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vs.



Nebraska
(6-4, 3-4)

Colorado
(7-3, 5-2)

► Huskers-Buffaloes Briefly

Date: Friday, Nov. 25, 2005 **Time:** 2:37 p.m. **Site:** Boulder, Colo.
Stadium: Folsom Field **Surface:** Natural Grass **Capacity:** 53,750
Television: ABC Sports, National (Mike Tirico—Play-by-Play, Tim Brant—Analyst, Suzy Shuster—Sideline)
Nebraska Radio: (Jim Rose—Play-by-Play; Adrian Fiala—Analyst; Randy Lee—Booth; Matt Davison—Sideline)
55-station Pinnacle Sports Network
National Radio: Westwood One (John Castleberry—Play-by-Play; Shea Walker—Analyst)
Internet: Live Radio on Huskers.com; **Satellite Radio:** Sirius Satellite Radio, Channel 127

This Week in Husker Football

Sunday, Nov. 20

2:30 p.m. Practice (No Media Availability)

Monday, Nov. 21

Weekly Press Conference

11 a.m. Lunch

11:30 a.m.-Noon Player Interviews

11:50 a.m. Coach Callahan on Big 12 Teleconference

12:05 p.m. Head Coach Bill Callahan

12:20-1:15 p.m. Player Interviews

3:45-6:10 p.m. Practice (Interviews after practice)

Tuesday, Nov. 22

3:30-5:45 p.m. Practice (Interviews after practice)

Wednesday, Nov. 23

6:50 a.m. Big Red Breakfast (Jay Norvell)

2:30-4 p.m. Practice (Coach Callahan available)

6:05 p.m. Radio Show (Bill Busch)

Thursday, Nov. 24 (Thanksgiving)

1 p.m. Depart for Colorado

..... Walk-Thru (No Media)

Friday, Nov. 25

2:37 p.m. Kickoff at Colorado (ABC)

Nebraska, Colorado Continue Thanksgiving Tradition

Nebraska completes its regular season on Friday, Nov. 25 traveling to Boulder, Colo., to take on Big 12 North leader Colorado. The matchup will be played before a packed house at CU's Folsom Field, and will be televised to a national audience on ABC Sports. Kickoff for the game is set for 2:37 p.m. CST.

The Huskers enter the game hoping to improve their position for postseason bowl action. Nebraska is 6-4 overall and 3-4 in Big 12 Conference play, following a 27-25 victory over Kansas State on Nov. 12 in Lincoln. The win over the Wildcats assured Nebraska of its 36th bowl appearance in the last 37 seasons.

Nebraska hopes to play the spoiler's role against the Buffs. Colorado enters the game with a 7-3 overall record, including a 5-2 mark in Big 12 Conference play and a Buff victory will send CU to Houston for the Big 12 Championship Game against Texas. A win would also give the Buffs their fourth Big 12 North title in the past five seasons.

This year's NU-Colorado game marks the 10th straight season the two schools have met on the Friday after Thanksgiving on ABC. Nebraska will be playing on the Friday after Thanksgiving for the 16th straight year dating back to the 1990 season. The Huskers will look to continue the recent success of the road team in the NU-Buff matchup. The visitor has won the past three meetings in the series, including a 31-22 NU win in Boulder in 2003.

Huskers Secure Bowl Bid with Hard-Fought Victory over Kansas State

True freshman **Jordan Congdon's** 40-yard field goal with 1:05 remaining gave Nebraska a come-from-behind 27-25 victory over Kansas State at Memorial Stadium on Senior Day. Congdon's second field goal of the game helped Nebraska (6-4, 3-4 Big 12) snap a three-game losing streak and make the Huskers bowl eligible for the 36th time in the last 37 seasons.

Trailing 25-24 with 4:18 remaining, true freshman quarterback **Harrison Beck** guided the Huskers on a 55-yard scoring drive to set up Congdon's kick. Beck, who was making his Nebraska debut in relief of the injured starting quarterback **Zac Taylor**, rifled a 21-yard completion to the KSU 46-yard line while a 15-yard roughing the passer call moved the ball to the KSU 31. The Huskers ran three straight plays to set up Congdon's attempt, which sailed

2005 Nebraska Football Schedule/Results

Day	Date	Opponent	Time/Result	TV	Series	Last Meeting (Site)/Notes
Sat.	Sept. 3	Maine	W, 25-7	PPV	NU, 1-0	NU's 20th straight win in a season opener; School-record 11 sacks for Blackshirts
Sat.	Sept. 10	Wake Forest	W, 31-3	TBS	NU, 2-0	NU sets school record with three defensive touchdowns, two INT return TDs
Sat.	Sept. 17	Pittsburgh	W, 7-6	ABC	Pitt, 15-6-3	Two blocked field goals, strong defense and punting key third straight win vs. Pitt
Sat.	Oct. 1	Iowa State#	W, 27-20(2OT)	ABC	NU, 82-16-2	NU improves to 4-0 all-time in OT games; Taylor throws for school-record 431 yards
Sat.	Oct. 8	Texas Tech#	L, 34-31	TBS	NU, 7-2	Raider TD with 12 seconds left thwarts NU comeback/Glenn, Nunn 2 TDs each
Sat.	Oct. 15	at Baylor#	W, 23-14	FSN PPV	NU, 9-1	Huskers control ball for more than 22 minutes in 2nd half/Defense, 4 sacks, 3 TOs
Sat.	Oct. 22	at Missouri#	L, 41-24	FSN	NU, 62-34-3	Tigers knock off NU for second straight time in Columbia/Swift 9-135-1 TD receiving
Sat.	Oct. 29	Oklahoma#	L, 31-24	ABC	OU, 42-37-3	Sooners pick up first victory in Lincoln since 1987/Swift 9-116-2 TD receiving
Sat.	Nov. 5	at Kansas#	L, 40-15		NU, 87-22-3	Kansas defeats Nebraska for first time since 1968/Nunn nabs 5th TD reception
Sat.	Nov. 12	Kansas State#	W, 27-25		NU, 73-15-2	Taylor breaks single-season passing record/Congdon hits GW 40-yard FG with 1:05 left
Fri.	Nov. 25	at Colorado#	2:37 p.m.	ABC	NU, 44-17-2	CU, 26-20, 2004 (Lincoln)/Huskers 5-1-1 in last seven meetings in Boulder

All times Central and subject to change; # Big 12 Conference games

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Nebraska will hold its regular weekly press conferences on Tuesdays throughout the 2005 season.

The press conferences are held in the Don Bryant Media Facility on Level 6 of West Stadium and will begin with lunch at 11 a.m. Volleyball Coach John Cook will address the media at 11:15 a.m., with selected players available at 11:30 a.m. Head Coach Bill Callahan will speak to the media at Noon, and selected players will be available following Callahan.

Each press conference will be available via teleconference and selected conferences will be carried on satellite. Quotes will be transcribed and posted by mid-afternoon on Huskers.com, while edited sound bites are available on NebraskaNet.com. The teleconferences are also carried live on HuskersNSide.com. Media wishing to participate in the teleconference should contact the Media Relations office at (402) 472-2263 for more information. The toll-free number for the teleconference is (877) 229-1563 and media can acquire the weekly passcode by calling the Media Relations office.

Media wishing to speak to request interviews with Nebraska players at Tuesday's press luncheon should contact Andy Anderson or David Graff in the Media Relations Office by 2 p.m. on Monday.

Huskers, Colorado Continue Post-Thanksgiving Tradition

Nebraska will play on the Friday after Thanksgiving for the 16th straight year. The Huskers have met Colorado for post-Turkey Day festivities each of the last 10 years (since the formation of the Big 12). Before 1996, Nebraska and Oklahoma met for six consecutive years on the day after Thanksgiving.

Since 1990, Nebraska has a 12-4 mark on post-Thanksgiving Friday, losing only to Oklahoma in 1990 and Colorado in 2001, 2002 and 2004. The Huskers are 3-1 in that same stretch in Boulder on the Friday after Thanksgiving, defeating the Buffs at Folsom Field in 1997, 1999 and 2003, with a loss to CU in 2001. Before 1990, Nebraska and Oklahoma also met on the Friday after Thanksgiving in 1973, 1976, 1977 and 1982 and squared off on Thanksgiving Day five times between 1965 and 1972.

NU Traditionally Strong Following Off Weeks

Nebraska is enjoying an extra week of preparation for its regular-season finale with Colorado. The Huskers have a history of success coming off bye weeks, posting a 34-10 record in such situations over the past 31 seasons. Earlier this season, Nebraska defeated Iowa State 27-20 after an off week.

Seven of Nebraska's 10 losses following bye weeks in the past 31 years have come before Nebraska's post-Thanksgiving matchups (four vs. Oklahoma, three vs. Colorado).

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through the uprights for his school freshman record 15th field goal of the season and a two-point Husker win. Kansas State had one final opportunity, but the Blackshirts held firm, holding the Wildcats to one first down, sending the NCAA-record 275th consecutive sellout crowd of 77,761 into a frenzy.

Kansas State jumped to a 6-0 lead midway through the first quarter after a Nebraska fumble deep in its own territory. The lead was kept at six points when freshman defensive end **Zach Potter** blocked the Wildcat extra point. Nebraska responded after the KSU score, driving 80 yards on 13 plays, capped by a one-yard run by I-back **Cory Ross**. K-State regained the lead on its next possession, going 75 yards on eight plays, culminating in **Victor Mann's** two-yard scoring run to make it 12-7.

The rest of the first half was all Nebraska, as the Huskers scored 10 straight points to take a halftime advantage. After KSU's second touchdown, the Huskers whittled the lead to 12-10 after Congdon's 38-yard field goal capped a 60-yard drive. Taylor accounted for 59 yards on the scoring drive, including a 16-yard scamper and a key 15-yard completion to Nunn that put the ball into Wildcat territory.

The Husker defense forced three-and-outs on KSU's next two possessions and the NU offense responded, as Taylor found freshman **Nate Swift** with a 19-yard touchdown pass in the corner of the KSU end zone with 2:02 left in the half. Nebraska continued its momentum early in the second half, driving 80 yards in 1:34 ending with Taylor's 34-yard touchdown pass to Swift to take a 24-12 lead. Swift's catch was his second touchdown of the day and his fifth of the season. The redshirt freshman finished the game with 109 yards on seven catches.

After falling behind by 12 points, Kansas State refused to quit. The Wildcat defense forced a Taylor fumble, and recovered it on the NU 11, to set up Allan Evridge's second scoring run of the day, bringing the Wildcats within six at 24-18. On the kickoff, Husker Marlon Lucky was tackled at the two-yard line, and the Wildcats responded by recording a safety on the first play of NU's drive cutting the lead to 24-20.

The Wildcats were driving for the go-ahead score when linebacker **Corey McKeon** intercepted Evridge's pass on the three-yard line. However, on Nebraska's second play, Reggie Walker tackled Ross in the end zone for KSU's second safety of the day, bringing the Wildcats within two at 24-22. The defenses then took over the game until late in the fourth quarter, when Beck was intercepted by KSU defensive back Bryan Baldwin, who returned it 36 yards to the NU 9. Nebraska came up with a defensive stop and the Wildcats were forced to settle for a 27-yard field goal by Jeff Snodgrass to give KSU a 25-24 lead with 4:18 remaining in the game. That score set up NU's game-winning drive.

Taylor finished the day 21-of-31 passing for 220 yards and a pair of touchdowns before leaving the game with an injury. On his second touchdown pass of the day, Taylor became Nebraska's single-season passing leader, snapping the previous record set by Dave Humm with 2,074 yards in 1972. Meanwhile the Huskers harrassed Kansas State into just 6-of-30 completions for 103 yards, including a 5-for-27 effort by Evridge.

Noting Game 10...Nebraska 27, Kansas State 25

► The victory snapped a three-game losing streak against Kansas State, and improved the Huskers to 41-8 all-time against Kansas State in Lincoln and 73-15-2 all-time against the Wildcats.

► Nebraska junior quarterback **Zac Taylor** passed for 220 yards, giving him 2,094 passing yards on the season, setting a Nebraska single-season passing record. Taylor surpassed the 33-year-old record of 2,074 yards passing, set by Dave Humm in 1972. Taylor's 2,000-yard passing season is the fifth in Nebraska school history.

► Nebraska freshman place-kicker **Jordan Congdon's** game-winning 40-yard field goal with 1:05 left, marked his ninth straight made field goal. The field goal was Congdon's 15th of the season, a new Nebraska freshman record, breaking the previous record of 14 held by David Dyches (2003) and Josh Brown (1999). Congdon is three field goals shy of the Nebraska season field goal record of 18, set by Kris Brown in 1997.

► Nebraska redshirt freshman wide receiver **Nate Swift** caught seven passes for 109 yards. Swift's seven catches upped his season receptions total to 38, moving him into a tie for fifth on the Nebraska single-season receptions list with Bob Revelle (1972). Swift's 38 receptions are a Nebraska freshman record, and the most receptions by a Husker since Irving Fryar had 40 catches in 1983. Swift has three 100-yard receiving efforts in his last four contests.

► Nebraska senior I-back **Cory Ross** caught two passes, giving him 31 receptions this season, the second-most ever by a Nebraska running back. Ross, Swift and **Terrence Nunn** have all topped 30 catches, marking the first time Nebraska has had three players with 30 receptions or more in school history.

► Ross rushed for 69 yards, pushing his career rushing total to 2,569 yards, moving past Correll Buckhalter (2,522) into 11th place on the Nebraska career rushing list. He is four yards from cracking the top 10.

► Nebraska senior punter **Sam Koch** punted six times, averaging 42.5 yards per punt. Koch netted 43 yards on each of his first-quarter punts, both of which went into a south wind of more than 25 miles per hour. He pinned the Wildcats inside their own 20-yard line three times, and has now placed 28 of his 58 punts (48 percent) inside the opponents' 20-yard line this season.

NU-Kansas State Stat Wrap

Team Stats	KSU	NU
First Downs	17	20
Rushes-Yards	50-248	35-93
Passes	6-30-1	22-38-1
Passing Yards	103	241
Total Offense	351	334
Sacks by	1-8	2-15
Turnovers	2	3

NU Rushing Leader

Cory Ross—26 carries, 69 yards, 1 TD

NU Passing Leader

Zac Taylor—21-31-0, 220 yards, 2 TD

NU Receiving Leaders

Nate Swift—7 receptions, 109 yards, 2 TD

Terrence Nunn—5 receptions, 44 yards

NU Defensive Leaders

Bo Ruud—15 tackles, 5-10 TFL, 1 PBU

Titus Adams—Career-high 12 tackles

NU Special Teams Leaders

Sam Koch—6 punts, 42.5 avg., 3 inside 20

Jordan Congdon—2-2 FG, 3-3 PAT

2005 Big 12 Standings

North Division

Team	Records		
	Overall	Big 12	Next Game
Colorado	7-3	5-2	vs. Nebraska 11/25
Iowa State	7-3	4-3	at Kansas 11/26
Missouri	6-4	4-3	at Kansas State 11/19
Nebraska	6-4	3-4	at Colorado 11/25
Kansas	5-5	2-5	vs. Iowa State 11/26
Kansas State	4-6	1-6	vs. Missouri 11/19

South Division

Texas	10-0	7-0	at Texas A&M 11/25
Oklahoma	6-3	5-1	at Texas Tech 11/19
Texas Tech	8-2	5-2	vs. Oklahoma 11/19
Texas A&M	5-5	3-4	vs. Texas 11/25
Oklahoma St.	4-5	1-5	at Baylor 11/19
Baylor	4-6	1-6	vs. Oklahoma St. 11/19

2005 Nebraska Non-Conference Opponents

Team	Record-Next Game
Maine	5-5, at New Hampshire 11/19
Wake Forest	4-7, End of Season
Pittsburgh	5-5, vs. West Virginia 11/24

Last Week's Opponent/Big 12 Results

Missouri 31, Baylor 16
 Iowa State 30, Colorado 16
 Texas 66, Kansas 14
 Oklahoma 36, Texas A&M 30
 Oklahoma St. 24, Texas Tech 17
 Maine 27, Rhode Island 24
 Miami (Fla.) 47, Wake Forest 17
 Pittsburgh 24, Connecticut 0

2005 Colorado Schedule

Date	Opponent	Result
9/3	Colorado St.	W, 31-28
9/10	New Mexico St.	W, 39-0
9/24	at No. 12 Miami (Fla)	L, 23-3
10/1	at Oklahoma St.	W, 34-0
10/8	Texas A&M	W, 41-20
10/15	at No. 2 Texas	L, 42-17
10/22	Kansas	W, 44-13
10/29	at Kansas State	W, 23-20
11/5	Missouri	W, 41-12
11/12	at Iowa State	L, 31-12
11/25	Nebraska	2:30 p.m.

Nebraska-Colorado Notes

- ▶ The Huskers have four players from the state of Colorado, including Chris Bryant (Aurora, Colo.), Thomas Lawson (Parker, Colo.), Gary Pike (Pueblo, Colo.) and Cory Ross (Denver, Colo.). The Buffaloes have two players from the state of Nebraska on their roster in A.J. Anderson (Omaha, Neb.) and Jake Behrens (Omaha, Neb.).
- ▶ Colorado has won three of the last four meetings between the two teams, although Nebraska has won five of the last six matchups in Boulder.
- ▶ Nebraska holds a 21-9-2 series lead in games played in Boulder, including a 19-8-2 edge at Folsom Field.
- ▶ Colorado has not been shut out since a 7-0 loss to Nebraska in 1988, a span of 207 games.
- ▶ The winner of the NU-CU matchup has won six of nine Big 12 North titles since the league's inception in 1996.

Scouting the Colorado Buffaloes



The Colorado Buffaloes enter Friday's matchup off a bye week looking to clinch the Big 12 Conference North Division title outright, as well as a berth in their fourth Big 12 Championship game in the last five years. CU stands with a 7-3 record overall, and a 5-2 mark in league play, following a 30-16 setback at Iowa State two weeks ago. They own a one-game lead in the division race over second-place ISU.

Other than the loss to the Cyclones, the Buffs have lost two games to teams now rated among the nation's top 3 by both the AP and USA Today Top-25 Polls. Colorado dropped a 23-3 decision at No. 3 Miami (Fla.) in its final non-conference game before starting the Big 12 season with two straight victories. CU then lost at No. 2 Texas, 42-17, before reeling off three more consecutive conference victories. The Buffaloes' offense and defense each have shouldered the load in carrying the team through the Big 12 season, as they rank third in both scoring offense (30.9 ppg) and scoring defense (19.6).

Senior quarterback Joel Klatt leads a Colorado offense that ranks second in the Big 12 in passing at 252.10 ypg. Klatt owns 34 school records, including career passing yardage (6,832), attempts (989), completions (607) and touchdowns (44). Sophomore tailback Charles Hughes is CU's top ground gainer in 2005 and leads the Buffs with 440 yards rushing, while senior Lawrence Vickers has notched a team-high 11 touchdowns (nine rushing, two receiving). While the squad's rushing game ranks only eighth in the Big 12 through the conference season, the offensive line has played superbly in pass protection and allowed a league-low seven sacks.

Defensively, the Buffaloes have been a much-improved unit throughout the 2005 season and lead the nation in rushing defense (77.0 ypg), while ranking among the nations' best in both scoring (20th) and total (25th) defense. Junior linebacker Thaddeus Washington leads the defense with 88 tackles, while he is tied for the team lead in tackles-for-loss (six) and sacks (four). Cornerbacks Lorenzo Sims and Gerett Burl have notched 14 and 10 pass breakups, respectively, but the CU defense has been vulnerable through the air. Colorado ranks 11th in the Big 12, allowing 242.1 ypg during the conference schedule.

In the kicking game, the Buffs possess two of the nations' top specialists in place-kicker Mason Crosby and punter John Torp. Crosby, a front-runner for this year's Lou Groza Award, leads the Big 12 with 1.90 field goals per game. He has made 19-of-24 kicks with five of 50 yards or more this season, including a 58-yard boot at Miami (Fla.) that ties for the longest in Div. I-A this season. Torp ranks eighth nationally in punting average at 44.84 ypg, while he has helped Colorado rank sixth nationally in net punting at 38.80 ypg.

Colorado Head Coach Gary Barnett

Coach Gary Barnett (Missouri, 1971) is in the midst of his second coaching stint at Colorado, and first as head coach of the Buffaloes. He owns a 49-35 record in seven seasons at CU, as well as an 84-80-1 mark overall in 14 seasons on the Div. I-A level. He has led the Buffs to one Big 12 Conference title (2001) and three Big 12 North titles (2001, 2002, 2004) in the last four seasons.

Barnett has been named Big 12 Coach of the Year twice (2001, 2004) since arriving at Colorado in 1999, while he earned national coach-of-the-year honors in 1995, when he led Northwestern to its first bowl game (Rose Bowl) in 47 years.

Under Barnett's guidance, the Buffaloes have posted winning seasons in four of six years since his arrival. CU also reached a bowl game following each of those four campaigns. Barnett has posted a 3-3 record against Nebraska as Colorado's head coach. He has led the Buffs to a 20-4 mark against fellow Big 12 teams during the last five seasons.

Nebraska-Colorado Series...64th All-Time Meeting...Nebraska Leads 44-17-2

Nebraska and Kansas State continue a series that reaches its 90th contest Saturday when the teams face off in Lincoln. The Huskers and Wildcats have met every year since 1923, making this the 84th consecutive year the teams have seen each other on the gridiron.

The Huskers have dominated the series as they own a 44-17-2 advantage. Nebraska leads 21-9-2 in Boulder and 19-8-2 at Folsom Field. NU won the last matchup in Boulder, 31-22, in 2003 to avenge a 62-36 loss at the hands of Colorado in 2001.

Nebraska-Kansas State Statistical Comparison

Category	Nebraska (6-4, 3-4 Big 12)			Colorado (7-3, 5-2 Big 12)		
	Avg.	Big 12	Natl.	Avg.	Big 12	Natl.
Rushing Offense	89.60	12th	110th	128.20	8th	79th
Passing Offense	213.30	6th	72nd	252.10	2nd	33rd
Total Offense	302.90	12th	106th	380.30	5th	56th
Scoring Offense	23.40	9th	77th	28.90	6th	45th
Rushing Defense	130.80	7th	39th	77.00	1st	1st
Pass Defense	206.60	4th	48th	242.10	11th	83rd
Pass Efficiency Defense	107.09	4th	16th	110.93	6th	27th
Total Defense	337.40	7th	34th	319.10	4th	25th
Scoring Defense	22.10	5th	34th	18.80	3rd	20th
Net Punting	39.73	1st	3rd	38.80	2nd	6th
Punt Returns	13.76	2nd	11th	10.36	6th	48th
Kickoff Returns	19.59	9th	83rd	18.26	11th	101st
Turnover Margin	(-.40)	9th	79th	(+.50)	3rd	T-33rd

bold indicates top-25 national ranking

Callahan as a Head Coach Year-by-Year

Year	Record	Pct.	Postseason
Nebraska			
2004	5-6	.455	None
2005	6-4	.600	
Totals	11-10	.524	
Oakland Raiders			
2002	13-6	.684	2-1; Won AFC Championship, lost to Tampa Bay in Super Bowl XXXVII
2003	4-12	.250	None
NFL Totals	17-18	.486	One playoff appearance

From the Super Bowl to Campus

Five coaches have taken a collegiate head coaching job after previously guiding their team to a Super Bowl appearance. In addition to Callahan, Bobby Ross is in his second year back in the college ranks, after taking over at Army last year.

Coach	NFL Team	Super Bowls	College (Year)
Bill Callahan	Oakland	XXXVII	Nebraska (2004)
Bobby Ross	San Diego	XXIX	Army (2004)
Bill Walsh	San Fran.	XVI, XIX, XXII	Stanford (1992)
Forrest Gregg	Cincinnati	XVI	SMU (1989)
George Allen	Washington	VII	Long Beach State (1990)

Huskers Under Callahan

Overall	11-10
vs. AP Ranked Teams	1-2
vs. AP Top 10 Teams	0-1
vs. Unranked Teams	10-8
vs. Big 12 Teams	6-9
When Rushing for 200 or more yards	2-2
When Rushing for 300 or more yards	1-0
When passing for 200 or more yards	3-6
When passing for 300 or more yards	2-1
When NU player rushes for 100 Yards	5-3
When NU has two 100-yard rushers in same game	1-0
When Opponent has 100 Yd. Rusher	2-5
When Scoring 35 or More Points	2-0
When Hold Opp. to 10 Pts. or less	5-0
When Nebraska scores first	7-0
When Nebraska leads at halftime	10-0
When Nebraska trails at halftime	0-9
When Nebraska is tied at halftime	1-1
Record in games decided by 11 points or more	5-5
Record in games decided by 10 or less	6-5
Record in games decided by 7 or less	5-5
Record in games decided by 3 or less	2-1
Record in overtime games	1-0

Callahan Continuing NU Walk-on Tradition

Nebraska Head Coach **Bill Callahan** has embraced a number of Husker traditions in his two years at the helm of the program. At the top of that list is continuing Nebraska's storied walk-on program, and rewarding the players who come to Lincoln without a scholarship.

The week of the season opener Callahan announced that four Huskers—junior wide receiver **Grant Mulkey**, senior wide receiver **Matt Schroeder**, senior defensive back **Joey Robison** and junior long snapper **Lane Kelly**—had been placed on scholarship.

The four walk-ons added to scholarship pushed the total of former walk-ons Callahan has put on scholarship to 11 since his arrival in January of 2004. Of that group, eight were native Nebraskans, two hailed from Iowa and Mulkey came to Nebraska from Texas.

Earlier this summer, Callahan placed senior safety **Blake Tiedtke** and junior offensive lineman **Newton Lingenfelter** on scholarship. Tiedtke has since earned a Blackshirt and a starting spot on the defense.

Nebraska Head Coach Bill Callahan

Coach **Bill Callahan** (Illinois Benedictine, 1978) is in his second season as the head coach of the Nebraska football program and owns a 11-10 record at Nebraska. Callahan is the 27th head coach in Husker history, taking the reins of the program in January of 2004.



Callahan came to Nebraska after two seasons as the head coach of the Oakland Raiders. He guided Oakland to the AFC Championship and Super Bowl XXXVII in his rookie season as a head coach in 2002, and compiled a 17-18 overall record as the Raiders' head man.

Callahan is one of five coaches to take a collegiate head coaching job after previously guiding a team to a Super Bowl appearance. Army Head Coach Bobby Ross is also active in the college ranks, while George Allen, Forrest Gregg and Bill Walsh previously led teams to the Super Bowl and returned to the college game.

The 49-year-old Callahan spent nine years in the National Football League, beginning his pro coaching career with the Philadelphia Eagles from 1995 to 1997. He served as an assistant with the Raiders for four seasons from 1998 to 2001, before taking over the top job in Oakland in 2002.

Callahan had extensive experience at the collegiate level before taking the job at Nebraska. Before moving into the professional ranks, Callahan served as the offensive line coach at Wisconsin for five seasons and also had assistant coaching stints at Illinois, Northern Arizona and Southern Illinois. Overall, Callahan is in his 28th year in the coaching profession. In addition to his nine years in the National Football League and 15 previous seasons as a collegiate assistant, Callahan was an assistant coach for two seasons in the Illinois prep ranks in 1978 and 1979.

Callahan has Midwest roots, as he is a native of Chicago. He earned his bachelor's degree from Illinois Benedictine in 1978. He was an NAIA honorable-mention All-America selection as a quarterback in each of his final two seasons.

Nebraska Staff Features Minor Adjustments for 2005 Season

The coaching staff Bill Callahan has assembled at Nebraska has a championship background, both on the collegiate and professional level. There is only one change on the 2005 staff as **Ted Gilmore** is serving as Nebraska's receivers coach after spending the previous two seasons on the Colorado coaching staff. Gilmore has also coached wideouts at Purdue, Houston, Kansas and his alma mater, Wyoming. In addition to adding Gilmore to the staff, Callahan also made a minor adjustment to the defensive staff prior to spring football. Bill Busch moved from coaching the outside linebackers to tutoring Nebraska's safeties, while secondary coach Phil Elmassian now focuses on the cornerbacks. Defensive coordinator Kevin Cosgrove now coaches all three Husker linebacker positions.

Gilmore's strong coaching background adds to an impressive staff that has had success at all levels, both on the field and on the recruiting trail.

► Callahan's coaching staff features four coaches who have either played or coached in the Super Bowl. Callahan and Norvell coached in Super Bowl XXXVII with Oakland, and running backs coach Randy Jordan was a player on that team. John Blake was part of the Dallas Cowboys Super Bowl championship teams in both 1993 and 1995.

► In addition to the NFL success of the coaches, Callahan's staff has a history of winning championships at the collegiate level. Members of the Nebraska coaching staff have been part of teams that have captured league titles in each of the following conferences—Atlantic Coast, Big Ten, Mid-American, Mountain West, Pac-10 and Western Athletic.

► The staff has recruiting ties in nearly every part of the United States. Recruiting analyst Tom Lemming compiled a list of the 10 best recruiters in college history in 2001. Callahan was included on the list although he had been out of the college ranks for six years at that time. Defensive line coach John Blake was recognized by Rivals.com as one of the nation's top recruiters in 2005.

Callahan Has Busy Off-Season of Charity Events

In addition to spending his summer readying for the 2005 campaign, Head Coach Bill Callahan also took time to take part in numerous public events, including two charity events.

The second Football 101 for Women took place on June 6 in Lincoln, with more than 1,100 participants learning more about the game of football. Attendees opened the day with tours of Memorial Stadium. The evening included demonstrations on officiating, football uniforms, as well as nutrition and strength training for Husker players. Football 101 concluded with participants breaking into beginning, intermediate and advanced groups to learn more about the X's and O's of the game from members of the Husker staff. The second annual Football 101 for Women raised nearly \$50,000 to benefit the National Breast Cancer Foundation.

Callahan and his wife, Valerie, also spearheaded Coach Callahan's Fun Run/Walk for Resources on Saturday, Aug. 20. Coach Callahan was the starter for the race and also welcomed the winners to the finish line on Stadium Drive. The event raised funds for Juvenile Diabetes and the University Libraries.

In addition to the charity events, Callahan also took part in the Husker Nation Tour, Nebraska's annual Fan Day and was the featured speaker at the Make-a-Wish Foundation's Red Tie Dinner in Lincoln in late July.

Big 12 Conference POW Nominees

Game	Offense	Defense	Special Teams
Maine	Hardy	Ruud	Congdon
Wake	Ross	Bullocks	Tiedtke
Pitt	Ross	Carriker	S. Koch
Iowa St.	Taylor	Moore	none
Tech	Nunn	Moore	Robison
Baylor	Mann	Grixy	Congdon
Mizzou	Swift	none	S. Koch
Oklahoma	Swift	Grixy	Rigoni
Kansas	none	none	none
K-State	Swift	Adams	Congdon

Colorado
Bold indicates winner

Huskers, Buffs in NCAA Rankings

Nebraska

Team

Pass Efficiency Defense, 107.09 (16th)
 Net Punting, 39.73 ypp (3rd)
 Punt Returns, 13.76 ypr (11th)

Individual

Sam Koch, Punting, 45.10 ypp (5th)
 Terrence Nunn, Punt Returns, 19.40 ypr (2nd)
 Jordan Congdon, Field Goals, 1.50 pg (20th)

Colorado

Team

Rushing Defense, 77.0 ypg (1st)
 Total Defense, 319.10 (25th)
 Scoring Defense, 18.8 ppg (20th)
 Net Punting, 38.80 ypp (6th)

Individual

John Torp, Punting, 44.84 ypp (8th)
 Mason Crosby, Field Goals, 1.9 pg (7th)
 Mason Crosby, Scoring, 8.8 ppg (25th)

list includes top 25 national rankings rankings through games of Nov. 12

Top 10 Field Goal Seasons in NU History

Rank	Player	Year	Field Goals
1.	Kris Brown,	1997	18
2.	Jordan Congdon,	2005*	15
3.	David Dyches,	2003	*14
	Josh Brown,	2002	14
	Josh Brown,	1999	*14
	Kris Brown,	1998	14
	Greg Barrios,	1990	14
8.	Kris Brown,	1995	*13
	Dale Klein,	1985	13
10.	Kris Brown,	1996	12
	Dean Sukup,	1979	12
	Billy Todd,	1977	12

*-Freshman Seasons

Place-Kicker Jordan Congdon Game-by-Game

Game	FG	Yards	PAT
Maine	4-4	23, 38, 33, 23	1-2
Wake Forest	1-1	21	4-4
Pitt	0-2	-	1-1
Iowa St.	2-3	30, 23	3-3
Texas Tech	1-1	27	4-4
Baylor	3-3	41, 29, 22	2-2
Missouri	1-1	32	3-3
Oklahoma	1-1	40	3-3
Kansas	0-0	-	1-1
Kansas St.	2-2	38, 40	3-3
Totals	15-18	long-41	25-26

NU-Kansas State Notes Continued from page 2

► Nebraska freshman defensive end **Zach Potter** blocked a Kansas State extra-point attempt in the first quarter. Potter also had a hand in a blocked field goal in the third quarter that was credited to **Barry Turner**. Potter's blocked kick was his second of the season. He also blocked a field goal against Pitt. It was also Turner's second blocked kick of the season, after also blocking a field goal against Oklahoma. The blocked kicks are Nebraska's sixth and seventh of the season. The Huskers have blocked five field goals (Potter, Adam Ickes vs. Pitt; Ickes vs. Texas Tech; Turner vs. Oklahoma, Kansas State), one PAT (Potter, Kansas State) and one punt (Daniel Bullocks vs. Missouri).

► Nebraska sophomore linebacker **Corey McKeon** intercepted his team-leading third pass of the season in the third quarter. McKeon also finished the game with eight tackles, pushing his team-leading tackle total to 85. McKeon had two tackles for loss, pushing his team-leading total to 19, the second-highest total ever by a Nebraska linebacker, trailing only the linebacker record 21 TFL by Demorrio Williams in 2003.

► Nebraska sophomore linebacker **Bo Ruud** recorded a career-high 15 tackles, including a career-best five tackles for loss. The five TFL ties the Nebraska linebacker position record for tackles for loss in a game.

► Nebraska junior defensive end **Adam Carriker** recorded a six-yard sack in the third quarter, his team-leading ninth sack of the season. Carriker finished with three total tackles for loss, along with four quarterback hurries.

► Nebraska freshman defensive end **Barry Turner** recorded a nine-yard sack in the second quarter, marking his sixth sack of the season, a Nebraska record for freshmen.

► Nebraska with two sacks, pushing its season sack total to 42, the eighth-most in school history.

► Nebraska senior defensive tackle **Titus Adams** had a career-high 12 tackles. His 12 tackles bettered his previous high of 11 tackles in the previous game at Kansas.

► Nebraska sophomore wideout **Terrence Nunn** caught five passes for 44 yards. Nunn has 35 receptions and is just three catches shy of moving into the Nebraska top 10 for most receptions in a season.

► The Nebraska defense held Kansas State without a pass completion in the first half, as the Wildcats misfired on all six of their first-half pass attempts.

Special Teams Battle to Highlight NU-CU Matchup

Special teams could play a key role in determining the outcome of Friday's matchup in Boulder. The Huskers and Buffs feature two of the nation's best place-kicker/punter duos. Nebraska senior punter **Sam Koch** ranks fifth nationally in punting average at 45.10 yards per punt, guiding Nebraska to a No. 3 national rank in net punting. Freshman place-kicker **Jordan Congdon** has connected on 15-of-18 field goals this season, topping all freshmen nationally in accuracy.

Meanwhile, Colorado boasts the combination of punter **John Torp** and place-kicker **Mason Crosby**. Torp ranks eighth nationally in punting average, helping the Buffs to a No. 6 national rank in net punting, while Crosby is 19-of-24 on field goal attempts, including connecting on five field goals of 50 yards or more this season. Crosby, who ranks seventh nationally in field goals per game (1.9 pg) and 25th in scoring (8.8 ppg) connected on four field goals against the Huskers last year in Lincoln.

A Special Matchup

Nebraska and Colorado both excel in several special teams areas. Here is a look at national rankings of the two teams.

Category	NU	CU
Net Punting	39.73 (3rd)	38.80 (6th)
Punt Returns	13.76 (11th)	10.36 (48th)
Field Goals	1.5 pg (20th)	1.9 pg (7th)
FG Accuracy	83%	79%
KO Coverage	15.6 ypg (3rd)	21.79 (79th)
Punt Coverage	7.82 (38th)	7.90 (40th)

Freshman Place-Kicker Congdon Continuing NU Kicking Success

True freshman place-kicker **Jordan Congdon** is adding to the recent success of Nebraska freshman place-kickers. Congdon connected on a pair of field goals against Kansas State, including a game-winning 40-yarder with 1:05 to play. He also made all three of his PAT attempts against the Wildcats.

Congdon is 15-of-18 on field goals this season, and has made each of his last nine attempts. He connected on all four of his FG attempts in his debut against Maine, and made three field goals at Missouri. Congdon missed his first career extra-point attempt, but has connected on his past 25 PAT attempts.

A native of San Diego, Calif., Congdon ranks second on the Nebraska single-season field goals list with 15, a Husker freshman record. His total trails only current Houston Texans kicker Kris Brown who made 18 field goals as a junior in 1997.

Congdon's backup at place-kicker, **David Dyches**, had a similar start to his Nebraska career in 2003. Dyches did not begin the season as the starter, but took over the place-kicking duties in game two against Utah State and made four field goals. He then connected on his first three field goal attempts the following week against Penn State, giving him seven straight made field goals to open his Nebraska career. Dyches also made all 32 of his PAT attempts as a rookie.

Before Congdon and Dyches, current NFL place-kickers Kris Brown and Josh Brown both had successful rookie seasons at Nebraska. In his redshirt freshman season in 1999, Josh Brown made 14-of-20 field goals and 46-of-47 PAT attempts. The 14 field goals by Dyches and Josh Brown were the previous NU record for field goals by a freshman. In 1995, Kris Brown made 13-of-16 field-goal attempts as a true freshman, including the first four field goals of his Nebraska career. Like Congdon, Kris Brown misfired on the first PAT attempt of his career, but rebounded to make 58-of-61 during the 1995 season.



Huskers on Watch Lists**Daniel Bullocks, Sr., SS**

Lott Trophy Watch List (Impact Defensive Player)

Cory Ross, Sr., IB

Doak Walker Award Watch List

Sam Koch, Sr., P

Ray Guy Award Watch List

Ray Guy Award Semifinalist (1 of 10)

Kurt Mann, Jr., C

Lombardi Award Watch List

Rimington Trophy Watch List

Adam Carriker, Jr., DE

Lombardi Award Watch List

Le Kevin Smith, Sr., NT

Lombardi Award Watch List

Dane Todd, FB

Wuerffel Trophy Finalist (1 of 13)

Punter Sam Koch Game-by-Game in 2005

Game	Punts	Avg.	I20	Long	Returns
Maine	4	46.8	2	70	0-0
Wake	8	42.5	4	76	3-23
Pitt	8	46.0	5	84	3-7
ISU	4	40.5	2	55	1-11
Tech	1	32.0	1	32	0-0
Baylor	4	45.2	1	56	2-24
Missouri	7	48.1	5	55	2-8
Oklahoma	7	46.6	1	59	4-43
Kansas	9	47.6	4	65	5-31
Kansas St.	6	42.5	3	58	1-(-4)

Top 10 Kickoff Return Defense**Seasons in School History**

Year	Yards per Return
1956	10.8
1949	13.1
1981	14.0
1985	15.3
2005	15.6
1974	15.7
1964	15.8
1982	16.1
1988	16.1
1946	16.2
1965	16.2

Top Kick Block Seasons in School History (Since 1968)

Year	Blocked Kicks
1999	10 (7 punt, 3 FG)
1996	8 (5 punt, 1 FG, 2 PAT)
2005	7 (5 FG, 1 PAT, 1 punt)
1968	7
2003	6 (3 FG, 2 punt, 1 PAT)
2000	6 (3 FG, 2 punt, 1 PAT)
2002	5 (5 punts)
1994	5

Nebraska Blocked Kicks in 2005

Zach Potter, FG vs. Pitt

Adam Ickes, FG vs. Pitt

Adam Ickes, FG vs. Texas Tech

Daniel Bullocks, punt vs. Missouri

Barry Turner, FG vs. Oklahoma

Zach Potter, PAT vs. Kansas State

Barry Turner, FG vs. Kansas State

Ray Guy Semifinalist Koch a Constant for Husker Special Teams

Senior punter **Sam Koch** was the special teams standout for Nebraska in 2004, and is putting together an even better 2005 campaign. One of 10 semifinalists for the Ray Guy Award and a strong contender for All-America honors, Koch is averaging 45.10 yards per punt, a figure that places him fifth nationally and second in the Big 12. Koch's punting effort helps Nebraska rank third nationally in net punting at 39.73 yards per punt.

The Seward, Neb., native has been the model of consistency throughout the 2005 season. He has averaged at least 42.5 yards per punt in nine of 10 games this season, with the lone exception being the Texas Tech game when he punted only one time. Koch has also had at least one punt of 55 yards or more in nine of 10 games.

Koch had a game-changing performance against Pitt, when he punted eight times and averaged 46.0 yards per boot. Koch drilled a career-long 84-yard punt in the third quarter of the game, marking the third straight week he bettered his previous career long. The 84-yard punt was the second-longest punt in Nebraska history and the longest in Big 12 history (since 1996). Koch also pinned Pitt inside its 20-yard line five times on eight punts, with second-half punts downed on the Panther 1 and 4 yard lines. Koch's performance against Pitt earned him SBC Big 12 Special Teams Player of the Week.

Koch had another outstanding day at Missouri. Nebraska's 47.0 net punting average against Missouri was the Huskers' top number since recording a 49.0 net against Kansas in Lincoln on Nov. 9, 2002. In that game, Kyle Larson had six punts for 301 yards (50.2 ypp).

Among the accomplishments during Koch's award-winning 2005 season are...

- ▶ Koch's season average of 45.10 yards per punt is just off the Nebraska school record, set by Kyle Larson who averaged 45.12 yards per punt in 2003. In that season, Larson, currently the Cincinnati Bengals' starting punter, was one of three finalists for the Ray Guy Award.

- ▶ Koch has had 28 of his 58 punts (48 percent) this fall downed inside the opponent's 20-yard line, including five each vs. Pitt and Missouri. A year ago, Koch had 27 of his 63 punts (43 percent) downed inside the opponent's 20. In 21 games as Nebraska's starting punter, Koch has had 55 of 121 punts (45 percent) downed inside the 20-yard line. In the past 14 games dating back to last year, Koch has placed 43-of-86 punts inside the 20 (50 percent).

- ▶ Koch has allowed only 21 returns for 143 yards this season.

- ▶ Koch has three punts of 70 yards or longer. Koch is one of only two punters in school history, joining his predecessor, Kyle Larson, to have three punts of 70 yards or more in school history. Larson is now the starting punter for the Cincinnati Bengals. A fourth punt of 70 yards or more would make Koch the only punter in Division I-A in the past 10 seasons to have four 70-plus yard punts in the same season.

- ▶ Koch owns two of the four longest punts in school history with his 84-yard punt against Pitt (second) and his 76-yarder vs. Wake Forest (fourth). Koch's 84-yard punt against Pitt is one of only 26 80-plus-yard punts in Division I-A in the past 10 seasons (1996 to 2005).

- ▶ Of Koch's 58 punts, 35 have come from inside Nebraska's own 40-yard line. On those punts, Koch is averaging 49.3 yards per boot.

- ▶ Twenty-three of Koch's 58 punts have come from past Nebraska's 40-yard line or in opponent territory. On those punts, Koch has downed 18 of the 23 inside the opponent's 20-yard line.

Koch Just Part of Nebraska Special Teams Story

The performance of Sam Koch has been the highlight of Nebraska's vastly improved special teams, however the Huskers have shown marked improvement in several other special teams categories.

The highlights from special teams in 2005 include...

- ▶ Nebraska has blocked seven kicks in 2005, including five field goals (see left margin). NU used a pair of blocked field goals to secure a 7-6 victory over Pitt, including a block by senior linebacker **Adam Ickes** on the game's final play. The Pitt contest marked the first time since a 2000 victory over Colorado that Nebraska had blocked two field goals in a game. Nebraska also blocked a pair of kicks against Kansas State, blocking a first-quarter PAT attempt and a third-quarter field goal. Nebraska's seven blocked kicks are the third-most in school history, trailing only 10 in 1999 and eight in 1996.

- ▶ Nebraska senior **Daniel Bullocks** blocked a Missouri punt to set up a second-quarter Husker touchdown.

- ▶ Nebraska's punt return game has made a big impact. The Huskers threatened the school record for punt return yardage in a game with 198 yards vs. Maine and have totaled 578 yards on punt returns. Last season, Nebraska finished the season with just 181 punt return yards. The Huskers rank 11th nationally in punt return average at 13.76 yards per return.

- ▶ Sophomore **Terrence Nunn** had a 62-yard return on the first punt return attempt of his career vs. Maine, the longest punt return for a Husker since DeJuan Groce had an 89-yard return for a touchdown in a 24-13 win over Missouri in 2002. Nunn added a 45-yard punt return on his second career punt return and his 135 return yards vs. Maine nearly doubled Nebraska's team leader from 2004. Nunn matched his career-best with a 62-yard return against Pitt and ranks second nationally in punt return average at 19.40 yards per return,

NU's Koch a Worthy "Guy"

Nebraska senior punter Sam Koch compares favorably with the other semifinalists for the Ray Guy Award.

Punter, School	Avg.	Team Net	Inside 20
Sam Koch, Nebraska	45.10	39.73	28
Danny Baugher, Arizona*	47.50	36.97	11
Dave Brytus, Purdue	39.68	36.61	21
Gordon Ely-Kelso, Georgia	42.89	38.51	17
Chris Hall, Florida St.	38.02	35.17	17
Ryan Plackemeier, Wake	47.24	41.38	20
Nic Schmitt, Va. Tech	41.91	35.18	11
John Torp, Colorado	44.84	38.80	21
Kyle Tucker, Kansas	42.97	35.77	15
Eric Wilbur, Florida	41.19	37.96	20

*-Injured, out for the season

Opponents Find Third Down Tough vs. Blackshirts

The Nebraska defense has been strong on third downs, allowing opponents to convert on just 48-of-159 third-down attempts this season. NU was at its best on third down against Pitt, holding the Panthers to just one conversion in 14 third-down situations, while limiting Texas Tech to 1-of-10 on third down.

On the season, Nebraska ranks 10th nationally and third in the Big 12 in third-down defensive conversion percentage at 30.2 percent. Colorado is also strong in that category, holding opponents to 31.9 percent on third down to rank 15th in the nation.

2005 Husker Takeaways

Game	Fumb.	INT	Total
Maine	1	1	2
Wake	1	3	4
Pitt	0	0	0
ISU	0	1	1
T. Tech	1	1	2
Baylor	1	2	3
Missouri	1	1	2
Oklahoma	0	0	0
Kansas	1	1	2
Kansas St.	1	1	2
Totals	7	11	18

Defensive Touchdowns

Bo Ruud, 27-yard INT return vs. Maine
 Corey McKeon, 38-yard INT return vs. Wake Forest
 Daniel Bullocks, 30-yard fumble return vs. Wake Forest
 Stewart Bradley, 43-yard INT return vs. Wake Forest

Blackshirt Sack Attack

Nebraska has recorded 42 sacks to lead the nation. The Huskers are on pace to threaten the school record for sacks, set with 53 quarterback sacks in 1999. Nebraska also leads the nation in tackles for loss.

Game	Sacks	Yds.	TFL	Yards
Maine	11	69	18	82
Wake	5	46	15	65
Pitt	4	34	9	49
Iowa St.	6	43	12	55
Tx. Tech	4	38	7	51
Baylor	4	32	9	46
Missouri	4	41	11	55
Oklahoma	1	6	10	47
Kansas	1	2	6	14
Kansas St.	2	15	10	35
Totals	42	326	107	499

2005 Blackshirts Against the Run

Game	Att.	Yds.	TD	Long
Maine	37	-6	0	15
Wake	52	130	0	20
Pitt	36	114	0	30
ISU	38	57	1	11
Tech	23	44	0	26
Baylor	23	51	1	18
Missouri	49	277	4	79
Oklahoma	45	180	3	58
Kansas	44	213	1	72
K-State	50	248	3	48

Yards per Game—130.8; Yards per Attempt—3.3

2005 Blackshirts Against the Pass

Game	Passes	Yds.	TD	Long	Sacks
Maine	36-16-1	149	1	52	11-69
Wake	28-12-3	117	0	34	5-46
Pitt	28-11-0	190	0	73	4-34
ISU	41-23-1	317	1	60	6-43
Tech	45-34-1	368	4	31	4-38
Baylor	31-17-2	202	1	51	4-32
Missouri	38-22-1	246	1	50	4-41
Oklahoma	28-14-0	157	0	22	1-6
Kansas	27-16-1	215	2	40	1-2
K-State	30-6-1	103	0	43	2-15

Yards per Game—206.6; Yards per Attempt—6.2

Pass Efficiency Defense Rating—107.09

▶ Sophomore **Cortney Grixby** has had four returns of 20 yards or more in the past six weeks, including a 48-yarder at Baylor to set up a second-quarter touchdown. Grixby is averaging 10.6 yards on 25 punt returns.

▶ Sophomore **Tierre Green** had a career-long 45-yard kickoff return on his only attempt against Iowa State, bettering a 43-yard return against Maine in the season opener. Green is averaging 24.8 yards per return.

▶ Freshman **Marlon Lucky** has added a dimension to Nebraska's kickoff return team in recent weeks. Lucky is averaging 20.8 yards per return and had an NU season-long 57-yard return at Kansas. He also had a 100-yard kickoff return for a score at Kansas nullified by a penalty.

▶ In 2004, Nebraska had three punt or kickoff returns of 40 yards or more. NU has seven such returns in 2005.

▶ Nebraska has also been strong in coverage, allowing just 172 yards on 22 opponent punt returns, an average of 7.8 yards per return. Opponents are averaging just 15.6 yards per kickoff return, a figure that ranks third nationally.

▶ When including Nebraska's defensive returns, the Huskers hold a distinct edge in return yardage. NU's combined punt (568 yards, 0 TD), interception (187 yards, 3 TD) and fumble (126 yards, 1 TD) returns have totaled 881 yards and four touchdowns, an average of 88.1 yards per game. Opponents on the other hand have totaled just 390 yards (172 punt return yards, 209 interception return yards, 5 fumble return yards) in those three categories.

Blackshirts Look to Finish Strong Against Buffs

Nebraska's Blackshirt defense has made its mark in the record book and among the national statistical leaders in several categories this season.

The Husker defense has made its mark in the record book in 2005, while ranking among the nation's best in several categories. In week one, the defense tied school records for sacks and tackles for loss, and against Wake Forest, the Blackshirts scored three touchdowns of their own, setting a school record for defensive touchdowns.

The success of defensive coordinator **Kevin Cosgrove's** unit has come despite having to replace three players who were selected in the top 40 picks of the 2005 NFL Draft, in addition to a pair of four-year lettermen.

Highlights for the 2005 Blackshirts include...

▶ Nebraska leads the nation in sacks (42) and tackles for loss (97), and has recorded at least four sacks in seven of 10 games. Eleven different defenders have recorded a sack this season.

▶ Junior defensive end **Adam Carriker** leads the Blackshirts with nine sacks for 78 yards, tying for the Big 12 lead. Sophomore linebacker **Corey McKeon** has seven, while freshman defensive end **Barry Turner** has six sacks and two other defenders have four sacks. Last season, Nebraska finished the year with a total of 25 sacks in 11 games, with team leader Benard Thomas recording four sacks.

▶ In the opener against Maine, Nebraska tied school records with 11 sacks and 18 tackles for loss. The Huskers previously had 11 sacks in a 1989 victory over Oregon State, while the previous 18 TFL effort came against Iowa State in 1969.

▶ The defense has scored four touchdowns, all in a five-quarter stretch spanning the fourth quarter of the Maine game and the Wake Forest contest. The scores came on interception returns by linebackers **Bo Ruud** (27 yards vs. Maine), **Corey McKeon** (38 yards vs. Wake Forest) and **Stewart Bradley** (43 yards vs. Wake Forest), in addition to a 30-yard fumble return for a touchdown by strong safety **Daniel Bullocks** against Wake Forest.

▶ Nebraska set a school record with three defensive touchdowns against Wake Forest, and the two defensive scores in the first quarter also marked the first time a Blackshirt defense scored two TDs in a single quarter. The two interception returns for touchdowns tied a school record set on four previous occasions, most recently vs. Texas A&M in 2003.

▶ Before the Wake Forest game, the last time Nebraska scored consecutive touchdowns on defense was on Oct. 19, 1963, when the Huskers had consecutive scores on interception returns in a 28-6 victory over Kansas State. In that game, Ron Michka returned an interception 16 yards for a score in the second quarter, and Larry Tomlinson had a 34-yard interception return in the third quarter.

▶ Nebraska has three interception returns for touchdowns, just two off the single-season record of five interceptions for touchdowns set in 1971 and 1995. Overall, Nebraska has four defensive touchdowns, after not posting a defensive touchdown last season.

▶ In addition to the four touchdowns, the Blackshirt defense has given the offense the ball inside the opponent's 16-yard line three times this season. All three were on fumble recoveries/returns that resulted in touchdowns against Texas Tech, Missouri and Kansas.

▶ Nebraska had a 10-quarter stretch of not allowing a touchdown (Wake Forest, Pitt, first half of ISU game).

▶ On the strength of the school-record 11 sacks, Nebraska held Maine to minus-six yards rushing to mark the second straight year the Husker defense has held its opponent to negative rushing yards in the opener.

Bullocks Leading Secondary in Senior Season

Senior strong safety **Daniel Bullocks** continues to build a case for postseason honors during his senior season. The only returning starter in NU's secondary for the 2005 season, Bullocks has embraced his role as a leader and play-maker in the secondary.

Bullocks is looking to join his twin brother, Josh, as an honor winner at Nebraska. Josh Bullocks gave up his senior season at NU, and was a second-round draft choice of the New Orleans Saints in 2005, after earning All-America honors in 2003. Daniel was a second-team All-Big 12 pick last season, and is pushing for higher honors this season.

One of two co-captains, Bullocks ranks third on the team in tackles with 69 stops, including four tackles for loss. He also leads the Huskers in pass breakups with 10, including two PBUs three times this season. Bullocks picked off his first pass of 2005, and the eighth of his career, late in the fourth quarter at Baylor sealing NU's 23-14 victory.

Bullocks Makes Most of Touches

Nebraska senior strong safety **Daniel Bullocks** played quarterback at Chattanooga's Hixson High School, and it is clear he has not forgotten what to do with the football in his hands. As a prepster, Bullocks capped his high school career by rushing for 1,432 yards and 21 touchdowns as a senior.

At Nebraska, Bullocks has three career fumble recoveries and eight career interceptions. Of those 11 takeaways, Bullocks has returned nine of them at least 10 yards, including a pair of fumble returns for touchdowns. Bullocks had the first blocked punt of his career at Missouri, setting up a Nebraska touchdown.

Bullocks' returns include...

- 11-yard INT return at Kansas, 2003
- 58-yard INT return vs. Western Illinois, 2004
- 16-yard INT return vs. So. Mississippi, 2004
- 38-yard INT return at Texas Tech, 2004
- 44-yard INT return vs. Baylor, 2004
- 10-yard fumble return at Kansas State, 2004 (TD)
- 31-yard INT return at Iowa State, 2004
- 30-yard fumble return vs. Wake Forest, 2004 (TD)
- 12-yard INT return at Baylor, 2005

Ross, Bullocks Serving as Team Captains

Nebraska seniors **Cory Ross** and **Daniel Bullocks** have been elected team captains for the 2005 campaign. Ross is poised to crack the top 10 on Nebraska's career rushing list, while Bullocks continues to make his mark as one of the finest defensive backs in school history.

This marks the first time since the 1982 season that Nebraska has had just two captains. Ross is the first Husker I-back to serve as a team captain since Dan Alexander in 2000, and just the third Husker captain from that position since 1984.

This marks the second straight season a Bullocks has served as a team captain. Last season, free safety Josh Bullocks was a team captain as a junior, before leaving Nebraska for the NFL after his junior season. Daniel and Josh Bullocks are just the sixth set of brothers to serve as captains at Nebraska. The last set of brothers to serve as captains were the Kelsay brothers (Chad in 1998; Chris in 2002). Other brother combinations in school history to serve as team captains were Mike (1983) and Andy Keeler (1988), Erik (1991) and Zach Wiegert (1994), Christian (1995) and Jason Peter (1997) and Grant (1997) and Tracey Wistrom (2001).

Corey McKeon Game-by-Game

Opponent	UT-AT-TT	TFL	Sacks	INT	Hurries
Maine	8-2-10	3-5	1-2	—	1
Wake Forest	6-4-10	2-11	2-11	1-38*	0
Pitt	3-3-6	1-2	—	—	2
ISU	9-2-11	5-23	2-18	—	3
Tech	0-6-6	—	—	—	—
Baylor	4-3-7	—	—	—	—
Missouri	7-3-10	2-19	1-18	—	—
Oklahoma	5-3-8	2-11	—	—	—
Kansas	5-4-9	2-3	1-2	1-19	1
Kansas St.	4-4-8	2-8	—	1-0	0
Totals	51-34-85	19-82	7-51	3-57*	7

*—38-yard return for a touchdown vs. Wake Forest

Nebraska Football Notables

- ▶ Five national championships (1970, 1971, 1994, 1995, 1997)
- ▶ 43 conference championships
- ▶ Three Heisman trophies, eight Outland trophies, four Lombardi awards
- ▶ 106 All-Americans
- ▶ Nation-leading 83 academic All-Americans
- ▶ NCAA-record 275 consecutive sellouts in Memorial Stadium
- ▶ 792 all-time victories—third in NCAA
- ▶ 42 all-time bowl appearances—fifth in NCAA
- ▶ 121-12 home record in last 19 seasons (since 1986)

NU Streaks...The Huskers have...

- ▶ won 96 straight when rushing for 400 yards
- ▶ won 115 consecutive games when holding the opponent to 10 or fewer points (223-5-1 all-time)
- ▶ scored in 123 consecutive games
- ▶ scored in 241 straight home games
- ▶ shut out opponents 102 times

The 6-2, 210-pounder showed his versatility at Missouri, when he blocked a second-quarter Tiger punt and recovered the ball to set up a Husker touchdown. He has also had two fumbles caused and a fumble recovery.

After a solid opener against Maine, Bullocks had a monster game against Wake Forest, recording 13 tackles and forcing and returning a fumble 30 yards for a touchdown to give Nebraska a 14-0 lead. The 13 tackles was the second-best total of Bullocks' career, while the touchdown was the second of Bullocks' career. In 2004, he returned a botched Kansas State punt snap 10 yards for a touchdown.

▶ With his 69 tackles this fall, Bullocks continues to climb the Nebraska career tackles chart. One of seven defensive backs in the top 50 on Nebraska's career tackles list, Bullocks surpassed 200 career tackles at Kansas, and moved into second place in tackles among defensive backs against Kansas State. Bullocks' 212 career tackles trail only Mike Brown (287) among NU defensive backs and puts him 21st overall in school history. Against Pitt, Bullocks passed his brother on the Nebraska career tackles list.

▶ Bullocks returned his interception at Baylor 12 yards and now has 209 yards on eight career interceptions. Last season Bullocks returned his team-high five picks for 187 yards, a school single-season record for interception return yardage. Bullocks is now 44 interception return yards from the Nebraska career record, currently held by Ralph Brown who had 253 interception return yards in his career.

▶ Bullocks' eight career interceptions leaves him three picks from the top five on NU's career interceptions list. He is five interceptions behind his brother Josh, who ranks second in school history with 13 interceptions. His 22 career pass breakups are sixth on the NU charts and the most ever by a Husker safety.

NU Defensive Back Career Tackles

Rank	Player	Years	Yards
1.	Mike Brown, 1996-99		287
2.	Daniel Bullocks, 2002-present		212
3.	Tyrone Byrd, 1989-92		209
4.	Reggie Cooper, 1987-90		195
5.	Keyuo Craver, 1998-01		192
6.	Steve Carmer, 1988-92		182
7.	Josh Bullocks, 2002-04		160

McKeon Making an Impact in Middle of Husker Defense

Nebraska sophomore linebacker **Corey McKeon** faced one of the most difficult jobs entering the season. Not only is he charged with getting the Husker Blackshirt defense aligned correctly, he was also asked to fill the shoes of Nebraska's all-time leading tackler **Barrett Ruud**. A second-round draft pick of the Tampa Bay Buccaneers, Ruud was Nebraska's starter at MIKE linebacker for the past three seasons and piled up 432 career tackles.

The 6-1, 225-pound McKeon entered the season having played in only one game last season as a redshirt freshman. However, the boisterous native of suburban Chicago has performed like a veteran since the start of the season, helping lead an energized Blackshirt unit.

Among McKeon's accomplishments this season are...

▶ McKeon leads the Huskers with 85 total tackles, including four 10-tackle efforts (Maine, Wake Forest, Iowa State, Missouri). McKeon also leads the team with 19 tackles for loss, resulting in 82 yards, while his seven sacks have set opponents back 51 yards. He had a two-yard sack at Kansas that resulted in a safety for the Huskers.

▶ McKeon got Nebraska on the scoreboard against Wake Forest, returning a first-quarter interception 38 yards for a touchdown, one of three defensive touchdowns in the 31-3 victory. He added his second interception of the season at Kansas and had a 19-yard return.

▶ McKeon's seven sacks are sixth in the Big 12. He had two sacks each against Wake Forest and Iowa State.

▶ McKeon set a Nebraska linebacker record with five tackles for loss against Iowa State. The Nebraska season record for sacks and tackles for loss by a linebacker were both set by Demorrio Williams in 2003, with 11 sacks and 21 tackles for loss, while McKeon's seven sacks and 19 tackles for loss are the second-best single-season totals for a linebacker at Nebraska.

Bookends Carriker and Moore Pounding Opposing Quarterbacks

Nebraska's improved pass rush has truly been a team effort this season. However, bookend junior defensive ends **Adam Carriker** and **Jay Moore** have constantly applied pressure from the edge. Carriker leads NU with nine sacks for 78 yards in losses, while Moore has added 2 1/2 sacks and caused fumbles in three straight games (Pitt, Iowa State, Texas Tech).

Carriker has shown flashes of dominance throughout his Nebraska career. The Kennewick, Wash., native has prototypical size (6-6, 280) and strength for a defensive end. However, Carriker's first two seasons of play for Nebraska were disrupted by ankle injuries. As a redshirt freshman in 2003, Carriker missed three games with an ankle injury, but was a strong pass rusher when healthy. He capped the year with a breakout game at Colorado with three quarterback hurries and a sack. Last fall, Carriker again had injury problems, suffering an ankle injury that forced him to miss a game and slowed him for most of the first half of the year. Carriker was back to full strength

Adam Carriker Game-by-Game

Opponent	UT-AT-TT	TFL	Sacks	PBU	Hurries
Maine	4-0-4	2-13	2-13	0	1
Wake Forest	1-1-2	1-14	1-14	1	0
Pitt	4-3-7	4-26	2-21	1	2
ISU	2-4-6	0-0	0-0	0	3
Tech	1-0-1	1-13	1-13	0	1
Baylor	1-0-1	1-3	0-0	0	2
Missouri	3-2-5	2-7	1-5	0	2
Oklahoma	2-1-3	2-7	1-6	0	0
Kansas	4-2-6	0-0	0-0	0	1
Kansas St.	1-2-3	2-6	1-6	0	4
Totals	23-15-38	15-89	9-78	2	16

Other: Fumble recovery vs. Kansas

Jay Moore Game-by-Game

Opponent	UT-AT-TT	TFL	Sacks	PBU	Hurries
Maine	1-2-3	1-3	0.5-3	0	1
Wake Forest	0-0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1
Pitt	4-0-4	1-3	0-0	0	0
ISU	2-1-3	2-10	1-6	1	1
Tech	3-1-4	3-18	1-12	1	1
Baylor	2-2-4	1-4	0-0	0	1
Missouri	1-3-4	1-1	0-0	0	2
Oklahoma	3-2-5	3-5	0-0	0	0
Kansas	1-3-4	1-2	0-0	0	1
Kansas St.	0-1-1	0-0	0-0	0	0
Totals	17-15-32	13-46	2.5-21	2	8

Other: INT vs. Iowa State; fumbles caused vs. Pitt, ISU, TT 17-yard fumble recovery return at Missouri

Cory Ross Game-by-Game Rushing in 2005

Game	Att.	Yds.	TD	Avg.	Long
Maine	20	80	1	4.0	30
Wake	20	123	0	6.2	57
Pitt	32	153	0	4.8	19
ISU	15	32	1	2.1	6
Tx. Tech	15	68	0	4.5	11
Baylor	26	93	0	3.6	11
Missouri	10	39	0	3.9	16
Missouri	10	21	0	2.1	8
Kansas	16	30	1	1.9	9
Kansas St.	26	69	1	2.7	12

Ross' Career 100-Yard Rushing Games (11)

- 19 carries, 108 yards at Kansas, 2003
- 22 carries, 103 yards, 1 TD at Colorado, 2003
- 37 carries, 138 yards, 2 TD vs. Michigan St., 2003 Alamo Bowl
- 13 carries, 125 yards vs. Western Illinois, 2004
- 27 carries, 169 yards vs. Southern Miss, 2004
- 19 carries, 107 yards, 1 TD vs. Kansas, 2004
- 19 carries, 194 yards, 2 TD vs. Missouri, 2004
- 19 carries, 126 yards, 1 TD at Iowa State, 2004
- 30 carries, 130 yards at Oklahoma, 2004
- 20 carries, 123 yards vs. Wake Forest, 2005
- 32 carries, 153 yards vs. Pitt, 2005

Charting the Husker Backs in 2005

Game	Ross	B. Jackson	Lucky	Glenn	Total
Maine	20-80-1	6-18-0	13-44-0	DNP	39-142-1
Wake	20-123-0	4-3-0	2-3-0	DNP	26-129-0
Pitt	32-153-0	2-4-0	1-(-4)-0	4-20-0	39-177-0
ISU	15-32-1	0-0-0	0-0-0	DNP	15-32-1
Tech	15-68-0	1-4-0	3-23-0	12-39-2	31-134-2
Baylor	26-93-0	0-0-0	7-18-0	12-41-0	45-152-0
Mizzou	10-39-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	3-5-1	13-44-1
OU	10-21-0	0-0-0	4-2-0	4-8-0	18-31-0
KU	16-30-1	DNP	0-0-0	2-0-0	18-30-1
KSU	26-69-1	1-(-2)-0	2-7-0	DNP	29-74-1

Nebraska RB Career Receptions

Player, Years	Rec.-Yds-TD
Jeff Kinney, 1969-71	82-864-3
Cory Ross, 2002-present	59-592-4
Tony Davis, 1973-75	53-499-4

Nebraska Career Receptions

Rank, Player, Years	Receptions
1. Johnny Rodgers, 1970-72	143
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10. Ross Pilkington, 2002-04	63
11. Abdul Muhammad, 1991-94	61
Jerry List, 1970-72	61
Dennis Richnafsky, 1965-67	61
14. Cory Ross, 2002-present	59
15. Tracey Wistrom, 1998-2001	58
16. Bobby Thomas, 1974-76	56
Chuck Malito, 1974-76	56
18. Jon Bostick, 1989-91	55
Junior Miller, 1977-79	55
20. Matt Herian, 2002-present	53
Jim McFarland, 1968-69	53
Tony Davis, 1973-75	53
23. Ritch Bahe, 1972-74	52
25. Terrence Nunn, 2004-present	51
25. Dave Shamblin, 1973-75	50
26. Freeman White, 1963-65	47
Brendan Holbein, 1993-96	47
Mark LeFlore, 2002-present	47

late in the season and had 28 tackles, five tackles for loss and a sack in the season's final five games.

The strong finish to 2004 has carried over to 2005. From his base end position, Carriker has 15 tackles for loss, including nine sacks for 78 yards. Carriker's nine sacks are tied for first in the Big 12 and 12th in the nation. His 78 yards in losses on sacks rank No. 4 nationally. Carriker produced his best game at Nebraska against Pittsburgh, finishing with seven tackles, four tackles for loss (26 yards), a pair of sacks (21 yards), a quarterback hurry and a pass breakup. He has had at least one tackle for loss in eight of 10 games this season. He also has a team-high 16 quarterback hurries, including a career-high four against Kansas State.

Moore has totaled 32 tackles this season, including 13 for loss and 2.5 sacks for 21 yards. The 6-4, 270-pounder has been dominant in recent weeks, including showing the athleticism he used to play fullback in high school.

Against Iowa State, Moore had three tackles, including a pair of tackles for loss and a six-yard sack. He also forced a Cyclone fumble and picked off a pass ending a third-quarter ISU scoring threat. The Elkhorn, Neb., native was again strong against Texas Tech recording four tackles, including three tackles for loss of 18 yards, and a 12-yard sack. He also forced a fourth-quarter fumble that set up a Husker touchdown to give NU a 28-27 lead. At Missouri, Moore scooped up a fumble and returned it 17 yards deep into Tiger territory to set up a Husker touchdown. He had three tackles for loss against Oklahoma, and has had at least one TFL in seven of the past eight games.

► Reserve ends **Wali Muhammad** and **Barry Turner** have also been key factors in the Husker pass rush. Muhammad has four sacks, while Turner is making a case for freshman All-America honors with six sacks and seven tackles for loss. Turner's six sacks are a Nebraska freshman record and are tied for the most in the nation among freshmen. Turner has also forced a fumble, blocked a pair of kicks and tallied six quarterback hurries.

Senior I-Back Ross Continuing to Climb Husker Charts

Nebraska senior I-back **Cory Ross** has shown he is an ideal fit in the West Coast Offense during the past two seasons. The 5-6, 195-pound Ross is a workhorse as a runner, and is also adept at catching the ball out of the NU backfield, and has continually provided evidence he is a natural for Head Coach Bill Callahan's offense.

Ross is averaging 96.3 all-purpose yards per game to rank eighth in the Big 12 Conference. He leads the team in rushing at 70.8 yards per game, and is third on the team with 31 receptions. Ross has continually exhibited the versatility he provides the Nebraska offense throughout the 2005 campaign.

Against Pitt, Ross was a workhorse in the running game, toting the ball 32 times for 153 yards, while also catching three passes for 23 yards. In the double-overtime win against Iowa State, Ross flashed his receiving skills as Nebraska amassed a school-record 431 yards passing. Ross caught eight passes out of the backfield for a Nebraska running back record 131 yards. He provided all three of the Huskers' touchdowns, scoring on a 70-yard screen pass in the third quarter, a one-yard TD run in the first overtime and an eight-yard reception in the second extra period.

In Nebraska's game against Texas Tech, Ross flashed both his rushing and receiving skills in the same contest. He rushed for 68 yards on 15 carries, while catching four passes for 51 yards out of the backfield. His five touchdowns are also a team high. He added his first career touchdown pass on an 18-yard pass to Nate Swift against Oklahoma.

Among the growing accomplishments for the All-Big 12 candidate are...

► Ross continues to climb Nebraska's career rushing chart. Against Wake Forest Ross surpassed 2,000 career yards and now has 2,569 career rushing yards, placing him 11th on the NU career chart, just four yards from reaching the top 10 on NU's career rushing list.

► Ross has a pair of 100-yard outings in 2005 (Wake Forest, Pitt) and has 11 career 100-yard rushing games.

► Ross caught 21 passes for 262 yards and two TDs last fall. His 74-yard touchdown reception against Baylor in 2004 was the longest by an NU running back since 1978 and his 21 catches were the most in a decade by a Husker back. Ross has surpassed that reception total in 2005, with 31 catches for 255 yards and two touchdowns.

► The 31 receptions this season are the most by a Nebraska back since Jeff Kinney had a Nebraska running back record 41 receptions in 1969. Ross' 50 career receptions are the second-most by an NU running back, trailing only Kinney's running back record 81 receptions from 1969 to 1971.

► The 70-yard touchdown reception against Iowa State marked the third reception of 60 yards or longer in Ross' career. Last fall, he had the 74-yard TD catch against Baylor and a 63-yard reception at Kansas State.

► Ross posted the first 1,000-yard rushing season by a Nebraska I-back since the 2001 campaign, finishing the 11-game 2004 slate with 1,102 yards.

► Ross rushed for a career-high 194 yards and two touchdowns against Missouri in 2004, including a career-long 86-yard touchdown run. He topped the century mark six times in 2004 and was the only back to rush for 100 yards against Oklahoma last season.

2005 Offense Focusing on Flexibility, Ball Security

Nebraska featured the offensive balance Bill Callahan promised from the West Coast Offense in 2004. The Huskers rushed the ball on 412 of 734 (56.1 percent) offensive attempts in 2004, and picked up 48.5 percent of their offense on the ground, against 51.5 percent through the air. The offense was Nebraska's most balanced attack since 1972. The balanced attack in 2004 showed some of the elements that Bill Callahan's West Coast attack displayed during his coaching tenure with the Oakland Raiders.

Player, Years	Yards
1. Mike Rozier, 1981-83	4,780
2. Ahman Green, IB, 1995-97	3,880
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9. Derek Brown, 1990-92	2,699
10. Jammal Lord, QB, 2000-03	2,573
11. Cory Ross, IB, 2002-present	2,569

Huskers Finding Passing Success in Big 12 Play

The Nebraska passing game has been much improved since the start of Big 12 play. NU averaged just 133.0 yards passing in non-league games, but has averaged 247.7 yards passing in Big 12 games. The streak began with a school-record 431 yards passing by quarterback **Zac Taylor** in a double-overtime victory over Iowa State. Taylor added 229 yards passing against Texas Tech, had 281 yards through the air at Missouri and 249 passing yards vs. Oklahoma.

Taylor has also been much more accurate in Big 12 games. Nebraska completed just 42 percent of its passes in the first three games, but has improved its season percentage to 54.2 percent by completing 57.6 percent of its passes in Big 12 games. Taylor has also thrown for two touchdowns in six of seven Big 12 contests.

School Records Set or Tied vs. Iowa State

Single-Game Passing Yards: 431, Zac Taylor (36-55-0)

Previous Record: 342, Joe Dailey vs. Baylor, 2004

Single-Game Completions: 36, Zac Taylor

Previous Record: 29, Joe Dailey vs. Colorado, 2004

Single-Game Passing Attempts (Tied): 55, Zac Taylor

Previous Record: 55, Joe Dailey vs. Colorado, 2004

Single-Game Total Offense: 433, Zac Taylor (431 pass, 2 rush)

Previous Record: 369, Jammal Lord vs. McNeese St., 2002

Single-Game Total Offense Attempts: 62, Zac Taylor

Previous Record: 60, Joe Dailey vs. Colorado, 2004

Receiving Yards by a RB: 131, Cory Ross (8 receptions)

Previous Record: 124, Jeff Kinney vs. Missouri, 1969

Receiving TDS by a RB (Tied): 2, Cory Ross

Previous Record: 2, Ahman Green vs. Kansas State, 1995

Most First Downs by Pass, Team: 24

Previous Record: 16, vs. Missouri, 1972

Nebraska Single-Season Passing

Rank, Player, Year	Yards
1. Zac Taylor, 2005	2,094
2. Dave Humm, 1972	2,074
3. Vince Ferragamo, 1976	2,071
4. Joe Dailey, 2004	2,024
5. Jerry Tagge, 1971	2,019

Huskers Come From Near and Far

Nebraska has a great history of attracting the top in-state high school talent to Lincoln. However, with a population base of just 1.7 million people, Nebraska has traditionally looked across the United States and beyond for recruits. The 2005 roster is no exception.

Of the 123 players on the roster, 51 hail from the Cornhusker state. Omaha leads the way with 10 players on this year's roster, while eight players from Lincoln stayed within the city limits to play for Nebraska. Omaha Creighton Prep and Lincoln Southeast lead the way with four players on the roster.

Nebraska is just one of 31 states represented on the 2004 roster. California is home to 11 Huskers, while 10 players come to Nebraska from the state of Texas. Florida and Colorado each have five players on the NU roster. From the international ranks, receiver Isaihu Fluellen hails from Germany. In addition, senior offensive lineman Seppo Ewvaraye is a native of Finland who was an exchange student in Laurel, Neb.

Maine is Latest Season-Opening Victim

The Huskers extended their season-opening win streak to 20 games with their 25-7 victory over Maine. Nebraska has not lost a season opener since a 17-13 setback at the hands of Florida State to open the 1985 season.

Nebraska's 20-game win streak in season openers leads the nation, bettering 16 straight wins by both Kansas State and Florida. The Huskers have won each of those 20 games by 10 points or more, and owns an 85-26-5 all-time record in season openers. Since 1973, the Huskers are 28-4-1 in season openers, including 23-2 at Memorial Stadium, with losses to only Florida State in 1985 and Washington State in 1977. In all-time home openers, Nebraska is 94-17-5, including 66-14-3 at Memorial Stadium. The Huskers are 30-2 in their last 32 home openers.

Nebraska's offensive play-calling is also very balanced in 2005. Nebraska has rushed the ball 341 times while attempting 365 passes. Against Texas Tech, Nebraska ran 35 times, while also throwing 35 passes. In back-to-back games against Pitt and Iowa State, Nebraska showed the versatility of its offense.

The Huskers featured the rushing attack against Pitt, churning out 174 yards on 48 rushing attempts, while throwing just 20 passes in a 7-6 victory. In their next game, the Huskers used an aerial assault to upend No. 23 Iowa State, throwing for a school-record 431 yards on a record-tying 55 pass attempts. In the game, NU rushed just 25 times to tie for the third-lowest team rushing attempt total in school history.

Nebraska again showed the ability to pound the football and control the clock at Baylor. The Nebraska offense piled up a season-high 83 snaps and controlled the football for 37:12. After Baylor held the ball for 7:21 on the opening drive of the game, the Bears held the ball for just 15:27 the remainder of the game. Nebraska had the ball for 22:22 in the second half, including 12:14 in the fourth quarter. The last time the Huskers controlled the football longer was 39:45 against Penn State in the third game of the 2003 season. Nebraska's 19-play scoring drive in the first quarter was the longest NU scoring drive since 1989.

In Oakland, Callahan's offenses exhibited the same characteristics—outstanding balance, efficiency and flexibility, including...

► In 2000 with Callahan as offensive coordinator, Oakland led the NFL in rushing by averaging 154.4 yards per game. Two seasons later, the flexibility of the West Coast Offense allowed the Raiders to lead the NFL in passing at 279.7 yards per game in Callahan's first season as head coach.

► In 2002, Oakland became the first team to win games in the same season while rushing at least 60 times and passing at least 60 times.

► Callahan's 2002 Raiders completed better than 67 percent of their passes en route to an AFC Championship.

► While leading the NFL in passing in 2002, the Raiders averaged nearly 4.5 yards per rush in 2002, and scored 21 rushing touchdowns, while ranking second in the NFL in scoring at more than 28 points per game.

While the 2004 Husker offense did feature balance, it was held back primarily by one factor—turnovers. Nebraska threw 23 interceptions and lost 10 fumbles in 2004. As a result, Nebraska was a minus-12 in turnover margin, and ranked 110th nationally in that category.

Callahan made better ball security a primary focus for Nebraska throughout spring and fall camp and the results have improved. The Huskers have had one or fewer turnovers in eight of their last 14 games dating back to last season, including five of 10 games in 2005. Last season, Nebraska turned the ball over 33 times in 2004, and through 10 games this fall the Huskers have committed 22 turnovers.

► Nebraska has also shown excellent efficiency in the red zone in recent weeks. The Huskers have converted their last 13 trips into the red zone into scores, including nine touchdowns and four field goals. Since the start of Big 12 play, Nebraska is 22-of-25 in the red zone.

Record-Setting Performance vs. Iowa State Jump Starts Quarterback Taylor

Nebraska junior quarterback **Zac Taylor** executed the Nebraska offense in record-breaking fashion in the Huskers' 27-20 double-overtime victory over Iowa State on Oct. 1. Taylor completed 36-of-55 passes for a school-record 431 yards and two touchdowns and no interceptions against the Cyclones. Taylor's performance against Iowa State earned him SBC Big 12 Offensive Player-of-the-Week honors and also made him one of four nominees for the Cingular/ABC Sports College All-America Player of the Week.

Taylor continued to be strong in the passing game against Texas Tech. Despite starting the game by connecting on just 3-of-10 passes, Taylor finished the game by hitting on 21-of-35 passes for 229 yards and a pair of touchdown passes to Terrence Nunn. After completing just 43 percent of his passes through three games, Taylor has hit on 157-of-267 (58.8 percent) in Big 12 action, raising his season passing percentage to 55.1 percent.

Taylor and the Huskers threw for a total of 399 yards in the first three games, but eclipsed that total against Iowa State with the school-record 431 yards. In addition to breaking the single-game passing record by 89 yards, Taylor also set the school record for total offense (433 yards), pass completions (36) and total offense attempts (62), while tying the record for most pass attempts (55).

Taylor opened the season with a solid performance against Maine, throwing for 192 yards for his previous single-game high. The Norman, Okla., native surpassed that total before halftime against ISU, throwing for 198 yards in the first half, including connecting on his first seven passes of the game. Head Coach Bill Callahan showed his confidence in Taylor by calling pass plays on 17 straight plays spanning the first and second quarter. Taylor continued his accuracy after halftime, hitting on 17-of-23 passes, including 4-of-6 and a touchdown in overtime.

After a 220-yard effort against Kansas State, Taylor has thrown for a Nebraska single-season 2,094 yards in 2005, marking the fifth 2,000-yard passing season in school history. Taylor has also broken Nebraska season records for most passing attempts (356) and completions (196).

Charting the Husker Offense

Coach Bill Callahan's Husker offense featured outstanding balance in 2004, and Nebraska has displayed balance again this fall. Through 10 games, Nebraska has rushed the ball 341 times and attempted 365 passes.

Opp.	Rush Att.	Rush Yds.	Pass Att.	Pass Yds.	TO
Maine	42	121	36	192	4
Wake	30	120	33	114	1
Pitt	48	174	20	93	0
ISU	25	36	55	431	1
Tech	35	135	35	229	4
Baylor	51	182	32	168	1
Missouri	19	-2	43	281	3
Oklahoma	34	16	46	267	2
Kansas	22	21	27	117	1
Kansas St.	35	93	38	241	2

Nebraska Win Over Iowa State Continues

Long History of Success In League Openers

Nebraska's 27-20 victory over Iowa State continued its history of starting conference play on a winning note. NU has now won 30 of its last 31 conference openers since 1975, with the lone loss a 36-14 setback at Iowa State in 2002.

Additionally, NU has won its last 28 conference home openers since a 24-21 setback against Iowa State to begin the 1977 home Big Eight slate. Nebraska is 90-18-2 all-time in conference openers, including a 40-6-1 mark in Lincoln. Since the inception of the Big 12 Conference, Nebraska is 9-1 in league openers.

NU Posts Perfect Non-Conference Slate

Nebraska went through its 2005 non-conference schedule with an unbeaten 3-0 record. A perfect non-league slate was nothing new for the Nebraska football program...

► Nebraska has gone unbeaten through its non-conference schedule in 10 of the past 13 seasons.

► The Huskers have been perfect in the non-conference portion of their schedule in 25 of 44 seasons since 1962. In two other seasons in that time period (1970, 1976) NU's only non-conference blemish was a tie.

Huskers Successful in Road Opener

The win at Baylor marked Nebraska's third straight victory in a road opener, including a 24-17 victory at Pitt last season after a 38-14 win at Southern Miss in 2003. Overall, Nebraska has won 11 of its last 13 road openers dating back to 1993.

The Huskers' 23-14 win ended a three-game slide in Big 12 road openers. The Huskers had lost consecutive conference road openers at Iowa State (2002), at Missouri (2003) and at Texas Tech (2004). The win in Waco also ended a four-game road losing streak for the Huskers.

Nate Swift Game-by-Game

Game	Rec.	Yards	Long	TD
Maine	0	0	0	0
Wake Forest	0	0	0	0
Pitt	0	0	0	0
Iowa State	5	81	31	0
Texas Tech	3	24	12	0
Baylor	2	42	31	0
Missouri	9	135	32	1
Oklahoma	9	116	25	2
Kansas	3	26	10	0
<u>Kansas State</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>109</u>	<u>34</u>	<u>2</u>
Totals	38	533	34	5

Terrence Nunn Game-by-Game

Game	Rec.	Yards	Long	TD
Maine	1	8	8	0
Wake Forest	4	38	13	0
Pitt	1	36	36	0
Iowa State	8	59	16	0
Texas Tech	3	39	18	2
Baylor	5	49	16	1
Missouri	1	30	30	0
Oklahoma	4	27	14	1
Kansas	3	47	30	1
<u>Kansas State</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>44</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>0</u>
Totals	35	377	36	5

Punt Returns

15-291 yards-19.4 yards per return (2nd nationally)
 Long-62 yards, twice, vs. Maine, Pittsburgh

NU Single-Season Receptions

Rank, Player, Year	Receptions
1. Johnny Rodgers, 1972	55
2. Johnny Rodgers, 1971	53
3. Jeff Kinney, 1969	41
4. Irving Fryar, 1983	40
5. Nate Swift, 2005	38
6. Bob Reville, 1972	38
7. Wilson Thomas, 2001	37
8. Dennis Richnafsky, 1967	36
9. Johnny Rodgers, 1970	35
Terrence Nunn, 2005	35
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Cory Ross, 2005	31

Zac Taylor Game-by-Game

Game	Att.	Comp.	Yards	TD	INT	Long
Maine	36	15	192	0	2	73 (Hardy)
Wake Forest	33	14	114	1	1	25 (Mulkey)
Pitt	20	10	93	0	0	36 (Nunn)
ISU	55	36	431	2	0	70 (Ross)
Texas Tech	35	21	229	2	2	24 (Ross)
Baylor	32	18	168	2	0	31 (Swift)
Missouri	43	22	281	2	2	34 (Peterson)
Oklahoma	45	25	249	2	2	25 (Swift)
Kansas	26	14	117	1	1	30 (Nunn)
<u>Kansas State</u>	<u>31</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>220</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>34 (Swift)</u>
Totals	356	196	2,094	14	10	73 (Hardy, Maine)

Taylor Spreading the Wealth in Nebraska Passing Attack

Husker coaches have regularly talked about the poise and command quarterback Zac Taylor possesses in the pocket. That poise has led to Taylor spreading the football to several different receivers in the passing game. Fifteen different receivers have caught passes for Nebraska this season, including 10 in the school-record 431-yard passing effort against Iowa State. In the win over ISU, four receivers—Cory Ross, Terrence Nunn, Grant Mulkey, Nate Swift— had five or more catches, with each of the four setting career highs for receptions at that point. Swift's five receptions for 81 yards were the first catches of his Nebraska career. Taylor followed that effort by connecting with eight different receivers against Texas Tech.

Breakdown of Taylor's pass distribution....

Game	Passing Yards	No. of Receivers	Leading Receiver (Yds)	Leading Receiver (Catches)
Maine	192	7	Frantz Hardy (152)	Hardy (7)
Wake Forest	114	6	Terrence Nunn (38)	Nunn, Hardy (4)
Pittsburgh	93	6	Nunn (36)	Cory Ross (3)
Iowa State	431	10	Ross (131)	Ross, Nunn (8)
Texas Tech	229	8	Mark LeFlore (53)	LeFlore (5)
Baylor	168	7	Nunn (49)	Nunn (5)
Missouri	281	9	Nate Swift (135)	Swift (9)
Oklahoma	249	7	Swift (116)	Swift (9)
Kansas	117	9	Nunn (47)	Nunn, Swift (3)
Kansas State	221	8	Swift (109)	Swift (7)

Swift Quickly Making Impact in Husker Passing Game

Nebraska's passing attack has picked up the pace since the start of Big 12 Conference play. After averaging 133.0 yards per game in non-conference action, the Huskers have passed for 247.7 yards per game in Big 12 action.

A big part of that increased production in the passing game has been the play of redshirt freshman wide receiver **Nate Swift**. The Hutchinson, Minn., native did not have a catch in Nebraska's first three games, but has caught 38 passes in Big 12 games, including nine each against Missouri and Oklahoma, and seven against Kansas State.

The nine-reception efforts are tied for the fourth-most ever by a Husker and are the most by an NU player since Matt Davison caught 10 passes at Texas A&M in 1998. Swift has also caught his first five career touchdowns, a second-quarter catch at Missouri, a pair of fourth-quarter TDs against Oklahoma, and two touchdown receptions against Kansas State. In the two games against Missouri and Oklahoma, Swift totaled 251 receiving yards, the third-highest combined total in a two-game stretch for a Nebraska player. His back-to-back 100-yard games marked the first time a Husker had accomplished that feat since Irving Fryar in 1983. He recorded his third 100-yard receiving day against Kansas State, and is just one 100-yard day from the school single-season record.

► Swift's 38 catches and 533 receiving yards lead the team. His 38 catches are the fifth-most ever by a Husker and the most since Irving Fryar caught 40 passes in 1983. His 533 receiving yards are just one yard from the single-season top 10.

► Swift has re-written the freshman receiving record book. His nine receptions are a single-game freshman record, while his 38 catches and 533 yards have both shattered the previous frosh records.

► In Big 12 games only, Swift ranks sixth in the conference and tops among freshmen in receptions per game (5.4) and receiving yards per game (76.1). His five touchdown catches are tied for the league lead in Big 12 games.

Dual-Threat Nunn Putting Together Strong Sophomore Season

Nebraska sophomore wideout **Terrence Nunn** has been a dual threat for Nebraska this season, in the passing game and as a punt returner. Nunn has been at his best in seven Big 12 games, hauling in 29 passes, including five touchdowns. Nunn had 16 catches and three touchdowns in a three-game stretch against Iowa State, Texas Tech and Baylor. Nunn is second on the team in receptions (35) and receiving yards (377), and is tied for the team lead in touchdown receptions with Nate Swift.

The five touchdown catches by Nunn and Swift are the Nunn's five touchdown receptions are the most since tight end Tracey Wistrom also had five touchdown catches in 2000. No Husker has had more than five TD catches since the 1992 season.

NU Features Hardy Passing Attack in Opener

First-year wide receiver **Frantz Hardy** made his debut a memorable one against Maine. The Miami native hauled in seven passes for 152 yards, including a 73-yard connection with quarterback Zac Taylor in the second quarter. The 6-0, 175-pound sophomore is a transfer from Butler County Community College and was a teammate of Taylor's last fall at the school.

Hardy's receiving effort ranks among the top pass catching days in school history...

▶ The 152 receiving yards rank as the fourth-highest single-game total in Nebraska history, just 15 yards shy of the school single-game record

▶ Hardy's 152 yards were the most by a Husker since Matt Davison's school-record 167 receiving yards against Texas A&M on Oct. 10, 1998

▶ The 152 yards are the most ever by a Nebraska player in a season opener, bettering the previous opening-day record of 127 yards held by Irving Fryar (vs. Iowa, 1982)

▶ Hardy's receiving total is the most ever by a Nebraska player in a first game.

Through 10 games, Hardy has 21 receptions for 287 yards and a four-yard TD against Wake Forest.

Hardy and Taylor formed a solid combination at Butler County CC last season, as Taylor passed for nearly 3,000 yards and threw for 29 touchdowns. Hardy was a big part of that success, with 34 receptions for 820 yards and five touchdowns.

Huskers Notch Four Wins in Five-Game Opening Homestand

Nebraska opened the season with five straight home games, winning the first four before a last-second 34-31 loss to Texas Tech. The Huskers collected wins over Maine, Wake Forest, Pitt and Iowa State before the loss to the Red Raiders.

NU's long season-opening homestand was a rarity.

▶ The 2005 campaign marked the first time Nebraska has had five straight home games to open the season since 1975, when NU won its first five games at home en route to a 10-0 start. The only other times in school history Nebraska has opened with five straight home games were in 1906 and 1918.

▶ NU has opened the season with four straight home games 10 times in school history, most recently in 2001.

▶ The last time Nebraska played five consecutive home games at any point in the season was in 1995. After opening the year with two straight road games, Nebraska played games three through seven at Memorial Stadium, winning all five on its way to a second straight national championship.

Getting to the Points

The Huskers have a long history of ranking among the nation's leaders in scoring offense and have posted some amazing offensive numbers.

▶ NU has averaged more than 35 points a game 15 times in the last 18 years.

▶ NU has averaged 40-or-more points eight times since 1982, including four of the last nine seasons.

▶ Entering 2005, the Huskers have ranked among the nation's top 10 in scoring average 22 of the last 27 years (since 1978) and finished first on four occasions (1982, 1983, 1994 and 1997).

▶ Nebraska is 307-2 all time when scoring 35-or-more points, losing only to Oklahoma, 49-35, in 1950 and at Colorado, 62-36, in 2001. Before the loss at Colorado in 2001, NU had won 237 consecutive games when scoring 35-or-more points.

▶ The last time the Huskers were shut out was a 19-0 loss at Arizona State in 1996. Nebraska has since scored in 123 straight games.

▶ Nebraska has not been shut out at home since Kansas State shut out the Huskers, 12-0, on Homecoming in 1968 (241 games).

▶ The Huskers have been shut out just five times since 1962, including once at home during that span. The Huskers have not been shut out by a conference opponent since a 27-0 loss at Oklahoma in 1973. 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.

▶ The Huskers have scored 30-or-more points in six of their last nine bowl games, including a school and NCAA bowl-record 66 vs. Northwestern in the 2000 Alamo Bowl.

▶ Nebraska has posted 102 shutouts in school history.

Nunn had a career-high eight catches against Iowa State, then caught three passes for 39 yards and his first two career touchdowns versus Texas Tech. Nunn had second-half TD grabs of 15 and 4 yards to help NU take a fourth-quarter lead in the game. Against Baylor, Nunn continued his strong play by catching a team-high five passes for 49 yards. He also put Nebraska ahead in the second quarter with a four-yard TD reception from Taylor to give the Huskers a 10-7 lead.

The impact of the 6-0, 185-pounder has not been limited to receiving. Nunn shares Nebraska's punt return duties with fellow sophomore Cortney Grixby. Nunn has made the most of his opportunities by returning 15 punts for 291 yards, an average of 19.4 yards per return, a figure that ranks second in the nation. Nunn has a pair of 62-yard returns this season (Maine, Pitt) and also had a 45-yard return against Maine.

Nunn and Grixby have Nebraska ranked 11th nationally in team punt return average at 13.76 yards per return. A year ago, the Huskers finished the season with a total of 181 punt return yards, and through 10 games, Nebraska has more than tripled that total with 578 return yards.

It Doesn't Get Much Closer Than This

Nebraska fans got their money's worth in the 2005 home schedule at Memorial Stadium. Each of the final five home games were not determined until the game's final seconds or overtime.

Nebraska 7, Pitt 6, Sept. 17

▶ The Huskers' 7-6 win over Pitt was decided as time expired. After Nebraska missed a field goal with 1:28 remaining, Pitt drove to the Nebraska 29-yard line and lined up for a potential game-winning field goal. A bizarre finish ensued. The Panthers botched the snap on their field-goal attempt on second down and kicker Josh Cummings threw an incomplete pass with one second remaining. Pitt lined up for a second 46-yard FG attempt that was blocked by Adam Ickes to preserve the NU victory.

Nebraska 27, Iowa State 20 (2OT), Oct. 1

▶ A turnover inside the ISU 20-yard line late in a 13-13 tie forced Nebraska and the Cyclones into overtime. After Iowa State scored a touchdown to open the overtime, Nebraska matched the score to force a second overtime. The Huskers scored on an eight-yard Zac Taylor to Cory Ross pass, then held ISU on downs to complete a 27-20 victory in the first overtime game in Memorial Stadium history.

Texas Tech 34, Nebraska 31, Oct. 8

▶ After trailing 21-0 in the second quarter, Nebraska rallied for a 31-27 edge with 5:10 remaining. Tech mounted a scoring threat, but Cody Hodges was picked off by defensive tackle Le Kevin Smith with just more than one minute remaining. However, Tech forced Smith to fumble and recovered at the NU 18. Four plays later on fourth-and-2, Hodges connected with Joel Filani for a 10-yard touchdown pass with 12 seconds left to give the Red Raiders a 34-31 victory.

Oklahoma 31, Nebraska 24, Oct. 29

▶ Nebraska trailed 24-3 early in the third quarter, but rallied to push the Sooners to the game's final minute. Nebraska twice pulled within a touchdown, the final time at 31-24 with 5:56 to play. After stopping Oklahoma, Nebraska failed on its attempt for a game-tying TD drive.

Nebraska 27, Kansas State 25, Nov. 12

▶ Nebraska capped its home schedule with a dramatic, 27-25 victory over Big 12 North rival Kansas State. The Huskers appeared to be in control at 24-12 midway through the third quarter, but Kansas State scored the next 13 points to take a 25-24 lead with less than five minutes to play. However, the Huskers responded driving into field goal range on its final drive, with Jordan Congdon connecting on a 40-yard field goal to give the Huskers a 27-25 lead with 1:05 to play. Nebraska's defense then held Kansas State on its last drive of the game.

Thirteen Husker True Freshmen Seeing Action in 2005

Nebraska had an influx of young talent in its 2005 recruiting class and that has been evident by looking at the field in 2005. Among the numerous newcomers who have hit the field are 13 true freshmen, including nine who made their Husker debuts in the opener against Maine. The nine true frosh are the most ever to play in a season opener for the Huskers, and the 13 true freshmen are the most to ever play for Nebraska in their rookie season. The 13 true freshmen played by Nebraska is the fifth-highest total nationally and the most in the Big 12 Conference.

The most recent true freshman to see action was quarterback **Harrison Beck** who guided Nebraska on a game-winning drive against Kansas State. The drive was capped by a field goal by true freshman place-kicker **Jordan Congdon**, a leading candidate for freshman All-America honors. Congdon has started all 10 games this season and against Kansas State OT **Matt Slauson** became the second true freshman to earn a starting nod this fall.

▶ Slauson and Congdon were among nine freshmen to play in the season opener. Also seeing action against Maine were DE **Barry Turner**, LB **Phillip Dillard**, DE **Zach Potter**, S **Jeff Souder**, IB **Marlon Lucky**, WR **Chris Brooks** and DT **Ndamukong Suh**.

▶ True freshmen joining the group since the opener were Beck, FS **Leon Jackson**, IB **Cody Glenn**, and TE **Hunter Teafatiller**.

Congdon has had arguably the biggest impact, as his 15 field goals are a NU freshman record and the most in the nation by a freshman. Turner has recorded six sacks, breaking the Nebraska freshman record, while tying for the national lead among freshmen. Both Glenn and Lucky have been key factors in the NU running game. Glenn has 113 yards and three touchdowns on 37 carries, while Lucky has 93 yards on 32 carries.

Husker Records Report

Category.....	Record
All-time	792-321-40
Home	477-129-20
Memorial Stadium	352-106-13
Since 1962	426-98-5
Away	315-191-20
Road (on campus)	277-154-17
Neutral Sites (includes bowls)	38-37-3
When Scoring 35+ Points	309-2
vs. Big 12 Teams	450-160-16
In Big 12 Action (since '96)	57-25
Home	33-7
Away	21-17
Neutral	3-1
Bowls	21-21
On ABC	78-36
On FieldTurf	43-12
In Overtime	4-0
At Night	60-20-3
vs. Ranked Teams...	
All-Time	91-99-3
Home	43-33-0
Away	28-51-3
Neutral.....	20-15-0
as No. 1 Team	46-7-1
In 275 Consecutive Sellout Streak...	
Overall	242-33
vs. Ranked Teams	39-21

Huskers Among Leaders in AP National Titles

Notre Dame leads the nation by winning eight Associated Press national titles since 1936, with Oklahoma (7), Alabama (6), Miami (5), USC (5), Nebraska (4) and Minnesota (4) next in line. While the Huskers were awarded the national title by the coaches in 1997, NU finished second to Michigan in the AP poll. In 1970, NU was awarded the AP national title, but not the coaches (Texas was first, Ohio State second and NU third) as the final poll was released before the bowl games were played. In the coaches poll (since 1950), Nebraska is tied for fourth with Miami with four titles, behind Alabama and Oklahoma with six apiece, and USC with five.

NU Shines Under Memorial Stadium Lights

The Huskers have a stellar record in night games on their home field, posting a 22-2 all-time record in home night contests at Memorial Stadium, including season-opening victories in 2005 over Maine and Wake Forest.

Nebraska has regularly dominated the opposition under the Memorial Stadium lights, posting 17 of its 22 home night victories by 17 points or more. In 24 home night games, Nebraska has outscored the opposition by an average score of 37.5-13.5, with the only two losses to No. 4 Washington in 1991 and seventh-ranked Texas in 2002.

1995 National Title Team Reunites in Lincoln

For the second consecutive year, the Nebraska football program held a reunion of a national championship team. On Oct. 29 Nebraska's 1995 national championship team had a reunion as part of the Nebraska-Oklahoma festivities. Nearly 100 members of the team, along with head coach Tom Osborne attended the game. The group had a private team gathering Saturday morning before kickoff, and was introduced to the Memorial Stadium crowd at halftime.

The 1995 Nebraska football team is widely regarded as one of the best in the history of college football. Nebraska posted a 12-0 record capped by a 62-24 win over Florida in the 1996 Fiesta Bowl. Nebraska capped the regular season with a 37-0 shutout of Oklahoma in the final Big Eight Conference game. During the season, Nebraska defeated all 12 of its opponents by at least 14 points with nine of the victories by 37 points or more. The Huskers had the Heisman Trophy runner-up (Tommy Frazier), three first-team All-Americans, six other players who earned second-team, third-team or honorable-mention All-America honors and 11 first-team All-Big Eight picks.

The 1994 national championship team was honored before the Huskers' 2004 game with Missouri.

NU Schedule Features Five 2004 Bowl Teams

The regular-season finale against Colorado will mark the fifth 2004 bowl opponent Nebraska has faced this fall. The Huskers posted a 7-6 victory over Pittsburgh, the 2004 Big East champ that played in the Fiesta Bowl. NU knocked off Iowa State 27-20 in double overtime, defeating a Cyclone team that played in the 2004 Independence Bowl. 2004 Holiday Bowl champion Texas Tech handed Nebraska its first loss, 34-31, in Lincoln. 2004 Big 12 champ and Orange Bowl participant Oklahoma was NU's fourth 2004 bowl opponent, and the Sooners escaped Lincoln with a 31-24 win.

Among this year's schedule, five 2005 Husker opponents are bowl-eligible, including Iowa State, Texas Tech, Missouri, Oklahoma and Colorado. Both Pittsburgh and Kansas enter their final game in need of a win to also qualify for a bowl berth.

NCAA Record Sellout Streak Continues

Nebraska's incredible NCAA-record sellout streak at Memorial Stadium reached 275 games against Kansas State. The sellout streak dates back to Hall of Fame Coach Bob Devaney's first year in 1962 (vs. Missouri on Nov. 3). Notre Dame is second in all-time consecutive sellouts with 183, 92 fewer than Nebraska.

The Huskers are 242-33 during the 274 sellouts. The mark includes a 39-21 record against ranked teams. Nebraska is 5-0 in the five milestone sellouts during that period (50th, 100th, 150th, 200th and 250th sellouts), including a 24-7 win over No. 2 Colorado on Oct. 29, 1994 (No. 200) and a 44-13 victory over Utah State on Sept. 7, 2002 (No. 250).

The fan support at Memorial Stadium has led to a dominant home advantage for the Huskers. Nebraska has won at least six home games in 17 of the past 19 seasons and is a remarkable 154-17 at home since 1981. Eight of the losses in the span have come against teams that finished in the top eight of the final AP poll.

Memorial Stadium Magic

Nebraska's record home sellout streak is testament to the Huskers playing in front of the nation's best college football fans. On the field, Nebraska has rewarded the loyalty of the Husker Nation with incredible success at Memorial Stadium through the years.

Nebraska saw a 26-game home winning streak come to an end in November of 2002 against Texas, ending the third-longest home winning streak in school history. The streak was Nebraska's third home win streak of 20 games or more since 1980, including a school-record 47-game home winning streak from 1991 to 1998.

The Huskers finished 5-2 at home in 2005, and have won at least six home games in 17 of the past 19 seasons. Nebraska is 110-10 at home the last 17 years, including a pair of losses to teams that went on to win shares of the national championship—Colorado in 1990 and Washington in 1991.

The Huskers are 477-129-20 (.778, 626 games, 116 years) in Lincoln, 352-106-13 (.761, 471 games, 83 years) in Memorial Stadium (since 1923).

Since 1986, only seven different schools have escaped Memorial Stadium with a victory. Nebraska has not been shut out at home since a 12-0 loss to Kansas State in 1968 (241 games). NU has posted 40 unbeaten and untied home seasons.

Construction Continuing at Memorial Stadium

While a packed house is nothing new at Memorial Stadium, the 82-year-old facility continues to take on a different look. Construction continues on the Memorial Stadium Expansion Project, the Tom and Nancy Osborne Athletic Complex and the Championship Indoor Center.

► The expansion project includes more than 6,400 new seats in the North Stadium, which will raise Memorial Stadium's capacity to more than 80,000 for the 2006 season. There will also be 13 new sky suites high above the North Stadium, including a 48-seat Super Suite.

► The Osborne Complex will provide the Husker football program with state-of-the-art locker room, strength and conditioning and athletic medicine facilities. The building will also house new offices for the Nebraska coaching staff. The football team will move into its new home before the start of the 2006 season.

► Nebraska opened the Championship Indoor Center during the 2005 season. The building gives Nebraska two full-sized indoor facilities. When completed the Championship Indoor Center and the Osborne Complex will be connected by a sky bridge.

► The Nebraska Sideline Club made its debut for the 2005 season. The field-level seating area provides 42 premium seats just off the Southeast corner of the playing field. Fans in the Sideline Club will be seated outdoors, but will have access to an indoor area. The Sideline Club is the first seating area of its kind in college football.

► A new FieldTurf playing surface was installed in Memorial Stadium in the summer of 2005. The two-tone green playing surface sits on a new sub-surface, and the crown of the field was cut in half, from its previous 18 inches to nine inches for the 2005 season.

LeFlore Named to Good Works Team

Nebraska senior wide receiver Mark LeFlore was one of 11 Division I-A players named to the 2005 American Football Coaches Association Good Works Team. LeFlore is the 10th Husker selected to the Good Works Team since its inception in 1992, a total that leads the nation. The Good Works Team is comprised of two 11-player teams, a Division I-A team and a combined team from Divisions I-AA, II, III and the NAIA, and honors players for their dedication and commitment to community service. LeFlore is one of four Big 12 players on the Good Works Team, the most honorees of any conference.

LeFlore is an active member in the Lincoln and Nebraska community, who was named to Nebraska's 2005 Brook Berringer Citizenship Team for his efforts. LeFlore has volunteered his time at numerous activities, including the Village Manor Retirement Center, Children's Discovery Center, the Malone Community Center for Youth, the Omaha Children's Hospital, Lincoln's St. Elizabeth's Hospital and local Special Olympics. LeFlore is the Community Outreach Officer for the Nebraska Student-Athlete Advisory Committee, a member of the Student-Athlete Minority group committed to degree completion and also speaks at numerous elementary schools.

Kurt Mann Presented with Jake Young Memorial Scholarship

Nebraska junior center **Kurt Mann** was presented with the Jake Young Memorial Scholarship earlier this season. Young, a Husker two-time All-American and academic All-American at center, was tragically killed in October, 2002, in a terrorist bomb attack in Bali.

The Jake Young Memorial Scholarship was made possible by generous donations from friends and family, Husker fans across the nation and by a generous donation from Lynn and Dana Roper. The Roper's were Young's Lincoln parents.

Mann has been a key part of Nebraska's offensive line each of the past two years, starting all 11 games last season at center in 2004, as well each of this year's first four games. Mann has also distinguished himself as one of Nebraska's top scholar-athletes. A native of Grand Island, Neb., Mann majors in mechanized systems management and owns a 3.97 cumulative grade-point average. He was a CoSIDA Academic All-District pick last season and is a strong contender for Academic All-America accolades as a junior. Mann is also a regular contributor in the community, and was named to the 2005 Brook Berringer Citizenship Team.

Todd is 2005 Recipient of Berringer Scholarship

Nebraska junior fullback **Dane Todd** was the 2005 recipient of the Brook Berringer Memorial Endowed Scholarship. The scholarship was endowed in the memory of former Nebraska quarterback Brook Berringer, who died in a plane crash on April 18, 1996.

Criteria for the Brook Berringer Memorial Scholarship includes the following: Must be a football student-athlete; must be involved in community service along with high ideals, excellent character and integrity.

Todd is arguably Nebraska's top scholar-athlete. The Lincoln Southeast graduate carries a perfect 4.0 grade-point average and was a 2004 CoSIDA Academic All-District VII honoree and a first-team Academic All-Big 12 pick. Todd is also a leader in the community, being named to the Brook Berringer Citizenship Team each of his first three seasons at Nebraska. The citizenship team recognizes Huskers who take a leading role in the Huskers' community outreach activities.

Todd was recently named as one of 13 finalists for the inaugural Wuerffel Trophy, given to a player who best combines athletic and academic achievement, with a commitment to community outreach. The award is named in honor of former Florida quarterback Danny Wuerffel, the 1996 Heisman Trophy winner.

Callahan's Huskers Continuing Academic Excellence

Nebraska continued its long-standing tradition of academic excellence and honors during the 2004-05 academic year and is doing so again this fall.

Earlier this month, four Husker players earned ESPN the Magazine CoSIDA Academic All-District honors, including a pair of first-team selections. Junior center **Kurt Mann** and junior fullback **Dane Todd** both advance to the national ballot and are leading candidates to add to Nebraska's Academic All-America history.

In 2004, Nebraska seniors **Chad Sievers** and **Kellen Huston** were the latest Huskers to earn CoSIDA Academic All-America honors. Sievers completed his undergraduate work with a perfect 4.0 grade-point average, was selected as a first-team academic All-American and received a prestigious NCAA Postgraduate Scholarship. Huston was chosen as a second-team academic All-American. The selection of the two Nebraska defenders gave the Husker football program 83 all-time academic All-Americans, including 60 first-team selections, both nation-leading totals. The Husker athletic program as a whole also leads the nation with 222 academic All-America selections across all teams and all sports.

The selection of Sievers and Huston is far from the total story of academic success for the Husker football program under Callahan's leadership in the past year.

► Four Huskers Earn Academic All-District VII Honors

Kurt Mann and **Dane Todd** were first-team Academic All-District VII picks earlier this month and have been placed on the Academic All-America ballot. Todd maintains a perfect 4.0 cumulative grade-point average, while Mann carries better than a 3.97 grade-point average. Joining Todd and Mann were a pair of second-team all-district selections, senior safety **Blake Tiedtke** and sophomore tight end **J.B. Phillips**. Five other Huskers were nominated for ESPN the Magazine Academic All-District honors for their outstanding work in the classroom.

In addition to pacing all schools in academic All-Americans, the Husker football program also leads the nation with nine NCAA Today's Top Eight Award winners, 32 NCAA Postgraduate Scholarship winners, including Sievers last fall and 20 National Football Foundation and College Hall of Fame Scholar-Athletes.

► Huskers Enter Fall With Outstanding Academic Record

Nebraska's football team finished the spring semester with a strong academic standing. The Huskers cumulative grade-point average as a team was just below 3.0, the highest ever for a Nebraska football team entering the summer session.

► Of Nebraska's 93 returning players, 36 student-athletes (39 percent) carried a 3.0 cumulative grade-point average or higher after the 2005 spring semester. Of that group, 13 players had a 3.5 grade-point average or higher, led by junior **Dane Todd** who has completed six semesters at Nebraska with a perfect 4.0 grade-point average.

► During the 2005 spring semester, 44 of Nebraska's 93 players (47 percent) posted a 3.0 or better semester grade-point average. Sixteen of those players were at the 3.5 mark or higher, paced by Todd and freshman linebacker **Tyler Wortman** who both had 4.0 spring semesters.

► Helming and Ickes Playing 2005 as Graduate Students

Two members of Nebraska's 22-player senior class are competing in their senior seasons as graduate students. Defensive tackle **Jared Helming** completed his undergraduate work in business administration last May, while linebacker **Adam Ickes** (business administration) picked up his degree at the close of summer school in August. The two graduates will be in good company by the end of 2005.

► An additional 11 Husker football student-athletes are expected to graduate this December, giving Nebraska 13 of 22 seniors as graduates by the close of the season. Among that group, senior wide receiver **Mark LeFlore** is scheduled to complete his undergraduate work in communication studies in just 3 1/2 years.

► By May of 2006, 20 of the 22 members of the Huskers' senior class are scheduled to graduate.

► The graduation rate of this year's senior class comes on the heels of a similar showing by Nebraska's 2004 senior class. At the conclusion of NU's 2005 spring semester, 18 of 20 members of Nebraska's 2005 senior class had picked up their degrees.

► Nebraska Honored by AFCA for Football Graduation Rate

Nebraska was one of 25 schools from across the nation to have its football program honored with the 2005 Academic Achievement Award by the American Football Coaches Association.

The Huskers, who posted a strong graduation rate of 88 percent for their 1999-2000 freshman class, were one of just 25 schools nationally to be honored for graduating 70 percent or more of their football student-athletes. Only six schools in the country achieved a rate of 90 percent or better. Duke and Northwestern led the nation with 100 percent graduation rates for their freshman classes of 1999-2000, while Boston College, Miami (Ohio), Notre Dame and Vanderbilt all managed graduation rates of 90 percent or better.

Along with Nebraska, Big 12 Conference schools Colorado and Texas Tech were both honored for having graduation rates of 70 percent or higher. Of the record number of 103 schools that responded to the AFCA's graduation rate survey, the median graduation rate for the 1999-2000 freshman class was 57 percent. This marked the fifth straight year Nebraska had received the honor.

Nebraska leads the Big 12 Conference in exhausted eligibility graduation rate for all athletes at better than 91 percent.

All-Americans Call Nebraska Home

In addition to pacing all Division I schools in academic All-Americans, Nebraska owns a long tradition of being among the nation's leaders in All-Americans on the field. In 2003, punter Kyle Larson and free safety Josh Bullocks were each picked as first-team All-America selections adding to Nebraska's long list of All-Americans, beginning with tackle Vic Halligan in 1914.

The Huskers have had at least one first-team All-American in all but three (1991, 1998, 2004) of the past 35 years. Overall, Nebraska has seen 92 different players earn first-team All-America honors from at least one recognized source with 14 winning double honors for a total of 106 first-team awards. Nebraska had its most All-Americans in one season when six Huskers earned first-team honors in the 1971 national championship campaign. The offensive line is Nebraska's most honored position, with 26 players earning 31 first-team All-America certificates.

Last season, senior linebacker Barrett Ruud was a third-team All-America selection by the Associated Press.

Huskers in the National Football League

Nebraska has an impressive list of former players in the professional ranks heading into the 2005 NFL season. As of Sept. 6, 32 former Huskers were on NFL rosters.



Former Husker, Current NFL Team Active Roster

- Eric Johnson, Arizona Cardinals
- Demorrio Williams, Atlanta Falcons
- Chris Kelsay, Buffalo Bills
- Mike Minter, Carolina Panthers
- Mike Rucker, Carolina Panthers
- Mike Brown, Chicago Bears
- Kyle Larson, Cincinnati Bengals
- Scott Shanle, Dallas Cowboys
- Dominic Raiola, Detroit Lions
- Kris Brown, Houston Texans
- Zach Wiegert, Houston Texans
- Will Shields, Kansas City Chiefs
- Eric Warfield, Kansas City Chiefs
- Ralph Brown, Minnesota Vikings
- Russ Hochstein, New England Patriots
- Josh Bullocks, New Orleans Saints
- Trevor Johnson, New York Jets
- Adam Treu, Oakland Raiders
- Fabian Washington, Oakland Raiders
- Toniu Fonoti, Minnesota Vikings
- Josh Brown, Seattle Seahawks
- Grant Wistrom, Seattle Seahawks
- DeJuan Groce, St. Louis Rams
- Barrett Ruud, Tampa Bay Buccaneers
- Kyle Vanden Bosch, Tennessee Titans

Injured Reserve

- Correll Buckhalter, Philadelphia Eagles
- Carlos Polk, San Diego Chargers
- Cory Schlesinger, Detroit Lions
- Ahman Green, Green Bay Packers

Practice Squad

- Jammal Lord, Houston Texans
- T.J. Hollowell, New York Giants
- Benard Thomas, Baltimore Ravens

Huskers Pace Big 12 in Academic Honors

Nebraska placed 60 players on the Big 12 Commissioner's Spring Academic Honor Roll, after having 54 players earn the same recognition during the fall semester. The honor roll recognizes all student-athletes who earned a 3.0 grade-point average or better in the previous semester. Nine members of the football team produced 4.0 grade-point averages last fall, while two players managed the feat during the spring semester.

Nebraska led the Big 12 Conference in academic all-conference picks in 2004, as 24 Huskers were honored by the league office. Eighteen Huskers were named to the first-team, while another six players earned second-team honors.

Football Program Earns Life Skills Team Award

Under Head Coach Bill Callahan, the Husker football team has learned the concept of total player development. That is evident by the football program picking up the Athletic Department's Life Skills Team Award for 2004-05.

The award honors the Nebraska team that accumulates the most points in the Life Skills competition, which encompasses community outreach and character education among other factors. Among Nebraska's community involvement activities were hospital visits by the entire team in both the Lincoln and Omaha communities. On the day before Thanksgiving last fall, Nebraska football players divided into four groups and visited four hospitals in the Lincoln community. The team conducted a similar venture to Omaha before the start of spring practice, visiting Children's and Veteran's hospitals in Omaha in early March.

Nebraska Boasts Tradition of Winning

Nebraska ranks as the nation's fourth-winningest program, both in terms of victories and winning percentage. The Husker football program owns a 792-321-40 all-time record in 1,153 games (.704) in 116 years of football. In the last 36-plus years, Nebraska's record is an impressive 358-80-5 for an .814 winning percentage in 443 games, an average of 9.8 wins per season.

NU has won 10-or-more games 24 times since 1962, has gone undefeated and untied through the regular season seven times, played in 13 national title games (for at least one of the teams) 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 12 years.

NU has won 12 or more games seven times, and 13 games three times (1971, 1994 and 1997).

Nebraska (702), Michigan (705), Alabama (728) and Notre Dame (736) were the only four programs to win 700 games in the 1900s. NU became the first Division I team to win 100 or more games in consecutive decades, ranking first in the 1980s (103-20-0, .837) and second in the 1990s (108-16-1, .890) and posted a nation's best 309-56-5 record in the 1970s, 1980s and 1990s combined.

All-Time Victories

1. Michigan	848
2. Notre Dame	809
3. Texas	797
4. Nebraska	792
5. Alabama	773

2005 Huskers Set for Return to Bowl Season

Nebraska's NCAA record for consecutive bowl appearances ended at 35 years in 2004, but the Huskers will start a new streak this season. The Huskers' NCAA-record 35-bowl streak is five bowl games longer than the streak of 30 consecutive bowl trips by Michigan, that spans 1975 to the present.

Nebraska's 42 overall bowl appearances is fifth best, one behind USC's 43 and also trailing Alabama's 52, Tennessee's 45, and Texas' 44. Nebraska played the first of its 42 bowls in the Rose Bowl, when No. 7 Nebraska lost to No. 2 Stanford, 21-13, following the 1940 season. NU's 35 consecutive bowl streak began with a 45-6 win over Georgia in the 1969 Sun Bowl, and ended with a 17-3 victory over Michigan State in the 2003 Alamo Bowl. The Huskers are 21-21 all-time in bowl games.

All-Time Bowl Appearances

1. Alabama	52
2. Tennessee	45
3. Texas	44
4. USC	43
5. Nebraska	42

NU Leads Conference in Football Crowns

Nebraska is one of only two teams to capture two or more Big 12 titles in the first nine seasons of the conference. Oklahoma captured its third Big 12 crown in 2004, while the Huskers won Big 12 titles in 1997 and 1999 and appeared in the game in 1996. Nebraska, Texas, Colorado and Kansas State have also made three Big 12 title game appearances, while Oklahoma has made four appearances.

Nebraska has won 43 football conference championships overall, including eight under Coach Bob Devaney and 13 under Coach Tom Osborne. Oklahoma has won 35 conference championships to rank second behind NU among conference schools.

Big 12 History

Year	Division Winners		Big 12 Champ
	North	South	
1996	Nebraska	Texas	Texas
1997	Nebraska	Texas A&M	Nebraska
1998	Kansas St.	Texas A&M	Texas A&M
1999	Nebraska	Texas	Nebraska
2000	Kansas St.	Oklahoma	Oklahoma
2001	Colorado	Texas	Colorado
2002	Colorado	Oklahoma	Oklahoma
2003	Kansas St.	Oklahoma	Kansas State
2004	Colorado	Oklahoma	Oklahoma

Nebraska A Regular Supplier to NFL

Nebraska had three players selected in the 2005 NFL Draft, all in the first 40 picks of the draft. Cornerback Fabian Washington was taken as the 23rd pick in the first round by the Oakland Raiders, giving Nebraska its first selection in the opening round since 1998. In addition to Washington, linebacker Barrett Ruud was taken with the 36th overall pick by Tampa Bay, while safety Josh Bullocks was selected 40th overall by New Orleans.

Nebraska is one of the most well-represented schools in the National Football League. Kansas City Chiefs All-Pro offensive guard Will Shields is Nebraska's most experienced NFL veterans, in his 13th season in the league in 2005. Shields made his 200th consecutive start on Nov. 13 and he and Green Bay Packer running back Ahman Green represented the Huskers in the 2005 Pro Bowl in Honolulu.

Following final NFL cuts (Sept. 5), 28 former Huskers were listed on active NFL rosters, with two others on the injured reserve and a pair of Huskers on NFL practice squads.

A Look at the Numbers

Scoring Drives

Nebraska has produced 36 scoring drives this season, with 11 coming in five or fewer plays, including two one-play drives. Overall, the Huskers have scored 21 touchdowns and kicked 15 field goals. NU has seven rushing touchdowns and 14 passing touchdowns. NU's 36 scoring drives (21 TDs, 15 FGs) have covered a total of 1,854 yards in 287 plays and a total time of 114:08, for an average scoring drive that has covered 51.5 yards in 8.0 plays and 3:10.

The Huskers' longest scoring drive in terms of yardage went 83 yards in 14 plays and 6:37 against Iowa State, ending in a field goal. Nebraska had three scoring drives of 11 plays or more at Baylor, including an 18-play drive in the first quarter that ended in a field goal. The 18-play drive was Nebraska's longest scoring drive since an 18-play, 95-yard touchdown drive against Iowa State on Oct. 28, 1989.

Game	Scoring Drives	Time		Plays			
		Total	Avg.	Total	Avg.	5 or less	1-Play
Maine	5	12:40	2:32	36	7.2	2	1
Wake	2	6:51	3:25	20	10	0	0
Pitt	1	2:51	2:51	6	6	0	0
ISU	3	13:37	4:32	29	9.7	1	0
Tech	5	18:07	3:37	42	8.4	1	0
Baylor	5	21:46	4:21	54	10.8	1	0
Mizzou	4	6:04	1:31	18	4.5	3	1
OU	4	11:25	2:51	32	8.0	1	0
KU	2	4:12	2:06	10	5.0	1	0
KSU	5	16:35	3:19	40	8.0	1	0
Totals	36	114:08	3:10	287	8.0	11	2
Opponents	35	93:34	2:40	242	6.9	14	1

Long Season Plays (20 or more yards)

The Huskers have produced 57 plays that have covered 20 yards or more, including 23 long passes, four long runs and 30 long returns. Quarterback Zac Taylor connected with wide receiver Frantz Hardy on a 73-yard pass against Maine for the Huskers' longest pass play of the season. I-Back Cory Ross sprinted 57 yards against Wake Forest for NU's longest run from scrimmage.

The Huskers have yielded 61 long plays to opponents this season, including 29 long passes, 17 long returns and 15 long runs. Pittsburgh quarterback Tyler Palko connected with Greg Lee for a 73-yard pass for the longest pass play, while Missouri quarterback Brad Smith had the longest run with his 79-yard touchdown scamper.

Game	Husker Long Plays				Opponent Long Plays			
	Rush	Pass	Return	Total	Rush	Pass	Return	Total
Maine	1	2	4	7	0	1	3	4
Wake	1	1	4	6	1	1	2	4
Pitt	0	1	2	3	2	4	0	6
ISU	1	4	2	7	0	4	0	4
Tech	0	1	5	6	1	4	2	7
Baylor	0	2	3	5	0	2	1	3
Mizzou	0	6	2	8	3	3	3	9
OU	1	2	3	6	2	3	2	7
KU	0	1	4	5	2	5	3	10
KSU	0	3	1	4	4	2	1	7
Total	4	23	30	57	15	29	17	61

Nebraska in the Red Zone

Nebraska has converted 29-of-36 trips inside the red zone this season into scores, coming away with 18 touchdowns (eight rushing, 10 passing) and 11 field goals. Four Husker drives stalled due to turnovers, one was lost on downs and two failed due to missed field goals.

In Big 12 play, the Huskers have converted 22-of-25 (.888) inside the red zone. Nebraska has failed to convert inside the red zone only once in the past six games, and have not failed to convert an opportunity in the last four games.

Game	Chances	Scores Inside 20			No Score Inside 20			Half/Gm.	Pct.
		Total	TDs	FGs	MissFGs	TDs	Downs		
Maine	6	4	1	3	0	2	0	0	.667
Wake	3	2	1	1	0	0	1	0	.667
Pitt	2	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	.500
ISU	6	4	2	2	1	1	0	0	.667

Tech	5	5	4	1	0	0	0	0	1.000
Baylor	5	4	2	2	0	1	0	0	.800
Mizzou	3	3	2	1	0	0	0	0	1.000
OU	3	3	2	1	0	0	0	0	1.000
KU	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1.000
KSU	2	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	1.000
Totals	36	29	18	11	2	4	1	0	.806
Opp.	36	24	15	9	4	5	2	1	.667

Nebraska Points Off Turnovers

The Blackshirts have forced 18 turnovers this season, converting eight of those opponent miscues into touchdowns. The Huskers forced a season-high four turnovers against Wake Forest. On the year, Nebraska has intercepted 11 passes and recovered seven fumbles, while throwing 11 interceptions and losing 11 fumbles.

Game	TDs Gained	TDs	FG-FGA	Pts.	(Fumbles/Lost, INT)
Maine	2 (3/1 F/L, 1 INT)	1	0-0	7	5 (5/3 F/L, 2 INT)
Wake	4 (3/1 F/L, 3 INT)	3	0-0	21	1 (2/0 F/L, 1 INT)
Pitt	0 (0/0 F/L, 0 INT)	0	0-0	0	0 (0/0 F/L, 0 INT)
ISU	1 (1/0 F/L, 1 INT)	1	0-0	7	1 (1/1 F/L, 0 INT)
Tech	2 (2/1 F/L, 1 INT)	1	0-0	7	5 (5/3 F/L, 2 INT)
Baylor	3 (2/1 F/L, 2 INT)	0	0-0	0	1 (2/1 F/L, 0 INT)
Mizzou	2 (2/1 F/L, 1 INT)	1	0-0	7	3 (2/1 F/L, 2 INT)
OU	0 (4/0 F/L, 0 INT)	0	0-0	0	1 (1/0 F/L, 2 INT)
KU	2 (2/1 F/L, 1 INT)	1	0-0	7	1 (0/0 F/L, 1 INT)
KSU	2 (3/1 F/L, 1 INT)	0	0-0	0	3 (7/2 F/L, 1 INT)
Totals	18 (22/7 F/L, 11 INT)	8	0-0	56	22 (26/11 F/L, 11 INT)
Opp.	22 (26/11 F/L, 11 INT)	5	5-6	50	18 (22/7 F/L, 11 INT)

Starting Field Position

Nebraska has enjoyed a field position advantage this season of 5.2 yards-per-drive. The Huskers enjoyed a 24.8-yard field position battle against Maine (49.3 to 24.5). In a matchup of two of the nation's best special teams units, NU enjoyed an 11-yard field position advantage at Baylor (36.8 to 25.9).

NU has started 18 drives inside its own 20 this season, while opponents have started 51 drives inside their 20, thanks in a large part to the punting of Sam Koch.

	NU Avg. Start	Opp. Avg. Start	Advantage
Maine	49.3 (838/17)	24.5 (441/18)	24.8
Wake	30.9 (402/13)	23.6 (378/16)	7.3
Pitt	33.9 (407/12)	21.8 (283/13)	12.1
ISU	28.2 (338/12)	23.5 (259/11)	4.7
Tech	34.3 (412/12)	39.6 (515/13)	(5.3)
Baylor	36.8 (405/11)	25.9 (285/11)	10.9
Mizzou	38.5 (578/15)	27.5 (440/16)	11.0
OU	29.3 (440/15)	39.6 (554/14)	(10.3)
KU	31.4 (440/14)	25.8 (335/13)	5.6
KSU	28.6 (515/18)	32.3 (549/17)	3.7
Total	34.4 (4775/139)	29.2 (4000/137)	5.2

Penalty Numbers

NU is averaging 7.3 penalties for 56.6 yards per game, while opponents are averaging 6.9 penalties for 56.5 yards per game. Against Maine, the Huskers were not whistled for a single penalty for the first time since an Oct. 18, 1997 game against Texas Tech.

	NU Pen.-Yds.	Opp. Pen.-Yds.
Maine	0-0	7-55
Wake	10-86	5-48
Pitt	11-91	4-35
Iowa St.	8-80	4-34
Tech	8-72	9-89
Baylor	5-25	11-82
Mizzou	12-99	5-43
OU	5-34	4-26
KU	6-32	6-45
KSU	8-47	14-108
Total	73-566	69-565
Average	7.3-56.6	6.9-56.5

Husker Starting Experience (Includes bowl games)

Offensive Starters	'02	'03	'04	'05	Total
Cory Ross, IB, Sr. (Denver, Colo.)	1	3	11	10	25
Brandon Koch, RG, Sr. (Gothenburg, Neb.)	0	2	11	10	23
Matt Herian, TE, Sr. (Pierce, Neb.)	0	13	8	0	21
Seppo Ewvaraye, OT, Sr. (Vaasa, Finland)	0	0	11	9	20
Kurt Mann, C, Jr. (Grand Island, Neb.)	–	0	11	10	21
Terrence Nunn, WR (X), Soph. (Houston, Texas)	–	–	6	10	16
J.B. Phillips, TE, Soph. (Colleyville, Texas)	0	0	6	10	16
Greg Austin, LG, Jr. (Cypress, Texas)	–	0	0	10	10
Zac Taylor, QB, Jr. (Norman, Okla.)	–	–	–	10	10
Mark LeFlore, WR (Z), Sr. (Omaha, Neb.)	1	5	3	0	9
Isaiah Fluellen, WR (Z), Jr. (Ramstein, Germany)	–	4	2	1	7
Cornealius Fuamatu-Thomas, OT, Sr. (Honolulu, Hawaii)	–	–	0	7	7
Nate Swift, WR (X), RFr. (Hutchinson, Minn.)	–	–	–	4	4
Frantz Hardy, WR (Z), Soph. (Miami, Fla.)	–	–	–	3	3
Grant Mulkey, WR (X), Jr. (Arlington, Texas)	–	0	2	1	3
Josh Mueller, TE, Soph. (Columbus, Neb.)	–	–	0	3	3
Clayton Sievers, TE, Fr. (Elkhorn, Neb.)	–	–	–	3	3
Lydon Murtha, OT, RFr. (Hutchinson, Minn.)	–	–	–	3	3
Brandon Jackson, IB, Soph. (Horn Lake, Miss.)	–	–	0	2	2
Dane Todd, FB, Jr. (Lincoln, Neb.)	–	–	–	2	2
<u>Matt Slauson, OT, Fr. (Colorado Springs, Colo.)</u>	=	=	=	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>
Totals	2	27	71	110	210

Defensive Starters	'02	'03	'04	'05	Total
Le Kevin Smith, DT, Sr. (Macon, Ga.)	0	12	11	10	33
Daniel Bullocks, SS, Sr. (Chattanooga, Tenn.)	1	9	11	10	31
Titus Adams, DT, Sr. (Omaha, Neb.)	0	1	10	9	20
Stewart Bradley, SAM, Jr. (Salt Lake City, Utah)	–	0	10	5	15
Adam Carriker, DE, Jr. (Kennewick, Wash.)	–	0	8	10	18
Jay Moore, DE, Jr. (Elkhorn, Neb.)	–	0	5	10	15
Tierre Green, CB, Soph. (Omaha, Neb.)	–	–	3	7	10
Cortney Grixby, LCB, Soph. (Omaha, Neb.)	–	–	2	10	12
Corey McKeon, LB, Soph. (Naperville, Ill.)	–	–	0	10	10
Blake Tiedtke, FS, Sr. (Cedar Rapids, Iowa)	0	0	0	10	10
Bo Ruud, LB, Soph. (Lincoln, Neb.)	–	–	0	9	9
Adam Ickes, LB, Sr. (Page, Neb.)	0	0	0	5	5
Zackary Bowman, CB, Jr. (Anchorage, Alaska)	–	–	–	3	3
Phillip Dillard, LB, Fr. (Tulsa, Okla.)	–	–	–	1	1
<u>Steve Octavien, LB, Jr. (Naples, Fla.)</u>	=	=	=	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>
Totals	1	22	60	110	193

Starting Kickers	'02	'03	'04	'05	Total
Sam Koch, P, Sr. (Seward, Neb.)	0	0	11	10	21
David Dyches, PK, Jr. (Spring, Texas)	–	11	2	0	13
<u>Jordan Congdon, PK, Fr. (San Diego, Calif.)</u>	=	=	=	<u>10</u>	<u>10</u>
Totals	0	11	13	20	44

Starts by True Freshmen: 12

Number of Native Nebraskans With Starts: 24

Number of Offensive Players with Career Starts: 21

Number of Defensive Players with Career Starts: 15

2005 Nebraska Depth Chart (Kansas State)

Offense

TE (Y):	85 J.B. Phillips* , 6-3, 255, So., Colleyville, Texas 81 Josh Mueller* , 6-5, 265, So., Columbus, Neb.
LT:	76 Lydon Murtha, 6-7, 315, RFr., Hutchinson, Minn. 54 Chris Patrick, 6-4, 285, So., Ithaca, Mich.
LG:	65 Greg Austin** , 6-1, 290, Jr., Cypress, Texas 73 Jared Helming* , 6-3, 295, Sr., Springfield, Mo.
C:	50 KURT MANN* , 6-4, 290, Jr., Grand Island, Neb. 65 Greg Austin** , 6-1, 290, Jr., Cypress, Texas
RG:	75 BRANDON KOCH** , 6-4, 310, Sr., Gothenburg, Neb. 61 Mike Huff, 6-4, 300, RFr., Ralston, Neb.
RT:	70 Matt Slauson, 6-5, 340, Fr., Colorado Springs, Colo. 74 Newton Lingenfelter, 6-5, 280, Jr., Plainview, Neb.
WR (X):	87 Nate Swift, 6-2, 195, RFr., Hutchinson, Minn. 7 Frantz Hardy, 6-0, 175, So., Miami, Fla.
WR (Z):	83 TERRENCE NUNN* , 6-0, 185, So., Houston, Texas 9 Mark LeFlore*** , 5-11, 195, Sr., Omaha, Neb.
FB:	41 Dane Todd** , 5-10, 235, Jr., Lincoln, Neb. 33 Grant Miller, 6-0, 225, Jr., Peabody, Mass.
IB:	4 CORY ROSS*** , 5-6, 195, Sr., Denver, Colo. 20 Marlon Lucky, 6-0, 210, Fr., North Hollywood, Calif -or- 34 Cody Glenn, 6-0, 230, Fr., Rusk, Texas -or- 32 Brandon Jackson* , 5-11, 205, So., Horn Lake, Miss.
QB:	13 Zac Taylor, 6-2, 210, Jr., Norman, Okla. 3 Harrison Beck, 6-2, 210, Fr., Clearwater, Fla.

Key: *indicates letters earned; **returning lettermen are in boldface**; players in ALL CAPS are returning starters; New depth chart will be released each Tuesday

Injured (Not on Depth Chart)

Offense

TE	11 MATT HERIAN*** , 6-5, 240, Sr., Pierce, Neb.
OL	62 Andy Christensen, 6-3, 300, RFr., Bennington, Neb.
OT	77 SEPPPO EVWARAYE** , 6-5, 320, Sr., Laurel, Neb.
OT	79 Cornealius Fuamatu-Thomas, 6-5, 315, Sr., Honolulu, Hawaii

Defense

LB	15 Steve Octavien, 6-0, 235, Jr., Naples, Fla.
LB	34 STEWART BRADLEY** , 6-4, 240, Jr., Salt Lake City, Utah

Defense

OPEN END:	44 Jay Moore* , 6-4, 270, Jr., Eikhorn, Neb. 55 Wali Muhammad* , 6-1, 255, Sr., Bloomfield, N.J.
NT:	66 Le KEVIN SMITH*** , 6-2, 305, Sr., Macon, Ga. 54 Ola Dagunduro, 6-2, 290, Jr., Inglewood, Calif.
DT:	96 TITUS ADAMS*** , 6-3, 300, Sr., Omaha, Neb. 94 Barry Cryer, 6-2, 275, Jr., Marrero, La.
BASE END:	90 ADAM CARRIKER** , 6-6, 280, Jr., Kennewick, Wash. 89 Kevin Luhrs, 6-1, 255, So., Omaha, Neb.
SAM:	49 Adam Ickes* , 6-2, 225, Sr., Page, Neb. 45 Nick Covey, 6-2, 225, Fr., Glendale, Ariz.
MIKE:	13 Corey McKeon , 6-1, 225, So., Naperville, Ill. 38 Phillip Dillard, 6-2, 250, Fr., Tulsa, Okla.
WILL:	51 Bo Ruud* , 6-3, 230, So., Lincoln, Neb. 40 Lance Brandenburgh* , 6-1, 230, So., Overland Park, Kan.
S CB:	2 Cortney Grixby* , 5-9, 165, So., Omaha, Neb. 30 Tierre Green* , 6-1, 200, So., Omaha, Neb.
FS:	25 Blake Tiedtke* , 5-10, 190, Sr., Cedar Rapids, Iowa 4 Tyler Fisher, 5-11, 195, Sr., Grand Island, Neb.
SS:	14 DANIEL BULLOCKS*** , 6-2, 210, Sr., Chattanooga, Tenn. 8 Andrew Shanle** 6-1, 205, Jr., St. Edward, Neb.
W CB:	1 Zackary Bowman, 6-2, 190, Jr., Anchorage, Alaska 30 Tierre Green* , 6-1, 200, So., Omaha, Neb.

Specialists

PK:	29 Jordan Congdon, 5-11, 180, Fr., San Diego, Calif. 27 DAVID DYCHES** , 6-1, 180, Jr., Spring, Texas
P:	37 SAM KOCH** , 6-1, 225, Sr., Seward, Neb. 97 Dan Titchener, 6-0, 195, RFr., Cheyenne, Wyo.
LSNAP:	92 LANE KELLY** , 6-4, 270, Jr., Omaha, Neb. 55 Nathan McBride, 6-1, 205, Fr., Scottsdale, Ariz.
KOR:	30 TIERRE GREEN* , 20 Marlon Lucky
PR:	2 Cortney Grixby* , 5-9, 165, So., Omaha, Neb. 83 Terrence Nunn* , 6-0, 185, So., Houston, Texas
H:	37 Sam Koch** , 6-1, 225, Sr., Seward, Neb. 8 Joe Ganz, 6-1, 200, RFr., Palos Heights, Ill.

Nebraska Alphabetical Roster

Numerical Roster

No.	Let.	Name	Pos.
1		Zackary Bowman	CB
2	*	Cortney Grixby	CB
3		Harrison Beck	QB
4	***	Cory Ross	IB
4		Tyler Fisher	FS
5		Shamus McKoy	WR
6	*	Donald DeFrاند	CB
7		Jordan Adams	QB
7		Frantz Hardy	WR
8	**	Andrew Shanle	S
8		Joe Ganz	QB
9	***	Mark LeFlore	WR
9		Jake Peetz	CB/LS
10		Justin Tomerlin	DE
11	***	Matt Herian	TE
13		Corey McKeon	LB
13		Zac Taylor	QB
14	***	Daniel Bullocks	SS
14	*	Matt Schroeder	WR
15		Beau Davis	QB
15		Steve Octavien	LB
16	**	Mike Stuntz	FS
17		Todd Peterson	WR
18		Travis Gingery	CB
19		Tyler Kester	P
19	*	Joey Robison	CB
20		Marlon Lucky	IB
21		Titus Brothers	SS
22		Robert Rands	CB/RS
23		Chris Brooks	WR
23		Leon Jackson	FS
24	*	Brandon Rigoni	SS
25	*	Blake Tiedtke	FS
26		Dan Erickson	WR
26		Mychael Brown	SS
27	**	David Dyches	PK
28	**	Isaiah Fluellen	WR
28		Bryan Wilson	CB
29		Jordan Congdon	PK
30	*	Tierre Green	CB
32	*	Brandon Jackson	IB
33		Grant Miller	FB
33		Matt O'Hanlon	SS
34	**	Stewart Bradley	LB
34		Cody Glenn	IB
35		David Harvey	TE
35		Chris LeFlore	CB
36		Thomas Lawson	IB/FB
37	**	Sam Koch	P
37		Mike Sampogna	IB
38		Phillip Dillard	LB
39		Jeff Souder	S
40	*	Lance Brandenburg	LB
41	**	Dane Todd	FB
42		Matt Senske	FB
43		Ty Steinkuhler	DE
44	*	Jay Moore	DE
45		Nick Covey	LB
45		Will Otto	FB
46		Ben Eisenhart	SS
47		Andy Kadavy	LB
47		Paul Farino	FB
48		Adam Blankenship	DE
48		Andy Sand	TE
49	*	Adam Ickes	LB
50	*	Kurt Mann	C
51	*	Bo Ruud	LB
52		Mark O'Shea	LB
52		Bryan Benzel	LS

Lettermen in Bold; *-Indicates Letters Earned

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Birthay	Yr.	Hometown (High School/College)
7	Adams, Jordan	QB	6-3	200	6/7/84	So.	Santee, Calif. (West Hills/Grossmont College)
96	*** Adams, Titus	DL	6-3	300	1/28/83	Sr.	Omaha, Neb. (Creighton Prep)
93	Alegria, Jordan	PK	6-1	210	11/26/86	Fr.	North Platte, Neb.
65	** Austin, Greg	OL	6-1	290	11/19/84	Jr.	Cypress, Texas (Cypress-Fairbanks)
3	Beck, Harrison	QB	6-2	210	9/1/87	Fr.	Clearwater, Fla. (Countryside)
52	Benzel, Bryan	LS	6-2	270	4/11/87	Fr.	Alliance, Neb.
48	Blankenship, Adam	DE	6-2	245	6/17/85	RFr.	Tulsa, Okla. (Union)
1	Bowman, Zackary	CB	6-2	190	11/18/84	Jr.	Anchorage, Alaska (Bartlett/N.M. Military)
34	** Bradley, Stewart	LB	6-4	240	11/2/83	Jr.	Salt Lake City, Utah (Highland)
40	* Brandenburg, Lance	LB	6-1	230	8/4/85	So.	Overland Park, Kan. (St. Thomas Aquinas)
23	Brooks, Chris	WR	6-2	195	2/5/87	Fr.	St. Louis, Mo. (Hazelwood East)
21	Brothers, Titus	CB	5-11	190	6/5/85	So.	San Antonio, Texas (Judson)
26	Brown, Mychael	SS	5-5	180	7/4/85	So.	Topeka, Kan.
65	Bryant, Chris	DL	6-3	280	3/4/84	Sr.	Aurora, Colo. (Smoky Hills)
14	*** Bullocks, Daniel	SS	6-2	210	2/28/83	Sr.	Chattanooga, Tenn. (Hixson)
59	Byford, Brett	OL	6-3	305	8/9/84	So.	Hartselle, Ala.
82	Cammack, Wes	WR	5-11	180		Fr.	DeWitt, Neb. (Tri County)
90	** Carriker, Adam	DE	6-6	280	5/6/84	Jr.	Kennewick, Wash.
62	Christensen, Andy	OL	6-3	300	6/24/86	RFr.	Bennington, Neb.
29	Congdon, Jordan	PK	5-11	180	12/15/86	Fr.	San Diego, Calif. (St. Augustine)
45	Covey, Nick	LB	6-2	225	5/9/87	Fr.	Glendale, Ariz. (Mountain Ridge)
94	Cryer, Barry	DL	6-2	275	9/19/84	Jr.	Marrero, La. (John Ehret/Dodge City CC)
54	Dagunduro, Ola	DL	6-2	290	1/6/84	Jr.	Inglewood, Calif. (Compton CC)
15	Davis, Beau	QB	6-4	185	7/15/85	So.	Venice, Calif.
6	* DeFrاند, Donald	CB	6-0	175	2/4/82	Sr.	Fort Lauderdale, Fla. (Stranahan/Dodge City CC)
38	Dillard, Phillip	LB	6-2	250	12/10/86	Fr.	Tulsa, Okla. (Jenks)
27	** Dyches, David	PK	6-1	180	10/16/84	Jr.	Spring, Texas (Westfield)
46	Eisenhart, Ben	SS	5-11	200	3/10/84	So.	Culbertson, Neb.
26	Erickson, Dan	WR	6-0	195	4/26/85	So.	Omaha, Neb. (Papillion-LaVista)
77	** Ewvaraye, Seppo	OL	6-5	320	6/1/82	Sr.	Laurel, Neb. (Laurel-Concord)
47	Farino, Paul	FB	6-0	240	11/25/87	Fr.	East Meadow, N.Y. (Kellenberg Memorial)
4	Fisher, Tyler	FS	5-11	195	11/17/82	Sr.	Grand Island, Neb. (Anselmo-Merna/Wayne St.)
28	** Fluellen, Isaiah	WR	6-0	185	6/11/84	Jr.	Ramstein, Germany (Ramstein America)
57	Fredinburg, Conan	OL	6-7	310	12/4/86	Fr.	Sioux Falls, S.D. (Roosevelt)
79	Fuamatu-Thomas, Cornealius	OL	6-5	315	2/4/83	Sr.	Honolulu, Hawaii (Farrington/College of San Francisco)
8	Ganz, Joe	QB	6-1	200	12/6/85	RFr.	Palos Heights, Ill. (Amos Alonzo Stagg)
69	Gibson, Adam	OL	6-4	355	12/23/84	Jr.	Indianapolis, Ind. (Rock Valley [III.] JC)
18	Gingery, Travis	CB	5-10	180	3/31/85	So.	Lincoln, Neb. (East)
34	Glenn, Cody	IB	6-0	230	10/6/86	Fr.	Rusk, Texas
30	* Green, Tierre	CB	6-1	200	2/4/85	So.	Omaha, Neb. (Benson)
2	* Grixby, Cortney	CB	5-9	165	2/14/86	So.	Omaha, Neb. (Central)
7	Hardy, Frantz	WR	6-0	175	1/6/85	So.	Miami, Fla. (Booker T. Washington/Butler Co. CC)
35	Harvey, David	TE	6-3	235	5/16/87	Fr.	LaPlata, Md. (McDonough)
73	* Helming, Jared	OL	6-3	295	12/23/82	Sr.	Springfield, Mo. (Kickapoo)
11	*** Herian, Matt	TE	6-5	240	10/7/83	Sr.	Pierce, Neb.
86	Hill, Sean	TE	6-3	255	11/12/84	So.	Lisle, Ill. (Naperville North)
61	Huff, Mike	OL	6-4	300	8/23/85	RFr.	Ralston, Neb.
49	* Ickes, Adam	LB	6-2	225	6/20/82	Sr.	Page, Neb. (Orchard)
32	* Jackson, Brandon	IB	5-11	205	10/2/85	So.	Horn Lake, Miss.
23	Jackson, Leon	FS	6-2	210	6/1/86	Fr.	Pasco, Wash.
47	Kadavy, Andy	LB	5-11	225	10/10/83	Jr.	Seward, Neb.
92	** Kelly, Lane	LS	6-4	270	4/12/84	Jr.	Omaha, Neb. (Creighton Prep)
19	Kester, Tyler	P	6-1	200	3/20/85	So.	Clearwater, Neb.
75	** Koch, Brandon	OL	6-4	310	11/14/82	Sr.	Gothenburg, Neb.
37	** Koch, Sam	P	6-1	225	8/13/82	Sr.	Seward, Neb.
36	Lawson, Thomas	IB/FB	6-0	225	4/14/86	RFr.	Parker, Colo. (Ponderosa)
35	LeFlore, Chris	CB	5-10	210	8/23/85	So.	Omaha, Neb. (Central)
9	*** LeFlore, Mark	WR	5-11	195	2/25/84	Sr.	Omaha, Neb. (Central)
74	Lingenfelter, Newton	OL	6-5	280	9/8/83	Jr.	Plainview, Neb.
20	Lucky, Marlon	IB	6-0	210	2/28/86	Fr.	North Hollywood, Calif.
91	Lueshen, Eric	PK	6-2	190	8/1/84	So.	Pierce, Neb.
89	Luhrs, Kevin	DE	6-1	255	9/29/84	So.	Omaha, Neb. (Creighton Prep)
50	* Mann, Kurt	C	6-4	290	8/17/83	Jr.	Grand Island, Neb.
55	McBride, Nathan	LS	6-1	205	3/27/87	Fr.	Scottsdale, Ariz. (Chaparral)
13	McKeon, Corey	LB	6-1	225	8/29/84	So.	Naperville, Ill. (North)

5	McKoy, Shamus	WR	6-1	195	4/28/82	Sr.	Raleigh, N.C. (Enloe/Scottsdale CC)
33	Miller, Grant	FB	6-0	225	12/23/83	Jr.	Peabody, Mass. (Veterans Memorial)
58	Moore, Dontrell	LB	6-2	230	9/17/84	Jr.	Thibodaux, La. (Coffeyville CC)
44	* Moore, Jay	DE	6-4	270	8/16/83	Jr.	Elkhorn, Neb.
81	* Mueller, Josh	TE	6-5	265	8/28/84	So.	Columbus, Neb. (Lakeview)
55	* Muhammad, Wali	DE	6-1	255	4/17/83	Sr.	Bloomfield, N.J. (Coffeyville CC)
84	** Mulkey, Grant	WR	5-11	180	4/19/84	Jr.	Arlington, Texas
76	Murtha, Lydon	OL	6-7	315	11/13/85	RFr.	Hutchinson, Minn.
83	* Nunn, Terrence	WR	6-0	185	7/25/86	So.	Houston, Texas (Cypress Falls)
33	O'Hanlon, Matt	SS	5-11	200	10/5/85	Fr.	Bellevue, Neb. (Bellevue East)
82	O'Leary, T.J.	LS	6-2	260	12/20/85	Jr.	Omaha, Neb. (Millard North/New Mexico St.)
52	O'Shea, Mark	LB	5-11	225	5/25/84	Jr.	Dallas, Texas (Jesuit College Prep/Iona)
95	O'Shea, Matt	DL	6-1	295	10/5/82	Sr.	Dallas, Texas (Jesuit College Prep)
15	Octavien, Steve	LB	6-0	235	11/25/84	Jr.	Naples, Fla. (Lely/W.R. Harper College)
45	Otto, Will	FB	5-11	240	10/5/83	Jr.	Fullerton, Calif. (Troy/Fullerton College)
78	Pasteur, Brock	OL	6-6	290	11/23/83	Jr.	Orlando, Fla. (University/Mesabi Range College)
54	Patrick, Chris	OL	6-4	285	8/22/84	So.	Ithaca, Mich.
9	Peetz, Jake	CB/LS	5-10	185	4/5/83	Sr.	O'Neill, Neb. (St. Mary's)
56	Peterson, T.J.	LB	6-2	230		Fr.	Kearney, Neb.
17	Peterson, Todd	WR	6-4	205	10/26/85	RFr.	Grand Island, Neb. (Central Catholic)
85	* Phillips, J.B.	TE	6-3	255	5/23/85	So.	Colleyville, Texas (Heritage)
68	Picou, Jordan	OL	6-2	320	10/2/85	Jr.	Rialto, Calif. (Eisenhower/Mt. San Antonio CC)
72	Picou, Rodney	OL	6-4	300	5/13/86	Fr.	Moreno Valley, Calif. (Canyon Springs)
56	* Pike, Gary	OL	6-4	330	11/15/82	Sr.	Pueblo, Colo. (Centennial)
98	Potter, Zach	DE	6-7	270	5/4/86	Fr.	Omaha, Neb. (Creighton Prep)
86	Poulosky, Andy	DE	6-2	240	5/14/84	So.	Ponca, Neb.
22	Rands, Robert	CB/RS	5-7	160	1/28/87	Fr.	Bellevue, Neb. (East)
85	Rice, Thomas	DE	6-1	235	1/15/85	So.	Lincoln, Neb. (East)
24	* Rigoni, Brandon	SS	5-6	180	3/8/83	Jr.	Lincoln, Neb. (Southeast)
63	Roark, Craig	OL	6-2	300	10/15/85	Fr.	Ada, Okla.
19	* Robison, Joey	CB	5-9	180	4/10/82	Sr.	Bertrand, Neb.
4	*** Ross, Cory	IB	5-6	195	9/22/82	Sr.	Denver, Colo. (Thomas Jefferson)
51	* Ruud, Bo	LB	6-3	230	9/2/84	So.	Lincoln, Neb. (Southeast)
71	Sampogna, Mike	IB	5-10	200	4/14/86	RFr.	Chicago, Ill. (Mt. Carmel)
48	Sand, Andy	TE	6-2	225	6/21/84	So.	Lincoln, Neb. (Southeast)
14	* Schroeder, Matt	WR	6-4	215	10/18/82	Sr.	Belden, Neb. (Laurel-Concord)
42	Senske, Matt	FB	6-3	230	4/19/85	So.	Bellevue, Neb. (East)
8	** Shanle, Andrew	S	6-1	205	3/9/83	Jr.	St. Edward, Neb.
88	Sievers, Clayton	TE	6-4	240	1/13/86	RFr.	Elkhorn, Neb.
70	Slauson, Matt	OL	6-5	340	2/18/86	Fr.	Colorado Springs, Colo. (Air Force Prep)
66	*** Smith, Le Kevin	DL	6-2	305	7/21/82	Sr.	Macon, Ga. (Stratford Academy)
39	Souder, Jeff	S	6-0	200	2/21/87	Fr.	Bellevue, Neb. (West)
43	Steinkuhler, Ty	DE	6-3	260	9/11/85	RFr.	Lincoln, Neb. (Southwest)
16	** Stuntz, Mike	FS	6-1	200	11/23/82	Sr.	Council Bluffs, Iowa (St. Albert)
77	Suh, Ndamukong	DL	6-4	300	1/6/87	Fr.	Portland, Ore. (Grant)
84	Sullivan, Tony	DE	6-3	240	7/12/85	So.	Wahoo, Neb. (Bishop Neumann)
87	Swift, Nate	WR	6-2	195	8/24/85	RFr.	Hutchinson, Minn.
13	Taylor, Zac	QB	6-2	210	5/10/83	Jr.	Norman, Okla. (Wake Forest/Butler County CC)
89	Teafatiller, Hunter	TE	6-3	205	10/30/86	Fr.	Kingsburg, Calif. (San Joaquin Memorial)
25	* Tiedtke, Blake	FS	5-10	190	6/24/82	Sr.	Cedar Rapids, Iowa (Jefferson)
97	Titchener, Dan	P	6-0	195	1/24/86	RFr.	Cheyenne, Wyo. (East)
41	** Todd, Dane	FB	5-10	235	8/8/83	Jr.	Lincoln, Neb. (Southeast)
10	Tomerlin, Justin	DE	6-6	265	12/27/82	So.	San Clemente, Calif. (Butler County CC)
99	Turner, Barry	DL	6-3	245	1/7/87	Fr.	Antioch, Tenn. (Brentwood Academy)
59	Voges, Brian	LB	6-3	225	12/7/84	Jr.	Lincoln, Neb. (Southwest/Phoenix JC)
98	Wesch, Jake	PK	6-1	190	10/1/85	RFr.	North Bend, Neb.
28	Wilson, Bryan	CB	6-2	190	5/9/84	So.	Granada Hills, Calif. (Pierce College)
53	Wortman, Tyler	LB	6-3	220	6/13/86	RFr.	Grand Island, Neb. (Central Catholic)
53	Tyler Wortman.....	LB					
54	Ola Dagunduro.....	DL					
54	Chris Patrick.....	OL					
55	* Wali Muhammad.....	DE					
55	Nathan McBride.....	LS					
56	* Gary Pike.....	OL					
56	T.J. Peterson.....	LB					
57	Conan Fredinburg.....	OL					
58	Dontrell Moore.....	LB					
59	Brett Byford.....	OL					
59	Brian Voges.....	LB					
61	Mike Huff.....	OL					
62	Andy Christensen.....	OL					
63	Craig Roark.....	OL					
65	** Greg Austin.....	OL					
65	Chris Bryant.....	DL					
66	*** Le Kevin Smith.....	DL					
68	Jordan Picou.....	OL					
69	Adam Gibson.....	OL					
70	Matt Slauson.....	OL					
72	Rodney Picou.....	OL					
73	* Jared Helming.....	OL					
74	Newton Lingenfelter.....	OL					
75	** Brandon Koch.....	OL					
76	Lydon Murtha.....	OL					
77	** Seppo Evwaraye.....	OL					
77	Ndamukong Suh.....	DL					
78	Brock Pasteur.....	OL					
79	C. Fuamatu-Thomas.....	OL					
81	* Josh Mueller.....	TE					
82	Wes Cammack.....	WR					
82	T.J. O'Leary.....	LS					
83	* Terrence Nunn.....	WR					
84	** Grant Mulkey.....	WR					
84	Tony Sullivan.....	DE					
85	* J.B. Phillips.....	TE					
85	Thomas Rice.....	DE					
86	Sean Hill.....	TE					
86	Andy Poulosky.....	DE					
87	Nate Swift.....	WR					
88	Clayton Sievers.....	TE					
89	Kevin Luhrs.....	DE					
89	Hunter Teafatiller.....	TE					
90	** Adam Carriker.....	DE					
91	Eric Lueshen.....	PK					
92	** Lane Kelly.....	LS					
93	Jordan Alegria.....	PK					
94	Barry Cryer.....	DL					
95	Matt O'Shea.....	DL					
96	*** Titus Adams.....	DL					
97	Dan Titchener.....	P					
98	Zach Potter.....	DE					
98	Jake Wesch.....	PK					
99	Barry Turner.....	DL					

Coaching Staff

Head Coach: Bill Callahan (Illinois Benedictine, 1978)

Defensive Coordinator/Linebackers: Kevin Cosgrove

Offensive Coordinator/Quarterbacks: Jay Norvell

Defensive Line: John Blake

Safeties/Special Teams Coordinator: Bill Busch

Tight Ends/Specialists/Recruiting Coordinator: Scott Downing

Cornerbacks: Phil Elmajian

Receivers: Ted Gilmore

Running Backs: Randy Jordan

Offensive Line: Dennis Wagner

Graduate Assistant/Offense: Angus McClure

Graduate Assistant/Defense: Aaron Stamm

Associate A.D./Football: Tim Cassidy

Head Strength Coach: Dave Kennedy

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Big 12 Conference Media Information

Monday Big 12 Coaches Briefing:

The Big 12 hosts individual telephonic news conferences with each head coach on Mondays, starting at 10 a.m. (Central time) during the 2005 season. The briefings originate from conference headquarters in Dallas.

The Big 12 Coaches Schedule (10 minutes each)

Mondays, Aug. 30-Dec. 6

Media Phone: (913) 981-4913

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

Live/Archive via web: www.big12sports.com

10 a.m. Mark Mangino, Kansas
 10:10 a.m. Bob Stoops, Oklahoma
 10:20 a.m. Mike Gundy, Oklahoma State
 10:30 a.m. Bill Snyder, Kansas State
 10:40 a.m. Gary Pinkel, Missouri
 10:50 a.m. Mike Leach, Texas Tech
 11 a.m. Guy Morriss, Baylor
 11:10 a.m. Dan McCarney, Iowa State
 11:20 a.m. Mack Brown, Texas
 11:30 a.m. Dennis Franchione, Texas A&M
 11:40 a.m. Gary Barnett, Colorado
 11:50 a.m. **Bill Callahan, Nebraska**

Big 12 Satellite Feed:

Fox Sports Net joins the Big 12 Conference in presenting a one-hour package of weekly satellite highlights of previous week's games as well as features from Big 12 schools and student-athletes' short subjects from Tuesday, Aug. 30 through Tuesday, Dec. 6, 2005.

Feed Times (Aug. 30-Dec. 6): 3:30-4:30 p.m. (Central), Tuesdays

Coordinates: Galaxy C-3, Transponder 6, C-Band, analogue

Nebraska Press Conference Satellite Feeds:

ESPN News will once again televise selected Nebraska press conferences live. Stations other than ESPN may not use its satellite feed for live coverage, but are welcome to use the satellite feed on a delayed basis.

Coordinates for the November press conferences are SBS 6 @ 74 Degrees West, transponder 17 Ku band, downlink frequency of 12117 MHz (Horizontal Polarity); Feed time is from 11:30-1 p.m. CDT.

Player Mugs:

Husker color digital mugs and those of the coaching staff can be downloaded directly to your system for media usage. The headshots are available for media use at www.Huskers.com (go to football page, go to biographies, click on bio, when picture appears, click on the magnifying glass below the picture, then click the word "larger".)

Media Guide and Supplement On-Line:

PDF versions of the 2005 Nebraska media guide and media supplement are available on Huskers.com Please go to the "Football" page, on the left menu, click on "2005 Media Guide" and proceed from there. Hard copies of the Media Supplement may be obtained from the Media Relations Office.

Coach Guest Appearances Schedule:

Week	Press Conference (Tuesday, Noon)
8/29-9/3 (Maine)	Tuesday, 8/30
9/4-9/10 (Wake Forest)	Tuesday, 9/6
9/11-9/17 (Pittsburgh)	Tuesday, 9/13
9/18-9/24 (OPEN)	Tuesday, 9/20-NONE
9/25-10/1 (Iowa State)	Tuesday, 9/27
10/2-10/8 (Texas Tech)	Tuesday, 10/4
10/9-10/15 (Baylor)	Tuesday, 10/11
10/16-10/22 (Missouri)	Tuesday, 10/18
10/23-10/29 (Oklahoma)	Tuesday, 10/25
10/30-11/5 (Kansas)	Tuesday, 11/1
11/6-11/12 (Kansas State)	Tuesday, 11/8
11/13-11/19 (OPEN)	Tuesday, 11/15-NONE
11/21-11/26 (Colorado)	Monday, 11/21
11/27-12/3 (Big 12, TBA)	Friday, 12/3-TBA

Nebraska Media Information and Policies

General Policies

► All player and coach interviews must be arranged at least one day in advance through the Husker Media Relations Office. Contact Keith Mann, Jerry Trickie, Andy Anderson or David Graff at 402-472-2263. All post-practice interviews will be conducted at the practice site (Memorial Stadium or grass practice field), or just outside the locker room area underneath the South Stadium stands. Interviews will not be conducted in the weight room, Hewitt Center, training room, hallways or the tunnel leading from the locker room to the field. Please do not approach players or coaches for interviews in these areas. The Nebraska locker room, training room and football office meeting rooms are **OFF-LIMITS** to the media and general public. Please check in at the Media Relations Office, when arriving for interviews, or proceed to the practice field through the West Stadium entrance.

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

► Practices are **closed** to the media and to the general public; however, photographers and videographers are allowed to shoot the stretching period of practice on Tuesdays and Thursdays during the season, then will be asked to leave until practice is completed. A representative from the Media Relations Office will be on hand to assist media present.

► After all home games, Nebraska's locker room is closed, requested players and coaches will be brought to the Postgame Interview Room/Players' Lounge after a 10-minute cooling off period. The postgame interview room is located on the field level at the Southeast Corner of the Stadium. Media are asked to wait to set up camera equipment until after Nebraska has left the locker room to return to the field at the conclusion of halftime. On the road, Coach Callahan and requested players and assistant coaches will be brought to the designated interview area. Please note, **NO INTERVIEWS** will be conducted on the field as the players are returning to the locker room.

► During the season, Coach Callahan is available on the Big 12 teleconference on Monday, the Nebraska teleconference on Tuesday and in person on the field Wednesday and Thursday following practice.

► The general interview availability for Nebraska players and coaches is as follows...

Sundays...No media availability

Mondays...Coach Callahan on Big 12 Teleconference at 11:50 a.m.

Tuesdays...Coach Callahan and requested players available at press conference; Offensive Coordinator Jay Norvell,

Defensive Coordinator Kevin Cosgrove and requested players not at press conference available after practice

Wednesdays...Coach Callahan, requested players and requested assistant coaches available after practice

Thursdays...Coach Callahan available after practice

Fridays...Designated coach at Big Red Breakfast in Omaha

Coach Callahan/Player Press Conferences

Nebraska Head Coach Bill Callahan will conduct weekly Tuesday press/teleconferences in the Don Bryant Media Facility Level 6, prior to home and away games. After an 11 a.m. lunch, Coach Callahan will address the media at Noon and will answer questions until approximately 12:20 p.m. Nebraska Volleyball Coach John Cook will be available each week at 11:15 a.m. Selected Husker players may be available beginning at 11:30 a.m. and again from 12:20 to 1:15 p.m. Each press conference will be available via the Huskers' subscription website (HuskersNside) on Huskers.com. Selected NU press conferences on Tuesday will be televised live by ESPN News, which has exclusive live rights to the press conference satellite feed. Stations other than ESPN may not use its satellite feed for live coverage, but are welcome to use the satellite feed on a delayed basis.

The number to access the teleconference is (877) 229-1563. Please contact the Nebraska Media Relations Office at 402-472-2263 to obtain the weekly passcode. At least two players will be on the conference line, before those in attendance break up for individual player interviews. Player requests must be made a day in advance and should be made to Andy Anderson or David Graff in the Media Relations Office. Callahan quotes and quotes from selected players will be transcribed and posted on Huskers.com, NU's official athletic department website. Quotes from Nebraska's coordinators will be available on Huskers.com following Tuesday evening's practice. *Audio quotes from the press conference are edited and placed on NewsNetNebraska, courtesy of UNL Broadcasting.*

The Coach Callahan Show

Coach Callahan's one-hour weekly TV show, *The Coach Callahan Show*, with host Jim Rose, will be carried on these stations;

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| ► WOWT (Omaha, 11:05 p.m., Sunday) | ► KSTF (Scottsbluff, 6 p.m., Central, Tuesday) |
| ► KOLN/KGIN (Lincoln, 10:30 p.m., Sunday) | ► Fox Sports Midwest (Noon, Tuesday) |
| ► KNOP/KIIT (North Platte, 10:30 p.m., Sunday) | ► KPTH (Sioux City, 10:30 p.m., Sunday) |
| ► Metro Sports (Kansas City, 12:30 p.m., Saturday) | ► Comcast (Denver, 4:30 p.m., Thursday) |
| ► Cox Communications (OKC, 12:30 a.m., Mon.; 11:30 a.m., Wed.) | ► KSBI (Oklahoma City, 7:30 p.m., Tuesday) |
| ► Lakes TV (NW Iowa, 11 p.m., Wednesday) | |

Other Media Opportunities for Media With Coach Callahan and Staff

► **The Big Red Breakfast** is held at the Holiday Inn at 72nd and Grover on Fridays at 6:45 a.m., featuring a Nebraska coach each week (see schedule below).

► **"The Coach Callahan"** Radio Show, on the Sports Pinnacle Network each Thursday at 6 p.m., featuring a Husker coach each week (see schedule below).