss, and held the Trojans to minus-25 yards rushing. NU held Notre Dame to a season-low 119 yards passing and 162 yards of total defense. TCU had just six first downs. The defense has given up just one run of 25 yards or more (Notre Dame 35-yard run by Tony Fisher) and has not allowed an individual to rush for more than 50 yards in a game. Troy State's Demontray Carter had a season-best 44 yards rushing vs. Nebraska. The Husker defense has given up just five long plays in three games, four by pass and one by rush. The Blackshirts have caused eight turnovers this season. Of those, the offense has turned four turnovers into three touchdowns and one field goal to account for 24 defense-aided points. NU turned a season-best four turnovers to a season-high 10 points vs. Notre Dame. One touchdown was scored directly by the defense, when nose tackle **Jon Clanton** scored on a 20-yard fumble return vs. Troy State.

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	
ND	30-43-1	32-16-119-0	62-162-1	14	2-8	8-21	2F,2I	10	
Tot.	93-74-2	90-42-439-2	183-513-4	33	12-95	35-151	8	24	

Team Leaders

Starting Mike Linebacker **Jamie Burrow** leads the team with 22 tackles, including a career-best 11 vs. Notre Dame. Burrow is tied with junior rush end **Chris Kelsay** for the team lead in tackles for loss with five. True freshman linebacker **Barrett Ruud**, Burrow's backup, is second on the team with 17 tackles. All-America cornerback **Keyuo Craver** is tied for third on the team in tackles with 14 and leads the team in pass breakups with four. Sam linebacker **Scott Shanle** also has 14 tackles. Starting free safety **Willie Amos** leads the team with two pickoffs, one vs. TCU and one vs. Notre Dame. Nine different Huskers have recorded sacks, led by senior NT **Jason Lohr's** 2.5. NU has caused and recovered four fumbles and picked off four passes. Nebraska is now plus one in turnover margin for the season, a number Defensive Coordinator Craig Bohl would like to see improve.

Husker opponents have converted just 9-of-44 (20 percent) third-down conversions. Opponents have yet to score in the third quarter.

Special Teams

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. On the season, Larson has punted 16 times for 732 yards, for a 45.8 average, that ranks 14th in the nation. He has six punts of 50 yards or more and seven have pinned opponents inside the 20.

The Huskers recorded their longest kickoff return since the 1999 season, when sophomore I-back **Josh Davis** had a then-career-best 35-yard return vs. TCU (2-52 in game). Davis had two more returns of 25 yards or more vs. Notre Dame, including a career-best 43 yarder. On the season, Davis ranks 15th nationally, averaging 29.8 yards per return (5-149). Senior **Keyuo Craver** leads Nebraska with 11 punt returns for 119 yards (10.8 ypr), while junior **DeJuan Groce** has seven returns for 54 yards (7.7 ypr). In addition to Davis' three long kickoff returns of 25 yards or more, Craver had a 26-yard punt return vs. Troy State. Nebraska has given up any punt returns of 25 yards or more, but has given up two long kickoff returns. Redshirt freshman **Sandro DeAngelis** is 6-6 on PATs and 2-2 on field goals, while junior **Josh Brown** is 4-4 on PATs, increasing his consecutive streak to 99 (112 counting bowl games) and 0-1 on field goals.

Husker Starting Experience

(Regular Starters in Boldface, does not include bowl games)

Defensive Starters	'97	'98	'99	'00	'01	Tot.
Thunder Collins, IB (Los Angeles, Calif.)	0	0	0	0	1	1
Eric Crouch, QB (Omaha, Neb.)	0	6	11	11	3	31
Judd Davies, FB (Omaha, Neb.)	0	0	0	0	3	3
Dahrran Diedrick, IB (Scarborough, Ont.)	0	0	0	0	2	2
Toniu Fonoti, LG (Hauula, Hawaii)	0	0	0	11	3	14
John Garrison, C (Blue Springs, Mo.)	0	0	0	0	3	3
John Gibson, WB (Papillion, Neb.)	0	0	0	3	3	6
Aaron Golliday, TE (York, Neb.)	0	0	4	3	0	7
Troy Hassebroek, WB (Lincoln, Neb.)	0	0	1	0	0	1
Jon Rutherford, RG (Midwest City, Okla.)	0	0	0	0	3	3
Wilson Thomas, SE (Omaha, Neb.)	0	0	2	2	3	7
Dave Volk, LT (Battle Creek, Neb.)	0	0	13	11	3	27
Dan Waldrop, RT (Wilmington, Calif.)	0	0	0	0	3	3
Tracey Wistrom, TE (Webb City, Mo.)	0	1	3	2	3	16
Totals	0	7	34	50	33	124

Defensive Starters	'97	'98	'99	'00	'01	Tot.
Demoine Adams, LRE (Pine Bluff, Ark.)	0	0	0	4	3	7
Willie Amos, FS (Sweetwater, Texas)	0	0	0	0	3	3
Dion Booker, FS, (Oceanside, Calif.)	0	0	5	7	2	14
Jamie Burrow, MLB (Ames, Iowa)	0	0	0	0	3	3
Keyuo Craver, LCB (Harleton, Texas)	0	0	13	11	3	27
DeJuan Groce, RCB (Garfield Heights, Ohio)	0	0	0	2	3	5
Chris Kelsay, RE (Auburn, Neb.)	0	0	1	7	3	11
Jason Lohr, NT (Tulsa, Okla.)	0	0	0	11	3	14
Lornell McPherson, LCB (Omaha, Neb.)	0	0	0	0	1	1
Pat Ricketts, LCB (Omaha, Neb.)	0	0	0	0	1	1
Jeremy Slechta, DT (LaVista, Neb.)	0	0	0	4	3	7
Scott Shanle, WLB (St. Edward, Neb.)	0	0	0	9	2	11
Erwin Swiney, LCB (Lincoln, Neb.)	10	13	0	10	0	33
Mark Vedral, WLB (Gregory, S.D.)	0	0	0	1	3	4
Totals	10	13	19	66	33	141

Starting Kickers	'97	'98	'99	'00	'01	Tot.
Josh Brown, PK (Foyil, Okla.)	0	0	13	11	1	25
Sandro DeAngelis, PK (Niagara Falls, Ont.)	0	0	0	0	2	2
Larson, Kyle, P (Funk, Neb.)	0	0	0	0	3	3
Totals	0	0	13	11	6	30

Native Nebraskans With Starts: 14

Most Starts on Offense: Eric Crouch, QB (31)

Most Starts on Defense: Erwin Swiney, CB (33)

Most Consecutive Starts on Offense: Dave Volt, LT (27)

Most Consecutive Starts on Defense: Keyuo Craver, LCB (27)

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	34-7-0	4	0
Since 1962	390-76-5	40	5
1890-1962	366-223-35	72	0
All-Time	756-299-40	112	5

Husker AP Ranking Notes

- ▶ Nebraska has been ranked in the AP poll 329 consecutive weeks—an AP record
- ▶ NU has been ranked in the top 10 for 134 of the last 139 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.
- ▶ The Huskers have won 106 straight games when rushing for 300-plus yards, since a loss to Michigan in the 1986 Fiesta Bowl, when the team rushed for 304 yards.
- ▶ Nebraska is 93-0 since 1973 when rushing for 400 or more yards.
- ▶ Nebraska is 294-1 all time when scoring 35 or more points.
- ▶ Nebraska has won 96 straight games when holding opponents to 10 points or less.
- ▶ NU has not been shut out in 208 home games and in 65 games overall.

Division I-A Records in the 1990s

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

Records In Last Three Decades (1970-1999)

1. **Nebraska** **309-56-5** **.842**
2. Michigan 278-71-8790
3. Penn State 282-76-2786
5. Ohio State 264-84-8753
- Alabama 271-88-3753

Division I-A Consecutive Winning Seasons

Current -- 15 or More

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

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

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

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

Husker Historical Notes...

Unprecedented Winning Tradition Continues

Nebraska, the nation's third-winningest program all time by wins (fourth by percentage), boasts a 756-299-40 record in 1,095 games (.709). In the last 32 years, NU is tops, posting a record of 322-58-5 for an .843 winning percentage (385 games), an average of 10 wins per year. In terms of wins, the Huskers are third in NCAA Division I-A history with 756. 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 in Division I-A 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 94-10 record (.904 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 52 of 53 home games (16 straight)
- ▶ Gone 27-8 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 84-3 at home the last 14 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 16-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 126-10 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 96-5 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 208 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 with a crowd of 78,118 against Notre Dame, breaking the old mark of 78,096 set against Kansas last season.

NCAA-Record Sellout Streak Reaches 242

Nebraska's Memorial Stadium boasts an NCAA-record 242 consecutive sellouts, dating back to Hall of Fame Coach Bob Devaney's first year in 1962 (vs. Missouri on Nov. 3). Notre Dame, who lost 27-10 to Nebraska in Lincoln on Sept. 8, is second in all-time consecutive sellouts with 155, 86 fewer than Nebraska. NU is 216-26 during the sellout streak (50-9 under Devaney, 145-16 under Osborne, 21-1 under Solich), including a 36-18 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 329

Nebraska extended its AP poll record to 329 consecutive weeks (every weekly AP poll since Oct. 17, 1981) with its No. 4 ranking in this week's poll. The Huskers' streak is the nation's longest active streak, easily topping Florida State (203) and Florida (188). The Huskers have been ranked in the

top 10 in 134 of the last 139 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 37 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 503 of the last 506 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 88-90-3 (.492, 182 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 27-8 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 14 of its last 17 games against top 10 AP teams (since 1994), including seven straight at home. Nebraska's win over Notre Dame was the Huskers' first of the 2001 season. In 2000, 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 29 years, NU is 70-43-1 (.618, 114 games) vs. ranked teams. In the 1990s, NU was 27-10-1 (counting the Jan. 2, 2000, win over Tennessee). Solich is 9-6 vs. ranked teams (3-3 vs. top 10 AP teams), winning seven of the last nine matchups and has not lost at home to a ranked AP team (5-0 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). This year, Nebraska ranks 18th nationally with 223.7 yards per game.

More Husker Rushing Numbers

NU is 184-5-0 in the last 29 years when rushing for 300 or more yards

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
9/9	4	4	NA	2/2	def. ND, 27-10

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

Associated Press Poll (Sept. 9)

No.	Team (1st)	Record	Points
1.	Miami (Fla.) (40)	2-0	1,749
2.	Florida (14)	2-0	1,715
3.	Oklahoma (11)	3-0	1,638
4.	Nebraska (2)	3-0	1,521
5.	Texas (4)	2-0	1,490
6.	Florida State	2-0	1,426
7.	Oregon	2-0	1,294
8.	Tennessee	2-0	1,263
9.	Virginia Tech	2-0	1,227
10.	Georgia Tech	3-0	1,092
11.	Fresno State (1)	3-0	973
12.	Kansas State	1-0	970
13.	Washington	1-0	947
14.	UCLA	2-0	895
15.	LSU	2-0	856
16.	Northwestern	1-0	676
17.	Mississippi State	1-0	615
18.	South Carolina	2-0	580
19.	Clemson	2-0	536
20.	Michigan	1-1	510
21.	Ohio State	1-0	258
22.	Oregon State	1-1	212
23.	Notre Dame	0-1	211
24.	BYU	3-0	148
25.	Louisville	3-0	129

ESPN/USA Today Coaches Poll (Sept. 9)

No.	Team (1st)	Record	Points
1.	Miami (Fla.) (29)	2-0	1,441
2.	Florida (19)	2-0	1,427
3.	Oklahoma (7)	3-0	1,367
4.	Nebraska (2)	3-0	1,288
5.	Florida State (1)	2-0	1,232
6.	Texas	2-0	1,204
7.	Oregon (1)	2-0	1,078
8.	Tennessee	2-0	1,062
9.	Virginia Tech	2-0	1,039
10.	Kansas State	1-0	899
11.	Georgia Tech	3-0	865
12.	UCLA	2-0	806
13.	Washington	1-0	793
14.	LSU	2-0	661
15.	Fresno State (1)	3-0	619
16.	Mississippi State	1-0	513
17.	Michigan	1-1	466
18.	Clemson	2-0	452
19.	Northwestern	1-0	425
20.	South Carolina	2-0	413
21.	Ohio State	1-0	307
22.	Oregon State	1-1	294
23.	Notre Dame	0-1	150
24.	Purdue	1-0	117
25.	BYU	3-0	114

Italics - 2001 opponents

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 more yards and topped the 400-yard mark five times in 2000. NU has had 351, 100-yard rushing performances all time (38 under Coach Solich, most recently Dahrnan Diedrick, 133 yards vs. Notre Dame), 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). Diedrick, who rushed for a career-best 177 yards in his first career start against Troy State, 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 23-4 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. After three games, the Huskers are on pace, averaging 30.0 points per contest to rank 32nd nationally. In 2000, NU averaged 41.5 points per game to rank fourth nationally, scoring 35 or more points in nine of 12 contests. The Huskers have ranked among the nation's top 10 in scoring average for 21 of the last 23 years (since 1978) and finished first on four occasions (1982, 1983, 1994 and 1997). NU has won 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 65 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 31 points in the first three games (10.3 ppg) to rank 19th nationally and fourth in the Big 12. Nebraska has held all three of its opponents to 14 points or less, including seven to TCU and 10 to Notre Dame. With those performance, NU has now won 96 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 204-5-1 since 1962 (Devaney's first year) when holding opponents to 10 or fewer points, including a perfect 14-0 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. Although the season is still early, the Huskers have effectively stopped opponents on the ground, allowing just 24.7 yards per game through the first three contests to rank second in the nation and lead the Big 12. In fact, opponent ball carriers average less than one yard attempt, including one play of longer than 25 yards. Against Troy State, the Huskers held the Trojans to minus-25 yards, the fourth-lowest total in school history.

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 **Demoine 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 34-7 record over the past four 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 all three 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 three 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 three games, Ruud is second on the squad with 17 tackles, including a season-high 10 vs. Troy State, while Bland ranks among the defensive back leaders with 11 stops. 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); **Toniu Fonoti** (1999); **John Garrison** (1999); **Keyuo Craver** (1998); **Jason Lohr** (1998) and **Jeremy Slechta** (1998). In 1999, Fonoti became

Records Report

Category Record

All-time	756-299-40
Home	451-122-20
Memorial Stadium	326-99-13
In Last 11 years	37-5
Since 1962	389-76-5
Last 31 years	322-58-5
Last 8 Years	94-10
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	68-26
On FieldTurf	15-0
At Night	41-14-3

vs. Ranked Teams...

All-Time	88-90-3
Home	40-30-0
Away	28-46-3
Neutral	20-14-0
as No. 1 Team	46-7-1

In 242 Consecutive Sellout Streak...

All-time	216-26
vs. Ranked Teams	36-18

Under Head Coach Frank Solich...

All-Time	34-7
Home	21-1
Away	9-5
Neutral	4-1
Bowls	2-1
vs. AP Ranked Teams	9-6
Home	5-0
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	8-2
August	2-0
September	13-0
October	9-4
November	7-2
December	2-1
January	1-0

NU Streaks...The Huskers have...

- ▶ won 16 straight home games
- ▶ won 18 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 96 consecutive games when holding the opponent to 10 or fewer points (204-5-1 all-time)
- ▶ scored in 65 consecutive games
- ▶ scored in 208 straight home games
- ▶ shut out opponents 100 times
- ▶ won 230 straight games when scoring 35 or more points (294-1 all-time)

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...**Eight in-state products entered the week at the top of the depth chart at their respective positions, including five on offense; SE **Wilson Thomas** (Omaha), LT **Dave Volk** (Battle Creek), QB **Eric Crouch** (Omaha), FB **Judd Davies** (Omaha), and WB **John Gibson** (Papillion); three on defense side of the ball; LRE **Chris Kelsay** (Auburn), DT **Jeremy Slechta** (LaVista), SLB **Scott Shanle** (St. Edward); and one kicker; punter **Kyle Larson** (Funk). In addition, Erwin Swiney (Lincoln) made 10 starts last season, but has not played in 2001 because of an ankle injury.

▶ **FieldTurf...**Nebraska is 15-0 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 14 (+1 in 2001).

▶ **When Nebraska Trails..**The last time Nebraska trailed in a game but won, was against Troy State on Sept. 1 (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 135-57-1 all-time on television, since losing to Oregon in the first-ever nationally televised TV game on Sept. 19, 1953. NU has won 18 of its last 20 TV games and is 29-7 under Coach Solich on TV. **FOX Sports Net...**Nebraska is 15-1 on Fox Sports Net TV (15-2 on Fox Sports Net and Prime Sports combined), with the first FOX Sports Net game taking place in 1996 as part of the Big 12 package.

▶ **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...**32 former Huskers entered the 2001 season on opening day rosters, a total which trailed only Texas A&M's 33 among Big 12 schools. Of the 13 Huskers drafted or signed as free agents this spring, seven made rosters including 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), I-back Dan Alexander (Tennessee, sixth, 192) and defensive back/return specialist Joe Walker (Tennessee, free agent). With the seven selections in the 2001 draft, 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 50.3 yards (654 total yards) on 6.2 plays in an average time of 2:25. The Nebraska defense and special teams have given the offense the advantage of playing on a relatively short field, holding NU's first three opponents to a total of just five scores while the Huskers have started 16 drives beyond their own 40-yard line. Against Notre Dame, the Huskers produced their shortest drive in terms of plays (1) and time (0:05) with a first-quarter touchdown strike from Eric Crouch to John Gibson that covered 22 yards after Notre Dame fumbled on its first offensive play of the game. The Huskers also had a two-play, 34-yard drive that took just 43 seconds in the third quarter against Troy State.

The Huskers produced their season-low scoring drive in terms of yardage against Notre Dame with a six-yard drive on four plays that set up a Sandro DeAngelis field goal after Justin Smith recovered a bad punt snap by Notre Dame at the Irish 8-yard line. Four of Nebraska's five scoring drives against Notre Dame covered less than 50 yards, with the only exception being NU's first drive, a nine-play, 64-yard drive that took 4:06 off the clock.

Nebraska produced its longest scoring drive of the season in terms of plays and time with an 11-play, 4:49 drive that covered 69 yards against Troy State. NU's 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 used a season-low three plays and a season-low 36 seconds to score its first touchdown against the Huskers, while Notre Dame went a season-low four yards to get its touchdown against the Huskers. Troy State's second drive covered a season-long 88 yards, while Notre Dame's 10-play, 64-yard drive lasted 4:45 and resulted in a field goal. 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
Troy State	5	10:59	2:12	30	6.0	2	0
Notre Dame	5	11:02	2:12	29	5.8	2	1
Totals	13	31:27	2:25	81	6.2	4	1
Opp.	5	12:59	2:36	30	6.0	3	0

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

The big play has been a key to Nebraska's success through the first three games, as the Huskers have produced 13 plays that have covered 25 yards or more, including five long runs, three long passes and five long returns. Against Notre Dame, Josh Davis provided the Huskers with two long kickoff returns, the second covering 43 yards and the first going for 33 yards to give NU excellent field position. DeJuan Groce added a 40-yard interception return.

Against Troy State, the Huskers got big plays from all three facets of the game with two long runs, one long pass and one long return.

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. Troy State also had two long pass plays against the Huskers. Notre Dame's Tony Fisher provided the longest run of the season against NU, going 35 yards, while Julius Jones added a 30-yard kickoff return and Terrance Howard pitched in a 27-yard kickoff return for the Irish.

	Husker Long Plays				Opponent Long Plays			
	Rush	Pass	Ret	Total	Rush	Pass	Ret	Total
TCU	3	2	1	6	0	2	0	2
Troy State	2	1	1	4	0	2	0	2
Notre Dame	0	0	3	3	1	0	2	3
Totals	5	3	5	13	1	4	2	7

► 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. Against Notre Dame, the Huskers converted 4-of-5 red zone opportunities, with the only failure coming on a fumble. NU scored two touchdowns and kicked two field goals against the Irish.

For the season, the Huskers have enjoyed a 67 percent success rate in the red zone, converting 10 chances into eight touchdowns. Three of Nebraska's eight touchdowns in the red zone have come on one-yard runs, including two by Eric Crouch.

The Blackshirts have allowed just four penetrations into the red zone this season, and two of those were set up by turnovers, while a third resulted from a blocked punt.

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. Notre Dame penetrated the red zone twice, the first on its only sustained drive of the game, which resulted in a field goal, and the second on a blocked punt that put the Blackshirts' backs to the wall at their own 4-yard line. The Irish scored four plays later.

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	Scores Inside 20				No Score Inside 20				Half/Pct.
	Chances	Total	TDs	FGs	MissFGs	TOs	Downs	Gm.	
TCU	2	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	1.00
Troy State	8	4	4	0	1	0	3	0	.500
Notre Dame	5	4	2	2	0	1	0	0	.800
Totals	15	10	8	2	1	1	3	0	.667
Opp.	4	3	2	1	0	1	0	0	.750

Note: Nebraska has 8 rushing, 0 passing TDs and 2 FG in the red zone. Opponents have 0 passing TDs, 2 rushing TDs and 1 FG in the red zone.

► Quarterback Drive Efficiency *Total Drives Begun as Starting QB

QB	Drives*	Scores	TDs	FG-FGA	Eff.	Red Zone
Crouch	39	13	11	2-3	.333	10-14
Lord	1	0	0	0-0	.000	0-1
Totals	40	13	11	2-3	.325	10-15

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

► Nebraska Points Off Turnovers...

Nebraska has converted opponent turnovers into 24 points, including 14 points against Troy State and 10 points against Notre Dame, while opponents have scored just seven points off Nebraska turnovers (Troy State).

Through three games, Nebraska is a plus-one in turnover margin, forcing eight turnovers (1 vs. TCU; 3 vs. Troy State; 4 vs. Notre Dame), while committing seven turnovers (2 vs. TCU, -1; 3 vs. Troy State, 0; 2 vs. Notre Dame, +2). The Huskers have fumbled eight times and lost five fumbles in three games, and Eric Crouch has thrown two interceptions, one in each of the first two games. Although the Huskers have committed seven 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 four fumbles and posted four interceptions, including two picks in each of the last two games. 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. Amos added his second interception of the year against Notre Dame. DeJuan Groce snagged his first interception of the season against Notre Dame and returned it 40 yards to the Notre Dame 11, but the Husker offense did not convert. Groce's return was the longest by a Husker since Clint Finley's 42-yard touchdown return against Colorado in 1998. 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 (1F)	0	0-0	0	2 (1 fumble/1 int.)	
Troy State	3 (1F, 2I)	2	0-0	14	3 (2 fumbles/1 int.)	
Notre Dame	4 (2F, 2I)	1	1-1	10	2 (2 fumbles/0 int.)	
Totals	8 (4F, 4I)	3	1-1	24	7 (5 fumbles/2 int.)	
Opponent	7 (5F, 2I)	1	0-0	7	8 (4 fumble/4 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
Troy State	60/330/5	16-9-1/127/0	76/457/5
Notre Dame	52/182/2	9-6-0/88/1	61/270/3

Opponents	Rush	Pass	Total
TCU	28/56/0	22-11-0/130/1	50/186/1
Troy State	35/(-25)/1	36-15-2/190/1	71/165/2
Notre Dame	30/43/1	32-16-2/119/0	62/162/1

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

I-back Dahrran Diedrick churned out his second consecutive 100-yard rushing performance with 133 yards and two touchdowns on a career-high 32 carries in Nebraska's 27-10 win over Notre Dame. Diedrick's blue collar effort against the Irish followed on the heels of the finest performance of his career, when he cruised for a career-high 177 yards on 25 carries with a career-high three touchdowns in Nebraska's 42-14 win over Troy State. Diedrick's back-to-back journeys past the century mark are the first two 100-yard games of his career. Nebraska's 330 yards rushing against Troy State were the most by the Huskers this season.

The Blackshirts have not allowed an opponent individual to rush for 100 yards through three games. In fact, Troy State's Demontray 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.

The Blackshirts have allowed just 74 total rushing yards through three games on 93 carries for an average of 24.7 yards per game and 0.78 yards per carry.

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 (2) (* notes career best)**

vs. TCU--None

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

vs. Notre Dame-Dahrran Diedrick, 32* att., 133 yards, 2 TD

Opponents--None

► **Starting Field Position**

Nebraska has enjoyed a distinct field position advantage through the first three games, as the Huskers have produced an average starting position at the their own 38.8 yard line, while holding opponents to an average start at the 28.5, for a +10.3 yards per drive. A combination of stingy defense, turnovers and solid punting has helped the Huskers. Sophomore punter Kyle Larson has averaged 45.8 yards per punt on 16 punts and has buried NU's three opponents inside their own 20-yard line seven times, including five against TCU and two against Notre Dame. In 2000, Nebraska's punting game stuck opponents inside the 20 only five times all season.

Nebraska's defense put the Huskers in great field position throughout the first half against Notre Dame. The Huskers started four first-half drives on the Irish side of the field, including a pair of fumble recoveries and an interception return on Notre Dame's half of the field that the Huskers converted into 10 points. The Blackshirts provided the offense with an average start at Notre Dame's 42 yard line in the first half, as NU raced to a 27-3 halftime lead.

On the season, opponents have started four drives inside their own 10, including two drives from the 1-yard line, 15 drives inside the 20 and six more at the 20. Opponents have started seven drives on Nebraska's half, with a best start by Notre Dame at the NU 4.

The Huskers have started just three drives inside their own 10-yard line with a worst starting position at their own 2 against TCU. NU has started a total of seven drives inside its own 20 and enjoyed a best starting field position at the Troy State 7. Nebraska has started 16 of 40 drives beyond its own 40 yard line through three games, with nine starts on the opposition's half of the field.

	NU Avg. Start	Opp. Avg. Start
TCU	35.2 (457/13)	24.3 (340/14)
Troy State	40.7 (530/13)	28.6 (457/16)
Notre Dame	40.1 (562/14)	32.6 (456/14)
Total	38.7 (1549/40)	28.5 (1253/44)

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 three games this season, the Huskers have continued that trend, committing just 19 penalties for 175 yards, while opponents have been flagged for 28 penalties and 201 yards. Of Nebraska's 19 penalties, five have been on the offense, four on special teams and 10 against the defense. Opponents have been flagged for 19 offensive penalties, four special teams infractions and five defensive penalties.

	NU Pen.-Yds.	Opp. Pen.-Yds.
TCU	5-46	11-85
Troy State	4-60	8-53
Notre Dame	10-69	9-63
Total	19-175	28-201
Average	6.3-58.3	9.3-67.0

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

Game	Team 'Cakes	Indiv. (#) 'Cakes	*Sacks Allowed	O-Line Penalties	Perfect Plays
TCU	45	12 (#66)	2	1-10	54.0%
Troy State	44	10 (#52)	0	0-0	53.0
Notre Dame	63	18 (#77)	1	2-15	60%
Totals	152	18 (#77)	3	3-25	

► **Husker Pancake Leaders...**

	TCU	TSU	ND	Tot	Avg.
Fonoti	10	6	18	34	11.3
Rutherford	12	9	10	31	10.3
Garrison	6	10	8	24	8.0
Volk	6	5	10	21	7.0
Vili Waldrop	6	3	11	20	6.3
Cody	5	2	6	13	4.3
Shook	0	4	DNP	4	2.0
Altstadt	DNP	2	0	2	2.0
Kollmorgen	DNP	3	0	3	1.5