

NEBRASKA FOOTBALL

2001

Husker Records and Streaks

- ▶ NCAA-record 243 consecutive sellouts in Memorial Stadium
- ▶ 39 consecutive winning seasons—current NCAA record
- ▶ 32 consecutive nine-win seasons—NCAA record
- ▶ 32 consecutive bowl bids—NCAA record
- ▶ 39 bowl appearances—tied for fourth in NCAA
- ▶ 330 consecutive weeks ranked by the Associated Press, a continuing AP record
- ▶ 32 consecutive years ranked in AP top 25
- ▶ 17-game home winning streak
- ▶ 95-10 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. 25: 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 5: No. 4/4 Nebraska (4-0) vs. Missouri (1-1)

DATE: Saturday, Sept. 29, 2001; **TIME:** 11:38 a.m.

STADIUM: Memorial Stadium (62,000) **SURFACE:** Natural Grass

REGIONAL TV: Fox Sports Net Big 12 Syndicated Game of the Week (Drew Goodman--PBP, Dave Lapham--Color, Jim Knox--Sideline); (KXVO, Channel 15 in Lincoln/11 in Omaha)

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No. 4/4 Nebraska (4-0) Hits the Road for Conference Opener

The No. 4/4 (AP/coaches) Nebraska Cornhuskers improved to 4-0 on the season with a 48-3 victory over Rice on Thursday, Sept. 20. Nebraska hits the road for the first time this season to open Big 12 Conference action at Missouri on Sept. 29, hoping to keep a 22-game winning streak over the Tigers in tact. Nebraska is 9-5 on the road under Head Coach Frank Solich, and has won each of its road openers under Solich, including a 27-24 overtime win at Notre Dame last year. The Huskers are 34-6 in Big 12 Conference games and have won the conference opener every year since the conference was formed in 1996. Missouri is now 1-1 after losing its opener to Bowling Green (13-20) and defeating Southwest Texas (40-6) on Sept. 8.

The Husker defense continues to dominate as Nebraska's first three opponents have totaled 34 points (8.5 per game). Although Rice had more yards rushing (196) than Nebraska's first three opponents had combined (74), NU ranks 11th in the nation in that category, allowing just 67.5 yards per game. NU ranks among the nation's top 11 in every defensive category, ranking fourth in total defense, sixth in pass efficiency defense and seventh in scoring defense. With the Florida State loss to North Carolina, FSU drops out of the AP top 10, and the Huskers take over the nation's longest streak, being ranked among the AP top 10 for 38 straight weeks.

This Week's Polls

The Huskers remained fourth in both polls this week after a 48-3 victory over Rice on Sept. 20. Nebraska had been fourth in both polls in the first two polls, but dropped to fifth in the AP's third poll. In this week's Associated Press Poll, NU has two first-place votes and 1,549 points, behind Miami (39 first-place votes, 1,749 points), Florida (15, 1,717) and Oklahoma (11, 1,639). In the USA Today/ESPN Coaches poll, NU received one first-place vote and 1,311 points, behind Miami (34 first-place votes, 1,453 points), Florida (14, 1,423) and Oklahoma (9, 1,377). Kansas State, who the Huskers will face on Nov. 10, is ranked 11th and ninth, respectively. Seven games this week will feature two (AP/Coaches) ranked teams, including No. 2/2 (AP/Coaches) Florida hosts No. 21/22 Mississippi State; No. 11/9 Kansas State hosts No. 3/3 Oklahoma, No. 7/8 Tennessee hosts No. 14/14 LSU; No. 12/10 UCLA plays at No. 19/19 Oregon State; No. 9/11 Georgia Tech hosts No. --/25 Clemson; No. 17/17 Michigan hosts No. 22/23 Illinois and No. 16/18 Northwestern hosts No. 23/24 Michigan State.

The 2001 Nebraska (4-0) 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	W 48-3	FSN	1-0-0	Crouch goes over 2,500 in career rush and 6,000 in career total offense
Sat.	Sept. 29	at Missouri #	11:38 a.m.	Big 12*	NU 59-32-3	NU 42-24 in 2000; NU has won 22 straight over Tigers
Sat.	Oct. 6	Iowa State #	6:08 p.m.		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

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 opened 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. 20, vs. Notre Dame and Rice. The rescheduled game with Rice was moved from Saturday, Sept. 15 to Thursday, Sept. 20 and was the school's first non-holiday Thursday game and first Thursday night game.

The Huskers' 2001 schedule featured 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. Nebraska defeated Rice, 48-3, on Thursday, Sept. 20. Rice and Troy State were 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 opens conference action at Missouri, and also travels to 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. Three teams on the NU 2001 schedule are ranked in this week's polls, including Oklahoma (No. 3/3 AP/Coaches), Texas (5/5) and Kansas State (11/9).

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. 20; 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 35-7 school and career record. Solich is four 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, rushing for 204 vs. Air Force in 1965. 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 4-0 start in 2001, Solich's career record stands at 35-7. 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 Missouri Head Coach Gary Pinkel.

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.

Huskers Open Big 12 Conference Play

Nebraska has won 26 straight league openers, including a 42-24 win over Missouri in 2000. This is the third straight year the Huskers open league action against Missouri, defeating the Tigers in Columbia in 1999, 40-10. Nebraska hasn't lost a league opener since opening conference play at home against Missouri in 1974 with a 21-10 loss. NU's only other league-opening loss in the last 28 years was also to Missouri the previous year in Columbia, 13-12, in Coach Tom Osborne's first year as head coach. NU is 86-17-2 all time in league openers, including 37-6-1 at home and 49-11-1 on the road (1-0 at neutral sites). Since 1960, the Huskers are 35-5 in league openers, including a 16-3 mark at Memorial Stadium (19-2 on the road). Coach Solich is 3-0 in conference openers, 2-0 vs. Missouri and 1-0 vs. Oklahoma State.

This Week In the National Rankings

Nebraska ranks among the nation's top 25 in seven of the 12 main national rankings. NU ranks among the top 11 in all four defensive categories, including fourth in total defense (219.50 ypg), sixth in pass efficiency defense (83.21 rating), seventh in scoring defense (8.5 ppg) and 11th in rushing defense (67.5 ypg). On the offensive side, NU ranks 13th in rushing offense (240.75 ypg) and 23rd in scoring offense (34.5 ppg). NU also ranks 25th in net punting (39.10 ypp).

Individually, junior I-back **Dahrran Diedrick** ranks 12th in rushing, averaging 128.0 yards per game, and 25th in scoring, averaging 10 points per game. Sophomore **Kyle Larson** ranks 20th in punting, averaging 44.30 yards per punt, sophomore free safety **Willie Amos** ranks 14th in interceptions at 0.67 per game and sophomore I-back **Josh Davis** ranks 11th in kickoff returns, averaging 29.8 yards per return.

2001 Big 12 Standings

North		Records
Team	Overall	Last Week
Nebraska	4-0	W, Rice, 48-3
Iowa State	2-0	W, Ohio, 31-28
Kansas State	2-0	W, New Mex. St., 64-0
Colorado	3-1	W, Kansas, 27-16
Kansas	1-2	L, Colorado, 16-27
Missouri	1-1	Did Not Play

South		Records
Team	Overall	Last Week
Oklahoma	3-0	Did Not Play
Texas	3-0	W, Houston, 53-26
Texas A&M	3-0	W, OSU, 21-7
Texas Tech	2-0	W, North Texas, 42-14
Baylor	2-0	W, New Mexico, 16-13
Okl. St.	1-2	L, A&M, 7-21

2001 Non-Conference Opponents:

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

2001 Missouri Schedule (1-1)

9/1	Bowling Green	L, 13-20
9/8	Southwest Texas	W, 40-6
9/29	Nebraska	11:38 a.m.
10/6	at Oklahoma State	TBA
10/13	Iowa State	TBA
10/20	at Kansas	TBA
10/27	Texas	TBA
11/3	at Colorado	TBA
11/10	Baylor	1 p.m.
11/17	at Kansas State	1:10 p.m.
12/1	at Michigan State	Noon

2000 Results (3-8)

9/2	Western Illinois	W, 50-22
9/9	at Clemson	L, 9-62
9/16	Michigan State	L, 10-13
9/30	at Nebraska	L, 24-42
10/7	Oklahoma State	W, 24-10
10/14	Kansas	L, 17-38
10/21	at Texas	L, 12-46
10/28	at Iowa State	L, 20-39
11/4	Colorado	L, 18-28
11/11	at Baylor	W, 47-22
11/18	Kansas State	L, 24-28

Nebraska-Missouri Notes

► Former Husker linebacker Ed Stewart, the 1994 Big Eight Defensive Player of the Year, is in his third year at Missouri, he serves as an Assistant Athletic Director for Administration.

► Nebraska will enter the Missouri game ranked in the Associated Press top 10 for the 20th straight season.

Huskers from Missouri

► Four Huskers came to Nebraska from Missouri, including starters Tracey Wistrom (Webb City) and John Garrison (Blue Springs), along with Jason Richenberger (Liberty) and redshirting freshman Jared Helming (Springfield). There are no Nebraskans on Missouri's roster.

Scouting Missouri

After taking three weeks off from competition, the 1-1 Missouri Tigers will play host to the Huskers in both teams' Big 12 Conference opener in an 11:38 a.m. kickoff in a Fox Sports Net syndicated broadcast on Saturday. The Tigers, under the direction of first-year coach Gary Pinkel, are coming off a 40-6 win over Southwest Texas on Sept. 8. Missouri was scheduled to travel to Michigan State on Sept. 15, but the game was postponed until Dec. 1 because of the tragic national events of Sept. 11. Missouri opened the season with a 20-13 home loss to Bowling Green in Pinkel's debut on Sept. 1. The Tigers have been strong defensively, ranking seventh nationally in total defense, allowing just 229 yards per game, while surrendering just 108.5 rushing yards and 121.5 passing yards to hold opponents to just 13 points per game. While the defense has been solid, the offense has struggled, managing just 157 rushing yards and 130.5 passing yards per contest to rank 92nd nationally with 287.5 total-offense yards per game.

Junior quarterback Darius Outlaw leads a balanced Tiger offense. Outlaw has completed 25 of 52 passes (48.1 percent) for 203 yards with two touchdowns and two interceptions through the first two games. Along with averaging 101.5 passing yards per game, Outlaw is Missouri's second-leading rusher, averaging 31.5 yards per game with 15 carries for 63 yards. Junior wide receiver Justin Gage has been Outlaw's top target with 13 receptions for 143 yards and one touchdown to rank fifth in the Big 12 with 71.5 receiving yards per game. While Gage has been Missouri's top receiver, sophomore tailback Zack Abron has led the Tigers on the ground with 36 carries for 128 yards and two touchdowns to rank 12th in the Big 12 with 64.0 yards rushing per game. Senior tailback Zain Gilmore has added 27 yards on eight carries for 13.5 yards per game.

On special teams, sophomore wide receiver Marcus James has averaged 13.2 yards per punt return to rank near the top in the Big 12 with five returns for 66 yards. However, freshman punter Brock Harvey has managed just 38.2 yards per punt to rank near the bottom in the conference.

Defensively, junior linebacker Sean Doyle leads a stingy Tiger defense with 16 tackles, including 10 solos and two tackles for loss. Freshman outside safety Kevin Johnson, senior linebacker Jamonte Robinson and sophomore cornerback Michael Harden have added seven tackles a piece.

Missouri Head Coach Gary Pinkel

Coach Gary Pinkel (Kent State, 1975) is in his first season at the helm of the Tigers after spending 10 successful seasons at Toledo, where he compiled a 73-37-3 record and led the Rockets to three Mid-American Conference West Division titles in the last four years. Pinkel produced his best season at Toledo in 1995, when he guided the Rockets to the MAC title and a Las Vegas Bowl championship to finish with an 11-0-1 record. Before becoming the head coach at Toledo, Pinkel spent 12 seasons at the University of Washington as an assistant coach, serving as the receivers coach from 1979 to 1983 before becoming the offensive coordinator from 1984 to 1990. Pinkel began his coaching career as a graduate assistant at Kent State in 1974-75, before following Don James to Washington as a graduate assistant in 1976. He got his first full-time coaching job at Bowling Green as the receivers coach from 1977 to 1978 before rejoining James in Washington.

Pinkel earned honorable-mention All-America honors as a tight end at Kent State in 1973. He was a team captain and voted the team's MVP as a senior. Pinkel has never coached or played against Nebraska, but Pinkel (Akron) and Nebraska Coach Frank Solich (Cleveland) are both Ohio natives.

The Nebraska-Missouri Series (NU Leads, 59-32-3)

Nebraska has won 22 consecutive games against Missouri dating back to a 35-31 loss to the Tigers on Nov. 18, 1978, when unranked MU knocked off the No. 2 Huskers. Nebraska has also won 12 consecutive games in Columbia with the Huskers' last loss at Missouri coming on Oct. 13, 1973, when the 12th-ranked Tigers beat the No. 2 Huskers, 13-12. Although the Huskers have been dominant lately in the series, winning by three or more touchdowns in 12 of the last 22 games, five games of the other 10 games have been decided by a touchdown or less, including the Nebraska's dramatic 45-38 overtime win at Missouri on Nov. 8, 1997, that preserved the Huskers' 1997 national title.

Nebraska Coach Frank Solich has never lost to the Tigers, going a perfect 3-0 as a letterwinner for the Huskers from 1963 to 1965, 19-0 as an assistant coach and 3-0 as the Husker head coach.

Nebraska-Missouri 2001 Statistical Comparison

Category	Nebraska (4-0, 0-0)			Missouri (1-1, 0-0)		
	Rankings (4/4)			Rankings (NR/NR)		
Top 20 NCAA Rankings in Boldface						
Category	Avg.	Natl.	Big 12	Avg.	National	Big 12
Rushing Offense	240.8	13th	4th	157.0	51st	7th
Passing Offense	142.5	102nd	10th	130.5	107th	12th
Total Offense	383.5	51st	7th	287.5	92nd	10th
Scoring Offense	34.5	23rd	7th	26.5	44th	9th
Rushing Defense	67.50	11th	1st	108.5	36th	7th
Pass Eff. Defense	83.21	6th	2nd	118.2	66th	11th
Total Defense	219.50	4th	2nd	229.0	7th	3rd
Scoring Defense	8.5	7th	3rd	13.0	16th	4th
Net Punting	39.1	25th	4th	34.0	73rd	10th
Punt Returns	9.9	51st	8th	14.1	14th	3rd
Kickoff Returns	25.1	28th	7th	14.9	113th	12th
Turnover Margin	+0.75	27th	6th	-1.00	88th	11th

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	35-7-0

(*Active)

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	22-0
When Hold Opp. to 10 Pts. or less	15-0
Consecutive Weeks Ranked by AP	55

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	Crouch	Burrow	Larson
TSU	Diedrick	Clanton	None
ND	Diedrick	Burrow	Davis
Rice	*Crouch	Craver	Groce

boldface underlined=winner;*=co-winner

Game Four Recap

Nebraska 48, Rice 3

The No. 4/4 Nebraska Cornhuskers jumped out to a 21-0 first-quarter lead over the Rice Owls, scoring on its first three possessions, taking just 11 offensive plays, and never looked back. In Nebraska's first-ever Thursday night home game, before a sold out crowd of 77,344, Nebraska defeated Rice, 48-3. The sellout crowd was Nebraska's 243rd consecutive, although it was the smallest Husker crown since 75,958 saw the Colorado game of the 1998 season, the last season before the expansion. The Huskers expanded their lead to 48-0 after three quarters and held the shutout until Rice place-kicker Brandon Skeen's 25-yard field goal with 7:49 remaining. The Huskers totaled 292 yards rushing, 205 passing and season-high 497 total, while Rice rushed for 196, passed for 169 and totaled 365, the best vs. NU this season. Nebraska quarterback **Eric Crouch** was responsible for five of NU's seven touchdowns, passing for three and running for two.

"I was real pleased with how the players responded to the game," said NU Coach Frank Solich. "Going in, I don't know if anyone was sure how it would all work. I think as coaches, we want to congratulate our players for the way they played today and the way they went about things. We also want to congratulate the fans for showing up on a Thursday and filling the stadium. We did some good things out there today. The thing that we're really looking at is going with the theme of trying to improve every week."

The win for the Huskers was NU's 17th straight win at home; sixth straight win overall; first-ever win over Rice; gave NU a 7-3 record on Thursdays; and a 13-2-1 record vs. WAC teams.

► Senior quarterback **Eric Crouch** improved to 27-5 as a starter, after totaling 262 total offense yards and accounting for five touchdowns vs. Rice. Crouch completed 9-of-11 passes for 165 yards and two touchdowns and boasted a 297.82 pass efficiency rating, his second highest ever. Crouch was perfect on his first three attempts for an even 100 yards and two TD strikes in the first quarter. He accounted for 143 of Nebraska's 184 yards in the first quarter on just five touches. He was 8-of-10 for 154 yards and two touchdown passes in the first half. Seven of his eight completions in the first half were for first downs, including a 37-yard TD pass to Tracey Wistrom, and a 42-yard, season-best and team-long TD pass to Wilson Thomas. The 37-yard strike to Wistrom was his first pass attempt of the night. Crouch also rushed 12 times for 97 yards and two scores. Crouch's rushing (97) and passing yards (165) and rushing (2) and passing TDs (3) were all season bests. Crouch had three or more passing TDs for the third time in his career (also three vs. Kansas State in 1998 and school-record tying five vs. Iowa in 2000). His first carry was for 16 yards, while his second was a 27-yard gain that put him over the 2,500 career rushing mark. With 5:52 remaining in the second quarter, Crouch had a 12-yard gain that gave him 2,536 career rushing yards, two more than he needed to become the Big 12 all-time career rushing quarterback, passing Missouri's Corby Jones, who had 2,533 from 1995 to 1998. Crouch now has 2,564 career rushing yards and moved up to eighth on the NU career rushing chart, passing Keith Jones' 2,488 yards from 1984 to 1987 and Correll Buckhalter's 2,522 yards from 1997 to 2000. Crouch also moved up on the NU career scoring chart, as he had a six-yard TD run with 1:09 remaining in the second quarter and a 25-yard rushing touchdown with 12:08 left in the third quarter. His 12 points gives him 278 in his career to rank third at NU, passing Ahman Green's 270 from 1995 to 1997. Crouch ranks fourth all time at NU in passing with 3,484 yards and needs 37 to pass Tommie Frazier's 3,521 yards from 1992 to 1995. Crouch is second all time at NU in rushing TDs with 45 and needs five more to take the school record away from Heisman Trophy winner Mike Rozier (49 from 1981 to 1983). Crouch had a season-best 262 total-offense yards against Rice to extend his school-record career total-offense mark to 6,048 yards. Crouch was Nebraska's nominee for Big 12 Offensive Player of the Week.

On Crouch's performance, Head Coach Frank Solich said, "I don't think you can get much more done than what he got done tonight. Of course, we took him out. I think he kind of wished he could have played a little bit more, but he's very unselfish, and he understood. It wouldn't have made sense to play him anymore and run the risk of him getting injured. While he was in the game, I thought he was special. I don't think there's any question about that. I thought it was just a complete football game for him."

► For the fourth straight game, senior tight end **Tracey Wistrom** caught at least three passes. He tied for the team best with four receptions for 67 yards vs. Rice, including a season-best 37-yard TD reception from Crouch for Nebraska's first score on NU's opening drive, and an 11-yard TD from Crouch to put the Huskers up 42-0 with 8:43 remaining in the third quarter. Wistrom now has 51 career catches for 1,039 yards, becoming the 11th Husker all time to total 1,000 career receiving yards (ranks 11th). Wistrom tied his career best with four receptions for the sixth time in his career. Wistrom is second among Husker tight ends in receiving yards (six yards behind record-holder Junior Miller's 1,045 from 1977 to 1979) and is fourth in receptions. Wistrom has caught at least one pass in each of the last eight regular-season games.

► I-back **Dahrran Diedrick** rushed 13 times for 74 yards. He had the most carries of any Husker, but was joined by 15 other Husker rushers, as 102 played in the game. Diedrick had just 14 yards rushing on six carries at halftime, but added 60 yards on NU's first two drives of the second half. I-back **Thunder Collins** had six carries for 43 yards, including a 17-yard TD run, his first TD run since Troy State and his fourth of the season.

▶ Junior split end **Wilson Thomas** was shut out of receptions vs. Notre Dame, but tied for the team best with 4-76 vs. Rice to give him 12 receptions for 212 yards receiving this season (17.7 average per catch). Thomas scored NU's third TD on a 42-yard pass from Eric Crouch, the longest reception by a Husker this season (previous long was a non-scoring 41-yard reception from Crouch to John Gibson vs. TCU).

▶ Despite spraining his ankle in the second quarter, senior left cornerback **Keyuo Craver** had an excellent game. The All-America candidate had seven tackles, two pass breakups, two tackles for loss and caused a fumble. Craver is second on the NU career pass breakups list with 34, followed by fellow corner Erwin Swiney's 27. Craver is 16 pass breakups behind All-American Ralph Brown, who had 50 from 1996 to 1999. Craver has a team-high six pass breakups this season. Craver was Nebraska's nominee for Big 12 Defensive Player of the Week.

▶ Cornerback **Erwin Swiney** had his first interception this season and the fourth in his career. It was Nebraska's fifth interception this season. Swiney's interception of quarterback Greg Henderson, set the Huskers on the Rice 40 yard line. NU scored six plays later to convert the turnover to seven points for the Huskers. He also had two tackles and one pass breakup. Swiney missed the first two games this season with a sprained ankle and saw limited action vs. Notre Dame.

▶ **Husker Firsts and Bests...**Split end **Mike Stuntz** had a career-best 25-yard run on a broken play (fumble advancement), in the first half. Fullback **Judd Davies** scored his first touchdown of the season on a three-yard run, which gave Nebraska a 14-0 lead with 8:34 remaining in the first quarter. It was Davies' second career TD run (other was a three-yard TD run vs. Kansas in 2000). I-back **Josh Davis** had his first carries of the season, rushing two times for six yards. In his first career start, true freshman **Philip Bland** had two tackles. Bland is the first true freshman to start in the secondary since current Husker senior **Erwin Swiney** started the last nine games of the 1997 season. Bland started at rover, as **Dion Booker** started at free safety in place of **Willie Amos**, who was sitting out with a hamstring pull. Nose tackle **Jon Clanton** also had his first career start, in place of **Jason Lohr**, who is out for the season with a knee injury. Clanton had three tackles vs. Rice. Of the 118 Huskers who suited up for the game, NU played a season-high 102 players. With 1:09 remaining in the game, senior FS **Carl Scholting** intercepted Henderson, forcing Rice's second turnover of the game. NU did not score, however, as reserves ran out the clock. Sophomore free safety **Jerrell Pippens** had a career-best and team-leading eight tackles, including five solo stops. True freshman MLB **Barrett Ruud** tied for second on the team with seven tackles, including two for losses.

▶ **Nebraska Team Highs and Lows...**Passing, 205 yards, the first time NU totaled 200 or more yards passing since throwing for 237 yards at Texas on Oct 23, 1999 (previous high was 151 vs. TCU); Total Offense, 497 yards (previous 457 Troy State); Total offense TDs, 7; Turnover Margin +2. **Opponent Highs and Lows...**Rice fullback Robbie Beck had a 54-yard run in the second quarter vs. the Huskers, the longest this season (previous long was a 35-yard run by Notre Dame's Tony Fischer). Beck's 54-yard run is just the second run of 25 yards or more vs. NU this season. The run was the longest against the Huskers since Northwestern's Damien Anderson's 69-yard TD run in the Alamo Bowl. Rice did not score after the long run, however, as NU corner **DeJuan Groce** blocked Brandon Skeen's 41-yard field goal attempt. Rice had 194 rushing yards, the best against the Huskers this season. In NU's first three games, NU had given up just 74 rushing yards. Points scored, 3 (previous low, 7 TCU).

▶ Junior cornerback **DeJuan Groce** blocked a field goal, had one tackle and one pass breakup. Groce's block was Nebraska's first blocked kick this season and the first in Groce's career. The last blocked field goal and last blocked kick by a Husker was Randy Stella's blocked field goal against Colorado in 2000. Groce tied his career high with four punt returns and set a career best with 58 yards in returns, including a career-long 20 yard

return. Groce was Nebraska's nominee for Big 12 Special Teams Player-of-the-Week honors.

▶ **Defense...Sacks...**Nebraska has had at least two sacks in every game this season as NU had three for 18 vs. Rice. Sacks were recorded by MLB **Jamie Burrow** (1-4); RCB **Erwin Swiney**/DT **Patrick Kabongo** (1-5) and DT **Casey Nelson** (1-9). NU also had 11 tackles for 37 yards lost vs. Rice and has had at least eight TFL in all four games this season. The Husker defense intercepted Rice twice and allowed just eight completions in 25 attempts (32 percent).

▶ **Big Plays...**Nebraska tied its season best with six plays of 25 or more yards against Rice and allowed Rice four (for 152 of Rice's 365 total offense yards), a season high vs. the Blackshirts. In three of Nebraska's four games this season, NU has had at least one long play in each category, rush, pass and return.

Rice Head Coach Ken Hatfield said, "*They had more big plays rather than long, sustained drives and that's a credit to the versatility of their offense. It's hard to play against so many perfect plays and they would break a big one after we had some good plays.*"

Injury Update

Nebraska suffered its first major injury of the season when senior nose tackle **Jason Lohr** tore his left lateral collateral knee ligament in the first half of the Notre Dame game. In his place, junior **Jon Clanton** has moved into a starting role. Four NU players missed all four 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 and RE **Tyler Toline** (knee). I-back **Robin Miller** (hamstring), saw his first action of the season vs. Rice.

NU Record Setters and Awards Candidates

▶ Senior Left Cornerback Keyuo Craver

Senior corner and captain **Keyuo Craver** is a member of the Jim Thorpe Award watch list for the nation's best defensive back. He was also named to the Thorpe Watch list last year 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 34. 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 leads the team in solo tackles with 14, ranks third in tackles with 21, has a team-best six pass breakups, two tackles for loss, has caused a fumble and has 11 punt returns for 119 yards (10.8 average). Craver was Nebraska's nominee for Big 12 Defensive Player of the Week vs. Rice, as he had seven tackles, two tackles for loss, two breakups and a fumble caused.

▶ Senior Quarterback Eric Crouch

Heisman Trophy, Johnny Unitas, Davey O'Brien and All-America candidate, **Eric Crouch** has 2,564 career rushing yards on 510 carries to rank eighth on the NU career rushing charts, first among quarterbacks. Crouch's 2,564 career rushing yards rank 10th all time among Division I-A quarterbacks. Crouch needs 436 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 12th in the Big 12 in career rushing yards. Against Rice, Crouch passed Missouri's Corby Jones' 2,533 career rushing yards from 1995 to 1998, to become the Big 12's best rushing quarterback. A total of 13 players have hit the 2,000-yard mark since the Big 12 formed in 1996, and only Crouch and Jones were quarterbacks. Crouch's 45 rushing touchdowns rank second all time at NU, four 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, 19 behind Texas' Ricky Williams' 64.

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	3,484	27

NU Career Rushing QBs

Rank	Player, Years	Yds	TD
1.	Eric Crouch, 1998-01	2,564	45
2.	Steve Taylor, 1985-88	2,125	32

NU Career Total Offense

Rank	Player, Years	Yds	TD
1.	Eric Crouch, 1998-01	6,048	68
2.	Tommie Frazier, 92-95	5,476	79

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.	Eric Crouch, QB, 98-01	498	2,564	45

NU All-Time Career Scorers

Player, Years	TP
1. Kris Brown, PK, 95-98	388
2. Mike Rozier, IB, 81-83	312
3. Eric Crouch, QB, 98-01	278

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	51	1,039	20.4	10
4.	Todd Millikan, 85-88	40	825	20.6	14

school career record holders in bold

NU Top Receivers by Receptions

Rank	Player, Years	No.	Yds	TD
1.	Johnny Rodgers, WB, 70-72	143	2,479	25
12.	Bobby Thomas, SE, 74-76	56	1,083	14
	Chuck Malito, SE, 74-76	56	1,057	8
14.	Jon Bostick, SE, 89-91	55	1,083	15
	Junior Miller, TE, 77-79	55	1,045	12
16.	Jim McFarland, TE, 68-69	53	625	4
	Tony Davis, IB/FB, 73-75	53	499	4
18.	Ritch Bahe, WB, 72-74	52	7707	4
19.	Tracey Wistrom, TE, 97-01	51	1,039	10

NU Career Pass Breakups

Rank, #	Player, Position, Years	Yds
1.	Ralph Brown, RCB, 96-99	50
2.	Keyuo Craver, LCB, 98-01	34
3.	Erwin Swiney, RCB, 97-01	28
4.	DeJuan Groce, RCB, 98-01	23

Career Pancake Leaders

Rank	Player, Years	Pancakes
1.	Aaron Taylor, 95-97	377
2.	Dominic Raiola, 98-00	361
3.	Russ Hochstein, 97-00	346
4.	Josh Heskew, 96-98	282
5.	Eric Anderson, 95-97	270
6.	Chris Dishman, 95-97	265
7.	Dave Volk, 98-01	251
8.	Toniu Fonoti, 99-01	227

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, just 37 yards out of third. Tommie Frazier, the Heisman Trophy runner-up in 1995, had 3,521 passing yards from 1992 to 1995.

In total offense, Crouch passed the 6,000 mark against Rice and holds the Nebraska record with 6,048 yards (fourth in the Big 12). He passed KSU's Michael Bishop vs. Notre Dame and needs 182 yards to catch No. 3 Corby Jones' 6,230 yards from 1995 to 1998. Crouch has 68 total-offense touchdowns (11 short of school record held by Frazier), scoring 46 times (45 by rush, one on a reception). He added a two-point conversion run against TCU. He has scored 270 points in his career to rank third at NU and fourth in the Big 12.

Crouch's School Records...Crouch owns several game, season and career records, including: **Game Records...** Most touchdown passes—five vs. Iowa, 2000; tied for most rushing touchdowns by an NU QB—four vs. Kansas, 2000. **Season Records...** Most rushing touchdowns by an NU quarterback—20 in 2000; **Career Records...** Most rushing attempts by an NU quarterback—510; Most rushing yards by an NU QB—2,564; Most rushing touchdowns by an NU QB—45; Most total offense yards—6,048.

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 four games this season, is a contender for John Mackey, Fred Biletnikoff, Lombardi, All-America and academic All-America honors. Against Rice, Wistrom became just the 11th Husker to total 1,000 or more yards receiving and now has 1,039 career receiving yards. 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 20.4 yards per catch (51 receptions, 1,039 yards). Wistrom also tied the school record for most touchdowns in a game with three against Iowa and has 10 touchdown receptions in his career, including two vs. Rice. He is 10 catches, six receiving yards and four 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 14 catches for 212 yards this season (15.1 ypc). Wistrom's 51 receptions rank 19th on the NU all-time career receiver's chart. 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 and Rice. He now has had four receptions six times in his career. He has had two 100-yard receiving games with a career-best 116 yards (four receptions) vs. Oklahoma State in 1999). His season best is 71 yards vs. Notre Dame (four receptions).

Wistrom's School Records... Most TD receptions in a game—three vs. Iowa, 200; Best season receiving average—26.8 in 1999.

► Senior Left Tackle Dave Volk

Starting every game the last three years at tackle (right tackle in 1999 and left tackle 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 251 career pancakes, to rank seventh all time at Nebraska, including 111 in 1999, 107 last year and 33 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 and Lombardi Award Watch lists this season. Fonoti had double-figure pancakes in all but one of the Huskers' 12 games last year (Kansas State), with a career-best 21 in the Alamo Bowl. He led the team with a school-record 155 pancakes, 15 better than Dominic Raiola's 1999 season record of 140. He also established a school record for pancakes per game at 14.1, bettering Raiola's 1999 average of 11.67. Fonoti has had double-figure pancakes in every game except Troy State this year, with 10 vs. TCU, six vs. Troy State, 18 vs. Notre Dame and 15 vs. Rice for a team-leading 49 this season (12.3 ppg). He has 227 career pancakes (23 in 1999, 155 in 2000, 49 in 2001), 150 short of Aaron Taylor's school career record of 377 from 1995 to 1997 and ranks eighth all time at NU, 24 behind Dave Volk.

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 14 catches for 212 yards and two touchdowns. After entering the season with just one career catch, junior **Wilson Thomas** is second with 12-212-0 and senior **John Gibson** is third with 7-127-1 and leads the team with an 18.1 average per catch. The team averages 15.4 yards per catch and has 37-571 on the season, averaging 142.8 receiving yards per game, the best since averaging 156.5 yards per game in 1995. Wistrom had two TD receptions vs. Rice (37 and 11 yards), Thomas had a team-best 42-yard TD reception vs. Rice and Gibson had a 22-yard TD catch vs. Notre Dame. Thomas had the best receiving day by a Husker with five catches for 83 yards vs. Troy State.

Junior tight end **Aaron Golliday**, split end **John Klem** and I-backs **Thunder Collins** and **Dahrran Diedrick** have one reception each.

O-Line Improves Each Game

The Nebraska offensive line has helped the Huskers to a No. 13 national rank in rushing, averaging 240.75 yards per game. The O-line had its best game of the season vs. Rice, recording a season-high 92 pancakes. As a team, Nebraska has 244 pancakes this season, averaging 61 per game. Junior left guard **Toniu Fonoti** leads the team with 49 pancakes, an average of 12.3 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 39 pancakes (9.8) and led the team with a season-best 12 vs. TCU. Center **John Garrison** is third on the team with 38 (9.5) and led the team with 10 vs. Troy State. His career best is 14 vs. Rice. Sophomore right tackle **Dan Vili Waldrop** is fifth with 37 pancakes (9.3) and led the team with a career-best 17 vs. Rice. Senior left tackle **Dave Volk** is fifth on the team with 33 (8.3); and junior right guard **Wes Cody** is sixth with 27 (6.8), including a career-best 14 vs. Rice. The O-line has had five offensive penalties this season and has given up four sacks.

The Running Backs

Junior I-back **Dahrran** (pronounced Darren) **Diedrick** has performed well for the Huskers, carrying the rushing load. Diedrick has 70 carries for 384 yards in three games to average 128 yards per game (ranks 12th nationally). Diedrick averages 5.5 yards per carry and has lost just three yards. He 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 was 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. He had a career-high 32 carries for 133 yards and a career-best three TDs vs. Notre Dame and had 13 carries for 74 yards in less than three quarters vs. Rice. Junior I-back **Thunder Collins** started the opener and led the team with 71 yards on 14 carries vs. TCU, while quarterback **Eric Crouch** led NU vs. Rice with 12 carries for 97 yards.

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 in a single game. Crouch has averaged 16 carries per game, while Diedrick averages 23. 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. Crouch is second in rushing with 245 yards on 65 carries, (61.2 ypg, 3.8 ypc) with four touchdowns.

Collins has 31 carries for 166 yards on the season and four 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 three games. Sophomore **Robin Miller** sat out the first three games with a hamstring pull, but returned to action vs. Rice. He had one carry for four yards. Sophomore **Josh Davis** saw his first action at I-back vs. Rice and had two carries for six yards. The fullback position is solid with sophomore **Judd Davies** (14-46-1) and redshirt freshman **Steve Kriewald** (6-24-0).

Charting the Husker Backs

2001 Rushing Stats, Att-Yd-TD, season bests 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
Rice	12-97-2	13-74-0	6-43-1	5-14-1	53-292-4
Totals	65-245-4	70-384-5	31-166-4	14-46-1	215-963-14

The Defense

The Nebraska defense has dominated in its first four games. Even though Rice had a season opponent-best 365 total offense yards (196 yards rushing and 169 passing), the Blackshirts preserved a shutout through three quarters and gave up 152 yards on four long plays. Nebraska's defense ranks among

the nation's top 11 in all four defensive categories, including 11th in rushing defense (67.5 ypg), fourth in total defense (219.5 ypg), seventh in scoring defense (8.5 ppg) and sixth in pass efficiency defense (83.21 rating). Nebraska held each of its first three opponents to less than 100 yards rushing and less than 200 yards of total offense. Previously, 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. NU has given up just 270 yards rushing in the first four games, with a high of 169 by Rice and a low of minus-25 by Troy State. Troy State's negative total is the lowest in the Solich era and the fourth-best figure all time at NU. Husker opponents average just 1.9 yards per carry and have scored just two rushing TDs.

Nebraska held its first three opponents to less than 200 yards total offense, before giving up 365 to Rice. Previously 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. Over the last four weeks, the Huskers have given up just 878 yards of total offense and opponents are averaging 219.5 yards per game and 3.4 yards per play.

The Blackshirts have given up four touchdowns in four games and a total of 34 points. TCU scored seven points on a 67-yard pass; Troy State scored 14 points on a nine-yard run and a 31-yard pass; Notre Dame scored 10 points on a 29-yard field goal and a one-yard run; and Rice scored three points on a field goal. Nebraska hasn't given up a rushing touchdown in four quarters (fourth quarter by Notre Dame) and hasn't given up a TD via the pass in 10 quarters (second quarter by Troy State). Troy State scored a season-high 14 points against the Huskers, seven came after a turnover (drive began on NU's 29 yard line).

Defensive Personnel

Nebraska has started five underclassmen, including four in the defensive backfield. Sophomore free safety **Willie Amos**, freshman cornerback **Lornell McPherson**, sophomore corner **Pat Ricketts** and true freshman rover **Philip Bland** have each started at least one game this year. McPherson and Ricketts started game two vs. Troy State when NU opened in the nickel package. Bland started the Rice game at rover as Booker moved to free safety in place of the injured Amos. Bland is the first true freshman to start a game in the Husker secondary since Erwin Swiney started at cornerback in 1997.

The defense features eight returning starters and six senior starters with three letters each. Sixteen different Huskers have started at least one game on defense for NU. Last week vs. Rice, junior nose tackle **Jon Clanton** earned his first career start as senior **Jason Lohr** is out for the rest of the season with a knee injury. Left cornerback **Keyuo Craver** has started 28 consecutive games, while right cornerback **Erwin Swiney** has 33 career starts.

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, and Rice completed just 8-of-25 passes. Nebraska has had four outstanding defensive games. In each game, Nebraska has forced at least one turnover, has set the offense up to score at least seven points each game on a turnover, has had at least eight tackles for loss in every game and has recorded at least two sacks per game.

The defense has given up just two runs of 25 yards or more (35-yard run by Notre Dame's Tony Fisher and a 54-yard run by Rice's Robbie Beck) and has not allowed an individual to rush for more than 70 yards in a game (season-best 67 yards by Rice's Beck). The Husker defense has given up just nine long plays in four games, seven by pass and two by rush. The Blackshirts have caused 10 turnovers this season. Of those, the offense has turned five turnovers into four touchdowns and one field goal to account for 31 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. The Huskers have picked off six passes, including two in each of the last three games. Huskers with pickoffs include two by FS **Willie Amos** (2-0; 1-0 vs. Troy State, 1-

O vs. Notre Dame), and one each by WLB **Mark Vedral** (1-0 vs. Troy State), RCB **DeJuan Groce** (1-40 vs. Notre Dame), RCB **Erwin Swiney** (1-0 vs. Rice) and FS **Carl Scholting** (1-31 vs. Rice).

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	
Rice	47-196-0	25-8-2-169-0	72-365-0	17	3-18	14-37	0F,2I	7	
Tot.	140-270-2	115-50-6-2	255-878-4	50	15-113	49-188	4F,6I	31	

Team Leaders

Starting Mike linebacker **Jamie Burrow** leads the team with 27 tackles, including a career-best 11 vs. Notre Dame, and leads the team in tackles for loss with 6-13 and quarterback hurries with four. True freshman linebacker **Barrett Ruud**, Burrow's backup, is second on the team with 24 tackles, including a team-leading and career-best 10 vs. Troy State. All-America cornerback **Keyuo Craver** is third on the team in tackles with 21 and leads the team in solo tackles (14) and pass breakups (six). Craver led the starters vs. Rice with seven tackles. Junior rush end **Chris Kelsay** has 13 tackles, including five tackles for loss. Starting free safety **Willie Amos** leads the team with two pickoffs, one vs. TCU and one vs. Notre Dame. Twelve different Huskers have recorded sacks, led by senior NT **Jason Lohr's** 2.5-16. Unfortunately, Lohr is out for the remainder of the season with a knee injury. NU has caused five fumbles, recovered four and picked off six passes. Nebraska is plus three in turnover margin for the season.

Defensive Numbers...

- ▶ NU opponents are 15-of-62 (24 percent) on third-down conversions
- ▶ Opponents average just 1.9 yards per carry and 3.4 yards per play
- ▶ Opponents have yet to score against the Blakshirts in the third quarter
- ▶ NU has converted 5-of-10 opponent turnovers into 31 points
- ▶ NU opponents have only converted 1-of-7 NU turnovers into 7 points
- ▶ NU has picked off two passes in each of the last three games
- ▶ The Huskers have given up just one passing TD in last 10 quarters
- ▶ Nebraska ranks among the top 11 in all four defensive categories
- ▶ Nebraska's average field position is 12.7 yards better than the opponents
- ▶ Opponents are completing just 43.5 percent of its passes

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 20 times for 886 yards, for a 44.3 average that ranks 20th in the nation. He has eight punts of 50 yards or more and nine have pinned opponents inside the 20. As a team, NU ranks 25th in net punting, at 39.1 yards per punt.

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 11th 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** also has 10 returns for 112 yards (10.2 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 not given up a punt return of 25 yards or more, but has given up two long kickoff returns. Redshirt freshman **Sandro DeAngelis** is 11-for-11 on PATs and 2-for-2 on field goals, while junior **Josh Brown** is 5-for-5 on PATs, increasing his consecutive streak to 100 (113 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, Jr., (Los Angeles, Calif.)	0	0	0	0	1	1
Eric Crouch, QB, Sr., (Omaha, Neb.)	0	6	11	11	4	32
Judd Davies, FB, So., (Omaha, Neb.)	0	0	0	0	4	4
Dahrran Diedrick, IB, Jr., (Scarborough, Ont.)	0	0	0	0	3	3
Toniu Fonoti, LG, Jr., (Hauula, Hawaii)	0	0	0	11	4	15
John Garrison, C, Jr., (Blue Springs, Mo.)	0	0	0	0	4	4
John Gibson, WB, Sr., (Papillion, Neb.)	0	0	0	3	4	7
Aaron Golliday, TE, Jr., (York, Neb.)	0	0	4	3	0	7
Troy Hassebroek, WB, Jr., (Lincoln, Neb.)	0	0	1	0	0	1
Jon Rutherford, RG, Sr., (Midwest City, Okla.)	0	0	0	0	4	4
Wilson Thomas, SE, Jr., (Omaha, Neb.)	0	0	2	2	4	8
Dave Volk, LT, Sr., (Battle Creek, Neb.)	0	0	13	11	4	28
Dan Waldrop, RT, So., (Wilmington, Calif.)	0	0	0	0	4	4
Tracey Wistrom, TE, Sr., (Webb City, Mo.)	0	1	3	9	4	17
Totals	0	7	34	50	44	135

Defensive Starters	'97	'98	'99	'00	'01	Tot.
Demoine Adams, LRE, Jr., (Pine Bluff, Ark.)	0	0	0	4	4	8
Willie Amos, FS, So., (Sweetwater, Texas)	0	0	0	0	3	3
Philip Bland, Rover, Fr.* (Lafayette, Colo.)	0	0	0	0	1	1
Jon Clanton, NT, Jr., (Glendale, Ariz.)	0	0	0	0	1	1
Dion Booker, Rov./FS, Sr., (Oceanside, Calif.)	0	0	5	7	3	15
Jamie Burrow, MLB, Sr., (Ames, Iowa)	0	0	0	0	4	4
Keyuo Craver, LCB, Sr., (Harleton, Texas)	0	0	13	11	4	28
DeJuan Groce, RCB, Jr., (Garfield Heights, Ohio)	0	0	0	2	4	6
Chris Kelsay, RE, Jr., (Auburn, Neb.)	0	0	1	7	4	12
Jason Lohr, NT, Sr., (Tulsa, Okla.)	0	0	0	11	3	14
Lornell McPherson, LCB, Fr., (Omaha, Neb.)	0	0	0	0	1	1
Pat Ricketts, LCB, So., (Omaha, Neb.)	0	0	0	0	1	1
Jeremy Slechta, DT, Sr., (LaVista, Neb.)	0	0	0	4	4	8
Scott Shanle, WLB, Jr., (St. Edward, Neb.)	0	0	0	9	3	12
Erwin Swiney, LCB, Sr., (Lincoln, Neb.)	10	13	0	10	0	33
Mark Vedral, WLB, Sr., (Gregory, S.D.)	0	0	0	1	4	5
Totals	10	13	19	66	44	152

Starting Kickers	'97	'98	'99	'00	'01	Tot.
Josh Brown, PK, Jr., (Foyil, Okla.)	0	0	13	11	1	25
Sandro DeAngelis, PK, Fr. (Niagara Falls, Ont.)	0	0	0	0	3	3
Larson, Kyle, P, So., (Funk, Neb.)	0	0	0	0	4	4
Totals	0	0	13	11	8	32

Starters Briefly

- *True Freshmen Starters: 1
- Native Nebraskans With Starts: 14
- Number of Different Starters on Offense: 14
- Number of Different Starters on Defense: 16
- Underclassmen With Starts: 6 (2 offense, 4 defense)
- Most Career Starts on Offense: Eric Crouch, QB (32)
- Most Career Starts on Defense: Erwin Swiney, RCB (33)
- Most Consecutive Starts on Offense: Dave Volk, LT (28)
- Most Consecutive Starts on Defense: Keyuo Craver, LCB (28)

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 330 consecutive weeks—an AP record
- ▶ NU has been ranked in the top 10 for 135 of the last 140 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 295-1 all time when scoring 35 or more points.
- ▶ Nebraska has won 97 straight games when holding opponents to 10 points or less.
- ▶ NU has not been shut out in 209 home games and in 66 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 757-299-40 record in 1,096 games (.709). In the last 32 years, NU is tops, posting a record of 323-58-5 for an .843 winning percentage (386 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 95-10 record (.905 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 53 of 54 home games (17 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 322-58-5 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 85-3 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 452-122-20 (.780, 593 games, 112 years) in Lincoln, 327-99-13 (.761, 439 games, 79 years) in Memorial Stadium (since 1923) and 22-1 at home under Coach Solich (.955, 23 games, four years) with a current 17-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 127-10 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 209 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 243

Nebraska's Memorial Stadium boasts an NCAA-record 243 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 156, 86 fewer than Nebraska. NU is 217-26 during the sellout streak (50-9 under Devaney, 145-16 under Osborne, 22-1 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 330

Nebraska extended its AP poll record to 330 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 (204) and Florida (189). The Huskers have been ranked in the

top 10 in 135 of the last 140 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. After Florida State's 41-9 loss to North Carolina dropped the Seminoles from sixth to 18th in this week's AP poll, ending the Seminole's 53-week run in the top-10, the Huskers now have the longest active streak, a span of 38 weeks. 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 504 of the last 507 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. Last season, 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 235 games against unranked opponents since 1973 (26-1 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 21 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 220-13-2 against unranked opponents (.940, 235 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 13th nationally with 240.8 yards per game.

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	2/1	def. ND, 27-10
9/23	4	4	NA	2/1	def. Rice, 48-3

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

Associated Press Poll (Sept. 23)

No.	Team (1st)	Record	Points
1.	Miami (Fla.) (39)	2-0	1,749
2.	Florida (15)	3-0	1,717
3.	Oklahoma (11)	3-0	1,639
4.	Nebraska (2)	4-0	1,549
5.	Texas (4)	3-0	1,519
6.	Oregon	3-0	1,342
7.	Tennessee	2-0	1,312
8.	Virginia Tech	3-0	1,298
9.	Georgia Tech	3-0	1,135
10.	Fresno State (1)	4-0	1,102
11.	Kansas State	2-0	1,080
12.	UCLA	3-0	1,033
13.	Washington	2-0	1,003
14.	LSU	2-0	851
15.	South Carolina	3-0	804
16.	Northwestern	2-0	772
17.	Michigan	2-1	627
18.	Florida State	2-1	589
19.	Oregon State	1-1	323
20.	BYU	3-0	305
21.	Mississippi State	1-1	231
22.	Illinois	3-0	227
23.	Michigan State	2-0	215
24.	Purdue	2-0	184
25.	Toledo	3-0	140

ESPN/USA Today Coaches Poll (Sept. 23)

No.	Team (1st)	Record	Points
1.	Miami (Fla.) (34)	2-0	1,453
2.	Florida (14)	3-0	1,423
3.	Oklahoma (9)	3-0	1,377
4.	Nebraska (1)	4-0	1,311
5.	Texas	3-0	1,239
6.	Oregon (1)	3-0	1,120
7.	Virginia Tech	3-0	1,104
8.	Tennessee	2-0	1,090
9.	Kansas State	2-0	980
10.	UCLA	3-0	914
11.	Georgia Tech	3-0	907
12.	Washington	2-0	837
13.	Fresno State (1)	4-0	770
14.	Louisiana State	2-0	705
15.	Florida State	2-1	679
16.	South Carolina	3-0	574
17.	Michigan	2-1	564
18.	Northwestern	2-0	546
19.	Oregon State	1-1	338
20.	Brigham Young	3-0	267
21.	Purdue	2-0	252
22.	Mississippi State	1-1	162
23.	Illinois	3-0	132
24.	Michigan State	2-0	120
25.	Clemson	2-1	98

Italics - 2001 opponents

More Husker Rushing Numbers

NU is 184-5-0 in the last 29 years when rushing for 300 or more yards in a game (since 1973) and has won 106 straight when rushing for 300-plus yards since a loss to Michigan in the 1986 Fiesta Bowl, when the Huskers rushed for 304 yards. Nebraska is 93-0 since 1973 when rushing for 400 or 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 Dahrran 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 current 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 four games, the Huskers are on pace, averaging 34.5 points per contest to rank 23rd 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 231 consecutive games when scoring 35 or more points and is 295-1 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 66 straight games. Nebraska has not been shut out at home since KSU shut out the Huskers, 12-0, on Homecoming in 1968 (209 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 34 points in the first four games (8.5 ppg) to rank seventh nationally and third in the Big 12. Nebraska has held all four of its opponents to 14 points or less, allowing more than 10 points only once (14 vs. Troy State). With those performances, NU has now won 97 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 205-5-1 since 1962 (Devaney's first year) when holding opponents to 10 or fewer points, including a perfect 15-0 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. NU has a total of 100 shutouts in the program's history.

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 it is still early in the season, the Huskers have effectively stopped opponents on the ground, allowing just 67.5 yards per game through the first four contests to rank 11th nationally and lead the conference. In fact, opponent ball carriers average less than two yards per attempt, including two plays of longer than 25 yards. Against Troy State, the Huskers held the Trojans to minus-25 yards, the fourth-lowest total in school history. Last week, the Huskers allowed a season-high 196 yards rushing, but the total was still nearly 60 yards below the Owls' season average.

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...**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 four 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, but suffered a knee injury in practice on Sept. 11 and is out for the season. 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 before suffering a season-ending shoulder injury.

► **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**

Records Report

Category Record

All-time	757-299-40
Home	452-122-20
Memorial Stadium	327-99-13
In Last 11 years	38-5
Since 1962	390-76-5
Last 31 years	323-58-5
Last 8 Years	95-10
When Scoring 35+ Points	294-1
vs. Big 12 Teams	429-142-16
In Big 12 Action (since '96)	34-6
Bowls	20-19
On ABC	68-26
On FieldTurf	16-0
At Night	42-14-3
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 243 Consecutive Sellout Streak...	
All-time	217-26
vs. Ranked Teams	36-18
Under Head Coach Frank Solich...	
All-Time	35-7
Home	22-1
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	26-1
Home	17-1
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	9-2
August	2-0
September	14-0
October	9-4
November	7-2
December	2-1
January	1-0

NU Streaks...The Huskers have...

- ▶ won 17 straight home games
- ▶ won 19 straight non-conference regular-season games
- ▶ won 21 straight over unranked opponents
- ▶ won 106 straight when rushing for 300 yards
- ▶ won 93 straight when rushing for 400 yards
- ▶ won 97 consecutive games when holding the opponent to 10 or fewer points (205-5-1 all-time)
- ▶ scored in 66 consecutive games
- ▶ scored in 209 straight home games
- ▶ shut out opponents 100 times
- ▶ won 231 straight games when scoring 35 or more points (295-1 all-time)

Thomas (2000); Toniu Fonoti (1999); John Garrison (1999); Keyuo Craver (1998); Jason Lohr (1998) and Jeremy Slechta (1998). In 1999, Fonoti became only the third NU offensive lineman in the modern era to play as a first-year freshman, joining center Jake Young (1986) and guard Will Shields (1989).

▶ **Nebraska Natives...**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); four on defense side of the ball; LRE **Chris Kelsay** (Auburn), DT **Jeremy Slechta** (LaVista), SLB **Scott Shanle** (St. Edward) and cornerback **Erwin Swiney** (Lincoln); and one kicker; punter **Kyle Larson** (Funk).

▶ **FieldTurf...**Nebraska is 16-0 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 16 (+3 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. NU is a perfect 5-0 in games televised on the Big 12 TV package (since 1996), outscoring opponents a combined 242-65.

▶ **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). With 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 four games, Nebraska's average scoring drive has covered 52.2 yards (1,044 total yards) on 6.0 plays in an average time of 2:18. The Nebraska defense and special teams have given the offense the advantage of playing on a relatively short field, holding NU's first four opponents to a total of just six scores while the Huskers have started 20 of 52 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 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. Nebraska produced its longest scoring drive in terms of plays and time with an 11-play, 4:49 drive covering 69 yards against Troy State. NU's longest drive in 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.

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
Rice	7	<u>14:31</u>	<u>2:04</u>	<u>38</u>	<u>5.4</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>0</u>
Totals	20-52	45:58	2:18	119	6.0	9	1
Opp.	6	16:41	2:47	43	7.2	3	0

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

The big play has been a key to Nebraska's success through the first four games, as the Huskers have produced 19 plays that have covered 25 yards or more, including eight long runs, five long passes and six long returns. Against Rice, the Huskers reeled off six long plays, including a season-long 42-yard touchdown pass from Eric Crouch to Wilson Thomas. Crouch also connected with Tracey Wistrom on a 37-yard scoring striking. Crouch added two long runs with a 27-yarder and a 25-yard run for a score. Mike Stuntz added the first long play of his career with a 25-yard run against the Owls, while Carl Scholting added his first long play with a 31-yard interception return in the fourth quarter.

Crouch owns Nebraska's longest run with a 42-yard gallop against TCU. Thunder Collins possesses NU's longest scoring run of the year with his 26-yard dash against the Horned Frogs. Crouch connected on a 41-yard pass with John Gibson against TCU for longest non-scoring pass play of the season. Josh Davis provided the Huskers with the longest kickoff return of the year with a 43-yard return against Notre Dame, while DeJuan Groce added a season-long 40-yard interception return against the Irish. Keyuo Craver pitched in a team season-best 26-yard punt return against Troy State. Nebraska does not have a long fumble return (Jon Clanton, 20 vs. Troy State).

TCU's Casey Printers connected with Matt Schobel on an opponent-long 67-yard scoring pass. Rice's Robbie Beck owns the longest run by an opponent with a 54-yard sprint. Notre Dame's Julius Jones pitched in an opponent-best 30-yard kickoff return. Husker opponents have not produced a long interception return, fumble return or punt return this season.

	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
Rice	<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>4</u>
Totals	8	5	6	19	2	7	2	11

► Nebraska in the Red Zone...

The Huskers went a perfect 4-for-4 inside the red zone against Rice, with touchdown runs and one scoring pass to improve their season success rate to 73.7 percent (14-19) with 12 touchdowns and two fields in 19 red zone penetrations. NU has now converted its last six red-zone opportunities over the last two games. Along with punching it in the end zone on all four red zone chances, the Husker defense held the Owls to just 33.3 percent (1-3) inside the red zone. Rice managed a 25-yard field goal in the fourth quarter, but had another field goal blocked by DeJuan Groce earlier in the half and turned the ball over on Carl Scholting's interception on the Owls' last drive of the game. For the season, Husker opponents have ventured into the red zone just seven times, coming away with just two touchdowns and two field goals for a 57.1 percent (4-7) success rate.

Nebraska was a perfect 2-for-2 inside the red zone in the season opener against TCU, but struggled to a 50 percent (4-8) success in the second game against Troy State. The Huskers capitalized on 80 percent (4-5) of their red zone chances against Notre Dame.

The Blackshirts have allowed just seven penetrations into the red zone through the first four games, and two of those were set up by turnovers, while a third resulted from a blocked punt. After shutting TCU (0-0) completely out of the red zone in the 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.

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
Rice	4	4	4	0	0	0	0	0	1.00
Totals	19	14	12	2	1	1	3	0	.737
Opp.	7	4	2	2	1	2	0	0	.571

Note: Nebraska has 11 rushing TDs, 1 passing TD and 2 FGs in the red zone. Opponents have 0 passing TDs, 2 rushing TDs and 2 FGs in the red zone.

► Quarterback Drive Efficiency *Total Drives Begun as Starting QB

QB	Drives*	Scores	TDs	FG-FGA	Eff.	Red Zone
Crouch	47	19	17	2-3	.404	13-17
Lord	4	1	1	0-0	.250	1-2
Chrisman#	1	0	0	0-0	.000	0-0
Totals	52	20	12	2-3	.385	14-19

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

#Chrisman started NU's final drive vs. Rice just before time expired.

► Nebraska Points Off Turnovers...

Nebraska has converted opponent turnovers into 31 points, including 14 points against Troy State, 10 points against Notre Dame and seven points against Rice, while opponents have scored just seven points off Nebraska turnovers (Troy State).

Through four games, Nebraska is a plus-three (+0.75 avg./game) in turnover margin, forcing 10 turnovers (1 vs. TCU; 3 vs. Troy State; 4 vs. Notre Dame; 2 vs. Rice), while committing seven turnovers (2 vs. TCU, -1; 3 vs. Troy State, 0; 2 vs. Notre Dame, +2; 0 vs. Rice, +2). The Huskers have fumbled 11 times and lost five fumbles in four 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 six interceptions, including two picks in each of the last three 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. Erwin Swiney added his first interception of the season against Rice, which the Huskers converted into a touchdown six plays later on Crouch's six-yard scoring run. Carl Scholting added an interception and a 31-yard return against the Owls, but time expired before the Huskers could convert. Mark Vedral added a third-quarter interception to stop a Troy State threat into the NU red zone, but NU not convert.

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.)	
Rice	2 (2I)	1	0-0	7	0	
Totals	10 (4F, 6I)	4	1-1	31	7 (5 fumbles/2 int.)	
Opponent	7 (5F, 2I)	1	0-0	7	10 (4 fumble/6 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
Rice	53/292/4	15-12-0/205/3	68/497/7

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
Rice	47/196/0	25-8-2/169/0	72/365/0

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

I-back Dahrran Diedrick churned out his second 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. NU did not have a 100-yard rusher against TCU or Rice. Nebraska's 330 yards rushing against Troy State were the most by NU this season. TCU 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.

The Blackshirts have not allowed an opponent individual to rush for 100 yards through four games. In fact, Rice's Robbie Beck owns the top mark by an opposing back with just 67 yards, 54 of which came on one run. Beck is the only opposing back to rush for more than 50 yards against the Huskers.

► 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
 vs. Rice--None
 Opponents--None

► Starting Field Position

Nebraska has enjoyed a distinct field position advantage through the first four games, as the Huskers have produced an average starting position at their own 39.2 yard line, while holding opponents to an average start at the 26.5, for a +12.7 yards per drive advantage. Against the Owls, the Huskers defense and special teams, helped the Huskers enjoy over 20-yard advantage on field position. A combination of stingy defense, turnovers and solid punting has helped the Huskers. Sophomore punter Kyle Larson has buried NU's four opponents inside their own 20-yard line nine times, including five against TCU, two against Notre Dame and two against Rice. In 2000, Nebraska's punting game stuck opponents inside the 20 only five times all season.

On the season, opponents have started four drives inside their own 10, including two drives from the 1-yard line, 20 drives inside the 20 and 10 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 20 of 52 drives beyond its own 40 yard line through four games, with 13 starts on the opposition's half of the field.

	NU Avg. Start	Opp. Avg. Start	Advantage
TCU	35.2 (457/13)	24.3 (340/14)	+10.9
Troy State	40.7 (530/13)	28.6 (457/16)	+12.1
Notre Dame	40.1 (562/14)	32.6 (456/14)	+7.5
Rice	40.1 (489/12)	19.4 (233/12)	+20.7
Total	39.2 (2038/52)	26.5 (1486/56)	+12.7

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 four games this season, the Huskers have continued that trend, committing just 23 penalties for 221 yards, while opponents have been flagged for 35 penalties and 235 yards. Of Nebraska's 23 penalties, seven have been on the offense, five on special teams and 11 against the defense. Opponents have been flagged for 26 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
Rice	4-46	7-34
Total	23-221	35-235
Average	5.8-55.3	8.8-58.8

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

Game	Team 'Cakes	Indiv. (#)	*Sacks Allowed	O-Line Penalties	Perfect Plays
TCU	45	12 (#66)	2	1-10	54.0%
Troy State	44	10 (#52)	0	0-0	53.0%
Notre Dame	63	18 (#77)	1	2-15	60.0%
Rice	92	17 (#68)	1	2-10	65.7%
Totals	244	18 (#77)	4	5-35	

► Husker Pancake Leaders...

	TCU	TSU	ND	RU	Tot	Avg.
Fonoti	10	6	18	15	49	12.3
Rutherford	12	9	10	8	39	9.8
Garrison	6	10	8	14	38	9.5
Vili Waldrop	6	3	11	17	37	9.3
Volk	6	5	10	12	33	8.3
Cody	5	2	6	14	27	6.8
Shook	0	4	DNP	3	7	2.3
Tagoa'i	DNP	DNP	DNP	2	2	2.0
Kollmorgen	DNP	3	0	2	5	1.7
Altstadt	DNP	2	0	2	4	1.3
Erickson	DNP	DNP	DNP	1	1	1.0
Koethe	DNP	DNP	DNP	1	1	1.0

2001 Husker Depth Chart (Date of Depth, Thursday, Sept. 13, 2001)

Offense

SE: 9 **Wilson Thomas****, 6-6, 215, Jr., Omaha, Neb.

5 Ben Zajicek, 6-0, 210, Fr., Beatrice, Neb.

19 **John Klem***, 6-0, 200, Jr., Lincoln, Neb.

-OR-16 Mike Stuntz, 6-2, 185, Fr., Council Bluffs, Iowa

LT: 58 **DAVE VOLK*****, 6-5, 300, Sr., Battle Creek, Neb.

75 **Kyle Kollmorgen*****, 6-5, 310, Sr., Lincoln, Neb.

-OR-73 **Scott Koethe***, 6-5, 310, Jr., Central City, Neb.

LG: 77 **TONIU FONOTI****, 6-4, 340, Jr., Hauula, Hawaii

64 **Steve Altstadt***, 6-5, 295, Sr., Fort Calhoun, Neb.

78 Mike Erickson, 6-4, 300, Fr., Omaha, Neb.

C: 52 **John Garrison****, 6-4, 285, Jr., Blue Springs, Mo.

53 **Matt Shook***, 6-2, 300, Jr., Medina, Ohio (knee)

74 David Kolowski, 6-5, 300, Jr., Omaha, Neb.

-OR-51 **Richie Incognito**, 6-4, 310, Fr., Glendale, Ariz.

RG: 66 **Jon Rutherford****, 6-3, 300, Sr., Midwest City, Okla.

59 **Wes Cody***, 6-2, 295, Jr., Fremont, Neb.

55 **Junior Tagoa'i***, 6-2, 290, So., Hauula, Hawaii

RT: 68 **Dan Waldrop***, 6-5, 330, So., Wilmington, Calif.

66 **Jon Rutherford****, 6-3, 300, Sr., Midwest City, Okla.

67 **Nate Kolterman***, 6-3, 330, Jr., Seward, Neb.

TE: 87 **TRACEY WISTROM*****, 6-5, 240, Sr., Webb City, Mo.

99 **Aaron Golliday****, 6-4, 285, Jr., York, Neb.

84 **Jon Bowling****, 6-3, 245, Jr., Lincoln, Neb.

86 **Kyle Ringenberg**, 6-5, 245, Jr., Elkhorn, Neb.

QB: 7 **ERIC CROUCH*****, 6-1, 200, Sr., Omaha, Neb.

10 **Jammal Lord***, 6-2, 215, So., Bayonne, N.J.

11 **Joe Chrisman****, 5-11, 190, Jr., Longmont, Colo.

FB: 4 **Judd Davies***, 6-0, 240, So., Omaha, Neb.

45 **Steve Kriewald**, 5-10, 255, Fr., Scotia, Neb.

37 **Paul Kastl***, 5-10, 230, Jr., Lincoln, Neb.

49 **Nick Gragert**, 6-0, 230, Sr., Columbus, Neb.

IB: 30 **Dahrran Diedrick****, 6-0, 225, Jr., Scarborough, Ontario

1 **Thunder Collins***, 6-2, 190, Jr., Los Angeles, Calif.

25 **Josh Davis**, 5-11, 195, So., Loveland, Colo.

WB: 8 **John Gibson*****, 6-0, 195, Sr., Papillion, Neb.+

89 **Troy Hassebroek****, 6-4, 220, Jr., Lincoln, Neb.

81 **Ben Cornelsen***, 5-10, 190, Jr., Shawnee, Kan.

31 **Fred Thorne**, 5-10, 185, So., Lincoln, Neb.

PK: 22 **Sandro DeAngelis**, 5-8, 195, Fr., Niagara Falls, Ontario

-OR-26 **JOSH BROWN****, 6-2, 190, JR., FOYIL, OKLA.

KO: 22 **Sandro DeAngelis**, 5-8, 195, Fr., Niagara Falls, Ontario

-OR-26 **Josh Brown****, 6-2, 190, Jr., Foyil, Okla.

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

Defense

LRE: 57 **CHRIS KELSAY****, 6-5, 270, Jr., Auburn, Neb.

92 **Justin Smith****, 6-4, 260, Jr., Sherman, Texas

-OR-10 **Benard Thomas***, 6-4, 250, So., East Palo Alto, Calif.

NT: 55 **Jon Clanton****, 6-2, 280, Jr., Glendale, Ariz.

59 **Ryon Bingham**, 6-3, 275, So., Sandy, Utah

-OR-91 **Manaia Brown**, 6-4, 300, Fr., West Valley City, Utah

DT: 56 **JEREMY SLECHTA*****, 6-6, 285, Sr., LaVista, Neb.

85 **Casey Nelson****, 6-2, 285, Sr., Newman Grove, Neb.

94 **Patrick Kabongo***, 6-6, 290, So., Montreal, Quebec

RRE:98 **DEMOINE ADAMS****, 6-2, 235, Jr., Pine Bluff, Ark.

95 **J.P. Wichmann****, 6-4, 230, Sr., Shawnee, Kan.

-OR-88 **Trevor Johnson***, 6-4, 250, So., Lincoln, Neb.

SLB:43 **SCOTT SHANLE****, 6-2, 235, Jr., St. Edward, Neb.

47 **Ira Cooper**, 6-2, 220, Fr., Omaha, Neb.

51 **Gabe Fries**, 6-2, 230, Jr., Benkelman, Neb.

MLB:48 **Jamie Burrow*****, 6-1, 245, Sr., Ames, Iowa

38 **Barrett Ruud**, 6-2, 220, Fr., Lincoln, Neb.

44 **Jason Richenberger**, 6-1, 220, Fr., Liberty, Mo.

WLB: 9 **Mark Vedral*****, 6-1, 210, Sr., Gregory, S.D.

17 **T.J. Hollowell***, 6-0, 220, So., Copperas Cove, Texas

-OR-23 **Blanchard Johnson III***, 5-11, 205, So., Omaha, Neb.

LCB: 3 **KEYUO CRAVER*****, 5-10, 190, Sr., Harleton, Texas

28 **Pat Ricketts***, 5-11, 180, So., Omaha, Neb.

-OR- 1 **Lornell McPherson**, 5-9, 175, Fr., Omaha, Neb.

FS: 27 **Willie Amos***, 6-0, 185, So., Sweetwater, Texas

-OR-14 **DION BOOKER*****, 6-1, 205, Sr., Oceanside, Calif.

31 **Jerrell Pippens***, 6-2, 190, So., Philadelphia, Pa.

ROV:21 **Philip Bland**, 6-0, 205, Fr., Lafayette, Colo.

40 **Lannie Hopkins**, 6-2, 205, Fr., Rowlett, Texas

2 **Aaron Terpening****, 5-11, 200, Jr., Salem, Ore.

20 **Wes Woodward*****, 5-8, 185, Sr., Omaha, Neb.

4 **Terrell Butler***, 5-9, 190, So., Austell, Ga.

RCB: 5 **DeJuan Groce****, 5-10, 190, Jr., Garfield Heights, Ohio

-OR-16 **ERWIN SWINEY*****, 6-0, 185, Sr., Lincoln, Neb. (10)

18 **Jeff Hemje*****, 6-0, 180, Sr., Grand Island, Neb.

P: 19 **Kyle Larson**, 6-0, 205, So., Funk, Neb.

26 **Josh Brown****, 6-2, 190, Jr., Foyil, Okla.

Specialists

Holder: 11 **Joe Chrisman****, 7 **Eric Crouch*****, 32 **Kelly Cook**

Snapper: 52 **JOHN GARRISON****, 74 **David Kolowski**

Punt Ret.: 5 **DeJuan Groce****, 3 **Keyuo Craver*****,

81 **Ben Cornelsen***, 25 **Josh Davis**

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

Injured, Will not play in next game:

IB--6-DeAntae Grixby*, 5-8, 205, So., Omaha, Neb. (ribs)

IB--21-Robin Miller*, 5-11, 225, So., Kent, Wash. (hamstring)

OT--76-Chris Loos*, 6-3, 310, So., Lincoln, Neb. (knee)

WB--85-Clifford Brye, 5-10, 175, Jr., Lincoln, Neb. (knee)

NT--70-JASON LOHR***, 6-2, 275, Sr., Tulsa, Okla. (knee)