

NEBRASKA FOOTBALL

2001

Husker Records and Streaks

- ▶ NCAA-record 247 consecutive sellouts in Memorial Stadium (counting KSU)
- ▶ 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
- ▶ 336 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)
- ▶ 101-10 record since 1993 (nine years)
- ▶ 44 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, Nov. 7: 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 11: No. 2/2/1 Nebraska (10-0, 6-0) vs. Kansas State (4-4, 2-4)

DATE: Saturday, Nov. 10, 2001; **TIME:** 2:37 p.m.

SITE: Memorial Stadium--247th Consecutive Sellout; **STADIUM CAPACITY:** 73,918

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

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

ABC TV Regional: (PBP--Brad Nessler; Color--Bob Griese, Sideline--Lynn Swann)

Undefeated Cornhuskers (10-0) Host Kansas State (4-4)

The Huskers remain one of just three undefeated teams this season (also BYU and Miami) after defeating Kansas, 51-7, in Lawrence, continuing their 12-game winning streak. Nebraska remains second in both polls, but won its first game as the BCS No. 1 team. Nebraska turns its attention to the Kansas State Wildcats, who are 4-4 on the season, but have won their last two games and have played the Huskers tough in recent years, winning two of the last three matches. Nebraska is 10-0 for the 11th time in school history, has won a nation-leading 20 straight games at home and will be looking to post its ninth perfect home season in the last 10 years. Nebraska is intent on playing for the Big 12 Championship on Dec. 1, but must take care of the business of beating Kansas State and Colorado to achieve that goal. Motivation will be high as the Kansas State game will be aired on ABC regionally and is also the last home game for 23 seniors, who have posted a 41-7 record over the past four years and have only lost one game at home, a 20-16 loss to Texas in 1998. At this week's game, NU will collect Toys for Tots and will have a special veterans salute in pregame ceremonies.

The No. 2/2/1 (AP/Coaches/BCS) Cornhuskers are now 10-0 on the season, 6-0 in Big 12 action, while Kansas State fell out of the rankings after suffering losses to Oklahoma (38-37), Colorado (16-6), Texas Tech (38-19) and Texas A&M (31-24). Nebraska has faced and defeated two of the four Big 12 opponents that handed KSU losses, including Oklahoma (20-10) and Texas Tech (41-31) and will face Colorado in Boulder to end its regular season on Nov. 23.

Fourth-year Coach Frank Solich has led the Huskers to a 10-0 start for the first time in his career, the 11th time overall and the fifth time since 1990. Solich is tied for fourth on the NCAA Division I-A chart for best career starts in the first four years, boasting a 41-7 career record. Nebraska has won 10 or more games three times under Solich, every year except his first when NU posted a 9-4 record in 1998. Solich's 854 career winning percentage would rank first in Division I-A if he had the prerequisite five years.

This Week's Polls

The Huskers remained one of three unbeaten teams in the country after defeating Kansas, 51-7, on the road. Nebraska remained second in both the Associated Press and Coaches polls. Nebraska is 1-1 as the BCS No. 1 team, losing to Oklahoma last season, and defeating Kansas last week. The No. 2/2/1 rankings are the highest NU has received this season. NU began the year fourth in both preseason polls and dropped to fifth in AP's third poll. In this week's Associated Press Poll, NU has 17 first-place votes and 1,745 points, behind Miami (55, 1,781). In the USA Today/ESPN Coaches Poll, NU received 18 first-place votes and 1,456 points to rank behind Miami (41 first-place votes, 1,479 points). Oklahoma remains third in the AP, fourth in the Coaches Poll behind Florida, while Big 12 teams Texas (fifth in both polls) and Colorado (21 and 20, respectively).

The 2001 Nebraska (10-0, 6-0) 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. 20	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 #+	W 51-7	FSN	NU 84-21-3	Diedrick 136 rush; Thomas 6-65 receiving; Brown three field goals made
Sat.	Nov. 10	Kansas State #	2:37 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 Games; All times (Central), are subject to change; * Big 12 Syndicated; + night game

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 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, improving to 5-0 in preseason games, 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 both 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 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. 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 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 played its seventh game on television (FSN) and its fifth night game of the season at Kansas on Nov. 3. Nebraska defeated Kansas, 51-7, and the series became the longest continuous series in NCAA Division I-A history at 96 games. This week NU returns home to play host to Kansas State in a 2:37 p.m. kickoff televised regionally by ABC. Before the start of the game, 23 seniors will be honored and a special veteran's salute will also be part of pregame ceremonies. 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 41-7 school and career record. Solich is tied with Oklahoma's Barry Switzer for fourth on the all-time Division I-A list for wins in the first four seasons as a head coach. His winning percentage of .854 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 10-0 start in 2001, Solich's career record stands at an incredible 41-7. 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 is the first NU coach to win 41 games in four years. Devaney won nine in his first year, 10 his second year, nine his third and 10 in his fourth (38), while Osborne won nine, nine, 10 and nine, respectively (37). Devaney and Solich won their first conference titles in their second year, while Osborne tied for his first title in his third year at the helm. Solich was named the Big 12 Coach of the Year by his league peers and the AP after winning the league championship in 1999, his second year at the helm. Solich earned his bachelor's (1966) and master's degrees (1972) from Nebraska.

Solich is 1-2 vs. Kansas State and Head Coach Bill Snyder. Solich is 25-1 at home, 12-5 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 24-6 in Big 12 action (14-1 at home, 9-5 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 **Frank Solich** is his own offensive coordinator, calling the plays from the sideline. **Craig Bohl** is in his second year as defensive coordinator and is on the Nebraska sideline, along with receivers coach **Ron Brown**, quarterbacks coach **Turner Gill**, defensive line coach **Jeff Jamrog** and kickers/offensive line coach **Dan Young**. Assisting from above in the press box are rush ends coach **Nelson Barnes**, defensive backs coach **George Darlington**, running backs coach **Dave Gillespie** and offensive line coach **Milt Tenopir**.

NU Staff Boasts 142 Years of Experience

One very good reason Coach Solich was named as Osborne's replacement was to keep the staff intact. Director of Athletics Bill Byrne recognized that much of Nebraska's success should be attributed to its veteran assistants. Although NU lost 18-year defensive coordinator Charlie McBride to retirement after the 1999 season, NU still boasts 142 years of combined experience at NU (counting 2001) and a staff that has participated in 132 bowl games. The 20-year veterans include Solich (23 years), secondary coach George Darlington (29) and offensive line coach Milt Tenopir (28). The others include offensive line/kickers coach Dan Young (19), receivers coach Ron Brown (15), quarterbacks coach Turner Gill (10), 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.

2001 Big 12 Standings

North		Records	
Team	Overall	Big 12	Last Week
Nebraska	10-0	6-0	W, KU, 51-7
Colorado	7-2	5-1	W, MU, 38-24
Iowa State	5-3	3-3	L, KSU, 3-42
Kansas State	4-4	2-4	W, ISU, 42-3
Missouri	3-5	2-4	L, CU, 24-38
Kansas	2-6	1-5	L, NU, 7-51

South		Records	
Team	Overall	Big 12	Last Week
Texas	8-1	5-1	W, BU, 49-10
Oklahoma	8-1	4-1	W, Tulsa, 58-0
Texas A&M	7-2	4-2	L, TTU, 0-12
Texas Tech	5-3	3-3	W, A&M, 12-0
Okla. St.	2-6	0-5	Did Not Play
Baylor	2-6	0-6	L, UT, 10-49

2001 Nebraska Non-Conference Opponents

Team	2001 Record -- Last Week
TCU	4-4 -- L, E. Carolina, 30-37
Troy State	4-4 -- L, Maryland, 14-47
Notre Dame	3-5 -- L, Tennessee, 18-28
Rice	6-3 -- L, Fresno St., 24-42

2001 Kansas St. Schedule (4-4)

9/8	at USC	W, 10-6
9/22	New Mexico State	W, 64-0
9/29	at Oklahoma	L, 37-38
10/6	Colorado	L, 6-16
10/13	at Texas Tech	L, 19-38
10/20	Texas A&M	L, 24-31
10/27	Kansas	W, 40-6
11/3	at Iowa State	W, 42-3
11/10	at Nebraska	2:37 p.m.
11/17	Louisiana Tech	1:10 p.m.
11/24	Missouri	11 a.m.

2000 Kansas St. Results (11-3)

8/26	vs. Iowa%	W, 27-7
9/2	Louisiana Tech	W, 54-10
9/9	Ball State	W, 76-0
9/23	North Texas	W, 55-10
9/30	at Colorado	W, 44-21
10/7	at Kansas	W, 52-13
10/14	Oklahoma	L, 31-41
10/21	Texas Tech	W, 28-23
10/28	at Texas A&M	L, 10-26
11/4	Iowa State	W, 56-10
11/11	Nebraska	W, 29-28
11/18	at Missouri	W, 28-24
12/2	vs. Oklahoma\$	L, 24-27
1/1	vs. Tennessee&	W, 35-21

% Eddie Robinson Classic
 \$ Big 12 Championship Game
 & Southwestern Bell Cotton Bowl Classic

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.

Scouting Kansas State (4-4 Overall, 2-4 Big 12)

Coach Bill Snyder brings another dangerous Kansas State team to Lincoln in search of the Wildcats' first win in Lincoln since Nov. 19, 1968. Kansas State carries a 4-4 overall record and 2-4 Big 12 Conference mark into Memorial Stadium, entering the contest unranked in either the Associated Press or USA Today Coaches Poll for the first time since 1992.

The Wildcats opened the season 2-0, before losing by a single point to defending national champion Oklahoma, 38-37, in Norman on Sept. 29. The loss to the Sooners started a four-game losing skid that put the Wildcats on the brink of ending a streak of eight consecutive bowl bids. But after consecutive losses to Colorado, Texas Tech and Texas A&M, Kansas State has rebounded with lopsided victories over Kansas (40-6) and Iowa State (42-3).

The Kansas State offensive arsenal features the potent tandem of quarterback Eli Roberson and running back Josh Scobey. Roberson has completed 46-of-114 passes for 705 yards with three touchdowns and five interceptions, while rushing for 479 yards on 109 carries. The last time out against the Cyclones, Roberson rushed for 131 yards and two scores on 22 carries, while adding 72 yards through the air. Scobey joined Roberson over the century mark on the ground against Iowa State, carrying 32 times for 172 yards and two touchdowns. The senior from Oklahoma City leads the Wildcats with 916 rushing yards on 167 carries with 11 touchdowns.

Ricky Lloyd, who has 17 catches for 280 yards and three touchdowns, and Aaron Lockett, who has hauled in 16 receptions for 197 yards and two scores, have been Roberson's two favorite targets in the struggling Wildcats' passing attack. Roberson (40.4 percent) and Marc Dunn (45.2 percent) have combined to complete just 42.2 percent of their passes (79-of-187 for 1,142 yards), while throwing 10 interceptions and just seven touchdown passes for an NCAA pass efficiency rating of just 95.16.

Although the Wildcats have not performed to the levels that they have in recent years, they still rank fifth nationally and second in the Big 12 in rushing offense, averaging 247 yards per game, while ranking second nationally and first in the conference in rushing defense, surrendering just 67.13 yards per contest. Overall defensively, Kansas State ranks fourth nationally and second in the Big 12 in total defense, allowing just 258.75 yards per game.

Individually, Terry Pierce has led the Wildcats on defense with 50 tackles, including eight tackles for 20 yards lost with 1.5 sacks. Ben Leber has added 48 tackles, including a team-leading 11 tackles for 47 yards lost with a team-high 3.5 sacks.

Kansas State Head Coach Bill Snyder

Coach Bill Snyder (William Jewel, 1962) has led the Kansas State football program to unprecedented success in his 13 years in Manhattan. Snyder owns a 103-47-1 overall record as the Wildcats' mentor, including four consecutive 11-win seasons and eight straight nine-win seasons before this year. He has also guided Kansas State to eight consecutive bowl bids, including a Cotton Bowl victory over Tennessee last season. Before Snyder's arrival at Kansas State, the Wildcats had made just one bowl appearance in school history (1982 Independence Bowl).

Kansas State's all-time winningest coach with 64 more wins than his nearest predecessor, Snyder's 103 career victories in 13 seasons account for more than 25 percent of Kansas State's all-time wins in 106 seasons of football, and equal the total number of wins by the Wildcats in the 38 seasons before his arrival in Manhattan.

Snyder has also enjoyed some success against Nebraska, carrying a 2-1 record against NU Coach Frank Solich (2-10 overall vs. NU), including a 29-28 win in Manhattan last season. The last time the two teams met in Lincoln, the Huskers prevailed, 41-15, but in the first meeting between the two coaches, Snyder claimed a 40-30 victory in Manhattan to end Kansas State's 29-game losing streak against the Huskers.

Nebraska-Kansas 2001 Statistical Comparison

Category	Nebraska (10-0, 6-0)			Kansas State (4-4, 2-4)		
	Rankings (2/2/1)			Rankings (NR)		
Top 25 NCAA Rankings in Boldface						
Rushing Offense	315.8	1st	1st	247.0	5th	2nd
Passing Offense	138.0	109th	12th	142.75	105th	11th
Pass Efficiency	136.14	29th	2nd	95.16	108th	11th
Total Offense	453.8	13th	1st	389.75	48th	5th
Scoring Offense	38.2	8th	2nd	30.25	35th	5th
Rushing Defense	78.4	8th	2nd	67.13	2nd	1st
Pass Defense	180.4	17th	6th	191.63	33rd	7th
Pass Eff. Defense	82.4	2nd	1st	105.57	25th	7th
Total Defense	258.8	5th	3rd	258.75	4th	2nd
Scoring Defense	10.6	2nd	1st	17.25	15th	5th
Net Punting	37.9	23rd	4th	36.96	38th	5th
Punt Returns	12.5	19th	5th	9.7	58th	9th
Kickoff Returns	25.0	11th	4th	24.65	14th	5th
Turnover Margin	+0.5	26th	5th	+0.5	26th	5th

The Nebraska-Kansas State Series (NU Leads, 71-12-2)

Saturday's game will mark the 86th meeting between Nebraska and Kansas State, with the two teams squaring off for the 80th consecutive season. Nebraska has dominated the all-time series with the Wildcats, owning a 71-12-2 advantage in the series, including a 29-game winning streak from 1969 through 1997. Since 1960, Nebraska owns a 38-3 record against Kansas State, but the Wildcats have actually won two of the last three games in the series.

In Lincoln, the Huskers carry a 38-7 series lead with 16 consecutive victories dating back to a 12-0 loss on Nov. 9, 1968. That game also marks the last time the Huskers were shut out at Memorial Stadium, a streak of 212 games. Since being shut out by the Wildcats, Nebraska has scored 35 or more points in every meeting in Lincoln. The loss to Kansas State in 1968 was Nebraska's last Homecoming loss. Since then, the Huskers have reeled off 33 straight Homecoming victories.

Kansas State's longest winning streak in the series is two games, a feat the Wildcats have accomplished three times, most recently in 1958 and 1959.

2000 Game Recap: Kansas State 29, Nebraska 28 (Manhattan, Kan.)

Last season, the Wildcats claimed their second one-point win in series history with a 29-28 victory in Manhattan. In that game, the Huskers led 28-23 after Dan Alexander's 45-yard touchdown run with 9:53 remaining in the game had brought NU back from a 23-14 deficit at the end of the third quarter. But Jonathan Beasley hit Quincy Morgan with a 12-yard touchdown pass with 2:52 remaining in the game to give the Wildcats the win. Morgan finished the night with seven receptions for 199 yards and two touchdowns. Morgan's yardage ranks as the fifth-highest single-game total by an opponent in school history.

1999 Game Recap: Nebraska 41, Kansas State 15 (Lincoln, Neb.)

The last time the two teams met in Lincoln, Eric Crouch produced one of the best rushing performances of his career, carrying the ball 27 times for 158 yards and two touchdowns, while adding 69 yards passing, as the Huskers cruised to a 41-15 win. Dahrran Diedrick added 93 yards on 14 carries with one touchdown, as Nebraska rolled for 309 rushing yards and 378 yards of total offense. The Huskers held the Wildcats to just 92 yards on the ground and 142 yards through the air.

Series Streaks

Nebraska and Kansas State will meeting for the eighth consecutive time in a televised game, the only eight television contests in series history. It will be the sixth time in the last eight games that the game has been televised by ABC.

This Saturday's game will mark the end of an eight-game streak in which both teams entered the meeting ranked in the top 25 in either the Associated Press or USA Today Coaches Poll. The last time Kansas State was unranked entering the Nebraska game was the Dec. 5, 1992 meeting at the Coca-Cola Bowl in Tokyo, Japan, which the Huskers won 38-24. The Wildcats were not ranked in the AP Poll in 1993 when the two teams met in Lincoln, but KSU was ranked 24th in the coaches poll before the 45-28 loss to the Huskers.

Nebraska's No. 2 ranking is its highest entering the game since 1995, when the No. 2 Huskers knocked off the No. 8 Wildcats, 49-25, in Lincoln on Oct. 21.

Kansas State 2001 Statistical Leaders

<u>Rushing</u>	<u>Att.</u>	<u>Yards</u>	<u>Avg.</u>	<u>TD</u>	<u>Avg./G</u>	<u>Long</u>	
Josh Scobey	167	916	5.5	11	114.5	45	
Ell Roberson	109	479	4.4	7	68.4	42	
<u>Passing</u>	<u>Att.</u>	<u>Comp.</u>	<u>Pct.</u>	<u>Int.</u>	<u>Yards</u>	<u>TD</u>	<u>Avg./G</u>
Ell Roberson	114	46	40.4	5	705	3	100.7
Marc Dunn	73	33	45.2	5	437	4	72.8
<u>Receiving</u>	<u>No.</u>	<u>Yards</u>	<u>Avg.</u>	<u>TD</u>	<u>Avg./G</u>	<u>Long</u>	
Ricky Lloyd	17	280	16.5	3	35.0	57	
Aaron Lockett	16	197	12.3	2	24.6	25	
<u>Tackles</u>	<u>UT</u>	<u>AT</u>	<u>TT</u>	<u>TFL</u>	<u>Sacks</u>		
Terry Pierce	33	17	50	8-20	1.5-6		
Ben Leber	35	13	48	11-47	3.5-26		
<u>Punting</u>	<u>No.</u>	<u>Yards</u>	<u>Avg.</u>	<u>Long</u>			
Jared Brite	18	733	40.7	59			
<u>Scoring</u>	<u>TD</u>	<u>FG</u>	<u>PAT</u>	<u>2PAT</u>	<u>Total</u>		
Josh Scobey	11	0-0	0-0	0-0	66		

Wildcats from Nebraska

► Redshirt freshman Ryan Schmueker from Lincoln Southeast High School is the only player on Kansas State's 2001 roster from the state of Nebraska. Schmueker, a 6-5, 285-pound offensive lineman was a three-year starter for the Knights and a high school teammate of Husker freshman linebacker Barrett Ruud, sophomores Chris Loos, Fred Thorne, Seth White and Josh Sewell and senior Kyle Kollmorgen.

Kansas State Connections

► Nebraska Rush Ends Coach Nelson Barnes spent the 1993 season as the defensive line coach under Bill Snyder at Kansas State before moving on to the University of Texas for three seasons. Barnes, who is in his fifth season at Nebraska, was a player at the University of North Texas from 1977 to 1980. Snyder was an assistant coach at North Texas from 1976 to 1978.

NU Wins Over KSU in Lincoln (Last 16 meetings, NU 16-0)

<u>Date</u>	<u>NU/KSU Rank</u>	<u>NU Result</u>
Nov. 17, 1970	4/20	W, 51-13
Nov. 18, 1972	5/	W, 59-7
Nov. 16, 1974	6/	W, 35-7
Oct. 16, 1976	3/	W, 51-0
Oct. 14, 1978	8/	W, 48-14
Nov. 8, 1980	5/	W, 55-8
Oct. 16, 1982	6/	W, 42-13
Oct. 27, 1984	4/	W, 62-14
Nov. 1, 1986	5/	W, 38-0
Oct. 24, 1987	2/	W, 56-3
Oct. 7, 1989	4/	W, 58-7
Oct. 19, 1991	9/	W, 38-31
Oct. 16, 1993	6/***	W, 45-28
Oct. 21, 1995	2/8	W, 49-25
Oct. 4, 1997	3/17	W, 56-26
Nov. 13, 1999	7/5	W, 41-15

*** KSU ranked No. 24 in USA Today Coaches Poll.

All-Time Team Records

By Total Wins

<u>Rank, Team</u>	<u>Yrs.</u>	<u>Won</u>	<u>Lost</u>	<u>Tied</u>	<u>Pct.</u>
1. Michigan	122	811	264	36	.746
2. Notre Dame	113	779	246	42	.750
3. Nebraska	112	763	299	40	.711
4. Texas	109	752	303	33	.706
5. Alabama	107	740	280	43	.716
6. Penn State	115	742	316	41	.694
7. Ohio State	112	729	290	53	.705
8. Tennessee	105	713	294	52	.698
9. Oklahoma	107	710	279	53	.707
10. USC	109	682	293	54	.689

Kansas St.	106	402	557	41	.423

This Week In the National Statistical Rankings

Nebraska ranks among the nation's top 25 in 11 of the 13 main national rankings this week. NU ranks among the top 10 in all four main defensive categories, including second in pass efficiency defense (82.38 rating), second in scoring defense (10.6 ypg), fifth in total defense (258.8 ypg) and eighth in rushing defense (78.4 ypg). On the offensive side, NU remains first in rushing (315.8 ypg), and ranks among the top 25 in total offense (453.8 ypg, 13th), scoring offense with (38.2 ppg, eighth). NU also ranks 11th in kickoff returns (25.0 ypr); 19th in punt returns (12.5 ypr) and 23rd in net punting (37.9 ypp).

Individually, junior I-back **Dahrran Diedrick** ranks 12th in rushing, averaging 121.9 yards per game, and 32nd in scoring, averaging 7.5 points per game. Quarterback **Eric Crouch** is 43rd in rushing (84.7 ypg), third among quarterbacks and ranks ninth in scoring (9.8 ppg), first among quarterbacks. He leads quarterbacks with 15 rushing TDs, a number that is tied for third among all rushers. Crouch ranks second among quarterbacks in rushing yards per carry (5.2). 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 **Judd Davies** suffered a sprained ankle in the Texas Tech game. He saw action in one series vs. Oklahoma and sat out the Kansas game.

Honors Roll in for Huskers

Six Huskers were honored last week for their academic and athletic standing this season. Punter Kyle Larson and Mike linebacker **Jamie Burrow** were named Big 12 Special Teams and Defensive Player of the Week, respectively, for their outstanding contributions in the 20-10 win over Oklahoma. In addition, Burrow was named the Bronko Nagurski National Defensive Player of the Week by the Football Writers Association and was added to their watch list for the defensive player-of-the-year award.

Burrow made a career-high 17 tackles, including seven solo stops, a 12-yard sack and a quarterback hurry against Oklahoma. It was the second time Burrow had earned Big 12 Defensive-Player-of-the-Week honors, also against No. 17 Notre Dame when he made 11 tackles in the Huskers' 27-10 win. "I think it is a great honor for Jamie to receive the Big 12 and national honor," Solich said. "He had a great game and making 17 tackles from the linebacker spot is not easy to do because of the number of things we ask our linebackers to do. People around the country recognized the way he played."

Offensive left tackle **Dave Volk** received a \$5,000 National Football Foundation and College Hall of Fame postgraduate scholarship and tight end **Tracey Wistrom** was honored as a National Football Foundation and College Hall of Fame Scholar-Athlete receiving an \$18,000 postgraduate scholarship. Quarterback **Eric Crouch** was named one of five finalists for the Johnny Unitas Quarterback Award. Left offensive guard **Toniu Fonoti** was named one of 12 Lombardi Award semifinalists.

Kansas State Game Last at Home for 23 Seniors

Saturday's home game is the last one for 23 Husker seniors. The group has posted a 41-7 record to date. They are 25-1 at Memorial Stadium and have won the last 20 games at home, the nation's longest active home winning streak. The seniors have won a Big 12 Championship in 1999 and two of three bowl games. Three of the 23 have already graduated, including **Jamie Burrow**, **Erwin Swiney** and **Dave Volk**. Swiney, who did not redshirt until 1999, and **John Gibson**, who received a sixth year from the NCAA, are the only two Huskers who played in 1997, when Nebraska won the national championship with a 13-0 record. Fourteen of the 23 seniors hail from Nebraska and 12 are starters for the 10-0 Huskers. Three of the seniors have not redshirted, including **Keyuo Craver**, **Jason Lohr** and **Jeremy Slechta**.

Nebraska's 23 Seniors in 2001 (starters in boldface)...

Steve Altstadt*, LG, Fort Calhoun, Neb.

Mic Boettner, Rover, Omaha, Neb.

Dion Booker***, FS/Rover, Oceanside, Calif.

Jamie Burrow***, MLB, Ames, Iowa (Graduate)

Keyuo Craver***, LCB, Harleton, Texas (Co-Captain)

Eric Crouch***, QB, Omaha, Neb. (Co-Captain)

Tim Demerath, Rover, Plainview, Neb.

John Gibson***, WB, Papillion, Neb.

Nick Gragert, FB, Columbus, Neb.

Jeff Hemje***, RCB, Grand Island, Neb.

Matt Ickes, RCB, Page, Neb.

Kyle Kollmorgen***, LT, Lincoln, Neb.

Jason Lohr***, NT, Tulsa, Okla. (injured knee, out for season)

Casey Nelson**, DT, Newman Grove, Neb.

Jon Rutherford***, OG, Midwest City, Okla.

Carl Scholting, FS, Springfield, Neb.

Jeremy Slechta***, DT, LaVista, Neb. (Co-Captain)

Erwin Swiney***, RCB, Lincoln, Neb. (Graduate)

Mark Vedral***, WLB, Gregory, S.D.

Dave Volk***LT, Norfolk, Neb. (Co-Captain, Graduate)

J.P. Wichmann**, RRE, Shawnee, Kan.

Tracey Wistrom***, TE, Webb City, Mo. (Co-Captain)

Wes Woodward***, RCB, Omaha, Neb.

Game 10 Recap

Nebraska 51, Kansas 7

No. 2/2/1 Nebraska (AP/Coaches/BCS) defeated Kansas at Lawrence, 51-7, in front of a sellout crowd of 50,750 (first sellout since 1992) and the fourth-largest crowd in KU's Memorial Stadium. It was the 108th meeting between Nebraska and Kansas and the 96th consecutive, making the series the longest continuous series in Division I-A.

The win marked Nebraska's 33rd straight win over Kansas, 12th consecutive win overall, and 17th straight win over KU in Lawrence. It was also Nebraska's seventh straight Big 12 Conference win, third straight on the road and improved NU's record to 1-1 when ranked No. 1 in the BCS.

Nebraska got on the board for the first time on its third drive, which began on the NU 40. Nebraska did not score on its first two drives, despite starting on the KU 43 and 29, respectively. It marked the second straight game and the third time this season that the Huskers did not score in the first quarter. The defense held Kansas scoreless and to four total offense yards in the first quarter, with KU's only first down coming by penalty. It was the sixth time this season that the Blackshirts held its opponent scoreless in the first quarter. Nebraska quickly scored in the second quarter on its third drive of the game, with **Dahrran Diedrick** 10-yard run with 14:12 left. Nebraska increased its lead to 10-0 on a **Josh Brown** 32-yard field goal with 8:27 left and increased that lead after **Keyuo Craver** gave the Huskers the ball on the KU 21 with a career-long 50-yard punt return. I-back **Thunder Collins** scored on the next play on a 21-yard run to give NU a 17-0 lead with 6:47 remaining in the second quarter. **Brown** gave the Huskers a 20-0 halftime lead with a season-long 43-yard field goal as time expired in the first half. NU tacked on 31 second-half points for the final 51-7 margin as quarterback **Eric Crouch** scored on a one-yard run; **Brown** hit on a 32-yard field goal (his third of the game), **Ben Cornelsen** scored on a 71-yard punt return; **Diedrick** scored on a 33-yard run; and QB **Jammal Lord** scored on a 33-yard run.

In the game, the Huskers totaled 448 yards, including 284 by rush, while the Blackshirts held the Jayhawks to just 203 total-offense yards and 124 by rush (-12 rushing and six total-offense yards at halftime). NU held the shutout until 5:50 remaining in the game, when KU drove 80 yards in 10 plays to pull within 44-7.

► Senior quarterback **Eric Crouch** is 34-5 as a starter, becoming just the 10th quarterback in Division I-A history to record 34 wins as a starter and passing 1995 Heisman Trophy runner-up Tommie Frazier for the Nebraska school record. Crouch is five wins away from the NCAA record. Frazier had 33 wins against three losses from 1992 to 1995. Against Kansas, Crouch carried 13 times for 49 yards and one TD (a one-yard run in the third quarter that

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
	Frank Solich	NU	1998-01	41-7-0

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	41-7
vs. AP Ranked Teams	10-6
vs. AP Top 10 Teams	4-3
vs. Unranked Teams	31-1
vs. Big 12 Teams	24-6
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	28-4
Multiple NU Rushers in a Game	10-0
When Opp. has 100 Yd. Rusher	7-3
When Scoring 35 or More Points	27-0
When Hold Opp. to 10 Pts. or less	19-0
When Nebraska scores first	31-4
When Nebraska leads at halftime	33-2
Record in games decided by 10 or less	12-6
Record in games decided by 7 or less	8-5
Record in games decided by 3 or less	4-2

Individual Honors

Draft Picks	17
All-Americans	5
Academic All-Americans	6
All-Conference Winners	16
Academic All-Conference Winners	66

Team Honors

Consecutive Weeks Ranked by AP	61
Consecutive Weeks in the AP top 10	44
Conference Championships	1
Nine-Win Seasons	4
10-Win Seasons	3
11-Win Seasons	1
12-Win Seasons	1

put NU up 27-0). He completed a career-high 14-of-24 passes for 164 yards with no interceptions or touchdowns. Crouch has 3,166 career rushing yards and moved from fourth to third on NU's all-time rushing list, passing Calvin Jones, who had 3,153 rushing yards from 1991 to 1993. Crouch also has 4,223 passing yards to rank third at NU and moved up from 11th to ninth on the Big 12 career passing chart.

► Junior I-back **Dahrran Diedrick** carried 21 times for 136 yards vs. the Jayhawks with two touchdowns. He scored on a 10-yard run to put the Huskers on the board with 14:12 left in the second quarter. He also scored on a 38-yard run that put him over the 100-yard rushing mark for the sixth time this season. The 38-yard score was his longest TD run and tied his longest run of the season. Diedrick ran hard and fought for yards after contact, earning him Nebraska's nomination for Big 12 Offensive Player of the Week. Diedrick became the 24th Husker to rush for 1,000 yards in a season and now has 1,097 on 193 carries and 12 TDs. Diedrick has had 100 rushing yards in four of the last five games and in six of the nine games he has played in this year. Diedrick has 1,612 career rushing yards to rank 26th all time at NU.

► Senior tight end **Tracey Wistrom's** streak of at least one catch in the last 12 games came to an end this season, although one catch was called back.

► Split end **Wilson Thomas** had a team-best six catches for 65 yards vs. Kansas. The six catches tied his career best of six set last week vs. Oklahoma (6-48). He has caught at least one pass in each of the last seven games and in all but one this season. He has made at least two catches in eight games this season and at least three catches in seven games. Thomas has had at least four catches in the last three games. Thomas has 34 catches for 507 yards and three TDs. His 34 catches on the season is tied for the eighth highest single-season total in school history, while the yardage is the 11th most.

► Place-kicker **Josh Brown** missed on a 38-yard field goal on Nebraska's second drive, breaking a streak of four straight field goals this season. Brown hit on a 32-yarder with 8:27 remaining in the second quarter to put the Huskers up 10-0. As time expired in the first half, Brown hit on a season-best 43-yard field goal to give NU a 20-0 halftime lead. He also hit on a 32-yarder with 14:08 remaining in the game, marking the third straight game he has hit two-or-more field goals and the ninth time in his career. The three field goals tied his career best, as he was also three of four vs. Texas A&M in 1999. Brown has hit 8-of-11 field goals on the year. Brown moved from 12th into the Husker top 10 in scoring with 14 points vs. Kansas (career high for points in a game). He has 216 to rank ninth, passing No. 11 Rich Sanger, PK (203, 1971-73), Gregg Barrios, PK (205, 1986-90) and Bobby Reynolds, HB/PK (211, 1950-52). Brown is 27-of-41 on field goals in his career. The 27 field goals are tied for second most in school history with Dale Klein (27-of-41) and passing Gregg Barrios' 26 (of 35).

► **Defense...Sacks...**Rush end **Chris Kelsay** helped the Blackshirt defense hold Kansas to just 11 first downs and seven points, leading the team in tackles with eight. He had seven solo stops and a career-best five tackles for a loss of 21 yards, which included two sacks for minus five yards. Kelsay assisted the Blackshirts to five sacks on the night and 12 tackles for loss. He leads the team with 17 tackles for loss (58 yards) and is tied for the team lead in sacks with five. Kelsay was Nebraska's nominee for Big 12 Defensive Player-of-the-Week honors. Fellow rush end **Demoine Adams** also has five sacks this season, including an 11-yarder vs. Kansas. The fifth sack was by linebacker **Scott Shanle** (14 yards lost). Nebraska has now had at least one sack in every game this season and at least one in 21 straight games (counting the Alamo Bowl). NU has had at least two sacks in each of the last four games. Shanle was second on the team with seven tackles in the game and had two tackles for loss. Nebraska has had at least 10 tackles for loss in six games this season. Senior left cornerback **Keyuo Craver** had a solid game on defense with four tackles. Craver also had a career-best 50-yard punt return in the second quarter, which set up **Thunder Collins'** 21-yard touchdown run on the first play from scrimmage. Craver had four punt returns for a career-best 63 yards. The Jayhawks were held to just six total-offense yards on 24 plays in the first half, and did not cross midfield until their second drive of the second half. KU managed to get inside the Huskers' 30-yard line just once and had three turnovers in the game.

► **Turnovers...Nebraska (None)...Kansas 3 (1 fumble, two interceptions)...**In the first quarter, NU rush end **Justin Smith** caused Mario Kinsey to fumble on a devastating hit, and fellow rush end **J.P. Wichmann** recovered at the KU 29. Nebraska did not convert, as **Josh Brown** missed on a 38-yard field goal. Kinsey also turned the ball over on an interception on KU's first drive of the second half when **Lornell McPherson** recorded his second interception of the year (minus six return). NU drove 52 yards on five plays and scored on a Crouch two-yard run to go up 27-0. Junior CB **DeJuan Groce** recorded his third interception of the season and fourth of his career when he picked off Kinsey with 4:55 remaining in the third quarter. NU did not convert. NU has intercepted 16 passes this season and has had at least one in eight of 10 games this season. On the year, Nebraska has turned 13 of 23 turnovers into 82 points.

► **Firsts and Bests...**TE **Kyle Ringenberg** caught a career-long 20-yard pass from Crouch on NU's second scoring drive that resulted in a 32-yard field goal. It was the second straight game he has had a reception and just the second in his career (1-19 vs. OU). He also had a 10-yard catch in the second half,

giving him a career-best two catches for 30 yards. Playing in his native state, wingback **Ben Cornelsen** (Shawnee, Kan.) returned a Chris Tyrrell punt 71 yards for a TD with 12:19 remaining in the game. It was his career long and NU's first punt return for a TD this season, and the first since Bobby Newcombe had a school-record 94-yard return vs. Missouri in 2000. NU had two long punt returns on the night (also a 50-yarder by Craver). Cornelsen was Nebraska's nominee for Big 12 Special Teams Player of the Week honors. **Ben Zajicek** partially blocked another Tyrrell punt, the Huskers' third blocked kick this year (second punt). No. 2 quarterback **Jammal Lord** recorded a 33-yard TD run with five minutes remaining in the game to give NU a 51-7 lead. It was Lord's longest run of his career and his sixth rushing TD.

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 10 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 32, ranks second in tackles with 54, leads the team in pass breakups with 13, has two tackles for loss, has caused a fumble and has 21 punt returns for 246 yards (11.7 average, ranks 29th nationally). He is tied with **DeJuan Groce** for the team lead with three interceptions, while leading a secondary that ranks second nationally in pass efficiency defense, first in opponent yards per pass attempt (5.0) and fourth in interceptions. 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 fourth all-time among Husker defensive backs in career tackles with 186.

► Senior Quarterback Eric Crouch

Heisman Trophy, Johnny Unitas (finalist), Davey O'Brien and All-America candidate **Eric Crouch** is four wins away from his season and career goal—a national championship. The Huskers are 10-0 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 six 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; at Baylor, he became the school's total-offense TD leader; vs. Texas Tech, Crouch became the fourth Division I-A quarterback to rush and pass for 3,000 yards in his career; 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; at Kansas, he became the school record holder for most wins by a starting quarterback with 34.

Winning Ways...Boasting a 34-5 record as Nebraska's starting quarterback, Crouch is the 10th Division I-A quarterback all time to post 34 wins as a starter. At Nebraska, Crouch passed Turner Gill's 28 wins from 1981 to 1983, Steve Taylor's 29 wins from 1985 to 1988 and Tommie Frazier's 33 wins 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 at 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 10-0 record. The NCAA Division I-A record is 39 wins by Peyton Manning of Tennessee (from 1994 to 1997), but with one more win, Crouch would tie for fourth all time. Crouch and Frazier are the

only Husker quarterbacks in the modern era to start games as freshmen.

Career Rushing...Crouch reached a 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 3,166 career rushing yards on 607 carries to rank third on the NU career rushing charts, first among quarterbacks. Crouch's 3,166 career rushing yards rank eighth all time among Division I-A quarterbacks and fifth in the Big 12, first among quarterbacks. Crouch's 56 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 sixth all-time in NCAA Division I-A. Crouch is three 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 for quarterbacks), and 15 this season for 35 in the two-year span.

Career Passing...Crouch has 4,223 career passing yards, reaching the 4,000-yard plateau with 102 passing yards vs. Oklahoma. He ranks third on the NU passing chart, 481 behind Jerry Tagge's 4,704 yards from 1969 to 1971 and 812 behind school-record holder Dave Humm's 5,035 yards from 1972 to 1974. In the Big 12, Crouch ranks ninth all time.

Career Total Offense...In total offense, Crouch passed the 7,000-yard mark against Texas Tech and holds the Nebraska record with 7,389 yards. He ranks second in the Big 12 behind Texas' Major Applewhite's 7,800 (1998-present). Crouch owns the Nebraska and Big 12 record for most total-offense TDs with 85 (56 rush, 29 pass) and ranks 12th in NCAA Division I-A history. He has scored 58 times (56 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 eighth in the NCAA in career scoring (non-kickers) with 350 points, which includes one two-point conversion run against TCU this season. He is 38 points behind school-record holder Kris Brown's 388 from 1995 to 1998 and 54 points behind Big 12 record holder Texas' Ricky Williams' 404.

Career Receiving...Crouch recorded his third career reception against No. 2 Oklahoma this season. It was his second for a touchdown and came on a trick play, when No. 2 I-back Thunder Collins pitched to No. 3 split end Mike Stuntz on a reverse and Stuntz threw a strike to Crouch, who flew past OU defenders and ran to the end zone to seal the 20-10 victory. The 63-yard reception was a career-long for Crouch, a team season best, and the first since he tied an NCAA record by scoring via pass, rush and reception in 1999 vs. California (60 yards). Crouch has three career receptions for 109 yards and two touchdowns.

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—607; most rushing yards by an NU QB—3,166; most rushing touchdowns by a QB—56 (Big 12 and NCAA record); most rushing TDs by any back; most touchdowns scored—58 (56 by rush, two by reception); most total offense yards—7,389; most total offense TDs—85.

This Season...Crouch is second on the team in rushing this season with 847 yards in 10 games on 162 carries (84.7 ypg, 5.2 ypc). He has 15 rushing TDs, which is tied for third in the nation. His rushing average per game ranks 43rd in the nation, but third among quarterbacks. Crouch has a 57.9 completion percentage and a 133.29 pass-efficiency rating, completing 89-of-154 passes, for 1,252 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. Crouch became just the

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

<u>Player, School, Years</u>	<u>Rush</u>	<u>Pass</u>
Beau Morgan, Air Force, 94-96	3,379	3,248
Brian Mitchell, La.-Laf., 86-89	3,335	5,447
Antwaan Randle El, Ind., 98-01*	3,496	6,903
Eric Crouch, Nebraska, 98-01*	3,166	4,223

Nebraska Career Rushing

<u>Rank, Player, Years</u>	<u>Att.</u>	<u>Yds.</u>	<u>TD</u>
1. Mike Rozier, IB, 81-83	668	4,780	49
2. Ahman Green, IB, 95-97	574	3,880	42
3. Eric Crouch, QB, 98-01*	607	3,166	56

Big 12 Career Rushing

<u>Rank, Player, School, Years</u>	<u>Yds.</u>	<u>TDs</u>
1. Ricky Williams, UT, 96-98	5,289	64#
2. Darren Davis, ISU, 96-99	3,763	26
3. Ricky Williams, TT, 97-01*	3,488	31
4. De'Mond Parker, OU, 96-98	3,404	21
5. Eric Crouch, NU, 98-01*	3,166	56

NCAA Div. I-A QB Rushing

<u>Rank, Player, School, Years</u>	<u>Yds</u>	<u>TDs</u>
1. Dee Dowis, Air Force, 86-89	3,612	41
2. Kareem Wilson, Ohio, 95-98	3,597	49
3. Antwaan Randle El, Ind., 98-01+*	3,496	41
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*	3,166	56#

Nebraska Career Passing

<u>Rank, Player, Years</u>	<u>Yds</u>	<u>TD</u>
1. Dave Humm, 72-74	5,035	41
2. Jerry Tagge, 69-71	4,704	32
3. Eric Crouch, 98-01*	4,223	29

Big 12 Career Passing

<u>Rank</u>	<u>Yards</u>	<u>Player/School/Tenure</u>
1.	8,088	Major Applewhite, UT, 98-01*
2.	6,852	Josh Heupel, OU, 1999-00
3.	6,372	Kliff Kingsbury, TT, 1999-01*
4.	5,235	Todd Bandhauer, ISU, 1996-98
5.	4,797	Mike Moschetti, CU, 1998-99
6.	4,642	Jonathan Beasley, KSU, 1997-00
7.	4,401	Michael Bishop, KSU, 1997-98
8.	4,325	Branndon Stewart, A&M, 1996-98
9.	4,223	Eric Crouch, NU, 98-01*

Nebraska Career Scoring

<u>Player, Years</u>	<u>Pts.</u>
1. Kris Brown, PK, 95-98	388
2. Eric Crouch, QB, 98-01*	350

Big 12 Career Scoring/Rush TDs

<u>Player, Years</u>	<u>Pts.</u>	<u>TDs</u>
1. Ricky Williams, UT, 96-98	404	64
2. Eric Crouch, NU, 98-01*	350	56

Big 12 Career Total Offense

<u>Rank, Player, Years</u>	<u>Yds.</u>	<u>TD</u>
1. Major Applewhite, UT, 98-01*	7,800	58
2. Eric Crouch, NU, 1998-01*	7,389	85

*active players

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) when he hit the 1,000-yard mark vs. Oklahoma. Crouch reached the 1,000-yard passing plateau vs. Oklahoma, becoming the third Husker QB to pass for 1,000 yards in three consecutive seasons.

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 eight of 10 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 had a career-best 14 completions at Kansas. He 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 vs. OU in 2000; 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, is a leading contender for the Heisman and a finalist for the Johnny Unitas Golden Arm Award. He has been nominated for Big 12 Offensive Player-of-the-Week honors five times this year, winning three times (vs. TCU, Rice and Iowa State), to give him seven in his career. He was also the ABC Player of the game vs. TCU and Oklahoma, giving him a total of 10 awards in his career. 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. *"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."*

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 third among all Division I-A rushers with 15 rushing touchdowns this season. Crouch has rushed for 847 yards this year and ranks second among quarterbacks in yards per carry (5.2) and third in yards per game (84.7). Crouch has passed for another 1,252 yards and seven TDs, with a 57.8 completion percentage, giving him 2,099 total-offense yards, 46.3 percent of the team's 4,538 total-offense yards.

But consider, if you will, that Crouch has also been responsible for 452 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 452 yards, plus the 63 on his TD reception vs. Oklahoma, Crouch is responsible for 2,805 of NU's 4,538 total-offense yards, or 61.8 percent. Crouch has scored 98 points himself, has passed for another seven TDs, or 49 points, and has "pitched" for another four TDs, or 27 points, and thus is accountable for 174 of Nebraska's 382 points, or 45.5 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 from the Big Eight/12). 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 nine games he has played in this season (missed Texas Tech) and at least one catch in eight of nine games played and in 12 of the last 13 regular-season contests. His streak of 12 consecutive games with at least one catch ended at Kansas. 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 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, All-America and academic All-America honors. 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. He has already been named a National Football Foundation and College Hall of Fame Scholar-Athlete and will receive an \$18,000 postgraduate scholarship at the Dec. 11 Hall of Fame dinner in New York. He is following in the footsteps of his older brother Grant, who was a scholar-athlete in 1997, and 18 others. NU has 19 total winners of the award, three under Solich.

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 in 2000. 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 receiving chart and second among tight ends. 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, 36 consecutive starts counting last two bowl games), **Dave Volk** is one of the most consistent linemen NU has ever had. Against Oklahoma, he provided one of the gutsiest performances of his career. 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 317 career pancakes to rank fifth all time at Nebraska, including five in 1998, 111 in 1999, 107 last year and 94 this season. Volk has had double-figure pancakes in six of the last eight 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. Volk earned a \$5,000 postgraduate scholarship from NACDA this season.

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	335
5.	Dave Volk, 98-01	317

Season (140 or more)

Rank	Player, Year	'cakes
1.	Toniu Fonoti, 2001	157
2.	Toniu Fonoti, 2000	155
3.	Dominic Raiola, 2000	145
4.	Russ Hochstein, 2000	143
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

► **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. With 16 pancakes vs. Kansas, Fonoti broke his own school record for most pancakes in a season. He now has 157 this year, two more than his school-record total 155 in 11 games in 2000. 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 Watch list and a semifinalist for the Lombardi Award 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, and has led the team in each of the last six games. His game-by-game totals include: 10 vs. TCU, six vs. Troy State, 18 vs. Notre Dame, 15 vs. Rice, 16 vs. Missouri; 11 vs. Iowa State, 20 vs. Baylor; a school-record 32 vs. Texas Tech; 13 vs. No. 2 Oklahoma and 16 vs. Kansas, for a team-best and school-record 157 this season (15.7 ppg). He has not been responsible for a sack or penalty this season. Fonoti has 335 career pancakes (23 in 1999, 155 in 2000, 157 in 2001), becoming the fastest lineman to the 300 mark. He is just 42 pancakes short of Aaron Taylor's school career record of 377 from 1995 to 1997 and ranks fourth all time at NU, 11 behind All-American Russ Hochstein's 346 from 1997 to 2000. Offensive line coach Milt Tenopir has seen his Husker linemen earn 20 All-America honors, six Outlands and two Lombardi Awards, but notes that "*Toniu is special.*"

The Receivers

The team averages 14.5 yards per catch and has 95-1,380 on the season, averaging 138.0 receiving yards per game, the best since averaging 156.5 yards per game in 1995. NU ranks second in the Big 12 in passing efficiency (136.17, 29th in the nation) and first in yards per attempt (8.4) and first in yards per completion (14.5).

The Huskers have had good production from each of their three starting receivers this season. Junior split end **Wilson Thomas** leads the team with 34 catches for 507 yards and three TDs. At Kansas, Thomas tied his career best with six catches (for 65 yards) and became 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' receptions are the most in a single season for a Nebraska receiver since 1984 NFL No. 1 overall draft pick Irving Fryar had 40 receptions for 780 yards in 1983. He has the most yards by a Husker receiver since Mitchell had 534 in 1991.

NU Top Nine Seasons by Reception Yards

Rank	Player, Pos., Yr.	No.-Yds
1.	Johnny Rodgers, WB, 1972	55-942
2.	Johnny Rodgers, WB, 1972	53-872
3.	Jeff Kinney, HB, 1969	41-433
4.	Irving Fryar, WB, 1983	40-780
5.	Bob Revelle, SE, 1972	38-486
6.	Dennis Richnafsky, SE, 1967	36-422
7.	Johnny Rodgers, WB, 1970	35-665
8.	Guy Ingles, SE, 1970	34-603
	Wilson Thomas, SE, 2001	34-507

Thomas is one of 12 Huskers all time to record 500 receiving yards in a season and ranks 11th all time with 507 yards this season. With six more catches, Thomas would become one of just five Huskers who have made 40-or-more receptions in a season. Thomas 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 has had the best receiving days by a Husker this season with six catches (for 48 yards) vs. Oklahoma and six catches (for 65 yards) vs. Kansas 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 fourth on the team with 13 catches for 212 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 third among the Huskers with 14 catches for 125 yards, the most receptions since I-back Ahman Green had 14 receptions (for 105 yards) in 1997. Tight end **Kyle Ringenberg** had one reception for 19 yards vs. Oklahoma, and two for 30 yards, including a career-best 20-yarder vs. Kansas. Tight end **Jon Bowling** had two catches for 41 yards vs. Texas Tech, his first of the season (27-yard TD) and two for 34 vs. Kansas. Eight Huskers have one catch apiece,

Big 12 Conf. POW Nominees

Game	Offense	Defense	Special
TCU	Crouch (A)	Burrow	Larson
TSU	Diedrick	Clanton	None
ND	Diedrick (A)	Burrow	Davis
Rice	*Crouch	Craver	Groce
MU	Crouch	Shanle	Groce
ISU	*Crouch (F)	Craver	Hassebroeck
BU	Collins	Adams	Terpening
TTU	Fonoti	Shanle	Brown
OU	Crouch (A)	Burrow	Larson
KU	Diedrick (F)	Kelsay	Cornelsen

boldface underlined=winner;*=co-winner
(A) ABC/Chev. POG; (F) FSN POG

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. Keyuo Craver, CB, 98-01	186

NU Career Tight Ends by Yards

Rank, Player, Years	No.Yards	Avg.TD
1. Tracey Wistrom, 97-01	56 1,117	20.0 10
2. Junior Miller, 77-79	55 1,045	19.0 12
3. Jerry List, 70-72	61 901	14.8 5
4. Todd Millikan, 85-88	40 825	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 (finalist); Walter Camp POY--Eric Crouch, QB Lombardi Semifinalist--Toniu Fonoti, OG Outland--Toniu Fonoti, OG CANSI.com, ABCSports Online, Sportsline.com Midseason All-American--Toniu Fonoti, OG Thorpe--Keyuo Craver, LCB AFCA Good Works--Patrick Kabongo, DT Bronko Nagurski Def. POY--Jamie Burrow, LB NFF/HOF Scholar-Athlete--Tracey Wistrom, TE NACDA Postgrad. Scholarship--Dave Volk, OT

including 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 FB **Steve Kriewald**.

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	11-165-1
KU	0-0-0	6-65 -0	1-18 -0	14-164 -0
Totals	19-290-2	34-507-3	13-212-1	95-1,380-8

O-Line Improves Each Game

The Nebraska offensive line has helped the Huskers back to the top of the NCAA rushing charts with NU averaging 315.8 yards per game to lead the nation. The O-line had its best rushing game of the season at Baylor, powering the way to 641 rushing yards, the second-best total in school history. Nebraska has had 300 or more yards rushing in five of 10 games this season and in five of the last seven, 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 five games this season (vs. Troy State, Iowa State, Baylor, Texas Tech and Kansas), and has given up just five sacks on the season, one in the last six games. As a team, Nebraska has 632 pancakes this season, averaging 63.2 per game. Junior left guard **Toniu Fonoti** leads the team with a school-record 157 pancakes, an average of 15.7 per game and had a school-record 32 vs. Texas Tech. He has led the team seven times and in each of the last six games, with 18 vs. Notre Dame, 16 vs. Missouri, 11 vs. Iowa State, 20 vs. Baylor, 32 vs. Texas Tech, 13 vs. Oklahoma and 16 vs. Kansas. He has had double-figure 'cakes in each of the last eight games. Center **John Garrison** is second on the team with 96 (9.6) and led the team with 10 vs. Troy State. His career best is 16 vs. Texas Tech. Senior left tackle **Dave Volk** is third with 94 pancakes (9.4), including double-figure cakes in six of the last eight games. Senior right guard **Jon Rutherford** is fourth on the team with 84 pancakes (8.4) and led the team with a season-best 12 vs. TCU. Sophomore right tackle **Dan Vili Waldrop** is fifth with 71 pancakes (7.1) and led the team with a career-best 17 vs. Rice. Junior right guard **Wes Cody** is sixth with 68 (6.8), 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 five sacks.

The Running Backs

Junior I-back **Dahrran** (pronounced Darren) **Diedrick** has performed well for the Huskers, carrying the rushing load. Diedrick has 193 carries for 1,097 yards in nine games played to average 121.9 yards per game (ranks 12th nationally). Diedrick averages 5.7 yards per carry and has lost just 14 yards. Diedrick's total is already the fifth-best total by a junior in school history (Ahman Green's 1,877 in 1997 is No. 1). 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; a team-best 90 yards on 23 carries vs. No. 2 Oklahoma; and recorded his sixth 100-yard rushing game of the season with 136 yards on 21 carries at Kansas. He has had 100-yard rushing games in four of the last five outings. Diedrick has 1,612 career rushing yards to rank 26th all time at NU.

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 559 yards on 77 carries with five TDs (55.9 ypg, team best 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 847 yards on 162 carries and leads the Huskers with 15 rushing TDs. His 95-yard touchdown run vs. Missouri and his 191 rushing yards vs. the Tigers were school records for a Husker and an NU quarterback, respectively, and the 191 yards are the most this season by any Husker back. Crouch is just 153 yards away from rushing for 1,000 yards this season and would join Diedrick as the second Husker to reach that plateau this season. Nebraska has had two, 1,000-yard rushers in the same season twice,

most recently in 1997, when I-back Ahman Green (1,877) and QB Scott Frost (1,095) accomplished the feat in leading the Huskers to a national championship; and also in 1992, when we-backs Calvin Jones (1,210) and Derek Brown (1,011 each hit 1,000 yards from the same position (I-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). He did not play vs. Kansas.

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 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 10 games this year. Nebraska has scored a nation-best 40 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 25 carries for 104 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** (17-71-0) 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	13-21-0	23-90-1	4-47-0	0-0-0	44-164-1
<u>KU</u>	<u>13-49-1</u>	<u>21-136-2</u>	<u>5-32-1</u>	<u>DNP</u>	<u>51-284-5</u>
Totals	162-847-15	193-1,097-12	77-559-5	33-206-4	565-3,158-40

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. The Blackshirts had another solid game against Kansas, limiting the Jayhawks to one late TD and 203 total yards, 136 yards coming in the fourth quarter against reserves. NU continues to be a strong second-half team, giving up just 34 second-half points in 10 games (17 in the third and 17 in the fourth). In addition, Nebraska has outscored its opponents 222-72 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 touchdowns against the Blackshirts this year. The Husker defense ranks second in the nation in scoring defense, allowing just 10.6 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 10 offensive touchdowns in 10 games (Baylor fell on a fumble in the endzone for its lone TD) and a total of 99 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 one field goal and Kansas scored seven points in the fourth quarter on a short pass.

Against the Rush

Nebraska ranks eighth nationally and leads the Big 12 in rush defense, allowing just 78.4 yards per game. Nebraska has held six of its 10 opponents to less than 70 yards rushing, including the first three opponents (total of 74 yards) and Baylor (29) and Texas Tech (67). 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 784 yards rushing in 10 games on 322 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: Demontray 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 Texas Tech (10 quarters).

Tough to Get Yards by Any Method vs. Blackshirts

Nebraska ranks fifth in the nation allowing 258.8 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. Texas Tech had a season-best 440 yards vs. Nebraska. This season the Huskers have given up just 2,588 yards of total offense (258.8 average) and opponents are averaging just 3.8 yards per play.

Not by Air

Against the pass, opponents have completed just 158-of-361 passes, for a 43.8 completion percentage—the best in the nation by any defense this season. Opponents have thrown for 1,804 yards (180.4 ypg). Texas Tech completed 34-of-64 passes for 373 yards, all season bests vs. the Huskers. Opponents have completed just six 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; Oklahoma's Trent Smith scored on a four-yard pass from Nate Hybl in the second quarter; and Kansas' Adrian Jones caught a four-yard pass from Zach Dyer in the fourth quarter). Opponents have thrown 16 interceptions, a number that ranks the Blackshirts fourth nationally. Nebraska ranks second in the nation in pass efficiency defense (82.4) and first in opponent yards per pass attempt (5.0). The six touchdown passes allowed ranks eighth. NU has held all but three opponents to less than 200 yards passing, with a high of 373 to Texas Tech and a low of 79 by Kansas.

Turnovers Equate to Points for the Huskers

The Blackshirts have caused 23 turnovers this season (16 interceptions, six fumbles lost). Of those, NU has turned 13 turnovers into 11 touchdowns and two field goals to account for 82 defense-aided points. That is 26 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

Huskers Through the Years

Coaches	Record	Years	Natl. Champs
Bob Devaney	101-20-2	11	70, 71
Tom Osborne	255-49-3	25	94, 95, 97
Frank Solich	41-7-0	4	0
Since 1962	397-76-5	40	5
1890-1962	366-223-35	72	0
All-Time	763-299-40	112	5

Husker AP Ranking Notes

- ▶ Nebraska has been ranked in the AP poll 336 consecutive weeks—an AP record
- ▶ NU has been ranked in the top 10 for 141 of the last 147 weeks (1993 to present); and in the last 44 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	25	14
3.	Florida	21	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.

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. Eric Crouch*, Neb., 98-01	34-5-0
Lance McIlhenny, SMU, 80-83	34-5-1
11. Tommie Frazier, Neb., 92-95	33-3-0
Corey Pullig, Texas A&M, 92-95	33-6-1
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

(19) and recovered (7) more fumbles than last year (14 and 4, respectively). 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 16 passes to rank fourth 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) and RCB **DeJuan Groce** (2-49-0; 1-40 vs. Notre Dame, 1-9 vs. ISU, 1-0 vs. Kansas); two each by FS **Willie Amos** (2-0-0; 1-0 vs. Troy State, 1-0 vs. ND), LCB **Lornell McPherson** 1-0 vs. Baylor, 1--6 vs. Kansas) 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), 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 10 games, Nebraska has 36 sacks for 293 yards lost and 96 tackles for 447 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 10 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 seven of 10 games and has recorded at least one sack in every game and three-or-more sacks in each of the last five games. 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 six 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, a 25-yard run by Kliff Kingsbury, and a 41-yard run by KU's Reggie Duncan) and has not allowed an individual to rush for more than 75 yards in a game (season-best 73 yards by KU's Reggie Duncan). The Husker defense has given up just 21 offensive long plays in 10 games (15 by pass and six 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	3	1F, 0I	7
TSU	35--25-1	36-15-190-1	71-165-2	13	8-68	15-90	9	5	1F, 2I	7
ND	30-43-1	32-16-119-0	62-162-1	14	2-8	8-21	4	3	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
KU	42-124-0	17-8-79-1	59-203-1	11	5-31	12-57	4	3	1F, 2I	7
Total	322-784-4	361-158-1804-6	683-2588-10	155	36-293	96-447	83	61	7F, 16I	82

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 two games 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 six games at rover, as **Dion 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 34 consecutive games, while right cornerback **Erwin Swiney** has 36 career starts.

Team Leaders

Starting Mike linebacker **Jamie Burrow** leads the team with 66 tackles, including a career-best 17 vs. Oklahoma and a team-best 11 vs. Notre Dame. Burrow had two tackles on NU's goal-line stand against Oklahoma, when OU was forced to settle for a field goal just before halftime, despite having a first-and-goal at the 2 situation. Burrow was named the Big 12 Defensive Player of the Week as well as the Football Writers Bronko Nagurski Defensive Player of the Week. Burrow also earned the Big 12 honor for his performance against Notre Dame. He 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 54 and leads the team in solo tackles (32). He leads the team in passes broken up with 13 and is tied for the team lead with three interceptions. Starting opposite Craver, RCB **DeJuan Groce** has three interceptions this season as well and is second on the team with 12 pass breakups. Free safety **Willie Amos**, RCB/nickel back **Lornell McPherson** and LCB **Erwin Swiney** have two interceptions each. Swiney is third in PBU with 11. 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 fifth on the team with 45 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 41 tackles to rank seventh and leads the team in tackles for loss with 17-58, including a career-best five TFL vs. Kansas. Kelsay is tied for the team lead with five sacks for 24 yards lost. Kelsay also had three tackles for loss vs. Iowa State and has had at least one tackle for loss in each of the last five games and a total of 12-48 going back to the Iowa State game. Twenty different Huskers have recorded Nebraska's 36 sacks. Junior right rush end **Demoine Adams** also has five sacks for 41 yards lost, including two vs. Baylor. Adams and Kelsay lead the team in quarterback hurries with 10 each.

Defensive Numbers...

- ▶ NU opponents are 44-of-163 (27 percent) on third-down conversions
- ▶ Opponents average just 2.4 yards per carry and 3.8 yards per play
- ▶ NU has converted 13-of-23 opponent turnovers into 82 points
- ▶ NU opponents have only converted 2-of-18 NU turnovers into 14 points
- ▶ The Huskers have given up just 10 offensive touchdowns in 10 games (four by rush, six by pass)
- ▶ Nebraska has given up just 34 second-half points
- ▶ Nebraska ranks among the top eight nationally in all four defensive categories
- ▶ NU leads the nation in yards per passing attempt allowed, allowing 5.0
- ▶ NU leads the nation allowing opponents to complete just 43.8 percent of its passes
- ▶ Nebraska's average field position is 12.4 yards better than the opponents

Special Teams

Nebraska special teams have shown a marked improvement this season.

Punting...First-time punter sophomore **Kyle Larson** is averaging 42.6 yards per punt, good enough to rank 31st nationally. Larson has buried opponents inside the 20-yard line 20 times (including five vs. OU) and has 14 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, which tied for the seventh-best punt in Husker history. 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; 38.2 vs. OU; and 39.8 vs. KU. As a team, NU ranks 23rd in net punting, at 37.9 yards per punt.

Place-Kickers...Junior **Josh Brown**, who won the kicking job before the Iowa State game, is 29-for-30 on PATs (missed one vs. Iowa State, current

streak of 20), and is 8-11 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, 37 miss, 32 good, 43 good, 32 good vs. Kansas) and has made seven of his last eight field goals this season. Brown's 50-yard field goal attempt at the end of the half at Baylor was the longest attempt by a Husker kicker this season. It was Brown's first regular-season attempt at 50 yards or more. Brown was successful on a season-best 42 yarder at Kansas. Brown is 27-41 on field goal attempts in his career, and his 27 field goals made are tied for second in school history with Dale Klein (27-of-41) from 1984 to 1986, passing Gregg Barrios' 26 (of 35) from 1986 to 1990. The school record is held by Kris Brown (57-of-77 from 1995 to 1998). Josh Brown has hit on 135-of-137 PATs and has scored 216 points, including a career-best 14 vs. Kansas. Brown moved up to ninth 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). Josh Brown also handles kickoff duties. Opponents average 17.0 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 26.71 yards (17-454) per return, a figure that ranks 25th 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. Wingback **Troy Hassebroek** had a career-long 28-yard kickoff return at the end of the first half vs. Oklahoma and a 16-yard kickoff return vs. Kansas, as an upback, fielding two squib kicks. He has three for 52 in his career.

Junior **DeJuan Groce** leads the Huskers with 30 punt returns for 391 yards and ranks 16th in the nation averaging 13.03 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 21 punt returns for 246 yards (11.7 ypr). Craver's career-best is 50 yards vs. Kansas, when he had four returns for 63 yards. Against Baylor, he had four returns for a career-high 51 yards, including a 31-yarder. 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 three by Craver, NU has had 13 long kick returns, bettering last year's total of 12.

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

NU owns a 2.0 yard advantage via punting; a 5.1 advantage on punt returns, and an 8.0 yard per return advantage on kickoff returns, for a 15.1 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. At Kansas, **Ben Zajicek** partially blocked a punt.

Husker Historical Notes...

Unprecedented Winning Tradition Continues

Nebraska, the nation's third-winningest program all time by wins (fourth by percentage), boasts a 763-299-40 record in 1,102 games (.711). In the last 32 years, NU is tops, posting a record of 329-58-5 for an .846 winning percentage (392 games), an average of 10 wins per year. In terms of wins, the Huskers are third in NCAA Division I-A history with 763. 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 101-10 record (.910 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 61-6 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

In 1993, the Huskers went 11-1 losing only to Florida State, 18-16, in 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 20-2 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 329-58-5 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 12-1 mark his second year, 10-2 record his third season, and has a 10-0 mark in 2000 for a school-best 41-7 four-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 title, 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 435-142-16 all time vs. Big 12 Conference teams. Since the Big 12 was formed in 1996, Nebraska is 40-6 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 24-6 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 61-6 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 championship (Colorado in 1990 and Washington in 1991) and to Texas in 1998. The Huskers are 455-122-20 (.779,

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

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).

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	1	17/14	def. Okla., 20-10
11/4	2	3		17/18	def. Kansas, 51-7

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

Associated Press Poll (Nov. 4)

No.	Team (1st)	Record	Points
1.	Miami (Fla.) (55)	7-0	1,781
2.	Nebraska (17)	10-0	1,745
3.	Oklahoma	8-1	1,623
4.	Florida	7-1	1,591
5.	Texas	8-1	1,517
6.	Tennessee	6-1	1,399
7.	Oregon	8-1	1,343
8.	Washington	7-1	1,288
9.	BYU	9-0	1,147
10.	Florida State	6-2	1,060
11.	Washington State	8-1	1,050
12.	Michigan	6-2	922
13.	Maryland	8-1	892
14.	South Carolina	7-2	748
15.	Illinois	7-1	739
16.	Stanford	5-2	731
17.	UCLA	6-2	693
18.	Syracuse	7-2	588
19.	Georgia	5-2	556
20.	Georgia Tech	6-2	501
21.	Colorado	7-2	389
22.	Michigan State	5-2	287
23.	Virginia Tech	6-2	221
24.	Auburn	6-2	125
25.	Louisville	8-1	121

ESPN/USA Today Coaches (Nov. 4)

No.	Team (1st)	Record	Points
1.	Miami (Fla.) (41)	7-0	1,479
2.	Nebraska (18)	10-0	1,456
3.	Florida (1)	7-1	1,346
4.	Oklahoma	8-1	1,330
5.	Texas	8-1	1,256
6.	Tennessee	6-1	1,173
7.	Oregon	8-1	1,080
8.	Washington	7-1	1,078
9.	BYU	9-0	1,074
10.	Florida State	6-2	880
11.	Maryland	8-1	767
12.	Washington State	8-1	758
13.	Michigan	6-2	755
14.	Illinois	7-1	749
15.	South Carolina	7-2	596
16.	UCLA	6-2	570
17.	Georgia Tech	6-2	513
18.	Syracuse	7-2	463
19.	Stanford	5-2	422
20.	Colorado	7-2	317
21.	Georgia	5-2	303
22.	Virginia Tech	6-2	286
23.	Michigan State	5-2	154
24.	Purdue	5-2	145
25.	Louisville	8-1	141

Italics - 2001 opponents

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.

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 160, 86 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 336

Nebraska extended its AP poll record to 336 consecutive weeks (every weekly AP poll since Oct. 17, 1981), as the Huskers stayed in second place for the second straight week. NU's streak is the nation's longest active streak, easily topping Florida State (209) and Florida (196). The Huskers have been ranked in the top 10 in 140 of the last 145 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 44-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 510 of the last 513 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), 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 240 games against unranked opponents since 1973 (31-1 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 25 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 225-13-2 against unranked opponents (.942, 240 games, five losses in the 1990s) and suffered only one loss to a team that finished the season below .500

Nation's Longest Home Win Streaks

No.	Wins	Team	Last Home Loss, Date
1.	20	Nebraska	Texas (20-16), 10/31/1998
2.	18	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

(Iowa State in 1992). The last time Nebraska lost in Lincoln to a team with a losing record at game time was Kansas State (12-0) in 1968 (2-5 record at game time).

Huskers Ground Out 14th Rushing Title in 2000

Nebraska enters the homestretch of the 2001 season looking to lock in the 15th NCAA rushing title in school history. The Huskers enter the week with an average of 315.8 yards per game, a nearly 50-yard lead (47.7 ypg) average more than runner-up Rice's season total of 268.11. The Huskers lead the nation with 40 touchdowns (five more than second-place BYU) and rank second nationally with 5.59 yards per carry, trailing only BYU, which is averaging 6.21 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

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
	W. Virginia	Rutgers	Nov. 3	446

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 361, 100-yard rushing performances all time (48 under Coach Solich, most recently Dahrran Diedrick, 136 vs. Kansas) 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

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)

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 six 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 28-4 when a Husker rushes for at least 100 yards, and 7-3 when an opponent has a 100-yard rusher (4-0 in 2000). Oklahoma State is the last conference team to hold the Huskers to less than 100 yards rushing, when NU had just 73 yards against the 'Pokes in 1998.

Nebraska rushed for an NCAA and school-bowl-record 524 yards vs.

Florida in the 1996 Fiesta Bowl on a school-bowl-record 68 attempts with a school-bowl-record six rushing touchdowns. NU also had six rushing touchdowns in the 1998 Orange Bowl vs. Tennessee. Under Solich, NU rushed for 87 yards vs. Arizona in the Holiday Bowl, 321 vs. Tennessee in the 2000 Fiesta Bowl and most recently 476 vs. Northwestern in the 2000 Alamo Bowl.

Nebraska Posts Stellar On-the-Road Record

Counting games at neutral sites, the Huskers were second to Florida State with a .775 on-the-road winning percentage in the 1990s (among Division I-A schools). Nebraska was 46-13-1 on the road (60 games) for a .775 winning percentage, behind Florida State's 54-12-0 (.818). Not counting neutral site games, the Huskers were tops in the 1990s with a 37-8-1 record (.815, 46 games), which includes a win and a loss to Miami in Orange Bowl games (on Miami's home field). Nebraska is 38-8 away from home since 1993 (13-7 vs. ranked teams—includes neutral sites), including 10-5 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 10 games, the Huskers are on pace, averaging 38.2 points per contest to rank eighth nationally and second in the the Big 12. In fact, NU scored 35 or more points in six of the last seven games (20 points vs. Oklahoma) and seven times this season.

In 2000, NU averaged 41.5 points per game to rank fourth nationally, scoring 35 or more points in nine of 12 contests. The Huskers have ranked among the nation's top 10 in scoring average for 21 of the last 23 years (since 1978) and finished first on four occasions (1982, 1983, 1994 and 1997). NU has won 235 consecutive games when scoring 35 or more points and is 299-1 all time when scoring 35 or more points, losing only to Oklahoma, 49-35, in 1950.

The last time the Huskers were shut out was a 19-0 loss at Arizona State in 1996. Nebraska has since scored in 72 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 10.6 points per game. The Huskers, who lead the Big 12 in scoring defense, had allowed just 58 points through the first seven

Lowest Points Allowed Averages Since 1975

No.	Year	Pts. Allowed	NCAA Rk.
1.	1980	8.5	Second
2.	1984	9.5	First
3.	1981	9.6	Fourth
4.	1979	10.4	Ninth
5.	2001	10.6	Third
6.	1975	10.9	NA

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's current 10.6 points per game average is the best since 1994, when the Huskers led the nation in scoring defense, allowing 9.5 points per game.

NU has held seven of its 10 opponents to 10 points or less and has now won 101 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 208-5-1 since 1962 (Devaney's first year) when holding opponents to 10 or fewer points, including a perfect 19-0 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.

Records Report

Category Record

All-time	763-299-40
Home	455-122-20
Memorial Stadium	330-99-13
Since 1962	396-76-5
Away	308-177-20
Road (on campus)	271-142-17
Neutral Sites (includes bowls)	37-35-3
When Scoring 35+ Points	300-1
vs. Big 12 Teams	435-142-16
In Big 12 Action (since '96)	40-6
Home	22-1
Away	17-5
Neutral	1-0
Bowls	20-19
On ABC	69-26
On FieldTurf	19-0
At Night	45-14-3

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	41-7
Home	25-1
Away	12-5
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	31-1
Home	19-1
Away	12-0
vs. Big 12 Teams	23-6
Home	13-1
Away	9-5
Neutral	1-0
Big 12 Championship Game	1-0
At Night	12-2
August	2-0
September	15-0
October	13-4
November	8-2
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 26 straight over unranked opponents
- ▶ won 110 straight when rushing for 300 yards
- ▶ won 95 straight when rushing for 400 yards
- ▶ won 101 consecutive games when holding the opponent to 10 or fewer points (208-5-1 all-time)
- ▶ scored in 72 consecutive games
- ▶ scored in 212 straight home games
- ▶ shut out opponents 100 times
- ▶ won 236 straight games when scoring 35 or more points (300-1 all-time)

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 78.4 yards per game to rank eighth nationally and second in the Big 12. The Huskers also rank eighth nationally in average per rush (2.43 ypc) and third in TDs allowed (four).

The Blackshirts have allowed just six plays of 25 yards or more on the ground (allowed seven through the first 10 games last season) and have not allowed a rusher to run for more than 75 yards in a game (Reggie Duncan of Kansas finished with 73). Against Troy State, the Huskers held the Trojans to minus-25 yards, the fourth-lowest total in school history. Rice's total of 196 yards (over 80 yards below its season average of 278.1 yards per game which ranks second only to NU) on Sept. 20 accounts for 25 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 61-6 conference record (does not count championship games). Nebraska is 37-6 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 19 National Football Foundation and College Hall of Fame Scholar-Athletes, including Vanden Bosch in 2001 and Wistrom this season. Vanden Bosch became Nebraska's second Vincent dePaul Draddy Scholar-Athlete (joining Rob Zatechka in 1994), was named the Woody Hayes Division I Male Scholar-Athlete of the Year and was also honored as the Home Depot Rigid Tools Football Scholar-Athlete of the Year. Last week, offensive tackle Dave Volk was a winner of a \$5,000 postgraduate scholarship from the National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics (NACDA) Foundation.

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 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 41-7 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 10 starts, earned conference honors on two occasions (vs. TCU and Oklahoma), while Shanle, who has nine 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 Hassebrook** (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 10 contests, while split end **Mike Stuntz** has played in nine games. Ruud is fourth on the squad with 46 tackles, while Bland has started five games at rover, becoming the first true freshman to start since 1997 (Erwin Swiney and Joe Walker). Stuntz has not caught a pass, but he threw a 63-yard touchdown pass versus Oklahoma and has a 25-yard run against Rice, while **Manaia Brown** has appeared in eight games and has two tackles

for loss, including 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). Against Oklahoma, redshirt freshman fullback **Steve Kriewald** (Scotia, Neb.) earned his first career start and started in place of Judd Davies at Kansas, as Davies sat out with an ankle sprain. 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. Memorial Stadium featured a grass playing field from its opening in 1923 through the 1969 season. Astro-Turf was first installed in 1970 and replaced in 1977. Artificial All-Pro Turf was installed in 1984 and replaced with AstroTurf-8 in 1992 before the FieldTurf was installed in July of 1999.

► **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 18 (+5 in 2001).

► **When Nebraska Trails..**The last time Nebraska trailed in a game but won, was against Oklahoma on Oct. 27 (OU led 7-0), as NU has trailed four times (also vs. Troy State, Missouri and Texas Tech) but has 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

Husker Incredible Numbers

Husker Rushing Notes

- ▶ The Huskers have led the nation in rushing 14 times, including 12 times in the past 21 years. NU leads the nation in rushing in 2001, averaging 315.8 yards per game on the ground, a total which is nearly 50 yards per game more than second-ranked Rice.
- ▶ Nebraska is 188-5-0 when rushing for 300 or more yards in a game since 1973.
- ▶ The Huskers have won 110 straight games when rushing for 300-plus yards dating back to the 1986 Fiesta Bowl, when NU rushed for 304 yards in a losing effort.
- ▶ Nebraska is 95-0 since 1973 when rushing for 400 or more yards.
- ▶ Nebraska has 361, 100-yard performances in school history, including 30, 200-yard efforts.

Scoring Notes

- ▶ Including this season's average of 38.2 points per game, Nebraska has averaged 35 or more points in 15 of the past 16 seasons.
- ▶ NU has won 236 consecutive games when scoring 35 or more points.
- ▶ NU has not been shut out in 212 home games and in 72 games overall.
- ▶ Nebraska is 300-1 all-time when scoring 35 or more points, losing only to Oklahoma, 49-35, in 1950.
- ▶ Nebraska has won 101 straight games when holding opponents to 10 points or less.
- ▶ 100 of Nebraska's 763 wins have been shutouts.

Husker Tradition Notes

- ▶ The Huskers are one of only four programs to win five or more national titles (Notre Dame, Alabama and Oklahoma are the others).
- ▶ Nebraska has been ranked in an NCAA record 336 consecutive AP polls, dating back to 1981.
- ▶ The Huskers have been ranked in 510 of the past 513 polls since 1969.
- ▶ Nebraska ranks fourth all-time with 587 appearances in the AP poll since its inception in 1936.
- ▶ NU has posted 40 consecutive winning seasons, the longest current streak and second only to Notre Dame's NCAA record 42-year streak (1889-1932).
- ▶ Nebraska has finished a season with a .500 or better record in 92 of 112 seasons of football.
- ▶ The Huskers have won nine-or-more games in 33 straight seasons, an NCAA record.

Academic Excellence

- ▶ Nebraska's 30 NCAA postgraduate scholarships account for nearly 40 percent of the entire Big 12 total and is nearly four times as many as the next school (Texas with eight).
- ▶ The Huskers have had 57 academic All-Americans on the gridiron, which is three times more than its closest pursuers (Oklahoma and Texas with 16 each).

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.

▶ **On TV...**Nebraska is 140-57-1 all-time on television, since losing to Oregon in the first-ever nationally televised TV game on Sept. 19, 1953. NU has won 23 of its last 25 TV games and is 34-7 under Coach Solich. The Huskers are 71-26 all time on ABC and have won 41 of their last 47 ABC telecasts since a 36-21 loss to Washington Sept. 21, 1991. NU QB **Eric Crouch** has been named the ABC/Chevrolet Player of the Game 11 times in his career, including five times in 1999 (vs. Iowa, Cal, Kansas State, Texas-Big 12 Championship and Tenn.-bowl game) three times in 2000 (Iowa, Iowa St., OU) and twice this season (vs. TCU and OU). Diedrick was the player of the game against Notre Dame.

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

▶ **Huskers in the NFL...**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) is third in the NFC with 512 yards (he was first entering last week, but the Packers had their bye week) while Correll Buckhalter (1997-2000) is seventh in the NFC with 348 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.

▶ **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 54.8 yards (3,184 total yards) on 6.7 plays in an average time of 2:38. The Nebraska defense and special teams have given the offense a relatively short field by holding NU's 10 opponents to a total of just 17 scores, while Nebraska has started 49 of 137 drives beyond its 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. NU 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 Tech fumbled a kickoff. NU's most recent one-play drive came against Kansas, as Thunder Collins scored on the Huskers' first play following Keyuo Craver's 50-yard punt return to the KU 21.

The Huskers produced a season-low six-yard scoring drive against Notre Dame that set up a Sandro DeAngelis field goal. NU produced its longest scoring drive in plays and time with a 16-play, 8:13 drive covering 83 yards that ended in Robin Miller's score against Iowa State. NU's longest drive in distance came against TCU, with a 98-yard drive that took 10 plays and 4:48. The Huskers had a 97-yard drive vs. Missouri, highlighted by Crouch's school-record 95-yard scoring run. NU added a 96-yard drive in the win over Oklahoma, 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	12:24	3:06	29	7.3	0	0
Kansas	8	18:55	2:36	53	6.6	4	1
Totals	58	151:19	2:38	386	6.7	24	3
Opp.	17	51:31	3:02	150	8.8	4	0

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

The Huskers have produced 53 plays that have covered 25 yards or more, including 22 long runs, 11 long passes and 20 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, while the NU defense held both Baylor and OU to just one long play each.

Nebraska had four long plays against Kansas, two rushing and two returns. Ben Cornelsen recorded NU's longest return of the year, taking a punt return 71 yards for NU's first return touchdown. Against Texas Tech, the Huskers reeled off seven long plays, including a season-high three long pass plays. Against Iowa State, NU had five long plays, including a 57-yard interception return for a TD by Keyuo Craver. Against Missouri, NU also had five long plays with a school-record 95-yard run by Crouch.

Crouch connected on a 41-yard pass with John Gibson against TCU for the longest non-scoring pass play. Josh Davis gave NU its longest kickoff return with a 43-yard return against Notre Dame. Jon Clanton's 20-yard fumble return for a touchdown vs. Troy State is NU's longest this year.

Texas Tech uncorked eight long plays against NU, including four long returns, three long passes and one long run. Wes Welker's 85-yard punt return for a touchdown was the longest play by an opponent 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 year vs. NU with his 31-yard burst. McCann added two other kickoff returns of 27 and 25 yards. 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 hit Matt Schobel on an opponent-long 67-yard scoring pass. Rice's Robbie Beck owns an opponent-long 54-yard run.

	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	1	1	2	4	0	1	0	1
<u>Kansas</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>
Totals	22	11	20	53	6	15	7	28

► Nebraska in the Red Zone...

Nebraska converted 4-of-5 trips into the red zone against Kansas, recording two rushing touchdowns and two Josh Brown field goals. NU was a perfect 3-for-3 in the red zone (one touchdown, two field goals) against Oklahoma, marking the third time that NU converted 100 percent of its red zone chances. For the season, the Huskers have converted 39-of-50 trips (78.0 percent) in the red zone, with 31 touchdowns (29 rushing, 2 passing) and eight field goals. The NU defense has allowed just 18 opponent penetrations into the red zone. Texas Tech produced an opponent season-high five red zone chances and converted all five, but the Blackshirts limited Texas Tech to a pair of touchdowns while settling for three field goals. Opponents have converted 15-of-18 trips into points (83.3 percent), but gained just eight touchdowns and seven field goals.

NU shut TCU (0-0) and Baylor (0-0) out of the red zone entirely, while allowing Missouri (1-1) and Kansas (1-1) to venture into the red zone just once, where the Tigers hit a field goal and KU scored on a TD pass. Troy State (1-2) managed two penetrations (one touchdown), but Mark Vedral ended the other drive 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	0	1	.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	3	3	1	2	0	0	0	0	1.00
<u>Kansas</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>.800</u>
Totals	50	39	31	8	3	3	4	1	.780
Opp.	18	15	8	7	1	2	0	0	.833

Note: Nebraska has 29 rushing TDs, 2 passing TDs and 8 FGs in the red zone. Opponents have 4 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	125	51	41	10-14	.408	35-44
Lord%	11	7	7	0-0	.636	4-6
Chrisman#	1	0	0	0-0	.000	0-0
Totals	137	58	48	10-14	.423	39-50

*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 82 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 82 points off turnovers is already 26 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, three vs. Oklahoma and seven vs. Kansas. Opponents have scored just 14 points off Nebraska turnovers (Troy State, 7; Baylor, 7).

Through 10 games, Nebraska is a plus-five (+0.5 avg./game) in turnover margin, forcing 23 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; 3 vs. Kansas), 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 10 games, Eric Crouch has thrown six interceptions (one vs. TCU, Rice, Missouri, Oklahoma and two vs. Texas Tech) and Jammal Lord has thrown one interception this season (vs. ISU).

The Blackshirts have recovered seven fumbles and posted 16 interceptions. The defense has scored two touchdowns, including its second score of the year with Keyuo Craver's 57-yard interception return for a score in the first quarter against Iowa State. The Blackshirts scored their first points against Troy State, when Jon Clanton rumbled 20 yards after Lannie Hopkins forced a fumble on a 12-yard sack of TSU's Brock Nutter. Keyuo Craver (Iowa State, Baylor, Oklahoma) and DeJuan Groce (Notre Dame, Iowa State, Kansas) lead the Huskers with three interceptions each, while Willie Amos (Troy State, Notre Dame), Erwin Swiney (Rice, Oklahoma) and Lornell McPherson (Baylor, Kansas) each have two interceptions. Mark Vedral (Troy State), Carl Scholting (Rice), Wes Woodward (Baylor) and Dion Booker (Texas Tech) have one interception for the Huskers.

Game	TO's Gained	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.)
Kansas	3 (1F, 2I)	1	0-1	7	0
Totals	23 (7F, 16I)	11	2-3	82	18 (11 fumbles/7 int.)
Opp.	18 (11F, 7I)	2	0-0	14	23 (7 fumbles/16 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
Kansas	51/284/5	25-14-0/164/0	76/448/5

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
Kansas	42/124/0	17-8-2/79/1	59/203/1

▶ **Husker 100-Yard Rushing Games (12)**

The Nebraska ground game rolled against Kansas, as Dahrran Diedrick rushed for his sixth 100-yard game this season with 136 yards and two touchdowns on 21 carries. Diedrick was one of four Huskers to record rushing touchdowns against Kansas.

Nebraska failed to produce a 100-yard rusher for just the third time this season in the win over Oklahoma. 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), 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.

Diedrick joined Crouch across the century mark for the third straight game with 157 yards on 20 carries against the Red Raiders. Collins and Davies both reached the century mark for the first time against Baylor.

After producing just three 100-yard rushers in the first five games, Nebraska has had nine 100-yard efforts over the next five games for 12 100-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, Kansas' Reggie Duncan owns the top mark by an opponent with just 73 yards. Duncan, Rice's Robbie Beck, Iowa State's Ennis Haywood, Texas Tech's Ricky Williams and Oklahoma's Quentin Griffin are the only backs to rush for more than 50 yards vs. NU.

▶ **Husker 100-Yard Rushing Games (12) (* 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
- vs. Kansas-Dahrran Diedrick, 21 att., 136 yards, 2 TD
- Opponents-None

▶ **Starting Field Position**

Nebraska has enjoyed a distinct field position advantage with the Huskers producing an average starting position at their own 36.9 yard line, while holding opponents to an average start at the 24.5, for a +12.4 yards per drive advantage. Against Kansas, the Huskers made it 10 straight games with a field position edge. In seven of 10 games, NU's advantage has been 10 or more. Against Rice and Kansas, the Husker defense and special teams helped NU enjoy a 20-yard-plus field position edge. Sophomore punter Kyle Larson has buried NU's 10 opponents inside their own 20-yard line 20 times, including five against TCU and Oklahoma, three against Kansas, two against Notre Dame, Rice, Missouri and one against Texas Tech.

Opponents have started eight drives inside their own 10, including two from the 1-yard line, 42 drives inside the 20 and 35 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 24 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 49 of 137 drives beyond its own 40 yard line, with 32 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	36.3 (581/16)	20.1 (301/15)	+16.2
Kansas	42.9 (601/14)	20.1 (302/15)	+22.8
Total	36.9 (5049/137)	24.5 (3455/141)	+12.4

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 10 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 (553-494). Against Texas Tech, NU was flagged nine times for a season-high 93 yards. NU was penalized a season-high 10 times against Notre Dame, but were moved back just 69 yards. NU produced a season-low three penalties against Iowa State and Kansas, including a season-low 25 yards against KU. Of NU's 57 penalties, 21 have been on the offense, 12 on special teams and 24 against the defense. Opponents have been flagged for 43 offensive penalties, eight special teams infractions and 12 defensive penalties.

	NU Pen.-Yds.	Opp. Pen.-Yds.
TCU	5-46	11-85
Troy State	4-60	8-53
Notre Dame	10-69	9-63
Rice	4-46	7-34
Missouri	9-85	3-37
Iowa State	3-40	6-55
Baylor	4-32	4-43
Texas Tech	9- 93	6-51
Oklahoma	6-57	6-45
Kansas	3-25	3-28
Total	57-553	63-494
Average	5.7-55.3	6.3-49.4

► **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 63.2 pancakes (knock-down blocks) per game. 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 Toniui Fonoti. The 6-4, 340-pounder has led Nebraska in seven of 10 games this season, including 32 vs. Texas Tech, 20 at Baylor, 18 vs. Notre Dame, 16 at Missouri, 11 vs. Iowa State, 13 vs. Oklahoma and 16 at Kansas.

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

Game	Team 'Cakes	Indiv. (#) 'Cakes	*Sacks Allowed	O-Line Penalties	Perfect Plays
TCU	45	12 (#66)	2	1-10	54.0%
Troy State	44	10 (#52)	0	0-0	53.0%
Notre Dame	63	18 (#77)	1	2-15	60.0%
Rice	92	17 (#68)	1	2-10	65.7%
Missouri	56	16 (#77)	0	2-25	56.8%
Iowa State	50	11 (#77)	0	0-0	62.0%
Baylor	88	20 (#77)	0	0-0	57.6%
Texas Tech	88	32 (#77)	0	0-0	80.0%
Oklahoma	45	13 (#77)	0	1-5	66.7%
Kansas	61	16 (#77)	1	0-0	54.7%
Totals	632	32 (#77)	5	8-65	

► **Husker Pancake Leaders...**

	TCU	TSU	ND	RU	MU	ISU	BU	TT	OU	KU	Tot	Avg.
Fonoti	10	6	18	15	16	11	20	32	13	16	157	15.7
Garrison	6	10	8	14	6	7	10	16	8	11	96	9.6
Volk	6	5	10	12	11	10	12	12	8	8	94	9.4
Rutherford	12	9	10	8	11	2	13	10	5	4	84	8.4
Vili Waldrop	6	3	11	17	5	3	8	6	7	5	71	7.1
Cody	5	2	6	14	3	7	8	11	4	8	68	6.8
Shook	0	4	DNP	3	3	1	4	0	DNP	5	20	2.0
Altstadt	DNP	2	0	2	1	3	4	0	0	2	14	1.4
Tagoa'i	DNP	DNP	DNP	2	0	DNP	4	DNP	DNP	DNP	6	1.5
Kollmorgen	DNP	3	0	2	0	0	3	0	0	DNP	8	1.0
Erickson	DNP	DNP	DNP	1	0	2	DNP	DNP	DNP	1	4	1.0
Koethe	DNP	DNP	DNP	1	0	2	0	1	0	DNP	4	0.7
Koltermann	0	0	0	0	DNP	2	0	0	0	1	5	0.6

► **Husker Starting Experience**

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

Defensive Starters	'97	'98	'99	'00	'01	Tot.
Thunder Collins, IB, Jr., (Los Angeles, Calif.)	0	0	0	0	1	1
Eric Crouch, QB, Sr., (Omaha, Neb.)	0	6	11	11	10	38
Judd Davies, FB, So., (Omaha, Neb.)	0	0	0	0	9	9
Dahrran Diedrick, IB, Jr., (Scarborough, Ont.)	0	0	0	0	9	9
Toniui Fonoti, LG, Jr., (Hauula, Hawaii)	0	0	0	11	10	21
John Garrison, C, Jr., (Blue Springs, Mo.)	0	0	0	0	10	10
John Gibson, WB, Sr., (Papillion, Neb.)	0	0	0	3	9	12
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	2	2
Jon Rutherford, RG, Sr., (Midwest City, Okla.)	0	0	0	0	10	10
Wilson Thomas, SE, Jr., (Omaha, Neb.)	0	0	2	2	9	13
Dave Volk, LT, Sr., (Battle Creek, Neb.)	0	0	13	11	10	34
Dan Waldrop, RT, So., (Wilmington, Calif.)	0	0	0	0	10	10
Tracey Wistrom, TE, Sr., (Webb City, Mo.)	0	1	3	2	2	22
Totals	0	7	34	50	110	201

Defensive Starters	'97	'98	'99	'00	'01	Tot.
Demoine Adams, LRE, Jr., (Pine Bluff, Ark.)	0	0	0	4	10	14
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	7	7
Dion Booker, Rov./FS, Sr., (Oceanside, Calif.)	0	0	5	7	8	20
Jamie Burrow, MLB, Sr., (Ames, Iowa)	0	0	0	0	10	10
Keyuo Craver, LCB, Sr., (Harleton, Texas)	0	0	13	11	10	34
DeJuan Groce, RCB, Jr., (Garfield Heights, Ohio)	0	0	0	2	9	11
Chris Kelsay, RE, Jr., (Auburn, Neb.)	0	0	1	7	10	18
Jason Lohr, NT, Sr., (Tulsa, Okla.)	0	0	0	11	3	14
Lornell McPherson, LCB, Fr., (Omaha, Neb.)	0	0	0	0	3	3
Pat Ricketts, LCB, So., (Omaha, Neb.)	0	0	0	0	2	2
Jeremy Slechta, DT, Sr., (LaVista, Neb.)	0	0	0	4	10	14
Scott Shanle, 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	10	11
Totals	10	13	19	66	110	218

Starting Kickers	'97	'98	'99	'00	'01	Tot.
Josh Brown, PK, Jr., (Foyil, Okla.)	0	0	13	11	6	30
Sandro DeAngelis, PK, Fr. (Niagara Falls, Ont.)	0	0	0	0	4	4
Larson, Kyle, P, So., (Funk, Neb.)	0	0	0	0	10	10
Totals	0	0	13	11	20	44

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 (38)
 Most Career Starts on Defense: Erwin Swiney, RCB (37)
 Most Consecutive Starts on Offense: Dave Volk, LT (34)
 Most Consecutive Starts on Defense: Keyuo Craver, LCB (34)

2001 Husker Depth Chart (Date of Depth, Saturday, Nov. 3, 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 TONIUFONOTI**, 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.
 -OR-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**, 87 Tracey Wistrom***
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