

NEBRASKA FOOTBALL

2001

Husker Records and Streaks

- ▶ NCAA-record 246 consecutive sellouts in Memorial Stadium
- ▶ 40 consecutive winning seasons—current NCAA record
- ▶ 33 consecutive nine-win seasons—NCAA record
- ▶ 32 consecutive bowl bids—NCAA record
- ▶ 39 bowl appearances—tied for fourth in NCAA
- ▶ 335 consecutive weeks ranked by the Associated Press, a continuing AP record
- ▶ 32 consecutive years ranked in AP top 25
- ▶ 20-game home winning streak (nation's longest)
- ▶ 100-10 record since 1993 (nine years)
- ▶ 43 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. 30: Lunch at 11 a.m.; Volleyball Coach John Cook at 11:10 a.m.; Soccer Coach John Walker at 11:20 a.m.; QB Eric Crouch from 11:30-11:45 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. 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 10: No. 2/2/1 Nebraska (9-0, 5-0) vs. Kansas (2-5, 1-4)

DATE: Saturday, Nov. 3, 2001; **TIME:** 6:10 p.m.

SITE: Memorial Stadium (50,250); **SURFACE:** AstroPlay

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

NATIONAL TV: Fox Sports Net; Joel Meyers (PBP); James Lofton (Color); Eric Clemons (SL)

Undefeated Cornhuskers (9-0) Travel to Kansas (2-5)

In yet another game for the ages, No. 3/3/2 (AP/Coaches/BCS) Nebraska, defeated No. 2/2/1 Oklahoma, 20-10 in Lincoln. It was a game that not only matched a pair of unbeaten teams, but also featured the No. 1 and No. 2 BCS teams. For the second year in a row, OU and NU were ranked one and two in the BCS when the teams met on the field, but this year, Nebraska was the underdog. In the storied Nebraska-Oklahoma series, a team has come from behind to win in 26 of the last 35 games and in the series, the underdog has won 11 times. Both happened Saturday. Memorial Stadium was sold out for the 246th consecutive game and no fan was disappointed in the "Game of the New Century." The game featured two excellent defenses, and neither team scored in the first quarter. Both Oklahoma and Nebraska entered the game ranked among the top 30 in all four defensive categories. Nebraska entered the game leading the nation in rushing and totaled 164 yards on the ground. OU outgained Nebraska 339-329, with 105 yards on the ground and 234 by air. But Nebraska Coach Frank Solich called an outstanding game, and other than a late Hail Mary pass to end the first half, NU did not commit a turnover as the Huskers remain one of just three undefeated teams this season (also Miami and BYU).

The No. 2/2/1 (AP/Coaches/BCS) Cornhuskers are now 9-0 on the season, 5-0 in Big 12 action, after defeating then-No. 2/2/1 Oklahoma (7-1, 4-1), marking the first time Coach Solich has led his team to a 9-0 start. NU has started a season 9-0 four times in the 90s and 15 times overall. The ninth win also extended Nebraska's NCAA record for consecutive nine-win seasons to 33. The victory was Solich's first over OU, but Nebraska's eighth win over the Sooners in nine tries, dating back to 1991. Coach Solich improves to 40-7 in his four-year career, marking the first time ever that a Husker coach has won 40 games in his first four years. Coach Solich now ranks fifth among Division I-A Coaches for wins in their first four years. He has a 40-7 record for an .851 career winning percentage, which would rank first in Division I-A if he had the prerequisite five years. The win also extended Nebraska's home winning streak to 20 games—the nation's longest streak and ended the Sooners' 20-game winning streak, the nation's longest.

Oklahoma was the sixth previously unbeaten opponent to fall to the Huskers this season. OU wasn't the only AP top 25 team to record a loss over the weekend, as four other teams suffered their first loss of the season. No. 4 UCLA lost at No. 22 Stanford (38-28); No. 5 Virginia Tech lost at home to Syracuse (22-14), No. 10 Maryland lost at No. 18 Florida State (52-31) and No. 14 Washington State lost to No. 11 Oregon (24-17). That leaves Nebraska (9-0), Miami (6-0) and BYU (7-0) as the only unblemished teams remaining in the Division I-A top 25.

This week Nebraska turns its attention to the Kansas Jayhawks, who are coming off a 40-6 loss to arch-rival Kansas State in Manhattan. The game will be the 108th meeting between the two schools and will become the longest continuous series in Division I-A and an NCAA record as it is the 96th consecutive. Kansas is 2-5 overall and 1-4 in Big 12 action, defeating Texas Tech in Lubbock in double overtime (34-31), but losing league games to Colorado, Oklahoma, Missouri, and Kansas State. The game will be televised by Fox Sports Net to a national cable audience at 6:10 p.m.

The 2001 Nebraska (9-0, 5-0) Football Schedule/Results

Day	Date	Opponent	Time/Res.	TV	Series	Last Meeting (Site) / Updated Notes from the Game
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 #	W 20-10	ABC	OU 40-37-3	Nebraska snaps OU's 20-game win streak; Crouch scores on 63-yard reception
Sat.	Nov. 3	at Kansas #	6:10 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 #	2:30 p.m.	ABC	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

This Week's Polls

With a solid win over No. 2 Oklahoma, Nebraska moved up from third to second in both the Associated Press and Coaches polls. Nebraska could move up to No. 1 in the second BCS Poll, which will be released Monday evening. The No. 2 ranking is the highest ranking the Huskers have received this season. NU began the year fourth in both preseason polls and dropped to fifth in the AP's third poll. In this week's Associated Press Poll, NU has 17 first-place votes and 1,745 points, behind Miami (55, 1,783). In the USA Today/ESPN Coaches poll, NU received 14 first-place votes and 1,454 points to rank behind Miami (46 first-place votes, 1,486 points). Oklahoma dropped to third and fourth, respectively. Texas, whose only loss is to Oklahoma, is also ranked among the top five at No. 5 in both polls. Colorado, a Big 12 Conference foe, is ranked 25th in both polls, while Texas A&M is No. 17 in the Coaches Poll and 24th in the AP. Iowa State received votes in the AP poll. Nebraska will conclude its regular-season action at Colorado on Nov. 23.

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 seven at home. 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 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 first 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, 48-7. 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, despite missing six starters for most of the game in a rash of injuries. NU gave up 28 first-half points (the most since UCLA in 1988), but led 38-31 after three quarters and held on for a 41-31 win. Last week the Huskers broke an unprecedented streak of four consecutive home night games, playing host to defending national champion Oklahoma in an 11:12 a.m. kickoff on ABC. Nebraska ended Oklahoma's 20-game winning streak with a 20-10 win in Lincoln. It was Nebraska's second win against a ranked opponent this season.

Nebraska will play its seventh game on television in NU's fifth night game of the season in a 6:10 p.m. (FSN) kickoff at Kansas on Nov. 3. NU will return home to play host to Kansas State on Nov. 10 in a 2:30 kickoff televised by ABC. 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.).

Nebraska Head Coach Frank Solich

Coach Frank Solich (Nebraska, 1966) is in his fourth season at the helm of the Huskers and owns a 40-7 school and career record. Solich is fifth on the all-time Division I-A list for wins in the first four seasons as a head coach. His winning percentage of .851 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 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 an incredible 40-7. 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 40 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 3-0 vs. Kansas and Head Coach Terry Allen. Solich is 25-1 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 23-6 in Big 12 action (14-1 at home, 8-5 on the road and 1-0 in neutral-site games). Solich is 10-6 vs. ranked teams, 2-0 this season.

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	9-0	5-0	W, OU, 20-10
Colorado	6-2	4-1	W, OSU, 22-19
Iowa State	5-2	3-2	L, A&M, 21-24
Missouri	3-4	2-3	L, UT, 16-35
Kansas State	3-4	1-4	W, KU, 40-6
Kansas	2-5	1-4	L, KSU, 6-40

South

Team	Overall	Big 12	Last Week
Oklahoma	7-1	4-1	L, NU, 10-20
Texas A&M	7-1	4-1	W, ISU, 24-21
Texas	7-1	4-1	W, MU, 35-16
Texas Tech	4-3	2-3	W, BU, 63-19
Baylor	2-5	0-5	L, TTU, 19-63
Okla. St.	2-6	0-5	L, CU, 19-22

2001 Nebraska Non-Conference Opponents

Team	2001 Record -- Last Week
TCU	4-3 -- Did Not Play
Troy State	4-3 -- W, S. Utah, 20-17
Notre Dame	3-4 -- L, Boston College, 17-21
Rice	6-2 -- L, La. Tech, 38-41

2001 Kansas Schedule (2-5)

9/1	SW Missouri State	W, 24-10
9/8	UCLA	L, 17-41
9/22	at Colorado	L, 16-27
10/6	at Texas Tech	W, 34-31 2OT
10/13	Oklahoma	L, 10-38
10/20	Missouri	L, 34-38
10/27	at Kansas State	L, 6-40
11/3	Nebraska	6:10 p.m.
11/10	at Texas	TBA
11/17	Iowa State	TBA
11/24	Wyoming	1 p.m.

% Kickoff Classic

2000 Kansas Results (4-7)

9/2	at SMU	L, 17-31
9/16	UAB	W, 23-20
9/23	Southern Illinois	W, 42-0
9/30	at Oklahoma	L, 16-34
10/7	Kansas State	L, 13-52
10/14	at Missouri	W, 38-17
10/21	Colorado	W, 23-15
10/28	Texas Tech	L, 39-45
11/4	at Nebraska	L, 17-56
11/11	Texas	L, 16-51
11/18	at Iowa State	L, 17-38

Huskers from Kansas

► Two major contributors came to Nebraska from the state of Kansas. No. 2 split end and No. 3 punt returner Ben Cornelsen and No. 2 rush end J.P. Wichmann both graduated from Shawnee Mission Northwest High School.

Kansas Connection

► NU Running Backs Coach Dave Gillespie spent four seasons on KU's staff at Kansas from 1994 to 1997. He worked as an assistant coach for three seasons under Glen Mason before working as an administrative assistant in Coach Terry Allen's first year at the school.

Scouting Kansas (2-5 Overall, 1-4 Big 12)

The Huskers travel to Lawrence, Kan., to battle the Kansas Jayhawks in the annual renewal of one of the nation's oldest college football rivalries. Saturday's meeting with the Jayhawks will set a new NCAA record for the longest continuous series in Division I-A, surpassing the previous mark of 95 games between Oklahoma and Kansas from 1903 to 1997. Overall, it will be the 108th meeting on the gridiron between Nebraska and Kansas.

The Jayhawks enter the game with a 2-5 overall record and a 1-4 mark in Big 12 Conference play after a 40-6 loss to Kansas State on Oct. 27. The Jayhawks have played one of the nation's toughest schedules with losses to Oklahoma, UCLA, Colorado, Missouri and Kansas State. KU's biggest win of the season came with a 34-31 double-overtime victory at Texas Tech. The Jayhawks' other win was a 24-10 season-opening victory over Southwest Missouri State.

Junior quarterback Mario Kinsey leads a balanced Kansas offense, completing 61-of-142 passes for 860 yards and five touchdowns. He is also KU's second-leading rusher, amassing 206 yards on 93 carries with three more touchdowns. His best performance of the season came in the loss to Missouri, when he completed 13-of-25 passes for 242 yards, while adding 14 yards on the ground for 256 yards of total offense. He produced 50-yard rushing games against UCLA and at Texas Tech. Kinsey's favorite receiving target has been senior wide receiver Roger Ross. The older brother of Husker true freshman running back Corey Ross, Roger has 26 receptions for 391 yards and two scores. Senior wide receiver Termaine Fulton has added 24 catches for 300 yards and one touchdown.

KU's leading ground gainer has been sophomore running back Reggie Duncan, who has produced 444 yards on 113 carries with one touchdown. He erupted for 227 yards on 36 carries in the win at Texas Tech for his only 100-yard rushing performance of the season.

Senior middle linebacker Marcus Rogers leads the KU defense with 87 tackles, including 52 solos and three tackles for loss. Rogers also has one interception. Junior weakside linebacker Leo Etienne has added 59 tackles, including five tackles for loss with two sacks and five pass breakups.

Kansas Head Coach Terry Allen

Coach Terry Allen (Northern Iowa, 1979) is in his fifth season at Kansas and owns a 95-58 overall record in his 13th season as a head coach. He has a 20-32 mark at Kansas. Allen is 0-4 against Nebraska and 13-30 against all Big 12 teams. Before becoming the 34th head coach at the University of Kansas, Allen spent eight seasons as the head coach at Northern Iowa, where he produced a 75-26 record.

The Nebraska-Kansas Series (NU Leads, 83-21-3)

With the 108th meeting between the two schools on Saturday, Nebraska's series with Kansas is the third-longest series in NCAA Division I-A, trailing only Minnesota vs. Wisconsin (110) and Kansas vs. Missouri (110). This weekend's game will be the 96th consecutive season that the two teams have battled, making it the longest continuous series in Division I-A and an NCAA record.

Last season, the Huskers dominated Kansas, 56-17, extending their winning streak in the series to 32 games, dating back to a 23-13 loss to the Jayhawks in Lincoln on Oct. 12, 1968. Although Nebraska has controlled the series in recent years, the Huskers have had several scares in Lawrence. On Oct. 30, 1999, Nebraska trailed 9-0 at halftime and was tied 17-17 midway through the fourth quarter, before a pair of Bobby Newcombe touchdowns propelled the Huskers to largest come-from-behind win under Coach Solich. Newcombe ripped off an 86-yard punt return for a touchdown with 2:14 left in the third quarter, before connecting with quarterback Eric Crouch on a 49-yard pass with 3:24 left in the game for the final score. In 1993, the Huskers escaped from Lawrence with a 21-20 win in just the fourth one-point margin in series history.

Nebraska-Kansas 2001 Statistical Comparison

Category	Nebraska (9-0, 5-0)			Kansas (2-5, 1-4)		
	Rankings (2/2/1)			Rankings (NR)		
Top 25 NCAA Rankings in Boldface						
Category	Avg.	Natl.	Big 12	Avg.	National	Big 12
Rushing Offense	319.33	1st	1st	117.43	91st	9th
Passing Offense	135.11	109th	12th	173.43	87th	9th
Pass Efficiency	140.71	22nd	1st	101.48	97th	9th
Total Offense	454.44	11th	1st	290.86	106th	11th
Scoring Offense	36.78	12th	2nd	20.14	92nd	10th
Rushing Defense	73.33	6th	1st	229.43	109th	12th
Pass Defense	191.67	35th	8th	189.14	31st	7th
Pass Eff. Defense	82.38	2nd	1st	120.83	62nd	9th
Total Defense	265.0	5th	2nd	418.57	91st	11th
Scoring Defense	11.0	3rd	1st	32.14	96th	12th
Net Punting	37.84	26th	3rd	36.92	41st	6th
Punt Returns	11.5	29th	7th	15.0	5th	2nd
Kickoff Returns	25.58	10th	3rd	17.93	94th	10th
Turnover Margin	+0.22	45th	7th	+0.43	32nd	5th

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), defensive coordinator/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 nine of the 14 main national rankings this week. NU ranks among the top 10 in all four main defensive categories, and is second in pass efficiency defense (82.38 rating), third in scoring defense (11.0 ypg), fifth in total defense (265.0 ypg) and sixth in rushing defense (73.33 ypg). On the offensive side, NU remains first in rushing (319.3 ypg), and ranks among the top 25 in total offense (454.44 ypg, 11th), scoring offense with (36.78 ppg, 12th) and in pass efficiency (140.71 rating, 22nd). NU also ranks 10th in kickoff returns (25.58 ypr).

Individually, junior I-back **Dahrran Diedrick** ranks 15th in rushing, averaging 120.1 yards per game, and 48th in scoring, averaging 7.5 points per game. Quarterback **Eric Crouch** is 39th in rushing (88.67 ypg), third among quarterbacks and ranks eighth in scoring (10.75 ppg). He leads quarterbacks with 14 rushing TDs, a number that is tied for second among all rushers. Crouch ranks second among quarterbacks in rushing yards per carry (5.4). Sophomore **Kyle Larson** ranks 29th in punting, averaging 42.93 yards per punt. Junior cornerback **DeJuan Groce** ranks 12th in punt returns, averaging 13.74 yards per return. Sophomore I-back **Josh Davis** ranks 24th in kickoff returns, averaging 26.94 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 Texas Tech 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. All seven Huskers played vs. Oklahoma and should also be available vs. Kansas.

Game Nine Recap

Nebraska 20, Oklahoma 10

After a scoreless first quarter, in which Nebraska punted five times and OU punted four times, Oklahoma scored first, marking the fourth time this season that Nebraska has trailed (also Troy State, Missouri and Texas Tech). OU put seven points on the board on a four-yard pass from Nate Hybl to Trent Smith with 10:27 remaining in the second quarter. Nebraska answered with a 10-play drive as I-back **Dahrran Diedrick** scored on a two-yard run with 5:58 remaining. OU and NU exchanged field goals. Nebraska's came on a 27-yard **Josh Brown** kick with 2:36 remaining in the second quarter and OU scored with 0:15 seconds remaining in the half on a Tim Duncan 20-yard field goal. Duncan's field goal came on a 14-play drive, the longest vs. the Huskers this season, to tie the score at 10. The field goal was a victory for the Husker defense, as OU had moved the ball to the Nebraska 2 yard line with a first and goal situation. Linebacker **Jamie Burrow** made two of his career-best 17 tackles (assisted by RE **Chris Kelsay** and NT **Ryon**

Bingham) and FS **Dion Booker** forced an incomplete Hybl pass to force the field goal. The teams went into the locker rooms even at 10.

Nebraska went up 13-10 with 11:31 in the third quarter, converting a Nate Hybl interception, picked off by NU's **Erwin Swiney**, into three points as **Brown** hit a 26-yard field goal. The Huskers carried the 13-10 lead into the fourth quarter. Nebraska put the game away on a trick play with 6:17 remaining in the fourth quarter when No. 2 I-back **Thunder Collins** reversed to true freshman split end **Mike Stuntz**, who threw a 63-yard TD strike to quarterback **Eric Crouch**. It was Stuntz's first career pass, as the left-handed throwing freshman moved to split end from quarterback for this season, but is expected to move back to quarterback next year. The touchdown provided the final margin of 20-10, and ended Oklahoma's nation-leading 20-game winning streak. It was Oklahoma's first loss since Dec. 31, 1999 (Mississippi).

The win for the Huskers was Nebraska's 11th straight overall and Nebraska's 20th straight win at home, extending the nation's longest current winning streak (tied for the fifth longest in school history). The win was Nebraska's second over a ranked opponent this season and marked the first win over a top-three opponent for Solich. NU is now 10-6 under Solich vs. ranked teams. The game was Nebraska's 31st vs. a top three team since 1962 (NU was 0-10 vs. AP top three before 1962), and Solich's third. NU is 10-20-1 in those games, 1-2 under Solich. NU has won six of its last eight matchups against the AP top three and 11 of the last 13 games against AP top 10 teams since 1994. In the 31 games vs. top three teams, NU is 3-6 vs. Oklahoma. NU is 89-90-3 all time against AP ranked teams. The win marked the fifth time NU has defeated a higher-ranked Oklahoma team and the first time NU has defeated a higher-ranked team since NU defeated Kansas State, 41-15 in Lincoln (NU No. 7, KSU No. 5).

Coach Solich said, *My hat goes off to both teams. We were able to make some big plays at opportune times. When you have two excellent (defenses) both offenses are going to struggle at times...Consequently, it ended up being the kind of game we all thought."*

► Nebraska won its 100th straight game when holding opponents to 10 points or less. All-time, NU is 208-5-1 all-time when holding opponents to 10 points or less. NU has held six of its nine opponents to less than 10 points this season. The 10 points are the fewest Oklahoma has scored under Coach Bob Stoops.

► **In the Series...**NU decreased OU's series lead to 40-37-3 and increased its lead in Lincoln to 21-17-2. In the series, a team has come from behind to win in 26 of the last 35 games. Nebraska has now won six straight at home against Oklahoma, the longest home winning streak against the Sooners, but the second-longest home unbeaten streak (NU defeated or tied OU 11 straight times at home from 1912 to 1941).

► Senior quarterback **Eric Crouch** improved to 33-5 as a starter and improved to 8-5 over ranked opponents. Crouch became just the 12th quarterback in Division I-A history to record 33 wins as a starter and tied 1995 Heisman Trophy runner-up Tommie Frazier for the Nebraska school record. Frazier had 33 wins against three losses from 1992 to 1995.

In the second quarter, the Huskers trailed 7-0 before Crouch got the offense in gear, guiding NU on a 10-play, 80-yard drive to knot it at seven-all. Crouch was 4-for-4 passing for 58 yards and had one carry for five yards on the drive. Crouch also helped Nebraska into position for a field goal on its next possession, on a six-play, 20-yard drive that gave Nebraska a 10-7 lead. After being pinned on its own 4-yard line with about nine minutes remaining in the fourth quarter, Crouch got the Huskers out of the hole on a 19-yard run, the second longest vs. the Sooners on the day. Four plays later, Crouch put the icing on the cake, scoring Nebraska's second touchdown on a 63-yard reception from freshman split end and converted quarterback Mike Stuntz. For Crouch it was his third career reception, his second for a touchdown, a career-long, team season best, and the first since he tied an NCAA record by scoring via pass, rush and reception in 1999 vs. California. It was Crouch's only TD of the day, breaking a string of five games when he has scored at least one rushing TD.

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.	* Frank Solich, NU	1998-01	40-7-0

(*Active)

Solich vs. Ranked AP Teams (10-6)

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

Solich Superlatives

All-Time	40-7
vs. AP Ranked Teams	10-6
vs. AP Top 10 Teams	4-3
vs. Unranked Teams	30-1
vs. Big 12 Teams	23-6
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	18-0
Consecutive Weeks Ranked by AP	60
Consecutive Weeks in the AP top 10	43

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	4
10-Win Seasons	2
11-Win Seasons	1
12-Win Seasons	1

On the trick play, common in the series, OU's Bob Stoops said, "When I saw him running down the sideline, I almost had to half-chuckle to myself. I'll be a son-of-a-gun. Theirs worked and ours didn't." The Sooners attempt came during a last-minute drive before halftime. The trick play put the finishing touch on NU's 96-yard drive, the longest of the day and the third of 95-or-more-yards by the Huskers this season.

Crouch rushed 13 times for a season-low 21 yards, his lowest since rushing for 14 yards at Kansas in 1999. Crouch was 10-for-18 passing for 102 yards and no TDs, and threw his sixth interception of the season, as time expired, on a Hail-Mary first half-ending pass.

Crouch became just the third Husker quarterback to pass for 1,000 yards in three consecutive seasons, joining Jerry Tagge (1969-70-71) and Dave Humm (1972-73-74). He now has 1,088 yards this season, completing 75-of-130 passes for a 57.7 completion percentage and a Big 12-leading 136.5 pass efficiency rating. Crouch has rushed for 798 yards this year and ranks tied for second among all Division I-A rushers with 14 rushing TDs.

Crouch owns Nebraska school records for career rushing yards by a quarterback (3,117), most rushing TDs by any player (55), career total offense (7,176) 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 became just the third Division I-A quarterback to rush for 3,000 and pass for 4,000 yards in his career. He now has 4,059 passing yards and 3,117 rushing yards in his career (also Brian Mitchell, Louisiana-Lafayette, 3,335 rush, 5,447 pass, 1986-89), Antwaan Randle El, Indiana, 3,418 rush, 6,657, 1998-01). Crouch was named the ABC/Chevrolet Player of the game for the 11th time in his career (Oklahoma's player of the game was Rocky Calmus) and was nominated for Big 12 Offensive Player-of-the-Week honors.

▶ Junior I-back **Dahrran Diedrick** was the game's leading rusher with 23 carries for 90 yards. He had a two-yard touchdown run with 5:58 in the second quarter to tie the game at seven. Diedrick leads the Big 12 with 961 yards this season and has 1,476 yards in his career to rank 31st on the NU career rushing chart.

▶ No. 2 I-back **Thunder Collins** rushed four times for 47 yards, including a 39-yard run early in the third quarter that led to Josh Brown's second field goal. It was Collins' fifth long run of the season. On the play, Collins suffered a sprained ankle, but returned to action in the fourth quarter. Collins came back in the game in time to handoff to Mike Stuntz on a reverse before Stuntz hit Crouch for a TD.

▶ Senior tight end **Tracey Wistrom** extended his streak to 12-straight regular-season games with at least one catch. Although hampered by a knee injury, Wistrom caught a 17-yard pass from Crouch on Nebraska's first touchdown drive of the game. Wistrom is all alone in second for career receptions by a Husker tight end with 56 career catches for 1,117 yards. He leads all Husker tight ends in yards. This season, he has 19 catches for 290 yards and two TDs. His 19 catches on the season ties his personal best.

▶ **Turnovers...**Nebraska had one turnover, but it was inconsequential. Oklahoma had two turnovers, both on interceptions. Senior left cornerback **Keyuo Craver** recorded his third interception of the season on OU's first offensive play of the game. He returned the Jason White interception 24 yards to the OU 25, but Nebraska did not convert, punting the ball after three downs. It was Craver's third pickoff this season, the seventh of his career. The pickoff also marked the second time this season that Nebraska has forced a turnover on the opponent's first play from scrimmage. Fellow corner **Erwin Swiney** picked off Nate Hybl on OU's second play of the second half (no return). It was Swiney's second interception of the season, the fifth of his career. Nebraska has had at least one interception in every game but two this year. Nebraska began its drive on its own 36 and NU converted the turnover into three points as place-kicker **Josh Brown** connected on his second field goal of the day (a 26-yarder). It would turn out to be the only second-half points Nebraska would need for the win. NU has now converted 20 turnovers (14 interceptions, six fumbles) into 75 points this year. Nebraska's Eric Crouch threw an interception with no time remaining on a Hail Mary pass to end the first half. He was picked off by Brandon Everage.

▶ **Corners perform well...****DeJuan Groce** had five punt returns for 40 yards, including a 33-yard return that set up Josh Brown's first field goal of the game. The return was Groce's third this season of 25 yards or more. Groce also had five tackles and one pass breakup. Cornerback **Keyuo Craver** had an interception, seven tackles and two breakups and **Erwin Swiney** had four tackles, an interception and no breakups. Craver is nine pass breakups behind All-American Ralph Brown, who had 50 from 1996 to 1999 with 41 in his career and 13 on the season and leads the team with three pickoffs. Swiney is third with 38 pass breakups and Groce is fourth all time at NU with 31.

▶ **Punter Kyle Larson...**punted a career-high 10 times for 382 yards, an average of 38.2 yards. He had five punts placed inside the 20-yard line, including a career-best 68 yarder. His long punt tied for seventh best all time. He now has placed 17 punts this season inside the 20 and has 13 punts of 50 yards or more. For his efforts, Larson was the Big 12 Special Teams Player of the Week.

► **Place-Kicker Josh Brown** (Foyil, Okla., native) hit on a 27-yard field goal with 2:36 remaining in the second quarter that gave Nebraska a 10-7 lead. He provided the only scoring of the third quarter on a 26-yard field goal, after Swiney's interception, that again put the Huskers up by three points (13-10). He has hit on his last four field goals, is 5-for-7 on the season and has connected on two-or-more field goals in a game eight times in his career. His only miss in the last four games, when he took over as NU's No. 1 place-kicker, was a 50-yard attempt at Baylor.

► **Split End Wilson Thomas** had a career-best six catches vs. Oklahoma. He totaled 48 yards on his receptions. His previous best was five catches for 83 yards vs. Troy State this season. Thomas has had three or more catches in six games this season.

► **More Defense...MLB Jamie Burrow** had a career-best 17 tackles, including seven solo stops (previous career best was 11 vs. Notre Dame this season) and a sack. Burrow had two tackles on NU's goal-line stand just before halftime, when OU was forced to settle for a field goal, despite having a first-and-goal at the 2 situation. For his efforts, Burrow was named the Big 12 Defensive Player of the Week. NU had three sacks in the game for a total of 29 yards lost. Recording sacks for Nebraska were nose tackle **Jon Clanton** (1.5-15), MLB **Jamie Burrow** (1-12) and SLB **Scott Shanle** (0.5-2). Nebraska has had at least one sack in every game this season. The Nebraska defense won the battle up front, putting heavy pressure on OU's quarterbacks. White and Hybl were pressured 14 times, including four by RE **Chris Kelsay** and two by FS **Dion Booker**. Swiney said, *"The pressure on the quarterback was tremendous. Without our defensive line playing as well as they did, it'd make it hard on the secondary. But they played well and made it easy for us."*

► **Field Position...**Nebraska won the field position battle, with a plus-16 advantage over the Sooners. NU's average field position was its own 36, while OU's was its own 20.

► **Firsts and Bests...**Tight end **Kyle Ringenberg** made his first career reception, a 19-yard grab from Crouch on Nebraska's second-quarter TD drive. Wingback **Troy Hassebroek** had a career-long 28-yard kickoff return at the end of the first half, the second kick return of his career. True freshman split end **Mike Stuntz** threw his first career pass, a 63-yard strike to quarterback **Eric Crouch**. Stuntz has touched the ball twice, and both have been plays of 25 yards or more (also a 25-yard run vs. Rice). The play came on a reverse from I-back **Thunder Collins**. Stuntz was recruited as a quarterback, but moved to wingback for this season. On the play, Stuntz said, *Once it (the ball) left my hand, I was pretty sure it was going to be a completion because Eric is a great athlete and I knew he was going to catch it. He caught it and I knew he was going to outrun everybody, because he is a very fast man."*

► **Team Highs and Lows...Nebraska Lows:** 20 points scored (previous low 21 vs. TCU); first downs 13 (16 vs. TCU, Notre Dame); rushing attempts 44 (50 TCU). **Nebraska Highs:** None; **Opponent Highs:** None; **Opponent Lows:** None

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 41. He has 13 this season in the first nine games, and needs nine more to tie school-record holder All-American Ralph Brown, who had 50 from 1996 to 1999. Craver also has seven career interceptions (three 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 30, ranks second in tackles with 50, leads the team in pass breakups with 13, has two tackles for loss, has caused a fumble and has 17 punt returns for 183 yards (10.8 average, ranks 34th 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 PBU's), but has not won the award this season. Despite playing with a sprained ankle vs. No. 2 Oklahoma, Craver had seven tackles, two breakups and an interception on OU's first offensive play of the game. He is tied for fourth all-time among Husker defensive backs in career tackles with 182.

► Senior Quarterback Eric Crouch

Heisman Trophy, Johnny Unitas, Davey O'Brien and All-America candidate **Eric Crouch** is five wins away from his season and career goal—a national championship. The Huskers are 9-0 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 five weeks he has put his name in the Nebraska, Big 12 and NCAA record books and continues to make a strong case for the 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 vs. Oklahoma, he became just the third Division I-A quarterback to pass for 4,000 and rush for 3,000 yards and posted his first career win over Oklahoma, his eighth over a ranked team.

Winning Ways...Boasting a 33-5 record as Nebraska's starting quarterback, Crouch became the 12th Division I-A quarterback all time to post 33 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 tied with Tommie Frazier, who won 33 games from 1992 to 1995, for the school record. Crouch recorded a 4-2 record as a redshirt freshman in 1998 and went 10-1 as Nebraska's starter in 1999, losing only to Texas. In 2000, he posted a 10-2 record, losing only to two ranked teams, Oklahoma and Kansas State. This season, Crouch has posted a 9-0 record. The NCAA Division I-A record is 39 wins by Peyton Manning of Tennessee (from 1994 to 1997), but with two 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 3,117 career rushing yards on 594 carries to rank fourth on the NU career rushing charts, first among quarterbacks, and just 36 yards out of third. Crouch's 3,117 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 4,059 career passing yards, reaching the 4,000-yard plateau with 102 passing yards vs. Oklahoma. He ranks third on the NU passing chart, 645 behind Jerry Tagge's 4,704 from 1969 to 1971 and 976 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 7,176 yards. He ranks second in the Big 12 behind Texas' Major Applewhite's 7,801 (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 57 times (55 by rush, twice on a reception), which breaks Mike Rozier's school record of 51 TDs scored. He scored on a 63-yard trick play vs. Oklahoma, when Mike Stuntz took the reverse from Thunder Collins and threw a TD strike to Crouch. Crouch is second at Nebraska, second in the Big 12 and ninth in the NCAA in career scoring (non-kickers) with 344 points, which includes one two-point conversion run against TCU this season. He is 44 points behind school-

Charting Heisman Trophy Candidate QB Eric Crouch Div. 1-A QBs To Rush and Pass for 3,000 Yards in Career

Player, School, Years	Rush	Pass
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
Eric Crouch, Nebraska, 98-01*	3,117	4,059

Nebraska Career Rushing

Rank, Player, Years	Att.	Yds.	TD
1. Mike Rozier, IB, 81-83	668	4,780	49
2. Ahman Green, IB, 95-97	574	3,880	42
3. Calvin Jones, IB, 91-93	461	3,153	40
4. Eric Crouch, QB, 98-01*	594	3,117	55

Big 12 Career Rushing

Rank, Player, School, Years	Yds.	TDs
1. Ricky Williams, UT, 96-98	5,289	64#
2. Darren Davis, ISU, 96-99	3,763	26
3. De'Mond Parker, OU, 96-98	3,404	21
4. Ricky Williams, TT, 97-01*	3,440	30
5. Eric Crouch, NU, 98-01*	3,117	55

NCAA Div. I-A QB Rushing

Rank, Player, School, Years	Yds	TDs
1. Dee Dowis, Air Force, 86-89	3,612	41
2. Kareem Wilson, Ohio, 95-98	3,597	49
3. 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
8. Eric Crouch, NU, 98-01*	3,117	55#

Nebraska Career Passing

Rank, Player, Years	Yds	TD
1. Dave Humm, 72-74	5,035	41
2. Jerry Tagge, 69-71	4,704	32
3. Eric Crouch, 98-01*	4,059	29

Big 12 Career Passing

Rank	Yards	Player/School/Tenure
1.	8,083	Major Applewhite*, UT, 98-01

9.	4,187	Randy McCown, A&M, 96-99
10.	4,164	Sage Rosenfels, ISU, 96-98
11.	4,059	Eric Crouch, NU, 98-01*

Nebraska Career Scoring

Player, Years	Pts.
1. Kris Brown, PK, 95-98	388
2. Eric Crouch, QB, 98-01*	344

Big 12 Career Rush TDs/Scoring

Player, Years	Pts.	TDs
1. Ricky Williams, UT, 96-98	404	64
2. Eric Crouch, NU, 98-01*	344	55

Big 12 Career Total Offense

Rank, Player, Years	Yds.	TD
1. Major Applewhite, UT, 98-01*	7,801	58
3. Eric Crouch, NU, 1998-01*	7,176	84

*active players

record holder Kris Brown's 388 from 1995 to 1998 and 60 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—594; most rushing yards by an NU QB—3,117; most rushing touchdowns by a QB—55 (Big 12 and NCAA record); most rushing TDs by any back; most touchdowns scored—57 (55 by rush, two by reception); most total offense yards—7,176; most total offense TDs—84.

This Season...Crouch is second on the team in rushing this season with 798 yards in nine games on 149 carries (88.7 ypg, 5.4 ypc). He has 14 rushing TDs, which is tied for second in the nation. His rushing average per game ranks 39th in the nation, but third among quarterbacks. Crouch has a 57.7 completion percentage and a Big 12 leading 136.53 pass-efficiency rating, completing 75-of-130 passes, for 1,088 yards, with seven touchdowns and six interceptions. One of his interceptions was a Hail Mary attempt vs. Oklahoma with no time remaining in the first half.

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 20 100-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 seven of nine games this season.

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 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. OU in 2000; 12 pass completions and 204 passing yards vs. Texas in 1999; and 50 total-offense attempts vs. OU in 2000.

Award Contender...A preseason All-American, Crouch has already been named to Walter Camp, 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...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 is tied for second among all Division I-A rushers with 14 rushing touchdowns this season. Crouch has rushed for 798 yards this year and ranks second among quarterbacks in yards per carry (5.4) and third in yards per game (88.7). Crouch has passed for another 1,088 yards and seven TDs, with a 57.7 completion percentage, giving him 1,886 total-offense yards, 46.1 percent of the team's 4,090 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, plus the 63 on his TD reception vs. Oklahoma, Crouch is responsible for **2,345** of NU's 4,090 total-offense yards, or **57.3** percent. Crouch has scored 92 points himself, has passed for another seven TDs, or 49 points, and has "pitched" for another five TDs, or 34 points, and thus is accountable for 175 of Nebraska's 331 points, or 53 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. On the career wins chart, Crouch has already passed three Heisman trophy winners, including FSU's Chris Weinke (32 wins, won Heisman in 2000); Florida's Danny Wuerffel (32, 1996) and Boston College's Doug Flutie (31, 1984).

► **Senior Tight End Tracey Wistrom**

Tracey Wistrom has had at least three catches in four of the eight games he has played in this season (missed Texas Tech) and at least one catch in every game and in 12 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 1,117 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 (56 receptions, 1,117 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 five 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 19 catches for 290 yards and two TDs this season (15.3 ypc, 2.4 receptions per game, 36.3 yards per game). Wistrom's 56 receptions are tied for 12th on the NU all-time receiver's chart and second among tight ends. Wistrom is also a contender for academic All-America honors, earning All-District VII accolades last season with a 3.303 grade-point average in secondary education. Wistrom tied his career best with four catches vs. Notre Dame and Rice. He now has had four receptions six times in his career. He has had two 100-yard receiving games with a career-best 116 yards (four receptions) vs. Oklahoma State in 1999). His season best is 71 yards vs. Notre Dame (on four receptions) and two touchdowns vs. Rice.

Wistrom's School Records...Game...Most TD receptions in a game—three vs. Iowa, 2000; **Season...**Best season receiving average—26.8 in 1999; **Career...**Most career receiving yards by a tight end—1,117.

► **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. Against Oklahoma, he provided one of the gutsiest performances. After dislocating his shoulder in the Texas Tech game, Volk did not practice all week, but played every offensive down against No. 2 Oklahoma, leading the Huskers to a 20-10 win. Starting at left tackle this season, Volk has 309 career pancakes to rank fifth all time at Nebraska, including five in 1998, 111 in 1999, 107 last year and 86 this season. Volk has had double-figure pancakes in six of the last seven 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 vs. Texas Tech on Oct. 20, 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; a team-leading 11 vs. Iowa State, a team-leading 20 vs. Baylor; a team-leading and school-record 32 vs. Texas Tech; and a team-leading 13 vs. No. 2 Oklahoma, for a team-best 141 this season (15.7 ppg). He is 14 'cakes away from his school-record total of 155 set last season. He has not been responsible for a sack or penalty this season. Fonoti has 319 career pancakes (23 in 1999, 155 in 2000, 141 in 2001), becoming the fastest lineman to the 300 mark. He is just 58 pancakes short of Aaron Taylor's four-year school career record of 377 from 1995 to 1997 and ranks fourth all time at NU. Offensive line coach Milt Tenopir has seen his Husker linemen earn 20 All-America honors, but notes that "*Toniu is special.*"

The Receivers

The team averages 15.0 yards per catch and has 81-1,216 on the season, averaging 135.1 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 (140.68) and in yards per attempt (8.75) and in yards per completion (15.0).

The Huskers have had good production from each of their three starting receivers this season. Junior split end **Wilson Thomas** leads the team with 28 catches for 442 yards and three TDs. With two more catches, Thomas will become just the third Husker receiver since 1983 to record 30 receptions in a season, joining Matt Davison's 32 in 1998 and Johnny Mitchell's 31 in 1991. Thomas already has the most yards by a Husker receiver since Mitchell had 534 in 1991. With another 58 yards, he will become one of 14 Huskers all time to record 500 receiving yards in a season. He is making a strong case for all-Big 12 honors. Thomas had two touchdown receptions vs. Texas Tech (19 and 35 yards) and a 42-yard TD reception vs. Rice. Thomas had the best receiving days by a Husker this season with six catches (for 48 yards) vs. Oklahoma and 83 yards (on five receptions) vs. Troy State.

Senior tight end **Tracey Wistrom** is second behind Thomas with 19 catches for 290 yards and two TDs this season. Wistrom did not play vs. Texas Tech with a sore knee. Wistrom had two TD receptions vs. Rice (37 and 11 yards). Both Thomas and Wistrom are excellent targets for Crouch at 6-6 and 6-5, respectively.

Senior wingback **John Gibson** is third on the team with 12 catches for 194 yards and one TD on the season (a 22-yard TD catch vs. Notre Dame). 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. Collins ranks fourth among the Huskers with 12 catches for 111 yards. With two more, he will match I-back Ahman Green's 14 (for 105 yards) in 1997. Tight end **Jon Bowling** had two catches for 41 yards vs. Texas Tech, his first of the season (27-yard TD), and tight end **Aaron Golliday**, split end **John Klem**, fullback **Judd Davies**, wingback **Ben Cornelsen**, fullback **Paul Kastl**, I-back **Dahrran Diedrick**, quarterback **Eric Crouch** (63-yard TD vs. Oklahoma) and tight end **Kyle Ringenberg** 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	5- 83 -0	1-8-0	9-127-0
ND	4-71 -0	0-0-0	1-22-1	6-88-1
Rice	4-67 -2	4-76-1	3-53 -0	12-205 -3
MU	2-26-0	3-59-0	1-17-0	8-120-0
ISU	1-20-0	2-29-0	3-35 -0	11-117-0
BU	1-15-0	1-18-0	0-0-0	4-47-0
TTU	DNP	4-76-2	1-15-0	10-196-3
OU	1-17-0	6-48 -0	0-0-0	<u>11-165</u> -1
Totals	19-290-2	28-442 -3	12-194-1	81-1,216-8

NU Pancake Records Career (300 or more)

Rank	Player, Years	'cakes
1.	Aaron Taylor, 95-97	377
2.	Dominic Raiola, 98-00	361
3.	Russ Hochstein, 97-00	346
4.	Toniu Fonoti, 99-01	319
5.	Dave Volk, 98-01	309

Season (140 or more)

Rank	Player, Year	'cakes
1.	Toniu Fonoti, 2000	155
2.	Dominic Raiola, 2000	145
3.	Russ Hochstein, 2000	143
4.	Toniu Fonoti, 2001	141
5.	Dominic Raiola, 1999	140

Game (20 or More)

Rank	Player, Game, Yr.	'cakes
1.	Toniu Fonoti, TTU, 01	32
2.	Russ Hochstein, ND, 00	23
3.	Dave Volk, KSU, 99	20
	Toniu Fonoti, BU, 01	20

Note-Fonoti also had 21 pancakes vs. Northwestern in the 2000 Alamo Bowl

Big 12 Conference/Nebraska Player of the Week Nominees

Game	Offense	Defense	Special
TCU	Crouch	Burrow	Larson
TSU	Diedrick	Clanton	None
ND	Diedrick	Burrow	Davis
Rice	*Crouch	Craver	Groce
MU	Crouch	Shanle	Groce
ISU	*Crouch	Craver	Hassebroek
BU	Collins	Adams	Terpening
TTU	Fonoti	Shanle	Brown
OU	Crouch	Burrow	Larson

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

NU Career Pass Breakups

Rank, #	Player, Position, Years	PBU
1.	Ralph Brown, RCB, 96-99	50
2.	Keyuo Craver, LCB, 98-01	41
3.	Erwin Swiney, RCB, 97-01	38
4.	DeJuan Groce, RCB, 99-01	31

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
Keyuo Craver, CB, 98-01	182

NU Career Tight Ends by Yards

Rank, Player, Years	No.Yards	Avg.TD
1. Tracey Wistrom, 97-01	56 1,117	20.0 12
2. Junior Miller, 77-79	55 1,045	19.0 12
3. Jerry List, 70-72	61 901	14.8 5
4. Todd Millikan, 85-88	40 825	20.6 14

school career record holders in bold

NU Career Receptions

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 Richnafsky, SE, 65-67	61 676	5
12. Bobby Thomas, SE, 74-76	56 1,083	14
Chuck Malito, SE, 74-76	56 1,057	8
Tracey Wistrom, TE, 97-01	56 1,117	10

Husker Awards Watch List

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

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 319.3 yards per game to lead the nation. The O-line had its best rushing game of the season at Baylor, powering the way to 641 rushing yards, the second-best total in school history. Nebraska has had 300 or more yards rushing in five of nine games this season and in five of the last six, 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 four games this season (vs. Troy State, Iowa State, Baylor or Texas Tech), and has given up just four sacks on the season, none in the last five games. As a team, Nebraska has 571 pancakes this season, averaging 63.4 per game. Junior left guard **Toniu Fonoti** leads the team with 141 pancakes, an average of 15.7 per game and had a school-record 32 vs. Texas Tech. He has led the team six times and in each of the last five games, with 18 vs. Notre Dame, 16 vs. Missouri, 11 vs. Iowa State, 20 vs. Baylor, 32 vs. Texas Tech and 13 vs. Oklahoma. He has had double-figure 'cakes in each of the last seven games. Senior left tackle **Dave Volk** is second with 86 pancakes (9.6), including double-figure cakes in six of the last seven games. Center **John Garrison** is third on the team with 85 (9.4) 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 80 pancakes (8.9) and led the team with a season-best 12 vs. TCU. Sophomore right tackle **Dan Vili Waldrop** is fifth with 66 pancakes (7.3) and led the team with a career-best 17 vs. Rice. Junior right guard **Wes Cody** is sixth with 60 (6.7), including a career-best 14 vs. Rice. The O-line has had eight offensive penalties this season for 65 yards and has given up just four sacks (none in the last five games and just two in the last eight 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 172 carries for 961 yards in eight games played to average 120.1 yards per game (ranks 15th nationally). Diedrick averages 5.6 yards per carry and has lost just 10 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; 20 carries for 157 yards vs. Texas Tech; and a team-best 90 yards on 23 carries vs. No. 2 Oklahoma. He has had five 100-yard games this season and in his career, including three of the last four. 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 527 yards on 72 carries with four TDs (58.6 ypg, 7.3 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 had four consecutive 100-yard rushing games 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 798 yards on 149 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 (22.9 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 five of nine games this year. Nebraska has scored a nation-best 35 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** (14-67-0) 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	14-71-2	2-1-0	50-159-3
TSU	15-48-1	25-177-3	11-52-1	2-10-0	60-330-5
ND	14-31-0	32-133-2	0-0-0	5-21-0	52-182-2
Rice	12-97-2	13-74-0	6-43-1	5-14-1	53-292-4
MU	17- 191-2	24-86-2	13-46-0	3-6-0	72-412-5
ISU	15-104-4	15-107-1	4-62-0	3-10-0	54-359-6
BU	18-132-3	20-137-1	13-165-0	12-119-2	73-641-7
TTU	21-105-1	20-157-0	7-41-0	1-25-1	56-335-2
OU	<u>13-21-0</u>	<u>23-90-1</u>	<u>4-47-0</u>	<u>0-0-0</u>	<u>44-164-1</u>
Totals	149-798-14	172-961-10	72-527-4	33-206-4	514-2874-35

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 got back on track vs. Oklahoma, allowing just 10 points and one long play of 25 yards or more. NU continues to be a strong second-half team, giving up just 27 second-half points in nine games (17 in the third and 10 in the fourth). In addition, Nebraska has outscored its opponents 202-to-72 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 third in the nation in scoring defense, allowing just 11.0 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 nine offensive touchdowns in nine games (Baylor fell on a fumble in the endzone for their lone TD) and a total of 92 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 (but only 24 points on offense). Oklahoma was held to 10 points on a passing TD and two field goals.

Against the Rush

Nebraska ranks sixth nationally and leads the Big 12 in rush defense, allowing just 73.33 yards per game. Nebraska has held six of its nine opponents to less than 70 yards rushing, including the first three opponents (total of 74 yards) and Baylor (29) and Texas Tech (67). 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 660 yards rushing in nine games on 280 carries, an average of just 2.4 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: Demotray Carter of Troy State scored on a nine-yard run in game two; Notre Dame's Tony Fisher scored on a one-yard run in game three; Iowa State scored a third-quarter rushing TD in game six, the first TD scored against the Huskers since the fourth quarter of the Notre Dame game (10 quarters); and Texas Tech scored on a 12-yard run in the second quarter. NU has not given up a rushing TD since (six quarters).

Tough to Get Yards by Any Method vs. Blackshirts

Nebraska ranks fifth in the nation allowing 265.0 yards per game in total offense. Nebraska held its first three opponents to less than 200 yards total offense (513 total), before giving up a then-season-high 365 to Rice. NU also held Baylor to 187 total-offense yards. 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 2,385 yards of total offense (265.0 average) and opponents are averaging just 3.8 yards per play.

Not by Air

Against the pass, opponents have completed just 150-of-344 passes, for a 43.6 completion percentage and 1,725 yards (191.7 ypg). Texas Tech completed 34-of-64 passes for 373 yards, all season bests vs. the Huskers this season. Opponents have completed just five touchdown passes against the Huskers: TCU's Matt Schobel caught a 67-yard pass from Casey Printers in game one; Troy State's Heyward Skipper caught a 31-yard pass from Brock Nutter in game two; Iowa State's Lance Young caught a 13-yard pass from Seneca Wallace in game six; Texas Tech's Anton Paige scored on a one-yard pass from Kliff Kingsbury in game eight; and Oklahoma's Trent Smith scored on a four-yard pass from Nate Hybl in the second quarter). Opponents have thrown 14 interceptions (tied for third nationally). Nebraska ranks second in the nation in pass efficiency defense (82.38) and second in opponent yards per pass attempt (5.01). Opponents are completing just 43.6 percent of their passes vs. the Blackshirts, a total which ranks first nationally. NU has held all but two opponents to less than 200 yards passing.

Turnovers Equate to Points for the Huskers

The Blackshirts have caused 20 turnovers this season (14 interceptions, five fumbles lost). Of those, NU has turned 12 turnovers into 10 touchdowns and two field goals to account for 75 defense-aided points. That is 19 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. 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 14 passes to rank third nationally. Huskers with pickoffs include three by LCB **Keyuo Craver** (3-97-1; 1-57-TD vs. Rice, 1-16 vs. Baylor, 1-24 vs. Oklahoma), two each by FS **Willie Amos** (2-0-0; 1-0 vs. Troy State, 1-0 vs. ND), RCB **DeJuan Groce** (2-49-0; 1-40 vs. Notre Dame, 1-9 vs. ISU) and RCB **Erwin Swiney** (2-0; 1-0 vs. Rice, 1-0 vs. Oklahoma), and one each by WLB **Mark Vedral** (1-0 vs. Troy State), 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 nine games, Nebraska has 31 sacks for 262 yards lost and 101 tackles for 390 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. NU tied its season best with 14 quarterback hurries vs. Oklahoma. In eight of the nine games, Nebraska forced at least one turnover and set the offense up to score at least three points each game after a turnover. NU has had at least eight tackles for loss in six of nine games and has recorded at least one sack

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	40-7-0	4	0
Since 1962	396-76-5	40	5
1890-1962	366-223-35	72	0
All-Time	762-299-40	112	5

Husker AP Ranking Notes

- ▶ Nebraska has been ranked in the AP poll 335 consecutive weeks—an AP record
- ▶ NU has been ranked in the top 10 for 140 of the last 146 weeks (1993 to present); and in the last 43 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
4. 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.	Nebraska	40+	33+
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. Tommie Frazier, Neb., 92-95	33-3-0
Corey Pullig, Texas A&M, 92-95	33-6-1
Eric Crouch*, Neb., 98-01	33-5-0
13. 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
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

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 a season-best 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 20 offensive long plays in nine games (15 by pass and five by rush).

Charting the Husker Defense

Opp.	Rush	Pass A-C-Y-T	Total	FD	Sks	TFL	QBH	PBU	TO	Pts.
TCU	28-56-0	22-11-130-1	50-186-1	6	2-19	12-40	3	6	1F, 0I	7
TSU	35--25-1	36-15-190-1	71-165-2	13	8-68	15-90	9	8	1F, 2I	7
ND	30-43-1	32-16-119-0	62-162-1	14	2-8	8-21	4	5	2F, 2I	10
Rice	47-196-0	25-8-2-169-0	72-365-0	17	3-18	14-37	8	6	0F, 2I	7
MU	23-67-0	43-16-138-0	66-205-0	13	1-12	4-20	7	14	0F, 0I	0
ISU	38-122-1	29-13-214-1	67-336-2	20	4-40	11-58	8	5	0F, 2I	13
BU	33-29-0	43-15-158-0	76-187-0	14	5-43	10-61	12	8	1F, 3I	21
TTU	17-67-1	63-33-353-1	81-440-2	26	3-25	6-33	14	8	1F, 1I	7
OU	29-105-0	50-22-2-234-1	79-339-1	21	3-29	4-30	14	6	0F, 2I	3
Total	280-660-4	344-150-1725-5	624-2385-9	144	31-262	101-390	70	66	5F, 13I	75

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 at 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 33 consecutive games, while right cornerback **Erwin Swiney** has 36 career starts.

Team Leaders

Starting Mike linebacker **Jamie Burrow** leads the team with 61 tackles, including a career-best 17 vs. Oklahoma and 11 vs. Notre Dame. He also has six hurries and is second on the team in tackles for loss with 11-33 (two vs. OU). All-America candidate cornerback **Keyuo Craver** is second on the team in tackles with 50 and leads the team in solo tackles (30). He leads the team in passes broken up with 13 and also leads the team with three interceptions. Free safety **Willie Amos**, LCB **DeJuan Groce** and LCB **Erwin Swiney** have two each and Groce (12) and Swiney (11) are second and third in PBU, respectively. Craver led the starters vs. Rice with seven tackles and vs. Iowa State with nine. He also had seven tackles, an interception and two pass breakups vs. No. 2 Oklahoma. Junior Sam linebacker **Scott Shanle** is sixth on the team with 38 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 33 tackles and leads the team in tackles for loss with 12-37, including three sacks. He had a career-best three tackles for loss vs. Iowa State. Twenty different Huskers have recorded Nebraska's 31 sacks, led by junior right rush end **Demoine Adams**' 4-30, including two vs. Baylor. Adams also leads the team in quarterback hurries with 10.

Defensive Numbers...

- ▶ NU opponents are 43-of-149 (29 percent) on third-down conversions
- ▶ Opponents average just 2.4 yards per carry and 3.8 yards per play
- ▶ NU has converted 12-of-20 opponent turnovers into 75 points
- ▶ NU opponents have only converted 2-of-18 NU turnovers into 14 points
- ▶ The Huskers have given up just nine offensive touchdowns in nine games (four by rush, five by pass)
- ▶ Nebraska has given up just 27 second-half points
- ▶ Nebraska ranks among the top six nationally in all four defensive categories
- ▶ Nebraska's average field position is 10.4 yards better than the opponents
- ▶ Opponents are completing just 43.6 percent of their passes

Special Teams

Nebraska special teams have shown a marked improvement this season. **Punting...**First-time punter sophomore **Kyle Larson** is averaging 42.9 yards per punt, good enough to rank 29th nationally. Larson has buried opponents inside the 20-yard line 17 times (including five vs. OU) and has 13 punts of 50 yards or more. Larson had an All-America day in his debut vs. TCU,

averaging 48.6 yards on a then-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. He earned Big 12 Special Teams Player-of-the-Week honors against TCU and Oklahoma. He punted a career-high 10 times against Oklahoma for a 38.2 average and had a career-best 68 yarder. Nebraska's 10 punts were the most since superlatives were kept in 1981.

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; 44.8 vs. Texas Tech and 38.2 vs. OU. As a team, NU ranks 26th in net punting, at 37.84 yards per punt.

Place-Kickers... Junior **Josh Brown**, who won the kicking job before the Iowa State game, is 24-for-25 on PATs (missed one vs. Iowa State, current streak of 15), and is 5-7 on field goals (35 blocked vs. Troy State, 38 good vs. Missouri, 50 miss vs. Baylor, 33 good, 36 good vs. Texas Tech, 27 good, 26 good vs. Oklahoma) and has made his last four. Brown's 50-yard field goal attempt at the end of the half at Baylor was his last miss and the longest attempt by a Husker kicker this season. It was Brown's first regular-season attempt at 50 yards or more. The previous long attempt was Josh Brown's 38-yard field goal at Missouri. Brown is 24-37 on field goal attempts in his career and has scored 202 points to rank 12th all time at NU. 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). Brown also handles kickoff duties. Opponents average 17.1 yards per return this season. 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).

Kick Returners...Nebraska has been much-improved, not only in returns, but also on return coverage. On kickoffs, sophomore **Josh Davis** leads the Huskers, averaging 26.94 yards (16-431) per return, a figure that ranks 24th 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 27 returns for 371 yards and ranks 12th in the nation averaging 13.74 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 four times this season, with 4-24 vs. Notre Dame, 4-58 vs. Rice, 7-145 vs. Missouri and 5-40 vs. Oklahoma. He has three returns this season of 25 yards or more (25 vs. Missouri, 34 vs. Iowa State and 33 vs. Oklahoma).

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, three by Groce and two by Craver, NU has had 12 long kick returns, tying 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 1.6 yard advantage via punting; a 3.7 advantage on punt returns, and an 8.5 yard per return advantage on kickoff returns, for a 13.8 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 Historical Notes...

Unprecedented Winning Tradition Continues

Nebraska, the nation's third-winningest program all time by wins (fourth by percentage), boasts a 762-299-40 record in 1,101 games (.710). In the last 32 years, NU is tops, posting a record of 328-58-5 for an .845 winning percentage (391 games), an average of 10 wins per year. In terms of wins, the Huskers are third in NCAA Division I-A history with 762. 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 33-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 (1939-1987) and Notre Dame's 42 (1889-1932) and tied with Texas' 40 (1893-1932). NU's current 33-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 100-10 record (.909 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 60-6 conference record (.909 winning percentage)
- ▶ Won 56 of 57 home games (20 straight)
- ▶ Gone 28-8 vs. Associated Press Top 25 teams (14-4 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 19-2 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 328-58-5 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 434-142-16 all time vs. Big 12 Conference teams. Since the Big 12 was formed in 1996, Nebraska is 39-6 in the league (21-1 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 23-6 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 60-6 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 88-3 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.	20	Nebraska	Texas (20-16), 10/31/1998
2.	17	Oklahoma	Colorado (27-25), 10/3/1988
3.	12	Auburn	Alabama, (17-28), 11/20/99
	12	Texas	Kansas St. (17-35), 10/2/99

championship (Colorado in 1990 and Washington in 1991) and to Texas in 1998. The Huskers are 455-122-20 (.779, 597 games, 112 years) in Lincoln, 330-99-13 (.761, 442 games, 79 years) in Memorial Stadium (since 1923) and 25-1 at home under Coach Solich (.961, 26 games, four years) with a current 20-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 130-10 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 the 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 20-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 99-5 in Lincoln, with losses to Colorado, Washington, Oklahoma (twice) and Texas. Those five teams posted a combined mark of 53-6-1 in their respective seasons.

Nebraska has not been shut out at home since a 12-0 loss to Kansas State in 1968, a span of 212 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.

Consecutive Home Wins

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

NCAA-Record Sellout Streak Reaches 246

Nebraska's Memorial Stadium boasts an NCAA-record 246 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, 87 fewer than Nebraska. NU is 220-26 during the sellout streak (50-9 under Devaney, 145-16 under Osborne, 25-1 under Solich), including a 37-18 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 335

Nebraska extended its AP poll record to 335 consecutive weeks (every weekly AP poll since Oct. 17, 1981), moving up from third to second in this week's poll. The Huskers' streak is the nation's longest active streak, easily topping Florida State (208) and Florida (194). 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 43-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 509 of the last 512 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 89-90-3 (.495, 183 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 28-8 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 and at No. 2 Kansas State in 1998, to No. 4 Arizona in the 1998 Holiday Bowl, at No. 18 Texas in Austin in 1999, and at No. 3 Oklahoma and at No. 16 Kansas State in 2000. Nebraska has won 15 of its last 18 games against top 10 AP teams (since 1994), including eight straight at home. Nebraska is 2-0 against ranked teams this season, defeating No. 17 Notre Dame on Sept. 10, and No. 2 Oklahoma on Oct. 27. Last season, Nebraska went 2-2 vs. ranked teams, with all four games away from the friendly confines of Memorial Stadium.

Over the last 29 years, NU is 71-43-1 (.622, 115 games) vs. ranked teams. In the 1990s, NU was 27-10-1 (counting the Jan. 2, 2000, win over Tennessee). Solich is 10-6 vs. ranked teams (4-3 vs. top 10 AP teams),

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	2	2/0	def. T. Tech, 41-31
10/28	2	2		17/14	def. Okla., 20-10

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

Associated Press Poll (Oct. 28)

No.	Team (1st)	Record	Points
1.	Miami (Fla.) (55)	6-0	1,783
2.	Nebraska (17)	9-0	1,745
3.	Oklahoma	7-1	1,596
4.	Florida	6-1	1,587
5.	Texas	7-1	1,522
6.	Michigan	6-1	1,374
7.	Tennessee	5-1	1,323
8.	Oregon	7-1	1,218
9.	UCLA	6-1	1,214
10.	Stanford	5-1	1,074
11.	Washington	6-1	1,012
12.	Virginia Tech	6-1	981
13.	BYU	8-0	972
14.	Florida State	5-2	822
15.	Maryland	7-1	659
16.	Washington State	7-1	605
17.	South Carolina	6-2	598
18.	Georgia	5-2	462
19.	Syracuse	7-2	459
20.	Purdue	5-1	428
21.	Illinois	6-1	406
22.	North Carolina	5-3	319
23.	Georgia Tech	5-2	316
24.	Texas A&M	7-1	279
25.	Colorado	6-2	218

ESPN/USA Today Coaches (Oct. 28)

No.	Team (1st)	Record	Points
1.	Miami (Fla.) (46)	6-0	1,486
2.	Nebraska (14)	9-0	1,454
3.	Florida	6-1	1,308
4.	Oklahoma	7-1	1,263
5.	Texas	7-1	1,259
6.	Michigan	6-1	1,186
7.	Tennessee	5-1	1,112
8.	BYU	8-0	999
9.	Oregon	7-1	963
10.	Washington	6-1	953
11.	UCLA	6-1	936
12.	Virginia Tech	6-1	925
13.	Stanford	5-1	719
14.	Florida State	5-2	704
15.	Purdue	5-1	541
16.	Maryland	7-1	510
17.	Texas A&M	7-1	411
18.	Illinois	6-1	402
19.	Washington State	7-1	386
20.	South Carolina	6-2	360
21.	Georgia Tech	5-2	330
22.	Syracuse	7-2	286
23.	Georgia	5-2	239
24.	Clemson	5-2	16
25.	Colorado	6-2	145

Italics - 2001 opponents

winning eight of the last 10 matchups and has not lost at home to a ranked AP team (6-0 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

Despite being held to 164 yards by Oklahoma, the Huskers still enjoy a substantial lead in their quest for a 15th NCAA rushing title. Entering the week, Nebraska is averaging 319.3 yards per game, over 40 yards per game more than runner-up Rice (278.1). The Huskers lead the nation with 35 touchdowns (seven more than second-place BYU) and rank second nationally with 5.59 yards per carry, trailing only BYU, which is averaging 5.79 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 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.

2001 NCAA Division I-A Single Game Rushing Bests				
No.	Team	Opponent	Date	Yards
1.	Nebraska	Baylor	Oct. 13	641
2.	San Jose St.	Tulsa	Oct. 27	464
3.	Indiana	Wisconsin	Oct. 5	449
4.	Oregon	Wash. St.	Oct. 27	446
5.	UNLV	Wyoming	Oct. 27	439

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)

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 nine games, the Huskers are on pace, averaging 36.8 points per contest to rank 12th nationally and second in the the Big 12. In fact, NU scored 35 or more points in five straight games before being held to 20 points by Oklahoma. NU has scored 35 points or more in six of nine games 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 71 straight games. Nebraska has not been shut out at home since KSU shut out the Huskers, 12-0, on Homecoming in 1968 (212 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 third nationally, allowing 11.0 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 against Texas Tech on Oct. 20, the only opponent to score more than 14 points against the Blackshirts.

NU has held six of its nine opponents to 10 points or less and has won 100 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 18-0 under Solich. Nebraska has recorded 62 shutouts since 1962 and four under Solich, including a 59-0 shutout of Baylor 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 13 times, the first of which was 1963.

In 2001, the Blackshirts have allowed just 73.3 yards per game to lead the Big 12 and rank sixth nationally. The Huskers also rank seventh nationally

in average per rush (2.36 ypc) and fifth in touchdowns allowed (four).

The Blackshirts have allowed just five plays of 25 yards or more on the ground (allowed seven through the first nine 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 80 yards below its season average of 278.1 yards per game which ranks second only to NU) on Sept. 20 accounts for nearly than 30 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 60-6 conference record (does not count championship games). Nebraska is 36-6 in the Big 12 (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 (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

Records Report

Category Record

All-time	762-299-40
Home	455-122-20
Memorial Stadium	330-99-13
Since 1962	395-76-5
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	434-142-16
In Big 12 Action (since '96)	39-6
Home	22-1
Away	16-5
Neutral	1-0
Bowls	20-19
On ABC	69-26
On FieldTurf	19-0
At Night	44-14-3

vs. Ranked Teams...

All-Time	89-90-3
Home	41-30-0
Away	28-46-3
Neutral	20-14-0
as No. 1 Team	46-7-1

In 246 Consecutive Sellout Streak...

All-time	220-26
vs. Ranked Teams	37-18

Under Head Coach Frank Solich...

All-Time	40-7
Home	25-1
Away	11-5
Neutral	4-1
Bowls	2-1
vs. AP Ranked Teams	10-6
Home	6-0
Away	1-5
Neutral	3-1
vs. AP Top 10 Teams	4-3
Home	3-0
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	13-4
November	7-2
December	2-1
January	1-0

NU Streaks...The Huskers have...

- ▶ won 20 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 100 consecutive games when holding the opponent to 10 or fewer points (208-5-1 all-time)
- ▶ scored in 71 consecutive games
- ▶ scored in 212 straight home games
- ▶ shut out opponents 100 times
- ▶ won 235 straight games when scoring 35 or more points (299-1 all-time)

Nebraska's second Vincent dePaul Draddy Scholar-Athlete (joining Rob Zatechka in 1994), was named the Woody Hayes Division I Male Scholar-Athlete of the Year and was also honored as the Home Depot Rigid Tools Football Scholar-Athlete of the Year.

NU Higher Than National Average in Grad Rates

Nebraska has led the Big 12 in four of the past five years in graduation rates (all except 2000). Nebraska's four-class (1990-91 to 1993-94) graduation rate was 57 percent. That figure is higher than the national average for all students (56 percent) and football student-athletes (50 percent). Nebraska's student-athlete graduation rate for all sports, which includes only those students who completed their eligibility at NU, is an outstanding 87 percent (national average is 81 percent).

This year's team has four student-athletes who received their degrees at the end of the summer session. Rush end **Demoine Adams** (political science), Mike linebacker **Jamie Burrow** (biological sciences), cornerback **Erwin Swiney** (sociology) and offensive tackle **Dave Volk** (psychology) graduated at the end of the summer session. Adams became only the second Husker football player to graduate in three years (including summer sessions) and graduated with five minors (African studies, ethnic studies, English, history and communication studies).

Husker Snippets...

▶ **2001 Husker Captains...**Five seniors were selected as captains for the 2001 season. On offense, quarterback **Eric Crouch**, tight end **Tracey Wistrom** and offensive tackle **Dave Volk** were chosen, joining defensive standouts cornerback **Keyuo Craver** and defensive tackle **Jeremy Slechta** in team voting. This marks the third time since 1995 that five captains were selected and only the fourth time since 1890 that five or more players have been tabbed for this prestigious honor. The quintet has helped the Huskers to a 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), Michael (1994-96) and **Dion Booker** (senior free safety/rover) and **Troy** (junior wingback) and **Adam Hassebroek** (freshman wingback); 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), junior quarterback Brett Lindstrom (father Dan played in 1978-80) 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** appearing in all nine contests, while split end **Mike Stuntz** has played in eight games. Ruud is fourth on the squad with 41 tackles, while Bland has started four games at rover, becoming the first true freshman to start in four seasons. Stuntz has not caught a pass, but he threw a 63-yard touchdown vs. Oklahoma and 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). In all, 95 members of the Huskers' 2001 roster are in-state products, while 30 different states and two Canadian provinces are represented on the Nebraska roster.

▶ **FieldTurf...**Nebraska is 19-0 on FieldTurf, the artificial grass surface installed in NU's Memorial Stadium before the 1999 season. FieldTurf emulates the look and feel of blades of grass by blending polyethylene and polypropylene, which specially treats the surface to be soft, smooth and strong. The 2.50-inch blades are resistant to extremes in temperature and have an ultraviolet protectant to help resist fading. Memorial Stadium was filled with 200,000 pounds of ground rubber, recycled from Nebraska tires, and silica sand, before the turf was installed. NU was the first Division I school to install the surface, which has also been installed at other professional facilities and Division I schools.

▶ **Positively Speaking on Turnovers...**In the last 28 years, NU has had just one season in which the Huskers had a negative turnover margin (minus five in 1984). Under Solich, NU has a cumulative turnover margin of plus 15 (+2 in 2001).

▶ **When Nebraska Trails..** The last time Nebraska trailed in a game but won, was against Oklahoma last Saturday (OU led 7-0), as NU has trailed four times (also vs. Troy State, Missouri and Texas Tech) but have not trailed in the second half in a game all season. Last season, Nebraska trailed at least once in eight contests, winning six times and losing twice. The last time the Huskers trailed in the fourth quarter but won was against Colorado on Nov. 24, 2000, where the Huskers marched 44 yards in 47 seconds to set up **Josh Brown's** 29-yard field goal as time expired. The win marked the first time since statistics have been kept (since 1946) that the Huskers won on the last play of regulation. The last time NU trailed at halftime was against Kansas State in 2000. The last time NU trailed at halftime, but won, was against Iowa State in 2000. The last time NU trailed entering the fourth quarter, but won, was in 1998 against Colorado (NU trailed CU 14-13 entering the final period, but won 16-14). Under Coach Solich, the biggest deficit Nebraska has overcome was nine points at Kansas in 1999, when the Huskers trailed 9-0 at halftime before winning 24-17.

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

▶ **On TV...**Nebraska is 139-57-1 all-time on television, since losing to Oregon in the first-ever nationally televised TV game on Sept. 19, 1953. NU has won 22 of its last 24 TV games and is 33-7 under Coach Solich. Nebraska is 17-1 on Fox Sports Net TV (17-2 on Fox Sports Net and Prime Sports combined), with the first Fox Sports Net game taking place in 1996 as part of the Big 12 package.

▶ **Husker two-sport athletes...**Several Husker football players spent the off-season helping other Nebraska athletic teams. Split end **Wilson Thomas** joined the basketball team at the start of the second semester and became one of the top reserves for Coach Barry Collier's team, averaging 1.8 points and 1.7 rebounds in 11 minutes per game. **Willie Amos** (relays), **Keyuo**

Craver (triple jump) and **Aaron Golliday** (shot put) all played instrumental roles in the Huskers' second consecutive Big 12 Indoor Track and Field title last March.

▶ **Huskers in the NFL...**33 former Huskers entered the week on NFL rosters, a total which ties Texas A&M for the Big 12 lead. 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 seventh in the NFC with 319 yards, including an Eagles' rookie record with 134 yards against Arizona in Philadelphia. Currently, five former NU running backs are 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 55.9 yards (2,796 total yards) on 6.7 plays in an average time of 2:39. The Nebraska defense and special teams have given the offense a relatively short field by holding NU's first nine opponents to a total of just 16 scores, while the Huskers have started 40 of 123 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 had a 97-yard drive against Missouri, which was highlighted by Crouch's school-record 95-yard touchdown run. NU added a 96-yard drive in the win against Oklahoma that was capped by Mike Stuntz's 63-yard pass to Crouch to give the Huskers three scoring drives of 95 or more yards this season.

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 and 5:14 were season longs. Oklahoma produced an opponent season-long 14-play drive in the second 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
Oklahoma	4	<u>12:24</u>	<u>3:06</u>	<u>29</u>	<u>7.3</u>	0	<u>0</u>
Totals	50	132:24	2:39	333	6.7	20	2
Opp.	16	47:42	2:59	140	8.8	4	0

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

The Huskers have produced 49 plays that have covered 25 yards or more, including 20 long runs, 11 long passes and 18 long returns. Against Baylor, Nebraska set season highs with nine long plays, including six long runs. Four of NU's six long runs went for 40 yards or more against the Bears. Against Oklahoma, the Huskers managed just four long plays, including the longest pass play of the season, a 63-yard scoring strike from split end Mike Stuntz to quarterback Eric Crouch. The Huskers added two long returns, including Troy Hassebroek's 28-yard kickoff return, the first long return of his career. The NU defense held both Baylor and OU to just one long play each.

Against Texas Tech, the Huskers reeled off seven long plays, including a season-high three long pass plays. 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 Crouch.

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 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
Texas Tech	2	3	2	7	1	3	4	8
Oklahoma	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>
Totals	20	11	18	49	5	15	7	27

► Nebraska in the Red Zone...

Nebraska was a perfect 3-for-3 in the red zone against Oklahoma, marking the third time this season that the Huskers converted on 100 percent of their red zone chances. NU scored one rushing touchdown and added a pair of Josh Brown field goals in the win over the Sooners. For the season, the Huskers have converted on 35-of-45 trips (77.8 percent) into the red zone, with 29 touchdowns (27 rushing, 2 passing) and four field goals. On the other side of the ball, the Nebraska defense has allowed just 17 opponent penetrations into the red zone, an average of less than two per game. Texas Tech produced an opponent season-high five red zone chances and converted all five 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 14-of-17 trips into points (82.4 percent), but the Blackshirts have surrendered just seven touchdowns, while giving up seven 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), Iowa State (2-2) and Oklahoma (2-2) all managed just two trips to NU's red zone. 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	1	0	.667
Iowa State	6	5	5	0	0	1	0	0	.833
Baylor	6	5	5	0	0	0	1	0	.833
Texas Tech	5	4	2	2	0	1	0	0	.800
Oklahoma	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	1.00
Totals	45	35	29	6	2	3	4	1	.778
Opp.	17	14	7	7	1	2	0	0	.824

Note: Nebraska has 27 rushing TDs, 2 passing TDs and 6 FGs in the red zone. Opponents have 3 passing TDs, 4 rushing TDs and 7 FGs in the red zone.

▶ **Quarterback Drive Efficiency *Total Drives Begun as Starting QB**

QB	Drives*	Scores	TDs	FG-FGA	Eff.	Red Zone
Crouch	113	45	38	7-10	.398	31-39
Lord%	9	5	5	0-0	.556	4-6
Chrisman#	1	0	0	0-0	.000	0-0
Totals	123	50	43	7-10	.407	35-45

*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 75 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 75 points off turnovers is already 19 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, seven vs. Rice and Texas Tech, and three vs. Oklahoma. Opponents have scored just 14 points off Nebraska turnovers (Troy State, 7; Baylor, 7).

Through nine games, Nebraska is a plus-two (+0.22 avg./game) in turnover margin, forcing 20 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; 2 vs. Oklahoma), while committing 18 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; 1 vs. Oklahoma). The Huskers have fumbled 21 times and lost 11 fumbles in nine games, Eric Crouch has thrown six interceptions (one vs. TCU, Rice, Missouri, Oklahoma 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 14 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, Oklahoma) leads the Huskers with three interceptions, while Willie Amos (Troy State, Notre Dame), DeJuan Groce (Notre Dame, Iowa State) and Erwin Swiney (Rice, Oklahoma) each have two interceptions. Mark Vedral (Troy State), Carl Scholting (Rice), Lornell McPherson (Baylor), Wes Woodward (Baylor) and Dion Booker (Texas Tech) have one interception for the Huskers.

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.)
Oklahoma	2 (2I)	0	1-1	3	1 (0 fumbles/1 int.)
Totals	20 (6F, 14I)	10	2-2	75	18 (11 fumbles/7 int.)
Opp.	18 (11F, 7I)	2	0-0	14	20 (6 fumble/14 int.)

▶ **The Huskers' Numbers...Game by Game...(NU bests in bold)**

Nebraska	Rush	Pass	Total
TCU	50/159/3	18-10-1/151/0	68/310/3
Troy State	60/330/5	16-9-1/127/0	76/457/5
Notre Dame	52/182/2	9-6-0/88/1	61/270/3
Rice	53/292/4	15-12-0/205/3	68/497/7
Missouri	72/412/5	15-8-1/120/0	87/532/5
Iowa State	54/359/6	16-11-1/117/0	70/476/6
Baylor	73/641/7	9-4-0/47/0	82/688/7
Texas Tech	56/335/2	22-10-2/196/3	78/531/5
Oklahoma	44/164/1	19-11-1/165/1	63/329/2
Opponent	Rush	Pass	Total
TCU	28/56/0	22-11-0/130/1	50/186/1
Troy State	35/(-25)/1	36-15-2/190/1	71/165/2

Notre Dame	30/43/1	32-16-2/119/0	62/162/1
Rice	47/196/0	25-8-2/169/0	72/365/0
Missouri	23/67/0	43-16-0/138/0	66/205/0
Iowa State	38/122/1	29-13-2/214/1	67/336/2
Baylor	33/29/0	43-15-3/158/0	76/187/0
Texas Tech	17/67/1	64-34-1/373/1	81/440/2
Oklahoma	29/105/0	50-22-2/234/1	79/339/1

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

For just the third time this season, Nebraska failed to produce a 100-yard rusher in the win over Oklahoma. Dahrran Diedrick led the Huskers with 90 yards against the Sooners. The only other times that Nebraska has gone without a 100-yard rusher this season came against TCU and Rice.

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.

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 had eight 100-yard efforts over the next 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, Texas Tech's Ricky Williams and Oklahoma's Quentin Griffin are the only four 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**
- vs. Oklahoma-None**
- Opponents-None**

▶ **Starting Field Position**

Nebraska has enjoyed a distinct field position advantage with the Huskers producing an average starting position at their own 36.2 yard line, while holding opponents to an average start at the 25.0, for a +11.2 yards per drive advantage. Against Oklahoma, the Huskers made it nine straight games with a field position edge. In six of nine 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 nine opponents inside their own 20-yard line 17 times, including five against TCU and Oklahoma, two against Notre Dame, Rice, Missouri and one against Texas Tech.

Opponents have started seven drives inside their own 10, including two from the 1-yard line, 36 drives inside the 20 and 30 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 seven 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 22 drives inside its own 20, with Baylor burying the Huskers inside the 20 six times. NU enjoyed a best starting field position at the Troy State 7. Nebraska has started 40 of 123 drives beyond its own 40 yard line, with 28 starts on the opposition's half of the field.

	NU Avg. Start	Opp. Avg. Start	Advantage
TCU	35.2 (457/13)	24.3 (340/14)	+10.9
Troy State	40.7 (530/13)	28.6 (457/16)	+12.1
Notre Dame	40.1 (562/14)	32.6 (456/14)	+7.5
Rice	40.1 (489/12)	19.4 (233/12)	+20.7
Missouri	35.5 (426/12)	23.2 (302/13)	+12.3
Iowa State	34.0 (340/10)	20.4 (245/12)	+13.6
Baylor	31.8 (540/17)	26.9 (458/17)	+4.9
Texas Tech	32.7 (523/16)	27.8 (361/13)	+4.9
Oklahoma	<u>36.3 (581/16)</u>	<u>20.1 (301/15)</u>	<u>+16.2</u>
Total	36.2 (4448/123)	25.0 (3153/126)	+11.2

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 nine 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 (528-466). 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 54 penalties, 20 have been on the offense, 11 on special teams and 23 against the defense. Opponents have been flagged for 40 offensive penalties, eight special teams infractions and 12 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	11-85
Troy State	4-60	8-53
Notre Dame	10-69	9-63
Rice	4-46	7-34
Missouri	9-85	3-37
Iowa State	3-40	6-55
Baylor	4-32	4-43
Texas Tech	9-93	6-51
Oklahoma	<u>6-57</u>	<u>6-45</u>
Total	54-528	60-466
Average	6.0-58.7	6.7-51.8

► **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 63.4 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 against Baylor and Texas Tech, 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 Tonia Fonoti. The 6-4, 340-pounder has led the Huskers in six of nine games, including 20 at Baylor, 18 at Notre Dame, 16 at Missouri, 11 vs. Iowa State and 13 vs. Oklahoma.

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

Game	Team	Indiv. (#)	*Sacks Allowed	O-Line Penalties	Perfect Plays
TCU		12 (#66)	2	1-10	54.0%
Troy State		10 (#52)	0	0-0	53.0%
Notre Dame		18 (#77)	1	2-15	60.0%
Rice		17 (#68)	1	2-10	65.7%
Missouri		16 (#77)	0	2-25	56.8%
Iowa State		11 (#77)	0	0-0	62.0%

Baylor	88	20 (#77)	0	0-0	57.6%
Texas Tech	88	32 (#77)	0	0-0	80.0%
Oklahoma	<u>45</u>	<u>13 (#77)</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1-5</u>	<u>66.7</u>
Totals	571	32 (#77)	4	8-65	

► **Husker Pancake Leaders...**

	TCU	TSU	ND	RU	MU	ISU	BU	TT	OU	Tot	Avg.
Fonoti	10	6	18	15	16	11	20	32	13	141	15.7
Volk	6	5	10	12	11	10	12	12	8	86	9.6
Garrison	6	10	8	14	6	7	10	16	8	85	9.4
Rutherford	12	9	10	8	11	2	13	10	5	80	8.9
Vili Waldrop	6	3	11	17	5	3	8	6	7	66	7.3
Cody	5	2	6	14	3	7	8	11	4	60	6.7
Shook	0	4	DNP	3	3	1	4	0	DNP	15	2.1
Altstadt	DNP	2	0	2	1	3	4	0	0	12	1.5
Tagoa'i	DNP	DNP	DNP	2	0	DNP	4	DNP	DNP	6	1.5
Kollmorgen	DNP	3	0	2	0	0	3	0	0	8	1.0
Erickson	DNP	DNP	DNP	1	0	2	DNP	DNP	DNP	3	1.0
Koethe	DNP	DNP	DNP	1	0	2	0	1	0	4	0.7
Koltermann	0	0	0	0	DNP	2	2	0	0	4	0.5

► **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	9	37
Judd Davies, FB, So., (Omaha, Neb.)	0	0	0	0	9	9
Dahrran Dierdick, IB, Jr., (Scarborough, Ont.)	0	0	0	0	8	8
Toniu Fonoti, LG, Jr., (Hauula, Hawaii)	0	0	0	11	9	20
John Garrison, C, Jr., (Blue Springs, Mo.)	0	0	0	0	9	9
John Gibson, WB, Sr., (Papillion, Neb.)	0	0	0	3	8	11
Aaron Golliday, TE, Jr., (York, Neb.)	0	0	4	3	2	9
Troy Hassebroek, WB, Jr., (Lincoln, Neb.)	0	0	1	0	0	1
Steve Kriewald, FB, Fr. (Scotia, Neb.)	0	0	0	0	1	1
Jon Rutherford, RG, Sr., (Midwest City, Okla.)	0	0	0	0	9	9
Wilson Thomas, SE, Jr., (Omaha, Neb.)	0	0	2	2	8	12
Dave Volk, LT, Sr., (Battle Creek, Neb.)	0	0	13	11	9	33
Dan Waldrop, RT, So., (Wilmington, Calif.)	0	0	0	0	9	9
Tracey Wistrom, TE, Sr., (Webb City, Mo.)	0	1	3	2	8	21
Totals	0	7	34	50	99	190

Defensive Starters	'97	'98	'99	'00	'01	Tot.
Demoine Adams, LRE, Jr., (Pine Bluff, Ark.)	0	0	0	4	9	13
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	6	6
Dion Booker, Rov./FS, Sr., (Oceanside, Calif.)	0	0	5	7	19	19
Jamie Burrow, MLB, Sr., (Ames, Iowa)	0	0	0	0	9	9
Keyuo Craver, LCB, Sr., (Harleton, Texas)	0	0	13	11	9	33
DeJuan Groce, RCB, Jr., (Garfield Heights, Ohio)	0	0	0	2	8	10
Chris Kelsay, RE, Jr., (Auburn, Neb.)	0	0	1	7	9	17
Jason Lohr, NT, Sr., (Tulsa, Okla.)	0	0	0	11	3	14
Lornell McPherson, LCB, Fr., (Omaha, Neb.)	0	0	0	0	2	2
Pat Ricketts, LCB, So., (Omaha, Neb.)	0	0	0	0	1	1
Jeremy Slechta, DT, Sr., (LaVista, Neb.)	0	0	0	4	9	13
Scott Shanley, WLB, Jr., (St. Edward, Neb.)	0	0	0	9	7	16
Erwin Swiney, LCB, Sr., (Lincoln, Neb.)	10	13	0	10	4	37
Mark Vedral, WLB, Sr., (Gregory, S.D.)	0	0	0	1	9	10
Totals	10	13	19	66	99	207

Starting Kickers	'97	'98	'99	'00	'01	Tot.
Josh Brown, PK, Jr., (Foyil, Okla.)	0	0	13	11	5	29
Sandro DeAngelis, PK, Fr. (Niagara Falls, Ont.)	0	0	0	0	4	4
Larson, Kyle, P, So., (Funk, Neb.)	0	0	0	0	9	9
Totals	0	0	13	11	18	42

Starters Briefly

*True Freshmen Starters: 1
 Number of Native Nebraskans With Starts: 14
 Number of Different Starters on Offense: 15
 Number of Different Starters on Defense: 16
 Underclassmen With Starts: 7 (3 offense, 4 defense)
 Most Career Starts on Offense: Eric Crouch, QB (37)
 Most Career Starts on Defense: Erwin Swiney, RCB (37)
 Most Consecutive Starts on Offense: Dave Volk, LT (33)
 Most Consecutive Starts on Defense: Keyuo Craver, LCB (33)

2001 Husker Depth Chart (Date of Depth, Monday, Oct. 29, 2001)

Offense

SE: 9 Wilson Thomas**, 6-6, 215, Jr., Omaha, Neb.
 81 Ben Cornelsen*, 5-10, 190, Jr., Shawnee, Kan.
 16 Mike Stuntz, 6-2, 185, Fr., Council Bluffs, Iowa
 5 Ben Zajicek, 6-0, 210, Fr., Beatrice, Neb.

LT: 58 DAVE VOLK***, 6-5, 300, Sr., Battle Creek, Neb.
 66 Jon Rutherford**, 6-3, 300, Sr., Midwest City, Okla.
 75 Kyle Kollmorgen***, 6-5, 310, Sr., Lincoln, Neb.

LG: 77 TONIU FONOTI**, 6-4, 340, Jr., Hauula, Hawaii
 64 Steve Altstadt*, 6-5, 295, Sr., Fort Calhoun, Neb.
 78 Mike Erickson, 6-4, 300, Fr., Omaha, Neb.

C: 52 John Garrison**, 6-4, 285, Jr., Blue Springs, Mo.
 53 Matt Shook*, 6-2, 300, Jr., Medina, Ohio (knee)
 74 David Kolowski, 6-5, 300, Jr., Omaha, Neb.

RG: 66 Jon Rutherford**, 6-3, 300, Sr., Midwest City, Okla.
 59 Wes Cody*, 6-2, 295, Jr., Fremont, Neb.
 55 Junior Tagoa'i*, 6-2, 290, So., Hauula, Hawaii

RT: 68 Dan Vili Waldrop*, 6-5, 330, So., Wilmington, Calif.
 73 Scott Koethe*, 6-5, 310, Jr., Central City, Neb.
 67 Nate Kolterman*, 6-3, 330, Jr., Seward, Neb.

TE: 87 TRACEY WISTROM***, 6-5, 240, Sr., Webb City, Mo.
 99 Aaron Golliday**, 6-4, 285, Jr., York, Neb.
 84 Jon Bowling**, 6-3, 245, Jr., Lincoln, Neb.
 86 Kyle Ringenberg, 6-5, 245, Jr., Elkhorn, Neb.

QB: 7 ERIC CROUCH***, 6-1, 200, Sr., Omaha, Neb.
 10 Jammal Lord*, 6-2, 215, So., Bayonne, N.J.
 11 Joe Chrisman**, 5-11, 190, Jr., Longmont, Colo.

FB: 4 Judd Davies*, 6-0, 250, So., Omaha, Neb.
 45 Steve Kriewald, 5-10, 255, Fr., Scotia, Neb.
 37 Paul Kastl*, 5-10, 230, Jr., Lincoln, Neb.
 49 Nick Gragert, 6-0, 230, Sr., Columbus, Neb.

IB: 30 Dahrran Diedrick**, 6-0, 225, Jr., Scarborough, Ontario
 1 Thunder Collins*, 6-2, 190, Jr., Los Angeles, Calif.
 6 DeAntae Grixby*, 5-8, 205, So., Omaha, Neb.
 21 Robin Miller*, 5-11, 225, So., Kent, Wash. (hamstring)

WB: 8 John Gibson***, 6-0, 195, Sr., Papillion, Neb.+
 89 Troy Hassebroek**, 6-4, 220, Jr., Lincoln, Neb.
 19 John Klem*, 6-0, 200, Jr., Lincoln, Neb.
 31 Fred Thorne, 5-10, 185, So., Lincoln, Neb.

PK: 26 JOSH BROWN**, 6-2, 190, JR., FOYIL, OKLA.
 22 Sandro DeAngelis, 5-8, 195, Fr., Niagara Falls, Ontario

KO: 26 Josh Brown**, 6-2, 190, Jr., Foyil, Okla.
 22 Sandro DeAngelis, 5-8, 195, Fr., Niagara Falls, Ontario

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

Defense

LRE: 57 CHRIS KELSAY**, 6-5, 270, Jr., Auburn, Neb.
 92 Justin Smith**, 6-4, 260, Jr., Sherman, Texas
 -OR-10 Benard Thomas*, 6-4, 250, So., East Palo Alto, Calif.

NT: 55 Jon Clanton**, 6-2, 280, Jr., Glendale, Ariz.
 59 Ryon Bingham, 6-3, 275, So., Sandy, Utah
 91 Manaia Brown, 6-4, 300, Fr., West Valley City, Utah

DT: 56 JEREMY SLECHTA***, 6-6, 285, Sr., LaVista, Neb.
 85 Casey Nelson**, 6-2, 285, Sr., Newman Grove, Neb.
 94 Patrick Kabongo*, 6-6, 290, So., Montreal, Quebec

RRE: 98 DEMOINE ADAMS**, 6-2, 235, Jr., Pine Bluff, Ark.
 95 J.P. Wichmann**, 6-4, 230, Sr., Shawnee, Kan.
 -OR-88 Trevor Johnson*, 6-4, 250, So., Lincoln, Neb.

SLB: 43 SCOTT SHANLE**, 6-2, 235, Jr., St. Edward, Neb.
 47 Ira Cooper, 6-2, 220, Fr., Omaha, Neb.
 51 Gabe Fries, 6-2, 230, Jr., Benkelman, Neb.

MLB: 48 Jamie Burrow***, 6-1, 245, Sr., Ames, Iowa
 38 Barrett Ruud, 6-2, 220, Fr., Lincoln, Neb.
 44 Jason Richenberger, 6-1, 220, Fr., Liberty, Mo.

WLB: 9 Mark Vedral***, 6-1, 210, Sr., Gregory, S.D.
 17 T.J. Hollowell*, 6-0, 220, So., Copperas Cove, Texas
 23 Blanchard Johnson III*, 5-11, 205, So., Omaha, Neb.

LCB: 3 KEYUO CRAVER***, 5-10, 190, Sr., Harleton, Texas
 28 Pat Ricketts*, 5-11, 180, So., Omaha, Neb.
 -OR- 1 Lornell McPherson, 5-9, 175, Fr., Omaha, Neb.

FS 14 DION BOOKER***, 6-1, 205, Sr., Oceanside, Calif.
 -OR-27 Willie Amos*, 6-0, 185, So., Sweetwater, Texas
 31 Jerrell Pippens*, 6-2, 190, So., Philadelphia, Pa.

ROV: 21 Philip Bland, 6-0, 205, Fr., Lafayette, Colo.
 2 Aaron Terpening**, 5-11, 200, Jr., Salem, Ore.
 32 Tim Demerath, 6-1, 215, Sr., Plainview, Neb.
 4 Terrell Butler*, 5-9, 190, So., Austell, Ga.

RCB: 5 DeJuan Groce**, 5-10, 190, Jr., Garfield Heights, Ohio
 -OR-16 ERWIN SWINEY***, 6-0, 185, Sr., Lincoln, Neb. (10)
 18 Jeff Hemje***, 6-0, 180, Sr., Grand Island, Neb.
 20 Wes Woodward***, 5-8, 185, Sr., Omaha, Neb.

P: 19 Kyle Larson, 6-0, 205, So., Funk, Neb.
 26 Josh Brown**, 6-2, 190, Jr., Foyil, Okla.

Specialists

Holder: 11 Joe Chrisman**, 7 Eric Crouch***, 32 Kelly Cook,
Snapper: 52 JOHN GARRISON**, 74 David Kolowski
Punt Ret.: 5 DeJuan Groce**, 3 Keyuo Craver***,
 81 Ben Cornelsen*, 25 Josh Davis
Kickoff Ret.: 25 Josh Davis, 1 Thunder Collins*

Injured, Will not play in next game:

OT--76-Chris Loos*, 6-3, 310, So., Lincoln, Neb. (knee)*
WB--85-Clifford Brye, 5-10, 175, Jr., Lincoln, Neb. (knee)*
NT--70-JASON LOHR***, 6-2, 275, Sr., Tulsa, Okla. (knee)*
ROV--40 Lannie Hopkins, 6-2, 205, Fr., Rowlett, Texas*

*out for season

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Big 12 Conference Media Information

Monday Big 12 Coaches Briefing:

Through the work of Premier Teleconferencing, the Big 12 hosts individual telephonic news conferences with each head coach on Mondays, starting at 10 a.m. (Central time) during the 2001 season. The briefings originate from conference headquarters in Dallas.

The Big 12 Coaches Schedule (10 minutes each) Mondays, Aug. 20-Dec. 3

Media Phone: (913) 981-5507

Reply Phone: (402) 222-9912 (after 4 p.m. Monday)

10 a.m.	Terry Allen, Kansas
10:10 a.m.	Bob Stoops, Oklahoma
10:20 a.m.	Les Miles, Oklahoma State
10:30 a.m.	Bill Snyder, Kansas State
10:40 a.m.	Gary Pinkel, Missouri
10:50 a.m.	Mike Leach, Texas Tech
11 a.m.	Kevin Steele, Baylor
11:10 a.m.	Dan McCarney, Iowa State
11:20 a.m.	Mack Brown, Texas
11:30 a.m.	R.C. Slocum, Texas A&M
11:40 a.m.	Gary Barnett, Colorado
11:50 a.m.	Frank Solich, Nebraska
Noon	Selected Student-Athletes

Big 12 Satellite Feed:

Jeff Watts Productions joins the Big 12 Conference in presenting a one-hour package of weekly satellite highlights of previous week's games as well as features from the "Big 12 Showcase" and school short subjects from Tuesday, Aug. 21, through Tuesday, Dec. 4, 2001, with a year-end pre-bowl highlights' special on the final week on Dec. 5.

Feed Times (Aug. 21-Dec. 4): 3:30-4:30 p.m. (Central), Tuesdays

Coordinates: Galaxy 6, Transponder 22 (all C-band), Galaxy 6 is located at 74W and Galaxy 6 Transponder 22 is received Vertical at 41410 MHz. Standard audio: 6.2-6.8 mhz

Trouble Number: Media outlets only--817-265-4465.

Nebraska Press Conference Satellite Feeds:

Tuesday Press Conference: For the first time this season, ESPN News will be carrying Nebraska's weekly press conference live, beginning with Coach Frank Solich at Noon. ESPN has also scheduled times to distribute the press conference on satellite at the following times and coordinates. ESPN has exclusive live rights to its satellite feed, but other stations are welcome to use the feed on a tape-delayed basis.

Press Conference Satellite Times/Coordinates: (All Times Central)

Tuesday, Oct. 30 (11:45 a.m.-12:45 p.m.) SBS6-8

Player Mugs:

Husker color digital mugs and those of the coaching staff can now be downloaded directly to your system for media usage. The direct link to the headshots available for media use is <http://www.huskers.com/media/headshots.htm>

Coach Guest Appearances Schedule:

Game	Extra Point Club Lunch (Noon)
TCU, 8/25	Monday, 8/21--NONE
Troy State, 9/1	Monday, 8/27--Frank Solich
Notre Dame, 9/8	NONE, 9/3--Labor Day
Rice, 9/15	Monday, 9/10--Jeff Jamrog
Sept. 22, OPEN	Monday, 9/17--Milt Tenopir
Missouri, 9/29	Monday, 9/24--Collier/Cook
Iowa State, 10/6	Monday, 10/1--Turner Gill
Baylor, 10/13	Monday, 10/8--Nelson Barnes
Texas Tech, 10/20	Monday, 10/15--Dan Young
Oklahoma, 10/27	Monday, 10/22--George Darlington
Kansas, 11/3	Monday, 10/29--Ron Brown
Kansas State, 11/10	Monday, 11/5--Craig Bohl
Nov. 17, OPEN	Monday, 11/12--Dave Gillespie
Colorado, 11/23	Monday, 11/20--Sanderford/Walker
Big 12 Champ., 12/1	Monday, 11/27--Tim Albin/Van Horn
Bowl Game, TBA	Monday, 12/4--Jimmy Burrow

Nebraska Media Information and Policies

▶ All player and coach interviews must be arranged at least one day in advance through the Husker Sports Information Office. Contact Chris Anderson, Jeff Griesch, Shamus McKnight or graduate intern Josh Maxson (402) 472-2263. All interviews will be conducted in the South Stadium Offices, or on the field. Please do not approach players for interviews in the weight room, Hewitt Center, training room or hallways. The Nebraska locker room, training room and football office meeting rooms are **OFF-LIMITS** to the media and general public. Please check in at the SID Office, when arriving for interviews.

▶ Players home phone numbers will **NOT** be given to the media. NU players are available (by prearrangement and depending on class schedules) at the Tuesday press conferences from 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. and after practice on the field. No player interviews will be allowed the two days prior to a game (Thursday and Friday for Saturday game).

▶ Practices are **closed** to the media and to the general public; however, photographers and videographers are allowed to shoot the first 15 minutes of each practice (or until warmups are over), then will be asked to leave until practice is completed.

▶ After all games, Nebraska's locker room is closed, requested players and coaches will be brought to the East Players Lounge after a 10-minute cooling off period. The new home postgame interview room is located on the field level at the Southeast Corner of the Stadium.

▶ During the season, Coach Solich is available on the Big 12 teleconference on Monday, the Nebraska teleconference on Tuesday and in person on the field each day after practice.

Coach Solich/Player Press Conferences:

Nebraska Head Coach Frank Solich will conduct weekly Tuesday press/teleconferences in the Don Bryant Media Facility Level 6, prior to home and away games. After an 11 a.m. lunch, Coach Solich will address the media at Noon and will answer questions until approximately 12:30. Nebraska Volleyball Coach John Cook will be available each week at 11:10 a.m. and Soccer Coach John Walker will follow at 11:20 a.m. Quarterback Eric Crouch will begin the teleconference at 11:30 a.m., followed by Nebraska Defensive Coordinator Craig Bohl at 11:50 a.m. Beginning with Coach Solich, each press conference will be televised live by ESPN News, which has exclusive live rights to the press conference satellite feed. Stations other than ESPN are prohibited from using its satellite feed for live coverage, but are welcome to use the satellite feed on a delayed basis. The coordinates and feed times are available in the left margin on this page.

To secure a line on the teleconference, please contact Vicki Cartwright in the Nebraska Sports Information Office at **402-472-2263**. Players are available by request from 12:30 - 1:30 p.m., and at least one player will be on the conference line, before those in attendance break up for individual player interviews. Player requests must be a day in advance. Solich quotes will be transcribed and placed on fax on demand and on Huskers.com, NU's official athletic department website.

The Frank Solich Show:

Coach Solich's one-hour weekly postgame show, *The Frank Solich Show*, with host Larry Puntney, can be seen this fall on the following stations; KMTV (Omaha, 10 a.m. and 10:30 p.m., Sunday) and KOLN/KGIN (Lincoln, 10:30 p.m., Sunday); KSTF (Scottsbluff, 5 p.m., Central, Tuesday); KNOP (North Platte, 10:30 p.m., Sunday); Metro Sports (Kansas City, 7 p.m., Wednesday); Lakes TV Cable (NW Iowa, 7 p.m. Tuesday, 7 p.m. Thursday); Cox Communications (Oklahoma City, Okla., TBA, Tuesday); St. Joseph CableVision (St. Joseph, Mo., 7 p.m., Tuesday); KTIV (Sioux City, Iowa, Midnight, Sunday) and Cable One (Sioux City, Iowa, 7 p.m., Wednesday). Coach Solich will also have a half-hour *Nebraska Football Kickoff Show* with the first to air on Saturday, Aug. 25. The Nebraska Football Kickoff Show with host Jeff Schmahl can be seen on KMTV (8 a.m. Saturday); KOLN-KGIN (12:30 a.m. and 6:30 a.m., Saturday), KSTF (5 p.m., Friday) KNOP (Noon, Saturday) and Cox Communications (Noon, Saturday).

Other Media Opportunities for Media With Coach Solich and Staff:

▶ The **Extra Point Luncheon** is held on Monday following games, at Noon at the Nebraska Club (top of USBank) in downtown Lincoln, guest speaker is a NU coach each week (\$8 each for members, \$10 each for non-members), open to public.

▶ **Omaha Breakfast** is held at the Holiday Inn at 72nd and Grover on Thursdays at 7 a.m., guest speaker is a Nebraska coach each week.

▶ **"Talk to Frank"** Radio Show, on the Sports Pinnacle Network each Wednesday at 6 p.m.

MediaTeamLink

MediaTeamLink is free to accredited media and will allow them to receive documents automatically via email or fax as soon as they are updated by the NU Sports Information Office. Documents received through email are in original format. You may still access the Info Connection Fax-on-Demand service for the same information by dialing 770-558-6000 from the handset of your fax machine. The Big 12 pass code (1212) and document numbers are the same on both services (NU weekly FB release-1804; Solich press conference quotes-1808; Last game book-1807). For more information on the service, contact Pivotal Communications at (800-599-9402 or at MediaHelp@pivotalcc.com or visit their website at <http://www.mediateamlink.com>.

Press Conference (Noon)	Solich Radio Show (6 p.m.)	Omaha Breakfast (6:50 a.m.)
Tuesday, 8/21	Wednesday, 8/22--Solich	Thursday, 8/23--Solich
Tuesday, 8/28	Wednesday, 8/29--Brown	Thursday, 8/30--Young
Tuesday, 9/4	Wednesday, 9/5--Barnes	Thursday, 9/6--Bohl
Tuesday, 9/11	Wednesday, 9/12--Gillespie	Thursday, 9/13--Brown
Tuesday, 9/18--NONE	Wednesday, 9/19--Solich	Thursday, 9/20--NONE
Tuesday, 9/25	Wednesday, 9/26--Young	Thursday, 9/27--Gill
Tuesday, 10/2	Wednesday, 10/3--Jamrog	Thursday, 10/4--Darlington
Tuesday, 10/9	Wednesday, 10/10--Bohl	Thursday, 10/11--Solich
Tuesday, 10/16	Wednesday, 10/17--Gill	Thursday, 10/18--Tenopir
Tuesday, 10/23	Wednesday, 10/24--Tenopir	Thursday, 10/25--Gillespie/Byrne
Tuesday, 10/30	Wednesday, 10/31--Darlington	Thursday, 11/1--Jamrog
Tuesday, 11/6	Wednesday, 11/7--Brown	Thursday, 11/8--Barnes
Tuesday, 11/13--NONE	Wednesday, 11/14--Solich	Thursday, 11/15--NONE
Tuesday, 11/20	Wednesday, 11/21--Bohl	Thursday, 11/22--NONE
Tuesday, 11/27--TBA	Wednesday, 11/28--Darlington	Thursday, 11/29--TBA
TBA	Wednesday, 12/5--TBA	Thursday, 12/6--NONE
	Wednesday, 12/12--Solich	Thursday, 12/13--Solich