

NEBRASKA FOOTBALL

2001

Husker Records and Streaks

- ▶ NCAA-record 244 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
- ▶ 332 consecutive weeks ranked by the Associated Press, a continuing AP record
- ▶ 32 consecutive years ranked in AP top 25
- ▶ 18-game home winning streak
- ▶ 97-10 record since 1993 (nine years)
- ▶ 40 weeks ranked in AP top 10 (leads nation)

Media Information

Coach Frank Solich--is available daily after practice; on the Monday Big 12 Conference call; and in person at Tuesday press conference.
Next Press Conference: Tuesday, Oct. 9: Women's Basketball Coach Paul Sanderford at 10:30 a.m.; Lunch at 11 a.m.; Volleyball Coach John Cook at 11:10 a.m.; Soccer Coach John Walker at 11:20 a.m.; QB Eric Crouch from 11:40-11:50 a.m.; Defensive Coordinator Craig Bohl from 11:50 a.m.-Noon; Coach Frank Solich from Noon-12:30 p.m.; 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, Noon.

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Game 7: No. 4/4 Nebraska (6-0, 2-0) vs. Baylor (2-2, 0-2)

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Huskers Try to Remain Unbeaten With Road Game at Baylor

The No. 4/4 (AP/coaches) Nebraska Cornhuskers improved to 6-0 on the season and won their second straight Big 12 Conference game with a dominating 48-14 victory over previously unbeaten Iowa State (3-1, 1-1). Nebraska continues Big 12 action, traveling to Baylor (2-2, 0-2) for a non-televised 1 p.m. kickoff. Baylor is coming off a hard-fought loss to Texas A&M in College Station. A&M won 16-10, in a come-from-behind victory. Baylor was shut out the previous week by Iowa State, 41-0, a team that Nebraska defeated in Lincoln, 48-14 on Oct. 6. Baylor's wins are over Arkansas State, 24-3, and New Mexico, 16-13.

The Husker defense continues to dominate, as six opponents have scored a total of 51 points, an average of 8.5 per game. Nebraska ranks among the nation's top 10 in every defensive category, ranking second in scoring defense (8.5 ppg), fourth in total defense (236.5), fourth in pass efficiency defense (82.06 rating) and 10th in rush defense (76.5 ypg). The Husker offense leads the nation in rushing, averaging 289.0 yards per outing.

Nebraska has won six of seven games over the Bears, losing 26-7 in Lincoln in 1956, and winning the last five outings. The last three games were Big 12 Conference matchups. Most recently, NU shut out the Bears, 59-0, in Lincoln last season. NU has shut out Baylor in four of the seven contests. The Bears are led by former Husker assistant Kevin Steele (coached linebackers at NU from 1989 to 1994). On his staff is former Husker quarterback and the 1995 Heisman Trophy runner-up Tommie Frazier.

This Week's Polls

The Huskers remained fourth in both polls this week after a 48-14 victory over previously unbeaten Iowa State in Lincoln on Oct. 6. Nebraska had been fourth in both polls in the first two polls, but dropped to fifth in the AP's third poll, before moving back to fourth for the past four polls. In this week's Associated Press Poll, NU has two first-place votes and 1,577 points, behind Florida (30 first-place votes, 1,739 points), Miami (23, 1,719) and Oklahoma (16, 1,700). In the USA Today/ESPN Coaches poll, NU did not receive a first-place vote but had 1,325 points to rank fourth behind Miami (25 first-place votes, 1,449 points), Florida (25, 1,445) and Oklahoma (10, 1,397). Kansas State, which the Huskers will face on Nov. 10, is ranked 24th and 21st, respectively. Last week's play featured two games that featured top 25 teams with No. 2 Florida defeating No. 20 LSU, 44-15, and No. 3 Oklahoma defeating No. 5 Texas, 14-3. This week there are five matchups, with No. 2/1 Miami at No. 14/13 Florida State; No. 7/7 UCLA vs. No. 10/8 Washington; No. 12/12 Michigan vs. No. 17/16 Purdue; No. 15/15 Georgia Tech vs. No. 22/20 Maryland; and No. 25/19 Texas A&M at No. 20/-- Colorado.

The 2001 Nebraska (6-0, 2-0) Football Schedule/Results

Day	Date	Opponent	Time/Res.	TV	Series	Last Meeting (Site) / Notes
Sat.	Aug. 25	TCU	W 21-7	ABC	NU leads 6-1	Crouch MVP for NU as he sets Nebraska career total offense record
Sat.	Sept. 1	Troy State	W 42-14	Big 12*	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		1-0-0	Crouch goes over 2,500 in career rush and 6,000 in career total offense
Sat.	Sept. 29	at Missouri #	W 36-3	Big 12*	NU 60-32-3	Crouch has school-record 95-yard rush TD, has 191 rush, 311 TO yards; Wistrom breaks NU career tight end record for receiving yards with 1,065
Sat.	Oct. 6	Iowa State #	W 48-14	FSN	NU 80-14-2	Crouch and Diedrick each rush for 100; Craver has interception return TD
Sat.	Oct. 13	at Baylor #	1 p.m.		NU 6-1-0	NU 59-0 in 2000 (Lincoln); NU has outscored BU 228-57 in series
Sat.	Oct. 20	Texas Tech # (HC)	TBA		NU 6-0-0	NU 56-3 in 2000 (Lubbock); NU has won last 32 straight Homecomings
Sat.	Oct. 27	Oklahoma #	TBA		OU 40-36-3	OU 31-14 in 2000 (Norman); 30-year anniversary—"Game of the Century"
Sat.	Nov. 3	at Kansas #	TBA		NU 83-21-3	NU 56-17 in 2000 (Lincoln); Series is third-longest in NCAA Div. I-A
Sat.	Nov. 10	Kansas State #	TBA		NU 71-12-2	KSU 29-28 in 2000 (Manhattan); NU has won 30 of last 32 games
Fri.	Nov. 23	at Colorado #	2:30 p.m.	ABC	NU 43-14-2	NU 34-32 in 2000 (Lincoln); Last four games decided by 10 points
Sat.	Dec. 1	Big 12 Champ.	7 p.m.	ABC	NU 2-1-0	at Texas Stadium, Irving, Texas; NU has won two of five titles

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

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 Huskers have already played and won five at home and hit the road this week. The eighth home 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 home 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 then-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.

The Huskers hit the road to open conference play, defeating Missouri in Columbia, 36-3. Nebraska returned home to defeat Iowa State, 48-14, in NU's third night game this season. This week, Nebraska travels to Baylor for a non-televised 1 p.m. contest. NU hosts Texas Tech for Homecoming on Oct. 20, and defending national champion Oklahoma on Oct. 27. NU plays at Kansas on Nov. 3, then will have another classic Big 12 matchup, hosting Kansas State on Nov. 10. The Huskers end the regular season at Colorado on the Friday after Thanksgiving (ABC national at 2:30 p.m. central). The Dr. Pepper Big 12 Championship game will be played in Texas Stadium at Irving, Texas, on Dec. 1 (ABC national at 7 p.m.).

With the addition of Colorado to the AP Poll, six Big 12 Conference teams are ranked in this week's polls, including Oklahoma (No. 3/3 AP/Coaches), Nebraska (4/4), Texas (11/11), Kansas State (24/21), Texas A&M (25/19) and Colorado (20/--).

Nebraska Head Coach Frank Solich

Coach Frank Solich (Nebraska, 1966) is in his fourth season at the helm of the Huskers and owns a 37-7 school and career record. Solich is two 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 as a center fielder 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 5-0 start in 2001, Solich's career record stands at 37-7. 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 and with one more win will be the first Husker coach to win 38 games in four years. Devaney won nine in his first year, 10 his second year, nine his third and 10 in his fourth (38), while Osborne won nine, nine, 10 and nine, respectively (37). 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, his second year at the helm. Solich earned his bachelor's (1966) and master's degrees (1972) from Nebraska.

Solich is 1-0 vs. Baylor and Head Coach Kevin Steele. Solich is 23-1 at home and 10-5 on the road, and 4-1 in neutral-site games. In Memorial Stadium, Solich has lost just one game, to Texas in 1998. He is 19-6 in Big 12 action (12-1 at home, 7-5 on the road and 1-0 in neutral-site games).

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 142 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.

This Week In the National Rankings

Nebraska ranks among the nation's top 25 in 12 of the 14 main national rankings. NU ranks among the top 10 in all four defensive categories, including second in scoring defense (8.5 ppg), fourth in pass efficiency defense (82.06 rating), fourth in total defense (236.5 ypg) and 10th in rushing defense (76.5 ypg). On the offensive side, NU moved up from second to first in rushing offense (289.0 ypg), after totaling 359 yards on the ground vs. Iowa State. Nebraska also ranks among the top 25 in scoring offense, averaging 37.0 points per game to rank 10th; and ranks 25th in total offense (423.67 ypg); ninth in net punting (40.12 ypg), 13th in kickoff returns (26.33 ypr); 23rd in punt returns (12.39 ypg); 20th in passing efficiency (145.0); and 17th in pass defense (160.0 ypg). The only categories that NU does not rank among the top 25 are turnover margin (+0.33, 45th) and passing offense (134.67 ypg, 108th).

Individually, junior I-back **Dahrran Diedrick** ranks 17th in rushing, averaging 115.4 yards per game, and 17th in scoring, averaging 9.6 points per game. Quarterback **Eric Crouch** ranks 39th in rushing (90.0 ypg), first among quarterbacks and ranks 11th in scoring (10.33 ppg). Reserve sophomore **Kyle Larson** ranks 11th in punting, averaging 44.5 yards per punt. Junior cornerback **DeJuan Grocer** ranks 10th in punt returns, averaging 14.75 yards per return. Sophomore I-back **Josh Davis** would be tied for 13th in kickoff returns, averaging 30.0 yards per return, but does not meet the prerequisite 1.2 returns per game.

2001 Big 12 Standings

North		Records		
Team	Overall	Big 12	Last Week	
Nebraska	6-0	2-0	W, ISU, 48-14	
Colorado	4-1	2-0	W, KSU, 16-6	
Iowa State	3-1	1-1	L, NU, 14-48	
Kansas	2-2	1-1	W, TTU, 34-31	2OT
Missouri	2-2	1-1	W, OSU, 41-38	3OT
Kansas State	2-2	0-2	L, CU, 6-16	

South		Records		
Team	Overall	Big 12	Last Week	
Oklahoma	5-0	2-0	W, UT, 14-3	
Texas A&M	5-0	2-0	W, A&M, 16-10	
Texas	4-1	1-1	L, OU, 3-14	
Baylor	2-2	0-2	L, A&M, 10-16	
Texas Tech	2-2	0-2	L, KU, 31-34	2 OT
Okla. St.	2-3	0-2	L, MU, 38-41	3OT

2001 Nebraska Non-Conference Opponents:

Team	2001 Record
TCU	3-2
Troy State	1-3
Notre Dame	1-3
Rice	4-1

2001 Baylor Schedule (2-2)

9/8	Arkansas State	W, 24-3
9/22	New Mexico	W, 16-13 OT
9/29	at Iowa State	L, 0-41
10/6	at Texas A&M	L, 10-16
10/13	Nebraska	1 p.m.
10/20	at Oklahoma	2 p.m.
10/27	Texas Tech	2 p.m.
11/3	Texas	1 p.m.
11/10	at Missouri	1 p.m.
11/17	Oklahoma State	1 p.m.
11/24	Southern Illinois	Noon

2000 Baylor Results (2-9)

8/31	North Texas	W, 20-7
9/16	Minnesota	L, 9-34
9/23	South Florida	W, 28-13
9/30	Iowa State	L, 17-31
10/7	at Texas Tech	L, 0-28
10/14	Texas A&M	L, 0-24
10/21	at Nebraska	L, 0-59
10/28	at Texas	L, 14-48
11/4	Oklahoma	L, 7-56
11/11	Missouri	L, 22-47
11/18	at Oklahoma State	L, 22-50

Huskers from Texas

► Seven Huskers call Texas home, including Keyuo Craver (Harleton); T.J. Hollowell (Copperas Cove); Justin Smith (Sherman); Willie Amos (Sweetwater); Lannie Hopkins (Rowlett); Nick Povendo (Keller); Danieal Manning (Corsicana).

Scouting Baylor

Former Nebraska assistant coach Kevin Steele and his Baylor Bears enter this Saturday's game against Nebraska in Waco with a 2-2 overall mark and an 0-2 Big 12 Conference record after suffering a narrow 16-10 loss at No. 22 Texas A&M on Oct. 6. The Bears led the Aggies 10-3 at halftime before the Aggies responded with 10 points in the third quarter and a field goal in the fourth to produce the final margin. Baylor's performance against the Aggies followed on the heels of a disappointing 41-0 loss at Iowa State on Sept. 29, a team the Huskers defeated 48-14 in Lincoln last week.

Junior quarterback Greg Cicero leads a Bear offense that ranks 106th nationally averaging just 271 yards per game, including just 86.3 yards per game rushing to rank 104th nationally. Cicero has accounted for 150 yards of total offense (all passing) per game. He has completed 65-of-125 passes for 600 yards, with two touchdowns and five interceptions. Cicero's favorite target has been wide receiver Reggie Newhouse, who has 23 receptions for 238 yards and one touchdown, to rank 12th in the Big 12 with 5.8 receptions for 59.5 yards per game. In the Bears' narrow 16-10 loss to Texas A&M, Cicero completed 19-of-38 passes for 147 yards with two interceptions. Cicero, who ranks 100th nationally with an NCAA pass efficiency ranking of 89.60, will look for more success against a Nebraska defense that ranks fourth nationally in pass efficiency defense.

Melvin Barnett has been the most effective ball carrier in Baylor's struggling rushing attack, rushing 47 times for 179 yards to average 44.8 yards per game. Jonathan Golden has added 76 yards on 31 carries with two scores. Cicero has carried the ball 30 times for 0 yards.

Free safety Derrick Cash leads the Baylor defense with 41 tackles, including a team-leading 14 tackles in the loss at Texas A&M. Cash also has two interceptions, four breakups and one tackle for loss.

Baylor Head Coach Kevin Steele

Coach Kevin Steele (Tennessee, 1981) is in his third season as the head coach at Baylor. Steele brings the Bears into Saturday's game with a 2-2 record this season and a 5-21 career mark. He is 0-2 against Nebraska, including a 59-0 loss to the Huskers last year in Lincoln. Steele spent six seasons as an assistant coach at Nebraska from 1989 to 1994, helping the Huskers to the 1994 national title as NU's linebackers coach. Before heading to Baylor as the head coach, Steele spent four seasons as an assistant coach with the NFL's Carolina Panthers from 1995 to 1998. Steele added an additional Nebraska flavor to Baylor's coaching staff by hiring former Husker quarterback Tommie Frazier to tutor the Bears' running backs.

The Nebraska-Baylor Series (NU Leads, 6-1-0)

Nebraska leads the all-time series with Baylor, 6-1, including a 59-0 win last season in Lincoln. In that game, the Huskers raced to a 38-0 lead at the end of the first quarter. The 38 points were the most by Nebraska in a first quarter in school history. The game was also Nebraska's last shutout, and the most lopsided game in series history. Nebraska has won five consecutive games in the series since losing to the Bears, 26-7, in Lincoln on Nov. 17, 1956. Nebraska owns four shutouts in the series, including a 20-0 win in the series opener on Oct. 21, 1939 in Lincoln, a 13-0 win on Sept. 1, 1990, a 49-0 win on Oct. 12, 1996 and last year's 59-0 shutout in Lincoln.

Nebraska has won the last three games in the series by an average score of 52.3-7.0, and the Huskers have outscored Baylor in the first half, 122-7. This Saturday's game will be just the second game in series history in Waco. Nebraska won the first meeting at Baylor, 49-21, on Oct. 11, 1997.

Nebraska is 2-0 against Texas teams this season, including a 21-7 win over TCU and a 48-3 win over Rice. The Huskers are 32-9-1 all time against teams from Texas, including 23-7 against the four Texas schools in the Big 12.

Nebraska-Baylor 2001 Statistical Comparison

Category	Nebraska (6-0, 2-0)			Baylor (2-2, 0-2)		
	Rankings (4/4)			Rankings (NR/NR)		
Top 20 NCAA Rankings in Boldface						
Category	Avg.	Natl.	Big 12	Avg.	National	Big 12
Rushing Offense	289.0	1st	1st	82.3	104th	11th
Passing Offense	134.7	108th	12th	184.8	80th	8th
Pass Efficiency	145.00	20th	1st	90.15	107th	12th
Total Offense	423.7	25th	3rd	271.0	106th	12th
Scoring Offense	37.0	10th	1st	12.5	109th	12th
Rushing Defense	76.5	10th	1st	115.8	29th	8th
Pass Defense	160.0	17th	5th	238.5	88th	12th
Pass Eff. Defense	82.06	4th	2nd	128.96	82nd	11th
Total Defense	236.5	4th	2nd	354.3	56th	10th
Scoring Defense	8.5	2nd	1st	18.3	28th	7th
Net Punting	40.1	9th	2nd	32.6	95th	10th
Punt Returns	12.4	23rd	7th	12.1	27th	8th
Kickoff Returns	26.3	13th	4th	16.7	101st	10th
Turnover Margin	+0.33	45th	7th	+0.25	47th	8th

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	37-7-0

(*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	21-0
When Rushing for 400 Yards	9-0
When Rushing for 500 Yards	1-0
When NU player rushes for 100 Yards	25-4
When Opp. has 100 Yd. Rusher	7-3
When Scoring 35 or More Points	24-0
When Hold Opp. to 10 Pts. or less	16-0
Consecutive Weeks Ranked by AP	57
Consecutive Weeks in the AP top 10	40

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

Injury Update

Nebraska has suffered three season-ending injuries. Senior starting 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. Sophomore reserve wingback **Clifford Bryet** tore his right ACL in practice the week before the Rice game and rover **Lannie Hopkins** had athletic pubalgia surgery on Oct. 6 and his left shoulder scoped to repair labral damage. He played in the first three games, but is out for the season. Three NU players have missed all six games due to injuries, including sophomore right guard **Jon Dawson** (torn right ACL during spring camp), offensive tackle **Chris Loos** (torn left ACL, MCL and PCL in pre-bowl practices) and RE **Tyler Toline** (fall camp knee injury). Loos had additional arthroscopic surgery in October and is out for the season. I-back **Robin Miller** (hamstring), saw his first action of the season vs. Rice and I-back **DeAntae Grixby** returned to action vs. Missouri, after suffering cracked ribs vs. TCU. Mike linebacker **Tony Tata** (torn left ACL) saw his first action of the season vs. ISU.

Game Five Recap

Nebraska 48, Iowa State 14

The No. 4/4 Nebraska Cornhuskers improved to 6-0 on the season and 2-0 in Big 12 Conference action with a 48-14 win over the Iowa State Cyclones, scoring six touchdowns in the first half. Iowa State and Nebraska both entered the game undefeated for the second straight season. Iowa State dropped to 3-1 overall and 1-1 in the Big 12 Conference.

Nebraska jumped out to a 20-0 first-quarter lead and led 41-0 at halftime, after quarterback **Eric Crouch** scored rushing TDs on four consecutive Husker drives. *"I thought it was as complete a first half as we've played this season,"* said Husker Head Coach Frank Solich. ISU Coach Dan McCarney agreed. He said, *"It was a complete domination by Nebraska in the first half."*

All-America candidate **Keyuo Craver** scored the game's first TD on a flashy interception return. Iowa State did not get on the board until the seven-minute mark in the third quarter and scored twice on the Huskers, marking the first time in 10 quarters that the Blackshirts had given up a touchdown (fourth-quarter rushing TD by Notre Dame). Nebraska has given up just three rushing and three passing TDs in six games this year. Nebraska has outscored ISU 170-14 in the first half of the last four games in Lincoln. The Huskers were led by Crouch, who rushed 15 times for 104 yards and four TDs, and I-back **Dahrran Diedrick**, who carried 15 times for 107 yards and one TD. It marked the first time this season and the 53rd time in history that NU has had multiple 100-yard rushers (most recently vs. Kansas last season).

The Huskers tallied 359 rushing yards and 476 total, while ISU rushed for 179 and totaled 336, the second most against the Huskers this season, but well under their 468.0 average that ranked eighth in the nation at gametime. ISU quarterback Seneca Wallace, who went 22-of-24 the previous week vs. Baylor with a school-record 18 consecutive completions, completed 13-of-29 for 214 yards, one touchdown, with two interceptions and was sacked four times. McCarney said, *"They got a lot of good pressure on Seneca. You're not going to come in here and roar running the ball. They disrupted us and their pressure was a big factor."*

The win for the Huskers was Nebraska's eighth straight overall; was NU's ninth consecutive over Iowa State; was NU's 12th straight win over Iowa State in Lincoln; marked Coach Frank Solich's fourth straight over the Cyclones in four tries; and was Nebraska's 18th straight win at home.

► Senior quarterback **Eric Crouch** improved to 30-5 as a starter, becoming the 26th quarterback in NCAA Division I-A to win 30 games as a starter. Crouch passed Steve Taylor's 29 wins from 1985 to 1988 and is three wins behind school-record holder Tommie Frazier, who won 33 games from 1992 to 1995. Crouch recorded a 4-2 record as a redshirt freshman in 1998 and went 10-1 as Nebraska's starter in 1999, losing only to Texas. In 2000, he posted a 10-2 record, losing only to two ranked teams, Oklahoma and Kansas State. This season, Crouch has posted a 6-0 record. Crouch recorded his second straight 100-yard rushing game this season, second consecutive vs. Iowa State, and reached the 100-yard mark by halftime with 13 carries for an even 100 yards and four rushing TDs at intermission. After leading the Huskers to a 41-0 halftime lead, with four straight rushing touchdowns on NU's last four drives of the first half, he played the third quarter, then gave way to Jammal Lord. In the game, Crouch totaled 15 carries for 104 yards and four TDs. He also completed 10-of-14 passes for 110 yards. Crouch scored on runs of 1, 4, 25, and 1 yards, the last three were all in the second quarter. In the process, Crouch broke the school career record for most rushing touchdowns and the NCAA Division I record for most career rushing TDs by a quarterback, as he entered the game with 47 and now has 51. Those records were previously held by NU Heisman Trophy winner Mike Rozier (49 from 1981 to 1983), and Ohio quarterback Kareem Wilson's (49 from 1995 to 1998), respectively.

Crouch already owns Nebraska school records for career rushing yards by a quarterback (2,859) and career total offense (6,573, 214 vs. ISU) and has 540 and 1,283 this season. Crouch holds the Big 12 record for most rushing yards by a quarterback and moved up three spots from eighth to fifth. At NU, Crouch moved up from seventh on the all-time rushing list to fifth, passing I-back Lawrence Phillips (2,777 from 1993 to 1995) and I-back I.M. Hipp (2,814 from 1977 to 1979). Among NCAA Division I quarterbacks, Crouch remains eighth, but is now just 141 yards short of becoming the fourth quarterback in Division I-A to total 3,000 yards by both pass and rush, joining an elite group (Beau Morgan, Air Force, Brian Mitchell, Louisiana Lafayette and Antwaan Randle El, Indiana). Crouch ranks third all time at NU in passing with 3,714 yards and 12th in the Big 12. Crouch added 24 points to his career total and now has

314 in his career to rank second at Nebraska behind Kris Brown (388, 1995 to 1998) and second in the Big 12 behind Texas' Ricky Williams, who had 404 from 1996 to 1998. Crouch is tied with Rozier for career touchdowns scored, but has a two-point advantage on the 1983 Heisman Trophy winner after scoring on a two-point conversion vs. TCU this year. Crouch has had multiple rushing TDs 16 times in his career and in each of the last three games, and six times has had three or more. The four rushing TDs ties his career best (also had four vs. Kansas in 2000). Crouch was the Co-Big 12 Offensive Player of the Week, winning a piece of the award for the third time this season.

Iowa State Head Coach Dan McCarney said, "*Eric Crouch is as good as there is in college football. He is a legitimate Heisman candidate. He is as good as I have ever coached against. As a competitor, as a quarterback, he is as good as there is.*"

Coach Solich appreciates what his Heisman candidate has to offer and was impressed with Crouch setting the NCAA record. "*That's got to say something. I hope it adds up to him earning all the awards I think he is deserving of. We just could not ask for a better leader, a better field general or a better person to represent our program.*"

► Backup I-back **Thunder Collins** set a career best with five catches for 33 yards. His five catches ties the most by a Husker this season (Wilson Thomas also had five vs. Troy State) and the most by a Husker running back since DeAngelo Evans made six catches for 42 yards vs. Texas in 1995. His previous bests were one catch twice this season (1-12 vs. TCU and 1-7 vs. Missouri). Collins benefitted from a few new wrinkles in the Husker offense in which he lined up as a slot back. He totaled 95 all-purpose yards in the game with 62 by rush and 33 by pass. Collins had a career-long 45-yard run that set up Crouch's record-tying four-yard TD run to start the second quarter. Collins' previous career long was 26 yards vs. TCU this season.

► **Turnovers...**Iowa State came into the game leading the conference in turnover margin, but was minus one vs. the Huskers. Nebraska converted two ISU turnovers to touchdowns in the first quarter, both were on interceptions. Nebraska cornerback **Keyuo Craver** scored the game's first touchdown when he intercepted Seneca Wallace on ISU's fifth play of the game. He returned the pick 57 yards for a score, making a couple of nifty moves and keeping inbounds along the sideline for the last 10 yards as Wallace attempted to knock him out. It marked Craver's first interception this year, and the fifth of his career. It marks the third time Craver has scored a touchdown, but the first on an interception return. Last year he scored twice on blocked field goals (vs. Baylor and Kansas State). It was the longest interception return for a touchdown by the Huskers since Joe Walker returned a pick 65 yards vs. Iowa State in 1998. It was the first interception return for a touchdown by a Husker since Carlos Polk returned a pick 39 yards vs. Colorado last year. It was the second time the defense took it in the end zone themselves this season as **Jon Clanton** scored on a 20-yard fumble return vs. Troy State. Craver also had two pass breakups to bring his career total to 37 (second all time behind Ralph Brown's 50 from 1996 to 1999), a team-leading nine tackles and two punt returns for 13 yards. He was Nebraska's nominee for Big 12 Defensive Player of the Week.

The second ISU turnover was an interception by fellow cornerback **DeJuan Groce** (nine yard return). Nebraska took the ball on the ISU 23-yard line and Crouch scored four plays later on a one-yard run which gave NU a 20-0 lead. The defense has recorded 12 turnovers this season, and the Huskers have converted seven to 44 points (six TDs, one field goal). Nebraska had one turnover, when **Jammal Lord** threw his first season/second career interception (Jeremy Loyd). ISU did not convert.

► **Firsts and Bests...**Cornerback **DeJuan Groce** left the game in the second quarter with bruised ribs and did not return, but he had a career-best 34-yard punt return in the first quarter. NU's No. 4 I-back **Robin Miller** scored the last TD for the Huskers on a one-yard run with 1:08 remaining which gave the Huskers a 48-14 final margin. It was his first career touchdown and came on a 16-play drive that took 8:13 off the clock, both season bests for Nebraska. He had a career-best 11 yards in the game on two carries. Junior wingback **Troy Hasebroek** recorded his first career blocked punt, when he stuffed ISU's Tony Yelk. For his efforts, Hasebroek was NU's nominee for Big 12 Specialty Teams Player of the Week. **Lornell McPherson**

recovered for NU (five-yard return) at the ISU 10-yard line and Crouch scored four plays later on a one-yard run with 30 seconds left in the half, giving NU a 41-0 halftime lead. Hasebroek's block is Nebraska's second of the year (Groce blocked a field goal vs. Rice). NU senior rush end **Chris Kelsay** had a career-best three tackles for loss, including a six-yard sack. The three TFLs are the most by a Husker this season. Senior rush end **J.P. Wichmann** (broke his hand in the games) and true freshman **LB Barrett Ruud** shared a seven-yard sack (career first for Ruud); junior RE **Justin Smith** and senior DT **Casey Nelson** combined for a three-yard sack; and sophomore rush end **Benard Thomas** ended the game with a 24-yard sack of Wallace, his first career sack. NU had a total of four sacks for 40 yards, marking the third time this season NU has had three or more and giving NU at least one sack in each of the first six games. NU had 11 tackles for 58 yards lost.

► **Streak Ends...**Place-Kicker **Josh Brown's** streak of consecutive PATs ended vs. ISU after Nebraska's third touchdown. He hit the upright, which ended a streak of 104 consecutive regular-season PATs and 117 straight PATs counting two bowl games. The school records were 114 in regular-season action and 125 counting bowl games by Kris Brown (1995-98).

► Junior I-back **Dahrran Diedrick** recorded his third 100-yard rushing game this season and passed the career 1,000-yard rushing mark on his second carry of the night. On Nebraska's first series, Diedrick had a one-yard carry, followed by an 18-yard gain, which gave him 1,004 in his career as he became the 51st Husker to pass the 1,000 mark. On the next carry, Diedrick scored on a two-yard touchdown run. Diedrick passed the 100-yard mark midway through the fourth quarter and totaled 15 carries for 107 yards. Diedrick leads the Huskers in rushing with 577 yards in five games played (115.4 yards per game, ranks 17th nationally).

► Senior tight end **Tracey Wistrom** caught one pass for 20 yards to extend his streak to 10 regular-season games, in which he has caught at least one pass. Wistrom is tied for the team lead with 17 catches for 258 yards and two touchdowns. Wistrom now has 54 career catches for 1,085 yards. His yards rank first among Husker tight ends while his receptions rank third. Wistrom is seven catches behind Jerry List's school-record 61 receptions (from 1970 to 1972), one behind Junior Miller's 55 (from 1977 to 1979). Wingback **John Gibson** tied his career best with three catches for 35 yards (also had 3-53 vs. Rice), and NU split end **Wilson Thomas** had 2-29, marking the fifth time in six games he has had at least two catches. Thomas has 17 catches for 300 yards this season, while Gibson has 11 for 179.

* **Team Highs and Lows...NU Highs:** 48 Points (ties Rice); Most Rushing TDs 6 (previous high 5 twice); **NU Lows:** Fumbles 0 (ties Rice); Penalties 3 (ties season low of 3 vs. Missouri); **Opponent Highs:** 14 Points (ties Troy State); First Downs 20 (previous best was 17 by Rice); Passing Yards 214 (190 by Troy State); Time of Possession 30:29 (29:32 by Rice), ISU is the first team to have more possession time than NU; **Opponent Lows:** Fumbles 0 (third time this season).

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 for the second straight year. He earned first-team all-conference honors from the Houston Chronicle last season and will contend for All-America honors this year. Craver ranks second all time at Nebraska in career pass breakups with 37. The school record may be out of his reach, as All-American Ralph Brown had 50 from 1996 to 1999. Craver also has five interceptions and four blocked kicks as a valuable member of Nebraska's special teams. He has scored three times in his career, twice on blocked punts in 2000, and on a 57-yard interception return vs. Iowa State this season. Craver leads the team in solo tackles with 23, ranks second in tackles with 35, is tied for first in pass breakups with nine, has two tackles for loss, has caused a fumble and has 13 punt returns for 132 yards (10.2 average). Craver was Nebraska's nominee for Big 12 Defensive Player of the Week vs. Rice (when he had seven tackles, two tackles for loss, two breakups and a fumble caused) and Iowa State (57-yard interception return for TD, nine tackles, two PBUs).

Charting the Huskers

Nebraska Career Passing

<u>Rank</u> , <u>Player</u> , <u>Years</u>	<u>Yds</u>	<u>TD</u>
1. Dave Humm, 72-74	5,035	41
2. Jerry Tagge, 69-71	4,704	32
3. Eric Crouch, 98-01	3,714	26

Nebraska Career Rushing

<u>Rank</u> , <u>Player</u> , <u>Years</u>	<u>Att.</u>	<u>Yds.</u>	<u>TD</u>
1. Mike Rozier, IB, 81-83	668	4,780	49
2. Ahman Green, IB, 95-97	574	3,880	42
3. Calvin Jones, IB, 91-93	461	3,153	40
4. Ken Clark, IB, 87-89	494	3,037	29
5. Eric Crouch, QB, 98-01	542	2,859	51

Nebraska Career Scoring

<u>Player</u> , <u>Years</u>	<u>TP</u>
1. Kris Brown, PK, 95-98	388
2. Eric Crouch, QB, 98-01	314

Big 12 Career Total Offense

<u>Rank</u> , <u>Player</u> , <u>Years</u>	<u>Yds</u>	<u>TD</u>
1. Major Applewhite, UT, 98-01	7,768	60
2. Josh Heupel, OU, 99-00	6,898	62
3. Eric Crouch, NU, 1998-01	6,573	77

Big 12 Career Rushing

<u>Rank</u> , <u>Player</u> , <u>School</u> , <u>Years</u>	<u>TD</u>	<u>Yds</u>
1. Ricky Williams, UT, 96-98	64#	5,289
2. Darren Davis, ISU, 96-99	26	3,763
3. De'Mond Parker, OU, 96-98	21	3,404
4. Ricky Williams, TT, 97-01*	24	3,170
5. Eric Crouch, NU, 98-01*	51	2,859

NCAA Div. I-A QB Rushing

<u>Rank</u> , <u>Player</u> , <u>School</u> , <u>Years</u>	<u>TD</u>	<u>Yds</u>
1. Dee Dowis, Air Force, 86-89	41	3,612
2. Kareem Wilson, Ohio, 95-98	49	3,597
3. Chris McCoy, Navy, 95-97	43	3,401
4. Beau Morgan, Air Force, 94-96+42	3,379	
5. Brian Mitchell, La-Lafay., 86-89+47	3,335	
6. Fred Soloman, Tampa, 71-74	39	3,299
7. Antwaan Randle El, Ind., 98-01+*	38	3,209
8. Eric Crouch, NU, 98-01*	51#	2,859

* indicates active players; # career TD record;
+ QBs who have rushed and passed for 3,000

NU Career Tight Ends by Yards

<u>Rank</u> , <u>Player</u> , <u>Years</u>	<u>No.</u>	<u>Yards</u>	<u>Avg.</u>	<u>TD</u>
1. Tracey Wistrom, 97-01	54	1,085	19.7	10
2. Junior Miller, 77-79	55	1,045	19.0	12
3. Jerry List, 70-72	61	901	14.8	5
4. Todd Millikan, 85-88	40	825	20.6	14

school career record holders in bold

NU Career Receptions

<u>Rank</u> , <u>Player</u> , <u>Years</u>	<u>No.</u>	<u>Yds</u>	<u>TD</u>
1. Johnny Rodgers, WB, 70-72	143	2,479	25
9. A. Muhammad, WB, 91-94	61	938	6
Jerry List, 70-72	61	901	5
Dennis Richnafsky, SE, 65-67	61	676	5
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
15. Tracey Wistrom, TE, 97-01	54	1,085	10

► Senior Quarterback Eric Crouch

Heisman Trophy, Johnny Unitas, Davey O'Brien and All-America candidate **Eric Crouch** is halfway to at least two goals this season. He has led his No. 4 Huskers to a 6-0 record with another six regular-season games to go, and is halfway to becoming the 13th quarterback in NCAA Division I-A history to rush and pass for 1,000 yards in a season, with 540 yards rushing and 743 yards passing.

Career Rush...Crouch reached yet another milestone this past week vs. Iowa State, with four rushing touchdowns, which gives him 51 in his career, enough to break the Nebraska overall and the NCAA Division I-A career record for rushing TDs by a quarterback. Crouch has 2,859 career rushing yards on 542 carries to rank fifth on the NU career rushing charts, first among quarterbacks. Crouch's 2,859 career rushing yards rank eighth all time among Division I-A quarterbacks and fifth in the Big 12, first among quarterbacks. Crouch needs 141 rushing yards to become one of just eight quarterbacks in Division I-A history to rush for 3,000 yards and one of just four QBs to rush and pass for 3,000 yards. Crouch's 51 rushing touchdowns rank first all time among NCAA Division I-A quarterbacks (passing Kareem Wilson of Ohio, 49 from 1995 to 1998); first among NU rushers (passing 1983 Heisman Trophy winner Mike Rozier's 49, from 1981 to 1983); and second in the Big 12 (13 behind Texas' Ricky Williams' 64, from 1996 to 1998).

Career Passing...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 3,714 career passing yards, which ranks third on the NU passing chart, 990 behind Jerry Tagge's 4,704 from 1969 to 1971 and 1,321 behind school-record holder Dave Humm's 5,035 from 1972 to 1974.

Career Total Offense...In total offense, Crouch passed the 6,000 mark against Rice and holds the Nebraska record with 6,570 yards. He ranks third in the Big 12 behind Texas' Major Applewhite's 7,768 (1998-present) and OU's Josh Heupel's 6,898 (1999-00). He owns the Big 12 record for most total-offense TDs with 77 (51 rush, 26 pass) and is two total-offense TDs short of the NU school record held by Frazier (79). He has scored 52 times (51 by rush, one on a reception) which ties Rozier's school record. Crouch is second in career scoring, two points ahead of Rozier, by virtue of his two-point conversion run against TCU this season. Crouch has 314 points, 76 behind school-record holder Kris Brown's 388 from 1995 to 1998 and second in the Big 12, 90 behind Texas' Ricky Williams' 404.

Crouch's School Records...Crouch owns several game, season and career records, including: **Game...**Most touchdown passes—five vs. Iowa, 2000; tied for most rushing touchdowns by an NU QB—four vs. Kansas, 2000 and ISU, 2001; most rushing yards by an NU quarterback—191 vs. Missouri, 2001; longest TD run—95 yards vs. Missouri, 2001; passing, rushing and scoring a TD via reception—vs. California, 1999 (all in second quarter, ties NCAA record); **Season...**Most rushing touchdowns by an NU quarterback—20 in 2000 (ties NCAA record, also Chris McCoy, Navy in 1997); **Career...**Most rushing attempts by an NU quarterback—542; most rushing yards by an NU QB—2,859; most rushing touchdowns by a QB—51 (breaks NCAA record); most rushing TDs by any back; most touchdowns scored (51 by rush, one by reception—ties record); most total offense yards—6,573.

Crouch has 30 Career Wins...A preseason All-American, Crouch has already been named to Davey O'Brien and Johnny Unitas watch lists and is a leading contender for the Heisman. Crouch is now 30-5 in his career, winning four games as a freshman, 10 as a sophomore, 10 last season as a junior and six this year. He is second all time at Nebraska in wins by a starting quarterback, three behind Tommie Frazier's 33 from 1992 to 1995. The NCAA Division I-A record is 39 wins by Peyton Manning of Tennessee (from 1994 to 1997). He is just five wins out of fourth all time.

This Season...Crouch is second on the team in rushing this season with 540 yards in six games on 97 carries. He has 10 rushing TDs, averages 90.0 yards per game and 5.6 yards per carry. His rushing average per game ranks 39th in the nation, but first among quarterbacks. Crouch has a 63.0 completion percentage and a 148.9 pass-efficiency rating, completing 51-of-81 passes, for 743 yards, with four touchdowns and three interceptions.

Single-Game Bests...Crouch had a season and career-best 191 rushing yards vs. Missouri, including a school-record 95-yard TD run. He scored four rushing TDs vs. Iowa State, tying his career best (also four vs. Kansas in 2000). It was the sixth time in his career he has had three or more rushing TDs in a game and the 16th time in his career he has had multiple rushing TDs. Crouch has had at least two rushing touchdowns in each of the last three games. Crouch had a season and career-best 311 total-offense yards vs. Missouri, with 120 passing yards to go with his 191 rushing yards. He had a season-best 165 passing yards vs. Rice, when he threw for three touchdowns and boasted a 297.82 pass-efficiency rating, his second highest ever. His totals included a 42-yard, season-best and team-long TD pass to **Wilson Thomas**. Against Rice, Crouch had three passing TDs, marking the third time in his career he has had three or more (also three vs. Kansas State in 1998 and school-record tying five vs. Iowa in 2000). Crouch became the Big 12 all-time career rushing quarterback against Rice, passing Missouri's Corby Jones, and was named the Co-Big 12 Offensive Player of the Week. Crouch had a season and career-best tying five total-offense TDs vs. Rice (also five vs. Iowa and Kansas in 2000). Crouch's other career highs, not set this season, include 27 carries vs. Kansas State in 1999; 27 pass attempts and 12 completions vs. Oklahoma in 2000; 12 pass completions and 204 passing yards vs. Texas in 1999; and 50 total-offense attempts vs. Oklahoma in 2000.

► Senior Tight End Tracey Wistrom

Tracey Wistrom has had at least three catches in four of six games this season and at least one catch in every game and in 10 straight regular-season contests. Against Rice, Wistrom became just the 11th Husker to total 1,000 or more yards receiving. Against Missouri, he set the school career receiving yards record for a tight end and now has 1,085 total. A two-time All-Big 12 honoree, Wistrom claimed third-team AP All-America honors last season and this year is a contender for John Mackey, Fred Biletnikoff, Lombardi, All-America and academic All-America honors. 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 19.7 yards per catch (54 receptions, 1,085 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 this season vs. Rice. He is seven catches and four receiving touchdowns short of the respective NU records by a tight end. All are within his reach after making 19 catches for 314 yards with five touchdowns last year. He has 17 catches for 258 yards and two TDs this season (15.2 ypc, 2.8 receptions per game, 43.0 yards per game). Wistrom's 54 receptions rank 15th 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 (on four receptions) and two touchdowns vs. Rice.

Wistrom's School Records...Game...Most TD receptions in a game—three vs. Iowa, 2000; **Season...**Best season receiving average—26.8 in 1999; **Career...**Most career receiving yards by a tight end—1,085.

► 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 Career Pancakes

Rank	Player, Years	'cakes
1.	Aaron Taylor, 95-97	377
2.	Dominic Raiola, 98-00	361
3.	Russ Hochstein, 97-00	346
4.	Josh Heske, 96-98	282
5.	Dave Volk, 98-01	277
6.	Eric Anderson, 95-97	270
7.	Chris Dishman, 95-97	265
8.	Toniu Fonoti, 99-01	254

NU has ever had. Starting at left tackle this season, Volk has 277 career pancakes, to rank fifth all time at Nebraska, including five in 1998, 111 in 1999, 107 last year and 54 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 LG 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. This season, Fonoti has had double-figure pancakes in every game except Troy State, with 10 vs. TCU, six vs. Troy State, a team-leading 18 vs. Notre Dame, 15 vs. Rice, a team-leading 16 vs. Missouri; and a team-leading 11 vs. Iowa State, for a team-best 76 this season (13.0 ppg). He has 254 career pancakes (23 in 1999, 155 in 2000, 76 in 2001), 123 short of Aaron Taylor's school career record of 377 from 1995 to 1997 and ranks eighth all time at NU, 23 behind fifth-place Dave Volk.

The Receivers

The Huskers have had good production from each of their three starting receivers this season. Senior tight end **Tracey Wistrom** and junior split end **Wilson Thomas** each have 17 catches. Thomas leads the team in yards with 300 and average per catch at 17.6, while Wistrom leads the team in touchdowns with two. Wistrom has 17-258-2, Thomas 17-300-1 and senior

wingback **John Gibson** is third with 11-179-1 on the season. Both Thomas and Wistrom are excellent targets for Crouch at 6-6 and 6-5, respectively. Both are having all-conference caliber seasons. The team averages 14.4 yards per catch and has 56-808 on the season, averaging 134.7 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 I-back **Thunder Collins** had a career-best five catches vs. Iowa State, the most by an I-back since DeAngelo Evans had six vs. Texas in the 1995 Big 12 Championship Game. Collins ranks fourth among the Huskers with 7-52-0. Junior tight end **Aaron Golliday**, split end **John Klem**, fullback **Judd Davies** and I-back **Dahrran Diedrick** have one reception each.

Charting the Husker Receivers

2001 Receiving Stats, No.-Yards-TD, season bests in boldface

Opp.	Wistrom, TE	Thomas, SE	Gibson, WB	TEAM
TCU	3-38-0	3-53-0	2-44-0	9-151-0
TSU	3-36-0	5-83-0	1-8-0	9-127-0
ND	4-71-0	0-0-0	1-22-1	6-88-1
Rice	4-67-2	4-76-1	3-53-0	12-205-3
MU	2-26-0	3-59-0	1-17-0	8-120-0
ISU	1-20-0	2-29-0	3-35-0	11-117-0
Totals	17-258-2	17-300-1	11-179-1	56-808-4

O-Line Improves Each Game

The Nebraska offensive line has helped the Huskers back to the top of the NCAA ranking as Nebraska averages 289.0 yards per game to lead the nation. The O-line had its best rushing game of the season at Missouri, powering the way to 412 rushing yards. Nebraska has had 300 or more yards rushing in three games this season, including 330 vs. Troy State, 412 vs. Missouri and 359 vs. Iowa State. NU had a season-best 92 pancakes vs. Rice. The O-line did not give up any penalties or sacks vs. Troy State and also didn't allow a sack vs. Missouri or Iowa State. As a team, Nebraska has 350 pancakes this season, averaging 58.3 per game. Junior left guard **Toniu Fonoti** leads the team with 76 pancakes, an average of 12.7 per game and had a team-high and season-best 18 vs. Notre Dame. He also led the team with 16 vs. Missouri and 11 vs. Iowa States. He has had double-figure 'cakes in each of the last four games. Senior left tackle **Dave Volk** is second with 54 pancakes, including double-figure cakes in each of the last four games. Senior right guard **Jon Rutherford** is third on the team with 52 pancakes (8.7) and led the team with a season-best 12 vs. TCU. Center **John Garrison** is fourth on the team with 51 (8.5) 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 45 pancakes (7.5) and led the team with a career-best 17 vs. Rice; junior right guard **Wes Cody** is sixth with 37 (6.2), including a career-best 14 vs. Rice. The O-line has had seven offensive penalties this season for 60 yards and has given up four sacks, none since the Rice game.

The Running Backs

Junior I-back **Dahrran** (pronounced Darren) **Diedrick** has performed well for the Huskers, carrying the rushing load. Diedrick has 109 carries for 577 yards in five games played to average 115.4 yards per game (ranks 17th nationally). Diedrick averages 5.3 yards per carry and has lost just five 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, had 13 carries for 74 yards in less than three quarters vs. Rice, 24 carries for 86 yards and two touchdowns vs. Missouri and 15 carries for a team-leading 107 yards and one TD vs. Iowa State. He is the only Husker I-back to rush for 100 yards in a game this season and has three 100-yard games in his career. 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 and Missouri 12 carries for 97 yards vs. Rice and 17 carries for 191 yards vs. Missouri. Crouch has had back-to-back 100-yard rushing games in his last two outings with 15 carries for 104 yards and a career-best tying four touchdowns vs. Iowa State.

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 nor Buckhalter ever carried 30 or more times in a single game. Crouch has averaged 16.1 carries per game, while Diedrick averages 21.8. 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 540 yards on 97 carries, (90.0 ypg, 5.6 ypc) with 10 touchdowns. His 95-yard touchdown run vs. Missouri was a school record and his 191 rushing yards vs. the Tigers is a school record for a Husker quarterback and is the best this season by any Husker back.

Collins has 48 carries for 274 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 missed the next three games. He has 19 carries for 71 yards this season. Sophomore **Robin Miller** sat out the first three games with a hamstring pull. He returned to action vs. Rice, and has three carries for 15 yards this season, with a one-yard touchdown vs. ISU. Sophomore **Josh Davis** saw his first action at I-back vs. Rice and has six carries for 36 yards on the season. The fullback position is solid with sophomore **Judd Davies** (20-62-1) and redshirt freshman **Steve Kriewald** (9-55-0). Davies had a career-best 11 knock-downs at Missouri.

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
MU	17-191-2	24-86-2	13-46-0	3-6-0	72-412-5
ISU	15-104-4	15-107-1	4-62-0	3-10-0	54-359-6
Totals	97-540-10	109-577-8	48-274-4	20-62-1	341-1734-25

The Defense

The Nebraska defense has dominated in its first six games, with very little letup, despite the fact that NU has outscored its opponents 150-to-27 in the first half this year. In fact, Nebraska had not given up any third-quarter points until last week's Iowa State game. The Husker defense ranks among the nation's top 10 in all four defensive categories, including 10th in rushing defense (76.5 ypg), fourth in total defense (236.5 ypg), second in scoring defense (8.5 ppg) and fourth in pass efficiency defense (82.06 rating). Nebraska has held four of its six opponents to less than 70 yards rushing, including the first three opponents (total of 74 yards). NU also held its first three opponents to less than 200 yards of total offense (513 total). 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 459 yards rushing in six games (76.5 average), 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 2.3 yards per carry and have scored just three rushing TDs.

Nebraska held its first three opponents to less than 200 yards total offense, before giving up a season-high 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. This season the Huskers have given up just 1,419 yards of total offense (236.5 average) and opponents are averaging just 3.7 yards per play.

Iowa State scored a third-quarter rushing TD, the first TD scored against the Huskers since the fourth quarter of the Notre Dame game (10 quarters). ISU also scored a third-quarter TD via pass, the first in 16 quarters vs. NU. The Blackshirts have given up six touchdowns in six games and a total of 51 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; Rice and Missouri each scored three points on a field goal; and Iowa State scored 14 points on two TDs. Troy State scored 14 points against the Huskers, seven came after a turnover (drive began on NU's 29 yard line). Nebraska's 37 points given up in the first five games were the lowest since 1990, when NU allowed only 29 points through its first five games. In the modern era (1962 to present), Nebraska has held its first five opponents to less than 51 points nine times, most recently in 1990 prior to this season.

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. Against 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 30 consecutive games, while right cornerback **Erwin Swiney** has 34 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. Missouri completed just 16-of-43 and NU has allowed its last three opponents to complete just 37-of-97 attempts (38 percent). Nebraska has had six outstanding defensive games. In five of the six games, Nebraska forced at least one turnover and set the offense up to score at least seven points after a turnover. NU has had at least eight tackles for loss in five of six games and has recorded at least one sack in every game. Nebraska did not force any turnovers vs. Missouri and had just one sack and four tackles for loss, but still held the Tigers to three points, and just 205 yards of total offense.

The defense has given up just four runs of 25 yards or more (a 35-yard run by Notre Dame's Tony Fisher, a 54-yard run by Rice's Robbie Beck, a 29-yard run by Missouri's Zack Abron, and a 29 yard run by ISU's Seneca Wallace) 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 17 long plays in six games (11 by pass and four by rush). The Blackshirts have caused 12 turnovers this season. Of those, NU has turned seven turnovers into six touchdowns and one field goal to account for 44 defense-aided points. NU turned two turnovers into a season-high 13 points vs. Iowa State, including a 57-yard interception return for a TD by **Keyuo Craver**. One other 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 eight passes to rank in a tie for 13th nationally. Huskers with pickoffs include two by FS **Willie Amos** (2-0; 1-0 vs. Troy State, 1-0 vs. ND), two by RCB **DeJuan Groce** (1-40 vs. Notre Dame, 1-9 vs. ISU) and one each by WLB **Mark Vedral** (1-0 vs. Troy State), RCB **Erwin Swiney** (1-0 vs. Rice), FS **Carl Scholting** (1-31 vs. Rice) and LCB **Keyuo Craver** (1-57-TD 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	
MU	23-67-0	43-16-138-0	66-205-0	13	1-12	4-20	0F,0I	0	
ISU	38-122-1	29-13-214-1	67-336-2	20	4-40	11-58	0F,2I	13	
Tot.	201-459-3	187-79-960-3	388-1419-6	83	20-165	64-266	4F,8I	44	

Huskers Through the Years

<u>Coaches</u>	<u>Record</u>	<u>Years</u>	<u>Natl. Champs</u>
Bob Devaney	101-20-2	11	70, 71
Tom Osborne	255-49-3	25	94, 95, 97
<u>Frank Solich</u>	<u>37-7-0</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>0</u>
Since 1962	393-76-5	40	5
<u>1890-1962</u>	<u>366-223-35</u>	<u>72</u>	<u>0</u>
All-Time	759-299-40	112	5

Husker AP Ranking Notes

- ▶ Nebraska has been ranked in the AP poll 332 consecutive weeks—an AP record
- ▶ NU has been ranked in the top 10 for 137 of the last 143 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.

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

<u>Rank</u>	<u>Team</u>	<u>Winning Seasons</u>	<u>9-Win Seasons</u>
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 1911-1950 38

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

Big 12 Conference/Nebraska Player of the Week Nominees

<u>Game</u>	<u>Offense</u>	<u>Defense</u>	<u>Special</u>
TCU	<u>Crouch</u>	Burrow	<u>Larson</u>
TSU	Diedrick	Clanton	None
ND	Diedrick	<u>Burrow</u>	Davis
Rice	* <u>Crouch</u>	Craver	Groce
MU	Crouch	<u>Shanle</u>	<u>Groce</u>
ISU	* <u>Crouch</u>	Craver	Hassebroek

boldface underlined=winner;*=co-winner

NU Career Pass Breakups

<u>Rank, #</u>	<u>Player, Position, Years</u>	<u>Years</u>
1.	Ralph Brown, RCB, 96-99	50
2.	Keyuo Craver, LCB, 98-01	37
3.	Erwin Swiney, RCB, 97-01	30
4.	DeJuan Groce, RCB, 98-01	28

Team Leaders

Starting Mike linebacker **Jamie Burrow** leads the team with 38 tackles, including a career-best 11 vs. Notre Dame, quarterback hurries with five, and is second on the team in tackles for loss with 7-14. All-America cornerback **Keyuo Craver** is second on the team in tackles with 35 and leads the team in solo tackles (23). He is tied for first with fellow corner **DeJuan Groce** in pass breakups with nine. Craver led the starters vs. Rice with seven tackles and vs. Iowa State with nine. Junior Sam linebacker **Scott Shanle** is tied for third on the team with 29 tackles and he became the first non-defensive back to record four pass breakups in a game when he had a school-position record four vs. Missouri. True freshman linebacker **Barrett Ruud**, Burrow's backup, is tied with Shanle for third with 29 tackles, including a team-leading and career-best 10 vs. Troy State. Junior rush end **Chris Kelsay** has 17 tackles, including a team-leading eight tackles for loss. He had a career-best three tackles for loss vs. Iowa State. Starting free safety **Willie Amos** is tied with **DeJuan Groce** for the team lead with two pickoffs, one vs. TCU and one vs. Notre Dame. Seventeen different Huskers have recorded Nebraska's 19 sacks, led by senior NT **Jason Lohr's** 2.5-16 and Kelsay's 2.5-17. Unfortunately, Lohr is out for the remainder of the season with a knee injury. NU has caused five fumbles, recovered four and picked off eight passes. Nebraska is plus two in turnover margin for the season.

Defensive Numbers...

- ▶ NU opponents are 28-of-95 (29 percent) on third-down conversions
- ▶ Opponents average just 2.3 yards per carry and 3.7 yards per play
- ▶ NU has converted 7-of-12 opponent turnovers into 44 points
- ▶ NU opponents have only converted 1-of-10 NU turnovers into 7 points
- ▶ The Huskers have given up just six touchdowns in six games
- ▶ Nebraska ranks among the top 10 in all four defensive categories
- ▶ Nebraska's average field position is 12.8 yards better than the opponents
- ▶ Opponents are completing just 42.2 percent of their passes

Special Teams

Nebraska special teams have shown a marked improvement this season.

Kicking...First-time punter sophomore **Kyle Larson** is averaging 44.5 yards per punt, good enough to rank 11th nationally. Larson has burried opponents inside the 20-yard line 11 times and has nine punts of 50 yards or more. Larson had an All-America day in his debut vs. TCU, averaging 48.6 yards on a career-most eight punts and pinning the Horned Frogs inside the 20-yard line a career-best five times. All eight of his punts were for 40 yards or more and a career-high 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. **Game-by-Game:** Larson averaged 48.6 yards per punt vs. TCU; 49.5; vs. Troy State; 40.7 vs. Notre Dame; 38.5 vs. Rice; 49.7 vs. Missouri; and 39.0 vs. Iowa State. As a team, NU ranks ninth in net punting, at 40.1 yards per punt.

Redshirt freshman place-kicker **Sandro DeAngelis** is 13-for-14 on PATs (missing one vs. Missouri) and is 2-for-3 on field goals (19 good, 21 good vs. Notre Dame, 32 miss vs. Missouri). Junior **Josh Brown**, who won the kicking job back for the Iowa State game, is 12-for-13 on PATs (missed one vs. Iowa State), and is 1-2 on field goals (35 blocked vs. Troy State, 38 good vs. Missouri). His consecutive streak of PATs made ended last week vs. Iowa State at 104 (117 counting bowl games). He was just short of Kris Brown's school records of 114 and 125 consecutive PATs, respectively (1995-98).

Returns...Nebraska has been much-improved, not only in returns, but also on return coverage. On kickoffs, sophomore **Josh Davis** leads the Huskers averaging 30.0 yards (7-210) per return, a figure that would rank 13th nationally (but he lacks the prerequisite 1.2 per game). Davis has had five long kickoff returns of 25 yards or more, including a 35-yard return vs. TCU (2-52 in game). He had 1-21 vs. Troy State, 2-76 vs. Notre Dame, including a career-best 43 yarder and a 33-yard return. He also had a 33 and 28 yard return vs. Missouri.

Junior **DeJuan Groce** leads the Huskers with 20 returns for 295 yards and ranks 10th in the nation averaging 14.8 ypr. Groce had a career-best seven returns for 145 yards vs. Missouri, averaging 20.7 yards per punt return. He had four returns of 20 yards or more plus a 19-yarder, with a then-career-best 26 yard return. Against ISU, Groce had his longest return of his career with a 34 yarder. He has had four-or-more returns three times this season, with 4-24 vs. Notre Dame, 4-58 vs. Rice and 7-145 vs. Missouri.

Senior **Keyuo Craver** has 13 punt returns for 132 yards (10.2 ypr). Craver's career-best is 26 yards vs. Troy State when he had 4-48. He had a career-high five returns (42 yards) in the season opener vs. TCU. With Davis' five long returns, two by Groce and one by Craver, NU has had eight long kick returns.

Other...Nebraska has not given up a punt return of 25 yards or more, but has given up two long kickoff returns (both by Notre Dame). NU owns a 1.8 yard advantage via punting; a 7.4 advantage on punt returns, and a 9.0 yard per return advantage on kickoff returns. In fact, Nebraska's special forces have allowed a total of 70 yards of return on punts, with a long of nine yards by Troy State's Heyward Skipper.

NU has two blocked kicks this season. Against Rice, **Groce** blocked Brandon Skeen's 41-yard field goal attempt. It was the first career block by Groce and the first by a Husker since Randy Stella blocked a field goal against Colorado in 2000. Against Iowa State, wingback **Troy Hassebroek** blocked a Tony Yelk punt and cornerback **Lornell McPherson** recovered.

Huskers in the Polls

Date	A	C	B	1st Plc.	Results
Pre.	4	4	NA	4/6	
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
9/30	4	4	NA	2/0	def. MU, 36-3
10/7	4	4	NA	2/0	def. Iowa St., 48-14

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

Associated Press Poll (Oct. 7)

No.	Team (1st)	Record	Points
1.	Florida (30)	5-0	1,739
2.	Miami (Fla.) (23)	4-0	1,719
3.	Oklahoma (16)	5-0	1,700
4.	Nebraska (2)	6-0	1,577
5.	Oregon	5-0	1,437
6.	Virginia Tech	5-0	1,421
7.	UCLA	4-0	1,369
8.	Fresno State (1)	5-0	1,240
9.	South Carolina	5-0	1,160
10.	Washington	4-0	1,148
11.	Texas	4-1	1,128
12.	Michigan	4-1	978
13.	Tennessee	3-1	790
14.	Florida State	3-1	756
15.	Georgia Tech	4-1	670
16.	Clemson	3-1	529
17.	Purdue	4-0	509
18.	BYU	5-0	480
19.	Georgia	3-1	443
20.	Colorado	4-1	439
21.	Ohio State	3-1	381
22.	Maryland	5-0	360
23.	Stanford	3-0	299
24.	Kansas State	2-2	247
25.	Texas A&M	5-0	203

ESPN/USA Today Coaches Poll (10/7)

No.	Team (1st)	Record	Points
1.	Miami (Fla.) (25)	4-0	1,449
2.	Florida (25)	5-0	1,445
3.	Oklahoma (10)	5-0	1,397
4.	Nebraska	6-0	1,325
5.	Virginia Tech	5-0	1,225
6.	Oregon	5-0	1,184
7.	UCLA	4-0	1,131
8.	Washington	4-0	1,061
9.	South Carolina	5-0	930
10.	Fresno State	5-0	927
11.	Texas	4-1	906
12.	Michigan	4-1	812
13.	Florida State	3-1	759
14.	Tennessee	3-1	650
15.	Georgia Tech	4-1	618
16.	Purdue	4-0	548
17.	BYU	5-0	515
18.	Clemson	3-1	388
19.	Texas A&M	5-0	329
20.	Maryland	5-0	298
21.	Kansas State	2-2	215
22.	Stanford	3-0	210
23.	Toledo	5-0	193
24.	Northwestern	3-1	177
25.	Ohio State	3-1	171

Italics - 2001 opponents

Husker Historical Notes...

Unprecedented Winning Tradition Continues

Nebraska, the nation's third-winningest program all time by wins (fourth by percentage), boasts a 759-299-40 record in 1,098 games (.709). In the last 32 years, NU is tops, posting a record of 325-58-5 for an .844 winning percentage (388 games), an average of 10 wins per year. In terms of wins, the Huskers are third in NCAA Division I-A history with 759. 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 97-10 record (.907 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 57-6 conference record (.905 winning percentage)
- ▶ Won 54 of 55 home games (18 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 16-2 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 325-58-5 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 431-142-16 all time vs. Big 12 Conference teams. Since the Big 12 was formed in 1996, Nebraska is 36-6 in the league (19-1 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 20-6 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 57-6 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 86-3 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 453-122-20 (.780, 594 games, 112 years) in Lincoln, 328-99-13 (.760,

440 games, 79 years) in Memorial Stadium (since 1923) and 23-1 at home under Coach Solich (.958, 24 games, four years) with a current 18-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 128-10 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 97-5 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 210 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 244

Nebraska's Memorial Stadium boasts an NCAA-record 244 consecutive sellouts, dating back to Hall of Fame Coach Bob Devaney's first year in 1962 (vs. Missouri on Nov. 3). Notre Dame, which lost 27-10 to Nebraska in Lincoln on Sept. 8, is second in all-time consecutive sellouts with 157, 87 fewer than Nebraska. NU is 218-26 during the sellout streak (50-9 under Devaney, 145-16 under Osborne, 23-1 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.

Consecutive Home Wins

No.	Wins	Dates
1.	47	Oct. 19, 1991-Oct. 31, 1998
2.	33	Sept. 28, 1901-Oct. 20, 1906
3.	23	Sept. 27, 1969-Nov. 23, 1972
4.	21	Oct. 3, 1981-Nov. 17, 1984
5.	20	Oct. 26-1963-Oct. 21, 1967
6.	19	Sept. 3, 1988- Nov. 3 1990
-	18	Nov. 27, 1998-Present

AP Poll Record Hits 332

Nebraska extended its AP poll record to 332 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 (206) and Florida (191). The Huskers have been ranked in the top 10 in 137 of the last 142 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. Nebraska's current 40-week run in the top 10 is the longest in the nation, after Florida State dropped from sixth to 18th in the Sept. 23 poll, ending the Seminole's 53-week run in the top 10. The No. 4 preseason ranking marked the 26th time in the past 29 seasons that NU has opened the season in the top 10, while the Huskers have finished in the top 10 on 29 occasions, most recently eighth last season.

The Huskers have been a fixture in the polls, as NU has been ranked in 506 of the last 509 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 has finished among the AP top five 14 times overall, including 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, 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 237 games against unranked opponents since 1973 (28-1 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 23 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 222-13-2 against unranked opponents (.941, 237 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). Nebraska moved into the top spot in rushing for the first time this season this week and is currently averaging 289.0 yards per game, 20 more yards than runner-up Rice. NU also leads the nation with 25 rushing touchdowns, four more than second-place BYU.

Husker Incredible Numbers

Husker Rushing Notes

▶ The Huskers have led the nation in rushing 14 times, including 12 times in the past 21 years. NU leads the nation in rushing in 2001, averaging 289 yards per game on the ground, a total which is 20 yards per game more than second-ranked Rice.

▶ Nebraska is 186-5-0 when rushing for 300 or more yards in a game since 1973.

▶ The Huskers have won 108 straight games when rushing for 300-plus yards dating back to the 1986 Fiesta Bowl, when NU rushed for 304 yards in a losing effort.

▶ Nebraska is 94-0 since 1973 when rushing for 400 or more yards.

▶ Nebraska has 354, 100-yard performances in school history, including 30 200-yard efforts.

Scoring Notes

▶ Including this season's average of 37.0 points per game, Nebraska has averaged 35 or more points in 15 of the past 16 seasons.

▶ NU has won 233 consecutive games when scoring 35 or more points.

▶ NU has not been shut out in 210 home games and in 68 games overall.

▶ Nebraska is 297-1 all-time when scoring 35 or more points, losing only to Oklahoma, 49-35, in 1950.

▶ Nebraska has won 98 straight games when holding opponents to 10 points or less.

▶ 100 of Nebraska's 759 wins have been shutouts.

Husker Tradition Notes

▶ The Huskers are one of only four programs to win five or more national titles (Notre Dame, Alabama and Oklahoma are the others)

▶ Nebraska has been ranked in an NCAA record 332 consecutive AP polls, dating back to 1981

▶ The Huskers have been ranked in 506 of the past 509 polls since 1969.

▶ Nebraska ranks fourth all-time with 583 appearances in the AP poll since its inception in 1936.

▶ With a win against Baylor, NU will post its 40th consecutive winning season, the longest current streak and second only to Notre Dame's NCAA record streak from 1889-1932.

▶ Nebraska has finished a season with a .500 or better record in 91 of 111 seasons of football.

▶ The Huskers have won nine-or-more games in 32 straight seasons, an NCAA record.

Academic Excellence

▶ Nebraska's 30 NCAA postgraduate scholarships accounts for nearly 40 percent of the entire Big 12 total and is nearly four times as many as the next school (Texas with eight).

▶ The Huskers have had 57 academic All-Americans on the gridiron, a total which is three times more than its closest pursuer (Oklahoma and Texas with 16 each).

More Husker Rushing Numbers

NU is 186-5-0 in the last 29 years when rushing for 300 or more yards in a game (since 1973) and has won 108 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 94-0 since 1973 when rushing for 400 or more yards and topped the 400-yard mark for the first time this season against Missouri on Sept. 29. NU has had 354, 100-yard rushing performances all time (41 under Coach Solich, most recently Dahrnan Diedrick's 107 yards and Eric Crouch's 104 yards against Iowa State), including 53 games in which two or more Huskers rushed for 100 yards (most recently Dahrnan Diedrick 107 and Eric Crouch 104, vs. Iowa State, 2001). NU tied the school record with three 100-yard rushers against Kansas (Dan Alexander, Correll Buckhalter and Eric Crouch) 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 only time in the 53 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 has topped the 100-yard mark three this season, including a career-best 177 yards in his first career start against Troy State, joins Crouch (12 times) as the only current Huskers to record 100-yard games.

Nebraska is 21-0 under Coach Solich when the team rushes for 300 or more yards; 9-0 when rushing for 400 or more and 1-0 when rushing for 500 or more. Solich is 25-4 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 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 six games, the Huskers are on pace, averaging 37.0 points per contest to rank 10th nationally and lead the Big 12. 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 233 consecutive games when scoring 35 or more points and is 297-1 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 68 straight games. Nebraska has not been shut out at home since KSU shut out the Huskers, 12-0, on Homecoming in 1968 (210 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 has made great strides early in the 2001 campaign, allowing just 51 points in the first six games (8.5 ppg) to rank second nationally and lead the Big 12. Nebraska has held all six of its opponents to 14 points or less, allowing more than 10 points twice (14 vs. Troy State and Iowa State). With those performances, NU has now won 98 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 206-5-1 since 1962 (Devaney's first year) when holding opponents to 10 or fewer points, including a perfect 16-0 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 76.5 yards per game through the first six contests to rank 10th nationally and lead the Big 12. In fact, opponent ball carriers average just 2.3 yards per attempt, including four 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. Rice's total of 196 yards (over 70 yards below their season average which ranks second nationally) on Sept. 20 accounts for more than 42 percent of the total rushing yards allowed by the Huskers this season.

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 57-6 conference record (does not count championship games). Nebraska is 35-6 in the Big 12 (19-1 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 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 Zatechka 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 were selected as captains for the 2001 season. On offense, quarterback **Eric Crouch**, tight end **Tracey Wistrom** and offensive tackle **Dave Volk** were chosen, 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 36-7 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) are regular starters for the Huskers and both have earned Big 12 Player-of-the-Week accolades this season. Larson, who has six starts, earned conference honors after the TCU game, while Shanle, who has five starts, claimed the conference award after the Missouri contest.

► **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 Michael (1994-96) and **Dion Booker** (senior free safety/rover); Second generation Huskers include senior MLB **Jamie Burrow** and freshman FS **Dan Burrow** (father Jimmy 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 to 1921 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 this season with Mike linebacker **Barrett Ruud**, rover **Philip Bland** and split end **Mike Stuntz** appearing in all six contests. Ruud is third on the squad with 29 tackles, while Bland has started two of the past three games at rover, becoming the first true freshman to start in four seasons. Stuntz has not caught a pass, but has a 25-yard run against Rice, while **Manaia Brown** saw his most extensive playing time against MU last week. In addition, junior college transfers **Clifford Brye** (three games) and **Rodney Burgess** (one game) saw action before suffering season-ending injuries.

Records Report

Category Record

All-time	759-299-40
Home	453-122-20
Memorial Stadium	328-99-13
Since 1962	392-76-5
Away	306-177-20
Road (on campus)	269-142-17
Neutral Sites (includes bowls)	37-35-3
When Scoring 35+ Points	297-1
vs. Big 12 Teams	431-142-16
In Big 12 Action (since '96)	36-6
Home	20-1
Away	15-5
Neutral	1-0
Bowls	20-19
On ABC	68-26
On FieldTurf	17-0
At Night	43-14-3
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 244 Consecutive Sellout Streak...	
All-time	218-26
vs. Ranked Teams	36-18
Under Head Coach Frank Solich...	
All-Time	37-7
Home	23-1
Away	10-5
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	28-1
Home	18-1
Away	10-0
vs. Big 12 Teams	20-6
Home	12-1
Away	7-5
Neutral	1-0
Big 12 Championship Game	1-0
At Night	10-2
August	2-0
September	15-0
October	10-4
November	7-2
December	2-1
January	1-0

NU Streaks...The Huskers have...

- ▶ won 18 straight home games
- ▶ won 19 straight non-conference regular-season games
- ▶ won 23 straight over unranked opponents
- ▶ won 108 straight when rushing for 300 yards
- ▶ won 94 straight when rushing for 400 yards
- ▶ won 98 consecutive games when holding the opponent to 10 or fewer points (206-5-1 all-time)
- ▶ scored in 68 consecutive games
- ▶ scored in 210 straight home games
- ▶ shut out opponents 100 times
- ▶ won 233 straight games when scoring 35 or more points (297-1 all-time)

▶ **Non-Redshirts...** Along with the four freshmen who have played this season, nine others have bypassed redshirt seasons during their careers. The following are listed along with their true freshman season: **Willie Amos** (2000); **Terrell Butler** (2000); **T.J. Hollowell** (2000); **Benard Thomas** (2000); **Toniu Fonoti** (1999); **John Garrison** (1999); **Keyuo Craver** (1998); **Jason Lohr** (1998) and **Jeremy Slechta** (1998). In 1999, Fonoti became 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...** Seven in-state products entered the week at the top of the depth chart at their respective positions, including five on offense; SE **Wilson Thomas** (Omaha), LT **Dave Volk** (Battle Creek), QB **Eric Crouch** (Omaha), FB **Judd Davies** (Omaha) and WB **John Gibson** (Papillion); three on defense; LRE **Chris Kelsay** (Auburn), DT **Jeremy Slechta** (LaVista) and SLB **Scott Shanle** (St. Edward) and one kicker; punter **Kyle Larson** (Funk).

▶ **FieldTurf...** Nebraska is 17-0 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 15 (+2 in 2001).

▶ **When Nebraska Trails..** The last time Nebraska trailed in a game but won, was against Missouri on Sept. 29 (MU led 3-0), as NU has trailed twice this season (also vs. Troy State) but have not trailed in the second half in a game all season. Last season, Nebraska trailed at least once in eight contests, winning six times and losing twice. The last time the Huskers trailed in the fourth quarter but won was against Colorado on Nov. 24, 2000, where the Huskers marched 44 yards in 47 seconds to set up **Josh Brown's** 29-yard field goal as time expired. The win marked the first time since statistics have been kept (since 1946) that the Huskers won on the last play of regulation. The last time NU trailed at halftime was against Kansas State in 2000. The last time NU trailed at halftime, but won, was against Iowa State in 2000. The last time NU trailed entering the fourth quarter, but won, was in 1998 against Colorado (NU trailed CU 14-13 entering the final period, but won 16-14). Under Coach Solich, the biggest deficit Nebraska has overcome was nine points at Kansas in 1999, when the Huskers trailed 9-0 at halftime before winning 24-17.

▶ **In overtime...** The Huskers are 3-0 in overtime, defeating Missouri, 45-38, in Columbia in 1997; Colorado, 33-30, in Boulder in 1999; and Notre Dame in South Bend, 27-24, in 2000. In 1997, Missouri won the coin toss and Nebraska scored in three plays on a 12-yard Scott Frost run, then held the Tigers. Against CU, Nebraska won the coin toss, held the Buffs to a field goal, then scored five plays later on a one-yard **Eric Crouch** run. Against Notre Dame, NU won the toss, chose defense, held the Irish to a field goal, then scored five plays later on a **Crouch** seven-yard run. All three of NU's overtime wins were on the road and were won by rushing touchdowns (two by Crouch). Nebraska is one of four teams (also UCLA, Houston and Louisiana-Monroe) to have played at least three overtime games and not lost. Big 12 teams are 15-13 in overtime contests.

▶ **On TV...** Nebraska is 137-57-1 all-time on television, since losing to Oregon in the first-ever nationally televised TV game on Sept. 19, 1953. NU has won 20 of its last 22 TV games and is 31-7 under Coach Solich.

▶ **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, 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...

Nebraska's average scoring drive has covered 55.1 yards (1,762 total yards) on 6.9 plays in an average time of 2:45. The Nebraska defense and special teams have given the offense a relatively short field, holding NU's first six opponents to a total of just nine scores, while the Huskers have started 27 of 74 drives beyond their own 40-yard line. Against Notre Dame, NU produced its shortest drive in terms of plays (1) and time (0:05) with a first-quarter touchdown 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 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 at the Irish 8. Nebraska produced its longest scoring drive in terms of plays and time with a 16-play, 8:13 drive covering 83 yards that resulted in a Robin Miller touchdown against Iowa 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. The Huskers added a 97-yard drive against Missouri, which was highlighted by Crouch's school-record 95-yard touchdown run.

Troy State used a season-low three plays and a season-low 36 seconds to score its first touchdown against NU, while Notre Dame went a season-low four yards to get a touchdown. Troy State's second drive covered a season-long 88 yards, while Iowa State's 11-play, 76-yard drive lasted 5:14 were season longs.

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	14:31	2:04	38	5.4	4	0
Missouri	6	22:18	3:43	57	9.5	1	0
<u>Iowa State</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>19:32</u>	<u>3:15</u>	<u>46</u>	<u>7.7</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>0</u>
Totals	32	87:48	2:45	222	6.9	13	1
Opp.	9	28:59	3:13	73	8.1	3	0

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

The big play has been a key to Nebraska's success through the first six games, as the Huskers have produced 29 plays that have covered 25 yards or more, including 11 long runs, seven long passes and 11 long returns. Against Iowa State, Nebraska produced five long plays, including the longest return of the season, a 57-yard interception return for a touchdown by Keyuo Craver. DeJuan Groce added Nebraska's longest punt return of the season with a 34-yarder against Iowa State. Against Missouri, Nebraska also managed five long plays, including a school-record 95-yard run by Eric Crouch. Against TCU and Rice, the Huskers reeled off six long plays, including a season-long 42-yard touchdown pass from Crouch to Thomas against Rice. Thunder Collins added Nebraska's second-longest run of the season against Iowa State with a 45-yard gallop. 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. Nebraska does not have a long fumble return, but Jon Clanton does have a 20-yard fumble return for a touchdown 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	3	2	1	6	1	3	0	4
Missouri	1	1	3	5	1	1	0	2
<u>Iowa State</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>4</u>
Totals	11	7	11	29	4	11	2	17

► Nebraska in the Red Zone...

The Huskers went 5-for-6 inside the red zone against Iowa State, with five rushing touchdowns and the only failure coming on an interception. For the season, the Huskers have converted on 23-of-31 trips (74.2 percent) into the red zone, with 21 touchdowns (20 rushing, 1 passing) and two field goals. On the other side of the ball, the Nebraska defense has allowed just 10 opponent penetrations into the red zone, with opponents converting seven trips into points (70.0 percent). But the Blackshirts have surrendered just four touchdowns, while giving up three field goals.

The Nebraska offense was perfect against Rice (4-4) and TCU (2-2) and capitalized on 83.3 percent of its chances against Iowa State (5-6), 80 percent against Notre Dame (4-5) and 67 percent at Missouri (4-6). The Huskers were a season-worst 50 percent against Troy State (4-8). The Husker defense shut TCU (0-0) out of the red zone entirely in the season opener, while allowing Missouri (1-1) to venture into the red zone just once, where the Tigers capitalized with a field goal. Troy State (1-2) managed two penetrations, with both drives starting deep in Husker territory after turnovers. Troy State finished one for a touchdown but Mark Vedral ended the other with an interception. Notre Dame (2-2) also made two trips to the red zone and scored both times with the first on a field goal after a sustained drive and the second on a touchdown after a blocked punt gave the Irish a start at the NU 4-yard line. Iowa State (2-2) was also perfect on its red zone chances. Rice (1-3) attacked the NU red zone the most, but came away with just one field goal.

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	0	1.00
Troy State	8	4	4	0	1	0	3	0	0	.500
Notre Dame	5	4	2	2	0	1	0	0	0	.800
Rice	4	4	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	1.00
Missouri	6	4	4	0	1	0	0	1	0	.667
<u>Iowa State</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>.833</u>
Totals	31	23	21	2	2	2	3	1	0	.742
Opp.	10	7	4	3	1	2	0	0	0	.700

Note: Nebraska has 20 rushing TDs, 1 passing TD and 2 FGs in the red zone. Opponents have 1 passing TD, 3 rushing TDs and 3 FGs in the red zone.

► Quarterback Drive Efficiency *Total Drives Begun as Starting QB

QB	Drives*	Scores	TDs	FG-FGA	Eff.	Red Zone
Crouch	66	29	27	2-4	.439	20-26
Lord%	7	3	3	0-0	.429	3-5
<u>Chrisman#</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0-0</u>	<u>.000</u>	<u>0-0</u>
Totals	74	32	30	2-4	.432	23-31

*Denotes drives started by the quarterback.

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

%Lord started NU's final drive at Missouri, which end at MU's 7 as time expired.

► Nebraska Points Off Turnovers...

Nebraska has converted opponent turnovers into 44 points, including 14 vs. Troy State, 13 against Iowa State, 10 vs. Notre Dame and seven vs. Rice, while opponents have scored just seven points off Nebraska turnovers (Troy State).

Through six games, Nebraska is a plus-two (+0.33 avg./game) in turnover margin, forcing 12 turnovers (1 vs. TCU; 3 vs. Troy State; 4 vs. Notre Dame; 2 vs. Rice; 0 at Missouri; 2 vs. Iowa State), while committing 10 turnovers (2 vs. TCU; 3 vs. Troy State; 2 vs. Notre Dame; 0 vs. Rice; 2 at Missouri; 1 vs. Iowa State). The Huskers have fumbled 14 times and lost six fumbles in six games, Eric Crouch has thrown three interceptions (one vs. TCU, Rice, Missouri) and Jammal Lord threw his first interception against Iowa State. Although the Huskers have committed 10 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 eight interceptions. The defense has scored two touchdowns, including its second score of the season with Keyuo Craver's 57-yard interception return for touchdown in the first quarter against Iowa State. The Blackshirts scored their 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's Brock Nutter. Willie Amos recorded NU's first interception of the year vs. Troy State, which the NU offense converted into a touchdown. Amos added his second interception vs. Notre Dame. DeJuan Groce snagged his first interception of the season against Notre Dame and returned it 40 yards to the Irish 11, but the Husker offense did not convert. Groce added his second interception of the year vs. Iowa State, which NU converted into a touchdown four plays later. Erwin Swiney added his first interception of the season against Rice, which the Huskers converted into a touchdown six plays later. Carl Scholting added an interception against Rice, but time expired before the Huskers could convert. Mark Vedral added an interception vs. Troy State, but NU did 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	
Missouri	0	0	0-0	0	2 (1 fumble/1 int.)	
Iowa State	2 (2I)	2	0-0	13	1 (0 fumbles/1 int.)	
Totals	12 (4F, 8I)	6	1-1	44	10 (6 fumbles/4 int.)	
Opponent	10 (6F, 4I)	1	0-0	7	12 (4 fumble/8 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
Missouri	72/412/5	15-8-1/120/0	87/532/5
Iowa State	54/359/6	16-11-1/117/0	70/476/6

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
Missouri	23/67/0	43-16-0/138/0	66/205/0
Iowa State	38/122/1	29-13-2/214/1	67/336/2

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

Nebraska produced a pair of 100-yard rushers in the same game with Eric Crouch rushing for 104 yards on 15 carries with four touchdowns, while Dahrran Diedrick produced his third 100-yard game of the season with 107 yards on 15 carries and a score. It was Crouch's second straight 100-yard game, second of the season and 12th of his career. Crouch rushed for a career-best 191 yards on 17 carries with two touchdowns in NU's win at Missouri. Crouch's effort, which included a school-record 95-yard touchdown run, was the best regular-season rushing performance by a quarterback in school history and the best by a Husker this season. Diedrick opened the season with a career-high 177 yards on 25 carries with a career-high three touchdowns against Troy State, before going for 133 yards and two touchdowns on a career-high 32 carries in a 27-10 win over Notre Dame. The Blackshirts have not allowed an opponent individual to rush for 100 yards. In fact, Rice's Robbie Beck owns the top mark by an opponent with just 67 yards. Beck and Iowa State's Ennis Haywood are the only two opposing backs 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
 vs. Missouri-Eric Crouch, 17 att., 191* yards, 2 TD
 vs. Iowa State-Dahrran Diedrick, 15 att., 107 yards, 1 TD; Eric Crouch, 15 att., 104 yards, 4* TD

Opponents--None

► Starting Field Position

Nebraska has enjoyed a distinct field position advantage, as the Huskers have produced an average starting position at their own 37.9 yard line, while holding opponents to an average start at the 25.1, for a +12.8 yards per drive advantage. Against Iowa State, the Huskers made it six straight games

with a field position edge, including the fifth time that NU has produced an advantage of more than 10 yards. Against Rice, the Husker defense and special teams helped NU enjoy over a 20-yard field position edge. Stingy defense, turnovers and solid punting has helped the Huskers. Sophomore punter Kyle Larson has buried NU's six opponents inside their own 20-yard line 11 times, including five against TCU, two against Notre Dame, two against Rice and two against Missouri. In 2000, Nebraska's punting game stuck opponents inside the 20 only five times.

Opponents have started four drives inside their own 10, including two from the 1-yard line, 25 drives inside the 20 and 23 more at the 20. Opponents have started seven drives on NU's half, with a best start by Notre Dame at the NU 4. The Huskers have started just five drives inside their own 10-yard line with a worst start at their own 2 vs. TCU. NU has started a total of 11 drives inside its own 20 and enjoyed a best starting field position at the Troy State 7. Nebraska has started 27 of 74 drives beyond its own 40 yard line, with 19 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
Missouri	35.5 (426/12)	23.2 (302/13)	+12.3
Iowa State	34.0 (340/10)	20.4 (245/12)	+13.6
Total	37.9 (2804/74)	25.1 (2033/81)	+12.8

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 six games this season, the Huskers have continued that trend by committing nine fewer penalties than their opponents, but NU has actually been penalized for more yards than the opposition (336-327). After being flagged nine times for a season-high 85 yards at Missouri, NU responded with a season-low three penalties for a season-low 40 yards against Iowa State. Of Nebraska's 35 penalties, 12 have been on the offense, eight on special teams and 15 against the defense. Opponents have been flagged for 32 offensive penalties, four special teams infractions and eight 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
Missouri	9-85	3-37
Iowa State	3-40	6-55
Total	35-346	44-327
Average	5.8-57.7	7.3-54.5

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

Game	Team	Indiv. (#)	*Sacks Allowed	O-Line Penalties	Perfect Plays
TCU	45	12 (#66)	2	1-10	54.0%
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%
Missouri	56	16 (#77)	0	2-25	56.8%
Iowa State	50	11 (#77)	0	0-0	62.0%
Totals	350	18 (#77)	4	7-60	

► Husker Pancake Leaders...

	TCU	TSU	ND	RU	MU	ISU	Tot	Avg.
Fonoti	10	6	18	15	16	11	76	12.7
Volk	6	5	10	12	11	10	54	9.0
Rutherford	12	9	10	8	11	2	52	8.7
Garrison	6	10	8	14	6	7	51	8.5
Vili Waldrop	6	3	11	17	5	3	45	7.5
Cody	5	2	6	14	3	7	37	6.2
Shook	0	4	DNP	3	3	1	11	2.2
Altstadt	DNP	2	0	2	1	3	8	1.6
Kollmorgen	DNP	3	0	2	0	0	5	1.0
Erickson	DNP	DNP	DNP	1	0	2	3	1.0
Koethe	DNP	DNP	DNP	1	0	2	3	1.0
Tagoa'i	DNP	DNP	DNP	2	0	0	2	0.7
Koltermann	0	0	0	0	DNP	2	2	0.4

2001 Husker Depth Chart (Date of Depth, Tuesday, Oct. 2, 2001)

Offense

- SE:** 9 **Wilson Thomas****, 6-6, 215, Jr., Omaha, Neb.
 81 **Ben Cornelsen***, 5-10, 190, Jr., Shawnee, Kan.
 16 Mike Stuntz, 6-2, 185, Fr., Council Bluffs, Iowa
 5 Ben Zajicek, 6-0, 210, Fr., Beatrice, Neb.
- LT:** 58 **DAVE VOLK*****, 6-5, 300, Sr., Battle Creek, Neb.
 73 **Scott Koethe***, 6-5, 310, Jr., Central City, Neb.
 75 **Kyle Kollmorgen*****, 6-5, 310, Sr., Lincoln, 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.
- 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 Vili 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, 250, 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.
 6 **DeAntae Grixby***, 5-8, 205, So., Omaha, Neb.
 21 **Robin Miller***, 5-11, 225, So., Kent, Wash. (hamstring)
- WB:** 8 **John Gibson*****, 6-0, 195, Sr., Papillion, Neb.+
 89 **Troy Hassebroek****, 6-4, 220, Jr., Lincoln, Neb.
 19 **John Klem***, 6-0, 200, Jr., Lincoln, Neb.
 31 Fred Thorne, 5-10, 185, So., Lincoln, Neb.
- PK:** 26 **JOSH BROWN****, 6-2, 190, JR., FOYIL, OKLA.
 -OR- 22 Sandro DeAngelis, 5-8, 195, Fr., Niagara Falls, Ontario
- KO:** 26 **Josh Brown****, 6-2, 190, Jr., Foyil, Okla.
 -OR- 22 Sandro DeAngelis, 5-8, 195, Fr., Niagara Falls, Ontario

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

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:** 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.
 2 **Aaron Terpening****, 5-11, 200, Jr., Salem, Ore.
 32 Tim Demerath, 6-1, 215, Sr., Plainview, 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.
 20 **Wes Woodward*****, 5-8, 185, Sr., Omaha, 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****, 32 **Kelly Cook**, 7 **Eric Crouch*****
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:

- 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)
FS--27 Willie Amos*, 6-0, 185, So., Sweetwater, Texas
ROV--40 Lannie Hopkins, 6-2, 205, Fr., Rowlett, Texas

University of Nebraska Football
Nebraska Overall Team Statistics (as of Oct 08, 2001)
All games

TEAM STATISTICS	NU	OPP
SCORING.....	222	51
Points Per Game.....	37.0	8.5
FIRST DOWNS.....	132	83
Rushing.....	91	34
Passing.....	34	35
Penalty.....	7	14
RUSHING YARDAGE.....	1734	459
Yards gained rushing.....	1897	793
Yards lost rushing.....	163	334
Rushing Attempts.....	341	201
Average Per Rush.....	5.1	2.3
Average Per Game.....	289.0	76.5
TDs Rushing.....	25	3
PASSING YARDAGE.....	808	960
Att-Comp-Int.....	89-56-4	187-79-8
Average Per Pass.....	9.1	5.1
Average Per Catch.....	14.4	12.2
Average Per Game.....	134.7	160.0
TDs Passing.....	4	3
TOTAL OFFENSE.....	2542	1419
Total Plays.....	430	388
Average Per Play.....	5.9	3.7
Average Per Game.....	423.7	236.5
KICK RETURNS: #-YARDS.....	9-237	24-415
PUNT RETURNS: #-YARDS.....	38-471	14-70
INT RETURNS: #-YARDS.....	8-137	4-52
KICK RETURN AVERAGE.....	26.3	17.3
PUNT RETURN AVERAGE.....	12.4	5.0
INT RETURN AVERAGE.....	17.1	13.0
FUMBLES-LOST.....	14-6	11-4
PENALTIES-YARDS.....	35-346	44-327
Average Per Game.....	57.7	54.5
PUNTS-YARDS.....	26-1113	47-1942
Average Per Punt.....	42.8	41.3
Net punt average.....	40.1	31.3
TIME OF POSSESSION/GAME.....	32:24	27:36
3RD-DOWN CONVERSIONS.....	45/91	28/95
3rd-Down Pct.....	49%	29%
4TH-DOWN CONVERSIONS.....	8/12	4/8
4th-Down Pct.....	67%	50%
SACKS BY-YARDS.....	20-165	6-46
MISC YARDS.....	27	0
TOUCHDOWNS SCORED.....	31	6
FIELD GOALS-ATTEMPTS.....	3-5	3-6
PAT-ATTEMPTS.....	25-27	6-6
ATTENDANCE.....	388749	64204
Games/Avg Per Game.....	5/77750	1/64204

SCORE BY QUARTERS	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total
Nebraska.....	85	65	44	28	222
Opponents.....	17	10	14	10	51

RUSHING	GP	Att	Gain	Loss	Net	Avg	TD	Long	Avg/G	PUNT RETURNS	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
Diedrick, D.	5	109	582	5	577	5.3	8	38	115.4	Groce, DeJuan	20	295	14.8	0	34
Crouch, Eric	6	97	638	98	540	5.6	10	95	90.0	Craver, Keyuo	13	132	10.2	0	26
Collins, Thunder	6	48	288	14	274	5.7	4	45	45.7	Cornelsen, Ben	4	30	7.5	0	14
Grixby, DeAntae	3	19	77	6	71	3.7	0	13	23.7	Hassebroek, Troy	1	9	9.0	0	0
Davies, Judd	6	20	64	2	62	3.1	1	11	10.3	McPherson, L.	0	5	0.0	0	5
Kriewald, Steve	6	9	55	0	55	6.1	0	23	9.2	Total.....	38	471	12.4	0	34
Lord, Jammal	4	19	68	29	39	2.1	1	13	9.8	Opponents.....	14	70	5.0	0	11
Davis, Josh	6	6	36	0	36	6.0	0	12	6.0						

Stuntz, Mike	6	1	25	0	25	25.0	0	0	4.2
Miller, Robin	3	3	15	0	15	5.0	1	10	5.0
Brye, Clifford	3	2	17	3	14	7.0	0	17	4.7
Kastl, Paul	3	1	7	0	7	7.0	0	7	2.3
Lindstrom, Brett	1	1	6	0	6	6.0	0	6	6.0
Wingender, Andy	1	1	5	0	5	5.0	0	5	5.0
Chrisman, Joe	5	2	7	3	4	2.0	0	7	0.8
Reese, Tim	1	1	4	0	4	4.0	0	4	4.0
Gragert, Nick	4	1	3	0	3	3.0	0	3	0.8
Cornelsen, Ben	5	1	0	3	-3	-3.0	0	0	-0.6
Total.....	6	341	1897	163	1734	5.1	25	95	289.0
Opponents.....	6	201	793	334	459	2.3	3	54	76.5

PASSING	GP	Effic	Att-Cmp-Int	Pct	Yds	TD	Lng	Avg/G
Crouch, Eric	6	148.90	81-51-3	63.0	743	4	42	123.8
Lord, Jammal	4	105.75	8-5-1	62.5	65	0	19	16.2
Total.....	6	145.02	89-56-4	62.9	808	4	42	134.7
Opponents.....	6	82.11	187-79-8	42.2	960	3	67	160.0

RECEIVING	GP	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long	Avg/G
Thomas, Wilson	6	17	300	17.6	1	42	50.0
Wistrom, Tracey	6	17	258	15.2	2	37	43.0
Gibson, John	6	11	179	16.3	1	41	29.8
Collins, Thunder	6	7	52	7.4	0	12	8.7
Davies, Judd	6	1	11	11.0	0	11	1.8
Klem, John	5	1	9	9.0	0	9	1.8
Golliday, Aaron	6	1	4	4.0	0	4	0.7
Diedrick, D.	5	1	-5	-5.0	0	0	-1.0
Total.....	6	56	808	14.4	4	42	134.7
Opponents.....	6	79	960	12.2	3	67	160.0

SCORING	TD	FGs	Kick	Rush	Rcv	Pass	DXP	Saf	Points
Crouch, Eric	10	0-0	0-0	1-1	0	0-1	0	0	62
Diedrick, D.	8	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	48
Collins, Thunder	4	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	24
DeAngelis, S.	0	2-3	13-14	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	19
Brown, Josh	0	1-2	12-13	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	15
Wistrom, Tracey	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	12
Gibson, John	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6
Thomas, Wilson	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6
Davies, Judd	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6
Craver, Keyuo	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6
Clanton, Jon	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6
Lord, Jammal	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6
Miller, Robin	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6
Chrisman, Joe	0	0-0	0-0	0-1	0	0-0	0	0	0
Cook, Kelly	0	0-0	0-0	0-1	0	0-0	0	0	0
Total.....	31	3-5	25-27	1-3	0	0-1	0	0	222
Opponents.....	6	3-6	6-6	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	51

FIELD GOALS	FGM-FGA	Pct	01-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-99	Lg	Blk
Brown, Josh	1-2	50.0	0-0	0-0	1-2	0-0	0-0	38	1
DeAngelis, S.	2-3	66.7	1-1	1-1	0-1	0-0	0-0	21	1

FG SEQUENCE	Nebraska	OPPONENTS
Texas Christian	-	-
Troy State	35	-
Notre Dame	(19), (21)	(29)
Rice	-	41, 45, (25)
Missouri	32, (38)	(28), 50
Iowa State	-	-

Numbers in parentheses indicate field goal was made.

ALL PURPOSE	G	Rush	Rec	PR	KOR	IR	Tot	Avg/G
Diedrick, D.	5	577	-5	0	0	0	572	114.4
Crouch, Eric	6	540	0	0	0	0	540	90.0
Groce, DeJuan	6	0	0	295	0	49	344	57.3
Collins, Thunder	6	274	52	0	0	0	326	54.3
Thomas, Wilson	6	0	300	0	0	0	300	50.0
Wistrom, Tracey	6	0	258	0	0	0	258	43.0

INTERCEPTIONS	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
Amos, Willie	2	0	0.0	0	0
Groce, DeJuan	2	49	24.5	0	40
Craver, Keyuo	1	57	57.0	1	57
Scholting, Carl	1	31	31.0	0	31
Vedral, Mark	1	0	0.0	0	0
Swiney, Erwin	1	0	0.0	0	0
Total.....	8	137	17.1	1	57
Opponents.....	4	52	13.0	0	16

KICK RETURNS	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
Davis, Josh	7	210	30.0	0	43
Bland, Philip	2	27	13.5	0	14
Total.....	9	237	26.3	0	43
Opponents.....	24	415	17.3	0	30

FUMBLE RETURNS	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
Clanton, Jon	1	20	20.0	1	20
Smith, Justin	1	7	7.0	0	7
Total.....	2	27	13.5	1	20
Opponents.....	0	0	0.0	0	0

TOTAL OFFENSE	G	Plays	Rush	Pass	Total	Avg/G
Crouch, Eric	6	178	540	743	1283	213.8
Diedrick, D.	5	109	577	0	577	115.4
Collins, Thunder	6	48	274	0	274	45.7
Lord, Jammal	4	27	39	65	104	26.0
Grixby, DeAntae	3	19	71	0	71	23.7
Davies, Judd	6	20	62	0	62	10.3
Kriewald, Steve	6	9	55	0	55	9.2
Davis, Josh	6	6	36	0	36	6.0
Stuntz, Mike	6	1	25	0	25	4.2
Miller, Robin	3	3	15	0	15	5.0
Brye, Clifford	3	2	14	0	14	4.7
Kastl, Paul	3	1	7	0	7	2.3
Lindstrom, Brett	1	1	6	0	6	6.0
Wingender, Andy	1	1	5	0	5	5.0
Chrisman, Joe	5	2	4	0	4	0.8
Reese, Tim	1	1	4	0	4	4.0
Gragert, Nick	4	1	3	0	3	0.8
Cornelsen, Ben	5	1	-3	0	-3	-0.6
Total.....	6	430	1734	808	2542	423.7
Opponents.....	6	388	459	960	1419	236.5

PUNTING	No.	Yds	Avg	Long	TB	FC	I20	Blkd
Larson, Kyle	25	1113	44.5	60	3	5	11	0
TEAM	1	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	1
Total.....	26	1113	42.8	60	3	5	11	1
Opponents.....	47	1942	41.3	56	0	0	9	1

9A Thomas, Wilson	6	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
1K Larson, Kyle	6	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
35 Scholting, Carl	3	.	.	.	.	.	1-31	.	.	.	.	.	.
Total.....	6	194	273	467	76-266	20-165	8-137	36	39	4-27	5	2	.
Opponents.....	6	-	-	-	-	6-46	4-52	4	.	6-0	5	3	.

The Husker Probable Starters, In Depth

Offense

Pos # Player Worth Noting

- SE:** 9 Wilson Thomas**, 6-6, 215, Jr. 6-6 target who is enjoying a breakout season (17-300-1); 50 or more reception yards four times (3-59-0 vs. MU)
- LT:** 58 Dave Volk***, 6-5, 300, Sr. Captain who will contend for national and Big 12 honors; will make 31st straight start vs. BU; 11 career 10+ pancake games
- LG:** 77 Toniu Fonoti**, 6-4, 340, Jr. Imposing lineman who leads NU with 76 pancake blocks; 17 career 10+ pancake games; 155 pancakes in 2000
- C:** 52 John Garrison**, 6-4, 285, Jr. 1st-year starter who is 4th on team with 53 'cakes; recorded career-high 14 vs. Rice; also serves as long snapper
- RG:** 66 Jon Rutherford**, 6-3, 300, Sr. Versatile lineman who recovered from ACL surgery last Nov.; 8+ pancakes in five of six games (12 vs. TCU)
- RT:** 68 Dan Vili Waldrop*, 6-5, 330, So. 1st-year starter who led NU with 17 'cakes vs. Rice; Full last name is Vili Waldrop - Vili (father); Waldrop (grandfather)
- TE:** 87 Tracey Wistrom***, 6-5, 240, Sr. Honors candidate who holds NU's all-time TE yardage mark (1,085); needs 3 catches to move into 2nd among NU tight ends
- QB:** 7 Eric Crouch**, 6-1, 200, Sr. 30-5 as a starter; NCAA QB record 51 rushing TDs are short (14 1-yard TD runs) or long (10 TD runs of 25+ yards)
10 Jammal Lord*, 6-2, 215, So. Sophomore who is a solid No. 2 QB; has career totals of 169 yards rushing and 14-of-24 passing for 181 yards
- FB:** 4 Judd Davies*, 6-0, 250, So. Outstanding blocker who scored 1st TD of season vs. Rice; 20-62-0 rushing in 2001; 17 carries for 183 yards in 2000
- IB:** 30 Dahrran Diedrick** 6-0, 225, Jr. Has three 100-yard games (177 vs. TSU; 133 vs. ND, 107 vs. ISU) this season, 17th nationally at 115.4 ypg
1 Thunder Collins*, 6-2, 190, Jr. Versatile back who has become pass catching threat (5-33 vs. ISU); has 274 yards and four TDs on 48 carries
- WB:** 8 John Gibson***, 6-0, 195, Sr. Sixth-year senior is one of only two Huskers who played on '97 national title team; 11-179-1 in '01

Defense

Pos # Player Worth Noting

- LRE:** 57 Chris Kelsay**, 6-5, 270, Jr. 2-year starter who has 17 tackles, including 8 TFLs; Had four tackles and 3 TFL vs. ISU; Finance major with 3.589 GPA
- NT:** 55 Jon Clanton**, 6-2, 280, Jr. Replaced Jason Lohr (knee injury) in the starting lineup; scored first career TD vs. Troy State (20-yard fumble return)
- DT:** 56 Jeremy Slechta**, 6-6, 285, Sr. 2001 captain has 14 tackles and three QB hurries; also has two TFLs in 2001; started four games at DT in 2000
- RRE:** 98 Demoine Adams**, 6-2, 235, Jr. Pass rusher who has 13 tackles, four QB hurries and a pair of sacks; graduated in Aug. 2001 in three years
- SLB:** 43 Scott Shanle*, 6-2, 230, Jr. Former walk-on who was Big 12 Defensive Player of the Week vs. MU (8 tackles, TFL and a school position record 4 PBU)
- MLB:** 48 Jamie Burrow***, 6-1, 245, Sr. Leads NU with 38 tackles and seven TFLs; Big 12 Def. Player of Week vs. ND (11 stops, 2 TFL, 2 QB hurries and a recovery)
- WLB:** 9 Mark Vedral***, 6-1, 210, Sr. 1st-year starter who ranks 5th on team with 28 tackles; six tackles vs. ISU; recorded 1st career Int. vs. TSU
- LCB:** 3 Keyuo Craver***, 5-11, 190, Sr. Honors candidate who leads NU DBs in tackles (35) and PBUs (9); 9 tackles, 2 PBU and TD on Int. (57 yds) vs. ISU
- FS:** 27 Willie Amos*, 6-0, 185, So. Looks to return this week (missed last 3 games); leads NU with 2 Ints.; featured in SI for his football and jump rope abilities
- ROV:** 21 Philip Bland, 6-0, 205, Fr. Hard-hitter who has become an impact player; first NU true freshman to start since 1997 (Swiney); 20 tackles and a TFL
- RV/FS:** 14 Dion Booker***, 6-1, 205, Sr. Third-year starter who has started at both positions this season; season-high six tackles at Missouri and vs. ISU
- RCB:** 5 DeJuan Groce**, 5-10, 190, Jr. 2nd-year starter who tops NU with 9 PBUs; set school mark of 17 in '00; Picked off 2nd pass of year vs. ISU
16 Erwin Swiney***, 6-0, 185, Sr. Started 34 games during career; 29 career PBUs rank 3rd at NU; starter on NU's 1997 national championship team

Specialists

Pos # Player Worth Noting

- PK:** 26 Josh Brown**, 6-2, 190, Jr. Saw his streak of 115 consecutive PATs end vs. ISU; 1-2 on field goals (38-yarder vs. Missouri)
- or- 22 Sandro DeAngelis, 5-8, 195, Fr. Redshirt freshman who is 2-3 on field goals (19 and 21 yards vs. ND) and 12-of-13 on PATs
- P:** 19 Kyle Larson, 6-0, 205, So. Walk-on who is 11th nationally in punting (44.5 avg); Averaged 49.7 yds vs. MU; 11 of 25 punts inside 20-yard line
- LS:** 52 John Garrison** 6-4, 285, Jr. Third-year junior who has snapped since 1999; had a string of 239 perfect long snaps broken vs. TCU
- HLD:** 11 Joe Chrisman**, 5-11, 190, Jr. Third-string quarterback who handles the holding duties on field goals and PATs; has not thrown a pass at NU
- PR:** 5 DeJuan Groce**, 5-10, 190, Jr. Averaging 14.8 yards per return on 20 punt returns (10th in NCAA); had best return day of career vs. MU (7-145-0)
- PR:** 3 Keyuo Craver***, 5-11, 190, Sr. Starting cornerback who is averaging 10.2 yds on 13 returns, including a 26-yarder vs. TSU; 2-13 vs. MU
- KOR:** 25 Josh Davis, 5-11, 195, So. Reserve I-back who averages 30.8 yards per return; 2-76 vs. ND, including career-long 43 yarder