

# NEBRASKA FOOTBALL

## 2001

### Husker Records and Streaks

- ▶ NCAA-record 245 consecutive sellouts in Memorial Stadium (counting Texas Tech)
- ▶ 40 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
- ▶ 333 consecutive weeks ranked by the Associated Press, a continuing AP record
- ▶ 32 consecutive years ranked in AP top 25
- ▶ 18-game home winning streak
- ▶ 98-10 record since 1993 (nine years)
- ▶ 41 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. 16: 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 8: No. 3/3 Nebraska (7-0, 3-0) vs. Texas Tech (3-2, 1-2)

**DATE:** Saturday, Oct. 20, 2001; **TIME:** 6:10 p.m.

**SITE:** Memorial Stadium—245th Consecutive Sellout; **STADIUM CAPACITY:** 73,918

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

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

**NATIONAL CABLE TV:** Fox Sports Net; Joel Meyers (Play-by-Play); James Lofton (Color); Eric Clemons (Sideline); channel 37 in Lincoln

### Huskers Try to Remain Unbeaten on Homecoming With Texas Tech

The No. 3/3 (AP/coaches) Nebraska Cornhuskers improved to 7-0 on the season and 3-0 in Big 12 Conference play, defeating Baylor 48-7 in Waco. With the win, Nebraska became the second team to be bowl eligible (following Maryland), ensured its 40th consecutive winning season and moved to 7-0 on the season, for the seventh time in the last 12 seasons, the second year under Head Coach Frank Solich. The Husker defense didn't allow a single offensive touchdown and Husker backs combined to tie an NCAA record with four different players each rushing for at least 100 yards. Heisman Trophy candidate and quarterback **Eric Crouch** had 132 and three touchdowns; I-backs **Dahrran Diedrick** (137) and **Thunder Collins** (165) each had 100 yards, and fullback **Judd Davies** had his first career 100-yard rushing day with 119 yards and two TDs. The Huskers totaled 641 yards rushing, the second best rushing total in school history and the defense held Baylor to 29 yards rushing and 187 total yards. With the win, Nebraska was one of 11 Division I-A teams to remain undefeated following the weekend. This week, the Huskers return home for their sixth home game of the season, and fourth straight home night game, as NU will play host to the Texas Tech Red Raiders. Texas Tech is 3-2 overall and 1-2 in Big 12 Conference play, defeating nationally ranked Kansas State, 38-19 in Lubbock. Texas Tech will have a difficult task ahead of them, as NU has won 18 straight at home (nation's second longest current winning streak behind Oregon's 23) and 32 straight on Homecoming. NU has won the last six contests over Texas Tech, including the last three in Big 12 Conference action.

The Husker defense continues to dominate, as seven opponents have scored a total of 58 points, an average of 8.3 per game (ranks second nationally). Nebraska ranks among the nation's top 10 in every defensive category, ranking first in pass efficiency defense (76.47 rating), third in total defense (229.4), and seventh in rush defense (69.1 ypg). The Husker offense leads the nation in rushing, averaging 339.3 yards per outing. NU also ranks ninth in scoring (38.6 ppg) and 10th in total offense (461.4 ypg).

### This Week's Polls

The Huskers moved up one notch in both polls to No. 3 after No. 2/1 Florida lost to unranked Auburn, 23-20. The third-place ranking marks the highest the Huskers have been this season. NU began the year fourth in both preseason polls, but dropped to fifth in the AP's third poll for one week. In this week's Associated Press Poll, NU has two first-place votes and 1,631 points, behind Miami (48, 1,772) and Oklahoma (21, 1,739). In the USA Today/ESPN Coaches poll, NU received one first-place vote and 1,382 points to rank third behind Miami (48 first-place votes, 1,481 points) and Oklahoma (11, 1,440). Two other Big 12 league members, in addition to Nebraska and Oklahoma are ranked. Texas is ranked 9/8, Colorado is ranked 14/17, while Texas A&M and Kansas State dropped out of the rankings after losing to Colorado and Texas Tech, respectively.

### The 2001 Nebraska (7-0, 3-0) Football Schedule/Results

Day	Date	Opponent	Time/Res.	TV	Series	Last Meeting (Site) / Notes
Sat.	Aug. 25	TCU	W 21-7	ABC	NU leads 6-1	Crouch MVP for NU as he sets Nebraska career total offense record
Sat.	Sept. 1	Troy State	W 42-14	Big 12*	1-0-0	Diedrick rushes for 177 yards; NU Blackshirts have eight sacks
Sat.	Sept. 8	Notre Dame	W 27-10	ABC	8-7-1	Diedrick rushes for 133 yards on career-high 32 carries
Sat.	Sept. 15	Rice	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 #	W 48-7		NU 7-1-0	Collins (165), Diedrick (137), Crouch (132) and Davies (119) tie NCAA record with four 100-yard rushers in the game; NU totals 641 yards rushing
Sat.	Oct. 20	Texas Tech # (HC)	6:10 p.m.	FSN	NU 6-0-0	NU 56-3 in 2000 (Lubbock); NU has won last 32 straight Homecomings
Sat.	Oct. 27	Oklahoma #	11 a.m.	ABC	OU 40-36-3	OU 31-14 in 2000 (Norman); 30-year anniversary—"Game of the Century"
Sat.	Nov. 3	at Kansas #	TBA		NU 83-21-3	NU 56-17 in 2000 (Lincoln); Series is third-longest in NCAA Div. I-A
Sat.	Nov. 10	Kansas State #	TBA		NU 71-12-2	KSU 29-28 in 2000 (Manhattan); NU has won 30 of last 32 games
Fri.	Nov. 23	at Colorado #	2:30 p.m.	ABC	NU 43-14-2	NU 34-32 in 2000 (Lincoln); Last four games decided by 10 points
Sat.	Dec. 1	Big 12 Champ.	7 p.m.	ABC	NU 2-1-0	at Texas Stadium, Irving, Texas; NU has won two of five titles

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

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

For the first time since 1905 and just the fourth time ever, Nebraska's 2001 football schedule features eight home games. The Huskers have already played and won five at home and host Texas Tech 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 will play host to four straight night games for the first time in Husker history on Sept. 8/20 and Oct. 6/20 for the Notre Dame, Rice, Iowa State and Texas Tech contests. 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 Texas Tech game this weekend is Nebraska's 1,100 game, making Nebraska just the fifth NCAA Division I-A team to play 1,100 games.

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. Last week, Nebraska won its second Big 12 game on the road, defeating Baylor, 48-3. NU hosts Texas Tech for Homecoming on Oct. 20 at 6:08 p.m. (FSN), and defending national champion Oklahoma on Oct. 27 at 11 a.m. (ABC). NU plays at Kansas on Nov. 3, then will play host to Kansas State on Nov. 10. The Huskers end the regular season at Colorado on the Friday after Thanksgiving (ABC, 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.).

Four Big 12 Conference teams are ranked in this week's polls, including Oklahoma (No. 2/2 AP/Coaches), Nebraska (3/3), Texas (9/8) and Colorado (14/17).

## Nebraska Head Coach Frank Solich

Coach Frank Solich (Nebraska, 1966) is in his fourth season at the helm of the Huskers and owns a 38-7 school and career record. Solich is one win 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 7-0 start in 2001, Solich's career record stands at 38-7. 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 last week became the first NU 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. Texas Tech and Head Coach Mike Leach. Solich is 23-1 at home and 11-5 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 21-6 in Big 12 action (12-1 at home, 8-5 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 10 of the 13 main national rankings this week. NU ranks among the top 10 in all five defensive categories, and is first in pass efficiency defense (76.47 rating) second in scoring defense (8.29 ppg), third in total defense (229.4 ypg), seventh in rushing defense (69.7 ypg) and ninth in pass defense (159.7 ypg). On the offensive side, NU improved its top-ranked rushing offense (339.29 ypg), after turning in the second-best rushing performance in school history with 641 yards on the ground vs. Baylor. Nebraska also ranks among the top 25 in scoring offense with 38.57 points per game to rank ninth; passing efficiency at 23rd (139.79) and is 10th in total offense (461.43 ypg). NU also ranks 10th in net punting (39.77 ypg), and ninth in kickoff returns (26.83 ypr). The only categories that NU does not rank among the top 25 are punt returns (11.72 ypg, 29th), turnover margin (+0.14, 52nd) and passing offense (122.1 ypg, 112th).

Individually, junior I-back **Dahrran Diedrick** ranks 14th in rushing, averaging 119.0 yards per game, and tied for 18th in scoring, averaging 9.0 points per game. Quarterback **Eric Crouch** is 34th in rushing (96.0 ypg), third among quarterbacks and ranks fifth in scoring (11.43 ppg). Crouch ranks first among quarterbacks in rushing yards per carry and in rushing touchdowns. Sophomore **Kyle Larson** ranks 17th in punting, averaging 44.24 yards per punt. Junior cornerback **DeJuan Groce** ranks 12th in punt returns, averaging 14.75 yards per return. Sophomore I-back **Josh Davis** is tied for eighth in kickoff returns, averaging 29.50 yards per return.

## 2001 Big 12 Standings

North		Records	
Team	Overall	Big 12	Last Week
Nebraska	7-0	3-0	W, BU, 48-7
Colorado	5-1	3-0	W, A&M, 31-21
Iowa State	4-1	2-1	W, MU, 20-14
Kansas	2-3	1-2	L, OU, 10-38
Missouri	2-3	1-2	L, ISU, 14-20
Kansas State	2-3	0-3	L, TT, 19-38

South		Records	
Team	Overall	Big 12	Last Week
Oklahoma	6-0	3-0	W, KU, 38-10
Texas A&M	5-1	2-1	L, CU, 21-31
Texas	5-1	2-1	W, OSU, 45-17
Texas Tech	3-2	1-2	W, KSU, 38-19
Baylor	2-3	0-3	L, NU, 7-48
Okla. St.	2-4	0-3	L, UT, 17-45

### 2001 Nebraska Non-Conference Opponents:

Team	2001 Record	Last Week
TCU	3-3 --	L, Tulane, 22-48
Troy State	2-3 --	W, Miss. St., 21-9
Notre Dame	2-3 --	W, W. Virginia, 34-24
Rice	5-1 --	W, Navy, 21-13

### 2001 Texas Tech Schedule (3-2)

9/8	New Mexico	W, 42-30
9/22	vs. North Texas@	W, 42-14
9/29	at Texas	L, 7-42
10/6	Kansas	L, 31-34 2 OT
10/13	Kansas State	W, 38-19
<b>10/20</b>	<b>at Nebraska</b>	<b>6 p.m.</b>
10/27	at Baylor	2 p.m.
11/3	Texas A&M	1 p.m.
11/10	at Oklahoma State	TBA
11/17	Oklahoma	1 p.m.
11/24	Stephen F. Austin	1 p.m.

@ played at Irving, Texas

### 2000 Texas Tech Results (7-6)

8/26	New Mexico#	W, 24-3
9/2	Utah State	W, 38-16
9/9	North Texas	W, 13-7
9/16	Louisiana-Lafayette	W, 26-0
9/30	at Texas A&M	L, 15-33
10/7	Baylor	W, 28-0
<b>10/14</b>	<b>Nebraska</b>	<b>L, 3-56</b>
10/21	at Kansas State	L, 23-28
10/28	at Kansas	W, 45-39
11/4	Texas	L, 17-29
11/11	Oklahoma State	L, 13-27
12/27	vs. East Carolina*	L, 34-40

# Hispanic College Fund Football Classic

\* galleryfurniture.com Bowl

### Huskers from Texas

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

## Scouting Texas Tech (3-2 Overall, 1-2 Big 12)

The Texas Tech Red Raiders come to Lincoln for Homecoming after posting their first win over a top-25 team under second-year coach Mike Leach. Texas Tech handed No. 24 Kansas State its third consecutive loss with the Red Raiders' 38-19 win over the Wildcats in Lubbock on Saturday.

Junior quarterback Kliff Kingsbury led the potent "Air Raid" passing attack against Kansas State by completing 32-of-47 passes for 409 yards and three touchdowns. Ricky Williams added 62 yards rushing on 12 carries to give the Raiders a running threat out of the backfield. Sophomore running back Wes Welker added to the dangerous backfield combination by catching two touchdown passes, including a 60-yarder from Kingsbury for Texas Tech's longest play from scrimmage this season.

Kingsbury, a second-team All-Big 12 quarterback last season and the Big 12 Player of the Week vs. Kansas State, has completed 160-of-236 passes (67.8 percent) for 1,561 yards to average 312.2 passing yards per game through five contests. Big passing numbers are nothing new to Kingsbury. Last season, he led the nation by completing 30.1 passes per game, while leading the Big 12 and setting school records with 3,418 passing yards, 585 attempts, 362 completions, 21 touchdowns and 284.8 yards per game.

Williams has been Kingsbury's favorite target, adding 315 receiving yards on 41 receptions to average 7.7 yards per catch to go along with two scores on the year. Williams is also Texas Tech's leading rusher with 324 yards and three TDs on 65 carries.

Welker has hauled in 24 passes for 289 yards for 12 yards per reception. Cole Roberts (23) and Nehemiah Glover (20) have also posted 20 or more receptions for Texas Tech.

Defensively, Lawrence Flurgence has been a star for the Red Raiders, leading the team with 63 tackles, including 42 solo stops. Paul McClendon and Aaron Hunt have also been big playmakers on the Raider defense. McClendon has two fumble recoveries for 60 yards returned to go along with a 50-yard interception return, while Hunt leads Texas Tech with nine tackles for 33 yards lost, including five quarterback sacks.

### Texas Tech Head Coach Mike Leach

Coach Mike Leach (Brigham Young, 1983) is in his second season as a head coach and carries a 10-8 career mark before his first trip to Memorial Stadium in Lincoln. Leach led the Red Raiders to a 7-6 mark, including a trip to the galleryfurniture.com Bowl in his rookie season as a head coach. Before heading to Lubbock, Leach spent the 1999 season as the offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach at Oklahoma, which followed two seasons as the offensive coordinator and receivers coach at Kentucky in 1997 and 1998. Leach is 0-1 against the Coach Frank Solich and the Huskers after suffering a 56-3 defeat to then-No. 1 Nebraska in Lubbock on Oct. 14, 2000.

### The Nebraska-Texas Tech Series (NU Leads, 6-0)

Nebraska leads the all-time series with Texas Tech, 6-0, including a 56-3 win over the Red Raiders in Lubbock on Oct. 14, 2000. In that game, the Huskers raced to a 28-0 halftime lead, sparked by Joe Walker's 19-yard interception return for a touchdown to open the scoring less than six minutes into the contest. Seven players scored touchdowns for the Huskers on the night, including six rushing touchdowns with two by Eric Crouch. Texas Tech is 0-2 in Lincoln with a 29-0 loss on Oct. 18, 1997 and a 50-27 loss on Sept. 11, 1993. The first meeting in the series came in Houston at the Astro-Bluebonnet Bowl on Dec. 31, 1976 with the No. 13 Huskers claiming a 27-24 win over the No. 9 Red Raiders in the closest game in series history. Nebraska has been ranked in the top five in the Associated Press Poll in each of the last four meetings. The Huskers have averaged 38.0 points per game against Texas Tech, which is their highest average score against any Big 12 school. Nebraska is 24-7 all time against the four Texas schools in the Big 12.

### Nebraska-Texas Tech 2001 Statistical Comparison

Category	Nebraska (7-0, 3-0)			Texas Tech (3-2, 1-2)		
	Rankings (3/3)			Rankings (NR/NR)		
Top 25 NCAA Rankings in Boldface						
Category	Avg.	Natl.	Big 12	Avg.	National	Big 12
<b>Rushing Offense</b>	<b>339.3</b>	<b>1st</b>	<b>1st</b>	77.4	111th	11th
Passing Offense	122.1	112th	12th	<b>315.2</b>	<b>5th</b>	<b>1st</b>
<b>Pass Efficiency</b>	<b>139.8</b>	<b>23th</b>	<b>1st</b>	129.8	38th	2nd
<b>Total Offense</b>	<b>461.4</b>	<b>10th</b>	<b>1st</b>	392.6.0	47th	5th
<b>Scoring Offense</b>	<b>38.6</b>	<b>9th</b>	<b>1st</b>	32.0	26th	4th
<b>Rushing Defense</b>	<b>69.7</b>	<b>7th</b>	<b>1st</b>	202.6	97th	9th
<b>Pass Defense</b>	<b>159.7</b>	<b>9th</b>	<b>5th</b>	<b>156.8</b>	<b>8th</b>	<b>4th</b>
<b>Pass Eff. Defense</b>	<b>76.47</b>	<b>1st</b>	<b>1st</b>	<b>97.83</b>	<b>14th</b>	<b>5th</b>
<b>Total Defense</b>	<b>229.43</b>	<b>3rd</b>	<b>1st</b>	359.4	60th	10th
<b>Scoring Defense</b>	<b>8.29</b>	<b>2nd</b>	<b>1st</b>	27.8	83th	11th
<b>Net Punting</b>	<b>39.77</b>	<b>10th</b>	<b>1st</b>	32.1	97th	11th
<b>Punt Returns</b>	11.72	29th	7th	3.84	107th	12th
<b>Kickoff Returns</b>	<b>26.83</b>	<b>9th</b>	<b>2nd</b>	20.95	53rd	6th
<b>Turnover Margin</b>	+0.14	52th	7th	0.00	53rd	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	38-7-0

(\*Active)

**Solich vs. Ranked AP Teams (9-6)**

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

**Solich Superlatives**

When Rushing for 300 Yards .....	22-0
When Rushing for 400 Yards .....	10-0
When Rushing for 500 Yards .....	2-0
When Rushing for 600 Yards .....	1-0
When NU player rushes for 100 Yards	26-4
Multiple NU Rushers in a Game .....	9-0
When Opp. has 100 Yd. Rusher .....	7-3
When Scoring 35 or More Points .....	25-0
When Hold Opp. to 10 Pts. or less .....	17-0
Consecutive Weeks Ranked by AP .....	58
Consecutive Weeks in the AP top 10 .....	41

**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 Brye** 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. Two NU players have missed all seven games due to injuries, including sophomore right guard **Jon Dawson** (torn right ACL during spring camp) and offensive tackle **Chris Loos** (torn left ACL, MCL and PCL in pre-bowl practices).

**Game Seven Recap**

**Nebraska 48, Baylor 7**

The No. 4/4 Nebraska Cornhuskers (7-0, 3-0) defeated Baylor (2-3, 0-3), in Waco, 48-7, in a driving rainstorm, which included a 36-minute lightning delay with 7:34 remaining in the first half. Prior to the delay, the Huskers jumped to a 14-0 lead, on a **Judd Davies'** 42-yard touchdown run and a nine-yard run by **Eric Crouch**. The Huskers capitalized on **Keyuo Craver's** second interception of the season and 16-yard return to the BU 22, when Crouch cashed in the Bears' turnover just 1:01 later.

Following the delay, Baylor cut the NU lead to 14-7 as Crouch fumbled in the end zone which Stephen Sepulveda recovered for a Bear touchdown, marking only the second time this year an opponent has converted a Husker turnover. NU outrushed Baylor, 267-(-2) in the first half, but fumbled four times, losing three of them. Nebraska went up 21-7 with two minutes remaining in the third quarter as Crouch scored on a one-yard run and improved the lead to 21 points when **Dahrran Diedrick** scored on an eight-yard run with 9:47 remaining in the fourth quarter. NU tacked on three more rushing TDs in the fourth quarter, a four-yard run by Crouch; a 22-yard run by Davies and a 13-yard run by **Josh Davis**, his first career score.

The win extended Nebraska's consecutive winning season streak to a nation-leading 40 years, a figure that ranks second all time behind Notre Dame's NCAA record 42 consecutive winning seasons from 1889 to 1932. The win for Nebraska was NU's ninth straight overall; marked NU's sixth consecutive over Baylor; was Coach Frank Solich's second straight over Baylor in two tries; and marked Nebraska's second straight Big 12 Conference road win.

The victory also marked the 20th time in school history that the Huskers have started a season 7-0, the 16th time in the Devaney-Osborne-Solich era (since 1962), seventh time in the last 12 seasons and the second consecutive under Solich. The seven wins also makes Nebraska the second team nationally and first Big 12 team (after 6-0 Maryland) to be officially bowl eligible, as NU will attend its NCAA-record 33rd consecutive bowl and 40th bowl appearance following the season.

► Senior quarterback **Eric Crouch** improved to 31-5 as a starter, becoming just the 23rd quarterback in Division I-A history to record 31 wins as a starter and ranks two wins behind Tommie Frazier on the Nebraska school-record list. Frazier went 33-3 from 1992 to 1995. In the Baylor game, Crouch carried 18 times for 132 yards and three TDs. In the rain, Crouch completed 4-of-9 passes for 47 yards. Crouch scored Nebraska's second touchdown of the day on a nine-yard run, to give NU a 14-0 lead with 12:03 left in the second quarter. He scored his second on a one-yard run with two minutes remaining in the third quarter. His third touchdown run of four yards came midway through the fourth quarter and broke Tommie Frazier's school record of 79 total-offense TDs, set from 1992 to 1995, as Crouch now has 80, including an NCAA-record (by a Division I-A quarterback) 54 by rush. He has scored at least one touchdown in the Huskers' last four games and in six of seven games this season. With a 44-yard run in the fourth quarter, Crouch went over the 100-yard rushing mark with 10:45 remaining in the fourth quarter, marking the third straight game this season (and the 14th time in his career) Crouch has rushed for 100 or more yards (191 vs. Missouri, 104 vs. Iowa State, 132 vs. Baylor). Crouch is now just nine 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 has had multiple rushing TDs 17 times in his career and in each of the last four games, he has had three or more TDs in seven of his 36 starts. He has scored 11 rushing touchdowns in the last four games. Crouch already owns Nebraska school records for career rushing yards by a quarterback (2,991) and career total offense (6,752, 179 vs. Baylor) and has 672 and 1,462, respectively, this season. Crouch holds the Big 12 record for most rushing yards by a quarterback and ranks fifth overall at Nebraska, fifth in the Big 12, and eighth among NCAA Division I-A quarterbacks.

► Junior I-back **Dahrran Diedrick** finished the afternoon with 137 yards on 20 carries with one touchdown, posting his fourth 100-yard game of the season (also vs. Troy State, Notre Dame and Iowa State). The junior leads the Huskers with 714 yards this season and now has 1,229 in his career. Diedrick's backup, **Thunder Collins**, recorded his first 100-yard rushing game with a team-best 165 yards on 13 carries, bettering his previous best of 71 yards vs. TCU, including long runs of 44 and a career-best 50 yards. Sophomore fullback **Judd Davies** enjoyed his best game of the season, carrying 12 times for a career-best 119 yards and two touchdowns, nearly doubling his season total (62 coming into the Baylor game). The Millard North product raced 42 yards on his first carry of the day to give NU a

7-0 advantage. His run topped his season long of 11 yards versus Notre Dame, and was also a career long score, as both of his previous two touchdowns were three-yard runs (vs. Kansas, 2000; vs. Rice, 2001). He added a second touchdown in the fourth quarter with a 22-yard run, that put him over the century mark. Davies is the first fullback to top 100 yards rushing since Joel Makovicka had 101 yards on 10 carries vs. Oklahoma in 1997 (three TDs). Sophomore I-back/kick returner **Josh Davis** provided a spark on special teams, returning three kicks for 85 yards, setting career bests in both categories. He started the game with a 32-yard return and added a 29-yard return in the second quarter. He now has seven returns of 25-yards or better this season. Davis also rushed two times for 25 yards, including his first career rushing TD, a 13-yard run to end the scoring in the fourth quarter.

► **Four 100-yard rushers...Diedrick** (137), **Crouch** (132), **Collins** (165) and **Davies** (119) all finished with 100 yards or more rushing. This marks the second time this season that NU has had multiple 100-yard rushers as Diedrick (107) and Crouch (104) accomplished the feat vs. Iowa State last week, and marks the 54th time in NU history that has happened. When Crouch hit the 100-yard mark with a 44 yard run in the fourth quarter with 10:45 remaining and Davies hit the mark with his 22-yard touchdown run in the fourth quarter with 2:41 remaining, Nebraska tied an NCAA record for most 100-yard rushers in a game by one team, tying the four by Arizona State vs. Arizona in 1951; Texas vs. SMU in 1969; Alabama vs. Virginia Tech in 1973; and Army vs. Montana in 1984. NU's previous school record was three rushers with 100-plus yards set vs. Arizona State in 1988 and Kansas in 2000. As a team, NU had a team season-best and Solich-best 641 rushing yards, the first time NU has had 600 rushing yards since rushing for 624 vs. Iowa State in 1995. NU has totaled 500 or more rushing yards twice under Solich (505 vs. San Jose State in 2000, previous Solich best). The 641 rushing yards is the second best all-time by Nebraska, behind the school-record 677 vs. New Mexico State on Sept. 18, 1982. The 688 yards of total offense is a season best, the best under Solich, but is eight yards off the NU top 10 list. Baylor was held to just 29 yards rushing and 187 total.

► Senior cornerbacks **Keyuo Craver** and **Erwin Swiney** continued climbing up the Husker charts vs. Baylor. Craver, who ranks second on NU's career breakup charts with 39, finished the Baylor game with two PBUs and picked off his second pass of the season off BU quarterback Greg Cicero in the second quarter leading to a Husker TD. He now has six career interceptions, including one in each of NU's last two games. The Thorpe Award candidate is 11 pass breakups behind All-American Ralph Brown's school record of 50 between 1996 to 1999. Craver also had two punt returns for 51 yards, including a career-best 31 yarder. Craver's fellow corner, **DeJuan Groce**, made the trip but did not play with bruised ribs. In his place, Swiney started his second game of the season and had a career-best five pass breakups (tying NU season best), bettering his previous career high of three at Texas A&M in the 1998 season. Swiney is third on the NU career pass breakup list with 35.

► **Long Plays...**Nebraska had a season best six rushes for 25 yards or more, including runs of 42 by FB **Judd Davies**; 44 and 50 by IB **Thunder Collins**; 36 by WB **Ben Cornelsen**; and 36 and 44 by QB **Eric Crouch**. Nebraska also had three long kick returns, two on kickoffs by **Josh Davis** (32, 29) and one by **Keyuo Craver** on a punt return (31). Collins has had four of Nebraska's 17 long runs this season. Baylor had one long play, a 26-yard kickoff return by Bobby Hart. Hart's 26-yard kickoff return in the second quarter marked the three long return (25 yards or more) against the Huskers all season. In the fourth quarter, Hart recorded the longest punt return (17 yards) vs. the Huskers this season.

► Senior tight end **Tracey Wistrom** caught one pass for 15 yards to extend his streak to 11 regular-season games, in which he has caught at least one pass. Wistrom is tied for the team lead with 18 catches for 273 yards and two touchdowns. Wistrom now has 55 career catches for 1,100 yards. His yards rank first among Husker tight ends while his receptions rank tied for second. Wistrom is six catches behind Jerry List's school-record 61 receptions (from

1970 to 1972), and tied with Junior Miller's 55 (from 1977 to 1979). NU split end **Wilson Thomas** had one catch for 18 yards, marking the sixth time in seven games he has had at least one catch. Thomas has 18 catches for 318 yards this season. For the second straight week, I-back **Thunder Collins** was NU's leading receiver as he had two catches for 14 yards.

► **Lightning Delay...**The 36-minute lightning delay was the first time since the Utah State game on Sept. 7, 1991 (19-minute delay), that a Husker game was delayed by inclement weather and the first delay of any kind since lighting problems delayed the Kansas game seven minutes in Lawrence on Oct. 25, 1997.

► **Small Crowd...**The official attendance for the Nebraska - Baylor game of 38,102 was the smallest to watch a Husker game since a crowd of 32,768 saw NU's victory at Texas Tech in the 1994 season (a crowd of 38,175 saw NU's win in Baylor in 1997, also in a rainstorm).

► **Brown Misses on Career Long Attempt....**Josh Brown's 50-yard field goal attempt at the end of the half was the longest attempt by a Husker kicker this season and his first regular-season attempt at 50 yards or more. The previous long was Josh Brown's 38-yard field goal at Missouri. Brown is 1-3 on field goal attempts this season.

► **Sacks...**Nebraska recorded five sacks on the day for 43 yards, an eight-yard by **Justin Smith/J.P. Wichmann**; a 10-yarder by **Scott Shanle/Ryon Bingham**; a six and nine-yard sack by **Demoine Adams**; and a 10-yarder by **Manaia Brown**. With two sacks in the game, Adams leads the team with four sacks this season. NU has at least one sack in every game this season and four-or-more sacks on three occasions.

► **Points off Turnovers...**Nebraska set season highs in both fumbles with seven (previous high was three on four occasions) and fumbles lost with five (two on two occasions). Baylor did not convert on the first three turnovers, but converted the fourth, when Crouch fumbled in the end zone in the second quarter to pull within 14-7 (second time this season an opponent has converted a turnover, 14 points total). NU converted on BU's first turnover (Craver's interception from Greg Cicero), as Crouch scored three plays later from the nine-yard line. Nebraska also converted a Bobby Hart kickoff return fumble into a touchdown when **Aaron Terpening** forced the fumble and **Pat Ricketts** recovered. Crouch scored four plays later on a four-yard run with 8:07 remaining in the fourth quarter. NU has 65 points off 16 opponent turnovers. NU converted **Lornell McPherson's** first career interception, driving 90 yards and scoring on Davies' 22-yard run with 2:41 remaining. NU did not convert **Wes Woodward's** first career interception with no time remaining in the game.

## 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 and Thorpe Award honors this year. Craver ranks second all time at Nebraska in career pass breakups with 39. He has 11 this season in the first seven games, and needs 11 more to tie school-record holder All-American Ralph Brown, who had 50 from 1996 to 1999. Craver also has six career interceptions (two this season) 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 25, ranks second in tackles with 38, leads the team in pass breakups with 11, has two tackles for loss, has caused a fumble and has 17 punt returns for 183 yards (10.8 average, ranks 37th nationally). 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), but has not won the award this season.

## Charting the Huskers

### Nebraska Career Passing

Rank	Player, Years	Yds	TD
1.	Dave Humm, 72-74	5,035	41
2.	Jerry Tagge, 69-71	4,704	32
3.	<b>Eric Crouch, 98-01</b>	<b>3,761</b>	<b>26</b>

### Nebraska Career Rushing

Rank	Player, Years	Att.	Yds.	TD
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.	<b>Eric Crouch, QB, 98-01</b>	<b>560</b>	<b>2,991</b>	<b>54</b>

### Nebraska Career Scoring

Player, Years	TP
1. Kris Brown, PK, 95-98	388
2. <b>Eric Crouch, QB, 98-01</b>	<b>335</b>

### Big 12 Career Total Offense

Rank	Player, Years	Yds	TD
1.	Major Applewhite, UT, 98-01	7,771	60
2.	Josh Heupel, OU, 99-00	6,898	62
3.	<b>Eric Crouch, NU, 1998-01</b>	<b>6,752</b>	<b>80</b>

### Big 12 Career Rushing

Rank	Player, School, Years	Yds	TDs
1.	Ricky Williams, UT, 96-98	5,289	64#
2.	Darren Davis, ISU, 96-99	3,763	26
3.	De'Mond Parker, OU, 96-98	3,404	21
4.	Ricky Williams, TT, 97-01*	3,232	25
5.	<b>Eric Crouch, NU, 98-01*</b>	<b>2,991</b>	<b>54</b>

### NCAA Div. I-A QB Rushing

Rank	Player, School, Years	Yds	TDs
1.	Dee Dowis, Air Force, 86-89	3,612	41
2.	Kareem Wilson, Ohio, 95-98	3,597	49
3.	Chris McCoy, Navy, 95-97	3,401	43
4.	Beau Morgan, Air Force, 94-96+	3,379	42
5.	Brian Mitchell, La-Lafayette, 86-89+	3,335	47
6.	Fred Soloman, Tampa, 71-74	3,299	39
7.	Antwaan Randle El, Ind., 98-01+*	3,291	38
8.	<b>Eric Crouch, NU, 98-01*</b>	<b>2,991</b>	<b>54#</b>

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

### NU Career Tight Ends by Yards

Rank	Player, Years	No.	Yards	Avg.	TD
1.	<b>Tracey Wistrom, 97-01</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>1,100</b>	20.0	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	<b>20.6</b>	<b>14</b>

school career record holders in bold

### NU Career Receptions

Rank	Player, Years	No.	Yds	TD
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
	<b>Tracey Wistrom, TE, 97-01</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>1,100</b>	<b>10</b>

### ► 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 7-0 record with another five regular-season games to go, is eight yards away from becoming just the fourth quarterback in the history of Division I-A football to rush and pass for 3,000 yards in a career; and is more than halfway to becoming the 13th quarterback in NCAA Division I-A history to rush and pass for 1,000 yards in a season, with 672 yards rushing and 790 yards passing.

**Winning Ways...**Boasting a 31-5 record as Nebraska's starting quarterback, Crouch became the 23rd Division I-A quarterback all time to post 31 wins as a starter. At Nebraska, Crouch has already passed Steve Taylor's 29 wins from 1985 to 1988 and Turner Gill's 28 wins from 1981 to 1983 and is two 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 7-0 record. The NCAA Division I-A record is 39 wins by Peyton Manning of Tennessee (from 1994 to 1997), but with four more wins, Crouch could quickly climb the charts to fourth all time.

**Career Rushing...**Crouch reached yet another milestone vs. Iowa State, tying his career record with four rushing touchdowns. That gave 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 now has 2,991 career rushing yards on 560 carries to rank fifth on the NU career rushing charts, first among quarterbacks. Crouch's 2,991 career rushing yards rank eighth all time among Division I-A quarterbacks and fifth in the Big 12, first among quarterbacks. Crouch needs nine 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. The others are Beau Morgan of Air Force (1994 to 1996); Brian Mitchell, Louisiana Lafayette (1986 to 1989) and Antwaan Randle El, Indiana (1998-present). Crouch's 54 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); second in the Big 12 (13 behind Texas' Ricky Williams' 64, from 1996 to 1998) and tied for eighth all-time in NCAA Division I-A.

**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 3,761 career passing yards, which ranks third on the NU passing chart, 943 behind Jerry Tagge's 4,704 from 1969 to 1971 and 1,2741 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 6,752 yards. He ranks third in the Big 12 behind Texas' Major Applewhite's 7,771 (1998-present) and OU's Josh Heupel's 6,898 (1999-00). He owns the Big 12 record for most total-offense TDs with 80 (54 rush, 26 pass) and against Baylor, broke the school record for total-offense TDs previously held by Tommie Frazier (79), who was coaching Baylor's running backs in the game when Crouch broke the record. Crouch has scored 55 times (54 by rush, one on a reception) which breaks Rozier's school record of 51 TDs scored. Crouch is second in career scoring, with 335 points, which includes one two-point conversion run against TCU this season. He is 53 points behind school-record holder Kris Brown's 388 from 1995 to 1998, second in the Big 12, 69 behind Texas' Ricky Williams' 404, and 12th in NCAA Division I-A history among non-kickers.

**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—560; most rushing yards by an NU QB—2,991; most rushing touchdowns by a QB—54 (Big 12 and NCAA record); most rushing TDs by any back; most touchdowns scored—55 (54 by rush, one by reception); most total offense yards—6,752; most total offense TDs—80.

**Award Contender...**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. Coach Solich appreciates what his Heisman candidate has to offer and said Crouch is deserving of any awards that may come his way, including the Heisman. Solich said, "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. There's no one who does all the things that Eric Crouch does and does as well. He's the top quarterback, the top player and the top athlete in the country—there's no question in our minds. That is what he is."

**This Season...**Crouch is second on the team in rushing this season with 672 yards in seven games on 115 carries (96.0 ypg, 5.8 ypc). He has 13 rushing TDs, which ties for the most nationally. His rushing average per game ranks 34th in the nation, but third among quarterbacks. Crouch has a 61.1 completion percentage and a 112.9 pass-efficiency rating, completing 55-of-90 passes, for 790 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 had 104 yards and scored four rushing TDs vs. Iowa State, tying

his career best (also four vs. Kansas in 2000). Crouch recorded his third straight 100-yard game against Baylor with 132 yards and three more rushing TDs. It was the seventh time in his career he has had three or more rushing TDs, the 17th time in his career he has had multiple rushing TDs and the 14th time he has rushed for at least 100 yards in a game. Crouch has had at least two rushing touchdowns in each of the last four games and 11 total.

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 seven games this season and at least one catch in every game and in 11 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 1,100 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 20.0 yards per catch (55 receptions, 1,100 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 six 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 18 catches for 273 yards and two TDs this season (15.2 ypc, 2.6 receptions per game, 39.0 yards per game). Wistrom's 55 receptions rank tied for 14th on the NU all-time career receiver's chart and tied for second among tight ends. 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—1,100.

► **Senior Left Tackle Dave Volk**

Starting every game the last three years at tackle (right tackle in 1999 and left tackle in 2000 and 2001), **Dave Volk** is one of the most consistent linemen NU has ever had. Starting at left tackle this season, Volk has 289 career pancakes to rank fourth all time at Nebraska, including five in 1998, 111 in 1999, 107 last year and 66 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 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, a team-leading 20 vs. Baylor; for a team-best 96 this season (13.7 ppg). He has 274 career pancakes (23 in 1999, 155 in 2000, 96 in 2001), 103 short of Aaron Taylor's school career record of 377 from 1995 to 1997 and ranks sixth all time at NU, 15 behind fourth-place Dave Volk.

**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.	<b>Dave Volk, 98-01</b>	<b>289</b>
5.	Josh Heskew, 96-98	282
6.	<b>Toniu Fonoti, 99-01</b>	<b>274</b>

**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 18 catches. Thomas leads the team in yards with 318 and average per catch at 17.7, while Wistrom leads the team in touchdowns with two. Wistrom has 18-273-2, Thomas 18-318-1 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 14.3 yards per catch and has 60-855 on the season, averaging 122.1 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 (for 33 yards) vs. Iowa State, the most by an I-back since DeAngelo Evans had six vs. Texas in the 1996 Big 12 Championship Game. His five catches ties the most by a Husker this season (Wilson Thomas also had five vs. Troy State). Collins ranks fourth among the Huskers with 9-66-0. 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.	<u>Wistrom, TE</u>	<u>Thomas, SE</u>	<u>Gibson, WB</u>	<u>TEAM</u>
TCU	3-38-0	3-53-0	2-44-0	9-151-0
TSU	3-36-0	<b>5-83-0</b>	1-8-0	9-127-0
ND	<b>4-71-0</b>	0-0-0	1-22-1	6-88-1
Rice	<b>4-67-2</b>	<b>4-76-1</b>	<b>3-53-0</b>	<b>12-205-3</b>
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
<u>BU</u>	<u>1-15-0</u>	<u>1-18-0</u>	<u>0-0-0</u>	<u>4-47-0</u>
<b>Totals</b>	<b>18-273-2</b>	<b>18-318-1</b>	11-179-1	60-855-4

**O-Line Improves Each Game**

The Nebraska offensive line has helped the Huskers back to the top of the NCAA ranking as Nebraska averages 339.3 yards per game to lead the nation. The O-line had its best rushing game of the season at Baylor, powering the way to 641 rushing yards, the second best total by a Nebraska team all time. Nebraska has had 300 or more yards rushing in four games this season, including 330 vs. Troy State, 412 vs. Missouri, 359 vs. Iowa State and 641 vs. Baylor. NU had a season-best 92 pancakes vs. Rice. The O-line has not been penalized in three games (vs. Troy State, Iowa State or Baylor), and has given up just four sacks on the season, none in the last three games. As a team, Nebraska has 350 pancakes this season, averaging 58.3 per game. Junior left guard **Toniu Fonoti** leads the team with 96 pancakes, an average of 13.7 per game and had a team-high and season-best 20 vs. Baylor. He also led the team with 11 vs. Iowa State; 16 vs. Missouri and 18 vs. Notre Dame. He has had double-figure 'cakes in each of the last five games. Senior left tackle **Dave**

**Volk** is second with 66 pancakes (9.4), including double-figure cakes in each of the last five games. Senior right guard **Jon Rutherford** is third on the team with 65 pancakes (9.3) and led the team with a season-best 12 vs. TCU. Center **John Garrison** is fourth on the team with 61 (8.7) 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 53 pancakes (7.6) and led the team with a career-best 17 vs. Rice; junior right guard **Wes Cody** is sixth with 45 (6.4), 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 129 carries for 714 yards in six games played to average 119.0 yards per game (ranks 14th nationally). Diedrick averages 5.5 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; 15 carries for a team-leading 107 yards and one TD vs. Iowa State and 20 carries for 137 yards vs. Baylor. He has had four 100-yard games this season and in his career, including the last two. Junior I-back **Thunder Collins** started the opener and led the team with 71 yards on 14 carries vs. TCU and had a career-best 165 on 13 carries vs. Baylor. Quarterback **Eric Crouch** led NU vs. Rice and Missouri, with 12 carries for 97 yards vs. Rice and 17 carries for 191 yards vs. Missouri. Crouch has had three consecutive 100-yard rushing games in his last three outings with 191 yards vs. Missouri, 104 vs. Iowa State and 132 yards vs. Baylor.

Nebraska leads the nation in rushing for the second consecutive year. NU tied an NCAA record against Baylor with four 100-yard rushers, including Collins (165), Diedrick (137), Crouch (132) and fullback **Judd Davies** (119). Nebraska has scored a nation-best 32 touchdowns by rush, compared to three by its opponents.

Crouch is second in rushing behind Diedrick with 672 yards on 115 carries, (96.0 ypg, 5.8 ypc) with a team and nation-leading 13 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 is third with 61 carries for 439 yards and four TDs. He averages 62.7 ypg and a team-best 7.2 ypc. He did not have any carries vs. Notre Dame. NU starting fullback Davies is fourth with 32 carries for 181 yards (25.9 ypg, 5.7 ypc) and three TDs (two vs. Baylor).

Sophomore **DeAntae Grixby** saw action in game one, but suffered a cracked rib, and missed the next three games. He has 22 carries for 86 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 eight carries for 61 yards on the season, scoring his first career touchdown vs. Baylor. Redshirt freshman **Steve Kriewald** (12-65-0) backs up Davies at fullback.

## 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	<b>14-71-2</b>	2-1-0	50-159-3
TSU	15-48-1	<b>25-177-3</b>	11-52-1	2-10-0	60-330-5
ND	14-31-0	<b>32-133-2</b>	0-0-0	<b>5-21-0</b>	52-182-2
Rice	12-97-2	13-74-0	6-43-1	5-14-1	53-292-4
MU	17- <b>191-2</b>	24-86-2	13-46-0	3-6-0	72-412-5
ISU	15-104- <b>4</b>	15-107-1	4-62-0	3-10-0	54-359-6
<u>BU</u>	<u>18-132-3</u>	<u>20-137-1</u>	<u>13-165-0</u>	<u>12-119-2</u>	<u>73-641-7</u>
<b>Totals</b>	115-672-13	129-714-9	61-439-4	32-181-3	414-2375-32

## The Defense

The Nebraska defense has dominated in its first seven games, with very little letup. In fact, NU has outscored its opponents 165-to-34 in the first half this year. Nebraska had not given up any third-quarter points until the Iowa State game, when it gave up two touchdowns, the only third-quarter scores against the Blackshirts this year. The Husker defense ranks among the nation's top 10 in all four defensive categories, including first in pass efficiency defense (76.47 rating), second in scoring defense (8.29 ppg), third in total defense (229.43 ypg) and seventh in rushing defense (69.71 ypg). Nebraska has held five of its seven opponents to less than 70 yards rushing, including the first three opponents (total of 74 yards) and Baylor (29). NU also held its first three opponents to less than 200 yards of total offense (513 total) and Baylor to 187. 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 888 yards rushing in seven games on 234 carries, an average of just 2.1 yards per carry, 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 have scored just three rushing TDs (none since third quarter vs. Iowa State, five quarters).

Against the pass, opponents have completed just 94-of-230 passes, for a 40.9 completion percentage and 1118 yards (159.7 ypg). Opponents have completed just three touchdown passes and have thrown 11 interceptions.

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 offensive touchdowns in seven games (Baylor fell on a fumble in the endzone for their lone TD) and a total of 51 offensive 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; Iowa State scored 14 points on one rush and one pass TD and Baylor scored on defense (fumble recovery in end zone). Troy State scored 14 points against the Huskers, seven came after a turnover (drive began on NU's 29 yard line). Nebraska's 58 points given up in the first seven games were the lowest since 1990, when NU allowed only 53 points through its first seven games. In the modern era (1962 to present), Nebraska has held its seven opponents to less than 58 points eight times, but just twice in the last 16 years, since 1981.

## Turnovers Equate to Points for the Huskers

The Blackshirts have caused 16 turnovers this season (11 interceptions, four fumbles lost). Of those, NU has turned 10 turnovers into nine touchdowns and one field goal to account for 65 defense-aided points. That is nine points more than the 12-game total of 56 scored last year. NU is on school-record pace of reaching the 110 scored on turnovers in 1999 and has already caused (15) and recovered (5) more fumbles than last year (14/4). NU turned three turnovers into a season-high 21 points vs. Baylor, after turning two into 13 points the previous week vs. Iowa State. The Blackshirts have twice scored themselves, including a 57-yard interception return for a TD by **Keyuo Craver** vs. Iowa State and a 20-yard fumble return for a touchdown vs. Troy State by **Jon Clanton**. Craver scored the game's first touchdown vs. the Cyclones 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 the third time Craver has scored a touchdown, but the first on an interception return. Last year he scored twice on blocked punts (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



## Huskers Through the Years

Coaches	Record	Years	Natl. Champs
Bob Devaney	101-20-2	11	70, 71
Tom Osborne	255-49-3	25	94, 95, 97
<u>Frank Solich</u>	<u>38-7-0</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>0</u>
<b>Since 1962</b>	<b>394-76-5</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>5</b>
<u>1890-1962</u>	<u>366-223-35</u>	<u>72</u>	<u>0</u>
<b>All-Time</b>	<b>760-299-40</b>	<b>112</b>	<b>5</b>

## Husker AP Ranking Notes

- ▶ Nebraska has been ranked in the AP poll 333 consecutive weeks—an AP record
- ▶ NU has been ranked in the top 10 for 138 of the last 144 weeks (1993 to present); and in the last 41 polls
- ▶ The Huskers have been ranked No. 1 by the AP a total of 70 weeks, 54 games (46-7-1)

## Division I-A Records in the 1990s

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

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

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

## Division I-A Consecutive Winning Seasons

Current -- 15 or More

Rank	Team	Winning Seasons	9-Win Seasons
1.	<b>Nebraska</b>	<b>40+</b>	<b>32</b>
2.	Florida State	24	14
3.	Florida	20	10

### All-Time Div. I Consec. Winning Seasons

1. Notre Dame 1889-1932 42
2. **Nebraska** 1962-pres. 40+
3. Alabama 1911-1950 38

**Note:** Penn State had 46 consecutive non-losing seasons from 1939-1987. +updated in 2001

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

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

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

## NU Career Pass Breakups

Rank, #	Player, Position, Years	PBU
1.	Ralph Brown, RCB, 96-99	50
2.	<b>Keyuo Craver, LCB, 98-01</b>	<b>39</b>
3.	<b>Erwin Swiney, RCB, 97-01</b>	<b>35</b>
4.	<b>DeJuan Groce, RCB, 98-01</b>	<b>28</b>

return for a touchdown by a Husker since Carlos Polk returned a pick 39 yards vs. Colorado last year. Craver also picked off a pass the following week vs. Baylor, which the Huskers converted into seven points. The Huskers have picked off 11 passes to rank fifth nationally. Huskers with pickoffs include two by FS **Willie Amos** (2-0; 1-0 vs. Troy State, 1-0 vs. ND), RCB **DeJuan Groce** (2-49; 1-40 vs. Notre Dame, 1-9 vs. ISU) and LCB **Keyuo Craver** (2-73-1; 1-57-TD vs. Rice, 1-16 vs. Baylor) 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), RCB **Wes Woodward** (1-0 vs. Baylor) and LCB **Lornell McPherson** 1-0 vs. Baylor).

## Charting the Husker Defense

Opp.	Rush	Pass A-C-Y-T	Total	FD	Sks	TFL	TO	Pts.	Def.	TD
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	<b>8-68</b>	<b>15-90</b>	1F,2I	7	Clanton-Fum.	
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	<b>23-67-0</b>	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	Craver-Int.	
<u>BU</u>	<u>33-29-0</u>	<u>43-15-158-0</u>	<u>76-187-0</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>5-43</u>	<u>10-61</u>	<u>1F,3I</u>	<u>21</u>		
<b>Total</b>	234-488-3	230-94-1,118-3	464-1606-6	97	25-208	74-327	5F,11I	65	14 points	

## Going Backward

Nebraska sacked Troy State a team-high eight times and recorded 15 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 offense. TCU had just six first downs, and Rice completed just 8-of-25 passes. Missouri completed just 16-of-43 and Baylor 15-of-43 as NU has allowed its last four opponents to complete just 52-of-140 attempts (37 percent). Nebraska has had seven consecutive, outstanding defensive games. In six of the seven 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 six of seven 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. NU caused four turnovers vs. Baylor, and converted a season best to 21 points.

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 15 long plays in seven games (11 by pass and four by rush).

## 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 has started three of the last four games 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 31 consecutive games, while right cornerback **Erwin Swiney** has 35 career starts.

## Team Leaders

Starting Mike linebacker **Jamie Burrow** leads the team with 42 tackles, including a career-best 11 vs. Notre Dame, quarterback hurries with five, and is second on the team in tackles for loss with 8-15. All-America candidate cornerback **Keyuo Craver** is second on the team in tackles with 38 and leads the team in solo tackles (25). He leads the team in passes broken up with 11 and is tied with FS **Willie Amos** and LCB **DeJuan Groce** for most interceptions with two. Groce is second in pass breakups with nine, while LCB **Erwin Swiney** has eight. Craver led the starters vs. Rice with seven tackles and vs. Iowa State with nine. Junior Sam linebacker **Scott Shanle** is fifth on the team with 32 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 Will linebacker **Mark Vedral** for third with 34 tackles. Ruud had a team-leading and career-best 10 vs. Troy State, while Vedral led the Huskers vs. Baylor with six. Junior rush end **Chris Kelsay** has 22 tackles, including a team-leading nine tackles for loss. He had a career-best three tackles for loss vs. Iowa State. Seventeen different Huskers have recorded Nebraska's 19 sacks, led by junior right rush end **Demoin Adams** 4-30, including two vs. Baylor. NU has forced 15 fumbles, recovered five and picked off 11 passes. Nebraska is plus one in turnover margin for the season.

### Defensive Numbers...

- ▶ NU opponents are 32-of-114 (29 percent) on third-down conversions
- ▶ Opponents average just 2.1 yards per carry and 3.5 yards per play
- ▶ NU has converted 10-of-16 opponent turnovers into 65 points
- ▶ NU opponents have only converted 2-of-15 NU turnovers into 14 points
- ▶ The Huskers have given up just six offensive touchdowns in seven games
- ▶ Nebraska ranks among the top 10 in all four defensive categories
- ▶ Nebraska's average field position is 11.3 yards better than the opponents
- ▶ Opponents are completing just 40.9 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 44.3 yards per punt, good enough to rank 17th nationally. Larson has buried 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; 39.0 vs. Iowa State; and 42.5 vs. Baylor. As a team, NU ranks 10th in net punting, at 39.7 yards per punt.

Redshirt freshman place-kicker **Sandro DeAngelis** is 14-for-15 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 17-for-18 on PATs (missed one vs. Iowa State, current streak of eight), and is 1-3 on field goals (35 blocked vs. Troy State, 38 good vs. Missouri, 50 miss vs. Baylor). His consecutive streak of PATs made ended 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 29.5 yards (10-295) per return, a figure that ranks eighth nationally. Davis has had seven long kickoff returns of 25 yards or more, including a 35-yard return vs. TCU (2-52 in game); a career-best 43 yarder and a 33-yard return vs. Notre Dame (2-76); a 33 and 28 yard return vs. Missouri (2-61) and a 32 and a 29-yard kickoff return vs. Baylor (career-best 3-85).

Junior **DeJuan Groce** leads the Huskers with 20 returns for 295 yards and ranks 12th 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 17 punt returns for 183 yards (10.8 ypr). Craver's career-best is 31 yards vs. Baylor, when he had four returns for a career-high 51 yards. He also had a 26-yard return vs. Troy State with 4-48 total. He had a career-high five returns (42 yards) in the season opener vs. TCU. With Davis' seven long returns, two by Groce and Craver, NU has had 11 long kick returns, one off last year's total of 12

**Other...**Nebraska has not given up a punt return of 25 yards or more, but has given up three long kickoff returns (two by Notre Dame, one by Baylor). NU owns a 2.1 yard advantage via punting; a 6.1 advantage on punt returns, and a 9.4 yard per return advantage on kickoff returns, for a 17.6 advantage. In fact, Nebraska's special forces have allowed a total of 90 yards on punt returns, with a long of 17 yards by Baylor's Bobby Hart.

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.

### Husker Starting Experience

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

<u>Defensive Starters</u>	'97	'98	'99	'00	'01	Tot.
Thunder Collins, IB, Jr., (Los Angeles, Calif.)	0	0	0	0	1	1
<b>Eric Crouch, QB, Sr., (Omaha, Neb.)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>35</b>
<b>Judd Davies, FB, So., (Omaha, Neb.)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>Dahrran Diedrick, IB, Jr., (Scarborough, Ont.)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>Toniu Fonoti, LG, Jr., (Hauula, Hawaii)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>John Garrison, C, Jr., (Blue Springs, Mo.)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>John Gibson, WB, Sr., (Papillion, Neb.)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>9</b>
Aaron Golliday, TE, Jr., (York, Neb.)	0	0	4	3	0	7
Troy Hassebroek, WB, Jr., (Lincoln, Neb.)	0	0	1	0	0	1
<b>Jon Rutherford, RG, Sr., (Midwest City, Okla.)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>Wilson Thomas, SE, Jr., (Omaha, Neb.)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>Dave Volk, LT, Sr., (Battle Creek, Neb.)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>31</b>
<b>Dan Waldrop, RT, So., (Wilmington, Calif.)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>Tracey Wistrom, TE, Sr., (Webb City, Mo.)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>Totals</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>157</b>

<u>Defensive Starters</u>	'97	'98	'99	'00	'01	Tot.
<b>Demoine Adams, LRE, Jr., (Pine Bluff, Ark.)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>Willie Amos, FS, So., (Sweetwater, Texas)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Philip Bland, Rover, Fr.* (Lafayette, Colo.)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Jon Clanton, NT, Jr., (Glendale, Ariz.)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>
Dion Booker, Rov./FS, Sr., (Oceanside, Calif.)	0	0	5	7	5	17
<b>Jamie Burrow, MLB, Sr., (Ames, Iowa)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>Keyuo Craver, LCB, Sr., (Harleton, Texas)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>31</b>
<b>DeJuan Groce, RCB, Jr., (Garfield Heights, Ohio)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>Chris Kelsay, RE, Jr., (Auburn, Neb.)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>15</b>
Jason Lohr, NT, Sr., (Tulsa, Okla.)	0	0	0	11	3	14
Lornell McPherson, LCB, Fr., (Omaha, Neb.)	0	0	0	0	1	1
Pat Ricketts, LCB, So., (Omaha, Neb.)	0	0	0	0	1	1
<b>Jeremy Slechta, DT, Sr., (La Vista, Neb.)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>Scott Shanle, WLB, Jr., (St. Edward, Neb.)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>Erwin Swiney, LCB, Sr., (Lincoln, Neb.)</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>35</b>
<b>Mark Vedral, WLB, Sr., (Gregory, S.D.)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>Totals</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>174</b>

<u>Starting Kickers</u>	'97	'98	'99	'00	'01	Tot.
<b>Josh Brown, PK, Jr., (Foyil, Okla.)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>Sandro DeAngelis, PK, Fr. (Niagara Falls, Ont.)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Larson, Kyle, P, So., (Funk, Neb.)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>Totals</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>38</b>

### Starters Briefly

\*True Freshmen Starters: 1

Number of Native Nebraskans With Starts: 14

Number of Different Starters on Offense: 14

Number of Different Starters on Defense: 16

Underclassmen With Starts: 6 (2 offense, 4 defense)

Most Career Starts on Offense: Eric Crouch, QB (35)

Most Career Starts on Defense: Erwin Swiney, RCB (35)

Most Consecutive Starts on Offense: Dave Volk, LT (31)

Most Consecutive Starts on Defense: Keyuo Craver, LCB (31)

## Husker Historical Notes...

### Unprecedented Winning Tradition Continues

Nebraska, the nation's third-winningest program all time by wins (fourth by percentage), boasts a 760-299-40 record in 1,099 games (.710). In the last 33 years, NU is tops, posting a record of 326-58-5 for an .844 winning percentage (389 games), an average of 10 wins per year. In terms of wins, the Huskers are third in NCAA Division I-A history with 760. 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 40-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 40 years of consecutive winning records ranks second all time in Division I-A behind Notre Dame's 42 (1889-1932) and tied third in terms of non-losing seasons, behind Penn State's 46 (1939-87) and Notre Dame's 42 (1889-1932) and tied with 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 98-10 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 58-6 conference record (.906 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 are 17-2 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 mark 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 432-142-16 all time vs. Big 12 Conference teams. Since the Big 12 was formed in 1996, Nebraska is 37-6 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 21-6 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 58-6 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

#### Nation's Longest Home Win Streaks

No.	Wins	Team	Last Home Loss, Date
1.	23	Oregon	UCLA (39-31), 10/11/1997
2.	18	Nebraska	Texas (20-16), 10/31/1998
3.	17	Fresno St.	Nevada (27-24), 9/26/1998
4.	16	Oklahoma	Colorado (27-25), 10/3/1988
	16	Virginia Tech	Virginia (36-32), 11/28/1998

(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,

**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
10/14	3	3	NA	2/1	def. Baylor, 48-7

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

**Associated Press Poll (Oct. 14)**

No.	Team (1st)	Record	Points
1.	Miami (Fla.)(48)	5-0	1,772
2.	Oklahoma (21)	6-0	1,739
3.	Nebraska (2)	7-0	1,631
4.	UCLA (1)	5-0	1,530
5.	Oregon	6-0	1,506
6.	Virginia Tech	6-0	1,473
7.	Florida	5-1	1,298
8.	Fresno State	6-0	1,280
9.	Texas	5-1	1,251
10.	Michigan	5-1	1,159
11.	Tennessee	3-1	924
12.	Maryland	6-0	832
13.	Clemson	4-1	747
14.	Colorado	5-1	744
15.	Washington	4-1	725
16.	South Carolina	5-1	710
17.	Georgia	4-1	669
18.	BYU	6-0	599
19.	Washington State	6-0	581
20.	Auburn	5-1	568
21.	Florida State	3-2	285
22.	Northwestern	4-1	238
23.	Georgia Tech	4-2	234
24.	Purdue	4-1	222
25.	Toledo	5-0	183

**ESPN/USA Today Coaches (Oct. 14)**

No.	Team (1st)	Record	Points
1.	Miami (Fla.) (48)	5-0	1,481
2.	Oklahoma (11)	6-0	1,440
3.	Nebraska (1)	7-0	1,382
4.	Virginia Tech	6-0	1,279
5.	Oregon	6-0	1,244
6.	UCLA	5-0	1,239
7.	Florida	5-1	1,067
8.	Texas	5-1	1,018
9.	Michigan	5-1	1,009
10.	Fresno State	6-0	979
11.	Tennessee	3-1	806
12.	Washington	4-1	713
13.	BYU	6-0	697
14.	Maryland	6-0	690
15.	Clemson	4-1	636
16.	South Carolina	5-1	587
17.	Colorado	5-1	449
18.	Washington State	6-0	379
19.	Georgia	4-1	338
20.	Northwestern	4-1	320
21.	Auburn	5-1	300
22.	Florida State	3-2	297
23.	Toledo	5-0	249
24.	Purdue	4-1	227
25.	Georgia Tech	4-2	161

*Italics* - 2001 opponents

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 158, 86 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.

**AP Poll Record Hits 333**

Nebraska extended its AP poll record to 333 consecutive weeks (every weekly AP poll since Oct. 17, 1981) with its season-best No. 3 ranking in this week's poll. The Huskers' streak is the nation's longest active streak, easily topping Florida State (206) and Florida (192). The Huskers have been ranked in the top 10 in 138 of the last 143 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 41-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 507 of the last 510 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 arrived 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 victory over a ranked opponent this year. 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 238 games against unranked opponents since 1973 (29-1 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 24 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 223-13-2 against unranked opponents (.941, 238 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

Bolstered by a 2001 NCAA high 641 rushing yards vs. Baylor, Nebraska is averaging a nation's best 339.3 yards per game, 62.7 yards per game more than runner-up Ohio University. The Huskers lead the nation with 32 touchdowns (12 more than second-place BYU) and rank third nationally with 5.74 yards per carry (only East Carolina - 6.09 and BYU-5.97 are ahead of NU). The Huskers won their 14th NCAA rushing title in 2000, averaging 349.3 yards per game. The Huskers have 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 and has averaged 300 or more yards rushing per game in all but four of the last 24 years (1993, 1996, 1998 and 1999).

## More Husker Rushing Numbers

NU is 187-5-0 in the last 29 years when rushing for 300 or more yards in a game (since 1973) and has won 109 straight when rushing for 300-plus yards since a loss to Michigan in the 1986 Fiesta

### 2001 NCAA Division I-A Single Game Rushing Bests

No.	Team	Opponent	Date	Yards
1.	Nebraska	Baylor	Oct. 13	641
2.	Indiana	Wisconsin	Oct. 5	449
3.	BYU	Tulane	Aug. 25	437
4.	Rice	Boise St.	Oct. 6	430
5.	Nebraska	Missouri	Sept. 29	412

Bowl, when the Huskers rushed for 304 yards. Nebraska is 95-0 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 358, 100-yard rushing performances all time (45 under Coach Solich, most recently setting an NCAA record with four 100-yard rushers against Baylor), including 54 games in which two or more Huskers rushed for 100 yards (most recently Thunder Collins, 165, Dahrran Diedrick, 137, Eric Crouch, 132 and Judd Davies, 119, vs. Baylor). Before Saturday, NU had had three rushers top the 100-yard mark in a game only twice in school history, recording the feat against Kansas last season (Dan Alexander, Correll

Buckhalter and Eric Crouch) and against Arizona State in 1998 (Ken Clark, Steve Taylor and Terry Rodgers). The Iowa game in 2000 marked the only time in the 54 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). Among current Huskers, Crouch has topped the

### Four 100-Yard Rushers in a Game

**Arizona State vs. Arizona, 11/10/1951**  
(Bob Tarwater 140, Harley Cooper 123, Duane Morrison 118, Buzz Walker 113)

**Texas vs. Southern Methodist, 11/1/1969**  
(Jim Bertelsen 137, Steve Worster 137, James Street 121, Ted Koy 111)

**Alabama vs. Virginia Tech, 10/27/1973**  
(Jimmy Taylor 142, Wilbur Jackson 138, Calvin Culliver 127, Richard Todd 102)

**Army vs. Montana, 11/17/1984**  
(Doug Black 183, Nate Sassaman 155, Clarence Jones 130, Jarvis Hollingsworth 124)

**Nebraska vs. Baylor, 10/13/2001**  
(Thunder Collins 165, Dahrran Diedrick 137, Eric Crouch 132, Judd Davies 119)

100-yard mark a team-best 13 times (a total which ties for sixth in school history). Diedrick, who has four 100-yard games this season, Collins and Davies have all eclipsed the 100-yard mark in a game for the first time this season.

Nebraska is 22-0 under Coach Solich when the team rushes for 300 or more yards; 10-0 when rushing for 400 or more and 2-0 when rushing for 500 or more. Solich is 26-4 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 seven games, the Huskers are on pace, averaging 38.6 points per contest to rank ninth 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 234 consecutive games when scoring 35 or more points and is 298-1 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 69 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 had 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 in that category this year, allowing just 58 points in the first seven games (8.3 ppg) to rank second nationally and lead the Big 12. Nebraska has held all seven of its opponents to 14 points or less, allowing more than 10 points only twice (14 vs. Troy State and Iowa State). With those performances, NU has now won 99 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 207-5-1 since 1962 (Devaney's first year) when holding opponents to 10 or fewer points, including a perfect 17-0 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. Through the first seven contests, NU is making a strong bid at the school record for rushing defense, which is 67.5 yards per game set in 1967, allowing just 69.7 yards per game to lead the Big 12 and rank seventh

## Records Report

### Category ..... Record

All-time .....	760-299-40
Home .....	453-122-20
Memorial Stadium .....	328-99-13
Since 1962 .....	393-76-5
Away .....	307-177-20
Road (on campus) .....	270-142-17
Neutral Sites (includes bowls) .....	37-35-3
When Scoring 35+ Points .....	298-1
vs. Big 12 Teams .....	432-142-16
In Big 12 Action (since '96) .....	37-6
Home .....	20-1
Away .....	16-5
Neutral .....	1-0
Bowls .....	20-19
On ABC .....	68-26
On FieldTurf .....	17-0
At Night .....	43-14-3
<b>vs. Ranked Teams...</b>	
All-Time .....	88-90-3
Home .....	40-30-0
Away .....	28-46-3
Neutral .....	20-14-0
as No. 1 Team .....	46-7-1
<b>In 244 Consecutive Sellout Streak...</b>	
All-time .....	218-26
vs. Ranked Teams .....	36-18
<b>Under Head Coach Frank Solich...</b>	
All-Time .....	38-7
Home .....	23-1
Away .....	11-5
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 .....	29-1
Home .....	18-1
Away .....	11-0
vs. Big 12 Teams .....	21-6
Home .....	12-1
Away .....	8-5
Neutral .....	1-0
Big 12 Championship Game .....	1-0
At Night .....	10-2
August .....	2-0
September .....	15-0
October .....	11-4
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 24 straight over unranked opponents
- ▶ won 109 straight when rushing for 300 yards
- ▶ won 95 straight when rushing for 400 yards
- ▶ won 99 consecutive games when holding the opponent to 10 or fewer points (207-5-1 all-time)
- ▶ scored in 69 consecutive games
- ▶ scored in 210 straight home games
- ▶ shut out opponents 100 times
- ▶ won 234 straight games when scoring 35 or more points (298-1 all-time)

nationally. The Huskers also rank seventh nationally in average per rush (2.09 ypc) and touchdowns allowed (3). The Blackshirts have allowed just four plays of 25 yards or more on the ground (allowed six through the first seven games last season) and have not allowed a rusher to run for more than 70 yards in a game (Robbie Beck of Rice finished with 67). 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 third nationally) on Sept. 20 accounts for nearly 38 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 58-6 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 (31-14) and Kansas State (29-28) 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 are tied for fourth best, trailing Alabama's 50, Tennessee's 41, Texas' 40 and 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 Excellence

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...

► **On Homecoming...**The Huskers will celebrate one of the oldest traditions in college football this Saturday as the Huskers take on Texas Tech on Homecoming. Over the years, the Huskers have posted a 67-19-4 record since the first homecoming contest in 1911 (a 6-6 tie against Michigan). NU is currently riding a 32-game Homecoming winning streak dating back to Nov. 9, 1968, when unranked Kansas State blanked Nebraska, 12-0 in Lincoln. The shutout by KSU marked the last time the Huskers had been held scoreless in 210 home games. Three of Nebraska's last six homecoming opponents have been shut out, including Texas Tech in 1997, the Red Raiders' last visit to Lincoln.

► **Huskers Play Game 1,100 on Saturday...**Saturday's Homecoming contest against Texas Tech will move Nebraska into an elite group of programs, as Nebraska will play its 1,100th game in school history against the Red Raiders. Only Rutgers (1,137), Navy (1,112), Michigan (1,109) and Syracuse (1,105) have played more football games than Nebraska, which began its program in 1890. In 112 years, the Huskers have posted 92 winning seasons, including their current streak of 40 straight, and rank third in NCAA history with 760 victories. The following is a list of previous milestone games in school history.

## Milestone Games in Nebraska Football History

No.	Opponent	Date	Result
1	at Omaha YMCA	11/27/1890	W, 10-0
100	vs. Haskell	10/17/1903	W, 16-0
200	vs. Iowa State	10/31/1914	W, 20-7
300	vs. Grinnell	10/15/1927	W, 58-0
400	vs. Missouri	10/29/1938	L, 13-10
500	vs. Oklahoma	10/22/1949	L, 48-0
600	at Missouri	10/24/1959	L, 9-0
700	vs. USC	9/20/1969	L, 31-21
800	vs. Indiana	10/1/1977	W, 31-13
900	at Missouri	10/19/1985	W, 28-20
1,000	at Kansas	11/6/1993	W, 21-20

► **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 38-7 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 seven starts, earned conference honors after the TCU game, while Shanle, who has six 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 seven contests. Ruud is third on the squad with 34 tackles, while Bland has started three of the past four 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 and had a 10-yard sack against Baylor. Stuntz is the first skill-position player (QB, RB or WR) under Solich to bypass a redshirt season. In addition, junior college transfers **Clifford Brye** (three games) and **Rodney Burgess** (one game) saw action before suffering season-ending injuries.

► **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...**Eight in-state products entered the week at the top of the depth chart at their respective positions, including five on offense; SE **Wilson Thomas** (Omaha), LT **Dave Volk** (Battle Creek), QB **Eric Crouch** (Omaha), FB **Judd Davies** (Omaha) and WB **John Gibson** (Papillion); four on defense; LRE **Chris Kelsay** (Auburn), DT **Jeremy Slechta** (LaVista); SLB **Scott Shanle** (St. Edward) and CB **Erwin Swiney** (Lincoln) 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 14 (+1 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.

## 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 339 yards per game on the ground, a total which is 62 yards per game more than second-ranked Ohio University.

▶ Nebraska is 187-5-0 when rushing for 300 or more yards in a game since 1973.

▶ The Huskers have won 109 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 95-0 since 1973 when rushing for 400 or more yards.

▶ Nebraska has 358, 100-yard performances in school history, including 30 200-yard efforts.

### Scoring Notes

▶ Including this season's average of 38.6 points per game, Nebraska has averaged 35 or more points in 15 of the past 16 seasons.

▶ NU has won 234 consecutive games when scoring 35 or more points.

▶ NU has not been shut out in 210 home games and in 69 games overall.

▶ Nebraska is 298-1 all-time when scoring 35 or more points, losing only to Oklahoma, 49-35, in 1950.

▶ Nebraska has won 99 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 333 consecutive AP polls, dating back to 1981.

▶ The Huskers have been ranked in 507 of the past 510 polls since 1969.

▶ Nebraska ranks fourth all-time with 584 appearances in the AP poll since its inception in 1936.

▶ With its win against Baylor, NU posted its 40th consecutive winning season, the longest current streak and second only to Notre Dame's NCAA record 42-year streak (1889-1932).

▶ Nebraska has finished a season with a .500 or better record in 92 of 112 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 account 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, which is three times more than its closest pursuers (Oklahoma and Texas with 16 each).

▶ **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. Nebraska is 16-1 on Fox Sports Net TV (16-2 on Fox Sports Net and Prime Sports combined), with the first Fox Sports Net game taking place in 1996 as part of the Big 12 package.

▶ **Husker two-sport athletes...**Several Husker football players spent the off-season helping other Nebraska athletic teams. Split end **Wilson Thomas** joined the basketball team at the start of the second semester and became one of the top reserves for Coach Barry Collier's team, averaging 1.8 points and 1.7 rebounds in 11 minutes per game. **Willie Amos** (relays), **Keyuo Craver** (triple jump) and **Aaron Golliday** (shot put) all played instrumental roles in the Huskers' second consecutive Big 12 Indoor Track and Field title last March.

▶ **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).

▶ **Husker Running Back Success in the NFL...**A pair of former Husker I-backs topped the NFC rushing charts last week. Green Bay's Ahman Green (1995-97) leads all NFC rushers and is third in the NFL with 385 yards, while Correll Buckhalter (1997-2000) is third in the NFC with 285 yards. Currently, five former NU running backs on NFL teams, including starting fullbacks Joel Makovicka (1995-98) with the Arizona Cardinals and Cory Schlesinger (1992-94) with the Detroit Lions. Dan Alexander (1997-2000) is currently on the Tennessee Titans' practice squad.

▶ **Pipeline to the NFL...**Under longtime Husker offensive line coach Milt Tenopir, Nebraska offensive linemen have enjoyed unparalleled success with six Outland trophy winners, two Lombardi Award winners and 20 All-Americans in Tenopir's 28 seasons at NU. Currently, eight former Husker linemen are in the NFL, including former Outland winners Will Shields (1992) and Zach Wiegert (1994). Adam Treu (Oakland) and Branden Stai (Detroit) join Shields and Wiegert as starters for their respective teams. Other Husker linemen in the NFL include Aaron Graham (Oakland), Chris Dishman (Arizona) and rookies Dominic Raiola (Detroit) and Russ Hochstein (Tampa Bay), who both earned first-team All-America honors in 2000 at NU. Of the 15 linemen chosen for the Walter Camp All-Century team in 1999, nearly a quarter of the players selected were Husker linemen coached by Tenopir (guards Aaron Taylor, Will Shields and Dean Steinkuhler and center Dave Rimington).

▶ **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.

▶ **Orange Bowl Record...**Head Coach Frank Solich holds the Orange Bowl record for most kickoff return yards in a game, with 130 in 1966. Solich became Nebraska's 26th head coach after the 1998 Orange Bowl. Solich was a member of Bob Devaney's first recruiting class in 1962 and was the first Husker to rush for more than 200 yards (204 vs. Air Force, 1965).

▶ **Johnny Rodgers-Nebraska's Latest Hall of Fame Inductee...**Former Nebraska wingback and Heisman Trophy winner Johnny Rodgers headlined a list of 14 inductees into the College Football Hall of Fame. The class was honored at a banquet in New York in December of 2000 and was enshrined at the Hall of Fame in South Bend, Ind., earlier in August. Rodgers became the 12th Nebraska player to join the Hall of Fame, while six Husker coaches are members of the Hall of Fame.



# A Look at the Numbers

## ► Scoring Drives...

Nebraska's average scoring drive has covered 55.5 yards (2,163 total yards) on 6.7 plays in an average time of 2:37. The Nebraska defense and special teams have given the offense a relatively short field by holding NU's first seven opponents to a total of just nine scores, while the Huskers have started 31 of 91 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. NU 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 set season lows with three plays and 36 seconds to notch its first score against NU, while Notre Dame covered 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
Iowa State	6	19:32	3:15	46	7.7	3	0
Baylor	7	14:25	2:04	38	5.4	5	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>102:13</b>	<b>2:37</b>	<b>260</b>	<b>6.7</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Opp.</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>28:59</b>	<b>3:13</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>8.1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>

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

The Huskers have produced 38 plays that have covered 25 yards or more, including 17 long runs, seven long passes and 14 long returns. Against Baylor, Nebraska set season highs with nine long plays, including six long runs. Four of NU's six long runs went for 40 yards or more against the Bears. Against Iowa State, Nebraska produced five long plays, including the longest return of the year, 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 owns three of Nebraska's four-longest runs this season with runs of 50 and 46 at Baylor and a 45-yard gallop against Iowa State. 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
Iowa State	2	1	2	5	1	3	0	4
Baylor	6	0	3	9	0	0	1	1
<b>Totals</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>18</b>

## ► Nebraska in the Red Zone...

Against Baylor, the Huskers went 5-for-6 inside the red zone for the second straight game. Nebraska also converted 5-of-6 red zone chances against Iowa State with all 10 of NU's scores in those two games coming by rush. For the season, the Huskers have converted on 28-of-37 trips (75.7 percent) into the red zone, with 26 touchdowns (25 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 Husker defense shut TCU (0-0) and Baylor (0-0) out of the red zone entirely, while allowing Missouri (1-1) to venture into the red zone just once, where the Tigers hit 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	Chances	Scores Inside 20			No Score Inside 20			Half/	Pct.
		Total	TDs	FGs	MissFGs	TOs	Downs		
TCU	2	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	1.00
Troy State	8	4	4	0	1	0	3	0	.500
Notre Dame	5	4	2	2	0	1	0	0	.800
Rice	4	4	4	0	0	0	0	0	1.00
Missouri	6	4	4	0	1	0	0	1	.667
Iowa State	6	5	5	0	0	1	0	0	.833
Baylor	6	5	5	0	0	0	1	0	.833
<b>Totals</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>.757</b>
<b>Opp.</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>.700</b>

Note: Nebraska has 25 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	81	34	32	2-5	.420	24-31
Lord%	9	5	5	0-0	.556	4-6
Chrisman#	1	0	0	0-0	.000	0-0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>2-5</b>	<b>.429</b>	<b>28-37</b>

\*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 65 points, including a season-high 21 at Baylor, as NU tied a season-high by forcing four turnovers with a season-best three interceptions. Nebraska's total of 65 points off turnovers is already nine more points off turnovers than the Huskers scored all of last season. In addition to the 21 points against the Bears, NU scored 14 vs. Troy State, 13 against Iowa State, 10 vs. Notre Dame and seven vs. Rice, while opponents have scored just 14 points off Nebraska turnovers (Troy State, 7; Baylor, 7).

Through seven games, Nebraska is a plus-one (+0.14 avg./game) in turnover margin, forcing 16 turnovers (1 vs. TCU; 3 vs. Troy State; 4 vs. Notre Dame; 2 vs. Rice; 0 at Missouri; 2 vs. Iowa State; 4 vs. Baylor), while committing 15 turnovers (2 vs. TCU; 3 vs. Troy State; 2 vs. Notre Dame; 0 vs. Rice; 2 at Missouri; 1 vs. Iowa State; 5 vs. Baylor). The Huskers have fumbled 21 times and lost 11 fumbles in seven games, Eric Crouch has thrown three interceptions (one vs. TCU, Rice, Missouri) and Jammal Lord threw his first interception of the season against Iowa State.

The Blackshirts have forced five fumbles and posted 11 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. Keyuo Craver (Iowa State, Baylor), Willie Amos (Troy State, Notre Dame) and DeJuan Groce

(Notre Dame, Iowa State) each have two interceptions, while Mark Vedral (Troy State), Erwin Swiney (Rice), Carl Scholting (Rice), Lornell McPherson (Baylor) and Wes Woodward (Baylor) have one interception for the Huskers.

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.)	
Baylor	4 (1F, 3I)	3	0-0	21	5 (5 fumbles/0 int.)	
<b>Totals</b>	<b>16 (5F, 11I)</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>1-1</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>15 (11 fumbles/4 int.)</b>	
<b>Opp.</b>	<b>15 (11F, 4I)</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>16 (5 fumble/11 int.)</b>	

► 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
Baylor	73/648/7	9-4-0/47/0	82/688/7

  

Opponents	Rush	Pass	Total
TCU	28/56/0	22-11-0/130/1	50/186/1
Troy State	35/(-25)/1	36-15-2/190/1	71/165/2
Notre Dame	30/43/1	32-16-2/119/0	62/162/1
Rice	47/196/0	25-8-2/169/0	72/365/0
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
Baylor	33/29/0	43-15-3/158/0	76/187/0

► Husker 100-Yard Rushing Games (9)

Nebraska tied an NCAA record with four 100-yard rushers in the win at Baylor. Thunder Collins (165), Dahrran Diedrick (137), Eric Crouch (132) and Judd Davies (119) led the Huskers to a season-high 641 yards on the ground, the second-highest total in school history (672, New Mexico, 1982). For Crouch, it was his third straight 100-yard game and 13th of his career, while Diedrick produced his fourth 100-yard effort of the season. Collins and Davies both reached the century mark for the first time. After producing just three 100-yard rushers in the first five games, Nebraska has six 100-yard efforts in the past two games for nine 100-yard efforts on the year. NU had a pair of 100-yard rushers with Crouch (104, 15 att., 4 TD) and Diedrick (107, 15 att., 1 TD) reaching the century mark against Iowa State. Crouch rushed for a career-best 191 yards on 17 carries with two touchdowns in NU's win at Missouri. 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 backs to rush for more than 50 yards vs. NU.

► Husker 100-Yard Rushing Games (9) (\* 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  
 at 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  
 at Baylor-Thunder Collins, 13 att., \*165 yards, 0 TD; Dahrran Diedrick, 20 att., 137 yards, 1 TD; Eric Crouch, 18 att., 132 yards, 3 TD; Judd Davies, \*12 att., \*119 yards, \*2 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 36.7 yard line, while holding opponents to an average start at the 25.4, for a +11.3 yards per drive advantage. Against Baylor, the Huskers made it seven straight games with a field position edge. In five of seven games, NU's advantage has been 10 or more. Against Rice, the Husker defense and special teams helped NU enjoy over a 20-yard field position edge. 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.

Opponents have started five drives inside their own 10, including two from the 1-yard line, 29 drives inside the 20 and 25 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 six drives inside their own 10-yard line with a worst start at their own 1 at Baylor. That drive ended with a fumble in the end zone that resulted in Baylor's only score. NU has started a total of 17 drives inside its own 20 after the Bears buried the Huskers inside the 20 six times. NU enjoyed a best starting field position at the Troy State 7. Nebraska has started 31 of 91 drives beyond its own 40 yard line, with 23 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
<b>Baylor</b>	<b>31.8 (540/17)</b>	<b>26.9 (458/17)</b>	<b>+4.9</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>36.7 (3344/91)</b>	<b>25.4 (2491/98)</b>	<b>+11.3</b>

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

► Penalty Numbers

Traditionally, Nebraska is one of the most disciplined and well-trained teams in college football, continually making fewer mistakes than its opponents. Through the first seven 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 (378-370). After being flagged nine times for a season-high 85 yards at Missouri, NU responded with a season-low three penalties against Iowa State. Nebraska continued its smart play by committing just four penalties for a season-low 32 yards at Baylor. Of Nebraska's 39 penalties, 14 have been on the offense, eight on special teams and 17 against the defense. Opponents have been flagged for 35 offensive penalties, four special teams infractions and nine 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
<b>Baylor</b>	<b>4-32</b>	<b>4-43</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>39-378</b>	<b>48-370</b>
<b>Average</b>	<b>5.5-55.0</b>	<b>6.9-52.9</b>

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

Game	Team 'Cakes	Indiv. (#)	*Sacks Allowed	O-Line Penalties	Perfect Plays
TCU	45	12 (#66)	2	1-10	54.0%
Troy State	44	10 (#52)	0	0-0	53.0%
Notre Dame	63	18 (#77)	1	2-15	60.0%
Rice	92	17 (#68)	1	2-10	65.7%
Missouri	56	16 (#77)	0	2-25	56.8%
Iowa State	50	11 (#77)	0	0-0	62.0%
<b>Baylor</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>20 (#77)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>57.6%</b>
<b>Totals</b>	<b>438</b>	<b>20 (#77)</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>7-60</b>	

► Husker Pancake Leaders...

	TCU	TSU	ND	RU	MU	ISU	BU	Tot	Avg.
Fonoti	10	6	18	15	16	11	20	96	13.7
Volk	6	5	10	12	11	10	12	66	9.4
Rutherford	12	9	10	8	11	2	13	65	9.3
Garrison	6	10	8	14	6	7	10	61	8.7
Vili Waldrop	6	3	11	17	5	3	8	53	7.6
Cody	5	2	6	14	3	7	8	45	6.4
Shook	0	4	DNP	3	3	1	4	15	2.5
Altstadt	DNP	2	0	2	1	3	4	12	2.0
Tagoa'i	DNP	DNP	DNP	2	0	0	4	6	1.5
Kollmorgen	DNP	3	0	2	0	0	3	8	1.3
Erickson	DNP	DNP	DNP	1	0	2	DNP	3	1.0
Koethe	DNP	DNP	DNP	1	0	2	0	3	0.8
Koltermann	0	0	0	0	DNP	2	2	4	0.7