

# Huskers Playing For Sixth National Title in Rose Bowl

## Nebraska Takes on Miami in NCAA-Record 33rd-Consecutive Bowl Game

### Husker Records and Streaks

- ▶ NCAA-record 247 consecutive sellouts in Memorial Stadium
- ▶ 40 consecutive winning seasons—current NCAA record
- ▶ 33 consecutive nine-win seasons—NCAA record
- ▶ 33 consecutive bowl bids—NCAA record
- ▶ 40 bowl appearances—fourth in NCAA
- ▶ 341 consecutive weeks ranked by the Associated Press, a continuing AP record
- ▶ 32 consecutive years ranked in AP top 25
- ▶ 21-game home winning streak (nation's longest)
- ▶ 102-11 record since 1993 (nine years)
- ▶ 49 weeks ranked in AP top 10 (leads nation)



### Nebraska Head Coach Frank Solich

- ▶ 42-8 in four years at helm of Huskers
- ▶ has led NU to nine-win seasons each year
- ▶ has had eight first-team All-Americans
- ▶ has had seven first-team Academic All-Americans under his tenure
- ▶ is 2-1 in bowl games, having defeated Tennessee and Northwestern
- ▶ is coaching in his 23rd consecutive bowl game with the Nebraska Cornhuskers

### The 88th Rose Bowl, Presented by AT&T

No. 4/4/2 Nebraska (11-1, 7-1, Big 12 North, tie-First) vs. No. 1/1/1 Miami (11-0, 7-0 Big East, First)

**DATE:** Thursday, Jan. 3, 2002; **TIME:** 7 p.m. Central

**SITE:** Pasadena, Calif; **STADIUM:** Rose Bowl; **CAPACITY:** 91,136; **TURF:** Natural Grass  
**NEBRASKA RADIO:** Pinnacle Sports Network (Warren Swain-Play-by-Play; Color-Adrian Fiala; Dave Webber-Halftime Studio Host)

**TV:** ABC National (Keith Jackson-PBP; Tim Brandt-Color; Lynn Swann and Todd Harris-Sideline)

**NATIONAL RADIO:** ESPN Radio (Ron Franklin-PBP; Mike Gottfried-Color; Adrian Karsten-Sideline)

### No. 4/4/2 Nebraska Cornhuskers Play for National Championship

The Nebraska Cornhuskers (11-1, 7-1, tie-first in Big 12 North), ranked No. 4 in the AP/Coaches and second in the BCS Poll, will play in the school's NCAA-record 33rd consecutive bowl game, in The Granddaddy of Them All—The Rose Bowl. The Huskers will play undefeated and No. 1/1/1 Miami (11-0) in this season's national championship game. The bowl is NU's 40th bowl invitation (tied for fourth best in NCAA history) and its 13th bowl game with national championship implications. NU's 40th bowl will take place in the same bowl as the school's first, which followed the 1940 season. The BCS bid marks Nebraska's second since the inception of the BCS after the 1997 season, when Nebraska split the national championship with Michigan. Miami is the only undefeated team remaining this season, and Nebraska is one of just six teams with one loss. NU is also one of just four teams with 11 wins (also Miami at 11-0, BYU at 12-1 and Fresno State at 11-2) after playing a preseason game this season. Nebraska's No. 2 BCS rating puts the Huskers in the national championship game over No. 2/2 Oregon (10-1) and No. 3/3 Colorado (10-2), because of quality wins and NU's strength of schedule, which is ranked 14th. The Huskers' only loss of the season came at the hands of Colorado in Boulder, which defeated Texas, 39-37, in the Big 12 Championship game. The Huskers lost at Colorado, 62-36, and while NU totaled 354 yards rushing, scored 36 points, and recorded its second-highest mark in total offense of the season with 552 yards, NU's defense was unable to stop the rushing attack of a spirited Colorado team. In addition to Nebraska's Big 12 Conference opponents posting a 52-38 record this season, Nebraska's non-conference opponents posted a 26-19 record as TCU went 6-5, Troy State posted a 7-4 record, Notre Dame went 5-6 and Rice posted an 8-4 record to assist NU to a No. 14 strength of schedule.

The Huskers took a little time off for finals, recruiting and postseason awards, as quarterback Eric Crouch brought home the school's third Heisman Trophy, second Walter Camp Player-of-the-Year Award and first Davey O'Brien trophy, but NU's base philosophy is to keep practicing regularly in order to keep the option game sharp. The philosophy instilled by former head coach Tom Osborne in the early 1990s and adapted by current coach Frank Solich, has helped the Huskers

## The 2001 Nebraska (11-1, 7-1) Football Schedule/Results

**Day .... Date ..... Opponent ..... Time/Res. TV ..... Series ..... Last Meeting (Site) / Updated Notes from the Game**

<b>Sat. .... Aug. 25 ..</b>	<b>TCU .....</b>	W 21-7	.... ABC ..	NU leads 6-1 Crouch MVP for NU as he sets Nebraska career total offense record
<b>Sat. .... Sept. 1 ...</b>	<b>Troy State .....</b>	W 42-14	.. Big 12* NU 1-0-0	.... Diedrick 177 yards rushing; Clanton 20-yard fumble return TD; NU 8 sacks
<b>Sat. .... Sept. 8 ...</b>	<b>Notre Dame+ .....</b>	W 27-10	.. ABC ..	NU 8-7-1 .... Diedrick rushes for 133 yards on career-high 32 carries
<b>Thurs. Sept. 20 .</b>	<b>Rice+ .....</b>	W 48-3	..... NU 1-0-0	.... Crouch goes over 2,500 in career rush and 6,000 in career total offense
<b>Sat. .... Sept. 29 ..</b>	<b>at Missouri # .....</b>	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
<b>Sat. .... Oct. 6 .....</b>	<b>Iowa State #+ .....</b>	W 48-14	.. FSN ...	NU 80-14-2 Crouch and Diedrick each rush for 100; Craver has interception return TD
<b>Sat. .... Oct. 13 ...</b>	<b>at Baylor # .....</b>	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
<b>Sat. .... Oct. 20 ...</b>	<b>Texas Tech #+(HC)</b>	W 41-31	.. FSN ...	NU 7-0-0 .... NU wins 33rd straight Homecoming; Crouch has 105, Diedrick 157 by rush
<b>Sat. .... Oct. 27 ...</b>	<b>Oklahoma # .....</b>	W 20-10	.. ABC ..	OU 40-37-3 NU snaps OU's 20-game win streak; Crouch scores on 63-yard reception
<b>Sat. .... Nov. 3 ....</b>	<b>at Kansas #+ .....</b>	W 51-7	.... FSN ...	NU 84-21-3 Diedrick 136 rush; Thomas 6-65 receiving; Brown three field goals made
<b>Sat. .... Nov. 10 ...</b>	<b>Kansas State # .....</b>	W 31-21	.. ABC ..	NU 72-12-2 Groce 60 punt return TD; Amos 2-70-1 int; Crouch 106, Diedrick 108 rush
<b>Fri. .... Nov. 23 ..</b>	<b>at Colorado # .....</b>	L 36-62	.... ABC ..	NU 43-14-2 Crouch sets school record with 360 total offense yards (162 rush, 198 pass)
<b>Thurs. Jan. 3 .....</b>	<b>Miami (Rose Bowl)</b>	7 p.m.	.... ABC ..	NU 5-4 ..... Nebraska defeated Miami, 24-17, for the national championship in 1994

# Big 12 Games; All times (Central), are subject to change; \* Big 12 Syndicated; + night game

win six of its last seven bowl games and three national championships along the way. Nebraska will be going for the school's sixth national championship, having won or shared the title in 1970, 1971, 1994, 1995 and 1997.

The Huskers led the nation in rushing (314.67) and ranked among the nation's top 10 in seven other categories, including pass efficiency defense (second, 83.81 rating); scoring defense (sixth, 15.75 ppg); scoring offense (seventh, 37.42 ppg); total defense (eighth, 287.17 ypg); kickoff returns (eighth, 25.23 ypr); pass defense (ninth, 170.25 ypg); and punt returns (14th, 13.12 ypr).

Fourth-year Coach Frank Solich has led the Huskers to an 11-win season for the second time in his career and at 42-8 is tied for third on the NCAA Division I-A chart for best career starts in the first four years. The matchup with Miami is Solich's first national championship game. Nebraska has won nine or more games every year under Solich, continuing a 33-year NCAA consecutive record.

## Crouch Wins Nebraska's Third Heisman Trophy

With just one blemish on his near-perfect senior season, quarterback **Eric Crouch** won the school's third Heisman Trophy. Crouch (770 points, 162 first-place votes) won the award over three other quarterbacks: Florida sophomore Rex Grossman (708, 137); Miami junior Ken Dorsey (638, 109); and senior Joey Harrington of Oregon (364, 54), in the fourth-closest voting in Heisman history. Crouch joins wingback/return specialist Johnny Rodgers (1972) and I-back Mike Rozier (1983) as the school's third Heisman Trophy winner. Crouch is the 17th quarterback to win the Heisman and the first true option quarterback in the 67-year history of the award. He has posted a 35-6 career record as a starter, a remarkable feat which ranks fourth best among Division I-A quarterbacks all time. He has put up incredible numbers, ranking fourth all time in NCAA history in rushing among quarterbacks with 3,434 career yards and bettering the NCAA record for rushing touchdowns by 10 with 59. He ranks third at NU and seventh in the Big 12 in passing with 4,481 yards, becoming just one of three quarterbacks in NCAA Division I history to rush for 3,000 and pass for 4,000 yards. He became the 13th quarterback to rush and pass for 1,000 yards in a season and has 1,115 rushing and 1,510 passing yards with 18 and seven TDs, respectively. Crouch's season rushing yards more than double that of the most by any Heisman quarterback (Oregon State's Terry Baker had 538 in 1962). The only thing he hasn't done is win a national championship, but only 10 of the 66 winners all-time have done so in the year they won the award, just four since 1950. Crouch will get his dream chance to do both as the Huskers take on Miami in the Rose Bowl on Jan. 3. Crouch was a first-team All-American and won the school's second Walter Camp Player-of-the-Year Award and the school's first Davey O'Brien trophy.

## Huskers Second in the BCS

After the Colorado loss, the Huskers dropped from second in both polls and first in the BCS, to sixth in the AP and Coaches polls and fourth in the BCS. But after Tennessee defeated Florida, then lost to LSU; and Colorado defeated Texas, Nebraska moved back up to fourth in both polls and second in the BCS. Nebraska is one of six teams with one loss, while Miami is the nation's only unbeaten team. Nebraska is 2-2 as the BCS No. 1 team, losing to Oklahoma last season, defeating Kansas and Kansas State and losing to Colorado this season. The No. 6/6 rankings (AP/Coaches) on Nov. 23, were the lowest NU has received this season. NU, 11-1, began the year fourth in both preseason polls and dropped to fifth in AP's third poll. In the latest Associated Press Poll, NU has 1,556 points, behind Miami (11-0, 72 first-place votes, 1,800 points), Oregon (10-1, 1,698) and Colorado (10-2, 1,649). In the USA Today/ESPN Coaches Poll, NU received 1,334 points behind Miami (60, first-place votes, 1,500 points), Oregon (1,398) and Colorado (1,337). Texas is ninth in both polls, while Oklahoma is 10th. The BCS has Miami (2.62), Nebraska (7.23), Colorado (7.28) and Oregon (8.67) in its top four. The first year of the BCS was 1998.

## Huskers Post 11-1 Record in 2001

For the first time since 1905 and just the fourth time ever, Nebraska's 2001 football schedule featured eight home games. The Huskers won all eight, posting a perfect home season for the ninth time in 10 years. 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. NU defeated **Troy State**, 42-14, in week two, holding the Trojans to minus 25 rushing yards, the lowest against a Solich defense. 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. NU handed Rice its first loss of the season, 48-3, on Thursday, Sept. 20 (moved from Sept. 15). Rice and Troy State were both first-time opponents of NU.

The Huskers hit the road to open conference play, defeating **Missouri** in Columbia, 36-3. Nebraska returned home to defeat previously unbeaten **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, with 641 rushing yards, the second-highest total in Husker history. 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 tied an NCAA record with four 100-yard rushers against Baylor, as I-back Thunder Collins (165), I-back Dahrran Diedrick (137), quarterback Eric Crouch (132), and fullback Judd Davies (119) each rushed for 100 yards.

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, 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 a.m. kickoff on ABC. Nebraska ended No. 1 (BCS) OU's 20-game winning streak with a 20-10 win in Lincoln. It was Nebraska's second win against a ranked opponent in 2001.

Nebraska played its fifth night game of the season at **Kansas** on Nov. 3, as the Huskers defeated the Jayhawks, 51-7, and the series became the longest continuous series in NCAA Division I-A history at 96 games. The Husker Blackshirts held KU to 1-of-14 on third-down conversions. Nebraska defeated **Kansas State**, 31-21, in Nebraska's last home game of the season, holding the Wildcats to 4-of-18 passing. Kansas State had been ranked as high as ninth early in the season. The Huskers ended the regular season at **Colorado** on the Friday after Thanksgiving. The Huskers fell to the Buffaloes, 62-36, despite a school-record performance from Eric Crouch, who tallied 360 yards of total offense. The nationally televised game marked Nebraska's 10th televised game, NU's third against a ranked team (2-1) and the second non-Saturday contest of the season (1-1).

Colorado defeated Texas, 39-37, in the Big 12 Championship Game and a record eight Big 12 teams secured bowl bids.

## Nebraska in Bowl Games

Year	Bowl	Opp.	AP Rank	Res.	Score:
1941*	Rose	Stanford	7/2	L	13-21
<b>1955*</b>	<b>Orange</b>	<b>Duke</b>	<b>--/14</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>7-34</b>
<b>(Bob Devaney 6-3)...</b>					
1962	Gotham	Miami	--/--	W	36-34
<b>1964*</b>	<b>Orange</b>	<b>Auburn</b>	<b>6/5</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>13-7</b>
1965*	Cotton	Arkansas	6/2	L	7-10#
<b>1966*</b>	<b>Orange</b>	<b>Alabama</b>	<b>3/4</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>28-39#</b>
1967*	Sugar	Alabama	6/3	L	7-34
<b>(NCAA-Record 33 Straight Bowls Begin Here)</b>					
1969	Sun	Georgia	14/--	W	45-6
<b>1971*</b>	<b>Orange</b>	<b>Louisiana St.</b>	<b>3/5</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>17-12#</b>
<b>1972*</b>	<b>Orange</b>	<b>Alabama</b>	<b>1/2</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>38-6#</b>
<b>(Tom Osborne 12-13)...</b>					
<b>1973*</b>	<b>Orange</b>	<b>Notre Dame</b>	<b>9/12</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>40-6</b>
1974*	Cotton	Texas	12/8	W	19-3
1974*	Sugar	Florida	8/18	W	13-10
1975	Fiesta	Arizona St.	6/7	L	14-17
1976	Astro-BB	Texas Tech	13/9	W	27-24
1977	Liberty	No. Carolina	12/14	W	21-17
<b>1979*</b>	<b>Orange</b>	<b>Oklahoma</b>	<b>6/4</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>24-31</b>
1980*	Cotton	Houston	7/8	L	14-17
1980	Sun	Miss. State	8/17	W	31-17
<b>1982*</b>	<b>Orange</b>	<b>Clemson</b>	<b>4/1</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>15-22#</b>
<b>1983*</b>	<b>Orange</b>	<b>Louisiana St.</b>	<b>3/13</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>21-20</b>
<b>1984*</b>	<b>Orange</b>	<b>Miami</b>	<b>1/5</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>30-31#</b>
1985*	Sugar	Louisiana St.	4/12	W	28-10
1986*	Fiesta	Michigan	7/5	L	23-27
1987*	Sugar	Louisiana St.	6/5	W	30-15
1988*	Fiesta	Florida St.	5/3	L	28-31
<b>1989*</b>	<b>Orange</b>	<b>Miami</b>	<b>6/2</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>3-23</b>
1990*	Fiesta	Florida St.	6/5	L	17-41
1991*	Citrus	Ga. Tech	19/2	L	21-45#
<b>1992*</b>	<b>Orange</b>	<b>Miami</b>	<b>11/1</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>0-22#</b>
<b>1993*</b>	<b>Orange</b>	<b>Florida St.</b>	<b>11/3</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>14-27</b>
<b>1994*</b>	<b>Orange</b>	<b>Florida St.</b>	<b>2/1</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>16-18#</b>
<b>1995*</b>	<b>Orange</b>	<b>Miami</b>	<b>1/3</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>24-17#</b>
<b>1996*</b>	<b>Fiesta</b>	<b>Florida</b>	<b>1/2</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>62-24#</b>
1996*	Orange	Virginia Tech	6/10	W	41-21
<b>1998*</b>	<b>Orange</b>	<b>Tennessee</b>	<b>2/3</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>42-17#</b>
<b>(Frank Solich 2-1)...</b>					
1998	Holiday	Arizona	14/5	L	20-23
<b>2000*</b>	<b>Fiesta</b>	<b>Tennessee</b>	<b>3/6</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>31-21</b>
2000	Alamo	Northwestern	9/18	W	66-17
2001*	Rose	Miami	4/1#		

## NU in Past 39 Bowls

**39 Bowls (ranks tied for fourth all time):** 20-19  
**32 Consecutive Bowls (NCAA record):** 18-14  
**31 Major Bowls\* (Jan. 1/BCS):** 14-17  
**Under Coach Solich:** 2-1  
**12 National Championship Bowl Games#**  
**(for at least one team, in one poll):** 5-7  
**vs. Miami:** 2-3 (5-4 overall)  
**vs. No. 1 AP Teams:** 0-3  
**Bold indicates NU conference champion teams**

## NU in the Bowls

Alamo: 1-0; Astro Bluebonnet: 1-0; Cotton: 1-2; Fiesta: 1-4; Florida Citrus: 0-1; Gotham: 1-0; Holiday: 0-1; Liberty: 1-0; Orange: 7-9; Rose: 0-1; Sun: 2-0; Sugar: 3-1

**Note:** NU has not played in the following bowls—New Orleans, GMAC, Tangerine, Las Vegas, Seattle, Galleryfurniture.com, Music City, Independence, Motor City, Insight.com, Humanitarian, Silicon Valley Classic, Peach, Outback and Gator.

## Huskers in the Bowls

### Rose Bowl is NU's 33rd Consecutive Bowl

Nebraska will participate in its 33rd consecutive bowl game, the nation's longest current consecutive streak, and an all-time NCAA record. Nebraska's 40 bowl appearances overall is tied for fourth best, trailing Alabama's 51, Tennessee's 42, and Texas' 41, while tying USC's 40. Nebraska's first of 40 bowls was also played in the Rose Bowl, when No. 7 Nebraska lost to No. 2 Stanford, 21-13, following the 1940 season. Nebraska has participated in a "major bowl" (BCS, Jan. 1 or top four) in 19 of the last 21 years. The 1998 Holiday Bowl broke a streak of 17 consecutive major bowls. Nebraska's only other non-major bowl in the last 21 years was the Alamo last season. NU's 33 consecutive bowls began with a 45-6 win over Georgia in the 1969 Sun Bowl. Nebraska is 20-19 all-time in bowl games, defeating Northwestern, 66-17, in the 2000 Alamo Bowl, the second bowl win under Head Coach Frank Solich.

Nebraska is 2-3 vs. the Hurricanes in bowl games. Miami defeated Nebraska, 31-30, in the 1984 Orange Bowl, as previously unbeaten NU went for two (Turner Gill pass to Jeff Smith) after scoring a late TD with 48 seconds remaining. The pass failed and Miami was named national champions. In the 1995 Orange Bowl, Nebraska fullback Cory Schlesinger scored two fourth-quarter touchdowns to win, 24-17, and take home the school's third national championship. Miami is the only team to hold the Huskers scoreless in NU's 39 bowl games, as the Hurricanes won 22-0 in 1992, winning the AP title. This will be the fourth bowl game between NU and Miami with national championship implications. In three of the last four bowl matchups between Nebraska and Miami, the winner emerged as the national champion in at least one of the polls. NU is 3-3 vs. the Big East in bowl games, also downing Virginia Tech, 41-21, in the 1996 Orange Bowl.

Miami has participated in 27 bowls, most recently the 2001 Nokia Sugar Bowl (Miami 37, Florida 20), and posts a 15-12 bowl record. The Rose Bowl is Miami's third consecutive bowl appearance. Nebraska will be making its second Rose Bowl appearance, while Miami will be making its first-ever appearance in the Rose Bowl. Miami is 3-2 vs. NU in bowl games, 5-3 vs. the Big 12. The Rose Bowl has been an American tradition since 1902. This year's game is the 88th. Nebraska is 0-1 in the Rose Bowl, losing to Stanford in 1941, 21-13, in the Big 12's only appearance.

### Nebraska vs. Miami in Bowl Games

Year*	Bowl	AP Rank	Result	Score	NU Coach
1962	Gotham	--/--	W	36-34	Bob Devaney
<b>1984*</b>	<b>Orange</b>	<b>1/5</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>30-31 #</b>	<b>Tom Osborne</b>
1989*	Orange	6/2	L	3-23	Tom Osborne
<b>1992*</b>	<b>Orange</b>	<b>11/1</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>0-22 #</b>	<b>Tom Osborne</b>
<b>1995*</b>	<b>Orange</b>	<b>1/3</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>24-17 #</b>	<b>Tom Osborne</b>

# winner won or shared national championship title  
 \* year is when game was played—not season

### NU Looks For 21st Bowl Victory

Nebraska has won six of its last seven bowl games. Overall in bowl games, NU is 20-19, (0-1 under Biff Jones, 0-1 under Bill Glassford, 6-3 under Bob Devaney, 12-13 under Tom Osborne and 2-1 under Frank Solich). Five of Nebraska's last eight bowl games have been for the national title, counting this season. Nebraska is 5-7 in games that have determined the national champion for at least one of the participating teams.

Nebraska has only lost one bowl game since 1994. After the 1994 season, No. 1 (AP) Nebraska defeated No. 3 Miami, 24-17, in the Federal Express Orange Bowl to post its first national championship under Osborne. In 1995, No. 1 NU defeated No. 2 Florida, 62-24, in the Fiesta Bowl for a second national crown. In 1996, No. 6 Nebraska defeated No. 10 Virginia Tech, 41-21, in the Orange Bowl. In 1997, No. 2 NU won its third national title in four years, defeating No. 3 Tennessee, 42-17, in Osborne's last game. Under first-year head coach Frank Solich, Arizona defeated Nebraska, 23-20, in the 1998 Holiday Bowl. In 2000, No. 3 Nebraska defeated No. 6/5 Tennessee in the Fiesta Bowl, 31-21, and last season No. 9 Nebraska defeated No. 18 Northwestern, 66-17, in the Alamo Bowl. This year's game marks the 11th time in the last 17 years that the Huskers enter the game as the lower-ranked team, as Nebraska is No. 4 in both polls and Miami is No. 1.

Nebraska has seen stiff competition in the bowls. In fact, including the Rose Bowl matchup this season with No. 1 Miami, the Huskers have played just two bowl opponents ranked lower than sixth in the AP since 1985 (No. 10 Virginia Tech in 1996 and No. 18 Northwestern last season). In the past 12 years, NU has faced AP's No. 2, 1, 3, 1, 3, 2, 10, 3, 5, 6, 18 and No. 1 teams, respectively, while NU was not ranked in the top 10 in four of those years. In six of Nebraska's last 11 bowl games, the winner has emerged as national champion. In 1994, 1995 and 1997 it was the Huskers winning it all. Before that, it was Florida State (1993), Miami (1991) and Georgia Tech (1990). This year's tangle with No. 1 Miami marks the fourth time NU will face the AP's top-ranked team in a bowl game and could mark the first time NU will post a win after losing to No. 1 Clemson in 1982, Miami in 1992 and Florida State in 1994.

## NU's Three Bowl Games Under Solich

### 2001 Alamo Bowl

#### Nebraska 66, Northwestern 17

**San Antonio, Texas, Dec. 30, 2000** --- The Nebraska offense saved its best game of the season for last, dominating Big Ten co-champion Northwestern, 66-17, in the 2000 Alamo Bowl. The 66 points were an NU and NCAA bowl record, along with the Huskers' nine touchdowns and eight rushing touchdowns.

Nebraska got off to a quick start, as the Huskers scored on their first possession. Dan Alexander capped the drive with a 15-yard touchdown run, just a part of his Alamo Bowl and NU bowl-record 240 rushing yards. As a team, the Huskers had an Alamo Bowl-record 476 rushing yards.

The Wildcats came right back, as quarterback Zak Kustok marched down the field before Tim Long ended Northwestern's drive with a 44-yard field goal. Another Northwestern score made it look like the game was going to be close with NU trailing, 10-7. But Nebraska had a different plan.

Quarterback Eric Crouch started NU's NCAA bowl-record tying 31-point second quarter with a 50-yard touchdown run. NU then scored 24 straight points before Northwestern's Damien Anderson ran for a 69-yard touchdown. Bobby Newcombe's 58-yard touchdown grab gave NU a 38-17 halftime lead.

The NU defense went on to shut out the Wildcats in the final two periods. Free safety Dion Booker had a season-high eight tackles, while rush end Kyle Vanden Bosch had a career-high six quarterback hurries, seven tackles, with three tackles for a loss and two pass breakups.

A 21-point third quarter, including Matt Davison's 69-yard touchdown reception, put NU ahead 59-17. Dahrran Diedrick ran for NU's last score, with place-kicker Josh Brown tying the NCAA bowl record for extra-point kick attempts (9) and extra-point kicks made (9). The NU offense finished with 636 total yards for a school bowl-record 7.7 ypa.

**Stats of Returning Huskers: Rushing**—Eric Crouch 15-90-2, Dahrran Diedrick 4-28-1, Judd Davies 3-17-0, Jammal Lord 4-16-0, Willie Miller 3-10-0, Thunder Collins 3-10-0, Robin Miller 1-3-0, DeAntae Grixby 2-3-0, Joe Chrisman 1-0-0; **Passing**—Crouch 13-5-1-91-2; **Receiving**—Jon Bowling 1-9-0, Troy Hassebroek 1-8-0; **Punt Returns**—Judd Davis 1-17-0; Terrell Butler 1-6-0; **Kickoff Returns**—T.J. Hollowell 1-33-0; **Defense, Tackles (UT-AT-TT)**—Dion Booker (5-3-8), Keyuo Craver (5-1-6), DeJuan Groce (5-1-6), Jamie Burrow (3-3-6), Mark Vedral (3-2-5), Jason Lohr (2-2-4), Scott Shanle (0-4-4), Jerrell Pippens (3-0-3), Chris Kelsay (2-1-3), Pat Ricketts (2-0-2), Jeremy Slechta (2-0-2), Aaron Terpening (2-0-2), Erwin Swiney (1-1-2), Willie Amos (1-0-1), Terrell Butler (1-0-1), Jon Clanton (1-0-1), Judd Davies (1-0-1), Demoine Adams (0-1-1), Patrick Kabongo (0-1-1), Casey Nelson (0-1-1); **Tackles for loss (No.-Yds.)**—Kelsay (2-10), Lohr (1-9), Clanton (1-5), Craver (2-2), Slechta (1-2), Burrow (1-2); **Sacks (No.-Yds.)**—Kelsay (1-9), Lohr (1-9), Clanton (1-5); **Pass Breakups**—Craver 3. **QB Hurries**—Kelsay (1), Nelson (1); **Other, Field Goals**—Josh Brown 51 good, 45 miss; **PATs**—Josh Brown 9-9.

### 2000 Fiesta Bowl

#### No. 3 Nebraska 31, No. 6/5 Tennessee 21

**Tempe, Ariz., Jan. 2, 2000**—Nebraska recorded its fifth victory in the last six bowl games, defeating Nos. 6/5 (AP/Coaches) Tennessee, 31-21, in the 2000 Tostitos Fiesta Bowl. With the win, the Huskers finished the season with a 12-1 record and second and third, in the coaches and AP polls, respectively. It was the first bowl win for Nebraska's Head Coach Frank Solich.

The Huskers started quickly, scoring on a Dan Alexander seven-yard touchdown run on NU's first possession and increasing the lead to 14-0 on a 60-yard punt return by wingback Bobby Newcombe late in the first quarter. The Huskers took a 17-0 lead on a Josh Brown 31-yard field goal before a UT touchdown in the final seconds of the half gave the Huskers a 17-7 halftime advantage.

After the Vols closed to within 17-14 early in the third quarter, the Huskers responded, marching 96 yards in nine plays. After Crouch found

reserve tight end Jon Bowling for a 17-yard reception on third down, fullback Willie Miller set up the Husker touchdown with a career-long 47-yard run to the UT 13-yard line. Nebraska scored on the next play, as Crouch connected with tight end Aaron Golliday for a 13-yard TD pass, giving the Huskers a 24-14 lead. Crouch earned offensive MVP honors, completing 9-of-15 passes for 148 yards and a TD, while rushing for 64 yards on 17 carries.

After a UT punt put the ball at the 1-yard line, Nebraska put the game out of reach with a 10-play, 99-yard drive, capped by Correll Buckhalter's two-yard touchdown run, giving the Huskers a 31-14 lead. The Vols would close to within 31-21 midway through the quarter, but the Huskers ran out the final 7:25 on their next possession. Alexander led Nebraska's ground attack with 108 yards, as the Huskers finished the game with 321 yards against the nation's seventh-best rush defense.

In the final game for NU Defensive Coordinator Charlie McBride, the Blackshirts held the Vols to just 44 yards rushing and forced two interceptions, including one by defensive MVP Mike Brown, who finished with seven tackles. All-America cornerback Ralph Brown and linebacker Carlos Polk led NU with eight tackles each.

**Stats of Returning Huskers: Rushing**—Eric Crouch 17-64-0; **Passing**—Crouch 15-9-0-148-1; **Receiving**—Jon Bowling 2-45-0, Aaron Golliday 2-25-1; **Defense, Tackles**—Dion Booker 3-3-6, Jason Lohr 1-3-4, 1 QB Hurry, Keyuo Craver 1-1-2, 2 PBU, DeJuan Groce 1-0-1, Chris Kelsay 0-1-1, 1 TFL, John Garrison 0-1-1; **Other, Field Goals**—Josh Brown 1-1 (38 yards); **PATs**—Josh Brown (4-4).

### 1998 Holiday Bowl

#### No. 5 Arizona 23, No. 14 Nebraska 20

**San Diego, Calif., Dec. 30, 1998**—Kelvin Eafon's 1-yard touchdown run with six minutes remaining lifted fifth-ranked Arizona to a 23-20 victory over No. 14 Nebraska in the 1998 Culligan Holiday Bowl, ending the Huskers' four-game bowl winning streak, in Coach Frank Solich's first bowl as Nebraska's head coach.

In a wild fourth quarter that saw three lead changes, the Huskers rallied from a 16-13 deficit as quarterback Eric Crouch connected with tight end Tracey Wistrom for a four-yard touchdown to give the Huskers a 20-16 lead with 10:55 remaining. Crouch, who finished with 193 yards passing, was 4-of-5 on the drive for 69 yards.

Arizona, which finished fourth in the final AP Poll, came right back on its next possession, driving 68 yards on nine plays, capped by Eafon's touchdown. Quarterback Keith Smith, who earned offensive player-of-the-game honors, kept the Wildcats' drive alive, rushing for a pair of first downs to set up Eafon's touchdown. NU had a final opportunity to regain the lead, driving to the UA 46-yard line before Chris McAlister's second interception of the game sealed the win for the Wildcats.

Trailing 9-0 in the second quarter, the Husker defense forced a pair of Wildcat turnovers, leading to 13 points, as Nebraska took a 13-9 halftime lead. Loran Kaiser's fumble recovery set up a 25-yard field goal by Kris Brown, cutting the Wildcat lead to 9-3. On the Huskers' next possession, Crouch found wingback Shevin Wiggins for a 44-yard touchdown that gave the Huskers a 10-9 advantage. On the ensuing kickoff, Billy Legate forced a Wildcat fumble deep in UA territory, leading to Brown's second field goal of the half as time expired.

The loss overshadowed an outstanding performance by rush end Mike Rucker, who had seven tackles, four tackles for loss and two quarterback hurries to earn defensive MVP honors.

**Stats of Returning Huskers: Rushing**—Eric Crouch 15-28-0, **Passing**—Crouch 28-12-2-193-2; **Receiving**—Tracey Wistrom 3-41-0; **Returns**—Wistrom 1-7 KOR; **Defense, Tackles, Other**—Erwin Swiney 1-1-2, 1 PBU, Keyuo Craver 2-0-2, Mark Vedral 1-1-2, Wes Woodward 1-0-1.

### A Record Eight Big 12 Teams Receive Bowl Bids

Nebraska was one of a record eight Big 12 teams to receive bowl bids this season. Nebraska and Colorado received BCS bids with Nebraska

## Div. I-A Coaches Best Career Starts, First Four Years by Wins

<b>Rank, Coach, School</b>	<b>Years</b>	<b>Rec.</b>
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
<b>Frank Solich, NU</b>	<b>1998-01</b>	<b>42-8-0</b>

## Solich vs. Ranked AP Teams (10-7)

<b>(Gametime rank)</b>		<b>NU/Opp.</b>	
<b>Date</b>	<b>Opponent</b>	<b>Site</b>	<b>Rank Result</b>
<b>1998:</b>			
9/26	Washington	Home	2/9 W 55-7
10/10	Texas A&M	Away	2/18 L 21-28
10/24	Missouri	Home	7/19 W 20-13
11/14	Kansas St.	Away	11/2 L 30-40
12/30	Arizona	Holiday	14/5 L 20-23
<b>1999:</b>			
10/23	Texas	Away	3/18 L 20-24
11/6	Texas A&M	Home	9/21 W 37-0
11/13	Kansas St.	Home	7/5 W 41-15
12/4	Texas	Big 12	3/12 W 22-6
1/2	Tennessee	Fiesta	3/6 W 31-21
<b>2000:</b>			
9/9	Notre Dame	Away	1/23 W 27-24OT
10/28	Oklahoma	Away	1/3 L 14-31
11/18	Kansas St.	Away	4/16 L 28-29
12/30	Northwest.	Alamo	9/18 W 66-17
<b>2001:</b>			
9/8	Notre Dame	Home	4/17 W 27-10
10/27	Oklahoma	Home	3/2 W 20-10
11/23	Colorado	Away	2/14 L 36-62

## Solich Superlatives

All-Time .....	42-8
vs. AP Ranked Teams .....	10-7
vs. AP Top 10 Teams .....	4-3
vs. Unranked Teams .....	32-1
vs. Big 12 Teams .....	25-7
When Rushing for 300 Yards .....	23-1
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 .....	29-5
Multiple NU 100-yard rushers in a Game .....	11-0
When Opp. has 100 Yd. Rusher .....	8-4
When Scoring 35 or More Points .....	27-1
When Hold Opp. to 10 Pts. or less .....	19-0
When Nebraska scores first .....	32-4
When Nebraska leads at halftime .....	33-2
Record in games decided by 10 or less .....	13-6
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 .....	8
Academic All-Americans .....	7
All-Conference Winners .....	21
Academic All-Conference Winners .....	85

### Team Honors

Consecutive Weeks Ranked by AP .....	66
Consecutive Weeks in the AP top 10 .....	49
Conference Championships .....	1
Nine-Win Seasons .....	4
10-Win Seasons .....	3
11-Win Seasons .....	2
12-Win Seasons .....	1

playing Miami for the national championship at the Rose Bowl and No. 3/3/3 Colorado playing No. 2/2/4 Oregon in the Fiesta Bowl. TCU, Nebraska's first opponent of the season, will play Texas A&M in the GalleryFurniture.com bowl. Although two more of Nebraska's non-conference opponents were bowl eligible, Troy State (7-4) and Rice (8-4) did not receive bowl bids.

## Big 12 Teams in Bowl Games

<b>Day, Date</b>	<b>Big 12 Team vs. Opp.</b>	<b>Bowl</b>	<b>Time</b>
Sat., Dec. 29	<b>Texas Tech</b> vs. Iowa	Alamo	1:30 p.m.
Sat. Dec. 29	<b>Kansas St.</b> vs. Syracuse	Insight.com	4 p.m.
Thurs., Dec. 27	<b>Iowa State</b> vs. Alabama	Independence	7 p.m.
Fri., Dec. 28	Texas A&M vs. <b>TCU</b>	GalleryFurniture.com	12:30 p.m.
Tues., Jan. 1	<b>Oklahoma</b> vs. Arkansas	Cotton	10 a.m.
Fri., Dec. 28	Texas vs. Washington	Holiday	7:30 p.m.
Tues., Jan. 1	<b>Colorado</b> vs. Oregon	Fiesta	4 p.m.
Thurs., Jan. 3	Nebraska vs. Miami	Rose	7 p.m.

*all times listed are Central*

*Nebraska 2001 opponents in boldface*

## Nebraska Head Coach Frank Solich

Coach **Frank Solich** (Nebraska, 1966) is in his fourth season at the helm of the Huskers and owns a 42-8 school and career record. Solich is tied for third on the all-time Division I-A list for wins in the first four seasons as a head coach. His winning percentage of .840 would rank first in the nation among active 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 an 11-1 record in 2001, Solich's career record stands at an incredible 42-8. 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 42 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 the honor again this season from the Big 12 coaches. He earned his bachelor's (1966) and master's degrees (1972) from Nebraska.

Solich is 26-1 at home, 12-6 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 25-7 in Big 12 action (15-1 at home, 9-6 on the road and 1-0 in neutral-site games). Solich is 10-7 vs. ranked teams, 2-1 this season. He is 2-1 in bowl games. This will be his first matchup against a team ranked No. 1 in the AP, but his third bowl matchup against an AP top six team.

## 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 142 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**.

## Scouting the Hurricanes

### Miami is Led by Head Coach Larry Coker

Miami is led by first-year coach Larry Coker. Coker, UM's offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach since 1995, was the defensive backs coach for Ohio State in 1993 and 1994. He spent time in the Big 12 Conference as Oklahoma's offensive coordinator three seasons (1990-1992) and the offensive coordinator at Oklahoma State (1983-1989). He was also an assistant at Tulsa from 1979 to 1982. Last year the Hurricanes posted an 11-1 record and won the Big East title under Coach Butch Davis. Miami was edged out of the national championship game, but defeated Florida in the Sugar Bowl, 37-20. The Hurricanes have won or shared national championships four times, 1983, 1987, 1989 and 1991.

### The Series

Nebraska is 2-3 vs. the Hurricanes in bowl games, but leads the overall series 5-4. In the last meeting, Nebraska defeated Miami, 24-17, in the 1995 Orange Bowl. The win gave the Huskers the first of back-to-back national championship under national Hall of Fame Coach Tom Osborne. Nebraska and Miami have played for the national championship in a bowl game three times in the last four meetings, with Miami winning 31-30 in 1984, 22-0 in 1992 and Nebraska winning 24-17 in the 1995 Orange Bowl. Nebraska has never lost to Miami outside of Florida, or outside of the Orange Bowl. The last four meetings have all been at bowl games with the two teams meeting in the regular season in 1951 (loss at Miami, 7-19), 1953 (win at home, 20-16), in 1975 (win at home, 31-16) and 1976 (win at home 17-9).

### The Hurricanes in 2001

Miami is the only team in Division I-A this season to escape the regular season unscathed, posting an 11-0 record. Along the way, the Hurricanes defeated three ranked teams, including No. 14 (AP) Florida State in Tallahassee, 49-27, No. 12 Washington, 65-7, and No. 15 Virginia Tech in Blacksburg, 26-24. Nebraska and Miami have had one common opponent—Troy State. Nebraska defeated the Trojans, 42-14, while the 'Canes defeated Troy State, 38-7. The Hurricanes rank among the nation's top 25 in 11 statistical categories and among the top 10 in seven. Miami leads the nation in pass efficiency defense (75.60 rating), scoring defense (9.36 ppg) and turnover margin (+2.36) and ranks second in pass defense (138.18 ypg), third in scoring offense (43.18 ppg) and sixth in total defense (270.19 ypg).

### Leading the Hurricanes

Senior quarterback Eric Crouch beat out Miami junior Ken Dorsey for the Heisman Trophy, but Dorsey has the distinction of being the only quarterback to lead his team to an undefeated regular season in 2001. Dorsey is a tall (6-5, 210), passing specialist, completing 184-of-318 passes, for 2,652 yards, with 23 touchdowns and nine interceptions. The Maxwell Award winner has completed 57.9 percent of his passes,

posts a 146.12 pass efficiency rating (ranks 19th nationally) and ranks 31st nationally averaging 241.4 ypg. His favorite targets are junior tight end Jeremy Shockey (40-519-7) and sophomore wide receiver Andre Johnson (37-682-10). Miami features seven receivers with 10 or more catches this season. Dorsey has an excellent line ahead of him. Senior left tackle Bryant McKinnie won the Outland Trophy this season over Nebraska junior Tonia Fonoti and Tennessee senior John Henderson, while senior Joaquin Gonzales also earned All-America honors. Miami's rushing attack is led by junior Clinton Portis, who rushed for 1,200 yards and 10 TDs. On defense, Miami senior Ed Reed recorded 44 tackles and nine interceptions for 206 yards and two touchdowns en route to first-team All-America honors. His 0.82 interceptions per game led the nation this season. Reed was a finalist for the Thorpe Award, losing to Oklahoma's Roy Williams, and the national defensive player of the Year by Football News. Sophomore linebacker Jonathan Vilma leads the team with 73 tackles, including five tackles for loss. Junior defensive tackle William Joseph leads the team in tackles for loss with 19-85, including 10 sacks for 69 yards lost. Junior defensive end Jerome McDougle has 55 tackles, 14 for loss, six sacks and leads the team with 41 quarterback hurries. Place-kicker Todd Sievers led the nation averaging 1.91 field goals per game, successfully kicking 21-of-26 attempts.

## About the Huskers

### Huskers In the National Statistical Rankings

Nebraska finished among the nation's top 25 in 10 of the 14 categories this season. NU ranked among the top 22 in all five main defensive categories, including second in pass efficiency defense (83.81 rating), ninth in pass defense (170.25 ypg), sixth in scoring defense (15.75 ypg), eighth in total defense (287.17 ypg) and 22nd in rushing defense (116.92 ypg). In addition, NU ranked tied for seventh nationally with 19 interceptions; ranked first in opponent completion percentage (43.3), second allowing 5.17 yards per passing attempt, and tied for seventh allowing just eight touchdown passes.

On the offensive side, NU won its 15th NCAA rushing title (314.7 ypg), and ranked among the top 25 in total offense (451.17 ypg, 12th) and scoring offense with (37.42 ppg, seventh). NU also ranked eighth in kickoff returns (25.23 ypr) and 14th in punt returns (13.12 ypr). NU also ranked first in yards per rush (5.62) and first in rushing TDs with 47.

Individually, junior I-back **Dahrran Diedrick** ranked 14th in rushing, averaging 118.09 yards per game, and 22nd in scoring, averaging 9.67 points per game. Quarterback **Eric Crouch** was 38th in rushing (92.92 ypg), third among quarterbacks, and ranked 10th in scoring (9.67 ppg), first among quarterbacks. He tied for first among quarterbacks with 18 rushing TDs, a number that tied for fifth among all rushers, and ranked second among quarterbacks in rushing yards per carry (5.5). Sophomore **Kyle Larson** ranked 29th in punting, averaging 42.52 yards per punt. Junior cornerback **DeJuan Groce** ranked ninth in punt returns, averaging 14.21 yards per return. Sophomore I-back **Josh Davis** ranked 14th in kickoff returns, averaging 27.0 yards per return. Sophomore free safety **Willie Amos** ranked 33rd in interceptions with 0.40 per game.

### Injury Update

Nebraska has suffered six season-ending injuries. Starting nose tackle **Jason Lohr** and five 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**, junior cornerback **Rodney Burgess**, and wingback **John Klem**, who suffered a torn ACL in the Kansas State game. Freshman rover **Philip Bland**, who did not play in the Huskers' last regular-season game against Colorado with an injured foot, is probable for action in the bowl game.

### Honors Roll in for Huskers

Several Huskers have been honored for their academic and athletic standing this season. Quarterback **Eric Crouch** won three of the five awards he was a finalist for, including the school's third Heisman (also

## Charting Heisman Trophy Winner 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*	3,895	7,469
<b>Eric Crouch, Nebraska, 98-01*</b>	<b>3,434</b>	<b>4,481</b>

### 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
<b>3. Eric Crouch, QB, 98-01*</b>	<b>648</b>	<b>3,434</b>	<b>59</b>

### Big 12 Career Rushing

<u>Rank, Player, School, Years</u>	<u>Yds.</u>	<u>TDs</u>
1. Ricky Williams, UT, 96-98	5,289	64#
2. Darren Davis, ISU, 96-99	3,763	26
3. Ricky Williams, TT, 97-01*	3,638	35
<b>4. Eric Crouch, NU, 98-01*</b>	<b>3,434</b>	<b>59</b>

### NCAA Div. I-A QB Rushing

<u>Rank, Player, School, Years</u>	<u>Yds</u>	<u>TDs</u>
1. Antwaan Randle El, Ind., 98-01+*	3,895	44
2. Dee Dowis, Air Force, 86-89	3,612	41
3. Kareem Wilson, Ohio, 95-98	3,597	49
<b>4. Eric Crouch, NU, 98-01*</b>	<b>3,434</b>	<b>59#</b>

### Nebraska Career Passing

<u>Rank, Player, Years</u>	<u>Yds</u>	<u>TD</u>
1. Dave Humm, 72-74	5,035	41
2. Jerry Tagge, 69-71	4,704	32
<b>3. Eric Crouch, 98-01*</b>	<b>4,481</b>	<b>29</b>

### Big 12 Career Passing

<u>Rank</u>	<u>Yards</u>	<u>Player/School/Tenure</u>
1.	8,353	Major Applewhite, UT, 98-01*
2.	7,412	Kliff Kingsbury, TT, 1999-01*
3.	6,852	Josh Heupel, OU, 1999-00
4.	5,235	Todd Bandhauer, ISU, 1996-98
5.	4,797	Mike Moschetti, CU, 1998-99
6.	4,642	Jonathan Beasley, KSU, 1997-00
<b>7.</b>	<b>4,481</b>	<b>Eric Crouch, NU, 98-01*</b>

### Nebraska Career Scoring

<u>Player, Years</u>	<u>Pts.</u>
1. Kris Brown, PK, 95-98	388
<b>2. Eric Crouch, QB, 98-01*</b>	<b>368</b>
3. Mike Rozier, IB, 81-83	312
4. Ahman Green, IB, 95-97	270
5. Johnny Rodgers, WB, 70-72	264
6. Calvin Jones, IB, 91-93	252
<b>7. Josh Brown, PK, 99-01*</b>	<b>227</b>

### Big 12 Career Scoring/Rush TDs

<u>Player, Years</u>	<u>Pts.</u>	<u>TDs</u>
1. Ricky Williams, UT, 96-98	404	64
<b>2. Eric Crouch, NU, 98-01*</b>	<b>368</b>	<b>59</b>

### Big 12 Career Total Offense

<u>Rank, Player, Years</u>	<u>Yds.</u>	<u>TD</u>
1. Major Applewhite, UT, 98-01*	8,064	61
<b>2. Eric Crouch, NU, 1998-01*</b>	<b>7,915</b>	<b>88</b>

\*active players, # NCAA record

wingback/return specialist Johnny Rodgers in 1972 and I-back Mike Rozier in 1983), NU's second Walter Camp Player-of-the-Year Award (also Rozier) and the school's first Davey O'Brien Award. He was also a finalist for the Johnny Unitas Quarterback Award and the Maxwell Player of the Year. Crouch was one of 15 semifinalists for the Football News Offensive Player of the Year, was named the ABC/Chevrolet Offensive Player of the Year and won first-team All-America honors from the AP (as all-purpose player), AFCA and The Sporting News. Crouch was the unanimous pick for Big 12 Offensive Player-of-the-Year honors.

Left offensive guard **Toniu Fonoti** was one of three finalists for the Outland Trophy and was named one of 12 Lombardi Award semifinalists.

On defense, linebacker **Jamie Burrow** was named the Bronko Nagurski National Defensive Player of the Week by the Football Writers Association for his 17-tackle effort against Oklahoma and was added to their watch list for the defensive player-of-the-year award. Left cornerback **Keyuo Craver** was a semifinalist for the Jim Thorpe defensive back award, a semifinalist for Football News Defensive Player of the Year and a finalist for the Mosi Tatupu Special Teams Award.

**Fonoti** and **Craver** were named first-team All-Americans by Football News and The Sporting News, while rush end **Chris Kelsay** was a second-team selection by Football News. **Fonoti** was also a first-team All-American by the Football Writers Association, AP and Walter Camp Foundation.

Nebraska saw five Huskers earn first-team All-Big 12 honors in 2001. Crouch was named to every Big 12 team and was the offensive player of the year by the coaches, AP, Kansas City Star, Dallas Morning News, Austin American Statesman and the Waco Tribune Herald. **Fonoti** and **Craver** were both first-team selections by the AP and Big 12 coaches. I-back **Dahrran Diedrick** earned first-team honors from the AP, Dallas Morning News, Kansas City Star, Austin American Statesman and Waco Tribune Herald and rush end **Chris Kelsay** earned first-team honors from the Kansas City Star and the Waco Tribune Herald.

Offensive tackle **Dave Volk** earned unanimous second-team honors, linebacker **Jamie Burrow** earned second-team accolades from the AP, Kansas City Star and Austin American Statesman and defensive tackle **Jeremy Slechta** earned second-team honors from the Dallas Morning News.

The Big 12 coaches or AP gave honorable-mention honors to rush end **Demoine Adams**, free safety/rover **Dion Booker**, fullback **Judd Davies**, center **John Garrison**, cornerback/punt returner **DeJuan Groce**, punter **Kyle Larson**, offensive guard **Jon Rutherford**, linebacker **Scott Shanle**, split end **Wilson Thomas** and tight end **Tracey Wistrom**. Coach **Frank Solich** was a semifinalist for the Football News Coach of the Year Award and earned Big 12 Coach of the Year honors from the league coaches.

### 17 Huskers Play in Bowl With Degree in Hand

Seventeen Huskers will play in the bowl game with degree in hand. **Dave Volk** (psychology), **Jamie Burrow** (biological sciences), **Erwin Swiney** (sociology) and junior **Demoine Adams** (political science) have played all season with degrees in hand while 13 more earned their degree at the conclusion of this semester on Dec. 22, including **Mic Boettner** (exercise science), **Dion Booker** (communication studies), **Keyuo Craver** (communication studies), **Eric Crouch** (exercise science), **Tim Demerath** (business management), **John Gibson** (sociology), **Jeff Hemje** (electrical engineering), **Matt Ickes** (agribusiness), **Kyle Kollmorgen** (communication studies), **Carl Scholting** (diversified agricultural studies), **Mark Vedral** (business administration), **J.P. Wichmann** (advertising) and **Wes Woodward** (construction management).

### Academic Honors

Several Huskers earned academic honors as well this season. 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 and received an \$18,000 postgraduate scholarship at the Hall of Fame

### Nebraska's 23 Seniors in 2001

(starters in bold, \*letters, +Co-Captain)

Steve Altstadt\*, LG, Fort Calhoun, Neb.

Mic Boettner, Rover, Omaha, Neb.

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

**Jamie Burrow\*\*\*, MLB, Ames, Iowa**

**+Keyuo Craver\*\*\*, LCB, Harleton, Texas**

**+Eric Crouch\*\*\*, QB, Omaha, Neb.**

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)**

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

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

Carl Scholting, FS, Springfield, Neb.

**+Jeremy Slechta\*\*\*, DT, LaVista, Neb.**

**Erwin Swiney\*\*\*, RCB, Lincoln, Neb.**

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

**+Dave Volk\*\*\*, LT, Norfolk, Neb.**

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

**+Tracey Wistrom\*\*\*, TE, Webb City, Mo.**

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

dinner, Dec. 11.

Wistrom became the school's 59th Verizon/CoSIDA Academic All-American, continuing a streak of at least 16 years in which NU has had at least one honoree. Wistrom and his brother Grant, who was an academic All-American two years, in 1996 and 1997, are the first pair of brothers at NU to be so honored. Nebraska leads the nation in football academic All-Americans and in all sports.

**Volk, Wistrom, Judd Davies** and **Chris Kelsay** earned Verizon/CoSIDA Academic All-District VII honors and were contenders for academic All-America honors, while 15 additional Huskers earned first-team academic All-Big 12 honors, including **Mic Boettner, Joe Chrisman, Sandro DeAngelis, Gabe Fries, Nick Gragert, Troy Hassebroek, Jeff Hemje, Trevor Johnson, Phil Peetz, Pat Ricketts, Kyle Ringenberg, Carl Scholting, Jeremy Slechta, Aaron Terpening** and **Wes Woodward**. Nebraska has had at least one first-team academic All-American for the past 16 years (every year since 1986).

Eleven Huskers earned second-team academic All-Big 12 honors giving Nebraska a Big 12-leading 30 honorees in all (12 more than the second Big 12 team). Second-team honorees include **Demoine Adams, Jamie Burrow, Keyuo Craver, Tim Demerath, John Klem, Steve Kriewald, Kyle Larson, Casey Nelson, Justin Smith, Wilson Thomas** and **J.P. Wichmann**.

Volk is one of four Huskers all time to be named to the academic all-conference first team four straight years, joining punter Mike Stigge (1989-90-91-92), offensive tackle Rob Zatechka (1991-92-93-94) and linebacker Brian Shaw (1996-97-98-99). Burrow is also a four-time honoree, being named to either the first or second team in each of the last four years. Three-time first-team honorees include Davies, Kelsay and Wistrom.

## 23 Seniors Conclude Stellar Ride

Nebraska's 33rd consecutive bowl game will be the last for 23 Husker seniors. The group has posted a 42-8 record to date. They are 26-1 at Memorial Stadium and have won the last 21 games at home, boasting the nation's longest active home winning streak. The seniors have won a Big 12 Championship in 1999 and two of three bowl games. **Erwin 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 11-1 Huskers. Three of the seniors have not redshirted, including **Craver, Jason Lohr** and **Jeremy Slechta**. Lohr could petition for a fifth year.

## Huskers in Postseason Games

Several Huskers will participate in postseason bowls this season. The tentative lineup includes: **Senior Bowl (Jan. 26)**—tight end Tracey Wistrom and quarterback Eric Crouch, cornerback Keyuo Craver invited; **East-West Shrine (Jan. 12)**—linebacker Jamie Burrow, Crouch invited; **Hula Bowl (Feb. 2)**—Crouch and Craver invited; **All-Star Gridiron Classic (Jan. 26)**—cornerback Erwin Swiney and defensive tackle Jeremy Slechta.

## Three Huskers Earn All-America Honors

### ► Senior LCB Keyuo Craver

First-Team All-American, Jim Thorpe Award Finalist; Mosi Tatupu Special Teams Finalist

Senior cornerback and captain **Keyuo Craver** earned first-team All-America honors from Football News and The Sporting News. He was a first-team coaches and AP All-Big 12 honoree, was a member of the Jim Thorpe Award watch list for the nation's best defensive back for the second straight year and was a semifinalist in 2001. He was also a finalist for the Mosi Tatupu Special Teams Player of the Year. He is a two-time first-team all-conference honoree and has been a steady performer for the Huskers, as he continues to be assigned the opponent's best receiver. Craver ranks second all time at Nebraska in career pass breakups with 41,

including 13 in 2001. He finished nine behind 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 35, ranks fourth in tackles with 60, has two tackles for loss, has caused a fumble and has 21 punt returns for 246 yards (11.7 average, ranks 25th nationally). He has three of the team's 19 interceptions, leading a secondary that ranks second nationally in pass efficiency defense (83.81 rating), ninth in pass defense (170.2 ypg), first in opponent completion percentage (43.3), second in opponent yards per pass attempt (5.17) and tied for seventh in interceptions (19). Craver was Nebraska's nominee for Big 12 Defensive Player of the Week vs. Rice (when he had seven tackles, two tackles for loss, two breakups and a fumble caused) and Iowa State (57-yard interception return for TD, nine tackles, two PBUs). 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 192.

**Craver's School Records...Bowl Game...**Most breakups—3 vs. Northwestern in 2000, ties several others.

### ► Senior Quarterback Eric Crouch

First-Team All-American, Heisman Trophy, Davey O'Brien Award, Walter Camp Player of the Year, Johnny Unitas and Maxwell Award Finalist, Unanimous All-Big 12 Conference Offensive Player of the Year; Unanimous First-Team All-Big 12

In 2001, All-American **Eric Crouch** was a finalist for every player-of-the-year award, and became the first Husker since quarterback Tommie Frazier (1995) to get an invite to New York for the Heisman ceremony. Crouch came home from the ESPN/New York trip with three trophies in hand, being named the Walter Camp Player of the Year, and winning the Davey O'Brien and Heisman trophies. Crouch has led the Huskers to an 11-1 record this season, and while the honors continue to come his way, including unanimous All-Big 12 Offensive Player of the Year, he will still tell you that not much else matters except his career goal of a national championship. Crouch will still get his chance when he faces Miami in the Rose Bowl. Only four players (two quarterbacks) have won the Heisman and led their teams to a share of the national championship (Tony Dorsett, Pittsburgh, 1976, HB; Charlie Ward, Florida State, 1993, QB; Danny Wuerffel, Florida, 1996, QB; and Charles Woodson, Michigan, 1997, CB). The senior from Omaha had his best game ever, and the best game by any Husker at Colorado in defeat, tallying 360 yards of total offense and two TDs, but the team fell short.

In each of the past eight games he has put his name in the Nebraska, Big 12 and NCAA record books, making a successful run 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; against Kansas State Crouch rushed for more than 100 yards for the fifth time this season; at Colorado, Crouch became the 13th NCAA Division I-A player to rush and pass for 1,000 yards in a season (second at NU) and set a school record with 360 total-offense yards (198 passing, 162 rushing).

**Winning Ways...**Boasting a 35-6 record as Nebraska's starting quarterback, Crouch is the ninth Division I-A quarterback all time to post 35 wins as a starter and ranks tied for fourth in NCAA history. 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



## Big 12 Conf. POW Nominees

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

**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.	<b>Keyuo Craver, LCB, 98-01</b>	<b>41</b>
3.	<b>Erwin Swiney, RCB, 97-01</b>	<b>38</b>
4.	<b>DeJuan Groce, RCB, 99-01</b>	<b>33</b>

## 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. <b>Keyuo Craver, CB, 98-01</b>	<b>192</b>

## NU Career Tight Ends by Yards

Rank, Player, Years	No. Yards	Avg. TD
1. <b>Tracey Wistrom, 97-01</b>	<b>58 1,150</b>	20.0 10
2. Junior Miller, 77-79	55 1,045	19.0 12
3. Jerry List, 70-72	61 901	14.8 5
4. Todd Millikan, 85-88	40 825	<b>20.6 14</b>

*current Huskers in bold*

## NU Career Receptions

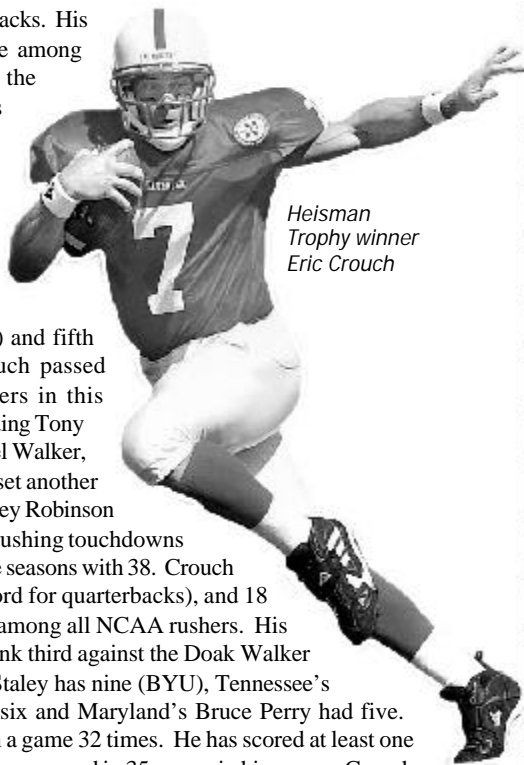
Rank, Player, Years	No. Yds	TD
1. Johnny Rodgers, WB, 70-72	143 2,479	25
2. Matt Davison, SE, 97-00	93 1,456	6
3. Jeff Kinney, HB, 69-71	82 864	3
4. Guy Ingles, SE, 68-70	74 1,157	11
5. Tim Smith, SE, 7-79	72 1,089	3
6. Irving Fryar, WB, 81-83	67 1,196	11
7. Tom Penney, SE, 66-68	66 926	2
8. Todd Brown, 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. <b>Tracey Wistrom, TE, 97-01</b>	<b>58 1,150</b>	<b>10</b>

## NU Top Eight Seasons by Receptions

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. <b>Wilson Thomas, SE, 2001</b>	<b>37-616</b>
7. Dennis Richnafsky, SE, 1967	36-422
8. Johnny Rodgers, WB, 1970	35-665

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 an 11-1 record. The NCAA Division I-A record is 39 wins by Peyton Manning of Tennessee (from 1994 to 1997). Crouch and Frazier are the only Husker quarterbacks in the modern era to start games as freshmen. Crouch has never lost to an unranked opponent, has never lost a game he started at home, has posted eight wins against ranked teams and has 32 wins in the last three years, as NU has been in national title contention every year.

**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 3,434 career rushing yards on 648 carries to rank third on the NU career rushing charts, first among quarterbacks. His career rushing yards rank fourth all time among Division I-A quarterbacks and fourth in the Big 12, first among quarterbacks. Crouch's 59 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 (five behind Texas' Ricky Williams' 64, from 1996 to 1998) and fifth all-time in NCAA Division I-A. Crouch passed several former Heisman Trophy winners in this category in the season's final weeks, including Tony Dorsett, Steve Owens, Billy Sims, Herschel Walker, Mike Rozier and Barry Sanders. Crouch set another NCAA record against Colorado, tying Stacey Robinson (Northern Illinois, 1989-90) for the most rushing touchdowns scored by a quarterback in two consecutive seasons with 38. Crouch had 20 last season, (tying the NCAA record for quarterbacks), and 18 this season. His 18 TDs are tied for fifth among all NCAA rushers. His six 100-yard rushing games this season rank third against the Doak Walker Running Back Award Finalists, as Luke Staley has nine (BYU), Tennessee's Travis Stephens had seven, Crouch had six and Maryland's Bruce Perry had five. Crouch has rushed for 50 or more yards in a game 32 times. He has scored at least one rushing touchdown in 10 of 12 games this season and in 35 games in his career. Crouch has rushed for 100 yards in a game 16 times, a figure that ties for third all time at NU. He has had three or more rushing TDs in a game seven times in his career, and has had multiple rushing TDs 18 times. Crouch has 37 runs of 25 yards or more.



Heisman Trophy winner  
Eric Crouch

**Career Passing...**Crouch has 4,481 career passing yards, reaching the 4,000-yard plateau with 102 passing yards vs. Oklahoma. He ranks third on the NU passing chart, 223 behind Jerry Tagge's 4,704 yards from 1969 to 1971 and 554 behind school record-holder Dave Humm's 5,035 yards from 1972 to 1974. In the Big 12, Crouch ranks seventh all time. Crouch has had 25 100-yard passing games and had a season-best 198 at Colorado in 2001. He has thrown 48 passes of 25 yards or more and has had three-or-more passing TD games four times with a school-record tying five vs. Iowa in 2000.

**Career Total Offense...**In total offense, Crouch passed the 7,000-yard mark against Texas Tech and holds the Nebraska record with 7,915 yards, nearly 2,500 more than former NU record-holder Tommie Frazier, who totaled 5,476 from 1992 to 1995. Crouch ranks second in the Big 12 behind Texas' Major Applewhite's 8,064 (1998-present). Crouch owns the Nebraska and Big 12 record for most total-offense TDs with 88 (59 rush, 29 pass) and ranks 11th in NCAA Division I-A history.

**Career Scoring...**Crouch has scored 61 touchdowns, 59 by rush and twice on receptions. The 61 TDs better Mike Rozier's previous school record of 51 TDs scored from 1981 to 1983. Crouch 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 is sixth all time in NCAA Division I-A career scoring (non-kickers) with 368 points, which includes one two-point conversion run against TCU this season. He finishes 20 points behind school-record holder Kris Brown's 388 from 1995 to 1998 and 36 points behind Big 12 record holder and Heisman Trophy winner Ricky Williams, who had 404 points scored for Texas from 1996 to 1998.

**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 and the first reception for Crouch 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. In fact, he has put his name into the Husker record book 32 times. At Colorado he became just the 13th quarterback in Division I-A to rush and pass for 1,000 yards in a season. Former Husker Scott Frost, who had 1,237 yards passing and 1,095 rushing yards in 1997, is the only other Husker to reach the mark. Crouch's current major records include: **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); most rushing yards by a quarterback—1,115; most total-offense attempts—392 in 2001; most total-offense yards—2,625 in 2001. **Career...**Most rushing attempts by an NU quarterback—648; most rushing yards by an NU QB—3,434; most rushing touchdowns by a QB—59 (Big 12 and NCAA record); most rushing TDs by any Husker—59; most touchdowns scored—61 (59 by rush, two by reception); most total offense yards—7,915; most total offense TDs—88.

**This Season...**Crouch is second on the team in rushing this season with 1,115 yards in 12 games on 203 carries (92.9 ypg, 5.5 ypc). He has 18 rushing TDs, which is tied for fifth in the nation, first among quarterbacks and has scored at least one rushing touchdown in 10 of 12 games this season. His rushing average of 92.9 ypg ranks 38th in the nation, but third among quarterbacks. His yards per carry rank second among quarterbacks. He has rushed for 100 yards six times this season, including four straight beginning with Missouri. Crouch has a 55.6 completion percentage and a 124.31 pass-efficiency rating, completing 105-of-189 passes, for 1,510 yards, with seven touchdowns and 10 interceptions. One of his interceptions was a Hail Mary attempt vs. Oklahoma with no time remaining in the first half. Crouch became just the third Husker quarterback to pass for 1,000 yards in three consecutive seasons, joining Jerry Tagge (1969-70-71) and Dave Humm (1972-73-74) when he hit the 1,000-yard mark vs. Oklahoma. Crouch's 392 total offense attempts breaks Jerry Tagge's previous NU record (346 in 1971), while his 2,625 total-offense yards also rank first, ahead of Tagge's 2,333 in 1971. Crouch became the first Husker to score more than 100 points in three consecutive seasons, leading the team with 116 this season, recording three of the nine 100-point seasons in Husker history. He ranks 10th nationally in scoring, averaging 9.67 points per game, eighth among non-kickers and first among quarterbacks. Crouch led the Huskers in scoring for the third straight season, just the fifth Husker to do so and the third non-kicker.

**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. He also had 106 yards vs. Kansas State and 162 at Colorado, giving him six 100-plus rushing games this season. Crouch passed for a season-best 198 yards at CU and passed for 196 yards and three TDs vs. Texas Tech. He also threw three touchdowns and gained 165 yards vs. Rice. Crouch recorded three of his four 300-yard total-offense games this season with 311 at Missouri, 301 vs. Texas Tech and a school-record 360 at Colorado. Against Rice he boasted a

297.82 pass-efficiency rating, his second highest ever. He threw a career-long 78-yard pass to Wilson Thomas at Colorado and had 12 others of 25 yards or more this season. Crouch had a career-best 14 completions at Kansas and had a career-high 28 attempts at Colorado. 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; 204 passing yards vs. Texas in 1999; and 50 total-offense attempts vs. OU in 2000.

**Award Winner...**A first-team All-American (AP, AFCA, The Sporting News), Crouch was named the Walter Camp Player of the Year, the Heisman Trophy winner and the Davey O'Brien winner. He was also a finalist for the Johnny Unitas and Maxwell Awards. He has been nominated for Big 12 Offensive Player-of-the-Week honors seven times this year, winning three times (vs. TCU, Rice and Iowa State), to give him seven awards in his career. He was also the ABC Player of the game vs. TCU, Oklahoma and Colorado, giving him a total of 11 awards in his career. ABC/Chevrolet named him the 2001 player of the year.

Coach Solich appreciates what his Heisman winner has to offer and said Crouch deserved each honor that came his way, including the Heisman. *"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."*

## Crouch...The Best Option

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 tied for fifth among all Division I-A rushers with 18 rushing touchdowns this season. Crouch has rushed for 1,115 yards this year and ranks second among quarterbacks in yards per carry (5.5) and third in yards per game (92.9). Crouch has passed for another 1,510 yards and seven TDs, with a 55.6 completion percentage, giving him 2,625 total-offense yards, 46.5 percent of the team's 4,862 total-offense yards.

But consider, if you will, that Crouch has also been responsible for 523 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 523 option yards, plus the 63 on his TD reception vs. Oklahoma, to his total-offense yards (2,625), Crouch is responsible for 3,211 of NU's 5,414 total-offense yards, or 59 percent. Crouch has scored 116 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 192 of Nebraska's 449 points, or 42.8 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 proved he could, winning the award over three passing quarterbacks. 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) and 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).

## NCAA Career Rushing TDs

<u>Player, Team</u>	<u>Years</u>	<u>TD</u>
1. Travis Prentice, Miami (Ohio)	96-99	73
2. Ricky Williams, Texas	95-98	72
3. Anthony Thompson, Ind.	86-89	64
4. Ron Dayne, Wisconsin	96-99	63
<b>5. Eric Crouch, Nebraska</b>	<b>98-01</b>	<b>59</b>
6. Marshall Faulk, San Diego St.	91-93	57

## NCAA Career Scorers

(Non-Kickers)

<u>Player, Team</u>	<u>Years</u>	<u>Pts.</u>
1. Travis Prentice, Miami (Ohio)	96-99	468
2. Ricky Williams, Texas	95-98	452
3. Anthony Thompson, Ind.	86-89	394
4. Ron Dayne, Wisconsin	96-99	378
5. Marshall Faulk, San Diego St.	91-93	376
<b>6. Eric Crouch, Nebraska</b>	<b>98-01</b>	<b>368</b>
7. Tony Dorsett, Pittsburgh	73-76	356

## 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	42-8-0	4	0
Since 1962	398-77-5	40	5
1890-1962	366-223-35	72	0
All-Time	764-300-40	112	5

## Husker AP Ranking Notes

- ▶ Nebraska has been ranked in the AP poll 341 consecutive weeks—an AP record
- ▶ NU has been ranked in the top 10 for 146 of the last 152 weeks (1993 to present); and in the last 49 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.	<b>Nebraska</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>33</b>
2.	Florida State	25	14
3.	Florida	21	11

## 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
	<b>Eric Crouch*</b>	<b>Neb., 98-01</b>	<b>35-6-0</b>
	Mark Barsotti	Fresno St., 88-91	35-6-1
	Donovan McNabb	Syra., 95-98	35-14-0

\*active; § Pennington was 45-6 as a starter from 1995, 1997-99, but only last three years were Division I-A, record shown is all as Div. I-A

## Other Nebraska QBs...

Tommie Frazier	Neb., 92-95	33-3-0
Steve Taylor	Nebraska, 85-88	29-6-0
Turner Gill	Nebraska, 81-83	28-2-0

## ▶ Junior LG Toniu Fonoti

First-Team All-American; Outland Finalist; Lombardi Semifinalist

Starting left guard **Toniu Fonoti** pairs with **Dave Volk**, giving Nebraska a sure bet for yards off the left side. Fonoti is a unanimous All-Big 12 selection and has been named a first-team All-American by the Football Writers Association of America, AP, Walter Camp, The Sporting News and Football News. He was a finalist for the Outland Trophy and was a semifinalist for the Lombardi. 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, and 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 had a school-record 201 this year, 46 more than his school-record total 155 in 11 games in 2000. He also broke his own school record for season pancake average of 14.1 set last year, as he averaged 16.5 this season. Fonoti followed up his incredible Texas Tech performance with 25 vs. Kansas State, and 19 at Colorado and broke the career record for pancakes with 379 in three seasons, bettering the three-year total of 377 set by 1997 Outland Trophy winner Aaron Taylor. Fonoti's career average of 10.82 also bettered Taylor's school-record average of 10.67. Fonoti owns four of the school's eight 20-plus pancake performances, including 21 at the Alamo Bowl last year. Honors are nothing new to the junior who has not redshirted and who turned 20 on the Monday after the Colorado game. Fonoti earned first-team All-Big 12 honors from the Dallas Morning News in 2000 as a sophomore. He had double-figure pancakes in all but one of the Huskers' 12 games last year (Kansas State) and double-figure 'cakes in 11 of 12 games this season (all except Troy State).

Fonoti broke the school season record last season, with 155 pancakes, 15 better than Dominic Raiola's 1999 season record of 140. He also established a then-school record for pancakes per game at 14.1, bettering Raiola's 1999 average of 11.67. In 2001, Fonoti has led the team in pancakes in each of the last eight games. His game-by-game totals include: 10 vs. TCU, 6 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; 16 vs. Kansas; 25 vs. Kansas State; and 19 vs. Colorado, for a team-best and school-record 201 this season (16.5 ppg). He has not been responsible for a sack or penalty this season. Fonoti has 379 career pancakes (23 in 1999, 155 in 2000, 201 in 2001), becoming the fastest lineman to the 300 mark.

Offensive line coach Milt Tenopir has seen his Husker linemen earn 21 All-America honors, six Outlands and two Lombardi Awards, but notes that "*Toniu is special. Toniu is blessed with all the physical talent in the world.*"

## Fonoti's School Records...

**Game...**Most pancakes—32 vs. Texas Tech, 2001; **Season...**Most pancakes—201 in 2001; best average—16.5 in 2001; **Career...**Most pancakes—379; best average—10.82.

## NU Pancake Records Career (300 or more)

Rank	Player	Years	'cakes
1.	<b>Toniu Fonoti</b>	<b>99-01</b>	<b>379</b>
2.	Aaron Taylor	95-97	377
3.	Dominic Raiola	98-00	361
4.	Russ Hochstein	97-00	346
5.	<b>Dave Volk</b>	<b>98-01</b>	<b>333</b>

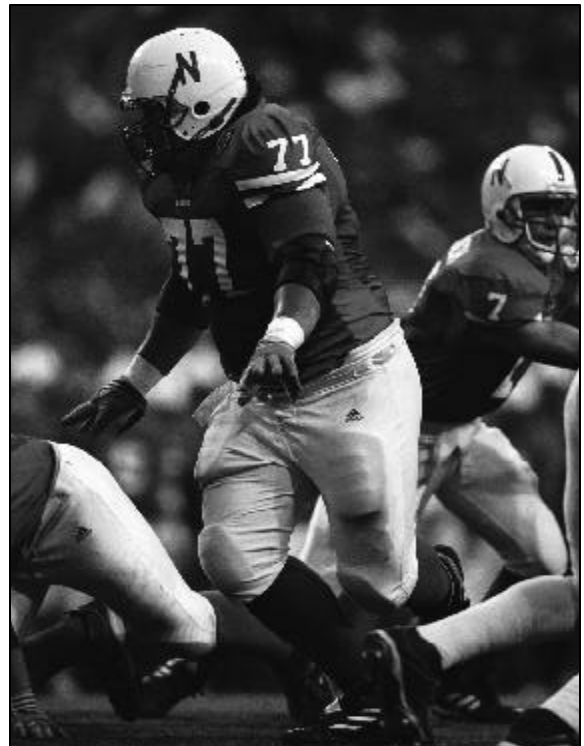
## Season (140 or more)

Rank	Player	Year	'cakes
1.	<b>Toniu Fonoti</b>	<b>2001</b>	<b>201</b>
2.	<b>Toniu Fonoti</b>	<b>2000</b>	<b>155</b>
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.	<b>Toniu Fonoti</b>	<b>TTU</b>	<b>01</b>	<b>32</b>
2.	<b>Toniu Fonoti</b>	<b>KSU</b>	<b>01</b>	<b>25</b>
3.	Russ Hochstein	ND	00	23
	Josh Heske	Cal	'98	23
5.	<b>Dave Volk</b>	<b>KSU</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>20</b>
	<b>Toniu Fonoti</b>	<b>BU</b>	<b>01</b>	<b>20</b>
	<b>John Garrison</b>	<b>KSU</b>	<b>01</b>	<b>20</b>

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

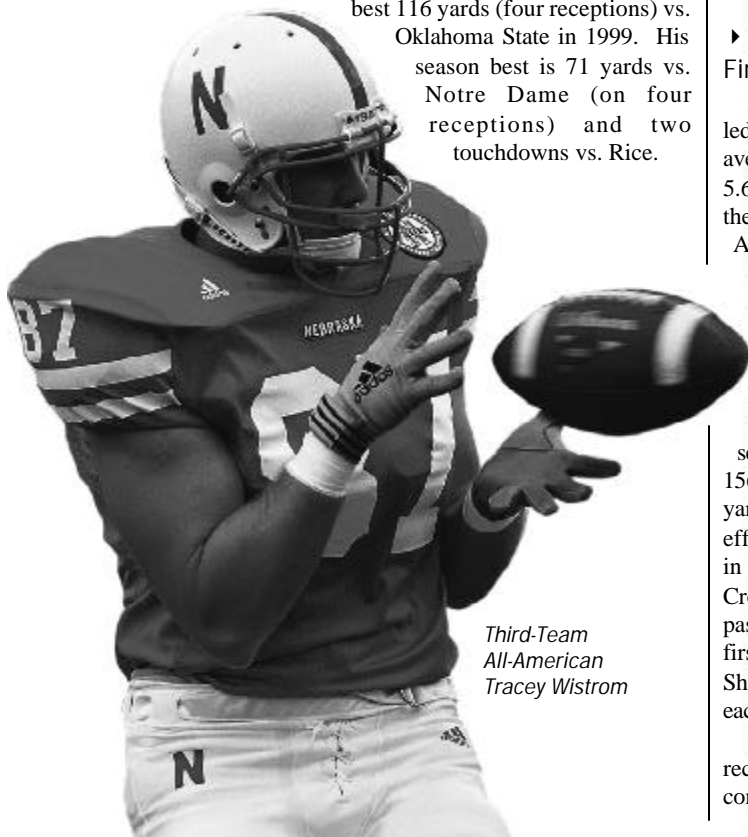


First-team All-American guard Toniu Fonoti was a finalist for the Outland Trophy in 2001.

► **Senior Tight End Tracey Wistrom**  
Mackey Award Semifinalist; First-Team Academic All-American;  
Third-Team All-American

**Tracey Wistrom** has had at least three catches in four of the 11 games he has played in this season (missed Texas Tech) and at least one catch in nine of 11 games played and in 13 of the last 15 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 1,150 total. A two-time All-Big 12 honoree, Wistrom claimed third-team AP All-America honors last season and this year was a semifinalist for the John Mackey Award and earned third-team All-America honors from the AP and The Sporting News. Wistrom earned first-team Verizon/CoSIDA Academic All-America honors this year, after earning All-District VII accolades in 2000 and 2001 and boasts 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 received 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 other Huskers. Grant was also a two-time academic All-American (1996, 1997), and he and Tracey are the first pair of brothers to earn the honor. 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 just missed the school record for best career average by a tight end, averaging 19.8 yards per catch (58 receptions, 1,150 yards, school record is 20.6). 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. Wistrom had 19 catches for 314 yards with five touchdowns in 2000 and had 21 catches for 323 yards and two TDs this season (15.3 ypc, 2.4 receptions per game, 36.3 yards per game). Wistrom's 58 receptions are 12th on the NU all-time receiving chart and second among tight ends. His 1,150 yards rank first among tight ends and fifth overall. Wistrom tied his career best with four catches vs. Notre Dame and Rice and has had four receptions six times in his career. He had 100-yard receiving games three times 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.



*Third-Team  
All-American  
Tracey Wistrom*

**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—1,150.

► **Senior Left Tackle Dave Volk**  
Three-Time Academic All-District VII; Four-Time Academic All-Big 12 Conference

Starting every game the last three years at tackle (right tackle in 1999 and left tackle in 2000 and 2001, 38 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 343 career pancakes to rank fifth all time at Nebraska, including five in 1998, 111 in 1999, 107 last year and 120 this season. Volk has had double-figure pancakes in eight of the last 10 games with a season-best 16 vs. Kansas State. One of four Huskers ever to be named to four-straight academic all-conference first teams, Volk was nominated for academic All-America honors this season after being named a three-time member of the Verizon/CoSIDA Academic All-District VII team. Volk 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.

► **Junior Rush End Chris Kelsay**  
Academic All-District VII; Three-Time First-Team Academic All-Big 12; Second-Team All-American; First-Team All-Big 12

Rush end Chris Kelsay, like Wistrom, is also hoping to follow in his brother's footsteps as he hopes to become an academic All-American as Chad did in 1998. Kelsay was named to the Verizon/CoSIDA All-District VII team and advanced on the ballot, but did not receive high honors this season. Ranking sixth on the team in tackles with 52 and first in tackles for loss (17-58) and quarterback hurries (12) and second in sacks (5-24), Kelsay earned second-team All-America honors from Football News and was a first-team All-Big 12 honoree by the Kansas City Star.

► **Junior I-back Dahrran Diedrick**  
First-Team All-Big 12; Big 12's Leading Rusher

Quietly rushing to a 1,000-yard season, Diedrick missed a game, yet led the Big 12 with 1,299 rushing yards. He ranked 14th nationally averaging 118.1 yards per game and scored 15 rushing TDs while averaging 5.6 yards per carry. Diedrick earned first-team All-Big 12 honors from the Associated Press, the Kansas City Star, the Dallas Morning News, the Austin American Statseman and the Waco Tribune Herald. Diedrick had seven 100-yard rushing games, including a career-best 177 vs. Troy State, and rushed for 74 or more yards in every game he played in this season.

### The Receivers

The team averages 14.8 yards per catch and has 111-1,638 on the season, averaging 136.5 receiving yards per game, the best since averaging 156.5 yards per game in 1995. While Nebraska is last in the Big 12 in average yards per game, NU is very efficient, ranking fourth in the league in passing efficiency (127.13, 8.96 points out of first, 43rd in the nation) and first in yards per attempt (8.23) and first in yards per completion (14.8). Crouch has enjoyed his best year passing, completing 55.6 percent of his passes. Nebraska has four receivers with double-figure receptions, for the first time since 1998 when Matt Davison (32), Shevin Wiggins (22), Sheldon Jackson (19), Kenny Cheatham (13) and Correll Buckhalter (13) each reached double figures.

The Huskers have had good production from each of their three starting receivers this season. Junior split end **Wilson Thomas** had an all-conference caliber season. He led the team with 37 catches for 616 yards

## 2001 Husker Honors List

► **Thorpe Award Semifinalist; Mosi Tatupu Special Teams Player of the Year Finalist; Football News Defensive POY Semifinalist; First-Team All-American (Football News, The Sporting News)**—Keyuo Craver, LCB

► **Heisman Trophy; Davey O'Brien; Walter Camp Player of the Year; ABC/Chevrolet Player of the Year; Johnny Unitas Finalist; Maxwell Award Finalist; Football News Offensive POY Semifinalist; First-Team All-American (AFCA, The Sporting News, AP)**—Eric Crouch, QB

► **Outland Trophy Finalist; Lombardi Award Semifinalist; First-Team All-American (AP, Walter Camp, The Sporting News, Football News, Football Writers)**—Toniu Fonoti, OG

► **John Mackey Award Semifinalist; Third-Team All-American (AP, The Sporting News); First-Team Verizon/CoSIDA Academic All-American; National Football Foundation/College Hall of Fame Scholar-Athlete (\$18,000 postgraduate scholarship)**—Tracey Wistrom, TE

► **Bronko Nagurski Defensive Player-of-the-Year Watch List**—Jamie Burrow, LB

► **AFCA Good Works**—Patrick Kabongo, DT

► **NACDA Postgraduate Scholarship**—Dave Volk, OT (\$5,000 postgraduate scholarship)

► **Football News Coach-of-the-Year Semifinalist; Big 12 Coach of the Year (Coaches)**—Frank Solich

► **Verizon/CoSIDA First-Team Academic All-America**  
Tracey Wistrom, Sr., TE, 3.303, Math

► **Verizon/CoSIDA Academic All-District VII (above +3)**  
Judd Davies, So., FB, 3.906, Comm. Studies  
Chris Kelsay, Jr., RE, 3.563, Finance  
Dave Volk, Sr., OT, 3.274, Psychology

► **Verizon/CoSIDA Academic All-America Nominees (above +5)**  
Jeff Hemje, Sr., DB, 3.851, Elect. Engin.  
Trevor Johnson, So., TE, 3.327, Bus. Admin.  
Pat Ricketts, So., CB, 3.324, Bus. Admin.  
Aaron Terpening, Jr., Rov., 3.267, Architect.  
Wes Woodward, Sr., Rov., 3.208, Const.Mn.

## Defensive Numbers...

- NU opponents are 54-of-189 (29 percent) on third-down conversions
- Opponents average just 3.4 yards per carry and 4.2 yards per play
- NU has converted 15 turnovers into 91 points
- NU has given up just 61 second-half points
- Nebraska ranks among the top 22 nationally in all four defensive categories
- NU leads the nation in yards per passing attempt allowed, allowing 4.81
- NU leads the nation allowing opponents to complete just 43.3 percent of its passes

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' 37 receptions and 616 yards 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. His 616 receiving yards are the most by a Husker split end all time and rank fifth overall, while his 37 receptions rank second among split ends and sixth overall. Thomas recorded one of six 600-yard receiving seasons for the Huskers, but only two Huskers have had more receiving yards in a season—1972 Heisman Trophy winner Johnny Rodgers (three times) and 1983 first-round draft pick Irving Fryar. Thomas had two touchdown receptions vs. Texas Tech (19 and 35 yards) and a 42-yard TD reception vs. Rice. Thomas also had six catches (for 48 yards) vs. Oklahoma and set a career-best with 109 yards (on three receptions) vs. Colorado.

Senior tight end **Tracey Wistrom** saw limited action in four games this season with a sore knee, but was nearly back to 100 percent at Colorado and should be full speed at the bowl game. Wistrom finished the season second behind Thomas with 21 catches for 323 yards and two TDs this season. Wistrom had two TD receptions vs. Rice (37 and 11 yards). His streak of at least one catch in 12 straight games came to an end against Kansas, but he caught at least one pass in all but two games this season. Both Thomas and Wistrom are excellent targets for Crouch at 6-6 and 6-5, respectively.

Junior I-back **Thunder Collins** is third on the Husker squad with 19 catches for 189 yards and has recorded at least one catch in each of the last eight games. 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 has the most receptions by a Husker running back since I-back Lawrence Phillips had 22 receptions for 172 yards in 1994 (Ahman Green had 14 receptions for 105 yards in 1997).

Senior wingback **John Gibson** is fourth on the team with 18 catches for 266 yards and one TD on the season (a 22-yard TD catch vs. Notre Dame). 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 (4-75-1 total). Fullback **Judd Davies** has two catches for nine yards and seven Huskers have one catch apiece, including tight end **Aaron Golliday**, split end **John Klem** (out for the season with a torn ACL in the KSU game), 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	Collins,IB	TEAM
TCU	3-38-0	3-53-0	2-44-0	1-12-0	9-151-0
TSU	3-36-0	5-83-0	1-8-0	0-0-0	9-127-0
ND	<b>4-71-0</b>	0-0-0	1-22-1	0-0-0	6-88-1
Rice	<b>4-67-2</b>	4-76-1	<b>3-53-0</b>	0-0-0	12- <b>205-3</b>
MU	2-26-0	3-59-0	1-17-0	1-7-0	8-120-0
ISU	1-20-0	2-29-0	3-35-0	<b>5-33-0</b>	11-117-0
BU	1-15-0	1-18-0	0-0-0	2-14-0	4-47-0
TTU	DNP	4-76-2	1-15-0	1-27-0	10-196-3
OU	1-17-0	<b>6-48-0</b>	0-0-0	2-18-0	11-165-1
KU	0-0-0	<b>6-65-0</b>	1-18-0	2-14-0	<b>14-164-0</b>
KSU	0-0-0	0-0-0	1-17-0	<b>1-45-0</b>	3-60-0
<b>CU</b>	<b>2-33-0</b>	<b>3-109-0</b>	<b>4-37-0</b>	<b>4-19-0</b>	<b>13-198-0</b>
<b>Totals</b>	<b>21-323-2</b>	<b>37-616-3</b>	18-266-1	19-189-0	111-1,638-8

## 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 314.7 yards per game to lead the nation. Nebraska has averaged 300 yards or more rushing in 21 of the last 25 years, counting 2001. NU won the rushing title last year, 15 times total and in 13 of the last 22 years, including the last two seasons. NU's 314.7 yards per game in 2001 is 33 yards better than No. 2 Rice at 281.5 and nearly 200 yards better than its opponent average this season (116.9).

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 six of 12 games this season and in five of the last eight, including 330 vs. Troy State, 412 vs. Missouri, 359 vs. Iowa State, 641 vs. Baylor, 335 vs. Texas Tech and 354 at Colorado. NU had a season-best 92 pancakes vs. Rice. The O-line was not 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, including one in the last eight games. As a team, Nebraska has 780 pancakes this season, averaging 65.0 per game.

Junior left guard **Toniui Fonoti** led the team with a school-record 201 pancakes, an average of 16.8 per game and had a school-record 32 vs. Texas Tech and 25 vs. Kansas State, which also bettered

the previous school record (23 by Russ Hochstein vs. Notre Dame in 2000 and Josh Heske vs. Cal, 1998). Fonoti led the team nine times and in each of the last eight games, with 18 vs. Notre Dame, 16 vs. Missouri, 11 vs. Iowa State, 20 vs. Baylor, 32 vs. Texas Tech, 13 vs. Oklahoma, 16 vs. Kansas and 19 vs. Colorado. He has had double-figure ‘cakes in each of the last 10 games. Center **John Garrison** is second on the team with 125 (10.4) and led the team with 10 vs. Troy State. His career best is 20 vs. Kansas State. Senior left tackle **Dave Volk** is third with 120 pancakes (10.0), including double-figure cakes in eight of the last 10 games. Senior right guard **Jon Rutherford** is fourth on the team with 98 pancakes (8.2) and led the team with 12 vs. TCU. He had a career-best 13 vs. Baylor. Sophomore right tackle **Dan Vili Waldrop** is fifth with 95 pancakes (7.9) and led the team with a career-best 17 vs. Rice. He also had 15 vs. Kansas State. Junior right guard **Wes Cody** is the sixth man in and ranks sixth on the team with 79 pancakes (6.6), including a career-best 14 vs. Rice. The O-line has had 11 offensive penalties this season for 91 yards and has given up just five sacks (three since the first game). The team gave up just seven sacks total this season, the lowest in five seasons.

## Two 1,000-Yard Rushers in One Season

For the first time since 1997 and just the third time in Husker history, Nebraska had two 1,000-yard rushers as I-back **Dahrran Diedrick** rushed for a team-best 1,299 yards and quarterback **Eric Crouch** rushed for 1,115 yards in 2001. The two combined for 2,414 yards on 436 carries (5.5 ypc, 201.1 ypg) and 33 touchdowns. The last time NU had two 1,000-yard rushers was also a quarterback-I-back combination, when QB Scott Frost (1,095) and I-back Ahman Green (1,877) combined for 2,972 yards in 1997 (NU’s last national championship season). In 1992, we-backs Calvin Jones (1,210) and Derek Brown (1,011) combined for 2,221 yards.

## The Running Backs

Junior I-back **Dahrran** (pronounced Darren) **Diedrick** has performed well for the Huskers, carrying the rushing load. Diedrick has 233 carries for 1,299 yards in 11 games, which was an average of 118.1 yards per game. He led the Big 12 in average and ranked 14th nationally. Diedrick averages 5.6 yards per carry and has lost just 20 yards on the season. Diedrick’s total ranks as the fourth-best by a junior in school history, behind current Green Bay Packer Ahman Green, who had 1,877 in 1997; 1983 Heisman Trophy winner Mike Rozer (1,689) and Ken Clark (1,497 in 1988). Diedrick’s 1,299 rushing yards rank 10th-best all time at NU. Diedrick, a first-team All-Big 12 honoree, had a career-high 32 carries against Notre Dame, the most by a Solich back and the most since 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; 136 yards on 21 carries at Kansas; and recorded his seventh 100-yard rushing game of the season with 108 yards on 24 carries vs. Kansas State, scoring one touchdown. Against the Jayhawks, Diedrick scored on a 38-yard run, which was his longest TD run and tied his longest run of the season. Diedrick ranks third in the Big 12 with 15 rushing touchdowns (behind Crouch’s 18), fourth in all-purpose yards with 117.5 ypg; and sixth in scoring, averaging 8.36 points per game (22nd nationally). Diedrick has had five runs of 25 yards or more this season. With his 136 yards at KU, Diedrick became the 24th Husker to rush for 1,000 yards in a season. He has had 100-yard rushing games in five of the last seven outings and nearly had 100 at Colorado with 94. Diedrick has 1,814 career rushing yards to rank 24th 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 647 yards on 94 carries with five TDs (53.9 ypg, team-best 6.9 ypc). Collins also has five of the Huskers’ 25 long runs of 25 yards or more, including a career-long 50-yarder at Baylor. His longest TD run is 26 yards vs. TCU. A versatile back, Collins also has 19 catches for 189 yards, including a long of 45 yards vs. Kansas State. His receptions rank third on the team.

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 had his fifth of the season vs. Kansas State (106) and his sixth at Colorado (162). He is second on the team with 1,115 yards on 203 carries and leads the Huskers with 18 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 became the 13th NCAA Division I-A quarterback to rush and pass for 1,000 yards in a season at Colorado. He joined Diedrick as the second Husker to reach the 1,000-yard rushing plateau this season. Starting fullback **Judd Davies** is fourth on the team with 40 carries for 238 yards (21.6 ypg, 5.9 ypc) and four TDs (two vs. Baylor). He did not play vs. Kansas while sitting out with an ankle sprain.

Sophomore **DeAntae Grixby** saw action in game one vs. TCU, 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 had eight carries for 61 yards on the season, scoring his first career touchdown vs. Baylor. Redshirt freshman **Steve Kriewald** (18-95-1) backs up Davies at fullback and scored his first touchdown at Colorado.

Nebraska led the nation in rushing for the second consecutive year and 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 NU, behind the school-record 677 vs. New Mexico State on Sept. 18, 1982. Nebraska has rushed for at least 300 yards in six of 12 games this year. Nebraska has scored a nation-best 47 touchdowns by rush (six more than second-best team), compared to 14 by its opponents. The 688 yards of total offense vs. Baylor was a season best, the best under Solich, and eight yards off the NU top 10 list.

## Charting the Husker Backs

### 2001 Rushing Stats, Att-Yd-TD, season bests in boldface

Opp.	Crouch	Diedrick	Collins	Davies	TEAM
TCU	<b>24-69-1</b>	DNP	<b>14-71-2</b>	2-1-0	50-159-3
TSU	15-48-1	<b>25-177-3</b>	11-52-1	2-10-0	60-330-5
ND	14-31-0	<b>32-133-2</b>	0-0-0	5-21-0	52-182-2
Rice	12-97-2	13-74-0	6-43-1	5-14-1	53-292-4
MU	17- <b>191-2</b>	24-86-2	13-46-0	3-6-0	72-412-5
ISU	15-104-4	15-107-1	4-62-0	3-10-0	54-359-6
BU	18-132-3	20-137-1	<b>13-165-0</b>	<b>12-119-2</b>	<b>73-641-7</b>
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
KU	13-49-1	21-136-2	5-32-1	DNP	51-284-5
KSU	23-106-1	24-108-1	6-27-0	5-23-0	58-264-2
<u>CU</u>	<u>18-167-2</u>	<u>16-94-2</u>	<u>11-61-0</u>	<u>2-9-0</u>	<u>49-354-5</u>
<b>Totals</b>	203-1115-18	233-1299-15	94-647-5	40-238-4	672-3776-47

## 2001 Big 12 Standings

North Records			
Team	Overall	Big 12	Bowl (Opp.)
Colorado*	10-2	7-1	Fiesta (Ore.)
<b>Nebraska</b>	<b>11-1</b>	<b>7-1</b>	<b>Rose (Miami)</b>
Iowa State	7-4	4-4	Indep. (Ala.)
Kansas St.	6-5	3-5	Insight (Syra.)
Missouri	6-5	3-5	
Kansas	3-8	1-7	

South Records			
Team	Overall	Big 12	Bowl (Opp.)
Texas	10-2	6-2	Holiday (Wash.)
Oklahoma	10-2	7-1	Cotton (Ark.)
Texas Tech	7-4	4-4	Alamo (Iowa)
Tex. A&M	7-4	4-4	GF.com (TCU)
Okla. St.	4-7	2-6	
Baylor	3-8	0-8	

### 2001 Nebraska Non-Conference Opponents

Team	Record	Bowl (Opp.)
TCU	6-5	GF.com(A&M)
Troy State	7-4	
Notre Dame	5-6	
Rice	8-4	

\* Colorado defeated Texas, 39-37, in Big 12 Conference championship game in Irving, Texas

### Huskers from Florida/California

► Five Huskers hail from the state of California, including Benard Thomas (East Palo Alto), Thunder Collins (Los Angeles), Dion Booker (Oceanside), Randy Landingham (Sonora) and Dan Vili Waldrop (Wilmington). Nebraska has just one player from the state of Florida on its squad, Rodney Burgess (Del Ray Beach).

### NU Individual Season Record Kickoff Returns

**Returns: 25; Josh Davis, 2001 (675 yards)**  
**Yards: 675; Josh Davis, 2001 (25 returns)**

### NU Top 6-Kickoff Return Yards

1. **675 Josh Davis, IB, 2001 (25 ret.)**
2. 523 Tyrone Hughes, WB, 1990 (18 ret.)
3. 510 Dana Brinson, WB, 1988 (23 ret.)
4. 424 Tyrone Hughes, WB, 1992 (19 ret.)
5. 389 Joe Walker, ROV, 1997 (15 ret.)
6. 372 Frank Solich, FB, 1965 (17 ret.)

### NU Individual Season Record Punt Returns

**Returns: 39; Johnny Rodgers, 1972 (618 yards)**  
**Yards: 618; Johnny Rodgers, 1972 (39 ret.)**

### NU Top 6-Punt Return Yards

1. 618 Johnny Rodgers, WB, 1972 (39 ret.)
2. 548 Johnny Rodgers, WB, 1971 (33 ret.)
3. **469 DeJuan Groce, CB, 2001 (33 ret.)**
4. 452 Larry Wachholtz, S, 1965 (31 ret.)
5. 349 Johnny Rodgers, WB, 1970 (26 ret.)
6. 330 Dana Brinson, WB, 1986 (27 ret.)

## 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. KSU completed just 4-of-18 passes for 37 yards, and had 239 rushing as NU picked off KSU quarterbacks three times and totaled three sacks. The Huskers had their worst outing at Colorado, giving up 380 yards rushing and eight TDs and 582 total-offense yards. Despite one bad outing, NU continues to be a strong second-half team, giving up just 61 second-half points in 12 games (17 in the third and 44 in the fourth). In addition, Nebraska has outscored its opponents 258-128 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 sixth in the nation in scoring defense, allowing just 15.75 points per game. Texas Tech scored 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 in a half at home in modern history. Colorado scored a school-record 62 points, including 28 in the first quarter and 42 in the first half, the most in any half vs. NU. Colorado is only the second team in the history of Nebraska football, and the first in 51 years, to defeat the Huskers when NU scores 35 or more points—proof that NU rarely gives up that many points.

The Blackshirts have given up 22 offensive touchdowns in 12 games (Baylor fell on a fumble in the end zone for its lone TD) and a total of 182 offensive points (62 by CU). 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 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. Kansas State scored 14 in the second quarter on a five-yard run and a 32-yard pass and added a fourth-quarter TD on a one-yard run. Colorado was just the third team to score more than 14 points on Nebraska, tallying 62 in the Huskers' only loss of the season. Other than the Colorado game, Nebraska has won every game by at least 10 points and an average of 26 points.

### Charting the Husker Defense

Opp.	Rush	Pass A-C-Y-T	Total	Sacks	TFL	QBH	PBU	TO	Pts.
TCU	28-56-0	22-11-130-1	50-186-1	2-19	12-40	3	3	1F, 0I	7
TSU	35-(-25)-1	36-15-190-1	71-165-2	<b>8-68</b>	<b>15-90</b>	9	5	1F, 2I	7
ND	30-43-1	32-16-119-0	62-162-1	2-8	8-21	4	3	<b>2F</b> , 2I	10
Rice	47-196-0	25-8-2-169-0	72-365-0	3-18	14-37	8	6	0F, 2I	7
MU	23-67-0	43-16-138-0	66-205-0	1-12	4-20	7	<b>14</b>	0F, 0I	0
ISU	38-122-1	29-13-214-1	67-336-2	4-40	11-58	8	5	0F, 2I	13
BU	33-29-0	43-15-158-0	76-187-0	5-43	10-61	12	8	1F, <b>3I</b>	<b>21</b>
TTU	17-67-1	63-33-353-1	81-440-2	3-25	6-33	<b>14</b>	8	1F, 1I	7
OU	29-105-0	50-22-2-234-1	79-339-1	3-29	4-30	<b>14</b>	6	0F, 2I	3
KU	42-124-0	17-8-79-1	59-203-1	5-31	12-57	4	3	1F, 2I	7
KSU	44-239-2	18-4-37-1	62-276-3	3-35	6-43	8	1	0F, <b>3I</b>	7
CU	<u>52-380-8</u>	<u>16-9-202-1</u>	<u>68-582-9</u>	<u>0-0</u>	<u>4-9</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>0F</u> , <u>0I</u>	<u>0</u>
<b>Total</b>	418-1403-14	395-171-2043-8	813-3446-19	39-328	106-499	95	64	7F, 19I	92

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

Nebraska ranks eighth in the nation allowing 287.17 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 440 yards vs. Nebraska and Colorado had a season-best 582 (fourth most in NU history). This season the Huskers have given up just 3,446 yards of total offense (287.17 average) and opponents are averaging just 4.2 yards per play.

### Not by Air

Against the pass, opponents have completed just 171-of-395 passes, for a 43.3 completion percentage—the best in the nation by any defense this season. Opponents have thrown for 2,043 yards (170.2 ypg, ranks ninth nationally), have thrown 19 interceptions (tied for seventh in the nation), average just 5.17 yards per attempt (second) and have thrown just eight touchdown passes (tied for seventh). Opponents have an 83.81 pass efficiency rating, which ranks second nationally, while only Miami has a better rating at 75.6. Texas Tech completed 34-of-64 passes for 373 yards, all season bests vs. the Huskers, but the last three opponents, Kansas, Kansas State and Colorado,

have completed just 21-of-51 passes (41 percent) for 318 yards and have thrown five interceptions. Opponents have completed just eight 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; Kansas' Adrian Jones caught a four-yard pass from Zach Dyer in the fourth quarter; KSU's Aaron Lockett caught a 32-yard pass from Ell Roberson; Daniel Graham caught a 21-yard pass from Bobby Pesavento in the Huskers' last regular-season game at Colorado; just the 17th pass of 25 yards or more vs. Nebraska. NU has held all but four opponents to less than 200 yards passing, with a high of 373 to Texas Tech and a low of 37 by Kansas State.

## Against the Rush

Nebraska ranks 22nd nationally in rush defense, allowing 116.92 yards per game. Nebraska held half of its 12 opponents to less than 70 yards rushing, including the first three opponents (total of 74 yards), 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 1,403 yards rushing in 12 games on 418 carries, an average of 3.4 yards per carry, with a high of 380 by Colorado (no other team had more than 240) 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 had scored just six rushing TDs against NU until Colorado tacked on a school-record eight (six by Chris Brown, one by Bobby Purify and one by Bobby Pesavento). The previous six included: 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); Texas Tech scored on a 12-yard run in the second quarter; Kansas State's Ell Roberson scored on a five-yard run and Joe Hall scored on a one-yard run, breaking a string of 11 quarters in which NU had not given up a rushing TD. KSU's Roberson was the first player to rush for more than 100 yards vs. the Huskers this season with 119 on 16 carries, while Colorado's Chris Brown (198) and Bobby Purify (154) each hit the 100-yard mark in the season finale. Brown's yards were the fourth most against a Husker defense. Opponents had just 10 long runs against NU (three by Colorado), including a long of 54 yards by Rice's Robbie Beck.

## Turnovers Equate to Points for the Huskers

The Blackshirts have caused 26 turnovers this season (19 interceptions, seven fumbles). Of those, NU has turned 15 turnovers into 12 touchdowns and three field goals to account for 91 defense-aided points. That is 35 points more than the 11-game total of 56 scored last year. Nebraska caused (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 scored themselves three times, including a 57-yard interception return for a TD by **Keyuo Craver** vs. Iowa State; a 20-yard fumble return for a touchdown vs. Troy State by **Jon Clanton**; and a 20-yard interception return by **Willie Amos** vs. Kansas State. In addition, defensive back **DeJuan Groce** scored on a 60-yard punt return vs. K-State. 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 19 passes to rank third nationally, led by Amos' four. Amos had two pickoffs vs. Kansas State, the first time a Husker has had two in a game since Mike Brown had two vs. Texas A&M in 1999. Huskers with pickoffs include four by FS **Willie Amos** (4-70-1; 1-0 vs. Troy State, 1-0 vs. ND; 2-70 vs. KSU, 20-yard TD); three by LCB **Keyuo Craver** (3-97-1; 1-57-TD vs. ISU, 1-16 vs. Baylor, 1-24 vs. Oklahoma) and RCB **DeJuan Groce** (3-49-0; 1-40 vs. Notre Dame, 1-9 vs. ISU, 1-0 vs. Kansas); two each by LCB **Lornell McPherson** (2--(-6)-0; 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); free safety **Dion Booker** (1-18); and LCB **Pat Ricketts** (1-0 vs. KSU). Five of Nebraska's six starting members in the secondary have at least one interception, except **Philip Bland**.

## Team Leaders

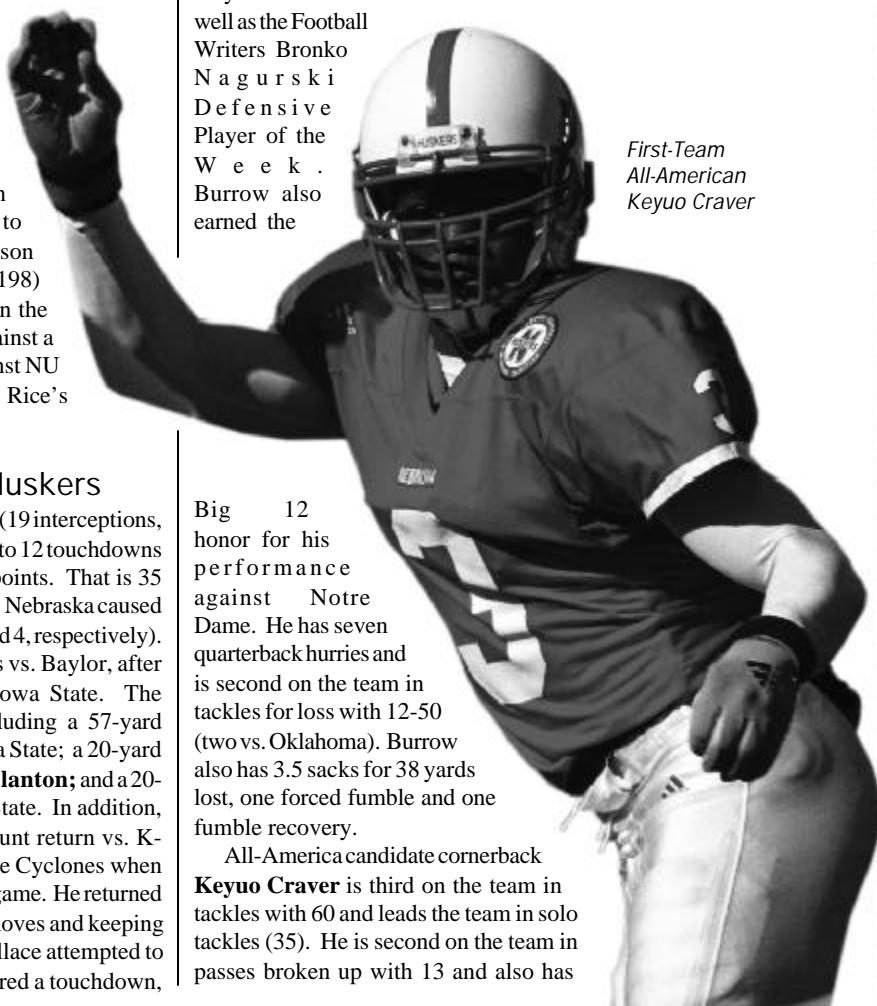
Several Huskers are having All-Big 12 seasons for the Blackshirts. Starting Mike linebacker **Jamie Burrow** was a second-team All-Big 12 choice after leading the team with 84 tackles, including a career-best 17 vs. Oklahoma and a team-best 11 vs. Notre Dame and 13 vs. Kansas State. He also led the team with eight tackles in the season opener vs. TCU. 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-yard line. 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

*First-Team  
All-American  
Keyuo Craver*

Big 12 honor for his performance against Notre Dame. He has seven quarterback hurries and is second on the team in tackles for loss with 12-50 (two vs. Oklahoma). Burrow also has 3.5 sacks for 38 yards lost, one forced fumble and one fumble recovery.

All-America candidate cornerback **Keyuo Craver** is third on the team in tackles with 60 and leads the team in solo tackles (35). He is second on the team in passes broken up with 13 and also has





## 2001 Injuries Keeping Huskers Out of Games

*\*(6) out for entire season*

### **Aug. 25, TCU (8)**

T.J. Hollowell, WLB (ankle)

Paul Kastl, FB (foot)

**Chris Loos, OT (left ACL, MCL, PCL surgery, rescoped in October)\***

Robin Miller, IB (hamstring)

Kyle Ringenberg, TE (shoulder)

Erwin Swiney, RCB (ankle)

Tony Tata, LB (knee)

Tyler Toline, RRE (knee)

### **Sept. 1, Troy State (7)**

DeAntae Grixby, IB (rib)

Robin Miller, IB (hamstring)

Kyle Ringenberg, TE (shoulder)

Erwin Swiney, RCB (ankle)

Tony Tata, LB (knee)

Tyler Toline, RRE (knee)

### **Sept. 8, Notre Dame (7)**

**Rodney Burgess, CB (shoulder surgery)\***

DeAntae Grixby, IB (rib)

Robin Miller, IB (hamstring)

Kyle Ringenberg, TE (shoulder)

Tony Tata, LB (knee)

Tyler Toline, RRE (knee)

### **Sept. 20, Rice (9)**

Willie Amos, FS (hamstring)

**Clifford Brye, WB (knee)\***

DeAntae Grixby, IB (rib)

**Lannie Hopkins, Rover (athletic pubalgia surgery/shoulder surgery in October)\***

**Jason Lohr, NT (knee)\***

Kyle Ringenberg, TE (shoulder)

Tony Tata, LB (knee)

Tyler Toline, RRE (knee)

### **Sept. 29, Missouri (8)**

Willie Amos, FS (hamstring)

Tony Tata, LB (knee)

Tyler Toline, RRE (knee)

### **Oct. 6, Iowa State (7)**

Willie Amos, FS (hamstring)

Tony Tata, LB (knee)

### **Oct. 13, Baylor (7)**

DeJuan Groce, RCB (ribs)

Tony Tata, LB (knee)

### **Oct. 19, Texas Tech (7)**

Steve Kriewald, FB (ankle)

Tracey Wistrom, TE (knee)

### **Oct. 27, Oklahoma (5)**

### **Nov. 3, Kansas (6)**

Judd Davies, FB (ankle)

### **Nov. 10, Kansas State (5)**

### **Nov. 23, Colorado (7)**

Phil Bland (ankle)

**John Klem, WB (knee)\***

three interceptions. 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.

Starting opposite Craver, RCB **DeJuan Groce** has consistently had an outstanding season. In fact, Nebraska Defensive Coordinator Craig Bohl said, "If there are two better corners in the country, I guess I don't know about them." Groce has 31 tackles, including 19 solo stops. He leads the team with 14 PBU and has three interceptions for 49 yards. He has one tackle for loss and a blocked field goal.

Junior rush end **Chris Kelsay** has 52 tackles to rank sixth on the team and leads the team in tackles for loss with 17-58, including a career-best five TFL vs. Kansas. A second-team All-American, Kelsay is second on the team with five sacks for 24 yards lost and his tackles for loss rank second in the Big 12, 26th in the nation. Kelsay also had three tackles for loss vs. Iowa State and has had at least one tackle for loss in five of the last seven games and a total of 12-48 since the Iowa State game. Kelsay helped the Blackshirt defense hold Kansas to just 11 first downs and seven points, leading the team with eight tackles. 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.

Two freshmen have contributed significantly this season and earned freshman All-America honors. Redshirt freshman RCB/nickel back **Lornell McPherson** is 11th on the team with 29 tackles, playing in every game and starting three games as NU's nickel back. He has three tackles for loss, one sack for eight yards lost and two interceptions. He also has six pass breakups and one quarterback hurry. McPherson led the team in tackles with a career-best eight vs. Texas Tech. In that game, he also had a career-high seven solo stops and one pass breakup. He earned fourth-team freshman All-America honors from The Sporting News.

True freshman **Barrett Ruud** is seventh on the team with 49 tackles. He has six tackles for losses, one sack and one quarterback hurry. Ruud led the team with a career-high 10 tackles against Troy State, including a personal-best five solo stops. He earned second-team freshman All-America honors from The Sporting News.

Junior Sam linebacker **Scott Shanle** is fifth on the team with 56 tackles. He has eight tackles for 36 yards lost, which includes three sacks. Shanle 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, one at Colorado and tied the school season linebacker record (also eight by Steve Forch in 1987). Shanle also has one fumble recovery and led the team against Missouri with eight tackles.

Defensive tackle **Jeremy Slechta** has been a mainstay in the middle for the Blackshirt line. Slechta is eighth on the team in tackles with 44 and has three tackles for loss, including one sack. He has eight quarterback hurries and one pass breakup.

Sophomore free safety **Willie Amos** leads the team in interceptions with four in nine games played, missing three games with a hamstring pull. Against Kansas State, **Amos** picked off Ell Roberson, who was under heavy pressure from **Jon Clanton**. Amos ran it in 20 yards for the score to put NU up 13-0. The score was the first return for Amos on a pick, and his first career touchdown. **Amos** picked off the Wildcats a second time, which NU also converted. Amos picked off Roberson at the end of the third quarter, and returned the pick 50 yards to the Kansas State 14 yard line. Nebraska scored seven plays later on a field goal to go up 28-14. Amos is the first Husker to record two interceptions in a game since rover Mike Brown had two interceptions vs. Texas A&M in 1999. In the game, Amos had two interceptions for 70 yards and a TD and was named the ABC/Chevrolet Nebraska Player of the Game and the Big 12 Defensive Player of the Week.

## All-Time Bowl Appearances

1. Alabama	51
2. Tennessee	42
3. Texas	41
4. <b>Nebraska</b>	<b>40</b>
USC	40

## Consecutive Bowl Appearances

<u>Rank, Team</u>	<u>Most</u>	<u>Current</u>
1. <b>Nebraska</b>	<b>33*</b>	<b>33*</b>
2. Michigan	27	27
3. Alabama	25	--

\*NCAA record

## Top 20 Bowl Appearances

<u>School:</u>	<u>All-Time:</u>	<u>Consecutive:</u>		
		<u>Most:</u>	<u>Current:</u>	<u>Major:</u>
1. Alabama	51+	25	--	--
2. Tennessee	42	13	13	--
3. Texas	41	9	4	--
4. USC	40	8	1	--
<b>Nebraska</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>+33</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>1</b>
6. Penn State	36	13	--	--
Georgia	37	10	5	--
8. Oklahoma	35	8	3	--
9. Michigan	33	27	27	--
Ohio State	33	15	2	--
11. Louisiana St.	32	5, 5	2	1
Arkansas	32	6, 6	4	--
13. Ga. Tech	30	6	5	--
Mississippi	29	15	4	--
Florida State	30	20	20	--
16. Florida	29	11	11	2
17. Auburn	28	9	2	--
Washington	28	8	7	--
19. Texas A&M	27	6	5	--
20. Miami	26	12	4	2

(Major Bowl--Jan. 1 or Jan. 2 bowls through 1994, Alliance plus Rose 1995-1997, BCS in 1998; +NCAA Record)

Twenty different Huskers have combined for Nebraska's 39 sacks. Junior right rush end **Demoine Adams** leads the team with 5.5 sacks for 46 yards lost, including two vs. Baylor. He also has 25 tackles, eight for losses and is tied with Kelsay for the team lead with 12 quarterback hurries.

## Going Backward

The Husker Blackshirts have featured an attack defense this season. Nebraska has 39 sacks for 328 yards lost and 106 tackles for 499 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, Baylor 15-of-43, Kansas 8-of-17 and Kansas State 4-of-18. NU tied its season best with 14 quarterback hurries vs. Oklahoma. In nine of the 12 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 12 games and has recorded at least one sack in every game except Colorado and three-or-more sacks in six of the last seven games. NU caused a season-best four turnovers vs. Baylor, and converted a season best to 21 points. The defense has given up just 10 runs of 25 yards or more and has allowed three individuals to rush for more than 75 yards in a game (119 by KSU's Ell Roberson; 198 by Colorado's Chris Brown and 154 by CU's Bobby Purify). The Husker defense has given up just 29 offensive long plays (19 by pass and 10 by rush).

## Defensive Personnel

Nebraska has started five underclassmen, including four in the defensive backfield. Sophomore free safety **Willie Amos**, freshman cornerback **Lornell McPherson**, sophomore corner **Pat Ricketts** and true freshman rover **Philip Bland** have each started at least two games this year. McPherson and Ricketts get the starting nod when NU opens in a nickel or penny package. Bland started three games at rover when **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, taking over for senior **Jason Lohr**, who is out for the rest of the season with a knee injury. Left cornerback **Keyuo Craver** has started 36 consecutive games (39 counting bowl games), while right cornerback **Erwin Swiney** has 37 career starts.

## Special Teams

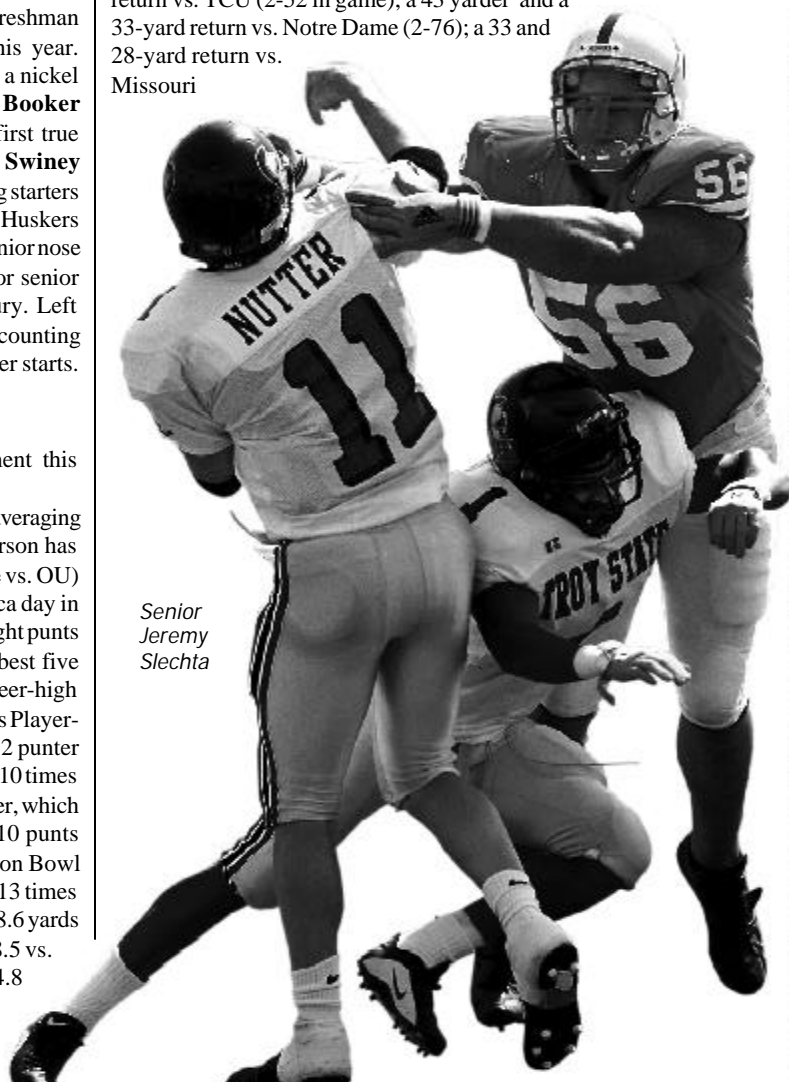
Nebraska special teams have shown a marked improvement this season.

**Punting...**First-year punter sophomore **Kyle Larson** is averaging 42.52 yards per punt, good enough to rank 29th nationally. Larson has buried opponents inside the 20-yard line 21 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, the only Big 12 punter to earn special teams honors this season. 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 Nebraska punted 10 times in the 1980 Cotton Bowl vs. Houston and the most in the regular season since NU punted 13 times against Missouri in 1968. **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; 39.8 vs. KU; 37.7 vs. KSU; 45.0 vs. CU. As a team, NU ranks 31st in net punting, at 37.0 ypp.

**Place-Kickers...**Junior **Josh Brown**, who won the kicking job before the Iowa State game, is 34-for-37 on PATs (missed one vs. Iowa State, missed one vs. KSU, missed one vs. CU, current streak of two), and is 10-14 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; 44 miss, 28 good vs. Kansas State; 27 good vs. CU) and has made nine of his last 11 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 29-44 on field goal attempts in his career, and his 29 field goals made rank second in school history behind Kris Brown's 57-of-77 from 1995 to 1998. Brown hit on three-of-four field goals against Kansas, tying his career best, as he was also three of four vs. Texas A&M in 1999. Josh Brown has hit on 140-of-144 PATs and has scored 227 points, including a career-best 14 vs. Kansas, moving up to seventh all time at NU. His longest 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 16.8 yards per return this season. Redshirt freshman place-kicker **Sandro DeAngelis** is 15-for-16 on PATs (missing one vs. Missouri) and is 2-for-3 on field goals (19 good, 21 good vs. Notre Dame; 32 miss vs. MU).

**Kick Returners...**On kickoffs, sophomore **Josh Davis** leads the Huskers, averaging 27.0 ypr (25-675, ranks 14th nationally). With five returns for 158 yards at Colorado, Davis passed Tyrone Hughes' 523 kickoff return yards in 1990 for the school record. Davis has had 10 long kickoff returns of 25 yards or more, including a 35-yard return vs. TCU (2-52 in game); a 43 yarder and a 33-yard return vs. Notre Dame (2-76); a 33 and 28-yard return vs.

Missouri



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## 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	2	1	17/18	def. Kansas, 51-7
11/11	2	1	1	28/30	def. K-St., 31-21
11/18	2	2	1	20/25	idle
11/25	6	6	4	0/0	lost at CU, 36-62
12/2	5	4	3	0/0	idle
12/9	4	4	2	0/0	idle

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

## Associated Press Poll (Dec. 9)

No.	Team (1st)	Record	Points
1.	Miami (Fla.) (72)	11-0	1,800
2.	Oregon	10-1	1,698
3.	Colorado	10-2	1,649
4.	Nebraska	11-1	1,556
5.	Florida	9-2	1,396
6.	Maryland	10-1	1,384
7.	Illinois	10-1	1,381
8.	Tennessee	10-2	1,309
9.	Texas	10-2	1,226
10.	Oklahoma	10-2	1,222
11.	Stanford	9-2	1,088
12.	LSU	9-3	1,006
13.	Washington State	9-2	897
14.	South Carolina	8-3	742
15.	Virginia Tech	8-3	732
16.	Georgia	8-3	672
17.	Michigan	8-3	620
18.	Syracuse	9-3	523
19.	BYU	12-1	522
20.	Fresno State	11-2	518
21.	Washington	8-3	502
22.	Ohio State	7-4	268
23.	Louisville	10-2	225
24.	Florida State	7-4	160
25.	Toledo	9-2	85

## ESPN/USA Today Coaches (Dec. 9)

No.	Team (1st)	Record	Points
1.	Miami (Fla.) (60)	11-0	1,500
2.	Oregon	10-1	1,398
3.	Colorado	10-2	1,337
4.	Nebraska	11-1	1,334
5.	Florida	9-2	1,184
6.	Maryland	10-1	1,167
7.	Illinois	10-1	1,145
8.	Tennessee	10-1	1,105
9.	Texas	10-2	1,034
10.	Oklahoma	10-2	936
11.	Stanford	9-2	889
12.	LSU	8-3	778
13.	Washington State	9-2	764
14.	South Carolina	8-3	660
15.	Michigan	8-3	624
16.	Virginia Tech	8-3	595
17.	BYU	12-1	529
18.	Syracuse	9-3	492
19.	Georgia	8-3	469
20.	Washington	8-3	393
21.	Fresno State	11-2	323
22.	Louisville	10-2	221
23.	Ohio State	7-4	198
24.	Florida State	7-4	137
25.	Marshall	10-2	59

*Italics - 2001 opponents*

(2-61); a 32 and a 29-yard kickoff return vs. Baylor; a 32 and a 26-yard kickoff return vs. Texas Tech (5-117), marking the fourth game in which he had two long returns, and a career-best 74-yard kickoff return at the end of the first half vs. OU and a 16-yard kickoff return vs. KU, fielding two squib kicks. He has three for 52 in his career.

Junior **DeJuan Groce** leads the Huskers with 33 punt returns for 469 yards and ranks ninth in the nation averaging 14.21 ypr. Groce's 469 yards rank third best at NU and are more than the team total of 102 of the Division I-A teams this season. In NU's game against KSU, Groce returned a punt 60 yards for a touchdown. For Groce, it was his longest return and first for a TD. For Nebraska, it is the second straight week that a Husker returned a punt for a TD, as Ben Cornelsen had a 71-yard return the previous week vs. Kansas. 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 the second-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. OU. He has four returns this season of 25 yards or more (25 vs. MU, 34 vs. ISU and 33 vs. OU, 60-TD vs. KSU).

Senior **Keyuo Craver** has 21 punt returns for 246 yards (11.7 ypr). Craver's career-best is 50 yards vs. KU, when he had four returns for a career-high 63 yards. Against Baylor, he had four returns for 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.

Wingback **Ben Cornelsen** returned a punt 71 yards for a TD at KU. 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. MU in 2000. NU had two long punt returns on the night (also a 50-yarder by Craver). Cornelsen has 10 punt returns for 124 yards and one TD (12.4 ypr).

Nebraska has had 19 long kick returns this season, bettering last year's total of 12, including 10 by Davis, four by Groce, three by Craver, and one each by Hassebroek and Cornelsen.

**Other...** 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). In addition, TTU 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 and the Huskers still have given up just six long kickoff returns (seven total long kick returns). 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.

Nebraska leads the Big 12 with 853 yards on punt returns, an average of 76.8 per game. NU has blocked four 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 NU since Randy Stella blocked a field goal against Colorado in 2000. Against Iowa State, **Troy Hassebroek** blocked a Tony Yelk punt and **Lornell McPherson** recovered. At Kansas, **Ben Zajicek** partially blocked a punt and against KSU, **Tim Demerath** blocked KSU Joe Rheem's field goal, giving NU two blocked field goal this year.

NU has a 14.0 advantage over its opponents via special teams, 0.6 via punting; 5.0 on punt returns, and 8.4 on kickoff returns.

## Husker Historical Notes...

### Unprecedented Winning Tradition Continues

Nebraska, the nation's third-winningest program all time by wins (fourth by percentage), boasts a 764-300-40 record in 1,104 games (.710). In the last 32 years, NU is tops, posting a record of 330-59-5 for an .844 winning percentage (394 games), an average of over 10 wins per year. In terms of wins, the Huskers are third in NCAA Division I-A history with 764. NU has won 10-or-more games 22 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 12 times, including seven of the last nine 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).

## National Titles by Team Years Won or Shared (AP or Coaches Combined)

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

## 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 102-11 record (.903 winning percentage)
- ▶ Won three national titles (1994, 1995 and 1997)
- ▶ Played in five national title games (1993, 1994, 1995, 1997 and 2001)
- ▶ Won five conference crowns (three Big Eight, two Big 12)
- ▶ Posted a 62-7 conference record (.899 winning percentage)
- ▶ Won 57 of 58 home games (21 straight)
- ▶ Gone 28-9 vs. Associated Press Top 25 teams (14-4 vs. top 10)

## Rose Bowl Marks NU's 13th National Championship Game

The upcoming Rose Bowl will mark the Huskers 13th bowl game that will determine the national champion. Nebraska is 5-7 in games that has decided the national champion, but have won three straight, dating back to Nebraska's 24-17 win over Miami in the 1995 Orange Bowl, the last meeting between the two teams. Including the Rose Bowl this season, NU has played in seven games over the last 12 seasons which have determined the national champion. Solich joins Devaney, who went 2-2 in national championship bowl games, in playing for a national title in the fourth season, while Osborne, who was 3-5 in games that decided a national title, did not play in a national title game until the 1982 Orange Bowl, his ninth season at the helm of the Husker program. The following is a list of Nebraska's national championship bowl games.

## Nebraska's National Championship Bowl Games

Year	Bowl	Result	NU/Opp. AP Rank		Natl. Chmps.
			Entering	Final	
1964	Cotton	Arkansas def. NU, 10-7	6/2*	6/1	Ala./Ark./N.D.
1965	Orange	Alabama def. NU, 39-28	3/4	5/1	Alabama/Mich. St.
1970	Orange	NU def. LSU, 17-12	3/5	1/7	NU/Ohio St./Texas
1971	Orange	NU def. Alabama, 38-6	1/2	1/4	Nebraska
1981	Orange	Clemson def. NU, 22-15	4/1	11/1	Clemson
1983	Orange	Miami def. NU, 31-30	1/5	2/1	Miami
1990	Citrus	Ga. Tech def. NU, 45-21	19/2*	24/2	Ga. Tech/Colorado
1991	Orange	Miami def. NU, 22-0	11/1*	15/1	Miami/Washington
1993	Orange	Fla. St. def. NU, 18-16	2/1	3/1	Florida State
1994	Orange	NU def. Miami, 24-17	1/3	1/6	Nebraska
1995	Fiesta	NU def. Florida, 62-24	1/2	1/2	Nebraska
1997	Orange	NU def. Tenn., 42-17	2/3	2/7	Nebraska
2001	Rose	NU vs. Miami	4/1		

\*-won title in Coaches Poll

## NU First to Win 100 Games in Back-to-Back Decades

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 (.868, second) and are 21-3 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 330-59-5 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, a 10-2 record his third season, and has an 11-1 mark this season for a school-best 42-8 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). Solich's .840 winning percentage would rank first in Division I-A if he had the prerequisite five years.

## NU in Big 12 Conference Action

Nebraska is 436-143-16 all time vs. Big 12 Conference teams. Since the Big 12 was formed in 1996, Nebraska is 41-7 in the league (22-1 at home). Nebraska is 25-7 in the Big 12 under Coach Solich. Nebraska has participated in three of the six 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 nine years, Nebraska has won five conference crowns (three Big Eight, two Big 12), posting a 62-7 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 89-3 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 456-122-20 (.779, 598 games, 112 years) in Lincoln, 331-99-13 (.762, 443 games,

## Nation's Longest Home Win Streaks

No.	Wins	Team	Last Home Loss, Date
1.	21	Nebraska	Texas (20-16), 10/31/1998
2.	15	Miami	Penn State (27-23), 9/18/1999
3.	13	Texas	Kansas St. (17-35), 10/2/1999

79 years) in Memorial Stadium (since 1923) and 26-1 at home under

## Records Report

### Category ..... Record

All-time .....	764-300-40
Home .....	456-122-20
Memorial Stadium .....	331-99-13
Since 1962 .....	397-76-5
Away .....	308-178-20
Road (on campus) .....	271-143-17
Neutral Sites (includes bowls) .....	37-35-3
When Scoring 35+ Points .....	300-2
vs. Big 12 Teams .....	436-143-16
In Big 12 Action (since '96) .....	41-7
Home .....	23-1
Away .....	17-6
Neutral .....	1-0
Bowls .....	20-19
On ABC .....	72-27
On FieldTurf .....	20-0
At Night .....	45-14-3

### vs. Ranked Teams...

All-Time .....	89-91-3
Home .....	41-30-0
Away .....	28-47-3
Neutral .....	20-14-0
as No. 1 Team .....	46-7-1

### In 247 Consecutive Sellout Streak...

All-time .....	221-26
vs. Ranked Teams .....	37-18

### Under Head Coach Frank Solich...

All-Time .....	42-8
Home .....	26-1
Away .....	12-6
Neutral .....	4-1
Bowls .....	2-1
vs. AP Ranked Teams .....	10-7
Home .....	6-0
Away .....	1-6
Neutral .....	3-1
vs. AP Top 10 Teams .....	4-3
Home .....	3-0
Away .....	0-2
Neutral .....	1-1
vs. Unranked Teams .....	32-1
Home .....	20-1
Away .....	12-0
vs. Big 12 Teams .....	24-7
Home .....	14-1
Away .....	9-6
Neutral .....	1-0
Big 12 Championship Game .....	1-0
At Night .....	12-2
August .....	2-0
September .....	15-0
October .....	13-4
November .....	9-3
December .....	2-1
January .....	1-0

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

- ▶ won 21 straight home games
- ▶ won 19 straight non-conference regular-season games
- ▶ won 27 straight over unranked opponents
- ▶ 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 74 consecutive games
- ▶ scored in 213 straight home games

Coach Solich (.963, 27 games, four years) with a current 21-game winning streak, the longest active 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 132-10 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 21-game streak. Nebraska also had a 33-game home winning streak from 1901 to 1906 (which is tied for the 11th-longest streak in Division I-A).

Since 1986 (15 years), NU is 101-5 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 208 games. NU has posted 40 unbeaten and untied home seasons, including nine times in the last 10 years. NU set a new attendance record in Memorial Stadium this season with a crowd of 78,118 against Notre Dame, breaking the old mark of 78,096 set against Kansas in 2000.

### 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.	<b>21</b>	<b>Nov. 27, 1998-Present</b>
	21	Oct. 3, 1981-Nov. 17, 1984

### NCAA-Record Sellout Streak Reaches 247

Nebraska's Memorial Stadium boasts an NCAA-record 247 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, 87 fewer than Nebraska. NU is 221-26 during the 247 sellouts (50-9 under Devaney, 145-16 under Osborne, 26-1 under Solich), including a 37-18 record against ranked teams. With its 31-21 win over Kansas State, NU posted its ninth unbeaten home season in the past 10 years. The eight home games ties the school record for home wins in a season, equalling the 1903-1905 teams which all won eight games in Lincoln. 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.

### AP Poll Record Hits 341

Nebraska extended its AP poll record to 341 consecutive weeks (every weekly AP poll since Oct. 17, 1981), as the Huskers moved to fourth in the Dec. 9 poll. NU's streak is the nation's longest active streak. Florida State, which was second with 210 straight weeks in the poll, dropped out in the Nov. 18 poll after its 37-13 loss to Florida. The Gators now have the second-longest active streak at 200 weeks. The Huskers have been ranked in the top 10 in 146 of the last 152 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 49-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 515 of the last 518 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 89-91-3 (.492, 184 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 28-9 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, at No. 3 Oklahoma and at No. 16 Kansas State in 2000 and at No. 14 Colorado this season. Nebraska has won 14 of its last 17 games against top 10 AP teams (since 1994), including seven straight at home. Nebraska is 2-1 against ranked teams this season, defeating No. 17 Notre Dame on Sept. 10, and No. 2 Oklahoma on Oct. 27 before losing at No. 14 Colorado on Nov. 23.

Over the last 29 years, NU is 71-44-1 (.616, 116 games) vs. ranked teams. In the 1990s, NU was 27-10-1 (counting the Jan. 2, 2000, win over Tennessee). Solich is 10-7 vs. ranked teams (4-3 vs. top 10 AP teams), winning eight of the last 11 matchups and has not lost at home to a ranked AP team (6-0 home, 1-6 away, 3-1 neutral).

### NU Has Faced 31 AP Top Three Teams Since 1962

This year's matchup against No. 2/2 (AP/Coaches) Oklahoma was NU's 31st against an AP top three team since 1962—Bob Devaney's first year as coach. The last time the Huskers faced a top

three AP team was on Oct. 27, 2001 when No. 3/3/2 (AP/Coaches/BCS) Nebraska defeated No. 2/2/1 Oklahoma in Lincoln, 20-10. Nebraska has posted a 10-20-1 record in those matchups and was the lower ranked team in all but seven of those games. NU is 6-2 when it is the higher-ranked team. Under Solich, NU is 1-2 vs. top three AP teams, but both losses were on the road. The Huskers have won six of their last eight matchups against the AP top three, and 11 of the last 13 games against AP top 10 teams since 1994. The K-State game in Manhattan in 1998, when the Wildcats were ranked No. 1 in the coaches poll, was the first time NU faced a No. 1 team (in either poll) in the regular season since facing No. 1 Oklahoma in 1978. OU was No. 1 in both polls and No. 4 NU defeated the Sooners 17-14 in Lincoln. NU had to face the Sooners again in the 1979 Orange Bowl (OU won 31-24). OU was ranked No. 1 in the BCS poll in 2001, but was No. 2 in both the AP and coaches poll. In the stretch of 31 games, Nebraska has faced Oklahoma nine times, most recently in 2001. NU is 3-6 vs. Oklahoma when OU is ranked in the top three, 1-3 in Norman. In six seasons, Nebraska has faced two or more top three teams (1971, 1978, 1981, 1987, 1992, 1994) and played three top three teams in 1987 (UCLA, Oklahoma, Florida State). The last meeting with an AP No. 1 team was the 1994 Orange Bowl vs. Florida State (NU lost 18-16).

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

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

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

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

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

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

#### Under Frank Solich (1-2)

1998	NU (11) vs. Kansas State (2)*	Regular Season	L	30-40
2000	NU (1) vs. Oklahoma (3)	Regular Season	L	14-31
2001	NU (3) vs. Oklahoma (2)	Regular Season	W	20-10

\*Tied for No. 1 in coaches poll

## NU vs. the Unranked

The Huskers have lost just 13 of 241 games against unranked opponents since 1973 (32-1 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 27 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 226-13-2 against unranked opponents (.942, 241 games, five losses in the 1990s) and suffered only one loss to a team that finished the season below .500 (Iowa State in 1992). The last time Nebraska lost in Lincoln to a team with a losing record at game time was Kansas State (12-0) in 1968 (2-5 record at game time).

## Huskers Grind Out 15th Rushing Title

For the second straight year and 15th time in school history, Nebraska led the nation in rushing offense. In 12 games, the Huskers averaged 314.7 yards, 33 yards per game more than runner-up Rice's total of 281.5. The Huskers lead the nation with 47 touchdowns (six more than second-place BYU) and yards per rush (5.62), edging out BYU, which averaged 5.61 per carry.

The Huskers won their 14th NCAA rushing title in 2000, averaging 349.3 yards per game. The Huskers have won the rushing title seven times in the last 10 years and 13 of the last 22 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 25 years (1993, 1996, 1998 and 1999).

## More Husker Rushing Numbers

NU is 188-6-0 in the last 29 years when rushing for 300 or more yards in a game (since 1973) and had won 110 straight when rushing for 300-plus yards before the loss at Colorado on Nov. 23, when the Huskers rushed for 354 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 364, 100-yard rushing performances all time (51 under Coach Solich, most recently **Eric Crouch**, 162 vs. Colorado) including 56 games in which two or more Huskers rushed for 100 yards (most recently **Dahrran Diedrick**, 108, and Crouch, 106, against Kansas State). 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 Crouch) and against Arizona State in 1998 (Ken Clark, Steve Taylor and Terry Rodgers). The Iowa game in 2000 marked the only time in the 56 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 16 times (a total that ties for third in school history). Diedrick, who has seven 100-yard games this season, **Thunder Collins** and **Judd Davies** all eclipsed the 100-yard mark in a game for the first time in 2001.

Nebraska is 23-1 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

## Career 100-Yard Games

No.	Player	Total
1.	Mike Rozier, 1981-83	26
2.	Ahman Green, 1995-97	20
3.	<b>Eric Crouch, 1998-2001</b>	<b>16</b>
	Calvin Jones, 1991-93	16

## 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)

## Husker Incredible Numbers

### Husker Rushing Notes

- ▶ The Huskers have led the nation in rushing 15 times, including 13 times in the past 22 years. NU leads the nation in rushing in 2001, averaging 314.7 yards per game on the ground, a total which is 33 yards per game more than second-ranked Rice.
- ▶ Nebraska is 188-6-0 when rushing for 300 or more yards in a game since 1973.
- ▶ The Huskers had won 110 straight games when rushing for 300-plus yards before the loss at Colorado.
- ▶ Nebraska is 95-0 since 1973 when rushing for 400 or more yards.
- ▶ Nebraska has 364, 100-yard performances in school history, including 30, 200-yard efforts.

### Scoring Notes

- ▶ Including this season's average of 37.4 points per game, Nebraska has averaged 35 or more points in 15 of the past 16 seasons.
- ▶ NU had won 236 consecutive games when scoring 35 or more points before the loss to Colorado (300-2 all time).
- ▶ NU has not been shut out in 213 home games and in 74 games overall.
- ▶ Nebraska has won 101 straight games when holding opponents to 10 points or less.
- ▶ 100 of Nebraska's 764 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 341 consecutive AP polls, dating back to 1981.
- ▶ The Huskers have been ranked in 515 of the past 518 polls since 1969.
- ▶ Nebraska ranks fourth all time with 591 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 59 academic All-Americans on the gridiron, which is nearly four three times more than its closest pursuers (Oklahoma and Texas with 16 each).

500 or more. Solich is 29-5 when a Husker rushes for at least 100 yards, and 8-4 when an opponent has a 100-yard rusher (1-1 in 2001).

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 40-9 away from home since 1993 (13-8 vs. ranked teams—includes neutral sites), including 13-7 under Coach Solich.

## Adding up the Points

For the 15th time in the last 16 years, the Huskers averaged more than 35 points per game, as the Huskers finished the 2001 season with an average of 37.4 points per game to finish sixth nationally and second in the Big 12. NU scored 35 or more points in seven of the last nine games and eight times this season.

The offensive output is not surprising since Nebraska has averaged 30 or more points per game for 24 straight years (since 1977) and has averaged 40 or more points eight times since 1983, including four of the past seven seasons. The Huskers have ranked among the nation's top 10 in scoring average for 22 of the last 24 years (since 1978) and finished first on four occasions (1982, 1983, 1994 and 1997).

Prior to the loss at Colorado, NU had won 236 consecutive games when scoring 35 or more points and NU is 300-2 all time when scoring 35 or more points, losing only to Oklahoma, 49-35, in 1950 and at Colorado, 62-36, in 2001.

The last time the Huskers were shut out was a 19-0 loss at Arizona State in 1996. Nebraska has since scored in 74 straight games. Nebraska has not been shut out at home since KSU shut out the Huskers, 12-0, on Homecoming in 1968 (213 games). Offensively, the Huskers have been shut out just five times since 1962, including once at home during that span. NU was shut out by Miami in the 1992 Orange Bowl (22-0), the only time the Huskers have been shut out in a bowl game. 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 was enjoying a superb season entering the season finale at Colorado. Through 11 games, NU had allowed just 11.5 points per game to rank second nationally. Even after the loss at CU, the Husker defense dropped to sixth nationally in scoring defense, allowing 15.8 points per game, nearly a field goal per game less than last season. The total ranks third in the Big 12, as NU held seven opponents to 14 points or less this season.

The Huskers have 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 207-5-1 since 1962 (Devaney's first year) when holding opponents to 10 points or fewer points, including a perfect 19-0 under Solich. NU has posted 100 shutouts in school history with 62 of them taking place since Bob Devaney's first season in 1962. The Huskers have four shutouts under Solich, most recently a 59-0 whitewash of Baylor last season.

## 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 ranked 22nd nationally and fifth in the Big 12 allowing 116.9 yards per game. The Huskers' numbers are impressive when you consider that NU has faced three of

the top 10 rushing teams in the nation. In fact, the Huskers held 10 of their 12 opponents under their season averages. Against Troy State, the Huskers held the Trojans to minus-25 yards, the fourth-lowest total in school history.

## NU Leads Conference in Crowns

Nebraska is the only team to capture two Big 12 titles in the first six years of the championship game. Texas, Nebraska, Texas A&M, Nebraska, Oklahoma and Colorado, in order, have won the six Big 12 titles. NU has played in three of the six 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 nine years, Nebraska has won five conference crowns (three Big Eight, two Big 12), posting a 62-6 conference record (does not count championship games). Nebraska is 41-7 in the Big 12 (23-1 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, to Oklahoma (31-14) and Kansas State (29-28) on the road in 2000 and at Colorado (62-36) this season. 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 33 Straight Bowls

With the upcoming Rose Bowl appearance, Nebraska has now participated in 33 straight bowls, a continuing NCAA record. Nebraska's 40 bowl appearances overall are tied for fourth best, trailing Alabama's 50, Tennessee's 42, Texas' 41 and tied with USC's 40. Nebraska has participated in a "major" bowl (BCS, Jan. 1 or top four) in 19 of the past 21 years. The 1998 Holiday Bowl appearance broke a streak of 17 consecutive major bowls. NU's 33 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 2002 Rose Bowl against No. 1 Miami will mark the 15th time in 17 years that Nebraska has squared off against a team ranked among the top six. Nebraska's 1941 Rose Bowl appearance was the school's first bowl appearance, when NU lost to Stanford, 21-13. Nebraska 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.

## After a Loss

The Huskers traditionally have rebounded well after a loss. In fact, Nebraska has not lost back-to-back games since losing to Oklahoma in the final regular-season game (45-10) in 1990 and losing to national champion Georgia Tech in the Citrus Bowl (45-21). NU has not lost consecutive regular-season games since the 1976 season, when the Huskers lost at Iowa State (37-28) and to Oklahoma (20-17). The Huskers have only lost back-to-back games 11 times since Coach Devaney took over in 1962, and of the 11 times, seven were losses to end the regular season followed by a loss in the bowl games, including each of the last four.

## Nebraska Back to Back losses since 1962 (11)

1964	Oklahoma 17, NU 7 in Norman	Arkansas 10, NU 7 (Cotton Bowl)
1966	Oklahoma 10, NU 9 in Norman	Alabama 34, NU 7 (Sugar Bowl)
1967	Kansas 10, NU 0 in Lawrence	Colorado 21, NU 16 in Lincoln
	Missouri 10, NU 7 in Columbia	Oklahoma 21, NU 14 in Lincoln
1968	Kansas 23, NU 13 in Lincoln	Missouri 16, NU 14 in Lincoln
1975	Oklahoma 35, NU 10 in Norman	Arizona St. 17, NU 14 (Fiesta Bowl)
1976	Iowa State 37, NU 28 in Lincoln	Oklahoma 20, NU 17 in Lincoln
1978	Missouri 35, NU 31 in Lincoln	Oklahoma 31, NU 24 (Orange Bowl)
1979	Oklahoma 17, NU 14	Houston 17, NU 14 (Cotton Bowl)
1985	Oklahoma 27, NU 7	Michigan 27, NU 23 (Fiesta Bowl)
1990	Oklahoma 45, NU 10	Georgia Tech 45, NU 21 (Citrus Bowl)

## Huskers Continue Academic Excellence

Nebraska continues to lead the nation in Verizon/CoSIDA Academic All-Americans for all sports and all teams with 186; in first-team winners for all sports with 102; and also leads the nation in football academic honor winners with 59 first-team certificates; and 76 football all-teams awards. The 186 is 39 better than second-place Notre Dame, while the 59 football honorees is 21 more than second-place Notre Dame's 38. On Dec. 10, **Tracey Wistrom** extended NU's streak of having at least one first-team

2001 Academic All-District VII Team		
Player, Pos.	Major	GPA
Dave Volk, OT	Psychology	3.274
Judd Davies, FB	Comm. Studies	3.906
Chris Kelsay, RE	Finance	3.563
Tracey Wistrom, TE	Mathmetics	3.214

Verizon/CoSIDA Academic All-American to 16 when he was chosen for the first team. NU had four first-team Academic All-District VII selections and had nine Huskers qualify academically (3.2 or better cumulative GPA) and athletically (starter or important reserve) in 2001.

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 Kyle Vanden Bosch in 2000 and Wistrom this season. Vanden Bosch became Nebraska's second Vincent dePaul Draddy Scholar-Athlete (joining Rob Zatechka in 1994) and was named the Woody Hayes Division I Male Scholar-Athlete of the Year. On Oct. 29, 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). A league-high 30 Huskers were selected for the Academic All-Big 12 team announced last month, including 19 first-team honorees. Thirteen more Huskers graduated on Dec. 22, giving NU 17 who are playing the bowl game with degree in hand.

## Husker Snippets...

► **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 42-8 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 the pre-Rose Bowl depth chart, 19 of the 77 Huskers listed (25 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 12 starts, earned conference honors on two occasions (vs. TCU and Oklahoma) and was a third-team All-Big 12 selection by the coaches, while Shanle, who has 10 starts, claimed the conference award against Missouri.

► **Family Connections...**Several current Huskers followed their fathers and brothers to NU. Those who followed in their older brothers' footsteps: Chad (1995-98) and **Chris Kelsay** (junior rush end); Grant (1994-1997) and **Tracey Wistrom** (senior tight end); Mike (1990-92), Jon (1994-96) and **Mark Vedral** (senior WLB), Michael (1994-96) and **Dion Booker** (senior free safety/rover) and **Troy** (junior wingback) and **Adam Hassebroek** (freshman wingback); Second generation Huskers include senior MLB **Jamie Burrow** and freshman FS **Dan Burrow** (father Jimmy played in 1974-75 and is now a graduate assistant for NU); sophomore I-back **Josh Davis** (father Tony played in 1973-75), junior quarterback **Brett Lindstrom** (father Dan played in 1978-80) and freshman linebacker **Barrett Ruud** (father Tom played in 1972-74). In fact, Ruud's great grandfather Clarence Swanson played for NU from 1918 to 1921 and is a member of the Nebraska Football Hall of Fame. This season, NU also welcomes the first set of twins in the program's history in true freshmen **Josh** and **Daniel Bullocks**.

► **Frosh Players...**Six newcomers have seen their first Division I-A action this season with Mike linebacker **Barrett Ruud**, rover **Philip Bland** and split end **Mike Stuntz** all filling vital roles in Nebraska's 11-1 campaign. Ruud, who backs up second-team All-Big 12 Jamie Burrow at Mike (middle) linebacker, is seventh on the squad with 49 stops, including five tackles for loss. Bland, who has 24 tackles and a pass breakup, saw action in NU's first 10 games, while making five starts at rover, before spraining an ankle that kept him out of the final two games. He became 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 10 games and has 12 tackles, including four for losses. 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); **Toni 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).

► **FieldTurf...**Nebraska is 20-0 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 14 (+1 in 2001).

► **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

### 2001 Huskers by State

No.	State	No.	State
94	Nebraska	2	Wyoming
10	Iowa	2	Arizona
10	Texas	2	Georgia
9	Colorado	2	New Jersey
5	California	1	Arkansas
5	Missouri	1	Florida
4	Kansas	1	Louisiana
3	Hawaii	1	North Carolina
3	Oklahoma	1	Oregon
3	Tennessee	1	Pennsylvania
2	Ohio	1	South Dakota
2	Utah	3	Canada
2	Washington		

**Steve Kriewald** (Scotia, Neb.) earned his first career start in place of Judd Davies at Kansas, as Davies sat out with an ankle sprain.

In all, 94 members of the Huskers' 2001 roster are in-state products, while 24 different states and two Canadian provinces are represented on the Nebraska roster.

► **When Nebraska Trails...**Nebraska trailed in six games in 2001, but rallied to win the first five before the loss at Colorado on Nov. 23. NU also trailed against Troy State, Missouri, Texas Tech, Oklahoma and Kansas State. Last season, Nebraska trailed at least once in eight contests, winning six times and losing twice. The last time NU trailed at the half, but won was against Kansas State, where the Huskers erased a 14-13 Wildcat halftime lead. 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 entering the fourth quarter, but won, was in 1998 against Colorado (NU trailed CU 14-13 entering the final period, but won 16-14). Under Coach Solich, the biggest deficit Nebraska has overcome was nine points at Kansas in 1999, when the Huskers trailed 9-0 at halftime before winning 24-17.

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

► **On TV...**Nebraska is 141-58-1 all-time on television, since losing to Oregon in the first-ever nationally televised TV game on Sept. 19, 1953. NU has won 24 of its last 27 TV games and is 35-8 under Coach Solich. The Huskers are 72-27 all time on ABC and have won 43 of their last 49 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 12 times in his career, including

once in 1998 (Kansas State), five times in 1999 (vs. Iowa, Cal, Kansas State, Texas–Big 12 Championship and Tenn.–bowl game), three times in 2000 (Iowa, Iowa State, OU) and three times this season (vs. TCU, OU and CU). **Dahrran Diedrick** was the player of the game against Notre Dame, while Amos earned the honor vs. KSU.

► **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. Thomas is hoping to rejoin the Husker basketball team in time for their Big 12 opener at Missouri on Jan. 5.

► **Huskers in the NFL...**32 former Huskers entered the week on NFL rosters, a total that is second in the Big 12 (Texas A&M has 33 players currently in the NFL). 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, free agent). 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) ranks among the NFL rushing leaders and topped 1,000 yards for the second straight season, while Correll Buckhalter (1997-2000) has ranked among the Eagles' rushing leaders with over 400 yards, including an Eagles' rookie record with 134 yards against Arizona in October. 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

### Huskers in the NFL

Name	Pos.	Team
Dan Alexander*	RB	Tennessee
Michael Booker	DB	Tennessee
Kris Brown	PK	Pittsburgh
Mike Brown	FS	Chicago
Ralph Brown	DB	N.Y. Giants
Correll Buckhalter	RB	Philadelphia
Chris Dishman	OG	Arizona
Jay Foreman	LB	Buffalo
Scott Frost	S	Cleveland
Aaron Graham	C	Oakland
Ahman Green	RB	Green Bay
Russ Hochstein	OG	Tampa Bay
Sheldon Jackson	TE	Buffalo
Eric Johnson	DB	Oakland
Joel Makovicka	RB	Arizona
Mike Minter	FS	Carolina
John Parrella	DE	San Diego
Christian Peter	DT	Indianapolis
Jason Peter	DE	Carolina
Carlos Polk	LB	San Diego
Dominic Raiola	C	Detroit
Mike Rucker	DE	Carolina
Cory Schlesinger	FB	Detroit
Will Shields	OG	Kansas City
Brenden Stai	OG	Detroit
Adam Treu	C	Oakland
Kyle Vanden Bosch	DE	Arizona
Joe Walker	DB	Tennessee
Eric Warfield	CB	Kansas City
Steve Warren	DT	Green Bay
Zach Wiegert	OG	Jacksonville
Tyrone Williams	CB	Green Bay
Grant Wistrom	DE	St. Louis
*- practice squad		

and 21 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.

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

## A Look at the Numbers

### ► Scoring Drives...

Nebraska's average scoring drive has covered 55.0 yards (3,686 total yards) on 6.6 plays in an average time of 2:36. 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 three-yard scoring drive against Kansas State that set up a **Josh Brown** 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 in 2001.

Colorado set a season low with a one-play drive that went 21 yards for a touchdown set up by a fumble. CU added a second one-play drive for eight yards, giving the Buffaloes two scores that covered 29 yards and 10 seconds. Prior to Colorado, Kansas State had the season low with a two-play drive that went seven yards, while Notre Dame went a season-low four yards to get a touchdown. Colorado also covered a season-long 93

yards in 11 plays, while Iowa State's 5:14 drive that covered 76 yards was a season long in time. Oklahoma produced an opponent-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	
Kansas St.	3	11:41	3:54	25	8.3	1	0	
Colorado	6	11:33	1:56	31	5.2	3	0	
<b>Totals</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>174:33</b>	<b>2:36</b>	<b>442</b>	<b>6.6</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>3</b>	
<b>Opp.</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>68:42</b>	<b>2:22</b>	<b>204</b>	<b>7.0</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>2</b>	

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

The Huskers have produced 66 plays that have covered 25 yards or more, including 27 long runs, 15 long passes and 24 long returns. Against Colorado, Nebraska set season highs with 10 long plays, including five long runs and three long passes. **Eric Crouch** hooked up with **Wilson Thomas** for a 78-yard reception that was the longest non-scoring pass play in school history. Crouch also had a 70-yard run and **Josh Davis** had a 74-yard kickoff return -- the longest kickoff return of the season -- to give the Huskers three non-scoring plays that covered more than 70 yards each. The Huskers tied their season low with just three long plays against Kansas State. **DeJuan Groce** unleashed NU's longest play with a 60-yard punt return for a touchdown, while **Willie Amos** contributed a 50-yard interception return and Crouch connected with **Thunder Collins** on a 45-yard pass. Nebraska had four long plays against Kansas, two rushing and two returns. **Ben Cornelsen** recorded NU's longest punt return of the year, returning it 71 yards for a touchdown. Against Texas Tech, the Huskers reeled off seven long plays, including a season-high three long pass plays.

Against Oklahoma, the Huskers managed just four long plays, including the second-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. 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.

**Jon Clanton**'s 20-yard fumble return for a touchdown vs. Troy State was NU's longest fumble return in 2001.

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 in 2001. 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.

Colorado unleashed six long plays, including three runs and three passes, after NU had allowed just four long plays in the previous three games combined. 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.

Game	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
Kansas	2	0	2	4	1	0	0	1
Kansas State	0	1	2	3	1	1	0	2
Colorado	5	3	2	10	3	3	0	6
<b>Totals</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>36</b>

► **Nebraska in the Red Zone...**

Nebraska scored on 4-of-5 chances inside the red zone against Colorado, including three rushing touchdowns and one field goal. The Huskers converted 3-of-4 trips into the red zone against Kansas State, recording two rushing touchdowns and one field goal. 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 converted 46-of-60 trips (76.7 percent) in the red zone, with 36 touchdowns (34 rushing, 2 passing) and 10 field goals. The NU defense allowed 29 penetrations into the red zone, with Colorado gaining a season-high seven chances in the red zone, converting six for touchdowns. Texas Tech produced 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 converted 23-of-28 trips into points (82.1 percent) and gained just 16 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) and Kansas State (2-3) each produced three red zone attacks, while Texas Tech (5-5) managed five entries, with two touchdowns and three field goals. Colorado had the most success against the Huskers in the red zone, marching inside the NU 20 seven times and coming away with six rushing touchdowns.

Game	Scores Inside 20				No Score Inside 20			Half/ Gm.Pct.
	Chances	Total	TDs	FGs	MissFGs	TOs	Downs	
TCU	3	2	2	0	0	0	0	1 .667
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
Kansas	5	4	2	2	1	0	0	0 .800
Kansas St.	4	3	2	1	0	0	0	1 .750
Colorado	5	4	3	1	0	1	0	0 .800
<b>Totals</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3 .767</b>
<b>Opp.</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1 .821</b>

Note: Nebraska has 34 rushing TDs, 2 passing TDs and 10 FGs in the red zone. Opponents have 4 passing TDs, 12 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	154	60	48	12-17	.390	42-54
Lord%	11	7	7	0-0	.636	4-6
Chrisman#	1	0	0	0-0	.000	0-0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>166</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>12-17</b>	<b>.404</b>	<b>46-60</b>

\*Denotes drives started by the quarterback.

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

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

► **Nebraska Points Off Turnovers...**

Nebraska converted opponent turnovers into 91 points, including a season-high 21 at Baylor, as NU tied a season-high by forcing four turnovers, while tying a season-best with three interceptions. Nebraska's

total of 91 points off turnovers was 35 more points off turnovers than the Huskers scored in 2000. In addition to the 21 points against the Bears, NU scored 14 vs. Troy State, 13 against Iowa State, 10 vs. Notre Dame, nine vs. Kansas State, seven vs. Rice and Texas Tech, seven vs. Kansas and three vs. Oklahoma. Opponents scored just 34 points off Nebraska turnovers (Troy State, 7; Baylor, 7; Colorado, 20).

On the season, Nebraska was plus-one (+0.45 avg./game) in turnover margin, forcing 26 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; 3 vs. Kansas State), while committing 25 turnovers (2 vs. TCU; 3 vs. Troy State; 2 vs. Notre Dame; 0 vs. Rice; 2 at Missouri; 1 vs. ISU; 5 vs. Baylor; 2 vs. Texas Tech; 1 vs. OU; 0 vs. Kansas; 3 vs. Kansas State; 4 vs. Colorado). The Huskers fumbled 24 times and lost 14 fumbles, while **Eric Crouch** threw 10 interceptions (1 vs. TCU, Rice, Missouri, Oklahoma, and 2 vs. Texas Tech, Kansas State and Colorado) and **Jammal Lord** threw 1 interception vs. ISU.

The Blackshirts recovered seven fumbles and posted 19 interceptions. The defense scored three touchdowns, including **Willie Amos'** 20-yard interception return against Kansas State. NU's second score came on **Keyuo Craver's** 57-yard interception return for a score against Iowa State. The Blackshirts scored their first points against Troy State, when **Jon Clanton** rumbled 20 yards against Troy State. **Willie Amos** led NU with four interceptions, including two against Kansas State, while **Keyuo Craver** and **DeJuan Groce** each had three. **Erwin Swiney** and **Lornell McPherson** each had two interceptions, while **Mark Vedral**, **Carl Scholting**, **Wes Woodward** and **Dion Booker** and **Pat Ricketts** each had one interception for the Huskers.

Game	TOs		Scores		TOs	
	Gained	TDs	FG-FGA	Pts.	Lost	
TCU	1 (1F)	0	0-0	0	2 (1 fumble/1 int.)	
Troy State	3 (1F, 2I)	2	0-0	14	3 (2 fumbles/1 int.)	
Notre Dame	4 (2F, 2I)	1	1-1	10	2 (2 fumbles/0 int.)	
Rice	2 (2I)	1	0-0	7	0	
Missouri	0	0	0-0	0	2 (1 fumble/1 int.)	
Iowa State	2 (2I)	2	0-0	13	1 (0 fumbles/1 int.)	
Baylor	4 (1F, 3I)	3	0-0	21	5 (5 fumbles/0 int.)	
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	
Kansas St.	3 (3I)	1	1-1	9	3 (1 fumble/2 int.)	
Colorado	0	0	0-0	0	4 (2 fumble/2 int.)	
Totals	26 (7F, 19I)	12	3-4	91	25 (14 fumbles/11 int.)	
Opp.	25 (14F, 11I)	5	0-0	34	26 (7 fumbles/19 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
Kansas State	58/264/2	7-3-2/60/0	65/324/2
Colorado	49/354/5	28-13-2/198/0	77/552/5

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
Kansas State	44/239/2	18-4-3/37/1	62/276/3
Colorado	52/380/8	16-9-0/202/1	68/582/9

► **Husker 100-Yard Rushing Games (15)**

Nebraska recorded one last 100-yard game during the regular season, as quarterback **Eric Crouch** topped the century mark with 162 yards and two touchdowns against Colorado. His 70-yard run in the fourth quarter helped him to a school-record 360 yards of total offense. It was Crouch's sixth 100-yard rushing game in 2001.

The Nebraska ground game churned out 264 yards against Kansas State, with **Dahrran Diedrick** going for 108 yards and his seventh 100-yard game, while Crouch added 106 yards. Diedrick joined Crouch across the century mark four times, including wins over Iowa State, Baylor, Texas Tech and Kansas State. Nebraska failed to produce a 100-yard rusher for just the third time in 2001 in the win over Oklahoma. Diedrick led the Huskers with 90 yards against the Sooners. The only other times that Nebraska went without a 100-yard rusher 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), 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).

After producing just three 100-yard rushers in the first five games, Nebraska had 12 100-yard efforts over the last seven games for 15 100-yard efforts on the year. Crouch rushed for a career-best 191 yards on 17 carries with two touchdowns in NU's win at Missouri.

The Blackshirts saw Colorado run like the Huskers, as CU had two players (Chris Brown, 24 att., 198 yds., 6 TDs; Bobby Purify, 20 att., 154 yds., 1 TD) top the century mark. Nebraska allowed its first opponent individual to rush for 100 yards when Kansas State's Ell Roberson carried 16 times for 119 yards and a score.

► **Husker 100-Yard Rushing Games (15) (\* notes career best)**

vs. **TCU**-None  
 vs. **Troy State**-Dahrran Diedrick, 25 att., \*177 yards, \*3 TD  
 vs. **Notre Dame**-Diedrick, \*32 att., 133 yards, 2 TD  
 vs. **Rice**-None  
 at **Missouri**-Eric Crouch, 17 att., \*191 yards, 2 TD  
 vs. **Iowa State**-Diedrick, 15 att., 107 yards, 1 TD; Crouch, 15 att., 104 yards, \*4 TD  
 at **Baylor**-Thunder Collins, 13 att., \*165 yards, 0 TD; Diedrick, 20 att., 137 yards, 1 TD; Crouch, 18 att., 132 yards, 3 TD; Judd Davies, \*12 att., \*119 yards, \*2 TD  
 vs. **Texas Tech**-Diedrick, 20 att., 157 yards, 0 TD; Crouch, 21 att., 105 yards, 1 TD  
 vs. **Oklahoma**-None  
 at **Kansas**-Diedrick, 21 att., 136 yards, 2 TD  
 vs. **Kansas State**-Diedrick, 24 att., 108 yards, 1 TD; Crouch, 23 att., 106 yards, 1 TD  
 at **Colorado**-Crouch, 18 att., 162 yards, 2 TD  
**Opponent 100-Yard Rushing Games (3)**  
**Kansas State**-Ell Roberson, 16 att., 119 yards, 1 TD  
**Colorado**-Chris Brown, 24 att., 198 yards, 6 TD; Bobby Purify, 20 att., 154 yards, 1TD

► **Starting Field Position**

Nebraska enjoyed a distinct field position advantage in 2001 with the Huskers producing an average starting position at their own 35.9 yard line, while holding opponents to an average start at the 26.3, for a +9.6 yards per drive advantage. Kansas State was the first opponent to hold a field position edge over the Huskers (31.4-37.8, -6.4), while Colorado was the second straight opponent to gain an advantage (34.4-31.3, -3.1). Against Kansas, the Huskers made it 10 straight games with a field position edge. In six games, NU's advantage was 10 or more yards. Against Rice and Kansas, NU enjoyed a 20-yard-plus field position edge. Sophomore punter **Kyle Larson** buried NU's 12 opponents inside their own 20-yard line 21 times, including five against TCU and Oklahoma, three against Kansas, two against Notre Dame, Rice, Missouri and one against Texas Tech and Colorado.

Opponents started 10 drives inside their own 10, including three from

the 1-yard line, 47 drives inside the 20 and 41 more at the 20.0 Opponents started 14 drives on NU's half, with a best start by Notre Dame at the NU 4. The Huskers started just eight drives inside their own 10-yard line with a worst start at their own 1 at Baylor.

NU started a total of 29 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 started 56 of 166 drives beyond its own 40 yard line, with 37 starts on the opposition's half of the field.

	<u>NU Avg. Start</u>	<u>Opp. Avg. Start</u>	<u>Advantage</u>
TCU	32.5 (422/13)	24.3 (340/14)	+8.2
<b>Troy State</b>	<b>43.5 (566/13)</b>	26.1 (418/16)	+17.4
<b>Notre Dame</b>	40.5 (567/14)	32.6 (456/14)	+7.9
<b>Rice</b>	38.1 (457/12)	19.4 (233/12)	+18.7
<b>Missouri</b>	35.5 (426/12)	23.2 (302/13)	+12.3
<b>Iowa State</b>	34.0 (340/10)	20.4 (245/12)	+13.6
<b>Baylor</b>	31.8 (540/17)	27.5 (467/17)	+4.3
<b>Texas Tech</b>	32.8 (524/16)	27.8 (361/13)	+5.0
<b>Oklahoma</b>	36.3 (581/16)	20.1 (302/15)	+16.2
<b>Kansas</b>	43.4 (607/14)	20.1 (302/15)	+23.3
<b>Kansas State</b>	31.4 (408/13)	<b>37.8 (529/14)</b>	-6.4
<b>Colorado</b>	<u>31.3 (501/16)</u>	<u>34.4 (550/16)</u>	<u>-3.1</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>35.9 (5958/166)</b>	<b>26.3 (4505/171)</b>	<b>+9.6</b>

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

#### ► Penalty Numbers

Traditionally, Nebraska is one of the most disciplined and well-trained teams in college football, continually making fewer mistakes than its opponents. In 2001, the Huskers continued that trend by committing 10 fewer penalties than their opponents, but NU was actually penalized for more yards than the opposition (674-601). 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 69 penalties, 27 were offensive, 13 special teams and 29 defensive. Opponents have 57 offensive penalties, 11 special teams infractions and 12 defensive penalties.

	<u>NU Pen.-Yds.</u>	<u>Opp. Pen.-Yds.</u>
TCU	5-46	<b>11-85</b>
<b>Troy State</b>	4-60	8-53
<b>Notre Dame</b>	<b>10-69</b>	9-63
<b>Rice</b>	4-46	7-34
<b>Missouri</b>	9-85	3-37
<b>Iowa State</b>	3-40	6-55
<b>Baylor</b>	4-32	4-43
<b>Texas Tech</b>	<b>9-93</b>	6-51
<b>Oklahoma</b>	6-57	6-45
<b>Kansas</b>	3-25	3-28
<b>Kansas State</b>	4-41	7-32
<b>Colorado</b>	<u>8-80</u>	<u>9-75</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>69-674</b>	<b>79-601</b>
<b>Average</b>	<b>5.8-56.2</b>	<b>6.6-50.1</b>

#### ► Husker Pancake Leaders...

	<u>TC</u>	<u>TS</u>	<u>ND</u>	<u>RU</u>	<u>MU</u>	<u>IS</u>	<u>BU</u>	<u>TT</u>	<u>OU</u>	<u>KU</u>	<u>KS</u>	<u>CU</u>	<u>Tot</u>	<u>Avg.</u>
Fonoti	10	6	18	15	16	11	20	32	13	16	25	19	201	16.8
Garrison	6	10	8	14	6	7	10	16	8	11	<b>20</b>	9	125	10.4
Volk	6	5	10	12	11	10	12	12	8	8	<b>16</b>	10	120	10.0
Rutherford	12	9	10	8	11	2	<b>13</b>	10	5	4	9	5	98	8.2
Vili Waldrop	6	3	11	<b>17</b>	5	3	8	6	7	5	15	9	95	7.9
Cody	5	2	6	<b>14</b>	3	7	8	11	4	8	5	6	79	6.6
Shook	0	4	--	3	3	1	4	--	--	<b>5</b>	--	--	20	2.9
Altstadt	--	2	0	2	1	3	<b>4</b>	0	0	2	0	0	14	1.3
Tagoa'i	--	--	--	<b>2</b>	0	--	<b>4</b>	--	--	--	--	--	6	2.0
Kollmorgen	--	<b>3</b>	0	2	0	0	<b>3</b>	0	0	0	0	0	8	0.7
Kolterman	--	--	0	0	--	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	0	0	1	0	0	5	0.5
Erickson	--	--	--	1	0	<b>2</b>	--	--	--	1	--	--	4	0.3
<u>Koethe</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>0.6</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>780</b>	<b>65.0</b>

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

<u>Game</u>	<u>Team</u>	<u>Indiv. (#)</u>	<u>*Sacks Allowed</u>	<u>O-Line Penalties</u>	<u>Perfect Plays</u>
TCU	45	12 (#66)	2	1-10	54.0%
<b>Troy State</b>	44	10 (#52)	0	0-0	53.0%
<b>Notre Dame</b>	63	18 (#77)	1	2-15	60.0%
<b>Rice</b>	<b>92</b>	17 (#68)	1	2-10	65.7%
<b>Missouri</b>	56	16 (#77)	0	2-25	56.8%
<b>Iowa State</b>	50	11 (#77)	0	0-0	62.0%
<b>Baylor</b>	88	20 (#77)	0	0-0	57.6%
<b>Texas Tech</b>	88	32 (#77)	0	0-0	80.0%
<b>Oklahoma</b>	45	13 (#77)	0	1-5	66.7%
<b>Kansas</b>	61	16 (#77)	1	0-0	54.7%
<b>Kansas State</b>	90	25 (#77)	0	1-5	59.7%
<b>Colorado</b>	<u>58</u>	<u>19 (#77)</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>2-21</u>	<u>58.8%</u>
<b>Totals</b>	<b>780</b>	<b>32 (#77)</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>11-91</b>	

#### ► Husker Starting Experience

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

<u>Offensive Starters</u>	<u>'97</u>	<u>'98</u>	<u>'99</u>	<u>'00</u>	<u>'01</u>	<u>Tot.</u>
Thunder Collins, IB, Jr., (Los Angeles, Calif.)	0	0	0	0	2	2
<b>Eric Crouch, QB, Sr., (Omaha, Neb.)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>40</b>
<b>Judd Davies, FB, So., (Omaha, Neb.)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>Dahrran Diedrick, IB, Jr., (Scarborough, Ont.)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>Toniu Fonoti, LG, Jr., (Hauula, Hawaii)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>John Garrison, C, Jr., (Blue Springs, Mo.)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>12</b>
John Gibson, WB, Sr., (Papillion, Neb.)	0	0	0	3	10	13
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
<b>Jon Rutherford, RG, Sr., (Midwest City, Okla.)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>Wilson Thomas, SE, Jr., (Omaha, Neb.)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>Dave Volk, LT, Sr., (Battle Creek, Neb.)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>36</b>
<b>Dan Vili Waldrop, RT, So., (Wilmington, Calif.)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>Tracey Wistrom, TE, Sr., (Webb City, Mo.)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>Totals</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>132</b>	<b>223</b>

#### Defensive Starters

	<u>'97</u>	<u>'98</u>	<u>'99</u>	<u>'00</u>	<u>'01</u>	<u>Tot.</u>
<b>Demoine Adams, LRE, Jr., (Pine Bluff, Ark.)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>16</b>
Willie Amos, FS, So., (Sweetwater, Texas)	0	0	0	0	6	6
Philip Bland, Rover, Fr.* (Lafayette, Colo.)	0	0	0	0	3	3
<b>Jon Clanton, NT, Jr., (Glendale, Ariz.)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>Dion Booker, Rov./FS, Sr., (Oceanside, Calif.)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>Jamie Burrow, MLB, Sr., (Ames, Iowa)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>Keyuo Craver, LCB, Sr., (Harleton, Texas)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>36</b>
<b>DeJuan Groce, RCB, Jr., (Garfield Heights, Ohio)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>Chris Kelsay, RE, Jr., (Auburn, Neb.)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>20</b>
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
<b>Jeremy Slechta, DT, Sr., (LaVista, Neb.)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>Scott Shanle, WLB, Jr., (St. Edward, Neb.)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>Erwin Swiney, LCB, Sr., (Lincoln, Neb.)</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>37</b>
<b>Mark Vedral, WLB, Sr., (Gregory, S.D.)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>Totals</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>132</b>	<b>240</b>

#### Starting Kickers

	<u>'97</u>	<u>'98</u>	<u>'99</u>	<u>'00</u>	<u>'01</u>	<u>Tot.</u>
<b>Josh Brown, PK, Jr., (Foyil, Okla.)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>32</b>
Sandro DeAngelis, PK, Fr. (Niagara Falls, Ont.)	0	0	0	0	4	4
<b>Larson, Kyle, P, So., (Funk, Neb.)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>Totals</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>48</b>

#### 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 (40)

Most Career Starts on Defense: Erwin Swiney, RCB (37)

Most Consecutive Starts on Offense: Dave Volk, LT (36)

Most Consecutive Starts on Defense: Keyuo Craver, LCB (36)