

# NEBRASKA FOOTBALL

## 2001

### Husker Records and Streaks

- ▶ NCAA-record 245 consecutive sellouts in Memorial Stadium
- ▶ 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
- ▶ 334 consecutive weeks ranked by the Associated Press, a continuing AP record
- ▶ 32 consecutive years ranked in AP top 25
- ▶ 19-game home winning streak (nation's longest)
- ▶ 99-10 record since 1993 (nine years)
- ▶ 42 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. 23: Lunch at 11 a.m.; Volleyball Coach John Cook at 11:10 a.m.; Soccer Coach John Walker at 11:20 a.m.; Defensive players from 11:30-11:45 a.m.; Defensive Coordinator Craig Bohl from 11:45 a.m.-Noon; Coach Frank Solich from Noon-12:30 p.m.; other selected players from 12:30-12:45 p.m.; QB Eric Crouch from 12:45-1:15 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 9: No. 3/3 Nebraska (8-0, 4-0) vs. No. 2/2 Oklahoma (7-0, 3-0)

**DATE:** Saturday, Oct. 27, 2001; **TIME:** 11:12 a.m.

**SITE:** Memorial Stadium—246th 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 TV:** (PBP-Brent Musburger; Color-Gary Danielson; Sideline--Jack Arute)

### NU - OU Week -- Two Unbeatens Meet in Game of New Century

The No. 3/3 (AP/Coaches) Nebraska Cornhuskers turn their attention to an old, friendly rivalry as the undefeated, No. 2/2 Oklahoma Sooners come to town. The matchup marks the fifth time this season that Nebraska's opponent has been undefeated. Last year, No. 1/1 (AP/Coaches/BCS) Nebraska lost to No. 3/3/2 Oklahoma, 31-14, after jumping out to a 14-0 lead. It marked the first time that the No. 1 and No. 2 BCS teams met in the regular season. The first BCS poll of 2001 comes out Monday. This year's matchup will have a significant impact on the Big 12 and national championship picture. Nebraska and Oklahoma are two of eight undefeated teams and one of six matchups among the top 25. Historically, when the two "Big Reds" meet, it has national significance and this year is no different. In fact, it could be the "Game of the New Century."

Nebraska and Oklahoma each have been ranked among the nation's top three entering the contest eight times, including the Game of the Century in 1971, when No. 1 Nebraska defeated No. 2 OU in Norman, 35-31. This year's game between No. 3/3 Nebraska and No. 2/2 Oklahoma marks the 18th time both teams have been ranked in the top 10; the 39th time at least one of the teams is ranked in the top 10; the 32nd straight time Nebraska has been ranked entering the contest; and the sixth straight time NU is ranked among the top five.

Last week five teams in the top 25 lost, including three previously unbeaten teams. With Oregon losing at home to Stanford, the Huskers took over the nation's longest current home winning streak. Nebraska has won 19 straight at home, including last week's 41-31 victory over Texas Tech. NU (8-0 and 4-0 in league action) won despite playing much of the game without six injured starters, including five on offense. Oklahoma defeated Baylor in Norman, 33-17, to preserve its 7-0 record and to improve to 4-0 in the Big 12 Conference.

This week's game will be nationally televised by ABC in a 11:12 a.m. kickoff, the first time NU has not played at night at home in five games. Nebraska will be looking to keep a 10-game winning streak alive, and looks to post its 33rd consecutive nine-win season, a streak that is an NCAA record. Nebraska has never begun a season 9-0 under Head Coach Frank Solich, and with a win, Solich would rank fifth all-time in Division I-A for best four-year starts as a head coach with 40 wins.

### This Week's Polls

For the second week, the Huskers remained third in both polls, marking the highest ranking the Huskers have received 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 1,626 points, behind Miami (47, 1,771) and Oklahoma (22, 1,741). In the USA Today/ESPN

### The 2001 Nebraska (8-0, 4-0) Football Schedule/Results

Day .... Date ..... Opponent ..... Time/Res. TV ..... Series ..... Last Meeting (Site) / Notes

Sat. .... Aug. 25 ... TCU ..... W 21-7 ..... ABC ..... NU leads 6-1 Crouch MVP for NU as he sets Nebraska career total offense record

Sat. .... Sept. 1 .... Troy State ..... W 42-14 ..... Big 12\* 1-0-0 ..... Diedrick rushes for 177 yards; NU Blackshirts have eight sacks

Sat. .... Sept. 8 .... Notre Dame ..... W 27-10 ..... ABC ..... 8-7-1 ..... Diedrick rushes for 133 yards on career-high 32 carries

Sat. .... Sept. 15 .. Rice ..... W 48-3 ..... 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) W 41-31 ..... FSN ..... NU 7-0-0 ..... NU wins 33rd straight Homecoming; Crouch has 105, Diedrick 157 by rush

Sat. .... Oct. 27 .... Oklahoma # ..... 11:12 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 # ..... 6 p.m. .... FSN ..... NU 83-21-3 NU 56-17 in 2000 (Lincoln); Series is third-longest in NCAA Div. I-A

Sat. .... Nov. 10 .... Kansas State # ..... TBA ..... NU 71-12-2 KSU 29-28 in 2000 (Manhattan); NU has won 30 of last 32 games

Fri. .... Nov. 23 ... at Colorado # ..... 2:30 p.m. .... ABC ..... NU 43-14-2 NU 34-32 in 2000 (Lincoln); Last four games decided by 10 points

Sat. .... Dec. 1 ..... Big 12 Champ. .... 7 p.m. .... ABC ..... NU 2-1-0 .... at Texas Stadium, Irving, Texas; NU has won two of five titles

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

Coaches poll, NU did not receive a first-place vote, but had 1,385 points to rank third behind Miami (47 first-place votes, 1,481 points) and Oklahoma (13, 1,444). Two other Big 12 league members, in addition to Nebraska and Oklahoma are ranked. Texas is ranked 7/7, Colorado is ranked 25/NR, while Texas A&M (176 in AP) and Iowa State (9/20 in AP/Coaches) received votes.

## 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 Oklahoma this week. The eighth home game and 12-game schedule came about on March 8, when Nebraska committed to host TCU in the NACDA Pigskin Classic. The Huskers' first three opponents opened their seasons vs. Nebraska, and NU's Memorial Stadium played host to four straight night games for the first time in Husker history from the Sept. 8 Notre Dame game through the Oct. 20 Texas Tech contest. 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 last weekend was Nebraska's 1,100th 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 handed Rice its only loss of the season, 48-7, 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. Nebraska won its second Big 12 game on the road, defeating Baylor, 48-3. Much of the game was played in a rainstorm, and the teams went to the locker rooms with 7:34 remaining in the first half for a 36-minute 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. 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.

Nebraska kept a 33-game winning streak on Homecoming alive, defeating Texas Tech, 41-31, despite missing six starters for most of the game in a rash of injuries. This week the Huskers break an unprecedented streak of four consecutive home night games, playing host to defending national champion Oklahoma in an 11:12 a.m. kickoff (ABC). It will be Nebraska's second game against a ranked opponent this season and sixth on TV.

Nebraska 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 (7/7) and Colorado (25/NR).

## ESPN GameDay in Town

ESPN GameDay comes back to Lincoln for the second time this season to join in the festivities surrounding the Nebraska-Oklahoma game. Husker fans broke the GameDay record as 15,808 fans came to the stadium the morning of the Nebraska-Notre Dame game on Sept. 8, 2001 (NU won 27-10). This time, GameDay will run right up until 11 a.m., just before kickoff. The GameDay crew, featuring Chris Fowler, Lee Corso and Kirk Herbstreit, will be inside Memorial Stadium on Saturday morning, under

the Northeast corner. Fans must have a game ticket to enter the stadium to watch the show. ESPN GameDay has been in Lincoln two other times before this season, in 1994 before No. 3 NU defeated No. 2 Colorado, 24-7, and in 1998 when No. 2 Nebraska defeated No. 9 Washington, 55-7. ESPN GameDay was also in South Bend last year for the Husker-Irish overtime matchup and in Norman for the OU-Husker Big Red clash.

## Nebraska Head Coach Frank Solich

Coach Frank Solich (Nebraska, 1966) is in his fourth season at the helm of the Huskers and owns a 39-7 school and career record. Solich is tied for fifth on the all-time Division I-A list for wins in the first four seasons as a head coach. His winning percentage of .848 would rank first in the nation among active Division I-A coaches if he had the prerequisite five years.

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 39-7. 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 39 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 0-1 vs. Oklahoma and Head Coach Mike Stoops. Solich is 24-1 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 22-6 in Big 12 action (13-1 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.

## 2001 Big 12 Standings

North		Records	
Team	Overall	Big 12	Last Week
Nebraska	8-0	4-0	W, TT, 41-31
Iowa State	5-1	3-1	W, OSU, 28-14
Colorado	5-2	3-1	L, UT, 7-41
Missouri	3-3	2-2	W, KU, 38-34
Kansas	2-4	1-3	L, MU, 34-38
Kansas State	2-4	0-4	L, A&M, 24-31

South		Records	
Team	Overall	Big 12	Last Week
Oklahoma	7-0	4-0	W, BU, 33-17
Texas A&M	6-1	3-1	W, KSU, 31-24
Texas	6-1	3-1	W, CU, 41-7
Texas Tech	3-3	1-3	L, NU, 31-41
Baylor	2-4	0-4	L, OU, 17-33
Okla. St.	2-5	0-4	L, ISU, 14-28

2001 Nebraska Non-Conference Opponents	
Team	2001 Record -- Last Week
TCU	4-3 -- W, Army, 38-20
Troy State	3-3 -- W, CS-Northridge, 44-31
Notre Dame	3-3 -- W, USC, 27-16
Rice	5-1 -- W, Nevada, 33-30 OT

## 2001 Oklahoma Schedule (7-0)

8/25	North Carolina%	W, 41-27
9/1	at Air Force	W, 44-3
9/8	North Texas	W, 37-10
9/29	Kansas State	W, 38-37
10/6	vs. Texas (at Dallas)	W, 14-3
10/13	at Kansas	W, 38-10
10/20	Baylor	W, 33-17
10/27	at Nebraska	11:12 a.m.
11/3	Tulsa	2 p.m.
11/10	Texas A&M	2 p.m.
11/17	at Texas Tech	TBA
11/24	Oklahoma State	Noon
% Kickoff Classic		

## 2000 Oklahoma Results (13-0)

9/2	Texas-El Paso	W, 55-14
9/9	Arkansas State	W, 45-7
9/23	Rice	W, 42-14
9/30	Kansas	W, 34-16
10/7	vs. Texas (at Dallas)	W, 63-14
10/14	at Kansas State	W, 41-31
10/28	Nebraska	W, 31-14
11/4	at Baylor	W, 56-7
11/11	at Texas A&M	W, 35-31
11/18	Texas Tech	W, 27-13
11/25	at Oklahoma State	W, 12-7
12/2	vs. Kansas State@	W, 27-24
1/3	vs. Florida State\$	W, 13-2
@ Dr. Pepper Big 12 Championship		
\$ FedEx Orange Bowl		

## Huskers from Oklahoma

► Three starters came to Nebraska from Oklahoma, including senior offensive guard **Jon Rutherford** (Midwest City) and junior place-kicker **Josh Brown** (Foyil), along with senior nose tackle **Jason Lohr** (Tulsa), who had his season come to an end with a knee injury against Notre Dame.

## Scouting No. 2 Oklahoma (7-0 Overall, 4-0 Big 12)

The No. 2 Oklahoma Sooners come to Lincoln for the first time since Nov. 1, 1997, in a battle of Big 12 unbeatens. The defending national champions carry a Big 12 record 20-game winning streak into Saturday's showdown with the No. 3 Huskers. Oklahoma's last loss came on Dec. 31, 1999 with a 27-25 setback to Mississippi in the Independence Bowl. Along with a 20-game winning streak overall, the Sooners have won 15 consecutive games against Big 12 Conference opponents and have won nine straight games against nationally ranked teams.

Oklahoma has passed several tests in the first half of its season with a 38-37 win over Kansas State on Sept. 29 and a 14-3 win over Texas in Dallas on Oct. 6. The Sooners are coming off a 33-17 win over Baylor in Norman on Oct. 20, which followed a 38-10 victory at Kansas on Oct. 13.

The backbone of Oklahoma's success has been a defense led by Butkus Award semifinalist Rocky Calmus. The senior linebacker leads OU with 69 tackles, including nine for loss with two sacks, and is only the 15th player in Sooner history to reach the 300-tackle mark in his career. His 51 career tackles for loss are also a school record, breaking Brian Bosworth's old mark of 44.

Along with Calmus' presence in the middle, Roy Williams provides a big-play threat in the secondary with four interceptions and two fumble recoveries, while ranking second on the team with 62 tackles, including six for loss. He also has a team-leading 13 pass breakups.

Offensively, quarterbacks Nate Hybl and Jason White have both played well in replacing departed starter Josh Heupel. In six starts, Hybl has completed 88-of-159 passes for 996 yards and six touchdowns. Hybl has been bothered by a sore left shoulder since the Texas game. He played sparingly against the Longhorns and Kansas before sitting out the Baylor game. White earned his first start against Baylor after performing well in relief action against Kansas and Texas. White threw for more than 300 yards against the Bears, and for the season he has completed 68-of-100 passes for 631 yards and five touchdowns, while throwing just two interceptions.

While Hybl and White have guided a Sooner passing attack that averages 237.1 yards per game, running back Quentin Griffin has led an Oklahoma ground attack that is averaging 129.1 yards per game as a team. Individually, Griffin is averaging 64.4 yards per game and 4.2 yards per carry, amassing 451 yards and five touchdowns on 107 carries. Renaldo Works has contributed 39.3 yards per game and 7.2 yards per carry for 236 total yards and five scores on just 33 carries. Despite limited playing time, White is actually OU's third-leading rusher, producing 158 yards on 48 carries for 26.3 yards per game and 3.3 yards per carry at quarterback.

Along with being Oklahoma's workhorse on the ground, Griffin has also been one of Hybl's and White's favorite receiving targets with 29 catches for 236 yards and a touchdown. Tight end Trent Smith leads the Sooners with 30 receptions for 233 and a team-leading five touchdowns. Mark Clayton and Curtis Fagan have each added 21 receptions and a touchdown, while Antwone Savage has been the Sooners' primary big-play receiver with 246 yards on just 15 catches for a team-best 16.4 yards per catch. He also has two touchdowns, including a team-best 75-yarder.

## Oklahoma Head Coach Bob Stoops

Coach Bob Stoops (Iowa, 1983) owns a 27-5 overall record in his third season as a head coach and third season at Oklahoma. Stoops is 9-1 against ranked opponents in his career at Oklahoma, including a perfect 6-0 last year and 2-0 this season. Stoops and OU have won nine straight games against top-25 teams. Stoops led the Sooners to a 31-14 victory over the Huskers last season in Norman and is 1-0 as

## Oklahoma 2001 Statistical Leaders

<u>Rushing</u>	<u>Att.</u>	<u>Yards</u>	<u>Avg.</u>	<u>TD</u>	<u>Avg/G</u>	<u>Long</u>	
Quentin Griffin	107	451	4.2	5	64.4	26	
Reynaldo Works	33	236	7.2	5	39.3	72	
<u>Passing</u>	<u>Att.</u>	<u>Comp.</u>	<u>Pct.</u>	<u>Int.</u>	<u>Yards</u>	<u>TD</u>	<u>Avg/G</u>
Nate Hybl	159	88	55.3	6	996	6	166.0
Jason White	100	68	68.0	2	631	5	105.2
<u>Receiving</u>	<u>No.</u>	<u>Yards</u>	<u>Avg.</u>	<u>TD</u>	<u>Avg/G</u>	<u>Long</u>	
Trent Smith	30	233	7.8	5	33.3	18	
Quentin Griffin	29	236	8.1	1	33.7	47	
<u>Tackles</u>	<u>UT</u>	<u>AT</u>	<u>TT</u>	<u>TFL</u>	<u>Sacks</u>		
Rocky Calmus	44	25	69	9-26	2-16		
Roy Williams	43	19	62	6-16	1-3		
<u>Punting</u>	<u>No.</u>	<u>Yards</u>	<u>Avg.</u>	<u>Long</u>			
Jeff Ferguson	41	1,847	45.0	71			
<u>Scoring</u>	<u>TD</u>	<u>FG</u>	<u>PAT</u>	<u>2PAT</u>	<u>Total</u>		
Tim Duncan	0	10-18	29-31	0	59		

a head coach against Nebraska. He will be coaching his first game in Lincoln. Although Stoops will be spending his first game at Memorial Stadium as a head coach, Stoops is no stranger to the opposing sidelines against Nebraska. As a player and a coach, Stoops is 2-10 vs. the Huskers. Beginning as a freshman defensive back at Iowa in 1979, Stoops was a four-year starter against the Huskers. As a player, he went 1-3 against Nebraska, with a 10-7 win in the 1981 season opener at Iowa City. His Hawkeye team went on to the Rose Bowl as the Big Ten champions in his junior season. In 1979, the Hawkeyes lost to the Huskers, 24-21, in Iowa City, before being drubbed 57-0 in Lincoln in 1980. As a senior, Stoops' Hawkeyes lost 42-7 to the Huskers, but Stoops was named Iowa's team MVP.

After beginning his coaching career as a volunteer and graduate assistant at Iowa (1983-87), Stoops spent one year as an assistant at Kent State (1988), before spending seven seasons under Bill Snyder at Kansas State (1989-95). During his tenure as an assistant in Manhattan, the Wildcats were 0-7 against the Huskers. Stoops went on to become Steve Spurrier's defensive coordinator at Florida for three seasons (1996-98) before taking over the head job at Oklahoma.

In 1993, Nebraska assistant coach Nelson Barnes served as the defensive line coach under Stoops, who was the defensive coordinator at Kansas State. Oklahoma assistants Mike Stoops, Mark Mangino and Brent Venables were also on the same Wildcat staff as Barnes in 1993. Barnes also coached with OU defensive ends coach Bobby Jack Wright at North Texas from 1983 through 1985.

### The Nebraska-Oklahoma Series (OU Leads, 40-36-3)

Oklahoma leads the all-time series with Nebraska 40-36-3, but the Huskers lead 20-17-2 in Lincoln, including an 18-16-2 advantage at Memorial Stadium. Before Oklahoma's 31-14 win at Owen Field in Norman last season, the Huskers had produced their longest winning streak in the series with seven straight wins from 1991 to 1997. The last time the Huskers and Sooners met in Lincoln, No. 1 Nebraska rolled past unranked OU, 69-7.

Nebraska has won five consecutive games against the Sooners in Lincoln, dating back to a 17-7 loss to Oklahoma on Nov. 21, 1987. In that meeting, Nebraska entered the contest ranked No. 1, while the Sooners came to Lincoln ranked No. 2. That was the second time in series history that the two teams met as the No. 1 and No. 2 teams in the nation, but the game has never featured a No. 2 vs. No. 3 matchup.

The Huskers have entered the game ranked No. 1 in the nation by the Associated Press on eight occasions, including last year's game in Norman, while the Sooners have come into the game ranked No. 1 five times. Nebraska enters the game ranked in the top five nationally for the 24th time, while the Sooners have come into the game among the nation's top five on 22 occasions. It is the ninth time both teams enter the contest in the top five. Nebraska is just 2-6 in the previous eight meetings of top-five teams.

Before last season's meeting in Norman, the two teams took two years off in the series because of the Big 12 Conference North-South alignment. Nebraska's series with Oklahoma had been continuous from 1927 to 1997. Nebraska was 16-3-3 in the first 22 games in the series, and Oklahoma was 22-4-0 from 1943 to 1968. Five times the Sooners have handed the Huskers their only regular-season loss (1964, 1966, 1975, 1979 and 1987) and twice the Huskers have given Oklahoma its only loss of the year (1971 and 1978).

After NU upset No. 1 Oklahoma in 1978, the two teams met again in the Orange Bowl, with OU winning 31-24. A similar situation could happen again this year. If both teams win their Big 12 divisions, they could meet again at Texas Stadium in Irving, Texas, in the Big 12 Championship game, which would mark the only other time in series history that the two clubs would meet twice in the same season.

This week's game will mark the 32nd consecutive game with the Sooners that the Huskers have entered as a top 20 team.

### Nebraska-Oklahoma 2001 Statistical Comparison

Category	Nebraska (8-0, 4-0)			Oklahoma (7-0, 4-0)		
	Rankings (3/3)			Rankings (2/2)		
	Avg.	Natl.	Big 12	Avg.	National	Big 12
<b>Rushing Offense</b>	<b>338.75</b>	<b>1st</b>	<b>1st</b>	129.14	77th	8th
<b>Passing Offense</b>	131.38	110th	12th	<b>237.14</b>	<b>43rd</b>	<b>2nd</b>
<b>Pass Efficiency</b>	<b>141.12</b>	<b>25th</b>	<b>1st</b>	123.11	55th	7th
<b>Total Offense</b>	<b>470.13</b>	<b>7th</b>	<b>1st</b>	366.29	63rd	7th
<b>Scoring Offense</b>	<b>38.88</b>	<b>8th</b>	<b>1st</b>	<b>35.0</b>	<b>19th</b>	<b>3rd</b>
<b>Rushing Defense</b>	<b>69.38</b>	<b>6th</b>	<b>1st</b>	<b>103.43</b>	<b>20th</b>	<b>5th</b>
<b>Pass Defense</b>	186.38	30th	7th	<b>178.57</b>	<b>22nd</b>	<b>6th</b>
<b>Pass Eff. Defense</b>	<b>82.43</b>	<b>3rd</b>	<b>2nd</b>	<b>87.50</b>	<b>5th</b>	<b>3rd</b>
<b>Total Defense</b>	<b>255.75</b>	<b>4th</b>	<b>1st</b>	<b>282.0</b>	<b>11th</b>	<b>5th</b>
<b>Scoring Defense</b>	<b>11.13</b>	<b>2nd</b>	<b>1st</b>	<b>15.29</b>	<b>11th</b>	<b>3rd</b>
<b>Net Punting</b>	37.83	29th	3rd	<b>39.72</b>	<b>10th</b>	<b>1st</b>
<b>Punt Returns</b>	<b>11.98</b>	<b>25th</b>	<b>6th</b>	<b>8.39</b>	<b>70th</b>	<b>10th</b>
<b>Kickoff Returns</b>	<b>25.82</b>	<b>13th</b>	<b>5th</b>	<b>26.71</b>	<b>6th</b>	<b>1st</b>
<b>Turnover Margin</b>	+0.13	48th	8th	<b>+1.29</b>	<b>8th</b>	<b>2nd</b>

### National Titles by Team

(AP or Coaches Combined)

1. Notre Dame	8	1943, 1946, 1947, 1949, 1966, 1973, 1977, 1988
Alabama	8	1961, 1964, 1965, 1973, 1974, 1978, 1979, 1992
<b>3. Oklahoma</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>1950, 1955, 1956, 1974, 1975, 1985, 2000</b>
<b>4. Nebraska</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>1970, 1971, 1994, 1995, 1997</b>
5. Minnesota	4	1936, 1940, 1941, 1960
Miami	4	1983, 1987, 1989, 1991

### All-Time Team Records

#### By Total Wins

Rank, Team	Yrs.	Won	Lost	Tied	Pct.
1. Michigan	122	810	263	36	.747
2. Notre Dame	113	779	244	42	.751
<b>3. Nebraska</b>	<b>112</b>	<b>761</b>	<b>299</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>.710</b>
4. Texas	109	750	303	33	.705
5. Alabama	107	740	280	43	.716
6. Penn State	115	740	316	41	.693
7. Ohio State	112	728	289	53	.705
8. Tennessee	105	711	293	52	.698
<b>9. Oklahoma</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>709</b>	<b>278</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>.707</b>
10. USC	109	680	293	54	.688

### Consensus First-Team Football

#### All-Americans

Rank, School	Players	Total
1. Notre Dame	77	93
2. Michigan	56	68
3. USC	54	61
4. Ohio State	49	64
<b>5. Oklahoma</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>55</b>
<b>6. Nebraska</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>51</b>
7. Pittsburgh	40	47
8. Alabama	37	38
9. Texas	33	38
10. Penn State	30	32

### Winningest Division I-A Programs

#### Last Three Decades (1970-99)

(includes Bowl Games)

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

### Nebraska-Oklahoma Notes

► The 1971 NU-OU game was known as the "Game of the Century," as No. 1 Nebraska edged No. 2 Oklahoma, 35-31, in Norman.

► The winning team has come from behind in 25 of the last 34 games.

► This year's game with the Sooners will mark the 17th time in the last 30 games since 1971 that both teams enter the game ranked in the top 10.

## 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 14 main national rankings this week. NU ranks among the top 10 in all five defensive categories, and is second in scoring defense (11.13), third in pass efficiency defense (82.43 rating), fourth in total defense (255.8 ypg) and sixth in rushing defense (69.38 ypg). On the offensive side, NU remains first in rushing (338.8 ypg), and ranks among the top 25 in scoring offense with 38.88 points per game to rank eighth; passing efficiency at 25th (141.12) and is seventh in total offense (470.13 ypg). NU also ranks 13th in kickoff returns (25.82 ypr) and 25th in punt returns (11.98).

Individually, junior I-back **Dahrran Diedrick** ranks 11th in rushing, averaging 124.4 yards per game, and 43rd in scoring, averaging 7.71 points per game. Quarterback **Eric Crouch** is 29th in rushing (97.13 ypg), second among quarterbacks and ranks seventh in scoring (10.75 ppg), leading the nation in rushing touchdowns (14). Crouch ranks first among quarterbacks in rushing yards per carry (5.7) and second in rushing yards per game (97.1). Sophomore **Kyle Larson** ranks 13th in punting, averaging 44.32 yards per punt. Junior cornerback **DeJuan Groce** ranks ninth in punt returns, averaging 15.05 yards per return. Sophomore I-back **Josh Davis** ranks 21st in kickoff returns, averaging 27.47 yards per return.

## Injury Update

Nebraska has suffered five season-ending injuries. Starting nose tackle **Jason Lohr** and four reserves are out for the season with injuries. The reserves out with injuries include sophomore wingback **Clifford Brye**, sophomore offensive tackle **Chris Loos**, redshirt freshman rover **Lannie Hopkins** and junior cornerback **Rodney Burgess**. Fullback **Steve Kriewald** and starting tight end **Tracey Wistrom** missed the Texas Tech game with an ankle and knee injury, respectively, and four starters left the game with sprained ankles, including LCB **Keyuo Craver**, RT **Dan Vili Waldrop**, FB **Judd Davies**, and WB **John Gibson**. A fifth starter, left tackle **Dave Volk** also left the game with a shoulder injury. Their status for the OU game has not been determined.

## NU Has Faced 30 AP Top Three Team Since 1962

This year's matchup against No. 2/2 (AP/Coaches) Oklahoma will be NU's 31st against an AP top three team since 1962—Bob Devaney's first year as coach. The last time the Huskers faced a top three AP team was when No. 1/1/1 (AP/Coaches/BCS) Nebraska lost to No. 3/3/2 Oklahoma in Norman, 31-14, in 2000. Nebraska has posted a 9-20-1 record in those matchups and was the lower ranked team in all but seven of those games. NU is 6-2 when it is the higher-ranked team. Under Solich, NU is 0-2 vs. top three AP teams, but both contests were on the road. The Huskers have won five of their last seven matchups against the AP top three, and 10 of the last 12 games against AP top 10 teams since 1994. The K-State game in Manhattan in 1998, when the Wildcats were ranked No. 1 in the coaches poll, was the first time NU faced a No. 1 team (in either poll) in the regular season since facing No. 1 Oklahoma in 1978. OU was No. 1 in both polls and No. 4 NU defeated the Sooners 17-14 in Lincoln. NU had to face the Sooners again in the 1979 Orange

Bowl (OU won 31-24). In the stretch of 30 games, Nebraska has faced Oklahoma eight times, most recently in 2000. NU is 2-6 vs. Oklahoma when OU is ranked in the top three, 1-3 in Norman. In six seasons, Nebraska has faced two or more top three teams (1971, 1978, 1981, 1987, 1992, 1994) and played three top three teams in 1987 (UCLA, Oklahoma, Florida State). The last meeting with an AP No. 1 team was the 1994 Orange Bowl vs. Florida State (NU lost 18-16).

## Nebraska vs. the AP No. 1-3 Teams (since 1962)

### Season NU (AP Rank) vs. Opp. (rank) Bowl or Regular W/L Score

#### Under Bob Devaney (2-2-1)

1964	NU (6) vs. Arkansas (2)	Cotton Bowl	L	7-10
1966	NU (6) vs. Alabama (3)	Sugar Bowl	L	7-34
1970	NU (9) vs. USC (3)	Regular Season	T	21-21
1971	NU (1) vs. Oklahoma (2)	Regular Season	W	35-31
1971	NU (1) vs. Alabama (2)	Orange Bowl	W	38-6

#### Under Tom Osborne (7-16-0)

1973	NU (10) vs. Oklahoma (3)	Regular Season	L	0-27
1974	NU (6) vs. Oklahoma (1)	Regular Season	L	14-28
1977	NU (11) vs. Oklahoma (3)	Regular Season	L	7-38
1978	NU (10) vs. Alabama (1)	Regular Season	L	3-20
1978	NU (4) vs. Oklahoma (1)	Regular Season	W	17-14
1981	NU (15) vs. Penn State (3)	Regular Season	L	24-30
1981	NU (4) vs. Clemson (1)	Orange Bowl	L	15-22
1986	NU (5) vs. Oklahoma (3)	Regular Season	L	17-20
1987	NU (2) vs. UCLA (3)	Regular Season	W	42-33
1987	NU (1) vs. Oklahoma (2)	Regular Season	L	7-17
1987	NU (5) vs. Florida State (3)	Fiesta Bowl	L	28-31
1988	NU (6) vs. Miami (2)	Orange Bowl	L	3-23
1989	NU (3) vs. Colorado (2)	Regular Season	L	21-27
1990	NU (19) vs. Georgia Tech (2)	Citrus Bowl	L	21-45
1991	NU (11) vs. Miami (1)	Orange Bowl	L	0-22
1992	NU (12) vs. Washington (2)	Regular Season	L	14-29
1992	NU (11) vs. Florida State (3)	Orange Bowl	L	14-27
1993	NU (2) vs. Florida State (1)	Orange Bowl	L	16-18
1994	NU (3) vs. Colorado (2)	Regular Season	W	24-7
1994	NU (1) vs. Miami (3)	Orange Bowl	W	24-17
1995	NU (1) vs. Florida (2)	Fiesta Bowl	W	62-24
1997	NU (7) vs. Washington (2)	Regular Season	W	27-14
1998	NU (2) vs. Tennessee (3)	Orange Bowl	W	42-17

#### Under Frank Solich (0-2)

1998	NU (11) vs. Kansas State (2)*	Regular Season	L	30-40
2000	NU (1) vs. Oklahoma (3)	Regular Season	L	14-31

\*Tied for No. 1 in coaches poll

## Game Eight Recap

### Nebraska 41, Texas Tech 31

The No.3/3 Nebraska Cornhuskers had a thriller in Lincoln last Saturday, defeating Texas Tech 41-31 on Homecoming. In a back-and-forth battle, Nebraska and Texas Tech fought to a 28-all halftime tie. The last time NU gave up 28-or-more points in the first half was at UCLA in 1988, when UCLA took a 38-13 lead into the locker room at intermission. Nebraska had never given up 28 first-half points at home in the Bob Devaney/Tom Osborne/Frank Solich era. The last time Nebraska gave up 31 points was to Colorado last year in Lincoln, in the 34-32 Husker overtime win. Nebraska, however, is 299-1 when scoring 35-or-more points and has won the last 235 straight, losing only to OU, 49-35, in 1950. Nebraska led 38-31 after three quarters and held on for a 41-31 final, despite playing without six starters who did not play, or left the game with injuries.

Nebraska is now 8-0, 4-0 in Big 12 action and has won all seven contests in the series vs. Texas Tech, which dropped to 3-3, 1-3. Nebraska has won 33 straight games on Homecoming, dating back to a 12-0 shutout at the hands of Kansas State in 1958. The win gave NU an 8-0 record to open the season for the 19th time in school history, and the first time under Solich. The win was Nebraska's 10th straight overall and NU's 19th straight win at home, now the nation's longest current winning streak.

**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.	* <b>Frank Solich, NU</b>	<b>1998-01</b>	<b>39-7-0</b>
	Bill Battle, Tennessee	1970-73	39-9-0

(\*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
10/27	Oklahoma	Home	3/2	

**Solich Superlatives**

All-Time .....	39-7
vs. AP Ranked Teams .....	9-6
vs. AP Top 10 Teams .....	3-3
vs. Unranked Teams .....	30-1
vs. Big 12 Teams .....	22-6
When Rushing for 300 Yards .....	23-0
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 .....	27-4
Multiple NU Rushers in a Game .....	10-0
When Opp. has 100 Yd. Rusher .....	7-3
When Scoring 35 or More Points .....	26-0
When Hold Opp. to 10 Pts. or less .....	17-0
Consecutive Weeks Ranked by AP .....	59
Consecutive Weeks in the AP top 10 .....	42

**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

► Senior quarterback **Eric Crouch** is now 32-5 as a starter, becoming just the 19th quarterback in Division I-A history to record 32 wins as a starter. He ranks one win behind Tommie Frazier on the Nebraska school-record list. Frazier had 33 wins against three losses from 1992 to 1995. On Crouch's second carry of the game vs. Texas Tech, a five-yard gain on Nebraska's second drive, Crouch became just the fourth Division I-A quarterback all time to rush and pass for 3,000 yards in his career. Crouch (3,096 rush, 3,957 pass) joins active Indiana QB Antwaan Randle El (3,418 rush, 6,657 pass, 1998-2001), Air Force's Beau Morgan (3,379 rush, 3,248 pass, 1994-96) and Louisiana-Lafayette's Brian Mitchell (3,335 rush, 5,447 pass, 1986-89) as the only four to accomplish the feat. Crouch needs just 43 passing yards to become just the third Division I-A quarterback to pass for 4,000 and to rush for 3,000 yards.

In the Texas Tech game, Crouch rushed a team-high 21 times for 105 yards and one touchdown. He also completed 10-of-22 passes for 196 yards, his second-highest passing total of his career (best is 204 yards vs. Texas in 1999, his only 200-yard passing game). He threw an interception with 3:10 remaining in the first half (intercepted by Kevin Curtis), but Texas Tech did not convert. Curtis picked off Crouch a second time in the end zone at the start of the fourth quarter, but did not convert. Crouch scored Nebraska's first touchdown of the second half on a seven-yard run, breaking a 28-28 tie. It marked the fifth straight game this season that Crouch has scored at least one rushing touchdown. Crouch hit the 100-yard rushing mark with 5:02 remaining in the fourth quarter. It marks the 15th 100-yard rushing game of his career and his fifth this season, with four straight (191 at MU, 104 vs. ISU, 132 at Baylor, and 105 vs. TTU). His 15 career 100-yard rushing games are tied for fourth all time at Nebraska (tied with Lawrence Phillips). Crouch had 301 total-offense yards in the game, the third time he has had 300 or more, to give him 7,053 in his career, best at Nebraska, and second best in the Big 12, passing OU's Josh Heupel (1999-2000, 6,898 yards).

Crouch owns Nebraska school records for career rushing yards by a quarterback (3,096), most rushing TDs by any player (55), career total offense (7,053) and most total offense TDs (84), to name a few. Crouch is also the NCAA Division I-A record holder for most rushing touchdowns by a quarterback, passing Ohio's Kareem Wilson's (49). Crouch's rushing yards rank fourth overall at NU, fifth in the Big 12 and eighth among NCAA Division I-A quarterbacks. He holds the Big 12 record for most rushing yards by a quarterback. With 105 rushing yards vs. Texas Tech, Crouch passed Husker I-back Ken Clark for fourth on the NU career rushing chart. Clark had 3,037 from 1987 to 1989. Crouch ranks third all time at NU in passing with 3,957 yards. Crouch ranks 12th on the Big 12 career passing chart. On the season, Crouch has 777 yards rushing and 14 TDs and has 986 passing yards and seven TDs, completing 58 percent (65-112) of his passes.

► Junior I-back **Dahrran Diedrick** rushed for 100 yards for the third consecutive game this season and the fifth time in seven games played. Against Texas Tech, Diedrick carried 20 times for 157 yards, the second-best total of his career (177 vs. Troy State). He hit the 100-yard mark on NU's first drive of the second half. He leads the Huskers and the Big 12 in rushing with 871 yards in seven games. Diedrick has had 100 rushing yards in each of the last three games and in five of the seven games he has played in this year. Diedrick has 1,386 yards in his career, passing the 1,000-yard rushing plateau vs. Iowa State.

► **Breaking up the Pass...**Senior left cornerback **Keyuo Craver** did not have any breakups against Texas Tech before leaving with a sprained ankle, but has 39 in his career to rank second all time at NU. Fellow cornerback **Erwin Swiney** had three in the game and now has 38 and corner **DeJuan Groce** had two PBU's and now has 30 in his career. Swiney and Groce rank third and fourth, respectively.

► Split end **Wilson Thomas** caught a 19-yard touchdown on NU's third touchdown drive to give NU a 21-10 lead. Thomas also caught a 35-yard pass from Crouch for a score, which gave NU a 28-13 lead with 12:09 remaining in the second quarter. Thomas now has three touchdown receptions this season (and in career), including a career-long 42-yard TD reception vs. Rice. Thomas had 4-76 in the game, the third time this season he has had at least four receptions and at least 75 yards. He leads the team with 22 catches for 394 yards and three TDs.

► Kickoff returner **Josh Davis** has nine long kickoff returns on the season, including a 32-yard return and a 26-yard return in the first half vs. Texas Tech. Davis set career highs with five returns for 117 yards, bettering the 3-85 he had vs. Baylor.

► Place-kicker **Josh Brown** had two field goals in the game, marking the seventh time in his career he has accomplished that feat (first since Colorado last season). Brown was successful on a 33-yard field goal to give NU a 38-28 lead with 5:27 remaining in the third quarter, before kicking a 36-yard field goal with 3:25 left in the game to give NU a 41-31 margin. Brown is now 3-5 on the season in field goals. Brown was also perfect on five PATs, including two lengthened by penalty, and had three tackles on kickoff returns. For his efforts, Brown was Nebraska's nominee for Big 12 Special Teams Player of the Week.

► Offensive right guard **Toniu Fonoti** recorded a school-record 32 pancakes (knock-down blocks) in Nebraska's 41-31 victory over Texas Tech Saturday. The 6-4, 340-pounder crushed the previous school

record of 23 pancakes and brought his season total to 128 through eight contests. He has recorded 52 in the past two games. His 16.0 pancakes per game are on pace to break his own single-season record average of 14.09 pancakes per game set last year (155 in 11 games). It was Fonoti's sixth consecutive double-figure pancake game, and seventh overall this season, as he graded out to a 1.97 for the game (2.0 scale) and helped the Husker offensive line to its season high with a 1.947 grade. He helped the Nebraska offensive line to a season-high 80 percent perfect plays while not allowing a sack for the fourth game this season. With the score tied at 28-28 at halftime, Fonoti came out blazing in the second half, recording 10 pancakes in the first 13 plays after intermission. The effort gave Fonoti 306 career pancakes, making him just the fourth Husker to record at least 300 in a career. He is also the fastest to 300, as he accomplished it in just 33 games (9.3 average). Fonoti was Nebraska's nominee for Big 12 Offensive Player of the Week, the first Husker lineman this season to be nominated for the weekly honor, and the second in the past two years. In 2000, Husker center Dominic Raiola was also nominated following his performance against Kansas.

► **Sacks and Defense...**NU has had at least one sack in every game this season. NU had three sacks for 25 yards vs. Texas Tech, including 1-8 by **Chris Kelsay**, 1-10 by **J.P. Wichmann**, and 1-7 by **Jeremy Slechta**. Kelsay has three sacks for 19 yards lost on the season. Kelsay also had a second tackle for loss in the game. **Lornell McPherson** led the team with eight tackles, including seven solo stops, seeing extensive action when Craver went out with a sprained ankle. Free safety **Dion Booker** had seven tackles and his first interception of the season. Linebacker **Scott Shanle** had five tackles and two pass breakups, giving him seven on the season, one off the school record (held by Steve Forch, eight in 1987). Shanle was Nebraska's nominee for Big 12 Defensive Player of the Week.

► **Husker Fullbacks...**NU starting fullback **Judd Davies** sprained an ankle on his first-quarter touchdown run and did not return. It was Davies' second straight game with a touchdown run and second career-TD run of 25 yards or more after scoring on a career-long 42-yard run vs. Baylor last week. Nebraska's No. 2 fullback **Steve Kriewald** did not suit up for the game with a sprained ankle, giving way for **Paul Kastl** to have extensive playing time. A junior, Kastl caught his first career pass, a 19-yard catch on Nebraska's third touchdown drive. He also had three carries for 13 yards and tied his career long with an eight-yard rush (also had an eight yard rush vs. Baylor last year when he carried four times for 22 yards).

► **NU Firsts and Bests...**Tight End **Jon Bowling** caught his first reception this year and scored on a 27-yard reception from Crouch. It was his second career touchdown reception. He also caught a 13-yard TD pass vs. Baylor in 2000. Bowling also caught a 14-yard pass, giving him 2-41 in the game, tying his career best in receptions and bettering his regular-season best of reception yards (also 2-30 vs. Texas, 1999; and 2-45 vs. Tennessee in 1998 Orange Bowl). Senior rover **Tim Demerath** recovered one of John Wesley's fumbled kickoff returns, and nearly had another, both in the first half. Wingback **Ben Cornelsen** caught his first career pass vs. TTU with an 18-yard grab on NU's first drive of the second half.

► **Points Off Turnovers...**Each team had two turnovers in the game. Nebraska senior rover **Tim Demerath** recovered John Wesley's fumbled kickoff return on the TTU 25-yard line, and Nebraska scored one play later on a **Judd Davies'** 25-yard run, marking NU's second one-play drive this season (also one-play drive vs. Notre Dame, **John Gibson** 22-yard reception from Crouch). After the PAT by **Josh Brown**, NU has now converted 10 (9 TD, 1 FG) of 18 turnovers into 72 points. Texas Tech's Kevin Curtis intercepted Crouch with 3:10 remaining in the first half, but on the next play NU free safety **Dion Booker** intercepted Kliff Kingsbury. Nebraska also did not convert. Booker had an 18-yard return on his first interception this year, and the second of his career (also one vs. Texas in Big 12 Championship in 1999). The pick marked the 12th by the Huskers this year. Curtis picked off Crouch a second time early in the fourth quarter in the end zone, but TTU did not convert. Of NU's 17 turnovers this season, opponents have converted just two to 14 points.

► **Team Highs and Lows...Nebraska Highs...**Nebraska had a season-high 93 penalty yards (previous high 85 at Missouri). Nebraska's 22 pass attempts were the most by NU this season (previous high was 18 vs. TCU) and the three TD passes tied the three vs. Rice. Nebraska had 335 rushing yards, the fourth straight game NU has had at least 300, and the fifth time this season. Nebraska had 531 total offense yards, marking the fifth straight game NU has had at least 476 and the sixth time this year NU has had at least 450. **Opponent Highs...**Texas Tech had four long kick returns in the game, including an 85-yard punt return for a touchdown by Wes Welker. That was the first punt return for a touchdown by an opponent since Notre Dame's Joey Getherall returned a punt 83 yards vs. Nebraska last year. The long return is the only punt return of 25 yards or more against NU this season. Entering the Texas Tech game, NU had not given up a long punt return and just three long kickoff returns, but by the end of the first quarter, TTU already had four, including three long kickoff returns by Ivory McCann (31, 27 and 25 yards). The 85-yard punt return is the second longest all time vs. NU (longest was 91 yards by Baylor's Del Shofner in 1956) and just the seventh punt return for a touchdown vs. NU in history. The return gave Texas Tech a 7-0 lead at 12:22, the third time NU has trailed this season (also vs. Troy State and Missouri). Nebraska gave up a season-high 31 points, including 28 in the first half (previous high this season was 14 in the game by Iowa State and Troy State). Texas Tech's 13-play drive (62 yards) that ended in a Robert Treece 31-yard field goal, was the longest in terms of plays against the Huskers this season (previous long was 11 plays by Iowa State). Treece had three field goals in the game (35, 42, 31 yards), the most vs. the Huskers this season. All three bettered the previous three field goals vs. NU this season (29 by Notre Dame, 25 by Missouri and 28 by Iowa State). The 64 pass attempts by Texas Tech are the most since Louisiana Tech in Lincoln in 1998. Kliff Kingsbury completed 33-of-63 passes for 353 yards (all season highs) with one interception and one TD. His 33 completions and his 63 attempts are the second highest by a Husker opponent (behind Louisiana Tech's Tim Rattay's 46-of-68 in 1998). Kingsbury's yards were the eighth most vs. NU. Carlos Francis' 11 catches (for 169 yards) were the fourth most vs. NU in school history, while his yardage tied for 10th. Texas Tech's 26 first downs were a season high (previous best was 20 by Iowa State). The 81 plays were a season high (previous high was 76 by Baylor). Tech also had a season-high 440 total-offense yards vs. NU, the most since Colorado had 451 vs. NU last season.

## NU Record Setters and Award 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 eight 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 43, is tied for the team lead 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 33rd 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. He ranks fifth all-time among Husker defensive backs in career tackles with 175.

## Charting Heisman Trophy Candidate QB Eric Crouch

### Div. 1-A QBs To Rush and Pass for 3,000 Yards in Career

<u>Player, School, Years</u>	<u>Rush Pass</u>
Beau Morgan, Air Force, 94-96	3,379 3,248
Brian Mitchell, La.-Laf., 86-89	3,335 5,447
Antwaan Randle El, Ind., 98-01*	3,418 6,657
<b>Eric Crouch, Nebraska, 98-01*</b>	<b>3,096 3,957</b>

### Nebraska Career Rushing

<u>Rank, Player, Years</u>	<u>Att. Yds.</u>	<u>TD</u>
1. Mike Rozier, IB, 81-83	668 4,780	49
2. Ahman Green, IB, 95-97	574 3,880	42
3. Calvin Jones, IB, 91-93	461 3,153	40
<b>4. Eric Crouch, QB, 98-01*</b>	<b>581 3,096</b>	<b>55</b>

### Big 12 Career Rushing

<u>Rank, Player, School, Years</u>	<u>Yds.</u>	<u>TDs</u>
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*	3,287	26
<b>5. Eric Crouch, NU, 98-01*</b>	<b>3,096</b>	<b>55</b>

### NCAA Div. I-A QB Rushing

<u>Rank, Player, School, Years</u>	<u>Yds</u>	<u>TDs</u>
1. Dee Dowis, Air Force, 86-89	3,612	41
2. Kareem Wilson, Ohio, 95-98	3,597	49
3. Antwaan Randle El, Ind., 98-01+*	3,418	40
4. Chris McCoy, Navy, 95-97	3,401	43
5. Beau Morgan, Air Force, 94-96+3,379	42	
6. Brian Mitchell, La-Lafay., 86-89+3,335	47	
7. Fred Soloman, Tampa, 71-74	3,299	39
<b>8. Eric Crouch, NU, 98-01*</b>	<b>3,096</b>	<b>55#</b>

### Nebraska Career Passing

<u>Rank, Player, Years</u>	<u>Yds</u>	<u>TD</u>
1. Dave Humm, 72-74	5,035	41
2. Jerry Tagge, 69-71	4,704	32
<b>3. Eric Crouch, 98-01*</b>	<b>3,957</b>	<b>29</b>

### Big 12 Career Passing

<u>Rank</u>	<u>Yards</u>	<u>Player/School/Tenure</u>
1.	8,083	Major Applewhite*, UT, 98-01
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9.	4,187	Randy McCown, A&M, 96-99
10.	4,164	Sage Rosenfels, ISU, 96-98
11.	4,002	Tony Lindsay, OSU, 97-00
<b>12.</b>	<b>3,957</b>	<b>Eric Crouch, NU, 98-01*</b>

### Nebraska Career Scoring

<u>Player, Years</u>	<u>Pts.</u>
1. Kris Brown, PK, 95-98	388
<b>2. Eric Crouch, QB, 98-01*</b>	<b>338</b>

### Big 12 Career Rush TDs/Scoring

<u>Player, Years</u>	<u>Pts.</u>	<u>TDs</u>
1. Ricky Williams, UT, 96-98	404	64
<b>2. Eric Crouch, NU, 98-01*</b>	<b>346</b>	<b>55</b>

### Big 12 Career Total Offense

<u>Rank, Player, Years</u>	<u>Yds.</u>	<u>TD</u>
1. Major Applewhite, UT, 98-01*	7,801	60
<b>3. Eric Crouch, NU, 1998-01*</b>	<b>7,053</b>	<b>84</b>

\*active players

### ► Senior Quarterback Eric Crouch

Heisman Trophy, Johnny Unitas, Davey O'Brien and All-America candidate **Eric Crouch** is a little more than halfway to his season's goal. The Huskers are 8-0 and undefeated. Not much else matters to Crouch, but regardless of his goals, he has hit many milestones. In fact, in each of the past four weeks he has put his name in the Nebraska, Big 12 and NCAA record books and continues to make a strong case for a Heisman Trophy. Against Missouri, Crouch became the Big 12's best rushing quarterback; vs. Iowa State, Crouch became the NCAA record holder for most rushing TDs by a quarterback; against Baylor, he became the school's total-offense TD leader; vs. Texas Tech, Crouch became just the fourth Division I-A quarterback to rush and pass for 3,000 yards in his career; and this week, Crouch is just 43 passing yards away from becoming just the third Division I-A quarterback to pass for 4,000 and rush for 3,000 yards. More importantly, Crouch is looking for his first career win over Oklahoma.

**Winning Ways...**Boasting a 32-5 record as Nebraska's starting quarterback, Crouch became the 19th Division I-A quarterback all time to post 32 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 one win 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 an 8-0 record. The NCAA Division I-A record is 39 wins by Peyton Manning of Tennessee (from 1994 to 1997), but with three more wins, Crouch could quickly climb the charts to fourth all time. Crouch and Frazier are the only Husker quarterbacks in the modern era to start games as freshmen.

**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 3,096 career rushing yards on 581 carries to rank fourth on the NU career rushing charts, first among quarterbacks. Crouch's 3,096 career rushing yards rank eighth all time among Division I-A quarterbacks and fifth in the Big 12, first among quarterbacks. Crouch's 55 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 (nine behind Texas' Ricky Williams' 64, from 1996 to 1998) and tied for seventh all-time in NCAA Division I-A. Crouch is four rushing touchdowns away from setting another NCAA record, for most rushing touchdowns scored by a quarterback in two consecutive seasons (38 by Stacey Robinson, Northern Illinois, 1989-90, 19 and 19). Crouch had 20 last season, tying the NCAA record.

**Career Passing...**Crouch has 3,957 career passing yards, just 43 away from the 4,000-yard plateau. He ranks third on the NU passing chart, 747 behind Jerry Tagge's 4,704 from 1969 to 1971 and 1,078 behind school-record holder Dave Humm's 5,035 from 1972 to 1974.

**Career Total Offense...**In total offense, Crouch passed the 7,000-yard mark against Texas Tech and holds the Nebraska record with 7,053 yards. He ranks second in the Big 12 behind Texas' Major Applewhite's 7,811 (1998-present). Crouch owns the Nebraska and Big 12 record for most total-offense TDs with 84 (55 rush, 29 pass) and ranks 12th in NCAA Division I-A history. He has scored 56 times (55 by rush, one on a reception) which breaks Rozier's school record of 51 TDs scored. Crouch is second at Nebraska, second in the Big 12 and ninth in the NCAA in career scoring (non-kickers) with 338 points, which includes one two-point conversion run against TCU this season. He is 50 points behind school-record holder Kris Brown's 388 from 1995 to 1998 and 66 points behind Big 12 record holder Texas' Ricky Williams' 404.

**Crouch's School Records...**Crouch owns several game, season and career records, including: **Game...**Most touchdown passes—five vs. Iowa, 2000; tied for most rushing touchdowns by an NU QB—four vs. Kansas, 2000 and ISU, 2001; most rushing yards by an NU quarterback—191 vs. Missouri, 2001; longest TD run—95 yards vs. Missouri, 2001; passing, rushing and catching a TD in the same game—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—581; most rushing yards by an NU QB—3,096; most rushing touchdowns by a QB—55 (Big 12 and NCAA record); most rushing TDs by any back; most touchdowns scored—56 (55 by rush, one by reception); most total offense yards—7,053; most total offense TDs—84.

**This Season...**Crouch is second on the team in rushing this season with 777 yards in eight games on 136 carries (97.1 ypg, 5.7 ypc). He has 14 rushing TDs, which leads the nation. His rushing average per game ranks 29th in the nation, but second among quarterbacks. Crouch has a 58.0 completion percentage and a 123.2 pass-efficiency rating, completing 65-of-112 passes, for 986 yards, with seven touchdowns and five 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 fourth straight 100-yard game after rushing for 191 vs. Missouri, 104 vs. ISU, 132 vs. Baylor and 105 vs. Texas Tech. Crouch has had three or more rushing TDs seven times in his career, has had multiple rushing TDs 17 times, has rushed for 100 yards in a game 15 times and has had 19 100-yard passing games. Crouch has 35 runs of 25 yards or more and 38 passes of 25 yards or more. He has scored at least one rushing touchdown in each of the last five games.



Crouch had a season and career-best 311 total-offense yards vs. Missouri, with 120 passing yards to go with his 191 rushing yards. He had a season-best 196 passing yards vs. Texas Tech with three passing touchdowns. Against Rice, he also 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**. Crouch has had three-or-more passing TD games four times (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.

**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."

**The Best Option...is Crouch for the Heisman**

There's no doubt Crouch is the best option quarterback in the country. Crouch not only ranks among the nation's best quarterbacks in every area, but rates among the nation's best running backs as well. In fact, Crouch has scored more touchdowns by rush (14), than any other player in Division I-A this season. Crouch has rushed for 777 yards this year and leads all quarterbacks in yards per carry (5.7) and is second in yards per game (97.1). Crouch has passed for another 986 yards and seven TDs, with a 58 completion percentage, giving him 1,763 total-offense yards, 46.9 percent of the team's 3,761 total-offense yards.

But consider, if you will, that Crouch has also been responsible for 396 yards on option pitch plays, which is a vital part of Nebraska's multiple offense. The yards obtained by a Husker running back on a pitch play, should be taken into account for Crouch's totals, every bit as much as a pass play. Adding in the 396 yards, Crouch is responsible for 2,159 of NU's 3,761 total-offense yards, or 57.4 percent. Crouch has scored 86 points himself, has passed for another seven TDs, or 49 points, and has "pitched" for another four TDs, or 28 points, and thus is accountable for 163 of Nebraska's 311 points, or 52 percent of Nebraska's scoring.

Can an option quarterback lead a team to a national championship? Absolutely. In the past decade, NU's Tommie Frazier and Scott Frost did it three times, each time posting undefeated records. Can an option quarterback win the Heisman? Crouch hopes to prove he can. Frazier finished as runner-up to Ohio State running back Eddie George in 1995, while NU's Turner Gill finished fourth behind NU I-back Mike Rozier in 1983. Of the 66 former Heisman Trophy winners, 20 were quarterbacks. None were option quarterbacks.

► **Senior Tight End Tracey Wistrom**

**Tracey Wistrom** has had at least three catches in four of the seven games he has played in 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 are tied for 14th on the NU all-time 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 missed the Texas Tech game with a sore knee.

**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 301 career pancakes to rank fifth all time at Nebraska, including five in 1998, 111 in 1999, 107 last year and 78 this season. Volk has had double-figure pancakes in each of the last six games with a season-best 12 three times. 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**

Starting left guard **Toniu Fonoti** pairs with Volk, giving Nebraska a sure bet for yards off the left side. Fonoti broke a school record with an astounding 32 pancakes in the Texas Tech win last week, including 10 in NU's first 13 plays of the second half. He was Nebraska's nominee for Big 12 Offensive Player of the Week. Honors are nothing new to the 19-year-old junior. Fonoti earned first-team All-Big 12 honors from the Dallas Morning News in 2000 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 season-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; and a team-leading and school-record 32 vs. Texas Tech, for a team-best 128 this season (16.0 ppg). He has 306 career pancakes (23 in 1999, 155 in 2000, 128 in 2001), becoming the fastest lineman to the 300 mark.

<b>NU Pancake Records</b>		
<b>Career (300 or more)</b>		
<u>Rank</u>	<u>Player, Years</u>	<u>'cakes</u>
1.	Aaron Taylor, 95-97	377
2.	Dominic Raiola, 98-00	361
3.	Russ Hochstein, 97-00	346
4.	<b>Toniu Fonoti, 99-01</b>	<b>306</b>
5.	<b>Dave Volk, 98-01</b>	<b>301</b>
<b>Season (140 or more)</b>		
<u>Rank</u>	<u>Player, Year</u>	<u>'cakes</u>
1.	<b>Toniu Fonoti, 2000</b>	<b>155</b>
2.	Dominic Raiola, 2000	145
3.	Russ Hochstein, 2000	143
4.	Dominic Raiola, 1999	140
--	<b>Toniu Fonoti, 2000</b>	<b>128</b>
<b>Game (20 or More)</b>		
<u>Rank</u>	<u>Player, Game, Yr.</u>	<u>'cakes</u>
1.	<b>Toniu Fonoti, TTU, 01</b>	<b>32</b>
2.	Russ Hochstein, ND, 00	23
3.	<b>Dave Volk, KSU, 99</b>	<b>20</b>
	<b>Toniu Fonoti, BU, 01</b>	<b>20</b>
<small>Note—Fonoti also had 21 pancakes vs. Northwestern in the 2000 Alamo Bowl</small>		

He is just 71 'cakes short of Aaron Taylor's four-year school career record of 377 from 1995 to 1997 and ranks fourth all time at NU.

## 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
TTU	Fonoti	Shanle	Brown

**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.	Erwin Swiney, RCB, 97-01	38
4.	DeJuan Groce, RCB, 99-01	30

## NU Top Five Tackles by DBs

Rank	Player, Position, Years	Tackles
1.	Mike Brown, Rov/FS, 96-99	287
2.	Tyrone Byrd, FS, 89-92	209
3.	Reggie Cooper, SS, 87-90	195
4.	Steve Carmer, SS, 88-92	182
5.	<b>Keyuo Craver, CB, 98-01</b>	<b>175</b>

## NU Career Tight Ends by Yards

Rank	Player, Years	No.Yards	Avg.TD
1.	<b>Tracey Wistrom, 97-01</b>	<b>55 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 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
2.	Matt Davison, SE, 97-00	93	1,456	6
3.	Jeff Kinney, HB, 69-71	82	864	3
4.	Guy Ingles, SE, 68-70	74	1,157	11
5.	Tim Smith, SE, 7-79	72	1,089	3
6.	Irving Fryar, WB, 81-83	67	1,196	11
7.	Tom Penney, SE, 66-68	66	926	2
8.	Todd Brown, SE, 80-82	65	1,092	12
9.	A.Muhammad, WB, 91-94	61	938	6
	Jerry List, 70-72	61	901	5
	Dennis Richnafsny, 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>

## Husker Awards Watch List

**Davey O'Brien**--Eric Crouch, quarterback  
**Johnny Unitas**--Eric Crouch, quarterback  
**Lombardi**--Toniui Fonoti, offensive guard;  
 Tracey Wistrom, tight end  
**Outland**--Toniui Fonoti, offensive guard  
**Thorpe**--Keyuo Craver, left cornerback  
**AFCA Good Works**--Patrick Kabongo, DT  
**CNN.com, ABCSports Online** and  
**Sportsline.com** Midseason All-American--  
 Toniui Fonoti, OG

## The Receivers

The Huskers have had good production from each of their three starting receivers this season. Junior split end **Wilson Thomas** leads the team with 22 catches for 394 yards and three TDs. Senior tight end **Tracey Wistrom** is second with 18 catches for 273 yards and two TDs. Wistrom did not play vs. Texas Tech. Senior wingback **John Gibson** is third with 12 catches for 194 yards and one TD 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 15.0 yards per catch and has 70-1,051 on the season, averaging 131.4 receiving yards per game, the best since averaging 156.5 yards per game in 1995. NU ranks first in the Big 12 in passing efficiency (141.12) and in yards per attempt (8.76) and in yards per completion (15.0). Wistrom had two TD receptions vs. Rice (37 and 11 yards), Thomas had two touchdown receptions vs. Texas Tech (19 and 35 yards) and 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 tied the most by a Husker this season (Wilson Thomas also had five vs. Troy State). Collins ranks fourth among the Huskers with 10 catches for 93 yards. Tight end **Jon Bowling** had two catches for 41 yards vs. Texas Tech, his first of the season, and tight end **Aaron Golliday**, split end **John Klem**, fullback **Judd Davies**, wingback **Ben Cornelsen**, fullback **Paul Kastl** and I-back **Dahrran Diedrick** have one reception each.

## Charting the Leading Husker Receivers

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

Opp.	Wistrom, TE	Thomas, SE	Gibson, WB	TEAM
TCU	3-38-0	3-53-0	2-44-0	9-151-0
TSU	3-36-0	<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>	4-76-1	<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
BU	1-15-0	1-18-0	0-0-0	4-47-0
TTU	<u>DNP</u>	<u>4-76-2</u>	<u>1-15-0</u>	<u>10-196-3</u>
<b>Totals</b>	<b>18-273-2</b>	<b>22-394-3</b>	12-194-1	70-1,051-7

## O-Line Improves Each Game

The Nebraska offensive line has helped the Huskers back to the top of the NCAA rushing charts as NU averages 338.8 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 in school history. Nebraska has had 300 or more yards rushing in five games this season and in each of the last five, including 330 vs. Troy State, 412 vs. Missouri, 359 vs. Iowa State, 641 vs. Baylor and 335 vs. Texas Tech. 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 four games. As a team, Nebraska has 526 pancakes this season, averaging 65.8 per game. Junior left guard **Toniui Fonoti** leads the team with 128 pancakes, an average of 16.0 per game and had a school-record 32 vs. Texas Tech. He also led the team with 18 vs. Notre Dame, 16 vs. Missouri, 11 vs. Iowa State and 20 vs. Baylor. He has had double-figure 'cakes in each of the last six games. Senior left tackle **Dave Volk** is second with 78 pancakes (9.8), including double-figure cakes in each of the last six games. Center **John Garrison** is fourth on the team with 77 (9.6) and led the team with 10 vs. Troy State. His career best is 16 vs. Texas Tech. Senior right guard **Jon Rutherford** is fourth on the team with 75 pancakes (9.4) and led the team with a season-best 12 vs. TCU. Sophomore right tackle **Dan Vili Waldrop** is fifth with 59 pancakes (7.4) and led the team with a career-best 17 vs. Rice. Junior right guard **Wes Cody** is sixth with 56 (7.0), including a career-best 14 vs. Rice. The O-line has had seven offensive penalties this season for 60 yards (none in the last three games) and has given up just four sacks (none in the last four games and just two in the last seven games since giving up two in game one).

## The Running Backs

Junior I-back **Dahrran** (pronounced Darren) **Diedrick** has performed well for the Huskers, carrying the rushing load. Diedrick has 149 carries for 871 yards in seven games played to average 124.4 yards per game (ranks 11th nationally). Diedrick averages 5.8 yards per carry and has lost just six 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; 20 carries for 137 yards vs. Baylor; and 20 carries for 157 yards vs. Texas Tech. He has had

five 100-yard games this season and in his career, including the last three. 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. Collins is third on the team with 480 yards on 68 carries with four TDs (60.0 ypg, 7.1 ypc). He did not have any carries vs. Notre Dame. 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 four consecutive 100-yard rushing games in his last four outings with 191 yards at Missouri, 104 vs. Iowa State, 132 yards at Baylor and 105 vs. Texas Tech. He is second on the team with 777 yards on 136 carries and leads the Huskers with 14 rushing TDs. 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. NU starting fullback **Judd Davies** is fourth on the team with 33 carries for 206 yards (25.8 ypg, 6.2 ypc) and four TDs (two 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 **Davies** (119). The mark tied the four 100-yard performances 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 vs. Baylor, 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. Nebraska has rushed for at least 300 yards in each of the last four games. Nebraska has scored a nation-best 34 touchdowns by rush, compared to four by its opponents. The 688 yards of total offense vs. Baylor was a season best, the best under Solich, but is eight yards off the NU top 10 list.

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	5-21-0	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	15-104-4	15-107-1	4-62-0	3-10-0	54-359-6
BU	18-132-3	20-137-1	13- <b>165-0</b>	<b>12-119-2</b>	<b>73-641-7</b>
TTU	<b>21-105-1</b>	<b>20-157-0</b>	<b>7-41-0</b>	<b>1-25-1</b>	<b>56-335-2</b>
<b>Totals</b>	<b>136-777-14</b>	<b>149-871-9</b>	<b>68-480-4</b>	<b>33-206-4</b>	<b>470-2,710-34</b>

## Tough to Score Against This Defense

The Nebraska defense dominated in its first seven games, then had a difficult time stopping Texas Tech's air attack. The Huskers continue to be a strong second-half team, giving up just 27 second-half points in eight games (17 in the third and 10 in the fourth). Nebraska has outscored its opponents 192-to-62 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 second in the nation in scoring defense, allowing just 11.13 points per game. Texas Tech scored a season-high 31 points, including 28 first-half points, the most vs. the Huskers since UCLA scored 28 vs. NU in 1988 and the most vs. the Huskers at home in modern history.

The Blackshirts have given up eight offensive touchdowns in eight games (Baylor fell on a fumble in the endzone for their lone TD) and a total of 82 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). Texas Tech scored a season-high 31 points on Nebraska.

## Against the Rush

Nebraska ranks sixth nationally and leads the Big 12 in rush defense, allowing just 69.38 yards per game. Nebraska has held six of its eight opponents to less than 70 yards rushing, including the first three opponents (total of 74 yards) and Baylor (29) and Texas Tech (67) in each of the last two games. 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 555 yards rushing in eight games on 251 carries, an average of just 2.2 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 four rushing TDs (Texas Tech scored on a 12-yard run in the second quarter). 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.

## Tough to Get Yards by Any Method vs. Blackshirts

Nebraska held its first three opponents to less than 200 yards of total offense (513 total) and Baylor to 187. Nebraska ranks seventh in the nation and leads in the Big 12 allowing 255.75 yards per game in total offense. Nebraska held its first three opponents to less than 200 yards total offense, before giving up a then-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 2,046 yards of total offense (255.8 average) and opponents are averaging just 3.8 yards per play.

## Not by Air

Against the pass, opponents have completed just 128-of-294 passes, for a 43.5 completion percentage and 1,491 yards (186.4 ypg). Texas Tech completed 34-of-64 passes for 373 yards, all season bests vs. the Huskers this season. Opponents have completed just four touchdown passes against the Huskers (Texas Tech scored on a 19-yard pass in the first quarter) and have thrown 12 interceptions (tied for fourth nationally). Nebraska ranks third in the nation in pass efficiency defense (82.43). Opponents are completing just 43.5 percent of their passes vs. the Blackshirts, a total which ranks third nationally. Nebraska has held all but two opponents to less than 200 yards passing.

## Turnovers Equate to Points for the Huskers

The Blackshirts have caused 18 turnovers this season (12 interceptions, five fumbles lost). Of those, NU has turned 11 turnovers into 10 touchdowns and one field goal to account for 72 defense-aided points. That is 16 points more than the 11-game total of 56 scored last year. NU is on school-record pace of surpassing the 110 scored on turnovers in 1999 and has already caused (18) and recovered (6) 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.

## Huskers Through the Years

			Natl.
Coaches	Record	Years	Champs
Bob Devaney	101-20-2	11	70, 71
Tom Osborne	255-49-3	25	94, 95, 97
Frank Solich	39-7-0	4	0
Since 1962	395-76-5	40	5
1890-1962	366-223-35	72	0
All-Time	761-299-40	112	5

## Husker AP Ranking Notes

- ▶ Nebraska has been ranked in the AP poll 334 consecutive weeks—an AP record
- ▶ NU has been ranked in the top 10 for 139 of the last 145 weeks (1993 to present); and in the last 42 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

## Div. I-A, Records for Starting QBs, by Wins (Includes Bowl Wins)

Player, School, Years	Record
1. Peyton Manning, Tenn., 94-97	39-6-0
2. Rick Leach, Michigan, 75-78	38-7-2
3. John Rauch, Georgia, 45-48	36-8-1
4. Chuck Ealey, Toledo, 69-71	35-0-0
Jay Barker, Alabama, 91-94	35-1-1
Chad Pennington\$, Marsh., 97-99	35-4-0
Mark Barsotti, Fresno St., 88-91	35-6-1
Donovan McNabb, Syra., 95-98	35-14-0
9. Lance McIlhenny, SMU, 80-83	34-5-1
10. <b>Tommie Frazier, Neb., 92-95</b>	<b>33-3-0</b>
Corey Pullig, Texas A&M, 92-95	33-6-1
12. Steve Davis, Oklahoma, 73-75	32-1-1
Chris Weinke, Florida State, 98-00	32-3-0
Danny Wuerffel, Florida, 93-96	32-3-1
Danny White, Arizona St., 71-73	32-4-0
<b>ERIC CROUCH*, Neb., 98-01</b>	<b>32-5-0</b>
Kevin Sweeney, Fresno St., 83-86	32-5-1
Rodney Williams, Clemson, 85-88	32-10-2
Dennis Sproul, Arizona St., 74-77	32-15-0

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 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 12 passes to rank fourth 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), LCB **Lornell McPherson** 1-0 vs. Baylor) and free safety **Dion Booker** (1-18). Five of Nebraska's six starting members in the secondary have at least one interception, except **Philip Bland**.

## Going Backward

The Husker Blackshirts have truly been an attack defense this season. Through eight games, Nebraska has 28 sacks for 233 yards lost and 95 tackles for 360 yards lost. Nebraska sacked Troy State a team-high eight times and recorded 15 tackles for 90 yards lost, 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. In seven of the eight games, Nebraska forced at least one turnover and set the offense up to score at least seven points each game after a turnover. NU has had at least eight tackles for loss in six of eight 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 five 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, a 29 yard run by ISU's Seneca Wallace, and a 25-yard run by Kliff Kingsbury) 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 19 long plays in eight games (14 by pass and five by rush).

## 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	23-67-0	43-16-138-0	66-205-0	13	1-12	4-20	0F,0I	0		
ISU	38-122-1	29-13-214-1	67-336-2	20	4-40	11-58	0F,2I	13	Craver-Int.	
BU	33-29-0	43-15-158-0	76-187-0	14	5-43	10-61	1F,3I	21		
TTU	17-67-1	63-33-353-1	81-440-2	26	3-25	6-33	1F,1I	7		
<b>Total</b>	251-555-4	294-128-1491-4	545-2046-8	123	28-233	74-327	5F,11I	72	14 points	

## 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 five games as rover as Booker moved to free safety when Amos was injured. 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 32 consecutive games, while right cornerback **Erwin Swiney** has 36 career starts.

## Team Leaders

Starting Mike linebacker **Jamie Burrow** leads the team with 44 tackles, including a career-best 11 vs. Notre Dame. He also has five hurries 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 43 and leads the team in solo tackles (28). He is tied for the team lead in passes broken up with 11 and is tied with FS **Willie Amos** and LCB **DeJuan Groce** for most interceptions with two. Groce and LCB **Erwin Swiney** are tied with Craver in pass breakups with 11. Craver led the starters vs. Rice with seven tackles and vs. Iowa State with nine. Free Safety **Dion Booker** is third on the team with 38 tackles. Junior Sam linebacker

**Scott Shanle** is fifth on the team with 37 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. He had two more vs. Texas Tech and is one away from tying Steve Forch (eight in 1987) for the NU linebacker record. Junior rush end **Chris Kelsay** has 25 tackles and leads the team in tackles for loss (11-36), including three sacks. He had a career-best three tackles for loss vs. Iowa State. Twenty different Huskers have recorded Nebraska's 28 sacks, led by junior right rush end **Demoine Adams'** 4-30, including two vs. Baylor.

**Defensive Numbers...**

- ▶ NU opponents are 37-of-131 (28 percent) on third-down conversions
- ▶ Opponents average just 2.2 yards per carry and 3.8 yards per play
- ▶ NU has converted 11-of-18 opponent turnovers into 72 points
- ▶ NU opponents have only converted 2-of-17 NU turnovers into 14 points
- ▶ The Huskers have given up just eight offensive touchdowns in eight games
- ▶ Nebraska has given up just 27 second-half points
- ▶ Nebraska ranks among the top 10 nationally in all four defensive categories
- ▶ Nebraska's average field position is 10.4 yards better than the opponents
- ▶ Opponents are completing just 43.5 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 13th nationally. Larson has buried opponents inside the 20-yard line 12 times and has 11 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; 42.5 vs. Baylor and 44.8 vs. Texas Tech. As a team, NU ranks 10th in net punting, at 39.7 yards per punt.

Junior **Josh Brown**, who won the kicking job before the Iowa State game, is 22-for-23 on PATs (missed one vs. Iowa State, current streak of 13), and is 3-5 on field goals (35 blocked vs. Troy State, 38 good vs. Missouri, 50 miss vs. Baylor, 33 good, 36 good vs. Texas Tech). Brown's 50-yard field goal attempt at the end of the half at Baylor 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. 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). 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).

**Returns...**Nebraska has been much-improved, not only in returns, but also on return coverage. On kickoffs, sophomore **Josh Davis** leads the Huskers, averaging 27.5 yards (15-412) per return, a figure that ranks 21st nationally. Davis has had nine 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); a 32 and a 29-yard kickoff return vs. Baylor (career-best 3-85); and a 32 and a 26-yard kickoff return vs. Texas Tech, marking the fourth game in which he has had two long returns.

Junior **DeJuan Groce** leads the Huskers with 22 returns for 331 yards and ranks ninth in the nation averaging 15.0 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...**Until the Texas Tech game, Nebraska had not given up a punt return of 25 yards or more. Texas Tech speedster Wes Welker recorded an 85-yard punt return for a touchdown vs. NU. That was the first punt return for a touchdown by an opponent since Notre Dame's Joey Getherall returned a punt 83 yards vs. Nebraska last year. The long return is the only punt return of 25 yards or more against NU this season. Entering the Texas Tech game, NU had not given up a long punt return and just three long kickoff returns, but by the end of the first quarter, TTU already had four, including three long kickoff returns by Ivory McCann (31, 27 and 25 yards). The 85-yard punt return is the second longest all time vs. NU (longest was 91 yards by Baylor's Del Shofner in 1956) and just the seventh punt return for a touchdown vs. NU in history. Before the Texas Tech game, Nebraska had allowed just three long kick returns, including two by Notre Dame and one by Baylor.

NU owns a 2.4 yard advantage via punting; a 2.4 advantage on punt returns, and an 8.8 yard per return advantage on kickoff returns, for a 13.6 advantage.

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 Returns**

<u>Category</u>	<u>'00 Avg./Rank</u>	<u>'01 Avg./Rank</u>
<b>Punts</b>	11.0/36th	12.0/25th
<b>Kickoffs</b>	16.7/105th	25.8/13th

## Husker Historical Notes...

### Unprecedented Winning Tradition Continues

Nebraska, the nation's third-winningest program all time by wins (fourth by percentage), boasts a 761-299-40 record in 1,100 games (.710). In the last 33 years, NU is tops, posting a record of 327-58-5 for an .845 winning percentage (390 games), an average of 10 wins per year. In terms of wins, the Huskers are third in NCAA Division I-A history with 761. 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 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 99-10 record (.908 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 59-6 conference record (.908 winning percentage)
- ▶ Won 55 of 56 home games (19 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 18-2 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 327-58-5 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 433-142-16 all time vs. Big 12 Conference teams. Since the Big 12 was formed in 1996, Nebraska is 38-6 in the league (20-1 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 22-6 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 59-6 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 87-3 at home the last 14 years, losing to two teams that went on to win a share of the national

#### Nation's Longest Home Win Streaks

No.	Wins	Team	Last Home Loss, Date
1.	19	Nebraska	Texas (20-16), 10/31/1998
2.	17	Oklahoma	Colorado (27-25), 10/3/1988
3.	16	Virginia Tech	Virginia (36-32), 11/28/1998

championship (Colorado in 1990 and Washington in 1991) and to Texas in 1998. The Huskers are 454-122-20 (.780, 596 games, 112 years) in Lincoln, 329-99-13 (.761, 441 games, 79 years) in Memorial Stadium (since 1923) and 24-1 at home under Coach Solich (.960, 25 games, four years) with a current 19-game winning streak, the longest current streak in the nation. 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 129-10 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 four 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, a 21-game streak from 1981 to 1984 and the current 19-game streak. 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 98-5 in Lincoln, with losses to Colorado, Washington, Oklahoma (twice) and Texas. Those five teams posted a

**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
10/21	3	3	NA	2/0	def. T. Tech, 41-31

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

**Associated Press Poll (Oct. 21)**

No.	Team (1st)	Record	Points
1.	Miami (Fla.) (47)	5-0	1,771
2.	Oklahoma (22)	7-0	1,741
<b>3.</b>	<b>Nebraska (2)</b>	<b>8-0</b>	<b>1,626</b>
4.	UCLA (1)	6-0	1,602
5.	Virginia Tech	6-0	1,513
6.	Florida	5-1	1,389
7.	Texas	6-1	1,378
8.	Michigan	5-1	1,246
9.	Tennessee	4-1	1,086
10.	Maryland	7-0	1,082
11.	Oregon	6-1	981
12.	South Carolina	6-1	873
13.	Washington	5-1	847
14.	Washington State	7-0	837
15.	Georgia	5-1	812
16.	BYU	7-0	794
17.	Auburn	6-1	663
18.	Fresno State	6-1	499
19.	Florida State	4-2	488
20.	Stanford	4-1	471
21.	Georgia Tech	5-2	299
22.	Illinois	6-1	278
23.	North Carolina	5-3	236
24.	Purdue	4-1	235
25.	Colorado	5-2	203

**ESPN/USA Today Coaches (Oct. 21)**

No.	Team (1st)	Record	Points
1.	Miami (Fla.) (47)	5-0	1,481
2.	Oklahoma (13)	7-0	1,444
<b>3.</b>	<b>Nebraska</b>	<b>8-0</b>	<b>1,385</b>
4.	Virginia Tech	6-0	1,298
5.	UCLA	6-0	1,277
6.	Florida	5-1	1,155
7.	Texas	6-1	1,136
8.	Michigan	5-1	1,077
9.	Tennessee	4-1	948
10.	BYU	7-0	856
11.	Washington	5-1	846
12.	Maryland	7-0	843
13.	Oregon	6-1	793
14.	South Carolina	6-1	708
15.	Washington State	7-0	620
16.	Georgia	5-1	598
17.	Auburn	6-1	499
18.	Florida State	4-2	403
19.	Fresno State	6-1	373
20.	Purdue	4-1	290
21.	Georgia Tech	5-2	267
22.	Stanford	4-1	255
23.	Illinois	6-1	244
24.	Texas A&M	6-1	202
25.	Clemson	4-2	90

*Italics* - 2001 opponents

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 211 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 245**

Nebraska's Memorial Stadium boasts an NCAA-record 245 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 159, 86 fewer than Nebraska. NU is 219-26 during the sellout streak (50-9 under Devaney, 145-16 under Osborne, 24-1 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 334**

Nebraska extended its AP poll record to 334 consecutive weeks (every weekly AP poll since Oct. 17, 1981) staying at third for the second straight week. The Huskers' streak is the nation's longest active streak, easily topping Florida State (207) and Florida (193). The Huskers have been ranked in the top 10 in 139 of the last 144 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 42-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 508 of the last 511 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 239 games against unranked opponents since 1973 (30-1 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 224-13-2 against unranked opponents (.941, 239 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 on Oct. 13, Nebraska is averaging a nation's best 338.8 yards per game, nearly 50 yards per game more than runner up Rice (289.4). The Huskers lead the nation with 34 touchdowns (nine more than second-place BYU) and rank second nationally with 5.77 yards per carry, trailing only BYU, which is averaging 5.90 yards per rush.

Last season, the Huskers won their 14th NCAA rushing title, 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 188-5-0 in the last 29 years when rushing for 300 or more yards in a game (since 1973) and has won 110 straight when rushing for 300-plus yards since a loss to Michigan in the 1986 Fiesta

Bowl, when the Huskers rushed for 304 yards. Nebraska is 95-0 since 1973 when rushing for 400 or more yards and has topped the 400-yard mark twice this season (at Missouri on Sept. 29 and at Baylor on Oct. 13).

NU has had 360, 100-yard rushing performances all time (47 under Coach Solich, most recently Dahrran Diedrick, 157 and Eric Crouch, 105, vs. Texas Tech) including 55 games in which two or more Huskers rushed for 100 yards (most recently against Texas Tech). Before having four rushers top the century mark against Baylor on Oct. 13, NU had three rushers top the 100-yard mark in a game only twice in school history, recording the feat against

### 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

### 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)

Kansas in 2000 (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 55 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 100-yard mark a team-best 15 times (a total that ties for fourth in school history). Diedrick, who has five 100-yard games this season, Collins and Davies have all eclipsed the 100-yard mark in a game for the first time in 2001.

Nebraska is 23-0 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 27-4 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 eight games, the Huskers are on pace, averaging 38.8 points per contest to rank eighth nationally and lead the Big 12. In fact, NU has scored 35 or more points in five straight games and six times this season.

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 235 consecutive games when scoring 35 or more points and is 299-1 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 70 straight games. Nebraska has not been shut out at home since KSU shut out the Huskers, 12-0, on Homecoming in 1968 (211 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

After allowing 19.4 points per game last season to rank 26th nationally, Nebraska's defense has been stingy in the 2001 campaign, ranking second nationally, allowing 11.1 points per game. The Huskers, who lead the Big 12 in scoring defense, had allowed just 58 points through the first seven games (8.3 ppg), but gave up a season-high 31 in Saturday's win over the Red Raiders. Nebraska has held seven of its eight opponents to 14 points or less.

With five efforts of 10 points or less, 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.



## Records Report

### Category ..... Record

All-time .....	761-299-40
Home .....	454-122-20
Memorial Stadium .....	329-99-13
Since 1962 .....	394-76-5
Away .....	307-177-20
Road (on campus) .....	270-142-17
Neutral Sites (includes bowls) .....	37-35-3
When Scoring 35+ Points .....	299-1
vs. Big 12 Teams .....	433-142-16
In Big 12 Action (since '96) .....	38-6
Home .....	21-1
Away .....	16-5
Neutral .....	1-0
Bowls .....	20-19
On ABC .....	68-26
On FieldTurf .....	18-0
At Night .....	44-14-3

### vs. Ranked Teams...

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

### In 245 Consecutive Sellout Streak...

All-time .....	219-26
vs. Ranked Teams .....	36-18

### Under Head Coach Frank Solich...

All-Time .....	39-7
Home .....	24-1
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 .....	30-1
Home .....	19-1
Away .....	11-0
vs. Big 12 Teams .....	22-6
Home .....	13-1
Away .....	8-5
Neutral .....	1-0
Big 12 Championship Game .....	1-0
At Night .....	11-2
August .....	2-0
September .....	15-0
October .....	12-4
November .....	7-2
December .....	2-1
January .....	1-0

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

- ▶ won 19 straight home games
- ▶ won 19 straight non-conference regular-season games
- ▶ won 25 straight over unranked opponents
- ▶ won 110 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 70 consecutive games
- ▶ scored in 211 straight home games
- ▶ shut out opponents 100 times
- ▶ won 235 straight games when scoring 35 or more points (299-1 all-time)

In 2001, the Blackshirts have allowed just 69.4 yards per game to lead the Big 12 and rank sixth nationally. The total is less than two yards per game off the school record of 67.5 set in 1967. The Huskers also rank sixth nationally in average per rush (2.21 ypc) and eighth in touchdowns allowed (four).

The Blackshirts have allowed just five plays of 25 yards or more on the ground (allowed six through the first eight 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 (nearly 90 yards below its season average of 289.6 yards per game which ranks second only to NU) on Sept. 20 accounts for more than 35 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...

► **Huskers Reach 1,100 Contests...**Last Saturday's Homecoming contest against Texas Tech moved Nebraska into an elite group of programs, as Nebraska played its 1,100th game in school history against the Red Raiders. Only Rutgers (1,138), Navy (1,113), Michigan (1,110) and Syracuse (1,106) 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 761 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
1,100	vs. Texas Tech	10/20/2001	W, 41-31

► **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 39-7 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 eight starts, earned conference honors after the TCU game, while Shanle, who has seven 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 eight contests. Ruud is sixth on the squad with 36 tackles, while Bland has started three games at rover, becoming the first true freshman to start in four seasons. Stuntz has not caught a pass, but has a 25-yard run against Rice, while **Manaia Brown** saw his most extensive playing time against Missouri 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 18-0 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 Texas Tech last Saturday (TTU led 7-0), as NU has trailed three times (also vs. Troy State and Missouri) but have not trailed in the second half in a game all season. Last season, Nebraska trailed at least once in eight contests, winning six times and losing twice. The last time the Huskers trailed in the fourth quarter but won was against Colorado on Nov. 24, 2000, where the Huskers marched 44 yards in 47 seconds to set up **Josh Brown's** 29-yard field goal as time expired. The win marked the first time since statistics have been kept (since 1946) that the Huskers won on the last play of regulation. The last time NU trailed at halftime was against Kansas State in 2000. The last time NU trailed at halftime, but won, was against Iowa State in 2000. The last time NU trailed entering the fourth quarter, but won, was in 1998 against Colorado (NU trailed CU 14-13 entering the final period, but won 16-14). Under Coach Solich, the biggest deficit Nebraska has overcome was nine points at Kansas in 1999, when the Huskers trailed 9-0 at halftime before winning 24-17.

► **In overtime...**The Huskers are 3-0 in overtime, defeating Missouri, 45-38, in Columbia in 1997; Colorado, 33-30, in Boulder in 1999; and Notre Dame in South Bend, 27-24, in 2000. In 1997, Missouri won the coin toss and Nebraska scored in three plays on a 12-yard Scott Frost run, then held the Tigers. Against CU, Nebraska won the coin toss, held the Buffs to a

## 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 338.8 yards per game on the ground, a total which is nearly 50 yards per game more than second-ranked Rice.
- ▶ Nebraska is 188-5-0 when rushing for 300 or more yards in a game since 1973.
- ▶ The Huskers have won 110 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 360, 100-yard performances in school history, including 30 200-yard efforts.

### Scoring Notes

- ▶ Including this season's average of 38.8 points per game, Nebraska has averaged 35 or more points in 15 of the past 16 seasons.
- ▶ NU has won 235 consecutive games when scoring 35 or more points.
- ▶ NU has not been shut out in 211 home games and in 70 games overall.
- ▶ Nebraska is 299-1 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 760 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 334 consecutive AP polls, dating back to 1981.
- ▶ The Huskers have been ranked in 508 of the past 511 polls since 1969.
- ▶ Nebraska ranks fourth all-time with 585 appearances in the AP poll since its inception in 1936.
- ▶ NU has posted 40 consecutive winning seasons, 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).

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 138-57-1 all-time on television, since losing to Oregon in the first-ever nationally televised TV game on Sept. 19, 1953. NU has won 21 of its last 23 TV games and is 32-7 under Coach Solich. The Huskers are 70-26 all time on ABC and have won 40 of their last 46 ABC telecasts since a 36-21 loss to Washington Sept. 21, 1991. NU QB Eric Crouch has been named the ABC/Chevrolet Player of the Game 10 times in his career, including five times in 1999 (vs. Iowa, Cal, Kansas State, Texas-Big 12 Championship and Tenn.-bowl game) three times in 2000 (Iowa, Iowa St., OU) and once this season (vs. TCU). Diedrick was the player of the game against Notre Dame.

▶ **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...**34 former Huskers entered the week on opening day rosters, a total which currently leads the Big 12 (Texas A&M has 33). 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 have found success in the NFL in 2001. Green Bay's Ahman Green (1995-97) leads all NFC rushers and is fifth in the NFL with 512 yards, while Correll Buckhalter (1997-2000) is ninth in the NFC with 285 yards after setting an Eagles' rookie record with 134 yards against Arizona in Philadelphia's last contest. 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 Brenden 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 55.3 yards (2,545 total yards) on 6.6 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 eight opponents to a total of just 14 scores, while the Huskers have started 34 of 107 drives beyond their own 40-yard line. Against Notre Dame, NU produced its shortest drive with a one-play drive that took 0:05 on a 22-yard Eric Crouch to John Gibson scoring pass after Notre Dame fumbled on its first offensive play of the game. Nebraska added its second one-play drive of the season against Texas Tech with Judd Davies' 25-yard scoring sprint that took 0:09 in the first quarter after the Red Raiders fumbled a kickoff.

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 went a season-low four yards to get a touchdown. Troy State's second drive covered a season-long 88 yards, while Iowa State's 76-yard drive lasted 5:14 were season longs. Texas Tech produced an opponent season-long 13 play drive in the third quarter.

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
Texas Tech	7	17:47	2:32	44	6.3	2	1
<b>Totals</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>120:00</b>	<b>2:37</b>	<b>304</b>	<b>6.6</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Opp.</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>41:52</b>	<b>2:56</b>	<b>118</b>	<b>8.4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>

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

The Huskers have produced 45 plays that have covered 25 yards or more, including 19 long runs, 10 long passes and 16 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. Last week against Texas Tech, the Huskers reeled off seven long plays, including a season-high three long pass plays against the Red Raiders. 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.

Texas Tech had the most big-play success of any Husker opponent this year, uncorking eight long plays, including four long returns, three long pass plays and one long run. Wes Welker's 85-yard punt return for a touchdown was the longest play by an opponent against NU this season and the second-longest punt return by an opponent in school history. It was also the only long punt return against NU this season. Ivory McCann added the longest

kickoff return of the season against NU with his 31-yard burst. McCann added two other kickoff returns of 27 and 25 yards to double the total of long kickoff returns against the Huskers. Texas Tech quarterback Kliff Kingsbury connected on three long passes with Carlos Francis of 45, 36 and 26 yards, while Kingsbury added the Red Raiders' only long run of 25 yards.

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. Husker opponents have not produced a long interception return or a long fumble return yet 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
<u>Texas Tech</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>8</u>
<b>Totals</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>26</b>

## ► Nebraska in the Red Zone...

Against Texas Tech, the Huskers went 4-for-5 inside the red zone, which followed consecutive 5-for-6 red zone efforts against Baylor and Iowa State. For the season, the Huskers have converted on 32-of-42 trips (76.2 percent) into the red zone, with 28 touchdowns (26 rushing, 2 passing) and two field goals. On the other side of the ball, the Nebraska defense had allowed just 10 opponent penetrations into the red zone before Texas Tech produced an opponent season-high five red zone chances. The Red Raiders converted all five of their red zone opportunities, but the Blackshirts did limit Texas Tech to a pair of touchdowns while settling for three field goals. For the season, opponents have converted 12-of-15 trips into points (80.0 percent). But the Blackshirts have surrendered just six touchdowns, while giving up six 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) produced the second-highest number of red zone attacks but came away with just one field goal, while Texas Tech (5-5) established opponent season highs in both penetrations and conversions.

Game	Scores Inside 20				No Score Inside 20				Half/Pct.
	Chances	Total	TDs	FGs	MissFGs	TOs	Downs	Gm.	
TCU	2	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	1.00
Troy State	8	4	4	0	1	0	3	0	.500
Notre Dame	5	4	2	2	0	1	0	0	.800
Rice	4	4	4	0	0	0	0	0	1.00
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
<u>Texas Tech</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>.800</u>
<b>Totals</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>.762</b>
<b>Opp.</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>.800</b>

**Note:** Nebraska has 26 rushing TDs, 2 passing TDs and 4 FGs in the red zone. Opponents have 2 passing TDs, 4 rushing TDs and 6 FGs in the red zone.

► **Quarterback Drive Efficiency** \**Total Drives Begun as Starting QB*

QB	Drives*	Scores	TDs	FG-FGA	Eff.	Red Zone
Crouch	97	41	36	5-8	.423	28-36
Lord%	9	5	5	0-0	.556	4-6
Chrisman#	1	0	0	0-0	.000	0-0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>5-8</b>	<b>.430</b>	<b>32-42</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 72 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 72 points off turnovers is already 16 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 and Texas Tech. Opponents have scored just 14 points off Nebraska turnovers (Troy State, 7; Baylor, 7).

Through eight games, Nebraska is a plus-one (+0.13 avg./game) in turnover margin, forcing 18 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; 2 vs. Texas Tech), while committing 17 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; 2 vs. Texas Tech). The Huskers have fumbled 21 times and lost 11 fumbles in eight games, Eric Crouch has thrown five interceptions (one vs. TCU, Rice, Missouri and two vs. Texas Tech) and Jammal Lord threw his first interception of the season against Iowa State.

The Blackshirts have recovered six fumbles and posted 12 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 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), Wes Woodward (Baylor) and Dion Booker (Texas Tech) have one interception for the Huskers. Nebraska is tied for fourth nationally with 12 interceptions. Oklahoma and Texas A&M have also snagged 12 interceptions on the season.

Game	TO's Gained	TO's TDs	Scores FG-FGA	Pts.	TO's 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.)
Texas Tech	2 (1F, 1I)	1	0-0	7	2 (0 fumbles/2 int.)
<b>Totals</b>	<b>18 (6F, 12I)</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>1-1</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>17 (11 fumbles/6 int.)</b>
<b>Opp.</b>	<b>17 (11F, 6I)</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>18 (6 fumble/12 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- <b>12-0/205/3</b>	68/497/7
Missouri	72/412/5	15-8-1/120/0	<b>87/532/5</b>
Iowa State	54/359/6	16-11-1/117/0	70/476/6
Baylor	<b>73/648/7</b>	9-4-0/47/0	82/ <b>688/7</b>
Texas Tech	56/335/2	<b>22-10-2/196/3</b>	78/531/5

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	<b>47/196/0</b>	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
Texas Tech	17/67/1	<b>64-34-1/373/1</b>	<b>81/440/2</b>

► **Husker 100-Yard Rushing Games (11)**

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). Crouch produced his fourth straight 100-yard rushing performance and 15th of his career with 105 yards on 21 carries against Texas Tech to become the fourth quarterback in NCAA history to rush and pass for over 3,000 yards in his career.

Dahrran Diedrick joined Crouch across the century mark for the third straight game with 157 yards on 20 carries against the Red Raiders for his team-leading fifth 100-yard effort of the season and his career. Collins and Davies both reached the century mark for the first time against Baylor.

After producing just three 100-yard rushers in the first five games, Nebraska has eight 100-yard efforts in the past three games for 11 100-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, Iowa State's Ennis Haywood and Texas Tech's Ricky Williams are the only three backs to rush for more than 50 yards vs. NU.

► **Husker 100-Yard Rushing Games (11) (\* 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  
**vs. Texas Tech**-Dahrran Diedrick, 20 att., 157 yards, 0 TD; Eric Crouch, 21 att., 105 yards, 1 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 36.1 yard line, while holding opponents to an average start at the 25.7, for a +10.4 yards per drive advantage. Against Texas Tech, the Huskers made it eight straight games with a field position edge. In five of eight games, NU's advantage has been 10 or more. Against Rice, the Husker defense and special teams helped NU enjoy a 20-yard-plus field position edge. Sophomore punter Kyle Larson has buried NU's eight opponents inside their own 20-yard line 12 times, including five against TCU, two against Notre Dame, Rice, Missouri and one against Texas Tech.

Opponents have started five drives inside their own 10, including two from the 1-yard line, 30 drives inside the 20 and 27 more at the 20. Opponents have started eight 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 19 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 34 of 107 drives beyond its own 40 yard line, with 25 starts on the opposition's half of the field.

Nebraska's punt return and kickoff return units have provided the Huskers with excellent field position throughout the season. NU's kickoff return unit headed by Josh Davis ranks 13th nationally with 25.82 yards per return. The Huskers, led by DeJuan Groce and Keyuo Craver, rank 25th nationally in punt returns averaging 11.98 yards per return.

	NU Avg. Start	Opp. Avg. Start	Advantage
TCU	35.2 (457/13)	24.3 (340/14)	+10.9
Troy State	<b>40.7</b> (530/13)	28.6 (457/16)	+12.1
Notre Dame	40.1 (562/14)	<b>32.6</b> (456/14)	+7.5
Rice	40.1 (489/12)	19.4 (233/12)	<b>+20.7</b>
Missouri	35.5 (426/12)	23.2 (302/13)	+12.3
Iowa State	34.0 (340/10)	20.4 (245/12)	+13.6
Baylor	31.8 (540/17)	26.9 (458/17)	+4.9
Texas Tech	<u>32.7</u> (523/16)	<u>27.8</u> (361/13)	<u>+4.9</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>36.1</b> (3867/107)	<b>25.7</b> (2852/111)	<b>+10.4</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 eight games this season, the Huskers have continued that trend by committing six fewer penalties than their opponents, but NU has actually been penalized for more yards than the opposition (471-421). The last time out against Texas Tech, Nebraska was flagged nine times for a season-high 93 yards. The Huskers were penalized a season-high 10 times against Notre Dame, but were moved back just 69 yards. Nebraska produced a season-low three penalties against Iowa State, and were penalized a season-low 32 yards at Baylor.

Of Nebraska's 48 penalties, 17 have been on the offense, 10 on special teams and 21 against the defense. Opponents have been flagged for 37 offensive penalties, six special teams infractions and 11 defensive penalties. TCU set opponent highs with 11 penalties for 85 yards, while Missouri set opponent season lows with three penalties for just 37 yards.

	NU Pen.-Yds.	Opp. Pen.-Yds.
TCU	5-46	<b>11-85</b>
Troy State	4-60	8-53
Notre Dame	<b>10-69</b>	9-63
Rice	4-46	7-34
Missouri	9-85	3-37
Iowa State	3-40	6-55
Baylor	4-32	4-43
Texas Tech	<u>9-93</u>	<u>6-51</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>48-471</b>	<b>54-421</b>
<b>Average</b>	<b>6.0-58.9</b>	<b>6.8-52.6</b>

► **Welcome to Memorial Stadium -- Nebraska's "House of Pancakes"**

The Husker O-Line has provided some pretty good home cookin' for Big Red backs this season, flipping opponent defenses for an average of 65.75 pancakes (knock-down blocks) per game. After a young offensive line started slow by producing just 89 total pancakes in the first two games against TCU (45) and Troy State (44), NU has nearly matched that combined total in three of the last six games. In a win over Rice, the Huskers rolled to a season-high 92 pancakes. The offensive line just missed that mark in each of the past two games, punishing Baylor for 88 pancakes en route to 641 yards rushing. The Huskers matched that total with 88 more 'cakes against Texas Tech, including a school-record 32 pancakes by junior offensive guard Toniui Fonoti. The 6-4, 340-pounder has led the Huskers in five of eight games, including 20 at Baylor, 18 at Notre Dame, 16 at Missouri and 11 vs. Iowa State.

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

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

Missouri	56	16 (#77)	0	2-25	56.8%
Iowa State	50	11 (#77)	0	0-0	62.0%
Baylor	88	20 (#77)	0	0-0	57.6%
Texas Tech	88	32 (#77)	0	0-0	<u>80.0%</u>
<b>Totals</b>	<b>526</b>	<b>32 (#77)</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>7-60</b>	

► **Husker Pancake Leaders...**

	TCU	TSU	ND	RU	MU	ISU	BU	TT	Tot	Avg.
Fonoti	10	6	18	15	16	11	20	32	128	16.0
Volk	6	5	10	12	11	10	12	12	78	9.8
Rutherford	12	9	10	8	11	2	13	10	75	9.4
Garrison	6	10	8	14	6	7	10	16	77	9.6
Vili Waldrop	6	3	11	17	5	3	8	6	59	7.4
Cody	5	2	6	14	3	7	8	11	56	7.0
Shook	0	4	DNP	3	3	1	4	0	15	2.1
Altstadt	DNP	2	0	2	1	3	4	0	12	1.7
Tagoa'i	DNP	DNP	DNP	2	0	0	4	DNP	6	1.5
Kollmorgen	DNP	3	0	2	0	0	3	0	8	1.1
Erickson	DNP	DNP	DNP	1	0	2	DNP	DNP	3	1.0
Koethe	DNP	DNP	DNP	1	0	2	0	1	4	0.8
Koltermann	0	0	0	0	DNP	2	2	0	4	0.6

► **Husker Starting Experience**

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

Defensive Starters	'97	'98	'99	'00	'01	Tot.
Thunder Collins, IB, Jr., (Los Angeles, Calif.)	0	0	0	0	1	1
Eric Crouch, QB, Sr., (Omaha, Neb.)	0	6	11	11	8	36
Judd Davies, FB, So., (Omaha, Neb.)	0	0	0	0	8	8
Dahrran Diedrick, IB, Jr., (Scarborough, Ont.)	0	0	0	0	7	7
Toniui Fonoti, LG, Jr., (Hauula, Hawaii)	0	0	0	11	8	19
John Garrison, C, Jr., (Blue Springs, Mo.)	0	0	0	0	8	8
John Gibson, WB, Sr., (Papillion, Neb.)	0	0	0	3	8	10
Aaron Golliday, TE, Jr., (York, Neb.)	0	0	4	3	1	8
Troy Hassebroek, WB, Jr., (Lincoln, Neb.)	0	0	1	0	0	1
Jon Rutherford, RG, Sr., (Midwest City, Okla.)	0	0	0	0	8	8
Wilson Thomas, SE, Jr., (Omaha, Neb.)	0	0	2	2	8	12
Dave Volk, LT, Sr., (Battle Creek, Neb.)	0	0	13	11	8	32
Dan Waldrop, RT, So., (Wilmington, Calif.)	0	0	0	0	8	8
Tracey Wistrom, TE, Sr., (Webb City, Mo.)	0	1	3	2	7	20
<b>Totals</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>168</b>

Defensive Starters	'97	'98	'99	'00	'01	Tot.
Demoine Adams, LRE, Jr., (Pine Bluff, Ark.)	0	0	0	4	8	12
Willie Amos, FS, So., (Sweetwater, Texas)	0	0	0	0	4	4
Philip Bland, Rover, Fr.* (Lafayette, Colo.)	0	0	0	0	3	3
Jon Clanton, NT, Jr., (Glendale, Ariz.)	0	0	0	0	5	5
Dion Booker, Rov./FS, Sr., (Oceanside, Calif.)	0	0	5	7	6	18
Jamie Burrow, MLB, Sr., (Ames, Iowa)	0	0	0	0	8	8
Keyuo Craver, LCB, Sr., (Harleton, Texas)	0	0	13	11	8	32
DeJuan Groce, RCB, Jr., (Garfield Heights, Ohio)	0	0	0	2	7	9
Chris Kelsay, RE, Jr., (Auburn, Neb.)	0	0	1	7	8	16
Jason Lohr, NT, Sr., (Tulsa, Okla.)	0	0	0	11	3	14
Lornell McPherson, LCB, Fr., (Omaha, Neb.)	0	0	0	0	1	1
Pat Ricketts, LCB, So., (Omaha, Neb.)	0	0	0	0	1	1
Jeremy Slechta, DT, Sr., (LaVista, Neb.)	0	0	0	4	8	12
Scott Shanley, WLB, Jr., (St. Edward, Neb.)	0	0	0	9	7	16
Erwin Swiney, LCB, Sr., (Lincoln, Neb.)	10	13	0	10	3	36
Mark Vedral, WLB, Sr., (Gregory, S.D.)	0	0	0	1	8	9
<b>Totals</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>185</b>

Starting Kickers	'97	'98	'99	'00	'01	Tot.
Josh Brown, PK, Jr., (Foyil, Okla.)	0	0	13	11	4	28
Sandro DeAngelis, PK, Fr. (Niagara Falls, Ont.)	0	0	0	0	4	4
Larson, Kyle, P. So., (Funk, Neb.)	0	0	0	0	8	8
<b>Totals</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>40</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 (36)  
 Most Career Starts on Defense: Erwin Swiney, RCB (36)  
 Most Offensive Starts on Offense: Dave Volk, LT (32)  
 Most Consecutive Starts on Defense: Keyuo Craver, LCB (32)