



Husker Records and Streaks

- ▶ NCAA-record 234 consecutive sellouts in Memorial Stadium
- ▶ 38 consecutive winning seasons—current NCAA best
- ▶ 31 consecutive nine-win seasons—NCAA record
- ▶ 31 consecutive bowl bids—NCAA record
- ▶ 39 bowl appearances—fifth in NCAA
- ▶ 311 consecutive weeks ranked in the Associated Press, a continuing AP record
- ▶ 82-8 record since 1993 (eight years)
- ▶ 8-game home winning streak
- ▶ 7-game winning streak

Media Information

Coach Frank Solich--is available on the Big 12 weekly conference call at 11:50 a.m. on Mondays; daily after practice and at the NU weekly press/teleconferences on Tuesdays...**Next Press Conference:** Sept. 5, lunch at 11:15 a.m., VB Coach John Cook at 11:30; Defensive Coordinator Craig Bohl at 11:34; Carlos Polk at 11:55 a.m.; Head Coach Frank Solich at Noon - 12:20 p.m.; Players from 12:20 - 1:30; to get on line call SID office. **Player/Coach Interviews:** Daily on field after practice through Wednesdays on game weeks and by telephone. Call SID office (402-472-2263) to make arrangements 24 hours in advance.

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Game #2 No. 1/1 Nebraska (1-0) vs. No. 23/25 Notre Dame (1-0)

The Matchup: No. 1/1 (AP/Coaches) Nebraska (1-0) at 23/25 Notre Dame (1-0)

Game Date: Saturday, Sept. 9 **Kickoff Time:** 1:30 p.m. Central/EST

Site: South Bend, Ind. **Stadium (Capacity):** Notre Dame Stadium (80,012), 151st straight sellout

The Coaches: Nebraska—Frank Solich (Nebraska, '66), 22-5, 3rd year career/at Nebraska;

Notre Dame—Bob Davie (Youngstown State, '76), 22-16, 4th year career/at Notre Dame

TV: NBC national; Craig Minervini (Play-by-Play); Pat Haden (Color); Bob Wischusen (Sideline)

Nebraska Radio: Pinnacle Sports Productions, Warren Swain (Play-by-Play); Adrian Fiala (Color);

(KLIN-AM in Lincoln, KKAR-AM in Omaha); **Notre Dame Radio:** Mutual/Westwood One, Tony

Roberts (Play-by-Play), Tom Pagna (Color), Paul Hornung (Pregame/halftime analysis)

Knot Hole Section Watch Party: Bob Devaney Sports Center, Doors open at Noon, free admission

Top-Ranked Nebraska (1-0) Travels to No. 23/25 Notre Dame (1-0) for Game 2

The Nebraska Cornhuskers rolled to a 49-13 win over San Jose State in the school's 111th season opener last week before the 234th consecutive sold out crowd in Memorial Stadium. The Huskers manhandled the Spartans up front, rushing for 505 yards, led by I-back Dan Alexander's career-best 208. This week, Nebraska travels to Notre Dame in a contest that airs nationwide on NBC at 1:30 p.m. Central/Eastern. It marks Notre Dame's 151st consecutive sellout, as the Irish's sellout streak is second only to Nebraska's NCAA record string. Notre Dame reentered the rankings this week after a solid 24-10 upset of No. 25 Texas A&M. Starting quarterback Arnaz Battle threw two TD passes in his first start and the Irish defense shut down the Big 12 Aggies in the second half. Notre Dame has one of the toughest schedules in the country, facing No. 25 Texas A&M, No. 1 Nebraska, followed by No. 14/13 Purdue, No. 24/23 Michigan State and Stanford. Last season, Notre Dame lost its last four games and posted a 5-7 record under fourth-year Coach Bob Davie. Two of the Irish wins in 1999 were over Big 12 foes, defeating Kansas, 48-13, in the season opener and Oklahoma 34-30 in game five. Nebraska and Notre Dame haven't met since 1973, but this will be the 15th meeting between the two schools and just the second since 1948. Nebraska's Ed Weir and company defeated Notre Dame's legendary "Four Horsemen" in consecutive seasons in 1922 and 1923, handing Notre Dame its only two losses in a three-year period from 1922 to 1924. For more information on this storied history, see page 10. Nebraska has an open week after the Notre Dame game before hosting Iowa on Sept. 23.

In the Polls

For the third straight week, the Nebraska Cornhuskers remain on top of both the Associated Press and the ESPN/USA Today Coaches Poll. Nebraska received 39 first-place votes from the AP writers, ahead of Florida State's 29 and 43 from the coaches, ahead of Florida State's 15. Nebraska began the season at the top of the Associated Press poll for the sixth time since the AP's first preseason poll in 1950, also entering the season as the No. 1 pick in 1965, 1972, 1976, 1983 and 1996. Nebraska did not retain the No. 1 position in any of those years after entering the season No. 1. Last year, the Florida State Seminoles were the first team to be ranked No. 1 from start to finish. Nebraska was last ranked No. 1 to open the season in 1996, the year after winning its second consecutive national title. Four Big 12 schools are ranked in this week's polls, including Nebraska 1/1 (AP/Coaches); Kansas State 7/7; Texas 6/8 and Oklahoma 20/20. Notre Dame entered the polls at 23rd in the coaches and 25th by AP.

2000 Nebraska Football Schedule / Results (1-0, 0-0 Big 12 Conference)

Date	Opponent	Site	Time/Score	TV	Quick Bit
Sept. 2	San Jose State	Lincoln	49-13	^	NU rushed for 500 yards for first time since '95 season; Alexander had 208; Buckhalter had 117
Sept. 9	at Notre Dame	South Bend	1:30 p.m.	NBC	15th all-time meeting, first since the 1973 Orange Bowl, Devaney's last game (NU won 40-6)
Sept. 23	Iowa	Lincoln	TBA		Iowa looks to avenge a 42-7 loss to the Huskers in NU's season opener at Iowa City in '99
Sept. 30	Missouri #	Lincoln	TBA		With last year's win, NU became the first team to win 100 games in back-to-back decades
Oct. 7	at Iowa State #	Ames	TBA		Last year NU rushed for 439 yards; Alexander had 127, Buckhalter 127 and Diedrick 99
Oct. 14	at Texas Tech #	Lubbock	TBA		NU owns 5-0 series record and last defeated TTU in 1996, 24-10, and 1997, 29-0
Oct. 21	Baylor #	Lincoln	TBA		NU welcomes back Coach Kevin Steele (former NU Asst.) and RB Coach Tommie Frazier (NU QB)
Oct. 28	at Oklahoma #	Norman	TBA		Last meeting, NU won 69-7 in '97; OU leads the storied series 39-36-3
Nov. 4	Kansas # (HC)	Lincoln	TBA		Third-longest series in NCAA Div. I at 106 games; NU has won 31 straight from Jayhawks
Nov. 11	at Kansas St. #	Manhattan	TBA		KSU broke NU's 29-game win streak with win in Manhattan in '98, but NU won 41-15 in '99
Nov. 24	Colorado #	Lincoln	11 a.m.	ABC	CU took Huskers to overtime last year, but Huskers are 2-0 in OTs with 33-30 win in Boulder
Dec. 2	Big 12 Champ.	Kan.City	3:30 p.m.	ABC	NU became the first Big 12 team to win two Big 12 championships with win over Texas in '99

Big 12 Conference Game; (HC) Homecoming; ^Not Televised but live internet broadcast on FOXSPORTS.COM

National Attention -- Tough Ticket

The game will be broadcast nationally by NBC television, and will air on the Pinnacle Sports Productions Nebraska Radio Network as well as on Notre Dame's Mutual/Westwood One Network. ESPN Gameday will be in South Bend broadcasting College Gameday live on Friday and Saturday, and for the first time, the Huskers will host a free "Knot Hole Section Watch Party" in the Bob Devaney Sports Center in Lincoln. Doors open at Noon and NU's pregame show begins at Noon, followed by WOWT Channel 6's one-hour live pregame show at 12:30 p.m.

The Husker Ticket Office received more than 28,000 ticket requests for this season's Notre Dame game, that total is second only to the number of tickets that were requested for the Oklahoma State vs. Nebraska game in Arrowhead Stadium in Knasas City in 1998 (received 35,000 tickets, had more than 50,000 requests). Per the contract, Notre Dame is allotting 4,000 tickets to NU, the same amount Irish fans will receive next year.

The Huskers' Last Game – Sept. 2 Nebraska 49, San Jose State 13

Huskers Roll Over Spartans

The No. 1 Nebraska Cornhuskers opened their season with a 49-13 win over San Jose State in the first meeting between the two schools. The Huskers took the opening kickoff and rushed eight straight plays for 80 yards and a score. Nebraska scored on each of its first four possessions and opened to a 28-6 halftime lead. NU was led by Dan Alexander's career-best 208 yards rushing and totaled 505 yards rushing on the day. Correll Buckhalter had 117 yards rushing as the offensive line made a bold statement in 100-degree heat.

► **Hot Stuff...**Saturday's temperature was 88 degrees at kickoff, 94 at the beginning of the second quarter and 98 at halftime. It hit 100 degrees by the fourth quarter and a high of 104 at the end of the game. It was the hottest game since Nebraska and Oklahoma State kicked off in 99 degree heat in Stillwater on Aug. 31, 1995.

► **Alexander Runs for Career-Best 208 Yards...**NU starting I-back **Dan Alexander** broke a 50-year old season-opening game record when he rushed for a career-best 208 yards against San Jose State. He leads all the nation's rushers through one week's totals, averaging an incredible 12.2 yards per carry with two touchdowns. The Nebraska opening-day record bettered the 187 yards that All-American halfback Bobby Reynolds had vs. Indiana in Lincoln in 1950. Alexander reached the 100-yard mark on NU's third drive of the game and had six carries for 66 yards on Nebraska's touchdown-scoring opening drive. On NU's fourth drive, Alexander scored on a one-yard run which gave him 148 rushing yards in the first half. He reached the 200 mark with a 56-yard TD run on Nebraska's first series of the second quarter and was done for the day. It marks Alexander's second consecutive 100-yard rushing day after rushing for 108 vs. Tennessee in the Fiesta Bowl, sixth of his career and sixth in the last nine games. His previous career best was 180 yards vs. Colorado last season. Alexander had three runs of 25 yards or more, a 39-yarder in the first quarter and a 32-yarder in the second quarter. He topped that with his 56-yard TD run to lead off the second-half scoring.

Alexander's 208 yards marked the first time a Husker back rushed for 200 or more yards since Ahman Green rushed for 206 vs. Tennessee in the 1998 Orange Bowl. It is the first 200-yard individual performance under Solich and the first in the regular season since Green rushed for 202 yards vs. Colorado on Nov. 27, 1997. Alexander reached the 200-yard mark with just 17 carries, becoming only the fifth Husker rusher in school history to rush for 200 or more yards with fewer than 20 carries. His 208 yards tied Calvin Jones' 208 vs. Iowa State (Nov. 13, 1993) and Leodis Flowers' 208 vs. ISU (Oct. 27, 1990) for the 18th-best single game mark by an NU rusher. It was the 34th 200-yard rushing mark in school history. Alexander was Nebraska's nominee for Big 12 Offensive Player of the Week. Coach Solich said, "*Dan is an amazing back. He's a guy that's in great condition, and he's just able to keep on going. He took a lot of hits, gave a lot of hits, had a lot of big runs and did about all you could ask a back to do.*"

Career Watch: A Doak Walker Award candidate, Alexander now has 1,510 career rushing yards on 237 carries (6.37 ypc) with 14 TDs to rank 28th on the NU career rushing chart.

► **Crouch Leads Huskers to Four Straight Scores...**Nebraska quarterback **Eric Crouch** scored NU's first touchdown on a six-yard run, connected with Tracey Wistrom for NU's second TD on a 27-yard pass on 4th-and-5, and scored NU's third TD with a four-yard run, leading NU to touchdowns on each of its first four possessions. Crouch scored his third rushing TD on a nine-yard run to put the Huskers up 42-13 with 4:30 remaining in the third quarter. Crouch has scored three rushing TDs in a game twice (also in 1999 season opener vs. Iowa). Crouch's TD pass to Wistrom marked Crouch's first regular-season TD pass since the Kansas game in 1999 when he hit Bobby Newcombe for a 49-yard TD pass on Oct. 30. Crouch has had at least one rushing TD in 12 of the last 14 games. He was intercepted twice (third time in his career he has thrown two interceptions in a game, tying his high). SJSU's Willie Adams intercepted Crouch on NU's fifth drive of the game, but the Spartans gave it back to NU at the end of the first half, when sophomore cornerback **DeJuan Groce** intercepted Marcus Arroyo (Groce's first career interception). Crouch's second interception was picked off by Josh Parry on NU's second drive of the second half. The Spartans scored to bring the score to 35-13. Crouch finished the day with eight carries for 57 yards rushing and three TDs, and completed 4-of-10 passes for 67 yards with one TD and two interceptions. SJSU LB Josh Parry said this of Crouch, "*Eric Crouch is unbelievable. He runs that offense like the option is meant to be run. He gets plays to go the way he wants them to, and he reads things so well. It's not just his play, but the way he runs the team. He'll take the ball and run—he has good heart.*"

Career Watch: A Davey O'Brien Award candidate, Crouch now has 1,405 career rushing yards on 284 carries (4.95 ypc) with 24 rushing TDs to rank 33rd on the NU career charts. He ranks fourth on the NU quarterback career rushing chart, 128 behind Scott Frost's 1,533 (1996-97); 550 behind Tommie Frazier's 1,955 (1992-95) and 720 behind Steve Taylor's 2,125 (1985-88). He ranks 11th in career passing yards with 1,937, 68 yards behind Jeff Quinn's 2,005 (1978-80) and 293 behind Tom Sorely's 2,230 (1976-78). Crouch now has 3,342 yards of total offense in his career to rank ninth and his 150 career points rank 22nd. Crouch has now rushed for at least 50 yards in each of his last six games.

► Junior tight end **Tracey Wistrom** made two catches for 51 yards vs. San Jose State, including a 27-yard TD pass from Crouch for NU's second score of the game at 5:02 in the first quarter. Of Wistrom's 20 career catches, four have gone for TDs and 10 have gone for 25 or more yards.

Career Watch: A John Mackey and Fred Beletnikoff Award candidate, Wistrom now has 20 career catches for 564 yards, for a 28.2 career yards per catch average, which betters the NU school record held by split end Robb Schnitzler, who posted a 21.6 ypc average (1984-86, 30 catches for 648 yards).

► Senior split end **Matt Davison** caught one pass for 22 yards on Saturday. Davison has now caught at least one pass in 28 of the last 30 games and in each of last four.

Career Watch: Davison has 72 catches for 1,089 yards and three TDs to rank fourth in receptions and tied for sixth in receiving yards. He needs two catches to pass No. 3 Guy Ingles' 74 receptions (SE, 1968-70) on NU career receptions list. His 1,089 yards tie with Tim Smith (SE, 1977-79) for sixth on the NU career chart, three yards behind No. 5 Todd Brown's 1,092 (SE, 1980-82), 34 yards behind No. 4 Junior Miller's 1,123 (TE, 1977-79), 68 yards short of Ingles' 1,157 and just 107 yards short of Irving Fryar's 1,196 receiving yards (WB, 1981-83). The career leader is Heisman Trophy winner Johnny Rodgers who caught 143 passes for 2,479 yards and 26 TDs.

► Senior wingback **Bobby Newcombe** tied Wistrom for the most pass receptions vs. San Jose State with two catches for 18 yards. He also had one punt return for seven yards. Rover **Joe Walker** had one punt return for two yards. Newcombe and Walker rank eighth and ninth in NU career punt return yards with 545 and 540 yards, respectively.

NU in 2000 National Rankings

Date	AP	C	1st	BC	Results
Pre.	1	1	36		
8/28-31	1	1	35		
Sept. 3	1	1	39		Def. San Jose St.49-13
Sept. 10					
Sept. 17					
Sept. 24					
Oct. 1					
Oct. 8					
Oct. 15					
Oct. 22					
Oct. 29					
Nov. 5					
Nov. 12					
Nov. 19					
Dec. 26					

Starters Returning (20) and Lost (12)

Offense....

Returning: (11 players/9 positions) Dominic Raiola, C; Russ Hochstein, RG; Jason Schwab (starter in 1998, injured in 1999) and Dave Volk, RT; Eric Crouch, QB; Willie Miller, FB; Dan Alexander, IB; Bobby Newcombe, WB; Matt Davison, SE; Tracey Wistrom and Aaron Golliday, TE

Lost: (4) Adam Julch, LT; James Sherman, LG; T.J. DeBates, TE; Sean Applegate, WB

Defense...

Returning: (7 players/5 positions) Loran Kaiser, DT; Kyle Vanden Bosch, RRE; Carlos Polk, MLB; Keyuo Craver and Erwin Swiney (starter in 1998, injured in 1999), LCB; Dion Booker and Clint Finley, FS

Lost: (8 players/6 positions) Aaron Wills, LRE; Steve Warren, NT; Tony Ortiz and Brian Shaw, SLB; Eric Johnson and Julius Jackson, WLB; Mike Brown, Rover; Ralph Brown, RCB

Kickers...

Returning: (2) Josh Brown, PK, Dan Hadenfeldt, P

Kickers Lost: (0)

2000 Awards Watch List

Biletnikoff--Tracey Wistrom, TE (1/35)

Butkus--Carlos Polk, MLB (1/70)

Ray Guy--Dan Hadenfeldt, P (1/32)

John Mackey--Tracey Wistrom, TE

Davey O'Brien--Eric Crouch, QB (1/30)

Jim Thorpe--Keyuo Craver, LCB (1/40)

Doak Walker--Dan Alexander, IB (1/35)

Player of the Week Nominees

Game Offense **Defense** **Special**

SJSU Alexander, IB Polk, LB Hollowell, LB

boldface underlined indicates winners

NU Career Punt Return Yards

Rank	Player, Pos., Yr.,	Yards
1.	Johnny Rodgers, WB, 70-72	1,515
2.	Tyrone Hughes, WB, 89-92	817
3.	Larry Wachholtz, S, 64-66	788
4.	Dana Brinson, WB, 85-88	767
5.	Irving Fryar, WB, 81-83	708
6.	Jeff Smith, IB, 81-84	665
7.	Pat Fischer, HB, 58-60	550
8.	Bobby Newcombe, WB, 97-00	545
9.	Joe Walker, Rover, 97-00	540

► **It's a Rush...**NU totaled 505 rushing yards in the game and was not tagged for a single yard lost on the day. On Nebraska's first drive of the game, NU scored on eight plays, covering all of the 80 yards by rush. That drive included a 39-yard run by Dan Alexander to the SJSU 6-yard line. NU is 89-0 since 1973 when rushing for 400 or more yards. Nebraska reached the 400 mark just once last season (439 vs. Iowa State). The 505 yards rushing were the most since NU had an NCAA bowl-record 524 in the Fiesta Bowl vs. Florida (Jan. 2, 1996) and the most in a regular-season game since NU rushed for 624 vs. Iowa State on Nov. 4, 1995. Nebraska rushed for 500 or more yards five times in 1995, counting the Fiesta Bowl. The 505 yards rushing marked the first time NU has achieved that feat under Solich.

In addition to Alexander's 208 and Crouch's 57 yards rushing, **Correll Buckhalter** had 13 carries for 117 yards and no TDs, marking the 40th time NU has had two or more 100-yard rushers in a game (last time vs. Texas A&M, 1999).

Career Watch: Buckhalter now has 1,889 career rushing yards on 320 carries (5.91 ypc) with 14 TDs to rank 21st on the NU career charts. He needs 67 yards to move into 20th.

Fullback **Willie Miller** had 51 yards on six carries vs. SJSU, giving the Huskers four rushers with 50-or-more yards. Miller's 51 yards included a regular-season career-best 24-yard run and was a regular-season career best as well, bettering the 48 he had vs. Washington in 1998 (he had 8-87 with a long of 47 yards vs. Tennessee in the 2000 Fiesta Bowl). Sophomore **Dahrran Diederick** rushed five times for 12 yards, including a two-yard TD run for NU's final score of the game, the third touchdown of his young career. Six other Huskers carried the ball, including QB **Jammal Lord** (4-27), FB **Judd Davies** (2-10-0), IB **DeAntae Grixby** (1-9), FB **Robin Miller** (1-9), IB **Josh Davis** (1-3) and IB **Thunder Collins** (2-2).

The Huskers' power game featured four returning starters on an offensive line that averages 304 pounds of muscle. NU Quarterback Eric Crouch gave credit to his O-line. He said, "That line is so good and so protective, it's amazing. They play with a lot of confidence and that gives me a lot of confidence." San Jose State Head Coach Dave Baldwin said, "That offensive unit is very, very dominant. We couldn't stop them. I don't think heat wore us out. I think it's (Dominic) Raiola and that offensive line that wore us out." Raiola is a leading contender for the Outland Trophy and had 14 of Nebraska's 75 team pancakes (knock-down blocks).

► **Speaking of Pancakes...**All five of the starting Husker offensive linemen had double-figure pancakes, despite not playing in the fourth quarter. Sophomore first-time starter **Toniu Fonoti** (LG) led the team with 15 pancakes, followed by Raiola's 14 at center, **Dave Volk's** (LT) 11, and **Russ Hochstein's** (RG) and **Jason Schwab's** (RT) 10. While Schwab started every game in 1998, he missed all of 1999 with a knee injury. He was granted a sixth year by the NCAA and was happy to be back. He said, "I was so nervous on the first play, I don't even remember what it was."

► **First-Time Starters...**On offense, sophomore **Toniu Fonoti** at left guard; on defense, junior **Jason Lohr** at nose tackle, sophomore **Scott Shanle** at SLB, sophomore LRE **Demoine Adams** and junior **Randy Stella** at WLB. Senior walk-on **Chace Long** handled all of Nebraska's kickoffs for the first time and also recorded his second career PAT (on two attempts) in the fourth quarter.

► **True Freshmen playing...**True freshman SLB **T.J. Hollowell** saw action vs. SJSU and had two solo tackles on kickoff coverage. He was NU's nominee for Big 12 Special Team's Player of the Week. Free safety **Willie Amos** had an unassisted tackle on punt coverage; and LCB **Terrell Butler** also saw action, as NU played three true freshmen. Sophomore transfer **Thunder Collins** had two carries for two yards in his first game as a Husker.

► **On defense...**MLB **Carlos Polk** officially led the team with six tackles, including a touchdown saving stop in the first quarter, and blocked a Nick Gilliam PAT attempt after SJSU's first TD. For his efforts, the Butkus candidate was Nebraska's nominee for Big 12 Defensive Player of the Week. Junior right cornerback **Erwin Swiney** had two pass breakups in his first start since 1998, to give him 19 in his career (tied for fourth). In addition to **DeJuan Groce's** first career interception, Groce nearly had a second and led the team with career-best three of NU's eight PBUs. Left cornerback **Keyuo Craver**, a Jim Thorpe Award candidate, had one tackle and two pass breakups to give him 17 in his career to tie for seventh on the NU career list. Linebacker **Randy Stella**, in his first start at Will linebacker, had the team's eighth breakup and four tackles. In his first game as a Husker, WLB redshirt freshman **Blanchard Johnson** had one tackle and blocked Gilliam's 44-yard field goal attempt in the fourth quarter. Defensive tackle **Loran Kaiser** started and played the entire first half against San Jose State, despite having a non-emergency laparoscopic appendectomy nine days prior to the game. He said, "I couldn't have lived with myself if I missed the first game of my senior season." Kaiser made two tackles.

► Although the Huskers gave up 113 rushing yards in the first quarter, the defense buckled down and held the Spartans to 193 for the day. Of SJSU's 346 total yards, 215 were in the first half. San Jose State's Deonce Whitaker rushed for 113 yards in the first quarter (same as team's 113 total), had 121 at halftime and 15-147-0 at the end of the game. The last time an opponent had an individual rush for more than 100 yards against Nebraska was Cortlen Johnson of Colorado, when he rushed for 135 on Nov. 26, 1999 at Boulder. The last time an opposing back rushed for more than 100 yards in Memorial Stadium was Iowa State's Darren Davis on Oct. 9, 1999 (107 yards). Whitaker's total was aided by a 69-yard

run on San Jose State's first drive of the game. That marked the longest run against Nebraska since Ja' Mar Toombs of Texas A&M had a 71-yard run vs. NU on Oct. 10, 1998. That run took SJSU to the 7-yard line, but the defense and two penalties led to a missed Nick Gilliam 29-yard field goal attempt (hit right upright, no good). The 147 yards by Whitaker is just six yards short of the top 10 list (No. 10 is 153 yards) and is the most since Texas' Ricky Williams 150 in 1998. SJSU had 193 rushing yards total (the most since Kansas State rushed for 212 yards in 1998) and 346 total-offense yards.

► **Kicking Notes...**Although Nebraska's No. 1 punter **Dan Hadenfeldt** sat out of the game (NCAA ruling to sit out first game after playing in Hula Bowl while waiting for fifth-year exempt ruling) NU only punted once vs. San Jose State, a 28-yarder by **Josh Brown** in the fourth quarter. Brown was perfect on 6-of-6 PATs to extend his streak to 45. On his first career punt, Brown said, "It wasn't a Hadenfeldt bomb."

► **Solid Execution...**Coach Frank Solich was pleased with the execution of the offense in game one. Nebraska was penalized just four times for 31 yards lost, compared to SJSU's 12-65, and had no fumbles after setting a school-record for fumbles (49) last season (25 lost). Crouch did throw two interceptions, but Solich said, "I thought they did an excellent job of taking care of the ball when they had it in their hands. We executed the option game very well."

On the Web

Nebraska's season opener with San Jose State was webcast live with streamlined video on FOXSPORTS.com. The game, which was not picked to be televised, represented one of the first-ever live webcasts of a Division I-A college football game. Although the viewer numbers won't be available until Tuesday, the webcast was a success, utilizing HuskerVision video and the radio feed from the Pinnacle Sports Network. The streamlined video software, as well as the webcast was free, and worked the best for those persons who had newer computer equipment.

Husker Season Notes...

The Husker 2000 Schedule

The 2000 Husker schedule features three of the six Big 12 teams that went to bowl games last year, including Kansas State, Oklahoma and Colorado. Three of Nebraska's opponents are ranked among the top 25 including Notre Dame, Oklahoma and Kansas State. Nebraska kicked off the 2000 season at home against San Jose State on Sept. 2 (49-13), travels to No. 23/25 Notre Dame on Saturday. Iowa comes to Lincoln on Sept. 23, after the Huskers opened on the road at Iowa in 1999. Big 12 South teams Texas, Texas A&M and Oklahoma State rotated off the Husker schedule, while Oklahoma, Baylor and Texas Tech return for two years. NU opens conference action hosting Missouri on Sept. 30; travels to Iowa State and Texas Tech on Oct. 7 and 14, respectively, hosts Baylor on Oct. 21, plays at Oklahoma on Oct. 28, hosts Kansas for Homecoming on Nov. 4, and travels to Kansas State on Nov. 11. NU concludes the regular season hosting Colorado on Friday, Nov. 24. The Big 12 Championship game will be held in Kansas City at Arrowhead Stadium on Dec. 2.

Nebraska Head Coach Frank Solich (22-5)

Coach Frank Solich (Nebraska, 1966) is beginning his third season at the helm of the Huskers and posts a 22-5 school and career record. Solich was named Nebraska's 26th head coach on Dec. 10, 1997, after serving as an NU assistant for 19 years. He played fullback for Hall of Fame Coach Bob Devaney, lettering in 1963-64-65, and was the first Husker running back to rush for 200 yards in a game. He also lettered for the Husker baseball team in 1965. After serving as a local high school football coach for 14 years, Solich took over the Nebraska freshman program and posted a 19-1 record from 1979 to 1982. He was elevated to NU's running backs coach after four seasons, a position he held for 15 years (1983-97). He was promoted to assistant head coach in 1991 and head coach following the 1997 season.

Coach Solich became just the third first-year Nebraska head coach to record nine wins in his first season at the helm, joining a pair of Hall of Fame Coaches—Tom Osborne (9-2-1 in 1973) and Bob Devaney (9-2 in 1962). Solich posted a 9-4 record in his first season, despite being hit heavy with injuries. He went 12-1 last season, leading NU to a Big 12 championship and No. 2 (coaches poll) and No. 3 (AP poll) final national rankings. Solich's 21 wins in his first two years at NU better Devaney's previous school record of 19 (Osborne had 18). His 21 wins after two seasons rank in a tie for third all time among Division I coaches in their first two years at the helm. Solich is the only Husker coach to have won 12 games in either of his first two seasons. Devaney won 10 his second year and Osborne won nine. Devaney won his first conference title his second year, while Osborne tied for his first in his third year at the helm. Solich was named the 1999 Big 12 Coach of the Year by his league peers and the AP. He earned his bachelor's and master's degrees from the University of Nebraska in 1966 and 1972, respectively.

Huskers Begin Third Season Under Solich; First With New Defensive Coordinator

The 2000 Huskers entered their third season under Head Coach Frank Solich with a new defensive line coach and new coordinator. Jeff Jamrog replaced defensive line coach Charlie McBride, who announced his retirement as NU's longtime defensive coordinator following the Fiesta Bowl victory over Tennessee. Linebackers coach Craig Bohl was named the new defensive coordinator, while Jamrog assumed McBride's duties with the defensive line. McBride coached the Huskers for 23 years and served as defensive coordinator for the past 18 seasons. Bohl begins his sixth year with Nebraska as linebackers coach and played for the Huskers in 1977-79. Jamrog played for the Huskers in 1985-87 and has been an assistant coach for UNO, South Dakota, and most recently at New Mexico State, where he was the defensive coordinator and inside linebackers coach for former Husker player and assistant Tony Samuel.

Game Day Assignments

Following the lead of Tom Osborne, Coach Solich is his own offensive coordinator, calling the plays from the sideline. Defensive Coordinator Craig Bohl is also on the sideline, along with receivers coach Ron Brown, quarterbacks coach Turner Gill, defensive line coach Jeff Jamrog and kickers/offensive line coach Dan Young. Assisting from above in the press box are rush ends coach Nelson Barnes, defensive backs coach George Darlington, running backs coach Dave Gillespie and offensive line coach Milt Tenopir.

Official Preseason Awards Watch Lists

The 2000 award watch lists feature six Huskers who are up for seven different awards. Headlining the list is preseason All-American senior linebacker **Carlos Polk**, a preseason favorite for the Butkus linebacker award. Junior left cornerback **Keyuo Craver** is on the Jim Thorpe Award watch list for the nation's best defensive back. Junior tight end **Tracey Wistrom** is on the Biletnikoff and the John Mackey Award lists for best receiver and best tight end, respectively. **Dan Alexander** is a candidate for the Doak Walker Award (top college running back); **Dan Hadenfeldt** is up for the Ray Guy Award (top college punter) and **Eric Crouch** is a candidate for the Davey O'Brien Award (top college QB). Although they do not produce an early watch list, center **Dominic Raiola** and right guard **Russ Hochstein** are both candidates for the Outland Trophy.

Injury Update

The Huskers got through spring and fall camp fairly healthy and there were no new injuries in the season opener. Quarterback Eric Crouch had right shoulder surgery after the bowl game, and was limited to non-throwing drills in the spring, but is 100 percent this fall. During spring action, second-string quarterback Jammal Lord partially tore his left PCL but recovered without surgery and played in the opener. Huskers who missed last season but returned this fall include offensive tackle Jason Schwab (left ACL/MCL), center Matt Shook (right ACL), rover Mike Demps (ACL),

Charting the Husker I-backs

1999 Rushing Stats, Att-Yd-TD

Opp. Alexander Buckhalter Diedrick

Iowa	15-96-0	3-22-0	2-5-0
Calif.	6-26-1	DNP	5-29-0
USM	*16-57-0	1-0-0	0-0-0
MU	*10-39-1	14-134-1	7-24-0
OSU	*11-24-1	11-55-2	1-3-0
ISU	*10-135-1	14-127-1	16-99-0
UT	*21-136-0	8-23-1	0-0-0
KU	#3-20-0	*22-116-0	3-27-0
A&M	*20-135-1	6-16-1	6-27-1
KSU	*1-8-0	7-10-0	14-93-1
CU	*17- 180-3	5-24-0	0-0-0
UT	<u>4-13-0</u>	<u>20-136-0</u>	<u>3--4-0</u>
Totals	134-865-8	111-662-6	57-303-2
vs. Tennessee+	21-108-1	8-59-1	DNP

+Fiesta Bowl; *started at I-back; # started at fullback

2000 Rushing Stats, Att-Yd-TD

Opp. Alexander Buckhalter Diedrick

SISU	17-208-2	13-117-0	5-12-1
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Current NU Career 1,000 Yard Rushers

Rank	Player, Years	Att	Yds.	TDs
21	Correll Buckhalter, 97-00	320	1,889	20
28	Dan Alexander, 97-00	237	1,510	14
33	Eric Crouch, 98-00	284	1,405	24

NU Top Career Rushing Quarterbacks

16	Steve Taylor, 85-88	431	2,125	32
20	Tommie Frazier, 92-95	367	1,955	36
26	Scott Frost, 96-97	302	1,533	28
33	Eric Crouch, 98-99	284	1,405	24

NU Career Receptions

Rank	Player, Pos, Years	No.	Yds.	Tds
1.	Johnny Rodgers, 70-72	143	2,479	26
2.	Jeff Kinney, HB, 69-71	82	864	3
3.	Guy Ingles, SE, 68-70	74	1,157	11
4.	Matt Davison, SE, 97-00	73	1,089	3

NU Career Receiving Yards

Rank	Player, Pos, Years	Yds.	No.	Tds
1.	Johnny Rodgers, 70-72	2,479	143	26
2.	Irving Fryar, WB, 81-83	1,196	67	11
3.	Guy Ingles, SE, 68-70	1,157	74	11
4.	Junior Miller, TE, 77-78	1,123	61	13
5.	Todd Brown, SE, 80-82	1,092	65	12
6.	Tim Smith, 77-79	1,089	72	3
	Matt Davison, SE, 97-00	1,089	73	3

NU Career Pass Breakups

1.	50	Ralph Brown, RCB, 1996-97-98-99
2.	21	Bret Clark, S, 1982-83-84
3.	20	Charles Fryar, LCB, 1985-86-87-88
4.	19	Barron Miles, LCB, 1992-93-94
	19	Jim Anderson, RCB, 1969-70-71
	19	Marv Mueller, S, 1965-66-67
	19	Erwin Swiney, RCB, 1997-98-00
7.	17	Joe Blahak, LCB, 1969-71-72
	17	Reggie Cooper, SS, 1987-88-89-90
	17	Keyuo Craver, LCB, 1998-99-00

cornerback Erwin Swiney (groin surgery) and I-back DeAntae Grixby (right ACL). This fall, reserve freshman offensive tackle Tim Green tore ligaments in his right knee and is out for the season after redshirting in 1999. Nebraska sustained nagging injuries to several defensive tackles. Jason Lohr missed most of the preseason drills with a sore toe; Ryon Bingham broke his foot (old injury) and will miss the first three or four games; Jeremy Slechta was still nursing his left knee after ACL surgery in November, and Loran Kaiser had a non-emergency laparoscopic appendectomy on Aug. 23, but started in the San Jose State game on Sept. 2. Lohr, Kaiser and Slechta all played vs. San Jose State.

Part 1 of Husker Century to Air on ETV

With the kickoff of the 2000 football season, the University of Nebraska adds another chapter to a spirited tradition dating back more than a century. This month the Nebraska ETV Network and the University of Nebraska Athletic Department's HuskerVision bring you *Husker Century: 1890-1940, Pioneer Spirit*, airing Thursday, Sept. 7, at 7 and 8:45 p.m. CT/6 and 7:45 p.m. MT on the statewide Nebraska ETV Network. The hour-long documentary shows how the early days of Husker football parallel the history of the state and nation—from pioneer days through the Depression—and uses vintage game films and interviews with players of the era to make history come alive. The program is narrated by Trev Alberts, sportscaster and former Husker football player. *Husker Century: 1890-1940, Pioneer Spirit* repeats Tuesday, Sept. 12, at 9:40 p.m. CT/8:40 p.m. MT and Tuesday, Sept. 19, at 7 p.m. CT/6 MT on Nebraska ETV.

Husker Notes...

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

Nebraska recorded its 100th win of the 90s with a 40-10 win over Missouri in Columbia on Sept. 25 and finished the decade with a 108-16-1 mark in the 90s (.868, second). Nebraska is the first Division I program to win 100-plus games in consecutive decades, as NU won 103 games to 20 losses in the 80s. The only other team to post 100-plus wins in the 80s was Brigham Young with 102 wins and 26 losses. Oklahoma (102-13-3) and Alabama (103-16-1) posted 100-plus wins in the 70s, while Nebraska came close to achieving the mark in three consecutive decades, as NU won 98 games in the 70s. Florida State finished the 90s with a 109-13-1 record (.890, first), but had just 87 wins in the 80s. By decade, the Huskers were 75-30-1 in the 60s (.712); 98-20-4 in the 70s (.820, fifth nationally) and 103-20-0 in the 80s (.837, first). Nebraska posts the best record over the past three decades with a 309-56-5 record. The Huskers have not lost more than 20 games in any of the last three decades.

NU Posts Stellar 90s Record

With three national championships, there's no doubt that the Nebraska Cornhuskers were among the best in the last decade. Nebraska had 108 wins in the 90s. NU's 60-3 five-year run from 1993 to 1997 was not only impressive, but unprecedented in NCAA Division I-A. NU is 81-8 over the last seven years, and its five-year record of 58-6 from 1994 to 1998, led the nation. In 1993, the Huskers went 11-1 losing only to Florida State, 18-16, in the Orange Bowl for the national championship. That began a run of wins, records and crystal collections. Nebraska followed 1993 with three perfect seasons in four years, winning national titles in 1994 (13-0), 1995 (12-0) and 1997 (13-0). No other team won three titles in the 90s.

In the Past Eight Years, the Huskers Have...

- ▶ Posted an 82-8 record and played in four national championship games (1993, '94, '95 and '97), winning three titles (1994, '95 and '97)
- ▶ Won five conference crowns (three Big Eight, two Big 12)
- ▶ Posted a 49-4 conference record
- ▶ Won 44 of 45 home games (eight straight)
- ▶ Gone 23-7 vs. AP Top 25 teams (13-3 vs. AP top 10 teams)

Unprecedented Winning Tradition Continues

Nebraska, the nation's fourth-winningest program all time (by percentage, third in wins), boasts a 744-297-40 record in 1,081 games (.707). In the last 30 years, NU is tops, posting a record of 310-56-5 for an .842 winning percentage (371 games), an average of 10.3 wins per year. In terms of wins, the Huskers are third in NCAA Division I-A history with 744. NU has won 10-or-more games 20 times in the Devaney/Osborne/Solich eras, went undefeated and untied through the regular season seven times, played in nine national title games and won the championship five times. Since the first Nebraska season in 1890, Husker teams have won 11 or more games 11 times, including six of the last seven years. NU has won 12 or more games seven times; and 13 or more three times (in 1971, 1994 and 1997). No one can match Nebraska's current 38-year winning season streak, or its 31-year nine-win streak, and by the same token, no other school has averaged 10 wins per season over the last 30 years. Nebraska's 38 years of consecutive winning records is tied for second all time with Alabama's 38 (1911-50) and behind Notre Dame's 42 (1889-1932). NU's 31-year streak with at least nine wins is best all time. Nebraska (702),

Notre Dame (736) and Alabama (728) are the only three programs to have won 700 games in the last century (1900-99, totals include bowl games following the 1999 regular season, even if games were played in Jan. of 2000).

Happy at Home

Nebraska is 76-3 at home the last 13 years, losing to two teams that went on to win a share of the national championship (Colorado in 1990 and Washington in 1991), and to Texas in 1998. The Huskers are 443-122-20 (.774, 585 games) in Lincoln, 318-99-13 (.755, 430 games, 77 years) in Memorial Stadium (since 1923) and 13-1 at home under Coach Solich with a current eight-game winning streak. Nebraska has not lost more than one home game in a season since a 5-2 home record in 1980. Since 1980, the Huskers are 119-10 at Memorial Stadium, with eight of those losses coming against teams that finished in the top six in the final AP Poll. Included in that stretch are three of the six longest home winning streaks in school history, including a school-record 47-game streak (fifth longest in nation all time) from 1991 to 1998, a 19-game streak from 1988 to 1990 and 21 straight wins from 1981 to 1984. Nebraska also had a 33-game home winning streak from 1901 to 1906 (which is tied for the 11th-longest streak in Division I-A). Since 1986 (13 years), NU is 88-5 in Lincoln, with losses to Colorado, Washington, Oklahoma (twice) and Texas. Those five teams posted a combined mark of 53-6-1 in their respective seasons. Nebraska has not been shut out at home since a 12-0 loss to Kansas State in 1968 (199 games). NU has posted 38 unbeaten and untied home seasons. In 1999, the Huskers set a new attendance record in Memorial Stadium vs. USM when 77,826 fans attended, bettering the previous record of 77,617 who saw the home season opener vs. California.

NCAA Record 234 Consecutive Sellouts

Nebraska's Memorial Stadium boasts an NCAA-record 234 consecutive sellouts, dating back to Hall of Fame Coach Bob Devaney's first year in 1962 (vs. Missouri on Nov. 3). NU is 208-26 during the 234 sellouts (50-9 under Devaney, 145-16 under Osborne, 13-1 under Solich). The mark includes a 35-18 record against ranked teams. NU is 4-0 in the four milestone sellouts during that period (50th, 100th, 150th and 200th sellouts), including a 24-7 win over No. 2 Colorado on Oct. 29, 1994, for the 200th sellout.

AP Poll Record Hits 311

Ranked No. 1 in three straight AP Polls to start 2000, Nebraska extended its AP Poll record to 311 consecutive weeks (every weekly AP Poll since Oct. 17, 1981). Nebraska's nation-leading streak of consecutive weeks in the AP top 10 ended at 96 with the 1998 loss to Texas, but NU has been ranked in the top 10 for 116 of the last 122 weeks from the 1993 preseason poll to present. Nebraska was the preseason No. 1 team in 1965, 1972, 1976, 1983, 1996 and 2000. Nebraska has been in 485 of the last 488 AP polls since 1969 (31 consecutive years), missing one week in 1977 and two weeks in 1981.

Nebraska was ranked No. 1 by AP eight weeks in 1994, seven in 1995, the first five weeks in 1996, three weeks in 1997 and three in 2000 for a total of 64 times in the history of the poll, which began in 1936. The Huskers were ranked No. 1 for 12 consecutive weeks spanning the 1995-96 seasons (Oct. 29, 1995 after a 44-21 win over No. 7 Colorado, until Sept. 22, 1996 after a 19-0 loss to Arizona State). After a 14-week hiatus, NU returned to No. 1 on Oct. 19, 1997, where it has been for at least a couple of weeks in five of the last eight seasons (1993-2000). In 1993, NU was No. 1 by the coaches for three weeks, but never higher than No. 2 in AP, but from 1994 to 1997 Nebraska was No. 1 by AP for at least two weeks in each case. Its two streaks of 15 consecutive weeks being ranked No. 1 (1970-72, and entire 1983 season) still rank in a tie for third. The Huskers have played in 48 games as the No. 1 AP team, posting a 41-6-1 record.

Nebraska was ranked among the top 10 in the 2000 preseason poll, which marked the 25th time in the last 28 years that NU has opened the season in the top 10. NU was the nation's sixth most successful program based on AP rankings since the poll began, scoring 502 points, and NU is the only team to be ranked in every poll of the 90s. Nebraska finished among the AP top 10 for the 28th time since the first poll in 1936. NU finished among the AP top five for the 14th time overall, and the fifth time in the 90s.

Against AP Ranked Teams

Nebraska is 85-88-3 (.491, 176 games) all time vs. AP ranked opponents, not a bad mark considering NU started with a 7-35 mark before Coach Bob Devaney came on the scene in 1962. Over the last seven seasons, the Huskers have gone 24-6 against ranked foes, losing to No. 1-ranked Florida State in the 1994 Orange Bowl, to No. 17 Arizona State in Tempe in 1996, to No. 18 Texas A&M on Oct. 10, 1998, to No. 2 Kansas State on Nov. 14, 1998, to No. 4 Arizona in the 1998 Holiday Bowl, and to No. 18 Texas in Austin in 1999. Nebraska has won 13 of its last 15 games against top 10 AP teams (since 1994), including six straight at home. No. 7 Nebraska's 41-15 win in 1999 over No. 5 Kansas State was NU's first win over a higher ranked team since 1997. Last year, Nebraska went 3-3 vs. AP ranked teams and most recently defeated No. 6 Tennessee, 31-21, in the Fiesta Bowl. Over the last 27 years, NU is 67-41-1 (.625, 108 games) vs. ranked teams. In the 90s, NU was 27-10-1 (counting the Jan. 2, 2000 win over Tennessee). Solich is 6-4 vs. ranked teams (3-2 vs. top 10 AP teams) winning the last four matchups and has not lost at home to a ranked AP team (4-0 home, 0-3 away, 2-1 neutral site).

Huskers vs. the Unranked

The Huskers have lost just 13 of 225 games to unranked opponents since 1973 (16-1 under Solich). Nebraska's most recent loss to an unranked foe was Texas at home on Oct. 31, 1998. Nebraska has lost just five games to unranked opponents at home in that time period. NU's last road loss to an unranked opponent was to Texas in the 1996 Big 12 Championship game. In both losses to Texas, the Longhorns were not ranked in the top 25, but had enough votes to rank in the top 30. In a regular-season road game, the Huskers have not lost to an unranked opponent since Iowa State upset the Huskers, 19-10, in 1992. In fact, in the last 28 years, Nebraska has gone 210-13-2 against unranked opponents (.938, 225 games, five losses in the 1990s) and suffered only one loss to a team that finished the season below .500 (Iowa State in 1992).

Huskers Post Second-Best On-the-Road Record in Div.I-A

Counting games at neutral sites, the Huskers were second to Florida State with a .775 on-the-road winning percentage in the 90s (among Division I-A schools). Nebraska is 46-13-1 on the road (60 games) for a .775 winning percentage, behind Florida State's 54-12-0 (.818). Not counting neutral site games, the Huskers were tops in the 90s with a 37-8-1 record (.815, 46 games), which includes a win and a loss to Miami in Orange Bowl games (on Miami's home field). Nebraska is 33-6 away from home since 1993 (12-5 vs. ranked teams—includes neutral sites).

Adding up the Points

The Husker offense has averaged 35 or more points for 13 of the last 14 years and ranked second behind Marshall (4,896), scoring 4,868 points in the 90s. The Huskers have averaged 30 or more points for 21 straight years (since 1977) and have averaged 40 or more points seven times since 1983, including three of the past five years. In 1999, NU averaged 34.3 ppg to rank third in the Big 12 and 12th nationally. NU has scored at least 35 points in 53 of its last 73 games, most recently scoring 49 vs. San Jose State in the 2000 season opener. The Huskers have ranked among the nation's top 10 in scoring average for 20 of the last 22 years (since 1978) and finished first four times. NU has won 221 consecutive games when scoring 35 or more points and is 285-1 all time when scoring 35 or more points, losing only to Oklahoma, 49-35, in 1950. The last time the Huskers were shut out was a 19-0 loss at Arizona State in 1996. Before that, NU had scored in 50 straight games since a 22-0 loss to Miami in the 1992 Orange Bowl. NU's current streak of games in which it has scored is 51 straight games. Nebraska has not been shut out at home since KSU shut out the Huskers, 12-0, on Homecoming in 1968. Offensively, the Huskers have been shut out just five times since 1962, including once at home during that span. Nebraska was held scoreless in the first half at Kansas in 1999, marking the first time that an opponent has accomplished that feat since the Arizona State game in 1996. The Huskers have scored 40 or more points in three of their last five bowl games, including a school-record 62 vs. Florida in the 1996 Fiesta Bowl.

Records Report

Category Record

All-time	744-297-40
Home	443-122-20
Memorial Stadium	318-99-13
In Last 11 years	26-3
Since 1962	378-74-5
Last 30 years	310-56-5
Last 7 Years	82-8
When Scoring 35+ Points	285-1
Bowls	19-19
On ABC	64-25
On FieldTurf	7-0
At Night	37-13-3

vs. Ranked Teams...

All-Time	85-88-3
Home	39-30-0
Away	27-44-3
Neutral	19-14-0
as No. 1 Team	41-6-1

In 234 Consecutive Sellout Streak...

All-time	208-26
vs. Ranked Teams	35-18

Under Solich...

All-Time	22-5
Home	13-1
Away	6-3
Neutral	3-1
Bowls	1-1
vs. AP Ranked Teams	6-4
Home	4-0
Away	0-3
Neutral	201
vs. AP Top 10 Teams	3-2
Home	2-0
Away	0-1
Neutral	1-1
vs. Unranked Teams	16-1
Home	9-1
Away	7-0
vs. Big 12 Teams	12-4
at Home	7-1
Away	4-3
Neutral	1-0
Big 12 Championship Game	1-0
At Night	5-1
August	1-0
September	8-0
October	6-3
November	5-1
December	1-1
January	1-0

NU Streaks...The Huskers have won...

- ▶ 8 straight home games
- ▶ 7 straight games
- ▶ 12 straight non-conference reg.-season games
- ▶ 98 straight when rushing for 300 yards
- ▶ 89 straight when rushing for 400 yards
- ▶ 92 consecutive games when holding the opponent to 10 or fewer points

Other Streaks...NU has...

- ▶ scored in 51 consecutive games
- ▶ scored in 199 straight home games

It's a Rush

NU is 176-5 in the last 28 years when rushing for 300 or more yards in a game (since 1973) and has won 98 straight when rushing for 300-plus yards since a loss to Michigan in the 1986 Fiesta Bowl, when the Huskers rushed for 304 yards. Nebraska is 89-0 since 1973 when rushing for 400 or more yards (1-0 in 2000). NU's 524 yards vs. Florida in the 1996 Fiesta Bowl set an NCAA bowl record for rushing yards. Nebraska has won the NCAA rushing title 13 times, most recently in 1997, averaging 392.6 yards per game. NU has won the rushing title five times in the last eight years and 11 of the last 18 titles. Since 1978, Nebraska has ranked in the top six in rushing average every year. NU ranks second in 2000 with one game under its belt behind Air Force (583.0 ypg). NU has had 334, 100-yard rushing performances all time (21 under Coach Solich), including 40 games in which two or more Huskers rushed for 100 yards (most recently Dan Alexander, 208, and Correll Buckhalter, 117, vs. San Jose State, Sept. 2, 2000). The Huskers have had 34, 200-yard rushing performances (most recently 208 by Alexander vs. San Jose State). Three Huskers rushed for more than 100 yards in a game once, vs. ASU, 1988 (Ken Clark, Steve Taylor and Terry Rodgers). Nebraska is 11-0 under Coach Solich when the team rushes for 300 or more yards; 4-0 when rushing for 400 or more, 1-0 when rushing for 500 or more. Solich is 14-3 when a Husker rushes for at least 100 yards, and 4-3 when an opponent has a 100-yard rusher. Oklahoma State is the last conference team to hold the Huskers to less than 100 yards rushing, when NU had just 73 yards in Arrowhead Stadium against the 'Pokes in 1998.

Defending the Score

Nebraska ranked first in the Big 12 and third nationally in scoring defense in 1999, allowing just 12.5 points per game, the lowest since the 1994 team gave up 12.1 points per game to rank second nationally. The 1999 Huskers shut out both California and Texas A&M. When Nebraska holds its opponents to 10 or fewer points, the Huskers have posted 92 straight wins, since losing 10-7 to Iowa in the 1981 season opener. In fact, NU is 200-5-1 since 1962 (Devaney's first year) when holding opponents to 10 or fewer points (10-0 under Solich). Nebraska has recorded 61 shutouts since 1962, including three under Solich.

Husker Defense is Solid in the 90s vs. the Rush

After going to the 4-3 attack defense in 1993, the Husker "D" has posted five of the school's top seven rush defense averages in the last six years, allowing 79.3 ypg in 1994, 78.4 ypg in 1995 (back-to-back national championship teams), 83.8 ypg in 1996, 73.4 ypg in 1997 and 77.1 ypg in 1999. The 1997 average ranked second-best all time at NU and third nationally. Nebraska has never led the nation in rushing defense, but has ranked in the top 20 in each of the last six years. Since 1946, the Nebraska defense has allowed 100 or fewer rushing yards per game over the course of the season just 13 times, the first of which was 1963. The school record is 67.5 yards per game allowed in 1967. In NU's first game against San Jose State in 2000, the Husker Blackshirts allowed 193 yards rushing and currently rank 84th in the country.

NU Staff Boasts 132 Years of Experience

One very good reason Coach Solich was named as Osborne's replacement was to keep the current staff intact. Director of Athletics Bill Byrne recognized that much of Nebraska's success should be attributed to its veteran assistants. Although NU lost 23-year veteran and 18-year defensive coordinator Charlie McBride, NU still boasts 132 years of combined experience at NU (counting 2000) and a staff that has participated in 122 bowl games. The 20-year veterans include Solich (22 years), secondary coach George Darlington (28) and offensive line coach Milt Tenopir (27). The others include offensive line/kickers coach Dan Young (18), receivers coach Ron Brown (14), quarterbacks coach Turner Gill (9), linebackers coach Craig Bohl (6), rush ends coach Nelson Barnes (4), running backs coach Dave Gillespie (3) and the newest member, D-line coach Jeff Jamrog (1). Coach Bohl takes over McBride's duties as defensive coordinator in 2000. Bohl is one of five members of the Husker coaching staff who played at Nebraska (also Solich, Gill, Gillespie and Jamrog).

NU leads Conference in Crowns

Nebraska became the first team to capture two Big 12 titles in the four years of the championship game, defeating Texas, 22-6, in San Antonio last year. Texas, Nebraska, Texas A&M and Nebraska, in order, have won the four Big 12 titles. NU has played in three of the four possible title games. NU lost to Texas, 37-27, in the inaugural championship in St. Louis, defeated Texas A&M in 1997 in San Antonio, 54-15, and defeated Texas in 1999. The Nebraska vs. Texas matchup in last year's Big 12 Championship game marked the first time the game featured two teams that played each other in the regular season. In the last seven years, Nebraska has won five conference crowns (three Big Eight, two Big 12), posting a 49-4 conference record (does not count championship games). Nebraska is 28-4 in the Big 12 (14-1 at home), losing to Texas A&M in College Station (28-21), Texas in Lincoln (20-16) and Kansas State in Manhattan (40-30) in 1998, and to Texas (24-20) in Austin in 1999. Nebraska has won 43 football conference championships overall, including eight under Coach Bob Devaney, 13 under Coach Tom Osborne and one under Coach Solich.

Husker Snippets...

▶ **2000 Husker Seniors...**Six Husker seniors have been elected by their teammates as captains for the 2000 season. I-back Dan Alexander (Wentzville, Mo.), offensive guard Russ Hochstein (Hartington, Neb.), and tackle Jason Schwab (Eagan, Minn.) were elected as offensive captains, while defensive tackle Loran Kaiser (Farwell, Neb.), rush end Kyle Vanden Bosch (Larchwood, Iowa) and Mike linebacker Carlos Polk (Rockford, Ill.) were chosen from the defense. The six recipients mark the first time in school history that more than five players were chosen as captains, as five captains were chosen prior to the 1995 and 1998 seasons.

▶ **Walk-ons Remain Crucial to Success...**On the first depth chart, 30 (13 offense, 14 defense and three kickers) of the 90 Huskers listed (33 percent) were walk-ons when they first came to Nebraska. Three former walk-ons are starters in 2000, including senior right tackle **Jason Schwab**; senior punter **Dan Hadenfeldt**; and senior Sam linebacker **Scott Shanle**.

▶ **Nebraska Natives...**Nine Huskers who hail from Nebraska are starters in 2000, including SE Matt Davison (Tecumseh), LT Dave Volk (Battle Creek), RG Russ Hochstein (Hartington), QB Eric Crouch (Omaha), FB Willie Miller, (Omaha), DT Loran Kaiser (Farwell), SLB Scott Shanle (St. Edward), WLB Randy Stella (Omaha) and RCB Erwin Swiney (Lincoln). Swiney is the only starter from Lincoln.

▶ **Family Connections...**It's all in the family at NU. Several Huskers followed their fathers and brothers to NU. Those who followed in their older brothers' footsteps: Chad (1995-98) and Chris Kelsay (sophomore rush end); Grant (1994-1997) and Tracey Wistrom (junior tight end); and Mike (1994-96) and Dion Booker (junior free safety); Second generation Huskers include junior MLB Jamie Burrow and freshman FS Dan Burrow (father Jim played in 1974-75); and freshman IB Josh Davis (father Tony played in 1973-75).

▶ **Frosh Players...**Three true freshmen have played for the Huskers in 2000, including LCB Terrell Butler, FS Willie Amos, and SLB T.J. Hollowell. In 1999, three also saw action, including left offensive guard Toniu Fonoti, free safety Taylor Gehman and snapper/center John Garrison. Fonoti is NU's starting left guard this year. Last season, Fonoti became only the third Nebraska offensive lineman in the modern era to play as a first-year freshman, joining center Jake Young (1986) and guard Will Shields (1989).

▶ **Non-Redshirts...**In addition to Fonoti, Gehman and Garrison, several other Huskers have not redshirted in their careers, including Keyuo Craver, Jeremy Slechta and Jason Lohr; Joe Walker, Bobby Newcombe, Correll Buckhalter, Matt Davison and Kyle Vanden Bosch.

▶ **Nebraska's Surface Record...**Nebraska is 7-0 on FieldTurf (the new artificial grass surface installed in NU's Memorial Stadium before the 1999 season. FieldTurf emulates the look and feel of blades of grass by blending polyethylene and polypropylene, which specially treats the surface to be soft, smooth and strong. The 2.50-inch blades are resistant to extremes in temperature and have an ultraviolet protectant to help resist fading. Each field was filled with 200,000 pounds of ground rubber, recycled from Nebraska tires, and silica sand.

▶ **On ABC TV...**As of this writing, several Husker games will be aired on ABC in 2000, but only Colorado is definite at press time. The Huskers are 64-25 all time on ABC and have won 35 of their last 40 appearances on the network. Since Sept. 21, 1991, when NU lost 36-21 to Washington on ABC television, NU has posted a 35-5 record on ABC (losing to Texas in 1996 Big 12 Championship game and to A&M in College Station, Texas in Lincoln, K-State in Manhattan in 1998; and Texas in 1999). NU QB Eric Crouch has been named the ABC/Chevrolet Player of the game six times in his career and five times last year (vs. Iowa, Cal, Kansas State, Texas-Big 12 Championship and Tennessee-bowl game). Dan Alexander was the player of the game for Nebraska vs. Colorado and Texas. In their honor, ABC and Chevrolet generously donated \$1,000 per game to UNL's general scholarship fund.

▶ **On NBC TV...**Nebraska is 8-15-0 on NBC. The last time NU appeared on NBC was when Nebraska defeated Miami for the national championship (24-17) on Jan. 1, 1995 in the Orange Bowl.

▶ **Positively Speaking on Turnovers...**In the last 27 years, NU has had just one season in which the Huskers had a negative turnover margin (minus five in 1984). Under Solich, NU has a cumulative turnover margin of plus 11.

▶ **When Nebraska Trails...**The last time Nebraska trailed in a game but won, was against Colorado in overtime last season. NU trailed 30-27 in OT, but won 33-30. The Kansas win in 1999 marked the first time NU trailed at halftime but won, since the 1998 season when NU trailed Missouri 13-6 at the half, but won 20-13. The last time NU trailed entering the fourth quarter, but won was in 1998 against Colorado. NU trailed 14-13 entering the final period but won 16-14. Against Kansas in 1999, NU led 10-9 entering the fourth quarter and a Jayhawk TD and two-point conversion tied the score at 17-all, but Kansas did not lead in the fourth quarter.

▶ **In overtime...**The Huskers are now 2-0 in overtime, defeating Missouri 45-38 in Columbia in 1997; and defeating Colorado 33-30 in Boulder last season. In the first case, Missouri won the coin toss and Nebraska scored in three plays on a 12-yard Scott Frost run, then held the Tigers. Against Colorado, Nebraska won the coin toss, held Colorado to a field goal, then scored in five plays on a one-yard Eric Crouch run.

▶ **The Husker Defense...**Nebraska's defense has ranked among the nation's top 10 in all four statistical categories five times. NU has ranked in the top 13 in all four categories in four of the past six years. In 1999, NU ranked sixth in rush defense (77.1), second in pass efficiency defense (87.9), fourth in total defense (252.3) and third in scoring defense (12.5).

▶ **Former Head Coach Tom Osborne...**Osborne posted a remarkable 255-49-3 record for an .836 winning percentage, all at the University of Nebraska. Osborne coached the Huskers in his 25th consecutive bowl game on Jan. 2, 1998, when the No. 2 Huskers (13-0) defeated the No. 3 Tennessee Volunteers in the Orange Bowl, giving Osborne his third national championship in a four-year period (a feat accomplished just one other time). He is the only collegiate football coach to retire as a reigning national champion. Osborne retired as head football coach on Dec. 10, 1997, but continues working part-time for the University in the Alumni Office. He and his wife, Nancy, have expanded the Teammates program for at-risk youths statewide. Currently, more than 500 mentors have been assigned to Nebraska youth in the Lincoln area alone. Osborne was inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame on Dec. 8, 1998 and is currently running for congress in Nebraska's 3rd District.

▶ **Johnny Rodgers-Nebraska's Latest Hall of Fame Inductee...**Former Nebraska wingback and Heisman Trophy winner Johnny Rodgers headlines a list of 14 inductees into the 2000 College Football Hall of Fame. The class will be honored at a banquet in New York in December and then enshrined at the College Football Hall of Fame in South Bend, Ind., next August. Rodgers won the 1972 Heisman Trophy to cap a career that saw him set school records for receiving and punt returns that still stand. He played on two national championship teams, in 1970 and 1971, as the Huskers compiled a 32-2-2 record in his three seasons. Rodgers becomes the 12th Nebraska player to join the Hall of Fame, while six Husker coaches are all members of the Hall of Fame. Rodgers will receive his plaque for the University before the Missouri game on Sept. 30.

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

Huskers Through the Years

Coaches	Record	Years	Natl. Champs
Bob Devaney	101-20-2	11	70, 71
Tom Osborne	255-49-3	25	94, 95, 97
Frank Solich	22-5-0	3	0
Since 1962	378-74-5	39	5
1890-1962	366-223-35	72	0
All-Time	744-297-40	111	5

Husker AP Ranking Notes

- ▶ Nebraska has been ranked in the AP poll 311 consecutive weeks--an AP record
- ▶ NU has been ranked in the top 10 for 116 of the last 122 weeks (1993 preseason to present)
- ▶ The Huskers have been ranked No. 1 by the AP a total of 64 weeks, 48 games (41-6-1)
- ▶ A preseason No. 1 AP ranking in 2000 marked the 25th time in 28 years that NU has opened the season ranked by AP.

Did You Know?

- ▶ The Nebraska offensive line weighs in at an average 304 pounds and stands 6-3 1/2 tall.
- ▶ 20,065,347 have attended Nebraska home games in Memorial Stadium since 1943.
- ▶ Nebraska's Memorial Stadium has been sold out 234 straight games since 1962.

Division I-A Records in the 90s

1. Florida State 109-13-1890
2. **Nebraska** **108-16-1** **.868**
3. Florida 102-22-1820

Records In the Last Three Decades

1. **Nebraska** 310-56-5842
2. Michigan 279-71-8791
3. Penn State 282-77-2782
4. Ohio State 265-84-8754
5. Alabama 271-89-3751

Division I-A Consecutive

Winning Seasons

Current -- 15 or More

Rank	Team	Winning Seasons	9-Win Seasons
1.	Nebraska	38	31
2.	Florida State	23	13
3.	Florida	19	9

All-time Division I-A

1. Notre Dame (1889-1932) 42
2. Alabama (1911-50) 38
- Nebraska (1962-present) 38**

Did you Know?

Last season, the Nebraska Athletic Department site averaged more than a million hits per week during the football season. The site recently went through a name change, and can now be accessed at *Huskers.com*.

▶ **O-Line active in NFL...**NU had five offensive linemen on NFL opening day rosters in 2000, including Will Shields (Kansas City), Brenden Stai (Jacksonville), Zach Wiegert (Jacksonville), Chris Dishman (Arizona) and Adam Treu (Oakland). Shields (1992) and Wiegert (1994) were two of Nebraska's nation-leading eight Outland Trophy winners.

▶ **Huskers in the NFL...**On opening day rosters for the 2000 NFL season, 30 former Huskers were active on National Football League teams. Nebraska has had 30 first-round draft picks (11 in the last 14 drafts). Three Huskers were drafted in 2000 giving Nebraska 210 in the last three decades (an average of seven per year). The 2000 draftees included rover Mike Brown (Chicago Bears, eighth pick of second round), defensive tackle Steve Warren (Green Bay Packers, 12th pick of third round) and cornerback Ralph Brown (New York Giants, 11th pick of fifth round).

▶ **2000 NU Opening Day NFL Rosters (30)...(Includes Practice Rosters and Injured Res.):** Michael Booker, CB, Tennessee; Kris Brown, PK, Pittsburgh; Mike Brown, FS, Chicago; Ralph Brown, DB, New York Giants; Chris Dishman, OG, Arizona; Jay Foreman, LB, Buffalo; Scott Frost, S, New York Jets; Irving Fryar, WR, Washington; Ahman Green, RB, Green Bay; Sheldon Jackson, TE, Buffalo; Eric Johnson, DB, Oakland Raiders; Donta Jones, LB, Saints; Chad Kelsay, OLB, St. Louis; Joel Makovicka, LB, Arizona; Mike Minter, FS, Carolina; John Parrella, DE, San Diego; Christian Peter, DT, New York Giants; Jason Peter, DE, Carolina; Mike Rucker, DE, Carolina; Cory Schlesinger, FB, Detroit; Will Shields, OG, Kansas City; Brenden Stai, OG, Jacksonville; Jared Tomich, DE, New Orleans; Adam Treu, OT, Oakland; Eric Warfield, CB, Kansas City; Steve Warren, DT, Green Bay; Zach Wiegert, OG, Jacksonville; Tyrone Williams, CB, Green Bay; Jason Wiltz, DT, New York Jets; and Grant Wistrom, DE, St. Louis. **NFL Europe Leagues:** Jon Hesse, LB, Scottish Claymores; Vershan Jackson, RB, Berlin Thunder; Jon Zatechka, OG, Berlin; **Canadian Football League:** Barron Miles, Montreal Alouettes

▶ **Assistants in the NFL...**In addition to the 30 players currently active in 2000, two former Husker assistant coaches hold positions with NFL teams, including Gene Huey, running backs, Indianapolis; and Monte Kiffin, defensive coordinator, Tampa Bay.

Offensive Starters	'97	'98	'99	'00	Total
Dan Alexander, IB (Wentzville, Mo.)	0	2	9	1	12
Correll Buckhalter, IB (Collins, Miss.)	0	8	1	0	9
Eric Crouch, QB (Omaha, Neb.)	0	6	10	1	17
Matt Davison, SE (Tecumseh, Neb.)	0	3	12	1	16
Toniu Fonoti, LG (Hauula, Hawaii)	0	0	0	1	1
Aaron Golliday, TE (York, Neb.)	0	0	3	0	3
Russ Hochstein, RG (Hartington, Neb.)	0	4	12	1	17
Willie Miller, FB (Omaha, Neb.)	0	0	8	1	9
Bobby Newcombe, WB (Albuquerque, N.M.)	0	6	5	1	12
Dominic Raiola, C, (Honolulu, Hawaii)	0	2	12	1	15
Jason Schwab, RT (Eagan, Minn.)	0	13	0	1	14
Wilson Thomas, SE (Omaha, Neb.)	0	0	2	0	2
Dave Volk, LT (Battle Creek, Neb.)	0	0	12	1	13
Tracey Wistrom, TE (Webb City, Mo.)	0	1	3	1	5
Totals	0	45	89	11	145

Defensive Starters	'97	'98	'99	'00	Total
Demoine Adams, LRE (Pine Bluff, Ark.)	0	0	0	1	1
Dion Booker, FS, (Oceanside, Calif.)	0	0	4	1	5
Keyuo Craver, LCB (Harleton, Texas)	0	0	12	1	13
Clint Finley, FS (Cuero, Texas)	1	6	8	0	15
Loran Kaiser, DT (Farwell, Neb.)	0	10	12	1	23
Chris Kelsay, RE (Auburn, Neb.)	0	0	1	0	1
Jason Lohr, NT (Tulsa, Okla.)	0	0	0	1	1
Carlos Polk, MLB (Rockford, Ill.)	0	0	12	1	13
Scott Shanle, WLB (St. Edward, Neb.)	0	0	0	1	1
Randy Stella, WLB (Omaha, Neb.)	0	0	0	1	1
Erwin Swiney, LCB (Lincoln, Neb.)	10	13	0	1	24
Kyle Vanden Bosch, RRE (Larchwood, Iowa)	0	0	11	1	12
Joe Walker, Rover, ROV (Arlington, Texas)	1	7	0	1	9
Totals	12	36	60	11	119

Kickers

Josh Brown, PK (Foyil, Okla.)	0	0	12	1	13
Dan Hadenfeldt, P (Des Moines, Iowa)	0	0	12	0	12
Totals	0	0	24	1	25

2000 Big 12 Standings

North	Records	
Team	Overall	Big 12
Kansas State	2-0	0-0
Nebraska	1-0	0-0
Iowa State	1-0	0-0
Missouri	1-0	0-0
Colorado	0-1	0-0
Kansas	0-1	0-0

South

Team	Overall	Big 12
Texas Tech	2-0	0-0
Baylor	1-0	0-0
Oklahoma	1-0	0-0
Okla. State	0-0	0-0
Texas	0-0	0-0
Texas A&M	0-1	0-0

NU Non-Conference Opponents:

Team	Overall
San Jose State	0-1
Notre Dame	1-0
Iowa	0-1

2000 Notre Dame

Schedule/Results (1-0)

Sept. 2	Texas A&M	W, 24-10
Sept. 9	Nebraska	12:30 p.m.
Sept. 16	Purdue	11 a.m.
Sept. 23	at Michigan State	TBA
Oct. 7	Stanford	12:30 p.m.
Oct. 14	Navy (Orlando, Fla.)	11 a.m.
Oct. 21	at West Virginia	TBA
Oct. 28	Air Force	12:30 p.m.
Nov. 11	Boston College	2:30 p.m.
Nov. 18	at Rutgers	2:30 p.m.
Nov. 25	at USC	2:30 p.m.

Nebraska-Notre Dame Notes

► Nebraska and Notre Dame have combined for 116 football academic All-Americans. The Huskers rank No. 1 with 74, while the Irish rank No. 2 with 42.

► The Huskers and Irish have combined for 278 football All-Americans. Notre Dame ranks No. 1 with 172, while Nebraska has produced 96.

► Nebraska and Notre Dame have combined for 1,512 football victories dating back to the Irish's first game in 1887 and NU's first game in 1890. Notre Dame ranks No. 2 on the all-time win list with 768 victories, while Nebraska ranks No. 3 with 744.

► Notre Dame has won at least one football national title in eight seasons, with eight AP and three coaches titles. Nebraska has won at least one championship in five seasons, with four AP titles and four from the coaches.

Irish from Nebraska

► Nebraska has no players on its 2000 roster from the state of Indiana. The only player on the Irish roster from Nebraska is Joseph Mueller, a 5-11, 195-pound, linebacker from O'Neill. Irish defensive end Grant Irons is the brother of former Husker offensive lineman Jerry Irons, who lettered at Nebraska in 1991.

This Week's Opponent

About Notre Dame (1-0)

Coach Bob Davie and the Fighting Irish opened one of the toughest schedules in the country by knocking off No. 25 Texas A&M, 24-10, in front of more than 80,000 fans at Notre Dame Stadium in South Bend, Ind., on Sept. 2. The Irish rushed for 194 yards against the Aggies, while holding Texas A&M to just 90 yards on the ground. Junior quarterback Arnaz Battle produced 50 yards rushing and 133 yards passing, including a pair of touchdown strikes to lead the Irish. Sophomore running back Julius Jones led Notre Dame with 60 yards rushing, including a fourth-quarter touchdown.

Notre Dame and Texas A&M battled to a 7-7 first-half tie, before Battle hit Javin Hunter on a 46-yard touchdown pass to take the lead for good, 14-10 with 3:24 left in the third quarter. Battle finished 10-for-16 passing with no interceptions. Senior free safety Tony Driver led a stingy Irish defense with 10 tackles and an interception. Notre Dame's defense held the Aggies to 255 yards in total offense, while the Irish offense amassed 327 yards in total offense.

The Fighting Irish return 13 starters, including seven on offense and five on defense from the 1999 team that finished with a 5-7 record. Defensive end Grant Irons (6-5, 275) has been ranked among the top 20 defensive ends in the nation. He is the younger brother of Husker letterman Jerry Irons (offensive lineman, 1991). Senior linebacker and captain Anthony Denman (6-2, 235) posted 89 tackles, including nine for 18 yards lost in 1999.

Notre Dame Head Coach Bob Davie

Coach Bob Davie (Youngstown State, 1976) is in his fourth season at the controls of the Fighting Irish and his fourth season overall as a head coach. Davie has produced a 22-16 record at Notre Dame. The game with the Huskers will mark Davie's first meeting against the Huskers and Coach Frank Solich.

The Nebraska-Notre Dame Series (Irish lead 7-6-1)

This will be the 15th all-time meeting between the two schools, but just the second since 1948 and the first regular-season matchup since that season. The game will be the fourth meeting between the schools in South Bend, with Notre Dame owning a 3-0 edge. There have been seven shutouts in series history, including a 0-0 tie in the 1918 meeting in Lincoln. Nebraska defeated Notre Dame's legendary "Four Horsemen" in consecutive seasons in 1922 and 1923, handing Notre Dame its only two losses in a three-year period from 1922 to 1924.

The 1973 Orange Bowl was Bob Devaney's final game as Nebraska head coach and 1972 Heisman winner Johnny Rodgers scored TDs via rush, reception and pass in his final collegiate game. Nebraska's 560 total offense yards on 90 attempts mark an opponent bowl record against the Irish, along with the Huskers' 30 first downs in the game. In 1922, Nebraska amassed 76 rushing attempts as a team, the most ever against the Irish. The Huskers won that game, 14-6. In the 1918 scoreless tie with the Irish, Nebraska's Paul Dobson punted 18 times, a mark later tied by Carnegie Tech's Joe Mihm in 1934.

The last time the two teams met, both teams were ranked in the AP Top 25, as Nebraska entered the game No. 9 and Notre Dame was ranked No. 12. The Irish rank No. 1 in all-time appearances in the AP Poll, while the Huskers rank sixth. When the Huskers claimed their first AP national title in 1970, Notre Dame finished No. 2.

Games: 14

Standing: Notre Dame leads, 7-6-1

At Lincoln: Nebraska leads, 5-4-1

At Memorial Stadium: Nebraska leads, 2-1

At South Bend: Notre Dame leads, 3-0

At Neutral Sites: Nebraska leads, 1-0

Current win string: Nebraska, one game (1972)

Date	Site	Rank--NU/ND	Result
10/23/1915	Lincoln		W 20-19
11/30/1916	Lincoln		L 0-20
10/20/1917	Lincoln		W 7-0
11/28/1918	Lincoln		T 0-0
10/18/1919	Lincoln		L 9-14
10/16/1920	Lincoln		L 7-16
10/22/1921	South Bend		L 0-7
11/30/1922	Lincoln		W 14-6
11/10/1923	Lincoln		W 14-7
11/15/1924	South Bend		L 6-34
11/26/1925	Lincoln		W 17-0
10/18/1947	South Bend	/2	L 0-31
10/16/1948	Lincoln	/2	L 13-44
1/1/1973	Miami*	9/12	W 40-6

*-1973 Orange Bowl

Series scoring	Total	Average
Nebraska	147	10.5
Notre Dame	204	14.6

A Look at the Numbers

◆ Scoring Drives...

Nebraska's offense showed its power and dominance in the 49-13 opening win over San Jose State. All seven of Nebraska's scoring drives covered more than 65 yards and six of the drives took more than eight plays as the Huskers racked up 30:44 of possession time. The Huskers showed both their explosive-ness and their pure power throughout their drives. Nebraska covered 97 yards in just eight plays and 2:53 on their fourth scoring drive of the day, after pounding out a 12-play, 80-yard drive in 5:14 on its previous possession. Five of Nebraska's drives covered 80 or more yards, but only one ran more than five minutes off the clock. Nebraska's average scoring drive covered 79.3 yards and 8.6 plays in its first game of the 2000 season.

Game	Scoring Time		Avg.	Plays			
	Drives	Total		Total	Avg.	Under 5	1-Play
SJSU	7	25:20	3:37	60	8.6	1	0
Totals	7	25:20	3:37	60	8.6	1	0
Opp.	2	4:15	2:08	14	7.0	1	0

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

Although Nebraska marched methodically up and down the field against San Jose State in the opener, the Huskers provided plenty of big plays. I-Back Dan Alexander contributed the longest play with his 56-yard touchdown run in the third quarter. That long run capped Alexander's career-best 208-yard rushing performance. Earlier in the game he ripped off a 39-yard run on the game's opening drive, before adding a 32-yard burst in the second quarter. Correll Buckhalter added a 26-yard run of his own, while Eric Crouch connected with tight end Tracey Wistrom on a 27-yard touchdown strike to give the Huskers five plays of 25 or more yards in the first game.

San Jose State managed three plays of 25 or more yards, all in the first half. Running back Deonce Whitaker erupted for runs of 69 and 28 yards in the first quarter, while Marcus Arroyo connected with Rashied Davis on a 36-yard pass play in the second quarter. In 1999, Nebraska produced 38 plays from scrimmage of 25 yards or longer, 18 by pass and 20 by rush. The Husker defense allowed 27 plays from scrimmage of 25 yards or longer last season.

Game	Husker Long Plays				Opponent Long Plays			
	Rush	Pass	Ret	Total	Rush	Pass	Ret	Total
SJSU	4	1	0	5	2	1	0	3
Totals	4	1	0	5	2	1	0	3

◆ Nebraska in the Red Zone...

Nebraska converted on 100 percent of its opportunities inside the red zone against San Jose State. The Huskers notched five touchdowns against the Spartans, including three rushing scores from Eric Crouch, one from Dan Alexander and one from Dahrran Diedrick. NU's other touchdowns against the Spartans came on a 27-yard pass from Crouch to Tracey Wistrom and a 56-yard scoring run by Alexander. In 1999, the Huskers converted 71 percent of its trips into the opponent's red zone, including 31 touchdowns and 13 field goals. San Jose State converted on two of its three drives inside Nebraska's 20-yard line, with a pair of touchdowns. The Spartans failed to convert on their first drive, which stalled at the NU 12, before Nick Gilliam's field goal attempt failed after hitting the right upright.

Game	Scores Inside 20				No Score Inside 20				Half/Pct.
	Chances	Total	TDs	FGs	MissFGs	TOs	Downs	Gm.	
SJSU	5	5	5	0	0	0	0	0	1.000
Totals	5	5	5	0	0	0	0	0	1.000
Opp.	3	2	2	0	1	0	0	0	.667

Note: Nebraska has 5 rushing TDs in the red zone. Opponents have two passing TDs inside the red zone.

◆ Quarterback Drive Efficiency *Total Drives Begun as Starting QB

Nebraska converted seven of its 12 possessions into touchdowns in the opener against San Jose State. Quarterback Eric Crouch led the Huskers to six touchdowns in his eight drives, including a 4-for-4 effort in the red zone. Crouch rushed for three touchdowns himself, but did throw two interceptions to end his only unsuccessful drives. Jammal Lord led the Huskers to a touchdown in his first drive of the season, but the Huskers were stalled by an interception in his second drive and forced to punt on his third and final drive. Joe Chrisman led the Huskers 25 yards in five plays in 1:59 before time expired with NU at the 50-yard line.

QB	Drives*	Scores	TDs	FG-FGA	Eff.	Red Zone
Crouch	8	6	6	0-0	.750	4-4
Lord	3	1	1	0-0	.333	1-1
Chrisman	1	0	0	0-0	.000	0-0
Totals	12	7	7	0-0	.583	5-5

◆ Nebraska Points Off Turnovers...

Nebraska was a minus-two in turnover margin in its season opener against San Jose State. Eric Crouch threw two interceptions, while Jammal Lord threw

a third interception. The Huskers did not fumble against San Jose State, but the Spartans managed to convert a Crouch interception into a third-quarter touchdown. Nebraska was a plus-five in turnover margin in 1999 and held an even bigger advantage in points off turnovers. For the season, Nebraska scored 110 points off of 35 opponent turnovers. Nebraska turned the ball over 30 times in 1999, but the opposition converted those miscues into just 45 total points. Last season, Nebraska's offense converted 10 opponent miscues into touchdowns, four into field goals, in addition to four defensive scores.

Game	TO's		Scores	
	Gained	TDs	FG-FGA	Pts.
San Jose St.	1	0	0-0	0
Totals	1	0	0-0	0
Opponent	3	1	0-0	7

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

Nebraska	Rush	Pass	Total
San Jose State	60/505/6	13-5-3/91/1	73/596/7

Opponents	Rush	Pass	Total
San Jose State	29/193/0	37-14-1/153/2	66/346/2

◆ Husker 100-Yard Rushing Games (* indicates career best)...

Nebraska senior I-back Dan Alexander became the first back to rush for more than 200 yards in a game under Coach Frank Solich. Alexander erupted for 208 yards on 17 carries with two touchdowns in Nebraska's opener against San Jose State. He is the first Nebraska back to rush for more than 200 yards since Ahman Green rushed for 206 yards vs. Tennessee in the 1998 Orange Bowl. Green was also the last Husker to rush for more than 200 yards in a regular-season game, collecting 202 yards vs. Colorado on Nov. 27, 1997. Alexander was joined by Correll Buckhalter in the 100-yard club against San Jose State. Buckhalter posted 117 yards on 13 carries for his eighth career 100-yard day.

San Jose State's Deonce Whitaker became the first opponent running back to go over 100 yards against the Huskers in 2000. Whitaker produced 147 yards on 15 carries. Whitaker, who rushed for 113 yards in the first quarter, just missed one of the top 10 performances against the Huskers in school history. Billy Sims (Oklahoma, 1978) and Robert Burris (Oklahoma, 1953) are tied for ninth with 153 yards against the Huskers.

◆ Husker 100-Yard Rushing Games (2) (* notes career best)

San Jose State--Dan Alexander (17 carries, *208 yards, 2 TD), Correll Buckhalter (13 carries, 117 yards, 0 TD)

Opponents--Deonce Whitaker, San Jose State (15 carries, 147 yards, 0 TD)

◆ Starting Field Position

Nebraska showed its ability to march offensively against San Jose State, producing seven touchdown drives on its 12 possessions, despite an average starting field position at the 24.5 yard line. San Jose State managed an average starting position at the 30.6 yard line.

◆ Penalty Numbers

Nebraska played a relatively error-free game in the season opener against San Jose State. The Huskers committed just four penalties for 31 yards. The Huskers' top units committed just one penalty for five yards in the first three quarters, before committing three penalties for 26 yards in the fourth quarter. In 1999, the Huskers averaged 47.2 yards per game in penalties. San Jose State committed 12 penalties for 65 yards.

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

Game	Team 'Cakes	Indiv. (#)	*Sacks Allowed	O-Line Penalties	Perfect Plays
SJSU	75	15 (#77)	0	0-0	64.4%

◆ Husker Pancake Leaders...

	SJSU Total (avg)
Fonoti	15 (15.0)
Raiola	14 (14.0)
Volk	11 (11.0)
Hochstein	10 (10.0)
Schwab	10 (10.0)
Rutherford	5 (5.0)
Loos	3 (3.0)
Kollmorgen	2 (2.0)
Saalfeld	2 (2.0)
Cody	1 (1.0)
Koethe	1 (1.0)
Dawson	1 (1.0)

2000 Nebraska Depth Chart

Offense

SE: 3 **MATT DAVISON*****, 6-1, 185, Sr., Tecumseh, Neb. (12)
 9 **Wilson Thomas***, 6-5, 205, So., Omaha, Neb. (2)
 20 **Tom Beveridge****, 6-0, 195, Sr., Sutherland, Neb.
 80 Seth Gutz, 6-1, 190, Sr., Columbus, Neb.

LT: 58 **DAVE VOLK****, 6-5, 290, Jr., Battle Creek, Neb. (13 at RT)
 76 Chris Loos, 6-3, 310, Fr., Lincoln, Neb.
 67 Nate Kolterman, 6-3, 320, So., Seward, Neb.

LG: 77 **Toniu Fonoti***, 6-4, 335, So., Hauula, Hawaii
 66 **Jon Rutherford****, 6-3, 300, Jr., Midwest City, Okla.
 79 Chris Saalfeld, 6-2, 275, Sr., North Bend, Neb.
 59 Wes Cody, 6-2, 300, So., Fremont, Neb.

C: 54 **DOMINIC RAIOLA****, 6-2, 300, Jr., Honolulu, Hawaii (13)
 66 **Jon Rutherford****, 6-3, 300, Jr., Midwest City, Okla.
 53 Matt Shook, 6-2, 290, So., Medina, Ohio
-OR-52 John Garrison*, 6-4, 285, So., Blue Springs, Mo.

RG: 55 **RUSS HOCHSTEIN*****, 6-4, 290, Sr., Hartington, Neb.(13)
 66 **Jon Rutherford****, 6-3, 300, Jr., Midwest City, Okla.
 50 Jon Dawson, 6-2, 280, Fr., Cheyenne, Wyo.

RT: 65 **JASON SCHWAB****, 6-1, 305, Sr., Eagan, Minn.
 (13 in 1998)
 75 **Kyle Kollmorgen****, 6-5, 305, Jr., Lincoln, Neb.
 68 Dan Waldrop, 6-5, 320, Fr., Wilmington, Calif.
 73 Scott Koethe, 6-5, 325, So., Central City, Neb.

TE: 87 **TRACEY WISTROM****, 6-5, 230, Jr., Webb City, Mo. (3)
 99 **AARON GOLLIDAY***, 6-4, 285, So., York, Neb. (4)
 84 **Jon Bowling***, 6-3, 230, So., Lincoln, Neb. (1)
-OR-88 Trevor Johnson, 6-4, 245, Fr., Lincoln, Neb.
 90 **Jake McKee****, 6-2, 225, Sr., Goodland, Kan.

QB: 7 **ERIC CROUCH****, 6-1, 200, Jr., Omaha, Neb. (11)
 10 Jammal Lord, 6-2, 210, Fr., Bayonne, N.J.
-OR-11 Joe Chrisman*, 5-11, 190, So., Longmont, Colo.

FB: 15 **WILLIE MILLER*****, 6-1, 245, Sr., Omaha, Neb. (9)
 4 Judd Davies, 6-0, 240, Fr., Omaha, Neb.
 37 Paul Kastl, 5-10, 230, So., Lincoln, Neb. (Piux X)
-OR-21 Robin Miller, 5-11, 230, Fr., Kent, Wash.

IB: 38 **DAN ALEXANDER*****, 6-0, 245, Sr., Wentzville, Mo. (10)
-AND-36Correll Buckhalter***, 6-0, 225, Sr., Collins, Miss. (1)
 30 **Dahrran Diedrick***, 6-0, 220, So., Scarborough, Ontario
 6 DeAntae Grixby, 5-8, 200, Fr., Omaha, Neb.
-OR-27 Josh Davis, 5-11, 195, Fr., Loveland, Colo.
-OR-1 Thunder Collins, 6-2, 190, So., Los Angeles, Calif.
 (East Los Angeles/Manual Arts)

WB: 12 **BOBBY NEWCOMBE*****, 6-0, 200, Sr., Albuquerque, N.M. (4)
 8 **John Gibson****, 6-0, 195, Sr., Papillion, Neb.
 89 **Troy Hassebroek***, 6-4, 220, So., Lincoln, Neb. (1)

PK: 26 **JOSH BROWN***, 6-2, 190, So., Foyil, Okla.
 10 Chace Long, 6-0, 195, Sr., Wahoo, Neb.

KO: 17 **DAN HADENFELDT****, 5-11, 195, Sr., Des Moines, Iowa
 10 Chace Long, 6-0, 195, Sr., Wahoo, Neb.

Key: *Letters earned; Returning lettermen in boldface;...OR means a starter has not been determined, while AND means the two players are both on first team and are expected to rotate, with the first person listed generally getting the start.

Defense

LRE:98 **Demoine Adams***, 6-2, 235, So., Pine Bluff, Ark.
 57 **Chris Kelsay***, 6-5, 255, So., Auburn, Neb. (1 at RRE)
-OR-92 Justin Smith*, 6-4, 255, So., Sherman, Texas
 78 **Phil Peetz**, 6-2, 245, Fr., Elkhorn, Neb.

NT: 70 **Jason Lohr****, 6-2, 275, Jr., Tulsa, Okla.
 55 **Jon Clanton***, 6-2, 275, So., Glendale, Ariz.
 85 **Casey Nelson***, 6-1, 285, Jr., Newman Grove, Neb.
 96 **Junior Tagoa'i**, 6-2, 290, Fr., Hauula, Hawaii (St. Louis School)

DT: 91 **LORAN KAISER*****, 6-4, 290, Sr., Farwell, Neb. (13)
 56 **Jeremy Slechta****, 6-6, 285, Jr., LaVista, Neb.
 94 **Patrick Kabongo**, 6-6, 310, Fr., Montreal, Quebec

RRE:83 KYLE VANDENBOSCH***, 6-4, 260, Sr., Larchwood, Iowa (12)
 95 **J.P. Wichmann***, 6-4, 230, Jr., Shawnee, Kan.
 86 **Kyle Ringenberg**, 6-4, 245, So., Elkhorn, Neb.
 93 **Brandon Mooberry***, 6-5, 245, Sr. Lexington, Neb.
 97 **Matt Grummert***, 6-2, 225, Sr., Fairbury, Neb.

SLB:43 Scott Shanle*, 6-2, 230, So., St. Edward, Neb.
 41 **Rod Baker***, 6-0, 225, Sr., Hastings, Neb.
 17 **T.J. Hollowell**, 6-0, 215, Fr., Copperas Cove, Texas
 51 **Gabe Fries**, 6-2, 230, So., Benkelman, Neb.

MLB:13 CARLOS POLK***, 6-2, 260, Sr., Rockford, Ill. (13)
 48 **Jamie Burrow****, 6-1, 225, Jr., Ames, Iowa
 90 **Tony Tata**, 6-1, 245, So., Honolulu, Hawaii
 35 **Jon Coyne**, 6-4, 225, Jr., Omaha, Neb.

WLB:34 Randy Stella*, 6-0, 200, Jr., Omaha, Neb.
 23 **Blanchard Johnson**, 5-11, 200, Fr., Omaha, Neb.
 44 **Jon Penny**, 6-1, 225, Jr., Lawrence, Kan.

LCB: 3 **KEYUO CRAVER****, 5-10, 190, Jr., Harleton, Texas (13)
 28 **Pat Ricketts**, 5-11, 180, Fr., Omaha, Neb.
 33 **Dwayne McClary***, 5-10, 185, Sr., Rochester, N.Y.
 4 **Terrell Butler**, 5-9, 190, Fr., Austell, Ga. (Pebblebrook)

FS: 14 **DION BOOKER****, 6-1, 205, Jr., Oceanside, Calif. (5)
-OR-19 CLINT FINLEY***, 6-0, 205, Sr., Cuero, Texas (8)
 42 **Troy Watchorn****, 5-11, 195, Sr., Columbus, Neb.
 30 **Willie Amos**, 6-0, 185, Fr., Sweetwater, Texas
 31 **Jerrell Pippens**, 6-2, 190, Fr., Philadelphia, Pa.
 38 **Eric Fischer**, 5-11, 200, Sr., Leigh, Neb.

ROV:25 Joe Walker***, 5-10, 205, Sr., Arlington, Texas
-OR-19 Clint Finley***, 6-0, 205, Sr., Cuero, Texas (8 at FS)
 20 **Wes Woodward****, 5-8, 190, Jr., Omaha, Neb.
 1 **Taylor Gehman***, 5-11, 190, So., Omaha, Neb.
 22 **Rob Blomeier**, 5-11, 190, Fr., Lititz, Pa.

RCB:16 ERWIN SWINEY**, 6-0, 185, Jr., Lincoln, Neb.
 (13 at LCB in 1998)
-OR- 5 DeJuan Groce*, 5-10, 190, So., Garfield Heights, Ohio
 18 **Jeff Hemje****, 6-0, 180, Jr., Grand Island, Neb.

P: 17 **DAN HADENFELDT****, 5-11, 195, Sr.**, Des Moines, Iowa
 26 **Josh Brown***, 6-2, 190, So., Foyil, Okla.

Specialists

Holder: 3 **Matt Davison*****, 11 **Joe Chrisman**
Snapper: 52 **John Garrison***, 74 **David Kolowski**, 54 **D. Raiola****
Punt Ret.: 12 **Bobby Newcombe*****, 25 **Joe Walker*****
 5 **DeJuan Groce***, 81 **Ben Cornelison**, 4 **Terrell Butler**
Kickoff Ret.: 25 **Joe Walker*****, 12 **Bobby Newcombe*****,
 1 **Thunder Collins**, 27 **Josh Davis**
Injured: **LRE Ryon Bingham**, 6-3, 275, Fr., Sandy, Utah (foot)

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Offense

Pos	#	Player	Worth Noting
SE:	3	Matt Davison***, 6-1, 185, Sr.	NU's top receiver in both '98 (32-394-0) and '99 (29-441-3); needs two catches to move into 3rd on NU charts
	9	Wilson Thomas*, 6-5, 205, So.	Sophomore looking for his first career reception; started twice in 1999; tallest NU receiver at 6-5
LT:	58	Dave Volk**, 6-5, 290, Jr.	Second-year starter who shifted from RT to LT in 2000; five double-digit pancake games in '99; 11 vs. SJSU
LG:	77	Toniu Fonoti*, 6-4, 335, So.	Pronounced Toe-nee-u; Fa-no-tee; Team-high 15 pancakes in opener; 3rd true frosh to ever see time on O-line
-or-	66	Jon Rutherford**, 6-3, 300, Jr.	Top reserve on O-line who is capable of playing all five positions; appeared in all 12 games last season
C:	54	Dominic Raiola**, 6-2, 300, Jr.	Set NU mark with 140 pancakes in '99; became 1st soph. C since Dave Rimington to earn all-conf. honors
RG:	55	Russ Hochstein ***, 6-4, 290, Sr.	Co-captain earned All-Big 12 honors in '99; seven double-digit pancake games in 1999; 11 'cakes vs. SJSU
RT:	65	Jason Schwab**, 6-1, 305, Sr.	Sixth-yr. senior returns after tearing ACL in Aug. '99; had 10 pancakes vs. San Jose St.; graduated in Aug. 2000
TE:	87	Tracey Wistrom**, 6-5, 230, Jr.	All-Big 12 TE who averaged a school-record 26.8 yards per catch in '99; 10 of 20 career catches for 25+ yards
	99	Aaron Golliday*, 6-4, 285, So.	NU's top blocking TE who caught three passes for 53 yards in '99; missed much of preseason w/shoulder injury
QB:	7	Eric Crouch**, 6-1, 200, Jr.	tied career high with 3 rush TDs last week; needs 67 yards for 10th on NU passing list; 15-3 as a starter
	10	Jammal Lord, 6-2, 210, Fr.	Redshirt frosh who recovered from PCL injury in spring ball; ran for 27 (four carries) and passed for 25 more vs. SJSU
FB:	15	Willie Miller***, 6-1, 245, Sr.	Ran for 51 yards on eight carries vs. SJSU; Had 87 yards on eight carries in Fiesta Bowl, including 47-yarder
	4	Judd Davies, 6-0, 240, Fr.	Redshirt frosh ran twice for 10 yds in collegiate debut; 1998 Nebraska Gatorade High School Player of the Year
IB:	38	Dan Alexander***, 6-0, 245, Sr.	100+ yds. in six of last nine games; Rushed for career-best and season-opening record 208 yards against SJSU
-and-	36	Correll Buckhalter***, 6-0, 225, Sr.	Has eight career 100+ yards games in his career; needs just 67 yards to move into 20th place on NU rush list
	30	Dahrran Diedrick*, 6-0, 220, So.	Seeks first career 100-yard effort; his 303 yards in '99 were eight short of NU freshman top 10 list
WB:	12	Bobby Newcombe***, 6-0, 200, Sr. .	All-purpose threat to receive (19-238-3) and run (16-156-1); graduated in three years with a degree in bus. admin.

Defense

Pos	#	Player	Worth Noting
LRE:	98	Demoine Adams*, 6-2, 235, So.	Newest Blackshirt on D-Line; played in 11 games and had five stops in '99; had one QB hurry vs. SJSU
NT:	70	Jason Lohr**, 6-2, 275, Jr.	Made three tackles and a TFL in season opener; One of four first-time starters on defense this season
DT:	91	Loran Kaiser***, 6-4, 295, Sr.	had non-emergency laparoscopic appendectomy on 8/23, but started and had two tackles in season opener
RRE:	83	Kyle Vanden Bosch***, 6-4, 260, Sr. ...	Two-time Lifter of the Year; recorded 37 tackles, including 11 for loss in '99; 1st-team Academic All-American
SLB:	43	Scott Shanle*, 6-2, 230, So.	Walk-on who made two tackles in starting debut vs. SJSU; played in every game as a frosh, primarily on special teams
MLB:	13	Carlos Polk***, 6-2, 260, Sr.	Preseason All-American; led NU with six stops (two solos) and a blocked PAT vs. SJSU; had 21 QB hurries in '99
WLB:	34	Randy Stella*, 6-0, 200, Jr.	First-year Blackshirt who returned kickoffs in '99; had four tackles, including three solos vs. SJSU
LCB:	3	Keyuo Craver**, 5-11, 190, Jr.	Thorpe Award Candidate who recorded 51 stops and 12 pass breakups in 1999; one tackle and 2 PBUs in opener
FS:	14	Dion Booker**, 6-1, 205, Jr.	Second-year starter at FS who made 28 stops in '99; Older brother Michael was a first-round NFL selection in '97
-or-	19	Clint Finley***, 6-0, 205, Sr.	Hard-hitting DB who backs up both FS and ROV positions; had two stops and a TFL vs. San Jose State
ROV:	25	Joe Walker***, 5-10, 205, Sr.	One of only six players in NCAA history to return a KO, punt and INT for a TD in the same season ('98)
RCB:	16	Erwin Swiney**, 6-0, 185, Jr.	one tackle and 2 PBUs in return after missing '99 season with abdominal injury; lone Lincoln native in starting lineup
-or-	5	DeJuan Groce*, 5-10, 190, So.	NU's nickel back who earned a Blackshirt in '99; led NU with three breakups, an INT and two stops vs. SJSU

Specialists

Pos	#	Player	Worth Noting
PK:	26	Josh Brown*, 6-2, 190, So.	Second with 88 points as a frosh; has made 45 consecutive PATs dating back to last season
KO:	17	Dan Hadenfeldt**, 5-11, 195, Sr.	27 of his 75 kickoffs in 1999 were not returned (36 percent), while helping to hold opponents to 21.4 yds per return
P:	17	Dan Hadenfeldt**, 5-11, 195, Sr.	Sixth-year senior who will make 2000 debut at ND; set school record with 44.98 average in '99; Aug. 2000 grad
LS:	52	John Garrison*, 6-4, 285, So.	Snapper who also serves as a reserve center on offense; is perfect on 142 career special teams snaps (134 in '99)

Holder:

3 Matt Davison***, 6-1, 185, Sr. Sure-handed receiver made debut as NU's holder on field goals and PATs vs. SJSU

Punt Ret.:

12 Bobby Newcombe***, 6-0, 200, Sr. ... Holds single-season record with 20.33 yd return average ('97); career average of 19.21 yds per return with 2 TDs
 25 Joe Walker***, 5-10, 205, Sr. Ninth on NU's career punt return list with 540 punt return yards; one career return for a TD (vs. Okla. St. in '98)

Kickoff Ret.:

12 Bobby Newcombe***, 6-0, 200, Sr. ... Has returned two kickoffs during his career (1-18 vs. Akron in '97; 1-16 vs Texas-Big 12 in '99)
 25 Joe Walker***, 5-10, 205, Sr. Holds NU marks for KO returns (7) and return yards (185) in a game (vs MU in '97); one career KO return for a TD