



Husker Records and Streaks

- ▶ NCAA-record 255 consecutive sellouts in Memorial Stadium
- ▶ 40 consecutive winning seasons—current NCAA best
- ▶ 33 consecutive nine-win seasons—NCAA record
- ▶ 33 consecutive bowl bids—NCAA record
- ▶ 40 bowl appearances—fourth in NCAA
- ▶ 109-17 record since 1993 (nine years)

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Weekly Press Conference

Nebraska Head Coach Frank Solich will conduct his press/teleconference before the Colorado game on **Monday** Nov. 25 in the Don Bryant Media Facility Level 6. Interviews begin at 11 a.m. with NU Volleyball Coach John Cook. Lunch is served at 11:15 a.m. and NU defensive coordinator Craig Bohl is available at 11:50 a.m., before Solich's noon meeting with the media. Additional Husker players will follow Solich. The press conference will be available via teleconference and quotes will be transcribed and placed on Huskers.com. To secure a line on the teleconference, please contact the SID office at **402-472-2263**.

Toys for Tots Donation

The Husker Athletic Department will help make Christmas brighter for community children by continuing to support the Toys for Tots program. Fans attending the Nov. 29 Colorado game are encouraged to bring an unwrapped gift to be dropped off at collection areas around the stadium. The Nebraska Athletic Department will also promote contributions to the Toys for Tots program at the Sunday, Nov. 24 women's basketball game, the volleyball match with Kansas State on Saturday, Nov. 30, and men's basketball game against Minnesota on Sunday, Dec. 8.

Game 13: Nebraska (7-5, 3-4) vs. No. 13/15 Colorado (8-3, 6-1)

DATE: Friday, Nov. 29, 2002; **TIME:** 2:30 p.m. Central; **SITE:** Lincoln, Neb.
STADIUM: Memorial Stadium—255th Consecutive Sellout; **STADIUM CAPACITY:** 73,918
FIELD: Tom Osborne Field, Lincoln, Nebraska; **SURFACE:** FieldTurf (1999)
NEBRASKA RADIO: 57-station Pinnacle Sports Network (Jim Rose-Play-by-Play; Color-Adrian Fiala; Gary Sharp-Sideline)
INTERNET: Live radio webcast on Huskers.com
TV: ABC National Telecast (Brad Nessler-Play-by-Play, Bob Griese-Color, Lynn Swann-Sideline)

Huskers Close Regular Season with Post-Thanksgiving Matchup with Colorado

Nebraska (7-5, 3-4) closes its regular season on Friday, Nov. 29, with a matchup against Big 12 North Division champ Colorado (8-3, 6-1) at Memorial Stadium. The game continues a long-standing Nebraska football tradition of playing on the Friday following Thanksgiving. The Husker-Colorado matchup will mark the 13th straight year Nebraska has played on the day after Thanksgiving, with Colorado serving as the opponent each of the last seven seasons.

The Huskers will be looking to secure a .500 finish in conference play and a victory would also guarantee a 41st consecutive winning season and keep alive Nebraska's hopes of extending its string of nine-win seasons to 34 years. Nebraska is coming off a 49-13 defeat at Kansas State on Nov. 16, a setback that gave NU five losses in a season for the first time since 1961.

Nebraska now must turn its attention to Colorado, a team that has secured its position as the North Division representative in next month's Big 12 Championship Game in Houston. The Buffs will attempt to defend their league title against either Oklahoma on Dec. 7. Colorado opened the season with a 1-2 record, but has since won seven of eight games, with its lone loss since mid-September a road setback at No. 3 Oklahoma. The Buffs stand 13th in this week's AP poll and are ranked 15th according to the coaches poll.

Colorado rolled to a 62-36 victory in last year's matchup in Boulder, ending Nebraska's nine-game win streak in the series and ending a streak of tight games in the series. Before last season, the previous five meetings between the schools had been decided by a total of 15 points, with the most recent three games in Lincoln determined by a total of nine points.

The Nebraska-Colorado game will be televised by ABC for the 10th consecutive year with the network sending the contest to a national audience. Kickoff is set for 2:30 p.m.

Kansas State Defeats Nebraska for Third Straight Time in Manhattan

Nebraska ran into one of the nation's hottest teams in Manhattan, Kan., and Kansas State scored the game's final 28 points to defeat the Huskers 49-13 on Nov. 16. Kansas State quickly jumped in front in the game, taking a 7-0 lead on an Eli Roberson touchdown run less than five minutes into the contest. Roberson scored his second touchdown of the game on a 91-yard run later in the first period to push the KSU lead to 14-0.

Nebraska got on the board early in the second period with a 27-yard field goal from Josh Brown to trim the lead to 14-3. However, Kansas State upped its advantage to 21-3 later in the second quarter when the Wildcats blocked a Kyle Larson punt and recovered it in the end zone. Brown hit his second

2002 Nebraska (7-5, 3-4) Football Schedule/Results

Day	Date	Opponent	Time/Res.	TV	Series	Last Meeting (Site) / Notes
Sat.	Aug. 24	Arizona St.,BCA+	W, 48-10	ESPN	NU 6-2	Lord 17-103-1 TD rushing in first career start; NU blocks two punts
Sat.	Aug. 31	Troy State	W, 31-16		NU 2-0	Groce ties NCAA record with two punt return TDs, adds two INTs in NU win
Sat.	Sept. 7	Utah State	W, 44-13		NU 7-0	Nebraska's 250th Consecutive Sellout; stadium record crowd (78,176)
Sat.	Sept. 14	at Penn State	L, 40-7	ABC	PSU 7-5	Crowd of 110,753 largest ever to see NU game; Lord--14 carries for 111 yards
Sat.	Sept. 28	at Iowa State #	L, 36-14	ABC	NU 80-15-2	Pilkington grabs 90-yard TD reception; NU's first loss in league opener since 1974
Sat.	Oct. 5	McNeese State	W, 38-14		NU, 1-0	Lord posts school-record 369 total yards; 218 rushing (NU QB record)
Sat.	Oct. 12	Missouri #	W, 24-13	FoxPPV	NU 61-32-3	NU has won 24 straight games in series/Groce 89-yard punt return TD
Sat.	Oct. 19	at Oklahoma State..	L, 24-21	FSN	NU 35-3-1	OSU's first win in series since 1961/Horne 125 yards rushing
Sat.	Oct. 26	at Texas A&M #	W, 38-31	TBS	NU 8-2	Huskers rally from 31-14 deficit/NU rushes for 381 yards, posts 497 total
Sat.	Nov. 2	Texas #	L, 27-24	FSN	UT 5-4	Lord rushes for NU QB record 234 yards; 26-game home win streak snapped
Sat.	Nov. 9	Kansas # (HC)	W, 45-7		NU 85-21-3	NU has won 34 straight games in series; Horne, Diedrick both top 100 yards
Sat.	Nov. 16	at Kansas State #	L, 49-13	FSN	NU 72-13-2	Kelsay records 11 tackles in return from injury; Third straight loss in Manhattan
Fri.	Nov. 29	Colorado #	2:30 p.m.	ABC	NU 43-15-2	CU 62-36 in 2001 (Boulder)/NU has won last five meetings in Lincoln

All times Central and subject to change; # Big 12 Conference games; +Black Coaches Association Football Classic

2002 Polls

Associated Press (Nov. 24)

No.	Team (1st)	Record	Points
1.	Miami (71)	10-0	1,823
2.	Ohio State (2)	13-0	1,748
3.	Oklahoma	10-1	1,654
4.	Iowa	11-1	1,625
5.	Georgia	10-1	1,513
6.	USC	9-2	1,421
7.	Notre Dame	10-1	1,366
8.	Kansas State*	10-2	1,305
9.	Washington State	9-2	1,239
10.	Texas*	9-2	1,196
11.	Penn State*	9-3	1,019
12.	Michigan	9-3	958
13.	Colorado*	8-3	924
14.	Alabama	9-3	849
15.	Florida	8-3	757
16.	Colorado State	10-2	743
17.	Pittsburgh	8-3	619
18.	LSU	8-3	559
19.	Boise State	11-1	372
20.	Auburn	8-4	370
21.	N.C. State	10-3	300
22.	Virginia Tech	8-3	284
23.	Florida State	8-4	255
24.	West Virginia	8-3	251
25.	Maryland	9-3	120

ESPN/USA Today/Coaches (Nov. 24)

No.	Team (1st)	Record	Points
1.	Miami (60)	10-0	1,524
2.	Ohio State (1)	13-0	1,462
3.	Iowa	11-1	1,377
4.	Oklahoma	10-1	1,346
5.	Georgia	10-1	1,253
6.	USC	9-2	1,195
7.	Notre Dame	10-1	1,146
8.	Kansas State*	10-2	1,089
9.	Washington State	9-2	1,025
10.	Texas*	9-2	991
11.	Florida	8-3	865
12.	Penn State*	9-3	784
13.	Colorado State	10-2	760
14.	Michigan	9-3	741
15.	Colorado*	8-3	698
16.	Boise State	11-1	499
17.	LSU	8-3	468
18.	Pittsburgh	8-3	406
19.	Virginia Tech	8-3	370
20.	N.C. State	10-3	354
21.	West Virginia	8-3	293
22.	Florida State	8-4	272
23.	Maryland	9-3	175
24.	Hawaii	9-2	157
25.	Auburn	8-4	147

*-Denotes 2002 NU opponent

Huskers in the 2002 Polls

Date	A	C	B	Results
Pre.	10	8	NA	def. ASU, 48-10
8-26	9	8	NA	def. Troy St., 31-16
9-2	9	8	NA	def. Utah St., 44-13
9-8	8	7	NA	lost at Penn St., 40-7
9-15	18	19	NA	idle
9-22	20	19	NA	lost at ISU, 36-14
9-29	nr	nr	NA	def. McNeese St. 38-14
10-6	nr	nr	NA	def. Missouri, 24-13
10-13	nr	nr	NA	lost at Okla. St., 24-21
10-20	nr	nr	nr	def. Texas A&M, 38-31
10-27	nr	nr	nr	lost to Texas, 27-24
11-3	nr	nr	nr	def. Kansas, 45-7
11-10	nr	nr	nr	lost to Kansas St., 49-13
11-17	nr	nr	nr	idle
11-24	nr	nr	nr	

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

field goal of the day, a career-long 48-yarder, just before halftime to cut KSU's lead to 21-6.

Nebraska's defense forced fumbles on the Wildcats' first two second-half possessions, breathing life into the Huskers' hopes. The offense quickly converted the first fumble into a score with Jammal Lord running 35 yards for a touchdown on the first play of the series to cut the lead to 21-13. After the Blackshirts forced another K-State fumble, the Huskers drove inside the Wildcat 10-yard line, but NU's drive stalled and Brown missed a 28-yard field goal attempt.

Kansas State quickly regained the momentum with a seven-play, 80-yard drive, culminated by an eight-yard Darren Sproles' TD run. The ensuing kick gave KSU a 28-13 advantage. The Huskers moved to the Wildcat 11 late in the third quarter, but turned the ball over on downs. Kansas State added touchdown runs on its final three drives of the game to account for the final margin.

The Wildcats dominated statistically, rushing for 415 yards, led by Roberson's 228 yards and three touchdowns. Sproles added 155 yards and three touchdowns and Kansas State picked up 507 yards of total offense on the day. The Nebraska offense picked up just 231 yards of total offense, including 97 on the ground. Jammal Lord passed for 134 yards on the day. Rush end Chris Kelsay returned to the Husker lineup for the first time in six weeks and led the Blackshirts with 11 tackles and a sack.

Recapping Game 12...#11 Kansas State 49, Nebraska 13

► Kansas State's victory was its third straight over Nebraska in Manhattan and the 13th Wildcat win in the 88-game series. The 49 points were the most KSU has scored in the series and its 36-point victory was its largest margin over Nebraska. The loss marked the first time Nebraska had lost three straight games in an opponent's stadium since dropping four straight at Oklahoma from 1973 to 1979.

► Junior **Josh Davis** had a record-setting day in the kickoff return department. Davis had seven kickoff returns for a single-game NU record 186 yards. In the process, Davis broke his own school record for season kickoff return yardage. Davis now has 34 kickoff returns for 818 yards in 2002, bettering his 675 yards last season. Davis also moved into the top spot on the NU career kickoff return list with 1,493 yards, passing Tyrone Hughes' total of 1,443 yards from 1989 to 1992.

► Quarterback **Jammal Lord** rushed for 47 yards on 21 carries to push his season total to 1,276 yards to move into 10th place on the single-season rushing list. Lord's 134 yards passing were the second-highest total of the season. Lord moved from fifth to second on NU's single-season total offense chart (2,426 yards).

► Senior split end **Wilson Thomas** caught two passes for 41 yards in the game to move into a tie for eighth place on NU's career receptions chart with 65.

► Freshman tight end **Matt Herian** had a 28-yard reception in the first quarter, the fourth of his career, each covering at least 28 yards.

► Senior rush end **Chris Kelsay** returned to the Husker lineup after missing the previous five games because of a hamstring injury. Kelsay recorded a team-high 11 tackles, the most of his career, and added a two-yard sack of Ell Roberson. Kelsay also had a pass breakup and a quarterback hurry in the game.

► Senior place-kicker **Josh Brown** connected on two of three field goals in the game. He tied his regular-season career-long with a 48-yard field goal in the second quarter. Brown has made 11-of-15 field goals this season, including seven field goals of 40 yards or longer. Brown pushed his career scoring total to 304 points, fourth on the NU list.

► Punter **Kyle Larson** averaged 40.4 yards on a season-high eight punts, with a long of 55 yards. The Ray Guy Award semifinalist pinned Kansas State inside its own 20 twice in the game.

► Nebraska was a season-best plus-three in turnover margin in the game, forcing three Kansas State fumbles. NU converted the three Wildcat miscues into seven points.

► Kansas State allowed just 97 yards rushing, the second opponent in 2002 to limit Nebraska to less than 100 yards on the ground (Iowa State, 81).

► KSU quarterback Ell Roberson's 228 rushing yards were the third-most ever against Nebraska, trailing only Billy Sims' 247 yards for Oklahoma in 1979 and Penn State's Curt Warner who rushed for 238 yards against Nebraska in 1981.

► Roberson's 91-yard first-quarter TD run was the first run of 90 yards or longer since Kansas' Gale Sayers had a 99-yard run vs. the Huskers on Nov. 9, 1963.

► Kansas State's 415 rushing yards were the ninth-most all-time against Nebraska and the most against the Huskers since second-ranked Oklahoma rushed for 419 yards in Lincoln in 1987. The game also marked the first time since 1968 that the Wildcats had outgained Nebraska on the ground.

► The loss dropped Nebraska to 0-3 against ranked teams in 2002 and 10-11 under Solich.

Nebraska-Kansas State Stat Wrap

Team Stats	NU	KSU
First Downs	15	24
Rush att.-yards	40-97	57-415
Passes	25-9-0	8-4-0
Passing yards	134	92
Total yards	231	507
Turnovers	0	3
Time of Possession	27:30	32:30
Sacks by	4-16	5-36

NU Rushing Leader

Jammal Lord--21 carries, 47 yards, 1 TD

NU Passing Leader

Jammal Lord--25-9-0, 134 yards

NU Receiving Leader

Wilson Thomas--2 receptions, 41 yards

Troy Hassebroek--2 receptions, 27 yards

NU Defensive Leaders

Chris Kelsay--11 tackles, 1 sack, 1 PBU

Ryon Bingham--10 tackles, 1 TFL, 1 FC

Special Teams Standout

Josh Davis--7 kickoff returns for a school-record 186 yards

2002 Big 12 Standings

North		Records		
Team	Overall	Big 12	Next Game	
Colorado	8-3	6-1	at Nebraska 11/29	
Kansas St.	10-2	6-2	Bowl game	
Iowa State	7-6	4-4	Bowl game	
Nebraska	7-5	3-4	Colorado 11/29	
Missouri	5-7	2-6	Season complete	
Kansas	2-10	0-8	Season complete	

South Division

Oklahoma	10-1	6-1	at Okla. St. 11/30
Texas Tech	8-5	5-3	Bowl game
Texas	9-2	5-2	Tx. A&M 11/29
Okla. St.	6-5	4-3	Oklahoma 11/30
Texas A&M	6-5	3-4	at Texas 11/29
Baylor	3-9	1-7	Season complete

2002 Nebraska Non-Conference Opponents

Team	Record -- Next Game
Arizona State	7-5--at Arizona 11/29
Troy State	4-8--Season Complete
Utah State	4-6--at Middle Tenn. State 11/30
Penn State	9-3--Bowl game
McNeese State	10-1--Division I-AA playoffs

Last Week's Results

Kansas State def. Missouri, 38-0
 Connecticut def. Iowa State, 37-20
 Oklahoma def. Texas Tech, 60-15
 Oklahoma State def. Baylor, 63-28
 Penn State def. Michigan State, 61-7
 McNeese State def. Nicholls State, 33-21

2002 Colorado Schedule (8-3, 6-1)

Date	Opponent	Result/Time
8/31	vs. Colorado State	L, 19-14
9/7	San Diego State	W, 34-14
9/14	USC	L, 40-3
9/21	at UCLA	W, 31-17
10/5	Kansas State	W, 35-31
10/12	at Kansas	W, 53-29
10/19	Baylor	W, 34-0
10/26	Texas Tech	W, 37-13
11/2	at Oklahoma	L, 27-11
11/9	at Missouri	W, 42-35 (OT)
11/16	Iowa State	W, 41-27
11/29	at Nebraska	2:30 p.m.
12/7	Big 12 Championship	7 p.m.

NU-Colorado Series Notes

- ▶ This year's game will mark the first time since 1981 Nebraska has not been ranked entering the Colorado game. With Colorado ranked in the AP poll this will mark the 37th time in 39 games since 1964 that at least one team has been ranked.
- ▶ The last three meetings between the schools in Lincoln have been decided by a total of nine points, including two-point NU victories in 1998 and 2000.
- ▶ NU's 34-32 win over Colorado in 2000 marked the first time in school history the Huskers have scored the winning points on the final play of regulation.
- ▶ Both teams have topped 30 points in each of the past three meetings.
- ▶ Nebraska's 16-14 victory over Colorado in 1998 in Lincoln marked the only time in the modern era Nebraska has won a game without the aid of an offensive touchdown.

Huskers from Colorado

- ▶ Ten members of the 2002 Husker football team call the state of Colorado home. They are IB Cory Ross (Denver), SE Ross Pilkington (Fort Collins), rover Philip Bland (Lafayette), SE Tim Liley (Lakewood), OG Jake Andersen (Littleton), QB Joe Chrisman and DB Kevin Guse (Longmont), IB/KR Josh Davis (Loveland), OL Gary Pike (Pueblo) and OL M.J. Flaum (Westminster).

Scouting No. 13/15 Colorado (8-3, 6-1)



Colorado enters the matchup with Nebraska with an 8-3 overall record and a 6-1 mark in Big 12 Conference play. The Buffs have wrapped up at least a tie for the Big 12 North Division crown and will make their second straight appearance in the Big 12 Championship Game. Colorado is ranked 13th in this week's Associated Press Poll and is 15th according to the coaches. The Buffs have won seven of their past eight games since opening the year 1-2. The Buffalo offense ranks third in the Big 12 and in the top 25 in the nation at 406.8 yards per game. Their offense is powered by a strong running attack that averages 250.6 yards per game to rank sixth in the nation. Junior running back Chris Brown is the nation's third-leading rusher, averaging 158.6 yards per game and has 1,744 total rushing yards and 18 touchdowns this season. Junior Bobby Purify has added 677 yards on the ground. Colorado averages 156.2 yards passing per game. Quarterback Robert Hodge has completed nearly 55 percent of his passes for 1,358 yards and 11 touchdowns. His favorite receiving target is junior wide receiver Derek McCoy who has 31 receptions, including six touchdowns and averages nearly 17 yards per catch.

Defensively, Colorado is allowing 366.3 yards and 22.9 points per game. The Buffs are strong in the turnover department, holding a +0.45 turnover margin on the season. The CU defense is led by cornerback Donald Strickland who has 91 tackles, including 72 unassisted stops. He also has nine pass breakups. Fellow defensive back Medford Moorer has 86 tackles, including five tackles for loss. Moorer returned a fumble 71 yards for a touchdown in CU's 41-27 win over Iowa State on Nov. 16. Colorado is strong in special teams. The Buffs rank second in the nation in net punting at 42.3 yards per attempt, with punter Mark Mariscal leading the nation in average at 48.2 yards per kick. Punt returner Jeremy Bloom ranks 14th in the nation with an average of 14.2 yards per return.

Colorado Coach Gary Barnett

Gary Barnett is in his fourth season as Colorado's head coach and has a 28-19 record on the Buffs' sideline, including a Big 12 championship last season. Barnett is 71-75-2 overall in 13 seasons as a collegiate head coach. Before being named head coach at Colorado, Barnett was at Northwestern for seven seasons where he led the Wildcats to the Rose Bowl after the 1995 season. He is 1-2 against Nebraska and Frank Solich.

Nebraska-Colorado Series...NU leads 43-15-2

Nebraska holds a 43-15-2 edge in the all-time series between the two schools, including a 23-6 advantage in games played in Lincoln. Colorado snapped Nebraska's nine-game win streak in the series a year ago, but the Huskers carry a five-game winning streak over the Buffs in Lincoln into this year's contest.

Colorado held a 10-9-1 advantage in the first 20 meetings between the schools, but Nebraska has dominated since with a 34-5-1 edge. Included in that stretch is an 18-game win streak that ended in 1986 and the nine-game string which ended last season.

The Buffs dominated from the start last year in Boulder, jumping to a 35-3 advantage early in the second quarter. Nebraska trimmed the advantage to 42-23 at the half and closed within 42-30 midway through the third quarter, but CU exploded for 20 fourth-quarter points to cap a 62-36 victory that ended NU's perfect season and sent Colorado to the Big 12 Championship Game. The teams combined for more than 1,100 yards of total offense and better than 700 rushing yards. Eric Crouch tallied 360 yards of total offense and Dahrran Diedrick rushed for 94 yards and two touchdowns.

Nebraska-Colorado Statistical Comparison

Category	Nebraska (7-5, 3-4)			Colorado (8-3, 6-1)		
	Avg.	Big 12	Natl.	Avg.	Big 12	Natl.
Rushing Offense	273.4	1	3	250.6	3	6
Passing Offense	104.2	12	112	156.2	10	100
Pass Efficiency	105.50	11	101	117.38	9	76
Total Offense	377.6	10	59	406.8	3	23
Scoring Offense	28.9	10	48	30.5	6	39
Rushing Defense	145.7	5	50	153.3	6	58
Pass Defense	214.9	7	60	213.0	5	56
Pass Eff. Defense	106.55	4	24	110.92	6	38
Total Defense	360.6	5	56	366.3	7	61
Scoring Defense	23.3	6	46	22.9	5	41
Net Punting	38.3	2	6	42.3	1	2
Punt Returns	17.3	1	2	11.2	8	44
Kickoff Returns	22.4	4	30	23.4	3	17
Turnover Margin	.00	7	60	+0.45	6	41

Top 25 National Rankings in Bold

Last Year in Boulder...

#14 Colorado 62, #2 Nebraska 36

Team Stats	NU	CU
First Downs	21	25
Rush att.-yards	49-354	52-380
Passes	28-13-2	16-9-0
Passing yards	198	202
Total yards	552	582
Turnovers	4	0

NU Rushing Leaders

Eric Crouch--18 carries, 162 yards, 2 TD

Dahrran Diedrick--16 carries, 94 yards, 2 TD

NU Passing Leader

Eric Crouch--28-13-2, 198 yards

NU Receiving Leader

Wilson Thomas--3 catches, 109 yards

NU Defensive Leaders

Dion Booker--9 tackles

NU Special Teams Standout

Kyle Larson--4 punts, 45.0 yard average

Josh Davis--Career-long 74-yard KO return

Solich Year-by-Year

Year	Record	Pct	Conf.	Bowl	Rank
1998	9-4	.692	5-3	Holiday	19/20
1999	12-1	.923	7-1#	Fiesta	3/2
2000	10-2	.833	6-2	Alamo	8/7
2001	11-2	.846	7-1	Rose	8/7
2002	7-5	.583	3-4	---	---
Tot.	49-14	.778	28-11	Four	---

#-Won Big 12 Championship
Final national rank listed AP/Coaches

Div. I-A Coaches Best Career Starts since 1900

First Five Years by Wins

Rank	Coach, School	Years	Rec.
1.	Barry Switzer, Oklahoma	1973-77	51-5-2
2.	John Robinson, USC	1976-80	50-8-2
3.	R.C. Slocum, Texas A&M	1989-93	49-12-1
4.	Lloyd Carr, Michigan	1995-99	49-13
	Frank Solich, Nebraska	1998-02	49-14

Solich vs. Ranked AP Teams (10-11)

(Gametime rank)			NU/Opp.	
Date	Opponent	Site	Rank	Result
1998:				
9/26	Washington	Home	2/9	W 55-7
10/10	Texas A&M	Away	2/18	L 21-28
10/24	Missouri	Home	7/19	W 20-13
11/14	Kansas St.	Away	11/2	L 30-40
12/30	Arizona	Holiday	14/5	L 20-23
1999:				
10/23	Texas	Away	3/18	L 20-24
11/6	Texas A&M	Home	9/21	W 37-0
11/13	Kansas St.	Home	7/5	W 41-15
12/4	Texas	Big 12	3/12	W 22-6
1/2	Tennessee	Fiesta	3/6	W 31-21
2000:				
9/9	Notre Dame	Away	1/23	W 27-24OT
10/28	Oklahoma	Away	1/3	L 14-31
11/18	Kansas St.	Away	4/16	L 28-29
12/30	Northwestern	Alamo	9/18	W 66-17
2001:				
9/8	Notre Dame	Home	4/17	W 27-10
10/27	Oklahoma	Home	3/2	W 20-10
11/23	Colorado	Away	2/14	L 36-62
1/3	Miami	Rose	4/1	L 14-37
2002:				
9/28	Iowa State	Away	20/19	L 14-36
11/2	Texas	Home	--/7	L 24-27
11/16	Kansas State	Away	--/11	L 13-49

Solich Superlatives

Overall	49-14
vs. AP Ranked Teams	10-11
vs. AP Top 10 Teams	4-5
vs. Unranked Teams	39-3
vs. Big 12 Teams	29-11
When Rushing for 300 Yards	27-2
When Rushing for 400 Yards	11-0
When Rushing for 500 Yards	2-0
When Rushing for 600 Yards	1-0
When NU player rushes for 100 Yards ...	33-9
Multiple 100-yd. NU Rushers in a Game .	13-0
When Opp. has 100 Yd. Rusher	8-9
When Scoring 35 or More Points	32-1
When Hold Opp. to 10 Pts. or less	21-0
When Nebraska scores first	37-5
When Nebraska leads at halftime	39-3
Record in games decided by 10 or less ...	14-8
Record in games decided by 7 or less	9-7
Record in games decided by 3 or less	4-4

Individual Honors

Draft Picks	21
All-Americans	8
Academic All-Americans	6
All-Conference Winners	21
Academic All-Conference Winners	85

Team Honors

Conference Championships	1
Nine-Win Seasons	4
10-Win Seasons	3
11-Win Seasons	2
12-Win Seasons	1

Nebraska Head Coach Frank Solich

Coach Frank Solich (Nebraska, 1966) is in his fifth season at the helm of the Husker program with a 49-14 school and career record (.778). With a victory over Colorado, Solich would move into a tie for second place for most victories by Division I-A head coaches in their first five seasons since 1900. He will officially qualify to rank among his peers after this season with five years as a head coach, and with a .778 winning percentage, would rank third among active coaches in Division I-A.

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 posted the best record of any Husker second-year coach as his team posted a 12-1 record in 1999, leading NU to a Big 12 championship and No. 2 (coaches poll) and No. 3 (AP poll) final national rankings. Solich's 21 wins in his first two years at NU bettered Devaney's previous school record of 19 and ranked in a tie for third all time among Division I coaches in their first two years at the helm. He went 10-2 in 2000 and his 31 wins in three years bettered both Osborne and Devaney's 28 wins in their first three years. His 42 wins in four years is also a school best and his 49 wins in his first five years is tied for the fourth-most in Division I-A history.

Solich is the only Husker coach to have won 12 games in either of his first two seasons. In fact, neither Devaney or Osborne had an 11-win campaign in their first four years, with Devaney posting a pair of 10-win seasons and Osborne hitting 10 wins in his third season. Devaney won his first conference title his second year, while Osborne tied for his first title 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 after winning the league championship in 1999, and was named coach of the year by the conference coaches a second time in 2001.

Solich has continued Nebraska's winning tradition the Husker way—by identification of athletic talent regardless of position or recruiting rank; with successful recruitment nationwide of the country's best student-athletes; developing local talent and utilizing the envious Husker walk-on program; and by providing the best athletic facilities and support available for the student-athletes.

Defensive coordinator Charlie McBride retired after the 1999 season, but the rest of Coach Solich's original staff is intact. Solich replaced himself with recruiting specialist and running backs coach Dave Gillespie, who was the recruiting coordinator at Nebraska when the Huskers signed the athletes who won back-to-back national championships in 1994 and 1995, and hired former Husker Jeff Jamrog from New Mexico State to replace McBride in January of 2000. Counting Solich, five members of the Husker coaching staff played for Nebraska. Solich is one of 17 current Division I-A football coaches who played for and now coach their alma mater.

Solich was named Nebraska's 26th head coach on Dec. 10, 1997, after serving as an NU assistant for 19 years. He played fullback for Hall of Fame Coach Bob Devaney, lettering in 1963-64-65. Solich was the first Husker running back to rush for 200 yards in a game and remains the only fullback to accomplish that feat. He also lettered for the NU baseball team in 1965. After serving as a local high school football coach for 14 years, Solich took over the NU freshman program and posted a 19-1 record from 1979 to 1982. He was elevated to NU's running backs coach after four seasons, a position he held for 15 years (1983-97). He was promoted to assistant head coach in 1991 and head coach following the 1997 season. Solich earned his bachelor's and master's degrees from NU in 1966 and 1972, respectively.



Husker Staff Boasts 152 Years of Combined Experience at Nebraska

Nebraska has long been known for the continuity of its coaching staff and that has not changed under Frank Solich's direction. Since taking over the program, Solich has replaced just one assistant, defensive coordinator Charlie McBride, who retired after the 1999 season.

Including this season, Nebraska's staff owns 152 years of combined experience in Lincoln and remarkably 142 combined bowl games--or every year possible.

Nebraska Coaching Staff Breakdown

Coach, Position	Years at NU
Frank Solich, Head Coach	24
George Darlington, Secondary	30
Milt Tenopir, Offensive Line	29
Dan Young, Off. Line/Kickers	20
Ron Brown, Receivers	16
Turner Gill, Quarterbacks	11
Craig Bohl, Def. Coordinator/LB	8
Nelson Barnes, Rush Ends	6
Dave Gillespie, Running Backs	5
Jeff Jamrog, Defensive Line	3

Note: Five members of the Husker coaching staff played at Nebraska, including Solich (1963-65, fullback), Bohl (1977-79, defensive back), Gill (1980-83, quarterback), Gillespie (1973-76, I-back) and Jamrog (1983-87, defensive end).

Coaches' Game Day Assignments

Following the lead of Tom Osborne, Coach Solich is his own offensive coordinator, calling the plays from the sideline. Craig Bohl, who tutors the linebackers and is in his third season as defensive coordinator 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. Running backs coach Dave Gillespie moved to the sideline for NU's win at Texas A&M, after being in the press box for the first eight games. Assisting from the press box are rush ends coach Nelson Barnes, defensive backs coach George Darlington and offensive line coach Milt Tenopir.

Senior Salute

Before the Colorado game, 30 Huskers will be introduced during Senior Day festivities. The class includes 17 players from the state of Nebraska. During the past five years, the senior class has contributed to the 1999 Big 12 Championship and will make a fifth straight bowl trip this holiday season, including last year's Rose Bowl for the national championship. The seniors have a 49-14 overall record in the past five seasons, including a 32-2 home record.

Osborne's Teammates Program to be Honored at CU Game

At halftime of the Colorado game, former head coach Tom Osborne and his wife Nancy will be honored for their role in establishing the Teammates Mentoring Program. The Teammates Program was co-founded by the Osbornes in 1991. Teammates is a school-based, one-to-one program, that matches adult volunteers from the community with students in need of an additional caring adult in their life. The program reaches more than 2,000 youth in 60 communities in Nebraska. Five of the Teammates mentors and their mentees will also be in attendance at the game. The University of Nebraska Athletic Department salutes the Teammates Program and all those who have helped ensure its success.

History Indicates NU, Colorado Defenses to Have Hands Full

Nebraska and Colorado feature two of the nation's top six rushing

Getting Offensive

Nebraska and Colorado have lit up the scoreboard in the past three meetings. Below is a recap of both teams' offensive averages in the series since 1999.

	NU	CU
Scoring Offense	34.3	41.3
Rushing Offense	335.3	247.6
Total Offense	462.3	512.3
Yards per Play	7.1	6.4

Results

- 1999**
NU 33, Colorado 30, OT-Boulder
- 2000**
NU 34, Colorado 32-Lincoln
- 2001**
Colorado 62, NU 36-Boulder

nearly 975 yards of combined total offense in the past three meetings.

Thanksgiving Tradition Continues

Nebraska will hit the gridiron on the Friday after Turkey Day for the 13th consecutive year. The Huskers have met Colorado for post-Thanksgiving festivities each of the last seven seasons (since formation of Big 12). Before 1996, Nebraska and Oklahoma met the previous six years on the day after Thanksgiving. Since 1990, Nebraska has an 11-2 mark on post-Thanksgiving Friday losing only to Oklahoma in 1990 and at Colorado last season.

Before 1990, Nebraska and Oklahoma also met on the Friday after Thanksgiving in 1973, 1976, 1977 and 1982 and squared off on Thanksgiving five times between 1965 and 1972.

2002 Husker Seniors

Demoin Adams	RE
Matt Behrends	NT
Jon Bowling	TE
Josh Brown	PK
Rodney Burgess	CB
Joe Chrisman	QB
Jon Clanton	NT
Wes Cody	OG
Benny Cornelsen	WB
Will Dabbert	TE
Dahrran Diedrick	IB
Gabe Fries	LB
John Garrison	C
Aaron Golliday	TE
DeJuan Groce	CB
Troy Hassebroek	WB
Paul Kastl	FB
Chris Kelsay	RE
John Klem	SE
Scott Koethe	OT
David Kolowski	C
Nate Kolterman	OT
Jason Lohr	NT
Kyle Ringenberg	TE
Scott Shanle	LB
Jemond Smith	LB
Justin Smith	RE
Aaron Terpening	ROV
Wilson Thomas	SE
Jay White	CB

Huskers Look for Thanksgiving Weekend Home Cooking

Nebraska will rely on its home-field edge in Friday's game against Colorado. The Huskers are 6-1 at Memorial Stadium this season and hold a 23-6 edge against CU in Lincoln, including wins in each of the Buffs' last five visits to Memorial Stadium.

The Huskers have also fared much better statistically at home than away from Lincoln this season. The Huskers are outscoring the opposition 36.3 to 14.3 at home and have outrushed the opposition by nearly 220 yards in seven 2002 home games at Memorial Stadium. Only one of Nebraska's seven 2002 home opponents has scored more than 16 points against the Huskers at Memorial Stadium.

Home vs. Road

A comparison of Nebraska's performance in seven games at Memorial Stadium vs. five 2002 road games.

	Home	Road
Rushing Off.	315.9	214.4
Passing Off.	88.9	125.6
Total Off.	404.8	339.6
Scoring Off.	36.3	18.6
Rushing Def.	96.6	214.4
Passing Def.	221.0	206.4
Total Def.	317.6	420.8
Scoring Def.	14.3	36.0

Husker Running Game Looks to Rebound from Kansas State Game

Nebraska enters the final game of the regular season among the nation's top rushing teams. The Huskers lead the Big 12 and rank third nationally in rushing offense, averaging 273.4 yards per game. Nebraska's running attack had been rolling, but Kansas State limited NU to just 97 yards on the ground in a 49-13 loss on Nov. 16.

Despite Nebraska's tough day at Kansas State, the Huskers have impressive ground numbers over the past seven games. Since Iowa State held Nebraska to a season-low 81 rushing yards on Sept. 28, NU has averaged 311.1 yards per game on the ground. Five times in those seven games Nebraska has topped the 300-yard barrier in rushing, most recently with 352 yards against Kansas on Nov. 9. In that contest, I-backs David Horne (122) and Dahrran Diedrick (107) both topped 100 yards, and NU had six running plays of more than 25 yards. The Kansas game came on the heels of two impressive rushing performances against strong defenses.

The Huskers rolled up 320 yards rushing against No. 7 Texas, which boasted the nation's No. 3 defense entering the game. Husker quarterback Jammal Lord gouged the Longhorn defense for an NU quarterback record 234 rushing yards on 23 carries (10.2 ypc), and NU had five rushing plays of 20 yards or more in the game.

NU Rushing Game-by-Game

Game	No.-Yds.-TD	Leader
ASU	59-283-3	Lord, 103
TSU	54-199-2	Lord, 92
USU	54-288-4	Diedrick, 93
PSU	45-252-1	Lord, 111
ISU	30-81-1	Diedrick, 28
MSU	52-444-4	Lord, 218
MU	62-325-1	Lord, 98
OSU	54-259-3	Horne, 125
A&M	73-381-5	Lord, 159
Texas	47-320-1	Lord, 234
Kansas	56-352-3	Home, 122
KSU	40-97-1	Lord, 47

Nebraska had perhaps its most impressive rushing outing at Texas A&M. The Huskers ran for 381 yards on a season-high 73 attempts and scored five TDs on the ground. The effort was especially remarkable when considering that the Aggies entered the game allowing just 76.9 rushing yards per game. In fact, NU's 381 rushing yards were the most against Texas A&M in 32 seasons. Before facing the Husker ground game, A&M had not allowed a 100-yard rusher in 20 games, but a pair of Huskers topped that mark (Lord, 159; Horne, 128).

Before the Kansas State game, Nebraska had rushed for 259 yards in six straight games, including a season-high 444 yards vs. McNeese State to begin the stretch. Quarterback Jammal Lord and true freshman I-back David Horne have keyed Nebraska's rushing success in recent weeks. Lord has run for 903 yards in the last seven games (129.0 ypg). He has posted the only two 200-yard days by a quarterback in NU history in the period with 218 yards vs. McNeese State and 234 yards against Texas. He also had 159 yards at Texas A&M on an NU quarterback record 30 carries. Horne shed his redshirt after the Iowa State game and has gained 579 yards (82.7 ypg), including three 100-yard performances.

Nebraska has 24 rushing plays of 25 yards or longer this season, with eighteen of those 24 long runs coming in Nebraska's past seven games. The Huskers had just five running plays go for 25 yards or more in the first five games.

1,000 Yard Rush Seasons by NU Quarterbacks

Year	Player	Rushing		
		Att.	Yds.	TDs
2002	Jammal Lord	192	1,229	7
2001	Eric Crouch	203	1,115	18
1997	Scott Frost	176	1,095	19

Top Rushing Games by Husker Quarterbacks

Yards	Player	Opponent
234	Jammal Lord	Texas (11-2-02)
218	Jammal Lord	McNeese St. (10-5-02)
199	T. Frazier	vs. Florida (1-2-96)
191	Eric Crouch	at Missouri (9-29-01)
176	Gerry Gdowski	Iowa State (10-28-89)
162	Eric Crouch	at Colorado (11-23-01)
159	Jammal Lord	at Tx. A&M (10-26-02)

Top Total Offense Games in School History

Yards	Player	Opponent
369	Jammal Lord	McNeese St. (10-5-02)
360	Eric Crouch	at Colorado (11-23-01)
332	Jammal Lord	Texas (11-2-02)

NU Single-Season Total Offense

Rank	Player, Pos., Yr.	Yards
1.	Eric Crouch, QB, 2001	2,625
2.	Jammal Lord, QB, 2002*	2,426
3.	Jerry Tagge, QB, 1971	2,333
4.	Scott Frost, QB, 1997	2,332
5.	Gerry Gdowski, QB, 1989	2,251
6.	Eric Crouch, QB, 1999	2,158
7.	Mike Rozier, IB, 1983	2,148
8.	Keithen McCant, QB, 1991	2,108
9.	Vince Ferragamo, QB, 1976	2,086
10.	Eric Crouch, QB, 2000	2,072

*-Most total offense yards by a Husker junior

NU Single-Season Rushing Yards

Rank	Player, Pos., Yr.	Att-Yards
1.	Mike Rozier, IB, 1983	275-2,148
2.	Ahman Green, IB, 1997	278-1,877
3.	Lawrence Phillips, IB, 1994	286-1,722
4.	Mike Rozier, IB, 1982	242-1,689
5.	Ken Clark, IB, 1988	232-1,497
6.	Bobby Reynolds, HB, 1950	193-1,342
7.	Derek Brown, IB, 1991	230-1,313
8.	I.M. Hipp, IB, 1977	197-1,301
9.	Dahrran Diedrick, IB, 2001	233-1,299
10.	Jammal Lord, QB, 2002*	192-1,276

*-Nebraska quarterback single-season record

Lord Plays of 25 Yards or More

Rushes (12)

33 yards vs. Arizona State
 28 yards vs. Utah State (TD)
 27 yards at Penn State
 57 yards vs. McNeese State (TD)
 56 yards vs. McNeese State (TD)
 35 yards vs. Missouri
 26 yards at Oklahoma State
 41 yards at Texas A&M
 42 yards vs. Texas
 54 yards vs. Texas
 42 yards vs. Kansas
 35 yards at Kansas State (TD)

Passes (11)

62 yards to Jon Bowling vs. Troy State
 33 yards to Matt Herian vs. Utah State (TD)
 90 yards to Ross Pilkington at Iowa State (TD)*
 25 yards to Kyle Ringenberg vs. McNeese State
 44 yards to Matt Herian at Oklahoma State
 28 yards to Wilson Thomas at Texas A&M
 30 yards to Ross Pilkington at Texas A&M
 60 yards to Matt Herian vs. Texas (TD)
 27 yards to Wilson Thomas vs. Kansas (TD)
 28 yards to Matt Herian at Kansas State
 25 yards to Wilson Thomas at Kansas State
 *Please see note on Lord to Pilkington pass play in left margin of page eight.

Lord is Newest Member of 1,000-1,000 Club

Nebraska junior quarterback Jammal Lord faced a variety of difficult challenges in his first season as the Huskers' starting signal caller. First, he was faced with the duty of following 2001 Heisman Trophy winner Eric Crouch, who started 38 games at quarterback from 1998 to 2001. Secondly, Lord guided a young Husker offense against ranked teams in his first two road contests at Penn State and Iowa State. While those games didn't go as Lord and the Huskers would have hoped, Lord has rebounded in strong fashion and is producing one of the top total offense seasons in school history.

Lord joined an elite club on Nov. 9 against Kansas. In the game, he rushed for 74 yards and passed for 59 yards and two touchdowns, pushing his season passing total over 1,000 yards. He had previously topped 1,000 rushing yards in 2002 and became the third Husker quarterback in six seasons to both rush and pass for more than 1,000 yards in the same season, joining Scott Frost (1997) and Eric Crouch (2001). Lord is the 18th player in Division I-A history to accomplish the feat.

The 6-2, 220-pound Lord has produced 2,426 yards of total offense this season, the second-most in school history, trailing only Eric Crouch's school-record of 2,625 yards set in his Heisman Trophy-winning campaign last year. Lord has already produced two of the top three single-game total offense marks in school history with an NU record 369 yards vs. McNeese State and 332 yards of total offense against Texas (third).

Lord began making his mark in the record book against McNeese State, posting his school-record total offense mark on just 35 total-offense attempts, good for a remarkable 10.5 yards per attempt. In that game he also rushed for a then-NU quarterback record 218 yards. Both of the broken records were set last season by Crouch (360 total offense yards at Colorado and 191 rushing yards at Missouri). The McNeese State game marked the first time that Lord topped 100 yards in both rushing and passing in the same contest. He reached the 100-100 mark for the second time at Texas A&M.

The quarterback rushing record set against McNeese State lasted all of four weeks, as Lord rushed for 234 yards on 23 carries against Texas and added 98 yards and a touchdown through the air. Lord's 234 rushing yards vs. Texas marked his fifth 100-yard rushing game of the season. In addition to his two 200-yard outings, he also topped the century mark with 103 yards vs. Arizona State, 111 at Penn State and 159 yards at Texas A&M.

Lord's 159 yards at Texas A&M came on a Nebraska QB record 30 carries. In that game, Lord pushed both his career rushing and passing totals past the 1,000-yard marks. He now has 1,489 career rushing yards to rank 31st on the NU list and 1,331 passing, good for 19th on the Husker career chart.

During the Texas game, Lord broke the Nebraska season quarterback rushing record and is putting together one of the top rushing seasons in school history, regardless of position. Lord has 1,276 yards rushing in 2002, the 10th-best rushing season by a Husker.

Lord has led Nebraska in rushing eight times in 2002. In addition to leading Nebraska in rushing yards (1,276) and rushing touchdowns (8), Lord averages a remarkable 6.0 yards per carry. By comparison, Crouch averaged 5.5 yards per rush in winning the Heisman last season. Lord's 106.3 yards rushing per game rank 25th in the nation and fourth in the Big 12 Conference. Lord is first nationally in rushing among quarterbacks. His 202.2 total offensive yards per game rank ninth in the Big 12.

The McNeese State game was a career-best passing day for Lord in terms of completions (12), yards (151) and percentage (.667). He has topped 100 yards passing seven times in 2002, including five of the past eight games, most recently when he threw for 134 yards at Kansas State. Lord has thrown for 1,150 yards and 10 touchdowns this season.

Lord Supplies Nebraska With Big-Play Threat

One of the attributes Nebraska coaches saw in Jammal Lord from the start of the season was his big-play ability. The junior has not disappointed in that department this season, accounting for 23 plays of 25 yards or longer.

Lord has 12 rushes of 25 yards or more this season, including at least one in each of Nebraska's last seven games. He has broke off eight runs of 35 yards or longer, including five in the past four games. The NU signal caller has accounted for nine of NU's 12 longest runs of the season. Against McNeese State, Lord had two TD runs of longer than 50 yards (56, 57) marking the first time a Husker has had two 50-plus yard scoring runs in a game since 1999.

Lord has connected on 11 pass plays of 25 yards or more, including a pair of long plays at Kansas

QB Jammal Lord Game-by-Game

Game	Rushing No.-Yd-TD	Passing A-C-I-Yd-TD	Total Off. No.-Yd-TD
ASU	17-103-0	13-5-0-33-1	30-136-1
TSU*	23-92-1	15-8-114-0	38-206-1
USU*	9-59-2	12-6-0-105-2	21-164-4
PSU*	14-111-0	16-8-3-76-0	30-187-0
ISU*	11-8-0	10-5-1-120-1	21-128-1
MSU*	17-218-3	18-12-1-151-1	35-369-4
MU*	17-98-0	12-4-0-32-1	29-130-1
OSU*	18-73-1	14-7-0-110-0	32-183-1
A&M*	30-159-0	12-7-0-116-0	42-275-0
Texas*	23-234-0	14-7-2-98-2	37-332-2
Kansas*	13-74-0	10-4-1-59-2	23-133-2
KSU*	21-47-1	25-9-0-134-0	46-181-1

*-Starts

Season Highs

Rushing: 234 yards vs. Texas (NU QB record)

Passing: 151 yards vs. McNeese State

Total Offense: 369 yards vs. McNeese State

(NU school record)

TDs Accounted For: 4, twice (Utah St., McNeese St.)

Season Averages

Rushing: 106.3 yards per game

(4th Big 12/25th nationally)

Passing: 95.8 yards per game

Total Offense: 202.2 yards per game (9th Big 12)

State. He hit a season-long 90-yard TD pass to Ross Pilkington at Iowa State, good for the third-longest pass play in NU history.

The 23 25-yard plays by Lord stack up well in comparison to 2001 Heisman winner Eric Crouch, who accounted for 24 plays of 25 yards or longer in 12 games last season (10 rush, 13 pass, 1 receiving).

Diedrick Climbs into Top 10 on NU Rushing List

Senior I-back Dahrran Diedrick moved into the top 10 on NU's career rushing list earlier this month in a win over Kansas. In the game, Diedrick had his first 100-yard rushing day of the season with 107 yards on 12 carries against Kansas. He bolted 53 yards for a first-quarter touchdown to give NU a 7-0 lead, marking the longest run of his Husker career.

His effort against the Jayhawks moved Diedrick past five former Huskers and into ninth place on the NU career rushing list. Diedrick now has 2,557 career rushing yards, including 743 yards in 2002. Diedrick rushed for 85 yards on 15 carries against Texas A&M, including 78 yards on nine carries after halftime. Diedrick has six rushing touchdowns this season and 26 in his career, the 14th-most in school history. He had two rushing touchdowns at Colorado last season.

At 6-0 and 225 pounds, Diedrick supplies the Huskers with a physical running complement to freshman I-back David Horne. Along with the I-back tandem, quarterback Jammal Lord gives Nebraska one of the nation's most lethal three-player rushing threats. Diedrick was a first-team All-Big 12 pick last season after leading the league in rushing with 1,299 yards. He also scored 15 touchdowns and rushed for 100 or more yards in seven of 11 regular-season appearances.

Going Around the Horne

I-back David Horne has given the Husker running game a kick-start since ending his redshirt season in early October. Horne has rushed for 579 yards

Game	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	TD
Arizona State	Did Not Play			
Troy State	Did Not Play			
Utah State	Did Not Play			
at Penn State	Did Not Play			
at Iowa State	Did Not Play			
McNeese State	12	81	6.8	0
Missouri	20	88	4.4	1
at Oklahoma St.	24	125	5.2	1
at Texas A&M	24	128	5.3	4
Texas	7	12	1.7	0
Kansas	9	122	13.6	1
Kansas State	9	23	2.6	0
Totals	105	579	5.5	7

Rank	Player, Pos., Yr.	Yards
1.	Ahman Green, IB, 1995	1,086
2.	Calvin Jones, IB, 1991	900
3.	DeAngelo Evans, IB, 1996	776
4.	Monte Anthony, IB, 1974	587
5.	David Horne, IB, 2002	579

(82.7 ypg) and has raced for more than 100 yards three times in the past five weeks. Horne had 125 yards and a touchdown on 24 carries at Oklahoma State, a career-best 128 yards and four touchdowns vs. Texas A&M and 122 yards on just nine carries against Kansas.

In the Oklahoma State game, Horne became the first true freshman I-back to rush for more than 100 yards since DeAngelo Evans had 130 yards in the 1996 Big 12 Championship Game against Texas. Horne was the first Husker frosh at any position to top 100

yards rushing since redshirt freshman quarterback Eric Crouch had 108 yards in a 40-30 loss at Kansas State in 1998. Horne's 100-yard outing at Oklahoma State marked the first time a Husker back had topped 100 yards since Dahrran Diedrick rushed for 108 yards on 24 carries vs. Kansas State on Nov. 10, 2001.

Horne's four touchdowns at Texas A&M were the most by a Husker freshman since fellow Omaha Central graduate Calvin Jones rushed for a school-record six TDs at Kansas in 1991 as a redshirt freshman. Horne and Dahrran Diedrick both topped 100 yards against Kansas, the first time this season a pair of Husker running backs have cracked the century mark.

Horne's speed and field vision were evident immediately in his debut against McNeese State. He made a strong debut, rushing 12 times for 81 yards. He backed that performance up with 88 yards on a team-high 20 carries against Missouri, including 46 yards on a key second-quarter touchdown drive. He also added his first career TD on a five-yard run in the first quarter against Mizzou.

The 6-0, 190-pound Horne is averaging 5.5 yards per carry and his 82.7 yards per game would rank ninth in the Big 12 Conference if he had played in the required number of games. With 579 rushing yards, Horne ranks fifth on the NU single-season list for most rushing yards by a freshman.

Husker O-Line Paving Way for Rushing Resurgence

Not to be forgotten in Nebraska's rushing success in recent weeks is the play of the Husker offensive line. The NU offensive front has played well in recent weeks, most notably in a record-setting performance at Texas A&M.

Nebraska had a school-record 110 pancakes against the Aggies, bettering the previous high of 101 vs. Baylor in 2000. Redshirt freshman offensive tackle Richie Incognito had 28 knock-down blocks against the Aggies, the second-highest total in school history, trailing only Toniau Fonoti's 32 against Texas Tech last season. Incognito leads Nebraska with 157 pancakes, including 92 in the past five games (three 20-plus games). Incognito's pancake total is second-best in school history.

Incognito leads Nebraska with eight double-figure pancake games, while center John Garrison has seven such games, including a team-high 16 knock-downs at Kansas State. The senior captain ranks second on the team in pancakes with 132 and has 263 in his career (ninth at Nebraska).

Five Husker offensive linemen had career-high pancake totals against A&M. In addition to Incognito, OT Dan Vili Waldrop's 24 pancakes were the fourth-highest total in school history, seven better than his previous career high. Garrison matched his career high with 20 pancakes. Erickson (16) and fellow guard Junior Tagoa'i (18) also bettered their previous best outings in the offensive line's record-setting performance.

Extra Special Teams

Like his predecessors Bob Devaney and Tom Osborne, NU Head Coach Frank Solich has stressed the importance of the Husker special teams. Entering the 2002 campaign, Solich has mentioned on numerous occasions that this year's kicking and coverage units had the potential to be very "special." The Husker special teams have played a key role in several of NU's victories in 2002.

In Nebraska's season opener, the Huskers blocked two punts, one of which was returned for a touchdown, keying a 48-10 win over Arizona State. The punt return unit stole the show against Troy State. Senior DeJuan Groce tied an NCAA record with two punt return touchdowns in NU's 31-16 victory. The special teams has remained solid throughout the season and again played a big role in the 24-13 victory over Missouri. Groce had his third punt return TD of the year and Josh Davis averaged nearly 28 yards on four kickoff returns. NU again blocked two punts against Kansas, returning one for a touchdown.

Here's a quick look at Nebraska's special teams dominance in 2002.
► Punt Returns...Nebraska ranks second in the nation in punt returns, averaging 17.3 yards on 41 punt returns. Groce has returned 33 punts for 613 yards, for a 18.6-yard average, good for second in the nation. Groce's two punt return touchdowns vs. Troy State not only set a school record, but matched the NCAA record. His 89-yard TD return against Missouri

Big 12 Conference POW Nominees

Game	Offense	Defense	Special
ASU	Lord	Ricketts	Brown
TSU	none	Groce	Groce
USU	Diedrick	Groce	Larson
PSU	none	none	Larson
ISU	none	none	Larson
MSU	Lord	Shanle	none
MU	Horne	Johnson	Groce
OSU	none	none	none
A&M	Horne	Williams	Groce
UT	Lord	none	Groce
KU	Horne	Washington	Hopkins
KSU	none	Kelsay	none
CU			

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

NU Career Scoring Leaders

Rank	Player, Pos., Yrs.	Pts.
1.	Kris Brown, PK, 1995-98	388
2.	Eric Crouch, QB, 1998-01	368
3.	Mike Rozier, IB, 1981-83	312
4.	Josh Brown, PK, 1999-02	304
5.	Ahman Green, IB, 1995-97	270
6.	J. Rodgers, WB, 1970-72	264

NU Individual Season Record Kickoff Returns

Returns: 34; Josh Davis, 2002 (818 yards)
Yards: 818; Josh Davis, 2002 (34 returns)

NU Career Kickoff Return Yards

1. **1493 Josh Davis, IB, 2000-02 (59 ret.)**
2. 1443 Tyrone Hughes, WB, 1989-92 (51 ret.)
3. 1159 Joe Walker, ROV, 1997-00 (53 ret.)
4. 1154 Dana Brinson, WB, 1985-88 (51 ret.)
5. 847 Johnny Rodgers, WB 1970-72 (35 ret.)
6. 818 Frank Solich, FB, 1963-65 (35 ret.)

NU Season Kickoff Return Yards

1. **818 Josh Davis, IB, 2002 (34 ret.)**
2. **675 Josh Davis, IB, 2001 (25 ret.)**
3. 523 Tyrone Hughes, WB, 1990 (18 ret.)
3. 510 Dana Brinson, WB, 1988 (23 ret.)
4. 424 Tyrone Hughes, WB, 1992 (19 ret.)

2002 Team Honors Former Husker Young

The Colorado game will mark the fifth game Nebraska has worn "Jake" stickers on the back of their helmets. The decals are in honor of former Husker center Jake Young who was killed in the Oct. 12 bombings in Bali, Indonesia. Young was remembered with a moment of silence at Memorial Stadium before the Nebraska-Texas game on Nov. 2. Young was a two-time All-American on the field (1988, 1989) and earned academic All-America honors in 1989.

Lord to Pilkington TD Connection at ISU Continues Nebraska Big Play History

The 90-yard TD pass from Jammal Lord to Ross Pilkington at Iowa State ranks as the third-longest pass play in NU history. The connection was the longest pass play by Nebraska since a school-record 95-yard TD pass from Fred Duda to Freeman White in 1965.

The 90-yard TD was the ninth play from scrimmage of 90 yards or more in school history and also marked the second straight year NU has had a 90-plus yard play from scrimmage. In 2001, Eric Crouch broke open NU's win at Missouri with a school-record 95-yard TD run. The Huskers have had a scoring play of 90 yards or more in three straight seasons and four of five years under Frank Solich. Bobby Newcombe returned a punt 94 yards for a score against MU in 2000, while Joe Walker brought a kickoff back 99 yards for a score in the 1998 season opener against Louisiana Tech.

was his third of the season and the third-longest punt return in school history. It also tied the NU school record for punt return TDs in a season, matching Johnny Rodgers' three in 1971. His 155 yards on two returns against Troy State was just 15 yards shy of the school record for punt return yardage in a game. Groce has five punt returns of 25 yards or longer in 2002 and moved up to second on the NU career punt return chart earlier this year.

► **Place-kicking...**Senior place-kicker Josh Brown is 11-of-15 on field goals and perfect in 44 PAT attempts. Brown has seven field goals of 40 yards or longer this season. He entered the season with just four 40-yarders in 12 career attempts from that range. (NU opponents are 3-of-6 from 40-plus yards in 2002). Brown hit on field goals of 40 and 42 yards against Arizona State, marking the first time in his career he has made a pair of 40+-yard field goals in the same game. He has twice hit a regular-season career-long 48-yard field goals (vs. Texas, at Kansas State). Brown has hit 16 of his last 21 field goals dating back to last season. He ranks fourth at Nebraska with 304 career points. Brown's performance on kickoff duties should not be left unnoticed with 38 of his 68 kickoffs this season (3-4 at Kansas State) ending in touchbacks. Brown and Nebraska's kickoff coverage team have pinned opponents inside the 20 on 11 occasions.

► **Punting...**NU's Kyle Larson continues to prove that he is among the nation's top punters. Larson ranks 11th in the nation in punting with a 43.3-yard average on the season. He has also pinned the opposition inside the 20 18 times, including three times each vs. Troy State and Oklahoma State. He has pinned opponents inside the 10-yard line eight times, including twice at Penn State. Husker opponents have pinned Nebraska inside the 20 on punts 13 times.

Larson has averaged better than 45 yards per punt seven times this year, with a career-best 57.3 vs. Utah State, when he also had a career-best 71 yarder. Larson has had at least one punt of 45 yards or more in every game except McNeese State (two punts), and had a season-high five punts of 45 yards or more vs. Penn State and Kansas (four of 50 yards or more). Larson had a season-high eight punts at Kansas State. NU is sixth nationally in net punting at 38.30 yards per attempt. Larson, a Ray Guy Award semifinalist, has been NU's nominee for Big 12 Special Teams Player of the Week three times.

► **Blocked Kicks...**NU has had a history of being one of the nation's best kick blocking units. The Huskers have exhibited the same ability this season, blocking five punts, including two blocked punts by Lannie Hopkins in the win over Kansas. Hopkins' second blocked kick was returned 30 yards by Aaron Terpening for a touchdown, NU's second return of a blocked punt for a touchdown this season. Hopkins and Demorrio Williams each blocked a punt in the second half of Nebraska' victory over Arizona State, marking the first time since a 1999 win over Kansas State NU had two blocked punts in the same game. Williams' blocked punt was returned six yards for a score by senior linebacker Scott Shanle. NU's third punt block of the year came at Iowa State, when Williams and Terpening teamed to block a third-quarter Cyclone punt, setting the Husker offense up for a touchdown. Texas A&M and Kansas State have both blocked Husker punts for touchdowns, while Texas blocked a Husker field goal.

► **Kickoff Returns...**Junior Josh Davis has re-written the NU kickoff return record book this season. He had seven returns for an NU single-game record 186 yards at Kansas State. In the game Davis also set NU season (818) and career records (1,493) for kickoff return yardage. He broke his own season yardage record of 675 yards set last season and Tyrone Hughes' career mark of 1,443 yards from 1989 to 1992. Davis is averaging 24.1 yards per return, with a season-long 53-yarder at Kansas State. He has 12 kickoff returns of 25 yards or more in 2002, including three against Missouri.

► **Kick Coverage...**Nebraska has allowed opponents to average just 17.7 yards on kickoff returns and only 8.8 yards on 25 punt returns this season. While Groce and Davis have combined for 17 returns of 25 yards or more, NU opponents have just four such returns (one punt, three kickoffs).

NU Special Teams Under Solich

Year	Averages				
	FG-FGA	PR	KOR	Punt.	Blocked Kicks
1998	14-21	11.5	21.0	43.8	1 (1 punt)
1999	14-20	10.9	18.4	43.6	*10 (7P, 3FG)
2000	5-10	11.0	16.7	41.3	6(2P,3FG,1PAT)
2001	12-17	13.1	25.2	41.1	4 (2P, 2FG)
2002	11-15	17.3	22.4	41.9	5 (5P)

*School record

Special Teams Key in Husker Success (* indicates touchdown)

Gm	PR (25+)	KOR (25+)	FG (40+)	KOTB	I20	Punts (45+)	I20	I10
ASU	--	Davis 28	Brown 40, 42	7-9	1	Larson 48, 46	1	0
TSU	Groce 83*, 72*	Davis 32	--	4-6	1	Larson 47, 46, 52, 57	3	1 (5)
USU	Groce 27	Davis 42	Brown 44	4-8	2	Larson 71, 56, 57, 45	0	0
PSU	--	Davis 26	--	1-2	1	Larson 47, 47, 50, 56, 46	2	2 (3,6)
ISU	--	Davis 41	--	3-3	0	Larson 47, 50, 55	2	0
MSU	--	--	--	4-7	1	--	--	--
MU	Groce 89*	Davis 27, 28, 39	Brown 42	3-5	0	Larson 45	1	1 (8)
OSU	--	--	--	2-4#	0	Larson 46	3	1 (3)
A&M	--	Davis, 26	Brown 42	2-7	1	Larson 45, 56	0	0
Texas	Groce 44	Davis 46	Brown 48	2-5	1	Larson 51, 50, 45	2	1 (2)
Kansas	--	--	--	3-8	3	Larson 52, 51, 49, 58, 53	2	1 (1)
KSU	--	Davis 31, 53	Brown 48	3-4	0	Larson 55, 57	2	1 (7)

Blocked Kicks: 5 (Williams vs. ASU, returned by Shanle for TD; Hopkins vs. ASU, recovered by Williams; Williams and Terpening vs. ISU, recovered by ISU; Hopkins, 2 vs. KU, one returned by Terpening for a TD)
 #-One of Brown's kickoffs was an on-side kick

Huskers Scoring in All Three Facets of Game

Nebraska has reached the end zone 45 times this season, with the offense, defense and special teams all getting into the act. Of Nebraska's touchdowns, six have been non-offensive scores—two in each of the Huskers' first two games this season, DeJuan Groce's 89-yard punt return TD vs. Missouri and Aaron Terpening's 30-yard return of a blocked punt vs. Kansas.

In the season opener vs. ASU, Nebraska scored via a blocked punt return and an interception return. DeJuan Groce supplied two special teams touchdowns against Troy State, returning punts 83 and 72 yards for scores, setting a school and Big 12 record and tying an NCAA record. The first two games this season marked the first time Nebraska has recorded two or more non-offensive scores in consecutive games since the 1996 season. In that year, NU returned an interception (Ralph Brown) and a kickoff (Kenny Cheatham) for a TD at Oklahoma and the following week vs. Missouri returned a blocked punt for a score (Terrell Farley) and recorded a safety when the Tigers fumbled the ball out of the end zone.

The Huskers have now scored by defense or special teams in eight of their last 19 games dating back to last season (4 of 12 in 2002). Eight members of the 2002 team have scored non-offensive TDs in their careers led by Groce's five scores, all punt returns. Groce also became the first Husker to score two non-offensive touchdowns in a game since Julius Jackson had an interception return and a fumble return for TDs against Southern Mississippi in 1999.

Huskers Strive to Improve Turnover Ratio

In addition to special teams excellence, the Husker coaching staff regularly preaches the importance of a positive turnover margin. The Huskers were a +1 in that department in each of the first three games this year, but are a combined minus-3 since. Nebraska is even in turnover margin to rank 59th in the nation.

Nebraska has a combined three-turnover disadvantage in its five losses, but is a plus-five in the past two games. The Huskers recovered three Kansas State fumbles and did not turn the ball over in Manhattan. The previous week the Huskers also forced three turnovers against Kansas.

In Nebraska's season opener, the Huskers returned an interception for a touchdown against Arizona State, while the offense did not commit a turnover. The ASU victory marked the first time since 1974 (Oregon) that Nebraska did not have a turnover in its season opener. That statistic is even more impressive considering the Huskers had a new starter at quarterback in Jammal Lord and three new starters on the offensive front.

Groce Anchors Husker Secondary; Stars on Husker Special Teams

In recent years, Nebraska has a history of having an experienced cornerback on one side of the field, with a newcomer manning the other corner. In 1996, true freshman Ralph Brown started opposite senior Michael Booker. Brown then served as a mentor for both Erwin Swiney and Keyuo Craver later in his career. Two seasons ago, Craver anchored one corner while DeJuan Groce learned the ropes as a starter at right cornerback. This season, was Groce's turn to handle the leadership role, as true freshman Fabian Washington mans the left cornerback spot.

Groce's play in 2002 has shown why he is an All-Big 12 and national honors candidate. He has four interceptions and seven pass breakups this fall despite teams routinely avoiding his side of the field. Groce's shut-down abilities are a key factor in Nebraska ranking 24th nationally in pass efficiency defense with a 106.55 rating.

Groce had a pair of interceptions in back-to-back wins against Troy State and Utah State early in the season. Those performances marked just the second time in school history that a Husker defender has recorded two interceptions in consecutive games (Bill Kosch, 1970).

Groce had a season-high three pass breakups at Texas A&M and now has 40 career PBU to rank third on the NU career list. He is the Huskers' single-season PBU record-holder with 17 in 2000. Groce's four interceptions this season give him eight in his career, just off the career top 10 list. Groce had a career-high 15 tackles in Nebraska's game against Texas, the most by a Husker defensive back in four seasons.

The senior is a threat to become the first Husker to ever earn All-America

honors at two positions in the same year. In addition to being among one of the nation's top corners, Groce is also an electrifying force on Husker special teams. Against Troy State, he set a school record and tied an NCAA mark with two punt return touchdowns. He added an 89-yard touchdown return against Missouri, giving him three this season, tying Johnny Rodgers' school record and moving him within one return TD of the NCAA record. Groce's punt return exploits earned him a spot on CNN.com's Midseason All-America team.

Groce averages 16.2 yards per punt return in his career and is averaging 18.6 yards on 33 returns this season to rank second in the nation. Groce moved into second place on the NU career punt return

yardage list against Missouri, and he now has 1,099 career yards. Groce's 613 punt return yards this season rank second on the NU single-season chart, just five yards from Rodgers' single-season record of 618 yards, set in his Heisman-winning season in 1972.

Kelsay Shows Form in Return to Blackshirt Defense

Senior rush end Chris Kelsay quickly exhibited his impact on the Nebraska defense with his return from an injury against Kansas State. Kelsay had missed the majority of the previous six games with a hamstring injury he suffered against McNeese State. Despite not being on the field for six weeks, Kelsay returned to action with a career-high 11 tackles, including a sack against the Wildcats.

Before his injury Kelsay had shown why he was a preseason All-Big 12 pick by the league's media. In addition to his first-team all-league notice by the conference media, Kelsay was a first-team All-Big 12 pick by *The Sporting News*, which listed him as the nation's No. 5 defensive end. Kelsay, a senior from Auburn, Neb., was also on preseason watch lists for the Rotary Lombardi Award and the Bronko Nagurski Award.

The 6-5, 260-pound Kelsay is the anchor of the Husker defensive front. Despite missing most of six games, Kelsay still ranks second on the team with 10 tackles for losses totaling 48 yards. He is the team leader in sacks with 5.5 for 40 yards and has a team-high 15 quarterback hurries. Kelsay tallied four QB hurries against both Utah State and Penn State. Kelsay recorded 1.5 sacks for 17 yards and four quarterback hurries against Arizona State and added his second career two-sack game against Utah State. Kelsay has also batted down three opposing passes, all while NU's opponents regularly double-teamed the senior captain.

Kelsay saw very limited action against McNeese State leaving in the first quarter with a strained right hamstring. Despite missing the subsequent five games, Kelsay still had an impact in the games with his presence from the sideline. Several of his teammates credited Kelsay with encouraging the defensive troops from the sideline throughout the Blackshirts' top performance of 2002 vs. Missouri. In addition, Kelsay was instrumental in a defensive players' meeting where the defense set goals for the game. The goals set included 13 or fewer points, less than 100 yards rushing allowed and fewer than 250 total yards by the Tigers. NU met all of those goals.

Kelsay now has 11.5 sacks and 30 tackles for loss in his Husker career, just two TFL from the top 10 on the Nebraska career list. Kelsay recorded 52 total tackles as a junior, including a team-best 17 tackles for losses totaling 58 yards and five sacks. He has 28 overall tackles this season and 125 stops in his career.

NU Career Pass Breakups

Rank, #	Player, Position, Years	PBU
1.	Ralph Brown, RCB, 96-99	50
2.	Keyuo Craver, LCB, 98-01	41
3.	DeJuan Groce, RCB, 99-01	40
4.	Erwin Swiney, RCB, 97-01	38

NU Career Punt Return Yards

1.	1,515 Johnny Rodgers, WB, 1970-72 (98 ret.)
2.	1,099 D. Groce, CB, 1999-02 (68 ret.)
3.	829 Bobby Newcombe, WB, 1997-00 (48 ret.)
4.	817 Tyrone Hughes, WB, 1989-92 (65 ret.)
5.	788 Larry Wachholtz, S, 1964-66 (62 ret.)

NU Season Punt Return Yards

1.	618 Johnny Rodgers, WB, 1972 (39 ret.)
2.	613 D. Groce, CB, 2002 (33 ret.)
3.	548 Johnny Rodgers, WB, 1971 (33 ret.)
4.	469 D. Groce, CB, 2001 (33 ret.)
5.	452 Larry Wachholtz, S, 1965 (31 ret.)

Division I-A Records in the 1990s

1. Florida State 109-13-1 890
2. **Nebraska 108-16-1 868**
3. Florida 102-22-1 820

Records In Previous Three Decades

(1970-1999)

1. **Nebraska 309-56-5 842**
2. Michigan 278-71-8 790
3. Penn State 282-76-2 786
4. Ohio State 264-84-8 753
- Alabama 271-88-3 753

Division I-A Consecutive Winning Seasons

Current -- 15 or More

<u>Rank</u>	<u>Team</u>	<u>Winning Seasons</u>	<u>9-Win Seasons</u>
1.	Nebraska	40	33
2.	Florida State	25	0
3.	Florida	21	11

All-Time Div. I Consec. Winning Seasons

1. Notre Dame 1889-1932 42
2. **Nebraska 1962-pres. 40**
3. Alabama 1911-1950 38

Note: Penn State had 49 consecutive non-losing seasons from 1938 to 1987.

Husker 2002 Honors

DeJuan Groce, Sr., CB

CNN.com Midseason All-American (PR)
 Big 12 Special Teams POW vs. Troy State
The Sporting News National POW vs. Troy St.
 Big 12 Defensive POW vs. Utah State
 Big 12 Special Teams POW vs. Missouri
 Jim Thorpe Award Watch List
 Preseason First-Team All-Big 12 (Athlon)
 Preseason Second-Team All-Big 12 (Lindy's)

Chris Kelsay, Sr., RE

Verizon/CoSIDA Academic All-District VII
 NFF/HOF Post-Graduate Scholarship (\$18,000)
 Rotary Lombardi Award Watch List
 Bronko Nagurski Watch List
 Preseason First-Team All-Big 12
 (The Sporting News, Big 12 Media)

Dahrran Diedrick, Sr., IB

Doak Walker Award Watch List
 Preseason Second-Team All-American (Athlon)
 Preseason First-Team All-Big 12 (Lindy's, Athlon, Football News, Big 12 Media)

John Garrison, Sr., C

Outland Trophy Watch List
 Rimington Award Watch List
 Preseason First-Team All-Big 12 (Athlon)

Kyle Larson, Jr., P

Preseason First-Team All-Big 12 (Football News)
 Ray Guy Award Semifinalist (1 of 10)

Scott Shanle, Sr., LB

Butkus Award Watch List

Barrett Ruud, So., LB

Butkus Award Watch List

Josh Brown, Sr., PK

Big 12 Special Teams POW vs. Arizona State

Pat Ricketts, Jr., CB

Verizon/CoSIDA Academic All-District VII
 Big 12 Defensive POW vs. Arizona State

Troy Hassebroek, Sr., WB

AFCA Good Works Team
 2002 UNL Homecoming King

Judd Davies, Jr., FB

Verizon/CoSIDA Academic All-District VII

Kyle Ringenberg, Sr., TE

Verizon/CoSIDA Academic All-District VII

Thomas Among Nebraska's Career Receiving Leaders

Senior split end Wilson Thomas leads Nebraska with 27 receptions, 319 receiving yards and three touchdowns this season. The 6-6 Thomas caught two passes for 41 yards at Kansas State, including a 25-yard reception. Thomas' two catches vs. the Wildcats pushed his career total to 65, good for eighth place on the NU career receptions chart. Thomas opened the season with three catches, including a touchdown against Arizona State. He also has touchdown grabs against Utah State and Kansas, while catching a season-high five passes at Iowa State. Thomas had four catches for a season-high 59 yards at Texas A&M.

The Texas A&M game marked the 14th game in his career that Thomas has caught three or more passes, including five times in 2002. He had three or more grabs nine times last season, including six each in key victories over Oklahoma and Kansas State. He capped the 2001 regular season with a career-best 109 receiving yards against Colorado, including a career-long 78-yard reception, the longest non-scoring pass in NU school history.

With 943 career receiving yards, Thomas ranks 14th on the NU charts and is 57 yards from becoming just the 12th player in school history to reach 1,000 career receiving yards.

Thomas' 37 receptions last year were the most by any Husker since All-American Irving Fryar caught 40 balls in 1983, and the sixth-most ever by a Husker. Thomas' 616 receiving yards ranked as the fifth-best single-season total in school history and was a record for Husker split ends.

Thomas has spent his past two offseasons playing for Coach Barry Collier's Husker basketball team. Last season Thomas averaged 4.6 points and 3.8 rebounds in 16 games, including a double-double with 12 points and 11 rebounds against Missouri in Lincoln.

NU Career Reception Leaders

<u>Rank</u>	<u>Player</u>	<u>Pos.</u>	<u>Yrs.</u>	<u>Rec.</u>
1.	Johnny Rodgers, WB,		1972	143
2.	Matt Davison, SE,		1997-00	93
3.	Jeff Kinney, HB,		1969-71	82
4.	Guy Ingles, SE,		1968-70	74
5.	Tim Smith, SE,		1977-79	72
6.	Irving Fryar, WB,		1981-83	67
7.	Tom Penney, SE,		1966-68	66
8.	Todd Brown, SE,		1980-82	65
	Wilson Thomas, SE,		1999-pres.	65
10.	A. Muhammad, WB,		1991-94	61
	Jerry List, TE,		1970-72	61
	D. Richnafsky, SE,		1965-67	61

Other Huskers on Preseason Watch Lists for National Awards

Several Huskers were mentioned as preseason candidates for national awards. In addition to Groce (Thorpe), Kelsay (Lombardi) and Diedrick (Doak Walker), Husker linebackers Scott Shanle and Barrett Ruud were two of the 67 preseason candidates for the Butkus Award.

Shanle is fourth on the team with 65 tackles, including a season-high 10 stops against McNeese State. He also returned a blocked punt for a touchdown against Arizona State. A sophomore, Ruud leads the team in tackles with 72 and has a team-high 11 tackles for loss, despite being plagued by injuries throughout the season.

Senior center John Garrison was named to the preseason watch list for the Outland Trophy and the Rimington Award, given annually to the nation's top center. The award is named in honor of former Husker Dave Rimington, a two-time Outland Trophy winner. Garrison is the leader of an offensive line that has helped NU to a Big 12-leading 273.4 rushing yards per game.

Junior punter Kyle Larson continues to prove he is one of the nation's best, averaging 43.3 yards on 60 punts this season to rank 10th nationally in punting average. Larson boomed four punts for a 57.3-yard average vs. Utah State, just off the single-game school record. Larson is one of 10 semifinalists for the Ray Guy Award.

True Freshmen Making Big Impact for 2002 Huskers

Five true freshmen have seen action for Nebraska in 2002 and all have made a significant impact. Split end Ross Pilkington is in his first season as a Husker after two seasons of minor league baseball, while I-back David Horne, split end Mark LeFlore, tight end Matt Herian and cornerback Fabian Washington are all less than a year removed from high school.

The freshmen have proven to be difference-makers throughout the season, with their biggest impact in recent weeks. Nebraska had 369 yards of total offense at Oklahoma State, 204 (55 percent) of which were accounted for by true freshmen. The Texas A&M game was similar as the frosh accounted for 185 yards of total offense, with Horne rushing for 128 yards and Pilkington grabbing two passes for 52 yards. Washington added three pass breakups and seven tackles in the victory. Against Texas, NU freshmen combined for five of the Huskers' seven pass receptions.

The true freshmen wasted no time this season making their presence known. In fact, three of the five scored touchdowns on the first touch of their Husker careers. In the season opener, Washington intercepted an Arizona State pass and returned it 29 yards for a touchdown. Two games later against Utah State, Herian turned his first career reception into a 33-yard TD. He has since added three pass receptions, a 44-yarder at

Tremendous True Freshmen

TE Matt Herian

Four receptions for 165 yards (41.2 ypc)
 Two TD, including 60-yarder vs. Texas

IB David Horne

579 yards rushing in seven games (82.7 ypg)
 Three 100-yard rushing games

SE Mark LeFlore

Four carries for 80 yards on reverse plays
 64-yard touchdown run vs. McNeese State

SE Ross Pilkington

Second on team in receiving yards (277)
 90-yard TD reception at Iowa State

LCB Fabian Washington

Starter at left cornerback
 Four INT and team-high 11 PBU

Oklahoma State, a 60-yard TD catch vs. Texas and a 28-yard reception at Kansas State. He averages 41.2 yards on his four catches.

LeFlore got into the act against McNeese State, taking his first career carry on a reverse 64 yards for a touchdown to give NU a 31-7 fourth-quarter advantage. Horne has scored seven touchdowns and Pilkington scored on a 90-yard TD at Iowa State, the Huskers' longest pass play in 37 years.

Washington and Pilkington were the only two members of the group to play in the season opener. The 6-0, 175-pound Washington took over starting duties at left corner against McNeese State and has a nose for the football. Washington has four interceptions this season and has also recovered and forced a fumble, while breaking up a team-high 11 passes, one off the NU freshman record.

Pilkington ranks second on the team in receptions (13) and receiving yards (277), good for a 21.3-yard per catch average. He had a streak of eight straight games with a catch end against Kansas, but his 13 receptions have established a new NU freshman record. His 277 receiving yards leave him just five yards away from Johnny Mitchell's 1990 frosh receiving yardage record of 282 yards. Pilkington originally committed to the Huskers in February of 2000, but played two seasons of minor league baseball in the Colorado Rockies' organization before coming to Lincoln.

Three Huskers saw action as true freshmen in 2001—Mike 'backer Barrett Ruud, rover Philip Bland and receiver Mike Stuntz. Bland became the first true freshman to start since 1997 (Erwin Swiney and Joe Walker). Stuntz has moved back to quarterback after playing split end last year. He was the first skill-position player (QB, RB or WR) under Solich to bypass a redshirt season and this year has been joined by Pilkington, LeFlore and Horne.

Huskers Pull Off Historic Comeback at Texas A&M

The Huskers showed their resilience in picking up a 38-31 victory at Texas A&M on Oct. 26, just the Aggies' 11th home loss in the past 14 years. In the game, Nebraska rallied from a 31-14 third-quarter deficit to upend the Aggies. The rally tied the top come-from-behind effort in school history and was Nebraska's best under Head Coach Frank Solich.

A few notes on Nebraska's comeback victory at Texas A&M.

- ▶ The previous largest deficit Nebraska had overcome to win under Frank Solich was 10 points against Missouri on Oct. 24, 1998, in Lincoln. NU trailed 13-3 in the second quarter, but rallied for a 20-13 win.

- ▶ The Huskers' rally from 17 points behind tied the largest comeback in school history. NU trailed 17-0 in the first quarter of its 1991 game at Kansas, but rallied to win 59-23.

- ▶ Nebraska's previous victory when trailing after three quarters was on Nov. 27, 1998, when the Huskers trailed Colorado 14-13 after three quarters, but pulled out a 16-14 victory.

- ▶ Before the A&M game, NU had not won a game when trailing at any point in the fourth quarter since a 34-32 victory over Colorado on Nov. 24, 2000. CU led 32-31 late in the game, but NU's Josh Brown hit a game-winning field goal on the last play of the contest.

- ▶ Nebraska trailed 31-21 entering the fourth quarter at Texas A&M. The last time Nebraska rallied from a bigger deficit entering the fourth quarter was on Oct. 22, 1966, at Colorado. The Huskers trailed 19-7 entering the fourth quarter, but rallied for a 21-19 victory. Nebraska rallied from 10-point deficits entering the fourth quarter twice for bowl victories under Tom Osborne. NU trailed Florida 10-0 entering the fourth in the 1974 Sugar Bowl and won 13-10 and was behind North Carolina 17-7 heading into the fourth quarter of the 1977 Liberty Bowl, but escaped with a 21-17 victory.

Three Seniors Serving as 2002 Team Captains

Three seniors were elected team captains by their teammates before the start of the season—center John Garrison, rush end Chris Kelsay and cornerback DeJuan Groce.

Kelsay is the second member of his family to serve as a Nebraska football captain, joining his brother, Chad, a captain on Solich's first team in 1998. The Kelsays are the fifth brother combination in school history to serve as team captains, joining Mike (1983) and Andy Keeler (1988), Erik (1991) and Zach Wiegert (1994), Christian (1995) and Jason Peter (1997)

and Grant (1997) and Tracey Wistrom (2001). The 2002 campaign marks the first season Nebraska has had only three captains since the 1987 campaign. The Huskers had five captains a year ago and six in 2000.

Poll Position

Nebraska fell out of the top 25 in both polls after the loss at Iowa State, ending a streak of 348 straight weeks in the Associated Press Poll. Nebraska had been ranked in every AP weekly poll since October of 1981.

Nebraska will face its fourth ranked foe of the season in Colorado (13th AP/15th Coaches). The Buffs are one of four Big 12 teams ranked this week, joining Oklahoma (3 AP/4 Coaches), Kansas State (8/8) and Texas (10/10). Iowa State was ranked when Nebraska met the Cyclones in September and non-conference foe Penn State is 11th in this week's AP poll.

Nebraska opened the 2002 season ranked in the Associated Press preseason top 25 for the 33rd consecutive season. The Huskers were ranked No. 10 in this year's AP preseason listing, the 10th consecutive season Nebraska has opened in the Top 10. The Huskers were ranked eighth in the ESPN/USA Today Coaches preseason poll.

Nebraska's AP preseason ranking was its lowest since opening at No. 11 in 1992, but marked the fifth straight season under Solich that NU was in the preseason top 10. Under Solich, NU's loftiest preseason ranking came in 2000, when the Huskers were listed first in both AP and coaches polls.

Nebraska Personnel/Injury Update

Senior rush end Chris Kelsay returned to action in Nebraska's loss at Kansas State. The 2002 captain had missed the Huskers' previous five games with a hamstring injury, suffered in the first quarter against McNeese State.

Kelsay's injury was one of a series of injuries to hit the Nebraska defense in 2002. In the preseason, senior nose tackle Jason Lohr was lost for the year

with a torn left ACL. In game one vs. Arizona State, redshirt freshman defensive tackle Jared Helming also tore the ACL in his left knee and was lost for the season. In addition, redshirt freshman Seppo Ewvaraye is out for the season with an injury to his right shoulder, while freshman DT Brandon Greeson, who is redshirting this fall, underwent shoulder surgery midway through the season. Sophomore Mike linebacker Chad Sievers suffered an injury to his left knee against Kansas on Nov. 9 and recently underwent season-ending surgery. Tight end Jon Bowling injured his right knee against Kansas State and will have season-ending surgery.

35 Former Huskers on NFL Opening-Day Rosters

Nebraska remains among the nation's leaders in supplying talent to the National Football League. In fact, the Huskers had a Big 12-best 45 players in 2002 NFL training camps and 35 of those players currently find themselves on 2002 rosters. Nebraska had 30 players on active 2002 opening day rosters to rank eighth nationally and tops among Big 12 schools.

Among Nebraska's notable

Huskers in the NFL

Nebraska had 35 players on NFL opening day rosters. The Huskers had a conference-best 45 players on NFL training camp rosters in 2002. Below is a current list of 35 former Huskers on NFL rosters, including players on injured reserve and practice squads.

Dan Alexander, RB, Jacksonville
 Kris Brown, KS, Houston
 Mike Brown, FS, Chicago
 Ralph Brown, DB, N.Y. Giants
 Correll Buckhalter, RB, Philadelphia (IR)
 Keyuo Craver, CB, New Orleans
 Chris Dishman, OG, Arizona
 Clint Finley, S, Kansas City (practice)
 Tonia Fonoti, OL, San Diego
 Jay Foreman, LB, Houston
 Scott Frost, S, Green Bay (IR)
 Aaron Graham, C, Tennessee
 Ahman Green, RB, Green Bay
 Eric Johnson, DB, Oakland
 Bill Lafleur, P, San Diego (practice)
 Joel Makovicka, RB, Arizona
 Mike Minter, FS, Carolina
 John Parrella, DE, Oakland
 Christian Peter, DT, Chicago
 Carlos Polk, LB, San Diego
 Dominic Raiola, C, Detroit
 Mike Rucker, DE, Carolina
 Cory Schlesinger, FB, Detroit
 Will Shields, OG, Kansas City
 Jeremy Sleight, DT, Philadelphia
 Brenden Stai, OG, Washington
 Erwin Swiney, CB, Green Bay (practice)
 Jared Tomich, DT, Green Bay
 Adam Treu, OT, Oakland
 Kyle Vanden Bosch, DE, Arizona
 Eric Warfield, CB, Kansas City
 Steve Warren, DT, Green Bay
 Zach Wiegert, OG, Jacksonville (IR)
 Tyrone Williams, CB, Green Bay
 Grant Wistrom, DE, St. Louis

Records Report

Category	Record
All-time	771-306-40
Home	462-123-20
Memorial Stadium	337-100-13
Since 1962	405-83-5
Away	309-183-20
Road (on campus)	272-146-17
Neutral Sites (includes bowls)	37-36-3
When Scoring 35+ Points	305-2
vs. Big 12 Teams	439-147-16
In Big 12 Action (since '96)	44-11
Home	25-2
Away	18-9
Neutral	1-0
Bowls	20-20
On ABC	72-30
On FieldTurf	26-2
At Night	52-17-3
vs. Ranked Teams...	
All-Time	89-95-3
Home	41-31-0
Away	28-49-3
Neutral	20-15-0
as No. 1 Team	46-7-1
In 254 Consecutive Sellout Streak...	
All-Time	227-27
vs. Ranked Teams	37-19
Under Head Coach Frank Solich...	
All-Time	49-14
Home	32-2
Away	13-10
Neutral	4-2
Bowls	2-2
vs. AP Ranked Teams	10-11
Home	6-1
Away	1-8
Neutral	3-2
vs. AP Top 10 Teams	4-5
Home	3-1
Away	0-2
Neutral	1-2
vs. Unranked Teams	39-3
Home	26-1
Away	13-2
vs. Big 12 Teams	29-11
Home	17-2
Away	10-9
Neutral	2-0
Big 12 Championship Game	1-0
At Night	16-5
August	4-0
September	16-2
October	16-5
November	10-5
December	2-1
January	1-1

NU Streaks...The Huskers have...

- ▶ won 96 straight when rushing for 400 yards
- ▶ won 103 consecutive games when holding the opponent to 10 or fewer points (211-5-1 all-time)
- ▶ scored in 87 consecutive games
- ▶ scored in 220 straight home games
- ▶ shut out opponents 100 times

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
<u>Frank Solich</u>	<u>49-14-0</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>0</u>
Since 1962	405-83-5	41	5
<u>1890-1962</u>	<u>366-223-35</u>	<u>72</u>	<u>0</u>
All-Time	771-306-40	113	5

alumni on NFL rosters are 10-year veteran offensive guard Will Shields of the Kansas City Chiefs, who has appeared in seven consecutive Pro Bowls. Green Bay's Ahman Green finished fourth in the NFL in rushing last season with 1,387 yards, while St. Louis DE Grant Wistrom has been a key component in a Ram defense that has helped the team to the Super Bowl in two of the last three years.

Since 1994, NU has had 53 players selected in the NFL Draft, the third-most of any school in the nation and tops among Big 12 Conference schools.

Husker Team and Individual Notes...

NU Continues 113th Season with Streaks in Place

Nebraska's streak of being ranked in the Associated Press poll ended at 348 weeks after Nebraska's loss at Iowa State. Despite the end to that streak, Nebraska continues its 113th season of intercollegiate football with several streaks in place, including an unprecedented 33 consecutive nine-win seasons.

▶ **NCAA-record 255 consecutive sellouts in Memorial Stadium**—Nebraska's game with Colorado will be the 255th straight sellout at Memorial Stadium. "Nebraska football fans are the best football fans in the world," said famed broadcaster Keith Jackson. Since the North and South end zones were built in 1964, Husker fans started a tradition of saluting the opposing team as it leaves the stadium with a standing ovation—regardless of the game's outcome. Among Big 12 Conference schools, Oklahoma has the next longest string of consecutive sellouts with 24, 231 fewer than Nebraska.

▶ **40 consecutive winning seasons**—Nebraska holds the current NCAA record and ranks second all time behind Notre Dame's 42 consecutive winning seasons from 1889 to 1932. The streak began in 1962, the first year under Coach Bob Devaney, who was lured to Nebraska from Wyoming by Director of Athletics Tippy Dye. A win over Colorado would ensure Nebraska's 41st straight winning campaign.

▶ **33 consecutive nine-win seasons**—Even more incredible than 40 consecutive winning seasons is Nebraska's NCAA record for consecutive nine-win seasons. Although some called for his resignation after a pair of 6-4 seasons in 1967 and 1968, Devaney stayed and redesigned the offense to an I-formation with an unbalanced line at the suggestion of then-assistant coach Tom Osborne. The Huskers won nine games in 1969 and have won at least that many in every year since. Nebraska has an opportunity to extend the streak to 34 seasons with a win over Colorado and a bowl victory.

▶ **40 bowl appearances**—Biff Jones accepted the Huskers' first bowl bid following the 1940 season, agreeing to play in the 1941 Rose Bowl. The celebration in Lincoln lasted 24 hours and classes were canceled. While Nebraska lost to Stanford, 21-13, Nebraska has now appeared in 40 bowl games and is tied for fourth among all NCAA Division I-A schools behind Alabama's 51. Devaney used to joke that he lived in Lincoln several years before he found out Nebraska lost that first bowl game—a true testament to the support Nebraska football receives in Lincoln.

▶ **33 consecutive bowl bids**—NU's streak of 33 consecutive bowl appearances is an NCAA record and dates back to 1969 when Devaney's eighth team defeated Georgia 45-6 in the Sun Bowl. Michigan is the only other school with an active streak of 20 or more straight bowl appearances with 27. Nebraska became bowl-eligible in 2002 with its win over Kansas.

▶ **33 consecutive years ranked in AP top 25**—Since the 1969 season, Nebraska has been ranked each season among the top 25 in the final AP poll. NU has also been ranked in the top 25 in every AP preseason poll since 1970.

▶ **109-17 record since 1993**—In the last nine years, Nebraska has lost just 17 games and has lost more than two games in a season just twice (1998, 2002). In that span, the Huskers went undefeated three times, winning national championships in 1994, 1995 and 1997. Nebraska also played for the national title in 1993 and 2001.

Unprecedented Winning Tradition

Nebraska, the nation's third-winningest program all time (fourth by percentage), boasts a 771-306-40 record in 1,117 games (.708). In the last 34 years, NU is tops, posting a record of 337-65-5 for an .834 winning percentage (407 games), an average of more than 10 wins per year. In terms of victories, the Huskers are third in NCAA Division I-A history with 771.

NU has won 10-or-more games 22 times in the Devaney/Osborne/Solich eras (since 1962), went undefeated and untied through the regular season seven times, played in 13 national title games (for at least one of the teams) and won the championship five times. Since the first Nebraska season in 1890, Husker teams have won 11 or more games 12 times, including seven of the last nine years. NU has won 12 or more games seven times, and 13 games three times (1971, 1994 and 1997).

No one can match Nebraska's current 40-year winning season streak, or its 33-year nine-win streak, and by the same token, no other school has averaged nearly 10 wins per season over the last 34 years. Nebraska's 40 years of consecutive winning records rank second all time behind Notre Dame's 42 (1889-32) and third in terms of non-losing seasons, behind Penn State's 49 (1939-87) and Notre Dame's 42 (1889-1932) and tied with Texas' 40 (1893-32). Nebraska (702), Michigan (705), Alabama (728) and Notre Dame (736) were the only four programs to have won 700 games in the last century. Nebraska became the first Division I team to win 100 or more games in back-to-back decades, ranking first in the 1980s (103-20-0, .837) and second in the 1990s (108-16-1 record, .890) and posted a nation's best 309-56-5 record in the 1970s, 1980s and 1990s.

Huskers Win Three National Titles in Four Years

In 1993, the Huskers went 11-1 losing only to Florida State, 18-16, in the Orange Bowl for the national championship. That loss began a run of wins, records and crystal collections. Nebraska followed 1993 with three perfect seasons in four years, winning national titles in 1994 (13-0), 1995 (12-0) and 1997 (13-0). No other team won three titles in the 1990s. Nebraska posted incredible numbers from 1993 on, consider...

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

- ▶ Posted a 109-17 record
- ▶ Played in five national title games (1993, 1994, 1995, 1997, 2001)
- ▶ Won three national titles (1994, 1995, 1997) in four years
- ▶ Won five conference crowns (three Big Eight, two Big 12)
- ▶ Posted a 65-10 conference record (.867)
- ▶ Won 63 of 65 home games
- ▶ Gone 28-13 vs. Associated Press Top 25 teams (14-6 vs. top 10)

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

Nebraska recorded its 100th win of the 1990s with a 40-10 win over Missouri in Columbia on Sept. 25, 1999, and finished with a 108-16-1 mark in the decade (.868, second behind Florida State). 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 1980s. The only other team to post 100-plus wins in the 1980s was Brigham Young with 102 wins and 26 losses. Oklahoma (102-13-3) and Alabama (103-16-1) posted 100-plus wins in the 1970s, while Nebraska came close to achieving the mark in three consecutive decades, as NU won 98 games in the 1970s. Florida State finished the 1990s with a 109-13-1 record (.890, first), but had just 87 wins in the 1980s.

By decade, the Huskers were 75-30-1 in the 1960s (.712); 98-20-4 in the 1970s (.820, fifth nationally), 103-20-0 in the 1980s (.837, first), 108-16-1 in the 1990s (second) and are 28-9 in this decade. Nebraska's 1990s record was aided by an unprecedented 60-3 five-year run from 1993 to 1997. Nebraska owns the best record over the past three-plus decades with a 337-65-5 record, including an NCAA-best 309-56-5 record (.842) from 1960 to 1999. The Huskers have not lost more than 20 games in any of the last three decades.

Devaney Established Tradition

Retiring as the winningest active coach in the nation, Tom Osborne took over a program firmly entrenched in solid ground in 1973, when Hall of Fame Coach Bob Devaney named Osborne as his successor. Devaney posted a 101-20-2 record in his 11 years at Nebraska, won two national championships (1970 and 1971) and was the winningest active coach in the nation upon his retirement in 1972 with a 136-30-7 career record (.806) including a 35-10-5 record at the University of Wyoming.

Osborne followed suit and was selected to the National Football Foundation College Hall of Fame shortly after he announced his retirement (inducted on Dec. 8, 1998). Osborne retired as the nation's winningest active coach, posting a 255-49-3 record (.836). Among all divisions of coaches with career winning percentages of .800 or better over a span of at least 10 years, Osborne is the fifth-winningest coach in Division I-A history, while the late Devaney is not far behind at No. 11.

Devaney and Osborne were the third Division I coaching duo to post back-to-back 100-win careers at the same institution (following Penn State's Rip Engle and Joe Paterno and Georgia Tech's John Heisman, Bill Alexander and Bobby Dodd), but were the first pair to do so in an unbelievable 21 years. Devaney and Osborne had a combined 356-69-5 record for an incredible .834 winning percentage (36 years, 430 games).

Frank Solich went 9-4 in his inaugural season, matching the wins of Devaney and Osborne in their first years and posted a school-record 12-1 second-year record (winning the Big 12 championship), a 10-2 record his third season, was 11-2 last year, playing in the national championship game, and is 7-5 in 2002, for a 49-14 five-year record. Devaney went 10-1 his second year (1963) winning his first Big Eight championship, while Osborne first won 10 games his third year when he also won a share of his first Big Eight title (1975).

NU in Big 12 Conference Action

Nebraska is 439-147-16 all time vs. Big 12 Conference teams. Since the Big 12 was formed in 1996, Nebraska is 44-11 in the league (25-2 at home). Nebraska is 28-11 in the Big 12 under Coach Solich. Nebraska's loss to Texas ended a streak of 14 straight home conference victories. It was NU's first home loss since Texas defeated the Huskers on Oct. 31, 1998, which ended NU's school-record 47-game home winning streak.

NU Leads Conference in Crowns

Nebraska is the only team to capture two Big 12 titles in the first six years of the championship game, winning titles in 1997 and 1999. Nebraska also appeared in the league title game in 1996.

The Huskers lost to Texas, 37-27, in the inaugural championship in St. Louis in 1996, defeated Texas A&M

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

in 1997 in San Antonio, 54-15, and defeated Texas in San Antonio in 1999, 22-6. The Nebraska vs. Texas matchup in the 1999 Big 12 Championship Game marked the first time the game featured two teams that played each other in the regular season. In the last nine years, Nebraska has won five conference crowns (three Big Eight, two Big 12). Nebraska has won 43 football conference championships overall, including eight under Coach Bob Devaney, 13 under Coach Tom Osborne and one under Coach Solich.

Memorial Stadium Dominance

Nebraska's nation-best 26-game home winning streak ended with a Nov. 2 loss to Texas. Nebraska is 6-1 at home this season and has won at least six home games for each of the past 16 seasons. Nebraska is 95-4 at home the last 14 years, losing to two teams that went on to win a share of the national championship (Colorado in 1990 and Washington in 1991), and to Texas in 1998 and 2002. The Texas losses are Nebraska's lone home setbacks since 1991, with the

Nebraska's Longest Home Win Streaks		
Wins	Dates	Ended By
47	10-19-91 to 10-31-98	Texas (20-16)
33	9-28-01 to 10-20-06	Iowa St. (14-2)
26	11-27-98 to 11-2-02	Texas (27-24)
23	9-27-69 to 11-23-72	Okla. (17-14)
21	10-3-81 to 11-17-84	Okla. (17-7)

Huskers having won 73 of their past 75 home games.

Head Coach Frank Solich is aware of the special edge the Huskers have in Lincoln. *"I think every team that plays at home has a home-field advantage, but we have a special one here. That is due to the fans and how they react."*

Opposing coaches have also taken notice of the great fan base at Nebraska. *"That is the loudest situation we've been in since I've been at Texas. It is a special place. The Nebraska fans should be a role model for everybody."*—Texas Coach Mack Brown following Nov. 2 game at Nebraska

The Huskers are 462-123-20 (.780, 605 games, 113 years) in Lincoln, 337-100-13 (.763, 450 games, 80 years) in Memorial Stadium (since 1923) and 32-2 at home under Coach Solich. Nebraska has not lost more than one home game in a season since a 5-2 home record in 1980. Since then, the Huskers are 139-11 at Memorial Stadium, with eight of those losses coming against teams that finished in the top six in the final AP poll (Texas is No. 11 in this week's poll). Included in that stretch are four 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, and the 26-game string that ended with the 27-24 loss to Texas on Nov. 2.

Since 1986 (16 years), NU is 106-6 in Lincoln, with losses to Colorado, Washington, Oklahoma (twice) and Texas (twice). Five of those teams posted a combined mark of 53-6-1 in their respective seasons, while Texas is 9-2 this fall.

Nebraska has not been shut out at home since a 12-0 loss to Kansas State in 1968 (220 games). NU has posted 40 unbeaten and untied home seasons, including 2001 when NU went 8-0. Against Texas on Nov. 2, the Huskers set a new attendance record in Memorial Stadium with 78,268 fans.

Team Snippets...

► **FieldTurf...**Nebraska is 26-2 on FieldTurf (including 0-1 at KSU), the artificial grass surface installed in NU's Memorial Stadium before the 1999 season. FieldTurf emulates the look and feel of blades of grass by blending polyethylene and polypropylene, which specially treats the surface to be soft, smooth and strong. The 2.50-inch blades are resistant to extremes in temperature and have an ultraviolet protectant to help resist fading. Memorial Stadium was filled with 200,000 pounds of ground rubber, recycled from Nebraska tires, and silica sand, before the turf was installed. NU was the first Division I school to install the surface, which has also been installed at other professional facilities and Division I schools. Memorial Stadium featured a grass playing field from its opening in 1923 through the 1969 season. Astro-Turf was first installed in 1970 and replaced in 1977. Artificial All-Pro Turf was installed in 1984 and replaced with Astroturf-8 in 1992 before the FieldTurf was installed in July of 1999.

► **Positively Speaking on Turnovers...**In the last 28 years, NU has had just one season with a negative turnover margin (minus five in 1984). Under Solich, NU has a cumulative turnover margin of plus-14.

► **When Nebraska Trails...**Nebraska has trailed in seven games in 2002, rallying to defeat Missouri after trailing 13-7 and Texas A&M after falling behind 31-14. NU failed to recover from deficits at Penn State, Iowa State, Oklahoma State and K-State and vs. Texas. The Huskers trailed in seven games in 2001, but rallied to win the first five before losing at Colorado and against Miami. The Texas A&M game was the first time in 2002, NU had trailed at the half and won (previously against Kansas State in 2001, erasing a 14-13 halftime deficit). The last time Nebraska led at the half and lost was a 24-21 setback at Oklahoma State after NU led 7-3 at halftime. The Texas A&M contest also marked the first time in two seasons NU had trailed in the fourth quarter and won (previously against Colorado on Nov. 24, 2000, where the Huskers marched 44 yards in 47 seconds to set up Josh Brown's 29-yard field goal as time expired). The CU win marked the first time since statistics have been kept (since 1946) that the Huskers won on the last play of regulation. The 17-point deficit Nebraska rallied from at Texas A&M was the largest NU has overcome under Coach Solich, (previous was 10 points vs. Missouri in 1998, when NU trailed 13-3 in the second quarter, but rallied for a 20-13 victory. The biggest halftime rally under Solich was when Nebraska was down 9-0 at Kansas in 1999, before winning 24-17.

► **After a Loss...**Nebraska has lost back-to-back games just 12 times since 1962. Nebraska's consecutive losses at Penn State and Iowa State marked the first time since 1976 that NU had lost back-to-back regular-season games. Nebraska ended the 2001 season losing its last two games, at Colorado and to Miami, but has not lost three straight games since the 1961 season. Of the 12 back-to-back losses in the past 40 years, eight were losses to end the regular season followed by a loss in the bowl games.

► **In Overtime...**The Huskers are 3-0 in overtime games, defeating Missouri, 45-38, in Columbia in 1997; Colorado, 33-30, in Boulder in 1999; and Notre Dame in South Bend, 27-24, in 2000. In 1997, Missouri won the coin toss and Nebraska scored in three plays on a 12-yard Scott Frost run, then held the Tigers. Against CU, Nebraska won the coin toss, held the Buffs to a field goal, then scored five plays later on a one-yard Eric Crouch run. Against Notre Dame, NU won the toss, chose defense, held the Irish to a field goal, then scored five plays later on a Crouch seven-yard run. All three of NU's overtime wins were on the road and were won by rushing touchdowns (two by Crouch).

NCAA Record 254 Consecutive Sellouts

Nebraska's Memorial Stadium boasts an NCAA-record 255 consecutive sellouts dating back to Hall of Fame Coach Bob Devaney's first year in 1962 (vs. Missouri on Nov. 3). Notre Dame is second in all-time consecutive sellouts with 167, 88 fewer than Nebraska.

NU is 227-27 during the 254 sellouts (50-9 under Devaney, 145-16 under Osborne, 32-2 under Solich). The mark includes a 37-19 record against ranked teams. NU is 5-0 in the four milestone sellouts during that period (50th, 100th, 150th, 200th and 250th sellouts), including a 24-7 win over No. 2 Colorado on Oct. 29, 1994 (No. 200) and a 44-13 victory over Utah State on Sept. 7 (No. 250). Nebraska's Nov. 29 home game with Colorado is sold out, which will give the Huskers 255 consecutive sellouts at the end of the 2002 season.

Sellout #	Date	Opp.	Result
1	11-3-62	Missouri	L, 16-7
50	10-2-71	Utah St.	W, 42-6
100	9-29-79	Penn St.	W, 42-17
150	9-12-87	UCLA	W, 42-33
200	10-29-94	Colorado	W, 24-7
250	9-7-02	Utah St.	W, 44-13

Huskers Own 15 NCAA Rushing Titles

The Nebraska running game was not its usual self early in the season, but has gotten untracked in recent weeks. Despite being held in check at Kansas State (97 yards) Nebraska has averaged 311.1 yards the past seven games, including a season-high 444 yards vs. McNeese State. The Huskers average 273.4 yards per game to lead the Big 12 Conference and rank third nationally, being only Air Force and West Virginia. Over the years, the Huskers have rolled up unparalleled rushing numbers in college football.

The Huskers have led the nation in rushing 15 times in school history, including 2001. The Huskers averaged 314.7 yards a year ago, 33 yards per game more than runner-up Rice's total of 281.5. The Huskers have won the rushing title seven times in the last 10 years and 13 of the last 22 titles. Since 1978, Nebraska has ranked in the top six in rushing average every year and has averaged 300 or more yards rushing per game in all but four of the last 25 years (1993, 1996, 1998 and 1999).

More Husker Rushing Numbers

NU is 192-7-0 in the last 30 years when rushing for 300 or more yards in a game (most recently 352 vs. Kansas) and had won 110 straight when rushing for 300-plus yards before the loss at Colorado last season, when the Huskers rushed for 354 yards. This season, Nebraska lost to Texas 27-24 despite rushing for 320 yards. Nebraska is 96-0 since 1973 when rushing for 400 or more yards, most recently rushing for 444 yards against McNeese State.

NU has had 374, 100-yard rushing performances all time (61 under Coach Solich, most recently David Horne, 122 and Dahrran Diedrick, 107 vs. Kansas) including 58 games in which two or more Huskers rushed for 100 yards (most recently vs. Kansas). Before having four rushers top the century mark against Baylor on Oct. 13, 2001, NU had three rushers top the 100-yard mark in a game twice in school history, recording the feat against Kansas in 2000 (Dan Alexander, Correll Buckhalter and Crouch) and against Arizona State in 1988 (Ken Clark, Steve Taylor and Terry Rodgers). The Iowa game in 2000 marked the only time in the 56 games where there were two-or-more 100-yard rushers, and Nebraska failed to score at least one rushing touchdown. Jammal Lord's 234-yard effort vs. Texas (NU quarterback record) was NU's 32nd all-time 200-yard performance.

Nebraska is 27-2 under Solich when the team rushes for 300 or more yards; 11-0 when rushing for 400 or more and 2-0 when rushing for 500 or more. Solich is 33-9 when a Husker rushes for at least 100 yards, and 8-9 when an opponent has a 100-yard rusher (most recently 228 yards by Kansas State's Ell Roberson). Among current Huskers, Diedrick has eight 100-yard games, including seven in 2001, to lead the team. Lord has five 100-yard games this year, while true freshman David Horne has posted three 100-yard outings in the past five weeks. Fullback Judd Davies topped 100 yards last season at Baylor.

Kansas State joined Iowa State (81 yards) as 2002 opponents to limit Nebraska to less than 100 yards rushing. The Huskers have been held to less than 100 yards on the ground just three times under Frank Solich (also Oklahoma State in 1998).

Nebraska rushed for an NCAA and school-bowl-record 524 yards vs. Florida in the 1996 Fiesta Bowl on a school-bowl-record 68 attempts with a school-bowl-record six rushing touchdowns. NU also had six rushing touchdowns in the 1998 Orange Bowl vs. Tennessee.

Adding up the Points

Nebraska is averaging 28.9 points per game in 2002 to rank 10th in the Big 12. The Huskers have a long history of ranking among the nation's leaders in scoring offense and have averaged more than 35 points a game 15 times in the last 16 years. NU has topped 35 points five times in 2002 after scoring 35 or more points eight times last season.

Nebraska has averaged 30 or more points per game for 24 straight years (since 1978) and has averaged 40 or more points eight times since 1982, including four of the past seven seasons. The Huskers have ranked among the nation's top 10 in scoring average for 22 of the last 24 years (since 1978) and finished

Nebraska National Rushing Crowns

Year	Rush YPG
1963	262.6
1965	290.0
1980	378.3
1982	394.3
1983	401.7
1985	374.3
1988	382.3
1989	375.3
1991	353.2
1992	328.2
1994	340.0
1995	399.8
1997	392.6
2000	349.3
2001	314.7

first on four occasions (1982, 1983, 1994 and 1997).

Before the loss at Colorado last season, NU had won 236 consecutive games when scoring 35 or more points, and the Huskers are 303-2 all time when scoring 35 or more points, losing only to Oklahoma, 49-35, in 1950 and at Colorado, 62-36, in 2001.

The last time the Huskers were shut out was a 19-0 loss at Arizona State in 1996. Nebraska has since scored in 87 straight games. Nebraska has not been shut out at home since KSU shut out the Huskers, 12-0, on Homecoming in 1968 (220 games). Offensively, the Huskers have been shut out just five times since 1962, including once at home during that span. The Huskers have not been shut out by a conference opponent since a 27-0 loss at Oklahoma in 1973. NU was shut out by Miami in the 1992 Orange Bowl (22-0), the only time the Huskers have been shut out in a bowl game.

Nebraska was held scoreless in the first half at Kansas in 1999, marking the first time that a regular-season opponent had accomplished that feat since the Arizona State game in 1996. Miami also held the Huskers scoreless in the first half of the 2002 Rose Bowl. The Huskers have scored 30 or more points in six of their last eight bowl games, including a school and NCAA bowl-record 66 vs. Northwestern in the 2000 Alamo Bowl.

Associated Press Poll Record Halted at 348 Weeks

Nebraska's loss at Iowa State dropped the Huskers out of the Associated Press Poll, ending its AP poll record at 348 consecutive weeks (every weekly AP poll since Oct. 17, 1981 to Sept. 22, 2002).

Nebraska has now been in 522 of the last 534 AP polls since 1969 (33 consecutive years), missing one week in 1977, two weeks in 1981 and the past nine weeks. Nebraska was ranked among the top 10 in the 2002 preseason poll, which marked the 27th time in the last 30 years that NU has opened the season in the top 10. With a No. 8 final AP ranking in 2001, NU finished among the AP top 10 for the 30th time since the first poll in 1936 and for the 24th time since 1970.

Nebraska has been among the top 10 in the final AP poll eight of the last nine years (all except 1998). NU is the nation's fifth-most successful program based on AP rankings since the poll began, scoring 547 points, and NU was the only team to be ranked in every poll of the 1990s.

Nebraska's nation-leading streak of consecutive weeks in the AP top 10 ended at 54 with the loss at Penn State, but the Huskers have been ranked in the top 10 for 151 of the last 168 weeks, beginning with the 1993 preseason poll to present. Nebraska spent 96 straight weeks in the top 10 from 1993 to 1998.

Against AP Ranked Teams

Nebraska is 89-95-3 (.484, 187 games) all time vs. AP ranked opponents, not a bad percentage considering NU started with a 7-35 mark before Coach Bob Devaney arrived in 1962. Over the last nine seasons, the Huskers have gone 28-13 against ranked foes, with none of the losses at home. Nebraska has won 14 of its last 19 games against top 10 AP teams (since 1994).

The Huskers are 0-3 this season against AP ranked opponents, losing at No. 19 Iowa State 36-14, vs. No. 7 Texas 27-24 and at No. 11 Kansas State 49-13. Penn State was unranked by AP when it defeated NU, 40-7. Over the last 30 years, NU is 71-48-1 (.596, 120 games) vs. ranked teams. In the 1990s, NU was 27-10-1 (counting the Jan. 2, 2000, win over Tennessee).

Solich is 10-11 vs. ranked teams (4-5 vs. top 10 AP teams), and has lost just once at home to a ranked AP team (6-1 home, 1-8 away, 3-2 neutral). Colorado is ranked No. 13 in this week's AP poll.

NU vs. the Unranked

The Huskers have lost just 15 of 249 games to unranked AP opponents since 1973 (39-3 record under Solich). Nebraska has lost just five games to unranked opponents at home in that time. Oklahoma State's 24-21 win over Nebraska was the Huskers' second setback against an unranked foe in 2002. Although Penn State was ranked 25th according to the coaches at game time, the Nittany Lions were unranked by the Associated Press, marking NU's first loss to an unranked foe since a 20-16 defeat vs. Texas on Oct. 31, 1998. Nebraska had won 27 straight vs. unranked foes before the loss at Penn State.

Before the Oct. 19 loss in Stillwater, Iowa State's 19-10 upset of the Huskers in 1992 was the last time NU had lost a road game against a team that was not ranked in either poll. In the last 30 years, Nebraska has gone 232-15-2 against unranked AP opponents (.936, 249 games, six losses since 1990) and suffered only one loss to a team that finished the season below .500 (Iowa State in 1992). The last time NU lost in Lincoln to a team with a losing record at game time was to Kansas State (12-0) in 1968 (2-5 record at game time).

Husker Title Runs

Nebraska has played in 13 national championship bowl contests, winning back-to-back national championship titles in 1970 and 1971 and again in 1994 and 1995. In 1997, Nebraska went 13-0 and played in its fourth title game in a five-year period, winning the national title as named by the coaches poll, but not by the AP. Most recently, the Huskers played Miami for the national title in the 2002 Rose Bowl.

The Huskers' back-to-back national championships in 1994 and 1995 marked the ninth time overall (by just six Division I schools) and first time in 16 years that a team had repeated, since Alabama won back-to-back titles in 1978-79. Nebraska is only the second school to win undefeated and consensus back-to-back national titles, the first since Oklahoma accomplished that feat in 1955-56. No Division I-A school has won three consecutive national championships.

Hall of Fame Coach Bob Devaney (who passed away in May of 1997) won Nebraska's first national title in 1970 and repeated in 1971. Three teams, counting Nebraska, have repeated twice, including Oklahoma (1955-56 and 1974-75) and Alabama (1964-65 and 1978-79). Nebraska and Oklahoma are the only schools, since the coaches began picking national champions, to be unanimous repeat champions, in both polls, posting perfect, back-to-back national championship seasons. OU went 11-0 in 1955 and 10-0 in 1956. Nebraska (1994, 1995, 1997 by coaches) and Notre Dame (1946, 1947, 1949 by AP) are the only two teams to win three national titles in a four-year period.

NU Tied for Fifth in AP Titles

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

The Huskers vs. AP No. 1

In the past 12 years, the Cornhuskers have faced seven teams that finished the season ranked No. 1 and won or shared the national title—Colorado and Georgia Tech (Citrus Bowl) in 1990, Washington and Miami (Orange Bowl) in 1991, Florida State in the 1994 Orange Bowl; Oklahoma in 2000; and Miami in the 2002 Rose Bowl.

The 1996 Fiesta Bowl game between Nebraska and Florida was the 30th meeting between the No. 1 and No. 2 AP teams, including 11 bowl games. The Huskers won 62-24, and Nebraska's 38-point margin of victory over Florida was the second largest in such games. Nebraska is 3-2 in No. 1 vs. No. 2 games, and 3-1 as the No. 1 team.

NCAA-Best Streak of 33 Straight Bowls

Including the 2002 Rose Bowl against Miami, Nebraska has now participated in 33 straight bowls, a continuing NCAA record. Nebraska's 40 bowl appearances overall are tied for fourth best, trailing Alabama's 51, Tennessee's 42, Texas' 41 and tied with USC's 40.

Nebraska has participated in a "major" bowl (BCS, Jan. 1 or top four) in 19 of the past 21 years. The 1998 Holiday Bowl appearance broke a streak of 17 consecutive major bowls. NU's 33 consecutive bowls streak began with a 45-6 win over Georgia in the 1969 Sun Bowl.

Nebraska is 20-20 all time in bowl games, 6-2 over the last eight years (2-2 under Solich). The 2002 Rose Bowl marked the 15th time in 17 bowl games

NU Continues Non-League Success in 2002

Nebraska completed its 2002 non-conference schedule with a 38-14 victory over McNeese State on Oct. 5. The Huskers finished their non-conference season with a 4-1 record, marking the 21st straight season Nebraska has lost one game or fewer in non-league action. The Huskers are 18-1 in non-conference games under Head Coach Frank Solich and have not lost a non-conference game at home under his direction. In fact, Nebraska's last non-conference home loss came in 1991 at the hands of fourth-ranked Washington. Since that loss, Nebraska has reeled off 31 straight non-conference home victories.

Darlington Top 300 Wins at Nebraska

Nebraska secondary coach George Darlington has been a part of the Husker coaching staff since 1973, Tom Osborne's first season as head coach. Darlington was a part of all 255 of Osborne's victories at Nebraska and has been a part of 49 Husker victories with Frank Solich at the helm—good for a total of 304 victories as a member of the NU coaching staff. The long-time NU coach was presented the game ball and a plaque on the field by Solich at the conclusion of the Husker win over Utah State.

"You can travel all across the country and it would be hard to find another coach that has reached that accomplishment," Solich said. "That is an amazing feat that George has accomplished. He is a great coach that has recruited a number of great athletes."

Solich was on the mark regarding Darlington's accomplishment. Research indicates that Darlington is the first Division I-A assistant to be a part of 300 victories at the same school. Husker offensive line coach Milt Tenopir who joined Osborne's staff after one season is not far behind Darlington with 295 wins as a Husker assistant.

2003 Nebraska Schedule

8/30 Oklahoma State#
9/6 Utah State
9/13 Penn State
 9/20 at Southern Mississippi
9/27 San Jose State
 10/11 at Missouri#
10/18 Texas A&M#
10/25 Iowa State#
 11/1 at Texas#
 11/8 at Kansas#
11/15 Kansas State#
 11/28 at Colorado#
 12/6 Big 12 Championship @ Kansas City
 #-Big 12 Conference Game

'97 Husker Team Fills NFL Rosters

Nineteen members of Nebraska's 1997 national championship team are on NFL rosters. Seven of Nebraska's 11 defensive starters from that season are currently playing in the NFL, including starters Mike Rucker (Carolina), Grant Wistrom (St. Louis), Jay Foreman (Houston), Eric Warfield (Kansas City) and Mike Brown (Chicago). Other current NFL starters who started for the 1997 NU include RB Ahman Green (Green Bay), FB Joel Makovicka (Arizona) and PK Kris Brown (Houston).

that Nebraska has squared off against a team ranked among the top six. Nebraska's 1941 Rose Bowl appearance against Stanford (L, 13-21) was the school's first bowl appearance. Nebraska won four of its five national championships at the Orange Bowl, defeating Louisiana State in 1970, Alabama in 1971, Miami in 1994 and Tennessee in 1997. Nebraska defeated Florida in the 1996 Fiesta Bowl for the national championship following the 1995 season.

Nebraska became eligible for a 34th consecutive bowl trip with its win over Kansas.

2002 Huskers Continue Academic Tradition

Nebraska continues to lead the nation in Verizon/CoSIDA Academic All-Americans for all sports and all teams with 196; in first-team winners for all sports with 104; and also leads the nation in football academic honor winners with 59 first-team certificates and 76 football all-teams certificates. The 196 is 51 better than second-place Notre Dame, while the 59 is 21 more than second-place Notre Dame's 38.

Last season, Nebraska continued its streak of 15 straight years with at least one first-team Verizon/CoSIDA All-American when tight end Tracey Wistrom won first-team honors, following in the footsteps of his older brother Grant (1996, 1997). Wistrom, fullback Judd Davies, rush end Chris Kelsay and offensive tackle Dave Volk were first-team Verizon/CoSIDA Academic All-District VII selections. Last week four Huskers were named to the 2002 all-district team, including Kelsay and Davies who were honored for the second straight year. Seven other players made the second team.

The Husker football program also leads the nation with nine NCAA Today's Top Eight Award winners, 30 NCAA postgraduate scholarship winners and 20 National Football Foundation and College Hall of Fame Scholar-Athletes, including Kelsay this season.

NU Grad Rates Rank High Nationally

Nebraska has led the Big 12 in four of the past five years in graduation rates (all except 2000). Nebraska's four-class (1990-91 to 1993-94) graduation rate was 57 percent. That figure is higher than the national average for all students (56 percent) and football student-athletes (50 percent). Nebraska's student-athlete graduation rate for all sports, which includes only those students who completed their eligibility at NU, is an outstanding 87 percent (national average is 81 percent). Nebraska was one of nine schools honored by the American Football Coaches Association, when the school received the 2002 Academic Achievement Award in late June. Nebraska was recognized for graduating 90 percent or more of its football student-athletes from the freshman class of 1996-97. Since Coach Solich's first year at the helm in 1998, 86 of his 95 seniors have earned their degree, including 22 of 23 last season.

This year's team has five student-athletes playing with degree in hand including Demoine Adams, who became the second Husker all time to graduate in three years (also Bobby Newcombe 1999), Patrick Kabongo (also a junior), Justin Smith, Dahrran Diedrick and Ben Cornelsen.

Kelsay Awarded National Football Foundation Scholar-Athlete Award

Nebraska senior rush end Chris Kelsay was one of 14 college football players named to the 2002 National Scholar-Athlete Class by the National Football Foundation and College Hall of Fame. The honorees will all receive postgraduate scholarships in the amount of \$18,000 from the NFF/HOF.

The honorees come from all NCAA divisions as well as the NAIA and Kelsay is one of six honorees from the Division I-A ranks. The Auburn, Neb., native is a finance major and carries a 3.549 cumulative grade-point average. On the field, Kelsay is a three-year starter and is one of three Husker captains for the 2002 season. Kelsay is scheduled to graduate this December and has already begun work on his MBA.

The postgraduate scholarship adds to the long list of academic awards Kelsay has received during his Husker career. He is a three-time first-team academic All-Big 12 selection and a two-time Verizon/CoSIDA Academic All-District VII pick. He is also an eight-time Big 12 Conference Commissioner's Honor Roll member and a three-time High Honors Academic Medallion recipient.

Kelsay is one of three Big 12 players among the six Division I-A scholarship recipients and is the 20th Husker to receive a NFF/HOF postgraduate scholarship, giving Nebraska the most of any school. He is the fourth player to receive a postgraduate scholarship during Solich's tenure as head coach, joining fullback Joel Makovicka (1998), rush end Kyle Vanden Bosch (2000) and tight end Tracey Wistrom (2001).

To be eligible for a National Football Foundation and College Hall of Fame postgraduate scholarship, a player must be a senior or graduate student in his final year of eligibility, have a grade-point average of 3.0 or higher, have shown superior academic application and performance, have outstanding football ability as a first-team player, and have demonstrated strong leadership and citizenship.

2002 Academic All-District VII

Eleven Huskers were named to the first-team Verizon Academic All-American All-District VII squad last week, including four first-team selections. The four first-teamers will now be placed on the ballot for Academic All-America honors.

First Team

Judd Davies, Jr., Fullback
 Chris Kelsay, Sr., Rush End
 Pat Ricketts, Jr., Cornerback
 Kyle Ringenberg, Sr., Tight End

Second Team

Philip Bland, So., Rover
 Troy Hassebroek, Sr., Wingback
 Trevor Johnson, Jr., Rush End
 David Kolowski, Sr., Center
 Phil Peetz, Jr., Tight End
 Chad Sievers, So., Linebacker
 Aaron Terpening, Sr., Rover

Senior Wingback Hassebroek Collecting Off-Field Recognition

Nebraska wingback Troy Hassebroek was announced as UNL's 2002 Homecoming King at halftime of Saturday's game with Kansas. Hassebroek became the first Husker football player to be named Homecoming King since the honor began in 1975.

The Homecoming King selection added to Hassebroek's off-field recognition. Before the McNeese State game, he was presented the Brook Berringer Memorial Scholarship. The scholarship is presented annually to a senior player, who is active in the community, following in the footsteps of quarterback Brook Berringer, who helped the Huskers to national championships in 1994 and 1995 before he was killed in a plane crash on April 18, 1996.

Earlier in the fall, Hassebroek was one of 11 Division I-A players named to the American Football Coaches Association Good Works Team. The Good Works Team annually honors players for their dedication and commitment to community service. From 1992 to 1996, the Good Works Team was selected by the College Football Association and when the CFA disbanded in 1997, the AFCA began selecting the team.

Hassebroek is a senior who originally joined the Husker program as a walk-on from Lincoln High. He is currently the vice president of Nebraska's Student-Athlete Advisory Board after serving as a representative from the football team in 2001-02. He is also a member of the Nebraska Football Unity Council. In the Lincoln community Hassebroek has volunteered for Meals on Wheels and participates in Team Spirit hospital visits. Hassebroek also created and implemented Trick or Treat Street "Halloween Fun Night," a program in which each of Nebraska's 23 teams hosted a game booth and interacted with at-risk youth from the community.

Since the start of the Good Works Team Nebraska has had a nation-leading eight players selected to the team. Previous Husker Good Works honorees include Troy Branch (LB, 1992, 1993); Donta Jones (OLB, 1994); Aaron Graham (C, 1995); Jared Tomich (RE, 1996); Dan Alexander (IB, 1999) and Patrick Kabongo (DT, 2001).

Husker Sideline Report...

► **Walk-ons Remain Crucial to Success...**On the preseason depth chart, 29 of the 94 Huskers listed (30 percent) were walk-ons when they first came to Nebraska. Of those, seven have started in 2002, including Sam linebacker Scott Shanle and punter Kyle Larson, who are both returning starters, wingback Troy Hassebroek, left cornerback Pat Ricketts, rover Aaron Terpening, cornerback Shane Siegel and split end John Klem. In reward of their hard work and dedication, five of the seven (not counting Siegel and Klem) have since been awarded scholarships.

► **Nebraska Natives...**Twelve Huskers who hail from Nebraska are listed as first-teamers on the NU depth chart, including seven on the offensive side of the ball, SE Wilson Thomas (Omaha), LG Mike Erickson (Omaha), RG Wes Cody (Fremont), TE Aaron Golliday (York), FB Judd Davies (Omaha), IB David Horne (Omaha) and WB Troy Hassebroek (Lincoln); four on the defensive side of the ball, LRE Chris Kelsay (Auburn), SLB Scott Shanle (St. Edward), MLB Barrett Ruud (Lincoln), RRE Trevor Johnson (Lincoln); and punter Kyle Larson (Funk).

► **Family Connections...**It's all in the family at NU, as several Huskers followed their fathers and brothers to NU. Those who followed in their older brothers' footsteps include: DB Delrick Williams (2002-present, brother, Jamel, 1994-96); RE Chris Kelsay (1998-present, brother Chad, 1995-98); FS Dan Burrow (2000-present, brother Jamie, 1998-2001); LCB Cole Biodrowski (2002-present) and SE Brandon (2001-present); WB Adam Hassebroek (2001-present) and WB Troy (1998-present); and FS Andrew Shanle (2002-present) and SLB Scott (1998-present). The Huskers welcomed the first set of scholarship twins in the program's history last year in redshirt freshmen Josh (FS) and Daniel Bullocks (Rover).

Second generation Huskers include the Burrows (father Jim played in 1974-75 and is now a graduate assistant for NU); junior rover IB Josh Davis (father Tony played in 1973-75); FS Brett Lindstrom (father Dan played in 1978-80); MLB Barrett Ruud (father Tom played in 1972-74 and Ruud's great-grandfather Clarence Swanson played for NU from 1918 to 1921 and

is a member of the Nebraska Football Hall of Fame); RE Trevor Johnson (father Robert wrestled for NU in 1973-76) and RCB Shane Siegel (father Robert played basketball for NU in 1974-77).

► **Non-Redshirts...**Along with five true freshmen who have played this season, nine other Huskers have bypassed redshirt seasons during their careers. The following are listed along with their true freshman year: Philip Bland (2001); Barrett Ruud (2001); Mike Stuntz (2001); Willie Amos (2000, will redshirt in 2002 due to injury); Terrell Butler (2000); T.J. Hollowell (2000); Benard Thomas (2000, may redshirt in 2002); John Garrison (1999); and Jason Lohr (1998).

► **Huskers in the NFL...**35 former Huskers were listed on opening day NFL rosters in 2002. With four selections in the 2002 draft, NU has had 221 players picked since 1970, an average of seven per year. The Huskers rank 11th nationally with 30 first-round draft picks (including 11 in the last 16 drafts). Huskers drafted in 2002 include Outland Trophy finalist Toniu Fonoti (second round, San Diego), Heisman Trophy winner Eric Crouch (third round, St. Louis), All-American Keyuo Craver (fourth, New Orleans) and Tracey Wistrom (seventh, Tampa Bay).

► **Husker Running Back Success in the NFL...**A pair of former Husker I-backs found success in the NFL in 2001. Green Bay's Ahman Green (1995-97) ranks among the NFL rushing leaders and topped 1,000 yards for the second straight season and was selected to the Pro Bowl, while Correll Buckhalter (1997-2000) ranked among the Eagles' rushing leaders with nearly 600 yards, including an Eagles' rookie record with 134 yards against Arizona in October. Four former NU running backs are on NFL teams, including starting fullbacks Joel Makovicka (1995-98) with the Arizona Cardinals and Cory Schlesinger (1992-94) with the Detroit Lions.

► **Pipeline to the NFL...**Under longtime Husker offensive line coach Milt Tenopir, Nebraska offensive linemen have enjoyed unparalleled success with six Outland Trophy winners, two Lombardi Award winners and 21 All-Americans in Tenopir's 28 seasons at NU. Eight former Husker linemen are in the NFL, including former Outland winners Will Shields (1992, Kansas City) and Zach Wiegert (1994, Jacksonville). Other Husker offensive linemen in the NFL include Adam Treu (Oakland), Dominic Raiola (Detroit), Brenden Stai (Washington), Chris Dishman (Arizona), Aaron Graham (Tennessee) and Toniu Fonoti (San Diego). Raiola (2000) and Fonoti (2001) have been Outland finalists in the past three seasons. Of the 15 linemen chosen for the Walter Camp All-Century team in 1999, nearly a quarter of the players selected were NU linemen coached by Tenopir (guards Aaron Taylor, Will Shields and Dean Steinkuhler and center Dave Rimington).

► **Orange Bowl Record...**Coach Frank Solich holds the Orange Bowl record for most kickoff return yards in a game, with 130 in 1966. Solich was the first Husker to rush for more than 200 yards (204 vs. Air Force, 1965) and remains the only fullback to do so.

► **Former Head Coach Tom Osborne...**Former coach and current Congressman Tom Osborne coached the Huskers to three national championships (1994, 1995, 1997) and retired as head football coach on Dec. 10, 1997. He is the only collegiate football coach to retire as a reigning national champion. Osborne now serves in the United States Congress, as a representative of Nebraska's third congressional district. Osborne was re-elected for a second term in the Nov. 5 general election. Osborne received 93 percent of the vote, easily outdistancing opponent Jerry Hickman. In Cherry County, Osborne received all 2,082 votes that were counted. Osborne's and his Teammates mentoring program will be recognized at the Nebraska-Colorado game on Nov. 29 at Memorial Stadium.

A Look at the Numbers

► Scoring Drives...

The Huskers' 50 scoring drives (39 TD, 11 FG) by the offense have covered an average of 53.2 yards (2,661 total yards/50 drives). Nebraska produced its shortest drive in terms of plays, yards and time with a one-play, 2-yard drive in just four seconds with Judd Davies' 2-yard run against Iowa State. NU had two, one-play drives against ISU, including Jammal Lord's 90-yard TD strike to Ross Pilkington. NU's other one-play drives came with a Lord 23-yard pass to Wilson Thomas against Utah State and a Lord 35-yard run at Kansas State. The Huskers marched on their longest drive with a 16-play, 91-yard drive that took 6:59 against Troy State. NU added a 16-play, 82-yard drive that resulted in a Josh Brown field goal vs. McNeese State. Texas managed a season-long 97-yard drive that lasted 17 plays and 7:45 in the third quarter. Troy State owns a season-short one-play, six-yard drive that lasted just seven seconds.

Game	Scoring Time			Plays			
	Drives	Total	Avg.	Total	Avg.	5 or less	1-Play
Arizona St.	6	17:24	2:54	42	7.0	1	0
Troy State	3	14:11	4:44	33	11.0	1	0
Utah State	7	11:40	1:40	32	4.6	5	1
Penn State	1	2:41	2:41	8	8.0	0	0
Iowa State	2	0:27	0:14	2	1.0	2	2
McNeese St.	6	15:38	2:36	42	7.0	3	0
Missouri	3	9:38	3:13	26	8.7	0	0
Okl. St.	3	7:02	2:21	22	7.3	1	0
Texas A&M	6	16:47	2:48	56	9.3	1	0
Texas	4	7:07	1:47	21	5.3	2	0
Kansas	6	12:18	2:03	33	5.5	3	0
Kansas St.	3	3:48	1:16	16	5.3	1	1
Totals	50	118:42	2:22	333	6.7	20	4
Opp.	45	147:24	3:17	371	8.2	12	1

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

The Huskers have produced 56 long plays on the year, including a season-high nine long plays against Kansas, with five long runs, three long returns and one long pass. Nebraska has been almost equally dangerous in both long runs and long returns with 24 long runs and 21 long returns. Jammal Lord owns 12 of Nebraska's 24 long runs, including a career-long 57-yard sprint against McNeese State. Mark LeFlore owns NU's longest run of the year with a 64-yard scoring run against McNeese State. DeJuan Groce has provided Nebraska's biggest play threat on returns with five long returns, including three touchdowns. Groce's 89-yard scoring return against Missouri was the third-longest punt return in school history. He added TD returns of 83 and 72 yards against Troy State to tie an NCAA record. Aaron Terpening added a 30-yard punt return for a touchdown against Kansas after Lannie Hopkins' block, while Cory Ross pitched in a 25-yard punt return against the Jayhawks, giving NU seven long punt returns on the year. Josh Davis owns 12 long kickoff returns on the year, including a season-long 53-yarder at Kansas State. NU's two other long returns have come after interceptions, including Delrick Williams' 34-yard return against Kansas and Fabian Washington's 29-yard interception return for a score vs. Arizona State. Nebraska has also shown big play ability through the air, as Lord has connected on 11 long pass plays, including a 90-yard scoring strike to Ross Pilkington at Iowa State. Kansas State's Eli Roberson produced the longest opponent play this season with his 91-yard touchdown run, the second-longest run by an opponent in school history. Troy State's Hansell Bearden hit Heyward Skipper on a 60-yard pass play, while Texas A&M's Byron Jones owns the longest return by an opponent with his 66-yard fumble return for a touchdown.

	Husker Long Plays				Opponent Long Plays			
	Rush	Pass	Ret	Total	Rush	Pass	Ret	Total
ASU	2	0	2	4	1	1	0	2
TSU	0	1	3	4	0	3	1	4
USU	2	1	2	5	0	1	1	2
PSU	1	0	1	2	2	1	1	4
ISU	0	1	1	2	3	2	2	7
MSU	4	1	0	5	0	3	0	3
MU	2	0	4	6	1	0	0	1
OSU	2	1	0	3	1	1	0	2
A&M	2	2	1	5	0	3	2	5
UT	3	1	2	6	0	3	1	4
KU	5	1	3	9	0	1	0	1
KSU	1	2	2	5	3	1	0	4
Totals	24	11	21	56	11	20	8	39

► Nebraska in the Red Zone...

The Huskers have been successful in the red zone, including Kansas State (1-3), Kansas (3-3), Texas (2-4), Texas A&M (4-4), Oklahoma State (3-3), Missouri (2-3), McNeese State (3-4) Iowa State (1-1), Penn State (1-1), Utah State (3-4), Troy State (3-4), Arizona State (3-3). NU has 20 rushing touchdowns, five passing touchdowns and four field goals. Kansas State (3-3), Texas (4-4), Texas A&M (3-4), Oklahoma State (3-3), Missouri (2-2), McNeese State (1-2), Iowa State (6-7), Penn State (6-6), Utah State (2-2), Troy State (3-4) and Arizona State (1-2) have converted red zone trips. Kansas (0-1) did not convert its only red zone chance against the Huskers.

Game	Chances	Scores Inside 20			No Score Inside 20			Half/	
		Total	TDs	FGs	MissFGs	TOs	Downs	Gm.	Pct.
ASU	3	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	1.00
TSU	4	3	2	1	0	1	0	0	.750
USU	4	3	3	0	0	1	0	0	.750
PSU	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1.00
ISU	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1.00
MSU	4	3	2	1	0	0	1	0	.750
MU	3	2	2	0	1	0	0	0	.667
OSU	3	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	1.00
A&M	4	4	4	0	0	0	0	0	1.00
UT	4	2	2	0	0	1	1	0	.500
KU	3	3	2	1	0	0	0	0	1.00
KSU	3	1	0	1	1	0	1	0	.333
Totals	37	29	25	4	2	3	3	0	.784
Opp.	40	34	23	11	0	3	3	0	.850

Note: Nebraska has 20 rushing TDs, 5 passing TDs and 4 FGs in the red zone. Opponents have 16 rushing TDs, 7 passing TDs and 11 FGs in the red zone.

► Quarterback Drive Efficiency *Total Drives Begun as Starting QB

QB	Drives*	Scores	TDs	FG-FGA	Eff.	Red Zone
Lord#	144	48	37	11-15	.333	28-35
Stuntz#	15	2	2	0-0	.133	1-2
Chrisman	1	0	0	0-0	.000	0-0
Glissman#	1	0	0	0-0	.000	0-0
Totals	161	50	39	11-15	.311	29-37

*Denotes drives started by the quarterback.

#Stuntz started NU's final drives against ASU, TSU and MSU as time expired.

#Lord started NU's final drives as time expired at Texas A&M and Kansas State.

#Glissman started NU's final drive as time expired vs. Kansas.

► Nebraska Points Off Turnovers...

On the year, NU has intercepted 13 passes and recovered seven fumbles for 20 turnovers gained. The Huskers recovered a season-high three fumbles in the loss to Kansas State for a season-best plus-three turnover margin. The Huskers were able to convert one of the KSU turnovers into a touchdown to increase their season total to 45 points off turnovers. Trevor Johnson, T.J. Hollowell and Josh Bullocks all recovered fumbles against the Wildcats, while Philip Bland (ISU), Pat Ricketts (TSU), Fabian Washington (OSU) and Chad Sievers (KU) have added fumble recoveries this season. The recoveries by Johnson and Washington were converted into touchdowns. DeJuan Groce (2 vs. TSU, 2 vs. USU) and Fabian Washington (ASU, KU, 2 vs. ISU) lead the Huskers with four interceptions each. Ricketts owns two interceptions (USU, A&M), while Bland (A&M), Bullocks (UT) and Delrick Williams (KU) each have one interception on the year. The Huskers converted both of Groce's interceptions against Utah State. Along with Washington's 29-yard TD return vs. Arizona State, the NU offense converted his interception against Kansas into a touchdown. NU also converted Ricketts' interception at Texas A&M into a field goal.

Game	TOs		Scores		Turnovers	
	Gained	TDs	FG-FGA	Pts.	(Fumbles/Lost, INT)	
ASU	1 (1 INT)	1	0-0	7	0 (0/0 F/L, 0 INT)	
TSU	3 (1 F, 2 INT)	0	0-0	0	2 (5/1 F/L, 1 INT)	
USU	3 (0 F, 3 INT)	2	0-0	14	2 (2/2 F/L, 0 INT)	
PSU	0 (0 F, 0 INT)	0	0-0	0	3 (1/0 F/L, 3 INT)	
ISU	3 (1 F, 2 INT)	0	0-0	0	5 (5/4 F/L, 1 INT)	
MSU	0 (0 F, 0 INT)	0	0-0	0	1 (2/0 F/L, 1 INT)	
MU	0 (0 F, 0 INT)	0	0-0	0	1 (2/1 F/L, 0 INT)	
OSU	1 (1 F, 0 INT)	1	0-0	7	1 (2/1 F/L, 0 INT)	
A&M	2 (0 F, 2 INT)	0	1-1	3	2 (4/2 F/L, 0 INT)	
UT	1 (0 F, 1 INT)	0	0-1	0	2 (1/0 F/L, 2 INT)	
KU	3 (1 F, 2 INT)	1	0-0	7	1 (2/0 F/L, 1 INT)	
KSU	3 (3 F, 0 INT)	1	0-1	7	0 (1/0 F/L, 0 INT)	
Totals	20 (7 F, 13 INT)	6	1-3	45	20 (27/11 F/L, 9 INT)	
Opp.	20 (11 F, 9 INT)	9	2-3	69	20 (19/7 F/L, 13 INT)	

► Husker 100-Yard Rushing Games (9)

The Huskers have produced nine 100-yard rushing efforts on the year, including double 100-yard efforts against Kansas and Texas A&M. Most recently, David Horne (122) and Dahrran Diedrick (107) both rushed past the century mark in the win over Kansas. It was Diedrick's first 100-yard effort of the year, while Horne has three 100-yard performances. Jammal Lord leads the Huskers with five 100-yard efforts on the season, including a school quarterback record with 234 yards on 23 carries against Texas. Lord's effort tied Roger Craig (Florida State, 1981) for the 10th-best single-game total in NU history. It was Lord's second 200-yard performance of the year, joining his 218 yards on 17 carries vs. McNeese State, which is the second-best effort by a quarterback in NU history. Lord (159) and Horne (128) combined for NU's first double 100-yard rushing game of the season in Nebraska's 38-31 win over Texas A&M. Lord set an NU quarterback record with 30 carries against Texas A&M, and Horne set career highs with 128 yards and four touchdowns, while tying his career best with 24 carries against the Aggies. Five opposing backs, Penn State's Larry Johnson (19-123-2), Iowa State's Michael Wagner (19-107-0), Oklahoma State's Tatum Bell (33-182-0), and Kansas State's Eli Roberson (29-228-3) and Darren Sproles (21-155-3) have managed 100 yards. NU is 0-4 in those games.

► **Husker 100-Yard Rushing Games (9) (* notes career best)**
 vs. **ASU**-Jammal Lord, 17 att., 103 yards, 0 TD
 vs. **PSU**-Jammal Lord, 14 att., 111 yards, 0 TD
 vs. **MSU**-Jammal Lord, 17 att., 218 yards, *3 TD
 vs. **OSU**-David Horne, *24 att., 125 yards, 1 TD
 vs. **A&M**-Jammal Lord, *30 att., 159 yards, 0 TD; David Horne, *24 att., *128 yards, *4 TD
 vs. **UT**-Jammal Lord, 23 att., *234 yards, 0 TD
 vs. **KU**-David Horne, 9 att., 122 yards, 1 TD; Dahrran Diedrick, 12 att., 107 yards, 1 TD

► **Starting Field Position**

Nebraska has started 38 of its 167 drives beyond midfield, including a season-best nine drives on Kansas' half of the field in a 45-7 win. Nebraska enjoyed a season-best +20.9-yard advantage in average starting field position against the Jayhawks (44.8-23.9). Opponents have managed just 19 drive starts on NU's side of the field. The Huskers have been forced to start 30 drives inside their own 20, with a worst start at the 1-yard line at Penn State, while opponents have started 34 drives inside their own 20. Kyle Larson has buried opponents inside the 20 on 18 occasions, including three each vs. Troy State and Oklahoma State. Larson pinned Kansas at its own 1 for the worst start by an opponent. Josh Brown has boomed 38-of-68 kickoffs for touchbacks, and 12 of kicks have stuck opponents inside the 20, including a worst start at the 6 by Arizona State.

	<u>NU Avg. Start</u>	<u>Opp. Avg. Start</u>	<u>Advantage</u>
Arizona St.	41.2 (618/15)	24.3 (340/14)	+16.9
Troy State	38.7 (580/15)	28.1 (422/15)	+10.6
Utah State	42.2 (633/15)	22.6 (340/15)	+19.6
Penn State	19.5 (214/11)	32.4 (356/11)	-12.9
Iowa State	27.3 (382/14)	40.6 (569/14)	-13.3
McNeese St.	25.8 (309/12)	22.8 (251/11)	+3.0
Missouri	36.4 (510/14)	27.3 (382/14)	+9.1
Oklahoma St.	29.2 (321/11)	26.6 (293/11)	+2.6
Texas A&M	30.7 (430/14)	41.8 (544/13)	-11.1
Texas	35.4 (495/14)	25.0 (375/15)	+10.4
Kansas	44.8 (762/17)	23.9 (382/16)	+20.9
<u>Kansas St.</u>	<u>36.5 (547/15)</u>	<u>30.3 (455/15)</u>	<u>+6.2</u>
Total	34.7 (5,801/167)	28.5 (4,669/164)	+6.2

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

► **Penalty Numbers**

The Huskers are averaging 6.3 penalties for 56.6 yards per game. NU owns the fourth-best average per game in the Big 12 in penalties per game and ranks sixth in yardage, while Colorado ranks sixth in the league with 6.5 penalties per game but ninth in the conference with 60.6 yards penalized per game. Nebraska was flagged for just three penalties for 16 yards against Utah State, but tied a season high with 10 penalties for a season-high 94 yards against Kansas State. The Wildcats also set opponent season highs with 13 penalties for 104 yards. Of NU's 76 penalties, 29 are offensive (29-236), 32 are defensive (32-294) and 15 have been called on the special teams (15-149). Opponents have committed 46 offensive penalties (46-304), 19 defensive penalties (19-160) and 13 special teams infractions (13-113).

	<u>NU Pen.-Yds.</u>	<u>Opp. Pen.-Yds.</u>
Arizona State	6-42	5-63
Troy State	3-25	4-27
Utah State	3-16	10-71
Penn State	7-60	3-20
Iowa State	10-75	4-20
McNeese State	5-66	3-15
Missouri	6-66	7-44
Oklahoma St.	6-55	5-30
Texas A&M	7-65	6-38
Texas	6-55	12-91
Kansas	7-60	6-54
<u>Kansas State</u>	<u>10-94</u>	<u>13-104</u>
Total	76-679	78-577
Average	6.3-56.6	6.5-48.1

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

Game	Team	Indiv. (#)	*Sacks Allowed	O-Line Penalties	Perfect Plays
Arizona St.	58	14 (#51)	2	0-0	62.5%
Troy State	54	13 (#51)	0	2-16	55.0%
Utah State	69	14 (#52)	1	0-0	74.0%
Penn State	45	14 (#52)	0	3-20	59.0%
Iowa State	19	5 (51/52/68)	0	1-5	67.8%
McNeese St.	70	14 (#78)	0	0-0	52.8%
Missouri	40	10 (#59)	1	2-15	57.9%
Okla. St.	59	21 (#51)	1	3-20	68.0%
Texas A&M	110	28 (#51)	0	2-20	70.0%
Texas	63	22 (#51)	1	0-0	64.0%
Kansas	55	10 (51/59/55)	0	2-10	56.0%
<u>Kansas St.</u>	<u>41</u>	<u>16 (#52)</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>2-10</u>	<u>57.6%</u>
Totals	683	28 (#51)	8	17-116	

Name	AS	TS	US	PS	IS	MS	MU	OS	AM	UT	KU	KS	Total
Incognito	14	13	8	7	5	12	6	21	28	22	10	11	157
Garrison	6	7	14	14	5	12	7	12	20	11	8	16	132
Erickson	11	12	4	10	0	14	6	5	16	10	4	6	98
Cody	9	8	11	6	0	13	10	6	4	9	10	2	88
Vili Waldrop	3	6	7	6	5	6	3	7	24	6	5	5	83
Tagoa'i	10	1	12	1	2	8	7	7	18	3	10	1	80
Povendo	0	1	5	1	2	0	1	1	0	2	1	0	14
Kolterman	1	5	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	4	0	12
Sewell	4	1	4	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	11
Andersen	0	0	3	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	3	0	7
<u>Koethe</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Totals	58	54	69	45	19	71	40	59	110	63	55	41	684

► **Husker Starting Experience**

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

<u>Offensive Starters</u>	'99	'00	'01	'02	Total
Jon Bowling, TE, Sr. (Lincoln, Neb.)	0	0	0	4	4
Wes Cody, OG, Sr. (Fremont, Neb.)	0	0	0	12	12
Judd Davies, FB, Jr. (Omaha, Neb.)	0	0	11	10	21
Josh Davis, IB, Jr. (Loveland, Colo.)	0	0	0	1	1
Dahrran Diedrick, IB, Sr. (Scarborough, Ont.)	0	0	11	11	22
Mike Erickson, OG, So. (Omaha, Neb.)	0	0	0	12	12
John Garrison, C, Sr. (Blue Springs, Mo.)	0	0	12	12	24
Aaron Golliday, TE, Sr. (York, Neb.)	4	3	2	10	19
Troy Hassebroek, WB, Sr. (Lincoln, Neb.)	0	0	0	6	6
Richie Incognito, OT, RFr. (Glendale, Ariz.)	0	0	0	11	11
John Klem, SE, Sr. (Lincoln, Neb.)	0	0	0	5	5
Steve Kriewald, FB, So. (Scotia, Neb.)	0	0	2	1	3
Mark LeFlore, SE, Fr. (Omaha, Neb.)	0	0	0	1	1
Jammal Lord, QB, Jr. (Bayonne, N.J.)	0	0	0	12	12
Nick Povendo, OT, So. (Keller, Texas)	0	0	0	1	1
Cory Ross, IB, RFr. (Denver, Colo.)	0	0	0	1	1
Wilson Thomas, SE, Sr. (Omaha, Neb.)	2	2	11	10	25
Dan Vili Waldrop, RT, Jr. (Wilmington, Calif.)	0	0	12	12	24
Totals	6	5	61	132	204

Defensive Starters

	'99	'00	'01	'02	Total
Demoine Adams, LRE, Sr. (Pine Bluff, Ark.)	0	4	12	8	24
Willie Amos, FS, Jr. (Sweetwater, Texas)	0	0	6	0	6
Ryon Bingham, NT, Jr. (Sandy, Utah)	0	0	0	12	12
Philip Bland, ROV/FS, So. (Lafayette, Colo.)	0	0	3	12	15
Daniel Bullocks, ROV, RFr. (Chattanooga, Tenn.)	0	0	0	1	1
Josh Bullocks, FS, RFr. (Chattanooga, Tenn.)	0	0	0	3	3
Jon Clanton, NT, Sr. (Glendale, Ariz.)	0	0	9	5	14
DeJuan Groce, RCB, Sr. (Garfield Heights, Ohio)	0	2	11	12	25
T.J. Hollowell, WLB, Jr. (Copperas Cove, Texas)	0	0	0	2	2
Trevor Johnson, RRE, Jr. (Lincoln, Neb.)	0	0	0	7	7
Patrick Kabongo, DT, Jr. (Montreal, Quebec)	0	0	0	7	7
Chris Kelsay, RE, Sr. (Auburn, Neb.)	1	7	12	7	27
Jason Lohr, NT, Sr. (Tulsa, Okla.)	0	11	3	0	14
Lornell McPherson, LCB, So. (Omaha, Neb.)	0	0	3	4	7
Pat Ricketts, LCB, Jr. (Omaha, Neb.)	0	0	2	8	10
Barrett Ruud, MLB, So. (Lincoln, Neb.)	0	0	0	12	12
Scott Shanle, SLB, Sr. (St. Edward, Neb.)	0	9	9	9	27
Shane Siegel, RCB, RFr. (Grand Island, Neb.)	0	0	0	1	1
Justin Smith, LRE, Sr. (Sherman, Texas)	0	0	0	2	2
Aaron Terpening, ROV, Sr. (Salem, Ore.)	0	0	0	2	2
Fabian Washington, LCB, Fr. (Bradenton, Fla.)	0	0	0	9	9
Demorrio Williams, WLB, Jr. (Beckville, Texas)	0	0	0	9	9
Totals	1	33	70	132	237

Starting Kickers

	'99	'00	'01	'02	Total
Josh Brown, PK, Sr., (Foyil, Okla.)	13	11	8	12	44
Sandro DeAngelis, PK, So. (Niagara Falls, Ontario)	0	0	4	0	4
Kyle Larson, P, Jr., (Funk, Neb.)	0	0	12	12	24
Totals	13	11	24	24	72

Starters Briefly

Starts by True Freshmen: 10 (Fabian Washington 9, Mark LeFlore 1)
Number of Native Nebraskans With Starts: 18
Number of Different Starters on Offense: 18
Number of Different Starters on Defense: 22
Number of Different Starting Kickers: 3
Underclassmen With Starts: 25 (10 offense, 13 defense, 2 kickers)
Most Career Starts on Offense: Wilson Thomas, SE (25)
Most Career Starts on Defense: Chris Kelsay, RE (27)/Scott Shanle (27)
Most Consecutive Starts on Offense: Garrison, C/Vili Waldrop, RT (24)
Most Consecutive Starts on Defense: DeJuan Groce, RCB (17)

2002 Husker Depth Chart

(Nov. 12, 2002)

Offense

- SE:** 9 **Wilson Thomas*****, 6-6, 215, Sr., Omaha, Neb.
 2 Ross Pilkington, 6-0, 195, Fr., Ft. Collins, Colo.
 27 Mark LeFlore, 5-11, 175, Fr., Omaha, Neb.
 3 **Ben Zajicek***, 6-0, 210, So., Beatrice, Neb.
 13 Tim Liley, 6-2, 200, Jr., Lakewood, Colo.
- LT:** 51 Richie Incognito, 6-3, 305, RFr., Glendale, Ariz.
 69 Nick Povoendo, 6-3, 300, So., Keller, Texas
 73 **Scott Koethe****, 6-5, 290, Sr., Central City, Neb.
- LG:** 78 **Mike Erickson***, 6-4, 295, So., Omaha, Neb.
 55 **Junior Tagoa'i***, 6-2, 285, Jr., Hauula, Hawaii
 75 Brandon Koch, 6-3, 295, RFr., Cozad, Neb.
- C:** 52 **John Garrison*****, 6-4, 290, Sr., Blue Springs, Mo.
 79 Josh Sewell, 6-2, 295, Jr., Lincoln, Neb.
 74 David Kolowski, 6-5, 290, Sr., Omaha, Neb.
- RG:** 59 **Wes Cody****, 6-2, 295, Sr., Fremont, Neb.
 55 **Junior Tagoa'i***, 6-2, 285, Jr., Hauula, Hawaii
 71 Jake Andersen, 6-1, 300, So., Littleton, Colo.
- RT:** 68 **Dan Vili Waldrop****, 6-5, 325, Jr., Wilmington, Calif.
 69 Nick Povoendo, 6-3, 300, So., Keller, Texas
 67 **Nate Kolterman****, 6-3, 310, Sr., Seward, Neb.
- TE:** 99 **Aaron Golliday*****, 6-4, 290, Sr., York, Neb.
 86 **Kyle Ringenberg***, 6-4, 245, Sr., Elkhorn, Neb.
 42 Matt Herian, 6-4, 215, Fr., Pierce, Neb.
 80 Will Dabbert, 6-4, 250, Sr., Lincoln, Neb.
 82 **Phil Peetz***, 6-2, 260, Jr., Elkhorn, Neb.
- QB:** 10 **Jammal Lord****, 6-2, 220, Jr., Bayonne, N.J.
 16 **Mike Stuntz***, 6-1, 200, So., Council Bluffs, Iowa
 11 **Joe Chrisman*****, 5-11, 200, Sr., Longmont, Colo.
- FB:** 4 **Judd Davies****, 6-0, 255, Jr., Omaha, Neb.
 45 **Steve Kriewald***, 5-10, 250, So., Scotia, Neb.
 37 **Paul Kastl****, 5-10, 235, Sr., Lincoln, Neb.
 6 **DeAntae Grixby****, 5-8, 205, Jr., Omaha, Neb.
- IB:** 30 **Dahrran Diedrick*****, 6-0, 225, Sr., Scarborough, Ontario
 5 David Horne, 6-0, 190, Fr., Omaha, Neb.
 25 **Josh Davis***, 5-11, 205, Jr., Loveland Colo.
 22 Cory Ross, 5-6, 210, RFr., Denver, Colo.
- OR-** 33 **Marques Simmons**, 5-8, 190, RFr., Davenport, Iowa
- OR-** 21 **Robin Miller***, 5-11, 215, Jr., Kent, Wash.
- WB:** 89 **Troy Hasebroek*****, 6-4, 215, Sr., Lincoln, Neb.
 81 **Ben Cornelsen****, 5-10, 190, Sr., Shawnee, Kan.
- OR-** 19 **John Klem****, 6-0, 215, Sr., Lincoln, Neb.
 20 Kiffin Wigert, 5-9, 160, So., Cheyenne, Wyo.
 18 Mike McLaughlin, 5-11, 185, RFr., Omaha, Neb.
 24 Jack O'Holleran, 5-10, 205, So., North Platte, Neb.
- OR-** 8 **Ryan Ommert**, 5-10, 190, Jr., Cambridge, Neb.
- Injured (Not on Depth Chart)**
 27 **Willie Amos****, CB, 6-0, 185, Jr., Sweetwater, Texas (torn left ACL/LCL)
 84 **Jon Bowling*****, 6-3, 240, Sr., Lincoln, Neb. (knee)
 77 **M.J. Flaum**, OT, 6-4, 315, So., Westminster, Colo. (shoulder)
 73 **Jared Helming**, NT, 6-3, 295, RFr., Springfield, Mo. (torn left ACL)
 70 **Jason Lohr*****, NT, 6-2, 280, Sr., Tulsa, Okla. (torn left ACL, 8/16)
 76 **Chris Loos****, OT, 6-3, 310, Jr., Lincoln, Neb. (knee)
 83 **Chris Septak**, TE, 6-3, 245, So., Omaha, Neb. (shoulder)
 54 **Chad Sievers**, 6-3, 225, So., Valley, Neb. (knee)
 97 **Seppo Ewvaraye**, DT, 6-5, 315, RFr., Laurel, Neb. (shoulder)
 22 **Sandro DeAngelis***, PK, 5-8, 190, So., Niagara Falls, Ontario (foot)

Defense

- LRE:** 57 **Chris Kelsay*****, 6-5, 260, Sr., Auburn, Neb.
-OR- 92 **Justin Smith*****, 6-4, 265, Sr., Sherman, Texas
 10 **Benard Thomas****, 6-4, 260, Jr., East Palo Alto, Calif.
- NT:** 59 **Ryon Bingham***, 6-3, 285, Jr., Sandy, Utah
 55 **Jon Clanton*****, 6-2, 285, Sr., Glendale, Ariz.
 96 Titus Adams, 6-3, 285, RFr., Omaha, Neb.
- DT:** 94 **Patrick Kabongo****, 6-6, 315, Jr., Montreal, Quebec
 66 Le Kevin Smith, 6-2, 300, RFr., Macon, Ga.
- RRE:** 88 **Trevor Johnson****, 6-4, 250, Jr., Lincoln, Neb.
-OR- 98 **Demoin Adams*****, 6-2, 250, Sr., Pine Bluff, Ark.
 93 Tyler Toline, 6-2, 240, So., Wahoo, Neb.
- SLB:** 43 **Scott Shanle*****, 6-2, 240, Sr., St. Edward, Neb.
 11 **Ira Cooper***, 6-2, 220, So., Omaha, Neb.
 51 **Gabe Fries***, 6-2, 230, Sr., Benkelman, Neb.
- MLB:** 38 **Barrett Ruud***, 6-2, 240, So., Lincoln, Neb.
 42 **Steve Safranek***, 6-2, 245, Jr., Omaha, Neb.
 35 Curt Tomasevicz, 6-0, 220, Jr., Shelby, Neb.
- WLB:** 17 **T.J. Hollowell****, 6-0, 230, Jr., Copperas Cove, Texas
-OR- 7 **Demorrio Williams**, 6-1, 215, Jr., Beckville, Texas
 39 **Chad Buller**, 5-11, 215, Jr., Henderson, Neb.
- LCB:** 3 **Fabian Washington**, 6-0, 175, Fr., Bradenton, Fla.
 28 **Pat Ricketts****, 5-11, 180, Jr., Omaha, Neb.
 4 **Terrell Butler***, 5-10, 195, Jr., Austell, Ga.
- FS:** 20 **Josh Bullocks**, 6-1, 195, RFr., Chattanooga, Tenn.
-OR- 21 **Philip Bland***, 5-11, 205, So., Lafayette, Colo.
 31 **Jerrell Pippens****, 6-2, 195, Jr., Philadelphia, Pa.
- ROV:** 21 **Philip Bland***, 5-11, 205, So., Lafayette, Colo.
 2 **Aaron Terpening*****, 5-11, 195, Sr., Salem, Ore.
 14 **Daniel Bullocks**, 6-1, 195, RFr., Chattanooga, Tenn.
 40 **Lannie Hopkins**, 6-2, 210, So., Rowlett, Texas
- RCB:** 5 **DeJuan Groce*****, 5-10, 190, Sr., Garfield Heights, Ohio
 1 **Lornell McPherson***, 5-9, 180, So., Omaha, Neb.
 23 **Shane Siegel**, 6-2, 210, RFr., Grand Island, Neb.
 29 **Kellen Huston**, 5-11, 190, So., Ankeny, Iowa
- Kickers**
P: 19 **Kyle Larson***, 6-0, 200, Jr., Funk, Neb.
 26 **Josh Brown*****, 6-2, 200, Sr., Foyil, Okla.
- PK:** 26 **Josh Brown*****, 6-2, 200, Sr., Foyil, Okla.
 32 **Dale Endorf**, 5-10, 190, Jr., Wichita, Kan.
- KO:** 26 **Josh Brown*****, 6-2, 200, Sr., Foyil, Okla.
 32 **Dale Endorf**, 5-10, 190, Jr., Wichita, Kan.
- Specialists**
Holder: 11 **Joe Chrisman*****, 2 Ross Pilkington
Long Snapper (Punts): 52 **John Garrison*****, 51 **Richie Incognito**
PAT/FG Snapper: 74 **David Kolowski**, 52 **John Garrison*****
Punt Returns: 5 **DeJuan Groce*****, 81 **Ben Cornelsen****, 22 **Cory Ross**
KO Ret.: 25 **Josh Davis***, 33 **Marques Simmons**

Key - *Letters earned; Returning lettermen in boldface; Generally, 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.