



**Husker Records and Streaks**

- ▶ NCAA-record 252 consecutive sellouts in Memorial Stadium
- ▶ 40 consecutive winning seasons—current NCAA record
- ▶ 33 consecutive nine-win seasons—NCAA record
- ▶ 33 consecutive bowl bids—NCAA record
- ▶ 40 bowl appearances—fourth in NCAA
- ▶ 32 consecutive years ranked in final AP top 25
- ▶ 26-game home winning streak (nation's longest)
- ▶ 107-14 record since 1993 (nine years)

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**Weekly Press Conference**

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

**Game 8: Nebraska (5-2, 1-1) at Oklahoma State (2-4, 0-2)**

**DATE:** Saturday, Oct. 19, 2002; **TIME:** 11:39 a.m. Central; **SITE:** Stillwater, Okla.  
**STADIUM:** Lewis Field; **STADIUM CAPACITY:** 48,500; **SURFACE:** Astro Play  
**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](http://Huskers.com)  
**TV:** Fox Sports Net (Bill Land-Play-by-Play; Gary Reasons-Color; Jim Knox-Sideline); (Channel 37 in Lincoln, Channel 47 in Omaha)

**Huskers Return to Big 12 Road Against Oklahoma State**

Nebraska (5-2, 1-1) returns to the road this Saturday, traveling to Stillwater, Okla., to take on Oklahoma State in a Big 12 Conference matchup. Saturday's game will mark Nebraska's first visit to Stillwater since 1995. The 1998 game between the two teams, originally scheduled for Stillwater, was moved to Kansas City's Arrowhead Stadium. Game time on Saturday at OSU's Lewis Field is 11:39 a.m. and the game will be televised on Fox Sports Net.

Nebraska hope to continue to build momentum after a pair of home victories the past two weekends, including a 24-13 win over Missouri on Saturday in the Huskers' conference home opener. The victory evened Nebraska's Big 12 record at 1-1 and improved Nebraska to 5-2 on the 2002 season.

The Huskers will be looking to find success on the road, after dropping September road games at Penn State and Iowa State. Nebraska has lost four straight games away from Lincoln overall, but will look to snap that streak in a setting that has been friendly to the Huskers in the past. Nebraska owns a 15-1-1 record in games played in Stillwater and has won 11 straight games at Oklahoma State.

Oklahoma State enters this weekend's game with a 2-4 overall record and stands 0-2 in Big 12 Conference play. Three of the Cowboys' four losses this season have come against nationally ranked opponents, including a two-point loss at Texas two weeks ago. The matchup with Nebraska will be Oklahoma State's first home game in nearly a month. The Cowboys own a 2-1 record at Lewis Field this year, with their lone loss to UCLA.

A Husker win on Saturday would continue a remarkable streak of success against Oklahoma State. Nebraska owns a 35-2-1 advantage in the all-time series between the schools and Oklahoma State has not defeated the Huskers since 1961.

**Husker Defense Steps Up in Victory over Mizzou, Rushing Game Gets Untracked**

Nebraska used a dominant second-half defensive performance and an electrifying punt return touchdown by DeJuan Groce to erase a 13-7 Missouri lead and post a 24-13 victory over the Tigers last Saturday at Memorial Stadium.

Missouri capitalized on a Nebraska fumble on the Huskers' first offensive play and moved 33 yards in four plays to forge a 7-0 lead less than three minutes into the contest. Nebraska marched 64 yards in nine plays late in the first quarter to even the game at 7-7. True freshman David Horne capped the drive with a five-yard TD run, the first score of his Nebraska career.

Missouri responded with an 11-play drive that covered 75 yards and moved to the Nebraska one-

**2002 Nebraska (5-2, 1-1) 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	11:39 a.m.	FSN	NU 35-2-1	NU 38-14 in 1999 (Lincoln)/First meeting in Stillwater since 1995
Sat.	Oct. 26	at Texas A&M #	TBA		NU 7-2	NU 37-0 in 1999 (Lincoln)/Aggies' handed Solich first career loss in 1998
Sat.	Nov. 2	Texas #	TBA		Tied 4-4	NU 22-6 in 1999 (Big 12)/UT is only team to win in Lincoln since 1991
Sat.	Nov. 9	Kansas # (HC)	TBA		NU 84-21-3	NU 51-7 in 2001 (Lawrence)/NU has won 33 straight games in series
Sat.	Nov. 16	at Kansas State #	TBA		NU 72-12-2	NU 31-21 in 2001 (Lincoln)/Wildcats have won last two meetings at KSU
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
Sat.	Dec. 7	Big 12 Champ.@	7 p.m.	ABC	NU 2-1-0	NU is only team to win two Big 12 titles in six years of league play

All times Central and subject to change; # Big 12 Conference games; +Black Coaches Association Football Classic; @ at Houston, Texas

## 2002 Polls

### Associated Press (Oct. 13)

No.	Team (1st)	Record	Points
1.	Miami (65)	6-0	1,841
2.	Oklahoma (9)	6-0	1,776
3.	Virginia Tech	6-0	1,675
4.	Ohio State	7-0	1,608
5.	Georgia	6-0	1,555
6.	Oregon	6-0	1,463
7.	Notre Dame	6-0	1,403
8.	Texas*	5-1	1,235
9.	Iowa State*	6-1	1,146
10.	Washington State	6-1	1,116
11.	Michigan	5-1	1,114
12.	Florida State	5-2	1,032
13.	North Carolina St.	7-0	980
14.	LSU	5-1	914
15.	Iowa	6-1	830
16.	Tennessee	4-2	639
17.	Kansas State*	5-1	619
18.	Air Force	6-0	583
19.	USC	4-2	506
20.	Penn State*	4-2	435
21.	Mississippi	5-1	358
22.	Washington	4-2	354
23.	Colorado*	4-2	213
24.	Alabama	4-2	165
25.	Bowling Green	5-0	83

### ESPN/USA Today/Coaches (Oct. 13)

No.	Team (1st)	Record	Points
1.	Miami (58)	6-0	1,522
2.	Oklahoma (3)	6-0	1,457
3.	Virginia Tech	6-0	1,386
4.	Ohio State	7-0	1,320
5.	Georgia	6-0	1,286
6.	Oregon	6-0	1,203
7.	Notre Dame	6-0	1,164
8.	Texas*	5-1	1,062
9.	Michigan	5-1	993
10.	North Carolina St.	7-0	965
11.	Washington State	6-1	868
12.	LSU	5-1	846
13.	Iowa State*	6-1	836
14.	Florida State	5-2	674
15.	Air Force	6-0	565
16.	Iowa	6-1	553
17.	Washington	4-2	531
18.	Tennessee	4-2	528
19.	Kansas State*	5-1	453
20.	USC	4-2	330
21.	Penn State*	4-2	257
22.	Mississippi	5-1	165
23.	Bowling Green	5-0	155
24.	Florida	4-3	123
25.	Colorado*	4-2	92

\*-Denotes 2002 NU opponent

### Huskers in the 2002 Polls

Date	A	C	B	1st Plc.	Results
Pre.	10	8	NA	0/0	def. ASU, 48-10
8-26	9	8	NA	0/0	def. Troy St., 31-16
9-2	9	8	NA	0/0	def. Utah St., 44-13
9-8	8	7	NA	0/0	lost at Penn St., 40-7
9-15	18	19	NA	0/0	idle
9-22	20	19	NA	0/0	lost to ISU, 36-14
9-29	nr	nr	NA	0/0	def. McNeese St. 38-14
10-6	nr	nr	NA	0/0	def. Missouri, 24-13
10-13	nr	nr	NA	0/0	

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

yard line. However, the NU defense rose to the occasion, and the Tigers settled for a field goal and a 10-7 advantage at the end of one quarter. Mizzou added a 44-yard field goal on its first drive of the second quarter and had a 13-7 edge with 9:14 to play in the first half. At that point, Missouri had gained 169 yards of total offense and picked up nine first downs.

Late in the second quarter Missouri moved to the Nebraska 34, but Fabian Washington broke up a pass on a MU fourth-down attempt, giving the ball to the Husker offense with less than three minutes to play before halftime. Horne broke 30 yards up the middle on the first play of the drive, and Jammal Lord found tight end Aaron Golliday for a one-yard TD pass to give NU a 14-13 advantage at the half.

Nebraska broke open the game with a big play midway through the third quarter, when Groce fielded a Brock Harvey punt and raced 89 yards down the Husker sideline for his third punt return TD of the season. The return gave the Huskers a 21-13 advantage and place-kicker Josh Brown gave NU breathing room with a 42-yard field goal in the fourth quarter.

The NU running game and the Blackshirt defense took control from there. The Huskers controlled the ball in the second half with a 20:20-9:40 advantage in second-half time of possession. Nebraska also totaled 177 of its 325 rushing yards after halftime. Meanwhile, the defense kept quarterback Brad Smith and the Tiger offense under wraps. Mizzou gained just 28 total yards and picked up two first downs in the second half and had only 51 yards after grabbing the 13-7 advantage in the second quarter.

### Recapping Game Seven...Nebraska 24, Missouri 13

► **DeJuan Groce** scored his third punt return touchdown of the season on an 89-yard return in the third quarter. The touchdown was the third-longest punt return in NU history, and the second of 89 yards or more in the past three seasons against Missouri, joining Bobby Newcombe's school-record 94-yard TD in 2000. Groce's three punt return TDs this season tie NU's school record, set by Johnny Rodgers in 1971. Groce is just one off the NCAA record of four, held by eight players. With 114 punt return yards on Saturday, Groce moved his career total to 885 yards and passed Larry Wachholtz (788 yards), Tyrone Hughes (817) and Newcombe (829) to move into second on the NU chart. Groce trails only Rodgers' 1,515 yards from 1970 to 1972.

► Junior **Josh Davis** had four kickoff returns for 111 yards before leaving with a left quadricep injury in the second quarter. Davis and Groce keyed the Huskers to a 225-29 advantage in return yards.

► Quarterback **Jammal Lord** led Nebraska in rushing for the fifth time this season with 98 yards on 17 carries, including a 35-yard scamper in the third quarter.

► Tight end **Aaron Golliday** caught a one-yard TD pass from Lord to put the Huskers up 14-13 just before halftime. It was his first TD reception in a regular-season game and second in his career, as he also had a 13-yard TD reception vs. Tennessee in the 2000 Fiesta Bowl.

► Freshman split end **Ross Pilkington** has caught at least one pass in each of the last five games. Pilkington had a 17-yard catch for a first down on NU's first scoring drive.

► I-back **David Horne** had a career-best 88 yards rushing, including 10 carries for 72 yards before halftime. Horne had 81 yards in his debut vs. McNeese State the previous week. Horne had four carries for 46 yards on NU's go-ahead drive at the end of the second quarter, including a career-long 30-yard scamper on the first play of the drive.

► Nebraska trailed by nearly five minutes in possession time at halftime, but held the ball for more than 20 minutes in the second half to finish with a 32:58 to 27:02 advantage for the game. Missouri ran just 23 plays in the second half.

► Senior place-kicker **Josh Brown** kicked a 42-yard field goal in the fourth quarter, his sixth field goal of the season, including four of 40 yards or longer. Brown's streak of consecutive field goals ended with a missed 35-yarder late in the game. Brown scored six points in the game to move past Ahman Green into fourth place on the NU career scoring list with 271 career points.

► The Husker defense limited Missouri to just 220 total yards, half of the Tigers' 441-yard average entering the game. Tiger QB Brad Smith was held to 157 total yards, well under his average of 332 total yards entering the game. NU's Blackshirts allowed just 11 first downs, including just one by rush.

► The Husker defense recorded four sacks in the game, including two for five yards lost by senior rush end **DeMoine Adams**. Rush end **Trevor Johnson** and defensive tackle **Patrick Kabongo** split a sack and rover **Lannie Hopkins** accounted for Nebraska's final sack.

► Nebraska's victory was its 26th straight home win and the 252nd straight sellout at Memorial Stadium. It also marked the 25th straight year the Huskers have won their conference home opener.

### Nebraska-Missouri Stat Wrap

Team Stats	MU	NU
First Downs	11	20
Rush att.-yards	30-97	62-325
Passes	29-14-0	12-4-0
Passing yards	123	34
Total yards	220	359
Turnovers	0	1
Time of Possession	27:02	32:58
Sacks by	2/19	4/14

#### NU Rushing Leaders

Jammal Lord--17 carries, 98 yards  
David Horne--20 carries, 88 yards, 1 TD

#### NU Passing Leader

Jammal Lord--12-4-0, 34 yards, 1 TD

#### NU Receiving Leaders

Ross Pilkington--1 reception, 17 yards

#### NU Defensive Leaders

Trevor Johnson--7 tackles, 1 sack  
DeMoine Adams--4 tackles, 2 sacks  
Philip Bland--4 tackles, 1 PBU, 1 fumble caused

#### Special Teams Standouts

DeJuan Groce--4 punt returns, 114 yards  
89-yard touchdown return  
Josh Davis--4 KO returns, 111 yards

## 2002 Big 12 Standings

North		Records	
Team	Overall	Big 12	Next Game
Iowa State	6-1	3-0	at Oklahoma 10/19
Colorado	4-2	2-0	Baylor 10/19
Kansas St.	5-1	1-1	Texas 10/19
Nebraska	5-2	1-1	at Okla. St. 10/19
Missouri	3-3	0-2	at Tx. Tech 10/19
Kansas	2-5	0-3	Texas A&M 10/19

### South Division

Oklahoma	6-0	2-0	Iowa State 10/19
Texas	5-1	1-1	at K-State 10/19
Texas A&M	4-2	1-1	at Kansas 10/19
Texas Tech	4-3	1-1	Missouri 10/19
Baylor	3-3	1-1	at Colorado 10/19
Okla. St.	2-4	0-2	Nebraska 10/19

### 2002 Nebraska Non-Conference Opponents

Team	Record -- Next Game
Arizona State	5-2--at Oregon 10/19
Troy State	2-5--at Marshall 10/19
Utah State	1-5--New Mexico 10/19
Penn State	4-2--Northwestern 10/19
McNeese State	4-1--at Jacksonville State 10/19

### Last Week's Results

Iowa State def. Texas Tech, 31-17  
 Colorado def. Kansas, 53-29  
 Kansas State def. Oklahoma State, 44-9  
 Oklahoma def. Texas, 35-24  
 Texas A&M def. Baylor, 41-0  
 Arizona State def. Oregon State, 13-9  
 Mississippi State def. Troy State, 11-8  
 Michigan def. Penn State, 27-24 (OT)

## 2002 Oklahoma State Schedule (2-4, 0-2)

Date	Opponent	Result/Time
8/31	at Louisiana Tech	L, 39-36
9/7	Northern Iowa	W, 45-10
9/14	UCLA	L, 38-24
9/21	SMU	W, 52-16
10/5	at Texas	L, 17-15
10/12	at Kansas State	L, 44-9
<b>10/19</b>	<b>Nebraska</b>	<b>11:39 a.m.</b>
11/2	Texas A&M	TBA
11/9	at Texas Tech	TBA
11/16	at Kansas	TBA
11/23	Baylor	TBA
11/30	Oklahoma	1:30 p.m.

## NU-Cowboy Series Notes

► Saturday's game is the first meeting between the two teams in Stillwater since the 1995 season opener. The Huskers and OSU did not meet in the first two seasons of Big 12 competition (1996, 1997), and the 1998 game, originally set to be played in Stillwater, was moved to Kansas City's Arrowhead Stadium. The teams met in 1999 in Lincoln and have not played the past two seasons.

► Nebraska enters this year's meeting unranked for the first time since the 1969 game between the two schools. The Huskers have been ranked in the top 10 in 24 of the previous 28 meetings.

► The 1995 victory in Stillwater marked the first time NU opened the season with a victory on an opponent's home field since 1967. Since then, NU opened the 1999 season with a victory at Iowa.

► NU's 1993 win in Stillwater was Tom Osborne's 200th career win.

## Huskers from Oklahoma

► Nebraska has two players on its roster from the state of Oklahoma, senior place-kicker Josh Brown and senior nose tackle Jason Lohr. Brown (Foyil) leads Nebraska in scoring with 271 points, while Lohr (Tulsa) is out for the season with a knee injury.

## Scouting Oklahoma State (2-4, 0-2)



Oklahoma State enters this week's contest with a 2-4 overall record and an 0-2 mark in the Big 12 Conference. The Cowboys have faced a tough test to start the Big 12 campaign with road contests against a pair of nationally ranked opponents—Texas and Kansas State.

The Cowboys extended Texas to the limit on Oct. 5 in Austin, losing 17-15 after a late two-point conversion failed. Last weekend in Manhattan, the Cowboys dropped a 44-9 decision to No. 19 Kansas State. OSU's setback at Kansas State was its third loss to a ranked opponent this fall, as the Cowboys also faced No. 23 UCLA on Sept. 14, falling 38-24 in Stillwater.

Offensively, the Cowboys are averaging 356.5 yards per game behind a high-powered passing attack that has accounted for 232.5 yards per contest. Sophomore quarterback Josh Fields has completed 53 percent of his passes for 1,216 yards and 11 touchdowns against eight interceptions. The key to the OSU passing attack is junior wide receiver Rashaun Woods. The All-America candidate has grabbed 46 passes for 676 yards and six touchdowns this season. He is averaging 112.7 yards per game and 14.7 yards per catch and topped the 2,000-yard career receiving mark last week against Kansas State. The Cowboy rushing attack is led by tailback Seymore Shaw, who is averaging 61.2 yards per game and has scored four touchdowns.

On the defensive side of the ball, the Cowboys are very experienced with eight senior starters. Oklahoma State is allowing 395.7 yards and 27.3 points per game, but has forced 14 turnovers. Senior defensive back Chris Massey leads the Cowboy defense with 38 tackles, including 29 solo stops. He is also a dangerous return man, averaging 24.3 yards per kickoff return. Linebacker Terrence Robinson has 22 tackles, including 22 unassisted tackles. Safety Elbert Craig will be making his 28th career start against Nebraska and has 36 tackles and six pass breakups this season.

Place-kicker Luke Phillips has connected on 4-of-5 field goals and 21-of-22 extra-point attempts this fall, while the Cowboys are also solid in the punting department, averaging 41.4 yards per boot.

## Oklahoma State Coach Les Miles

Les Miles is in his second season as the head coach at Oklahoma State. Miles is 6-11 in two seasons in Stillwater, after posting a 4-7 mark in his rookie campaign with the Cowboys. Miles had previously served as the offensive coordinator at Oklahoma State from 1995 to 1997, before leaving Stillwater for three seasons to serve as an assistant with the Dallas Cowboys. Before his previous stint at Oklahoma State, Miles also served as an assistant for five seasons at Colorado and 10 years at his alma mater, Michigan. Saturday marks Miles' first meeting as a head coach vs. Nebraska and Frank Solich.

## Nebraska-Oklahoma State Series...Nebraska leads 35-2-1

Oklahoma State won the first two meetings in the series (1960 and 1961), but has not defeated Nebraska since those two victories, with the Huskers owning a 35-0-1 record in the past 36 meetings. Only a 17-17 tie in the 1973 game in Stillwater has kept Nebraska from an unblemished record in the last 36 meetings with the Cowboys.

Nebraska has posted lopsided victories in the series in recent years, having outscored the Cowboys 320-86 in the last eight meetings, with the lone close call in that stretch a 24-17 victory at Kansas City in 1998. In fact, Nebraska has won 11 of the past 12 meetings by 14 or more points, but the series has a history of close calls with 15 of the 38 meetings decided by 10 points or less and eight games determined by four points or less.

The Huskers have a 15-1-1 edge in games played in Stillwater at OSU's Lewis Field. Since the tie in 1973, Nebraska has won 11 games in Stillwater by an average margin of 24.8 points. In NU's last visit to Stillwater the Huskers posted a 64-21 win in the 1995 season opener, starting their run to a 12-0 season and a national championship.

## Nebraska-Oklahoma State Statistical Comparison

Category	Nebraska (5-2, 1-1)			Oklahoma State (2-4, 0-2)		
	Avg.	Big 12	Natl.	Avg.	Big 12	Natl.
<b>Rushing Offense</b>	<b>267.4</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>	124.0	11	87
<b>Passing Offense</b>	104.3	12	114	232.5	5	48
<b>Pass Efficiency</b>	105.98	10	91	106.25	9	90
<b>Total Offense</b>	371.7	8	66	356.5	11	77
<b>Scoring Offense</b>	29.4	8	43	30.2	7	39
<b>Rushing Defense</b>	133.6	6	44	154.2	8	66
<b>Pass Defense</b>	207.7	6	55	241.5	12	87
<b>Pass Eff. Defense</b>	<b>95.06</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>13</b>	110.9	7	87
<b>Total Defense</b>	341.3	6	42	395.7	10	87
<b>Scoring Defense</b>	20.3	6	29	27.3	9	67
<b>Net Punting</b>	<b>39.3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>7</b>	34.7	10	57
<b>Punt Returns</b>	<b>20.0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	12.8	6	28
<b>Kickoff Returns</b>	21.4	3	37	21.3	4	40
<b>Turnover Margin</b>	-0.57	10	77	-0.17	9	63

**Top 25 National Rankings in Bold**

**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	5-2	.667	1-1	---	---
<b>Tot.</b>	<b>47-11</b>	<b>.810</b>	<b>26-8</b>	<b>Four</b>	<b>---</b>

#-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	47-11

**Solich vs. Ranked AP Teams (10-9)**

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

**Solich Superlatives**

Overall .....	47-11
vs. AP Ranked Teams .....	10-9
vs. AP Top 10 Teams .....	4-4
vs. Unranked Teams .....	37-2
vs. Big 12 Teams .....	27-8
When Rushing for 300 Yards .....	25-1
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 ...	31-7
Multiple 100-yd. NU Rushers in a Game .	11-0
When Opp. has 100 Yd. Rusher .....	8-7
When Scoring 35 or More Points .....	30-1
When Hold Opp. to 10 Pts. or less .....	20-0
When Nebraska scores first .....	36-4
When Nebraska leads at halftime .....	38-2
Record in games decided by 10 or less ...	13-6
Record in games decided by 7 or less .....	8-5
Record in games decided by 3 or less .....	4-2

**Individual Honors**

Draft Picks .....	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 47-11 school and career record (.810). With 11 wins in 2001, Solich moved into a tie for fourth on the all-time Division I list for victories in the first four seasons as a head coach. He will officially qualify to rank among his peers after this season with five years as a head coach, and with an .810 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.

Solich is the only Husker coach to have won 12 games in either of his first two seasons. Devaney won nine games in his first year, 10 his second year, nine in his third and 10 in his fourth, while Osborne won nine, nine, 10 and nine, respectively. 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.

Although defensive coordinator Charlie McBride retired after the 1999 season, the rest of Coach Osborne's 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 away 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.

**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).

Husker victories with Frank Solich at the helm—good for a total of 302 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."*

**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 47

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 293 wins as a Husker assistant.

### 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. Assisting from above in the press box are rush ends coach Nelson Barnes, defensive backs coach George Darlington, running backs coach Dave Gillespie and offensive line coach Milt Tenopir.

### Blackshirts Post Dominant Second-Half Effort vs. Missouri; Rebound from Early-Season Disappointment

Nebraska's defense had its best outing of the 2002 season against Missouri in a 24-13 victory Saturday in Lincoln. Nebraska limited the Tigers to 220 total yards, less than half of the Tigers' 441-yard average entering the contest. NU also held the Tiger rushing offense to 97 yards on the ground, while Mizzou entered the game averaging better than 220 yards in rushing. In the process, NU limited Missouri redshirt freshman quarterback Brad Smith to 157 total offense yards, well under his average of 332 yards entering the game.

The Huskers overall effort against Missouri was impressive, but their play in the final 40 minutes of the game was even more dominant. After the Tigers forged a 13-7 lead early in the second quarter, the Blackshirts allowed just 51 total yards and two first downs, one of which was a result of a penalty. Missouri had just 28 yards after halftime, including only four second-half rushing yards.

The Blackshirts surrendered an average of 444.0 yards in road losses at Penn State and Iowa State, including more than 200 yards per game on the ground. However, in wins over McNeese State and Missouri, the Huskers have allowed just 287.5 yards per outing and held the teams to 14 and 13 points, respectively. NU now ranks sixth in the Big 12 in both total defense and scoring defense, allowing 341.3 yards and 20.3 points per game.

### 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 NU's non-conference victories and will be a key to success in the Big 12 schedule.

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. Overall, Nebraska held a 225-29 edge in return yards vs. Missouri.

Here's a quick look at Nebraska's special teams dominance in 2002.

► **Punt Returns...**Nebraska is averaging 20.0 yards on 22 punt returns this season. Groce has returned 18 punts for 399 yards, for a nation-leading 22.2 average. 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 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 moved up to second on the

NU career punt return chart with his performance against Missouri.

► **Place-kicking...**Senior place-kicker Josh Brown is 6-of-7 on field goals in 2002 and perfect in 26 PAT attempts. Brown has four field goals of 40 yards or longer this season, including a 42-yarder vs. Missouri. He 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 and had a season-best 44-yarder vs. Utah State. Brown missed a field goal in the fourth quarter vs. Missouri, ending a streak of eight straight field goals made. Brown has hit 11 of his last 13 field goals dating back to last season. He ranks fourth at Nebraska with 271 career points. Brown's performance on kickoff duties should not be left unnoticed with 26 of his 40 kickoffs this season (3-5 vs. Missouri) ending in touchbacks. Brown was named Big 12 Special Teams Player of the Week for his work in the season opener against Arizona State.

► **Punting...**NU's Kyle Larson continues to prove that he is among the nation's top punters. Larson ranks 15th in the nation in punting with a 43.1-yard average on the season. He has also pinned the opposition inside the 20 nine times. Larson averaged 57.3 yards on four punts against Utah State, just off a school record. Larson, a Ray Guy Award candidate, has been NU's nominee for Big 12 Special Teams Player of the Week three times this season. Nebraska ranks seventh in the nation in net punting at 39.29 yards per attempt.

► **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 three punts.

Demorrio Williams and Lannie Hopkins each blocked a punt in the second half of Nebraska's victory over Arizona State,

#### NU Special Teams Under Solich

Year	FG-FGA	PR	Averages		
			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, IPAT)
2001	12-17	13.1	25.2	41.1	4 (2P, 2FG)
2002	6-7	20.0	21.4	43.1	3 (3P)
*School record					

marking the first time since a 1999 win over Kansas State that the Huskers have had two blocked punts in the same game. Williams' blocked punt was returned six yards for a score by senior linebacker Scott Shanle. The last time NU had returned a blocked punt for a TD was at Kansas State in 2000 (Keyuo Craver). NU added its third punt block of the year at Iowa State, when Williams and senior Aaron Terpening teamed to block a third-quarter Cyclone punt, setting the Husker offense up for a touchdown.

► **Kickoff Returns...**Junior Josh Davis finished 14th nationally in kickoff return average a year ago at 27.0 yards per return. This season Davis is averaging 23.24 yards per return, including a season-long 42-yarder vs. Utah State and three returns of 25 yards or longer against Missouri. Davis ranks fourth at Nebraska in career kickoff return yardage.

► **Kick Coverage...**Nebraska has allowed opponents to average just 15.8 yards on kickoff returns and only 8.5 yards on 15 punt returns this season. Missouri had just 29 yards on two kickoff returns against Nebraska and the Huskers have not allowed an opponent to return a kickoff past their own 35-yard line.

### Special Teams Supplying Huskers With Big Plays in 2002

Nebraska's biggest threat for long-distance plays this season has come via its special teams. Senior punt returner DeJuan Groce has four punt returns of 25 yards or more this season, including touchdowns of 72, 83 and 89 yards. Junior Josh Davis has eight kickoff returns of 25 yards or more, including three against Missouri. While Groce and Davis have combined for 12 returns of 25 yards or more, NU opponents have just two such returns (one punt, one kickoff).

Place-kicker Josh Brown has also been strong from long distance. The senior from Foyil, Okla., has four field goals of 40 or more yards in 2002. He entered the season with just four 40-yarders in 12 attempts in his three-year career. NU opponents have made one of two 40-plus field goals, a 43-

**Husker Preseason Honors**

**Judd Davies, Jr., FB**

No. 3 fullback in the nation (The Sporting News)

**Dahrran Diedrick, Sr., IB**

Preseason Doak Walker Award Watch List  
 Preseason Second-Team All-American (Athlon)  
 Preseason Top 10 Running Back in the Nation (The Sporting News, Lindy's)  
 Preseason First-Team All-Big 12 (Lindy's, Athlon, Football News, Big 12 Media)  
 Preseason Second-Team All-Big 12 (The Sporting News)

**John Garrison, Sr., C**

Preseason 2002 Outland Trophy Watch List  
 Preseason 2002 Rimington Award Watch List  
 Preseason First-Team All-Big 12 (Athlon)

**DeJuan Groce, Sr., CB**

Preseason Jim Thorpe Award Watch List  
 Preseason First-Team All-Big 12 (Athlon)  
 Preseason Second-Team All-Big 12 (Lindy's)  
 Preseason No. 13 Cornerback in the Nation (The Sporting News)  
 Preseason No. 14 Kick Returner in the Nation (The Sporting News)  
 Preseason No. 16 Cornerback in the Nation (Lindy's)

**Chris Kelsay, Sr., RE**

Preseason Rotary Lombardi Award Watch List  
 Preseason Bronko Nagurski Watch List  
 Preseason First-Team All-Big 12 (The Sporting News, Big 12 Media)  
 Preseason No. 5 Defensive End in the Nation (The Sporting News)  
 Preseason No. 9 Defensive End in the Nation (Lindy's)  
 Preseason Second-Team All-Big 12 (Lindy's)

**Kyle Larson, Jr., P**

Preseason First-Team All-Big 12 (Football News)  
 Ray Guy Award Watch List

**Scott Shanle, Sr., LB**

Preseason Butkus Award Watch List

**Barrett Ruud, So., LB**

Preseason Butkus Award Watch List

**NU Individual Season Record Kickoff Returns**

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

**NU Career Kickoff Return Yards**

1. 1443 Tyrone Hughes, WB, 1989-92 (51 ret.)
2. 1159 Joe Walker, ROV, 1997-00 (53 ret.)
3. 1154 Dana Brinson, WB, 1985-88 (51 ret.)
4. **1096 Josh Davis, IB, 2000-02 (37 ret.)**
5. 847 Johnny Rodgers, WB 1970-72 (35 ret.)
6. 818 Frank Solich, FB, 1963-65 (35 ret.)

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

The 90-yard TD pass from Jammal Lord to Ross Pilkington in the second quarter at Iowa State ranked 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. Last season Heisman winner Eric Crouch broke open Nebraska'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. Nebraska just missed another 90-yard scoring play vs. Mizzou this season as DeJuan Groce returned a punt 89 yards for a touchdown.

yarder by Utah State's Dane Kidman. Brown and Nebraska's kickoff coverage team have pinned opponents inside the 20 on six occasions.

Husker punter Kyle Larson ranks in the top 20 nationally in punting at 43.1 yards per punt. Larson struggled against Missouri, but has been remarkably consistent this season. Larson has averaged better than 45 yards per punt in four games this season (46.2 vs. TSU; 57.3 vs. USU, 46.8 vs. PSU and 47.2 vs. ISU) 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 when he punted just twice. Larson had a season-high five punts of 45 yards or more vs. Penn State. Larson has punted a season-high six punts three (vs. Troy State, Penn State and Missouri) and has pinned opponents inside the 20 nine times, including three times vs. Troy State. Larson has pinned opponents inside the 10-yard line four times, two of which came in the loss at Penn State. Husker opponents have pinned Nebraska inside the 20 on punts 10 times.

The Huskers have blocked three punts this season, including two by junior linebacker Demorrio Williams, while NU's Larson has not been blocked. In fact, when Larson took a bad snap at the Nebraska 24 yard line vs. Missouri, he ran it eight yards for a first down.

**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, 53	1	(5)
USU	Groce 27	Davis 42	Brown 44	4-8	2	Larson 71, 56, 57, 40	—	0
PSU	—	Davis 26	—	1-2	1	Larson 47, 47, 50, 56, 42	—	2 (3,6)
ISU	—	Davis 41	—	3-3	0	Larson 47, 50, 56	2	0
MSU	—	—	—	4-7	1	—	—	—
MU	Groce 89*	Davis 27, 28, 39	Brown 42	3-5	0	Larson 45	1	1 (8)

**Blocked Kicks:** 3 (Williams vs. ASU, recovered by Shanle for TD; Hopkins vs. ASU, recovered by Williams; Williams and Terpening vs. ISU, recovered by ISU)

**Huskers Scoring in All Three Facets of Game**

Nebraska has reached the end zone 27 times this season, with the offense, defense and special teams all getting into the act. Of Nebraska's touchdowns, five have been non-offensive scores, two in each of the Huskers' first two games this season and DeJuan Groce's 89-yard punt return TD vs. Missouri.

In the season opener against 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 special teams set up a two-yard NU scoring drive at Iowa State when the Huskers blocked their third punt of the season.

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 seven of their last 14 games dating back to last season (3 of 7 in 2002). Seven 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 Hope to Get Back on Track in Turnover Margin**

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 season, but are a combined minus-7 in turnover margin in the past four games, including a combined five-turnover disadvantage in losses at Penn State and Iowa State. Nebraska ranks 77th in the nation in turnover margin, but faces another struggling team in that department this weekend, with OSU ranked 63rd at -0.17 per contest.

In Nebraska's season opener, the Huskers returned an interception for a touchdown against Arizona State, while the Nebraska offense did not commit a turnover. In the Troy State contest, the Huskers forced three first-quarter turnovers and committed two turnovers in the game. NU upped its season interception total to six with three picks against Utah State, while the NU offense committed a pair of turnovers.

The victory over Arizona State 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 were also breaking in three starters on the offensive front. Arizona State has since proven to have an opportunistic defense, forcing 24 turnovers in winning five of its six games since the loss at Nebraska. The Sun Devils rank third nationally in turnovers gained.

### 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, it is Groce's turn to handle the leadership role, as true freshman Fabian Washington has taken over the left cornerback spot.

Groce has shown why he is an All-America candidate and listed on the Jim Thorpe Award watch list. Groce had a pass breakup and intercepted two passes against Troy State, helping the Husker defense hold the Trojans to just 11 of 29 in the passing department. He backed up that performance with two more interceptions and a breakup against Utah State.

Groce now has 36 career PBU to rank fourth on the NU career list and is the Huskers' single-season PBU record-holder with 17 in 2000. He has eight career interceptions, including four this season, just off the Husker top 10 season list and three from the school season record of seven, held by three players. Groce's eight career interceptions are also just off the career top 10 list. Dana Stephenson holds the NU career mark with 14 picks from 1967 to 1969. Groce ranks 16th nationally in interceptions per game at 0.57. Opposing offenses rarely throw toward Groce and his shut-down abilities key a Husker pass defense that ranks 13th nationally in pass efficiency defense with a 95.05 rating.

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

#### NU Career Pass Breakups

Rank, #	Player, Position, Years	PBU
1.	Ralph Brown, RCB, 96-99	50
2.	Keyuo Craver, LCB, 98-01	41
3.	Erwin Swiney, RCB, 97-01	38
4.	<b>DeJuan Groce, RCB, 99-01</b>	<b>36</b>

#### NU Career Punt Return Yards

1.	1,515 Johnny Rodgers, WB, 1970-72 (98 ret.)
2.	<b>885 D. Groce, CB, 1999-02 (53 ret.)</b>
2.	829 Bobby Newcombe, WB, 1997-00 (48 ret.)
3.	817 Tyrone Hughes, WB, 1989-92 (65 ret.)
4.	788 Larry Wachholtz, S, 1964-66 (62 ret.)

#### NU Season Punt Return Yards

1.	618 Johnny Rodgers, WB, 1972 (39 ret.)
2.	548 Johnny Rodgers, WB, 1971 (33 ret.)
3.	<b>469 D. Groce, CB, 2001 (33 ret.)</b>
4.	452 Larry Wachholtz, S, 1965 (31 ret.)
5.	<b>399 D. Groce, CB, 2002 (18 ret.)</b>

season to lead the nation. Groce totaled 114 yards on four punt returns against Missouri and moved into second place on the NU career punt return yardage list with 885 yards. Groce's 399 punt return yards this season already rank fifth on the NU single-season chart and his 469 yards last season ranked third.

### Lord Rebounds with Record-Setting Performance Against McNeese State

Nebraska junior quarterback Jammal Lord has faced a variety of difficult challenges in his first season as the Huskers' starting signal caller. First, he was charged 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 showed the ability to rebound against McNeese State and had another solid outing in NU's win over Missouri.

The 6-2, 220-pound Lord had a record-setting afternoon against McNeese State, breaking the NU single-game total offense record with 369 yards, including an NU-quarterback record 218 rushing yards on 17 carries. Coincidentally, 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 in his career Lord has

topped 100 yards in both rushing and passing in the same contest, and he averaged a remarkable 10.5 yards on 35 total-offense attempts. The game marked the third time this season Lord has rushed for more than 100 yards in a game, also topping the century mark with 103 yards vs. Arizona State and 111 at Penn State. He also 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 also had his career-best passing day in terms of completions (12), attempts (18), yards (151) and percentage (.667). He completed 4-of-4 passes for 63 yards on a second-quarter scoring drive that ended with a 10-yard TD pass to Troy Hassebrook. Lord's play allowed Nebraska to convert on 12-of-16 third-down attempts in the game.

Lord has been Nebraska's stop-offensive weapon this season, leading the Huskers in rushing five times, including a 98-yard effort in the 24-13 victory over Missouri. He has passed for more than 100 yards four times this year.

Lord leads Nebraska in rushing with 689 yards and six touchdowns and averages 6.4 yards per carry. His 98.4 yards rushing per game rank 33rd in the nation and sixth in the Big 12 Conference. Lord is fourth nationally in rushing among quarterbacks. His 188.9 total offensive yards per game rank ninth in the Big 12 Conference. Lord is on track to become the third Husker quarterback (Scott Frost-1997, Eric Crouch-2001) to top 1,000 yards in both rushing and passing in the same season.

#### QB Jammal Lord Game-by-Game

Game	Rushing No.-Yd-TD	Passing A-C-I-Yd-TD	Total Off. No. - Yd
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

\*-Starts

#### Season Highs

Rushing: 218 yards vs. McNeese St. (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: 98.4 yards per game (4th Big 12/28th)

Passing: 90.4 yards per game

Total Offense: 188.9 yards per game

### Senior Rush End Kelsay Leads Blackshirts on Field and from Sideline

Senior rush end Chris Kelsay has shown in 2002 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. Kelsay has nine tackles for losses totaling 46 yards this season, including a team-leading 4.5 sacks for 38 yards. Kelsay also leads the Huskers with 14 QB hurries, including four against 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 two opposing passes, all while NU's opponents have regularly double-teamed the senior captain.

Kelsay saw very limited action against McNeese State leaving in the first quarter with a strained right hamstring. The injury forced him to miss Nebraska's victory over Missouri, but Kelsay still had an impact on the contest. Several of his teammates credited Kelsay with encouraging the defensive troops from the sideline throughout the Blackshirts' top performance of 2002. In addition, Kelsay was instrumental in a defensive players' meeting in which NU set goals for the Missouri 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 10.5 sacks and 29 tackles for loss in his Husker career. Kelsay recorded 52 total tackles as a junior, including a team-best 17 tackles for losses totaling 58 yards and five sacks.



## Big 12 Conf. POW Nominees

Game	Offense	Defense	Special
ASU	Lord	<b>Ricketts</b>	<b>Brown</b>
TSU	none	Groce	<b>Groce</b>
USU	Diedrick	<b>Groce</b>	Larson
PSU	none	none	Larson
ISU	none	none	Larson
MSU	Lord	Shanle	none
MU	Horne	Johnson	<b>Groce</b>
OSU			
A&M			
UT			
KU			
KSU			
CU			

**boldface=winner; \*=co-winner**

**(A) ABC/Chev. POG; (F) FSN POG**

## 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 former Huskers on NFL rosters, including players on injured reserve and practice squads.

Kris Brown, KS, Houston  
 Mike Brown, FS, Chicago  
 Ralph Brown, DB, N.Y. Giants  
 Correll Buckhalter, RB, Philadelphia (injured)  
 Keyuo Craver, CB, New Orleans  
 Chris Dishman, OG, Arizona  
 Clint Finley, S, Kansas City (practice squad)  
 Toniui Fonoti, OL, San Diego  
 Jay Foreman, LB, Houston  
 Scott Frost, S, Green Bay (injured reserve)  
 Aaron Graham, C, Tennessee  
 Ahman Green, RB, Green Bay  
 Eric Johnson, DB, Oakland  
 Bill Lafleur, P, San Diego (practice squad)  
 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 Slechta, DT, Philadelphia  
 Brenden Stai, OG, Washington  
 Erwin Swiney, CB, Green Bay (practice squad)  
 Adam Treu, OT, Oakland  
 Kyle Vanden Bosch, DE, Arizona  
 Joe Walker, S, Indianapolis  
 Eric Warfield, CB, Kansas City  
 Steve Warren, DT, Green Bay  
 Zach Wiegert, OG, Jacksonville  
 Tyrone Williams, CB, Green Bay  
 Grant Wistrom, DE, St. Louis

## '97 Husker Team Fills NFL Rosters

Twenty 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).

## Rucker Named NFC Defender of Month

Carolina Panther rush end Mike Rucker was named the NFC Defensive Player of the Month for September. The former Husker is among the NFL leaders in sacks and has also caused three fumbles for the Panthers, who are among the league leaders in defense.

## Thomas Among Nebraska's Career Receiving Leaders

Senior split end Wilson Thomas is being relied on as a go-to-player in the Husker offensive attack this season. The 6-6 Thomas leads Nebraska with 19 receptions and has a pair of touchdowns this season. He opened the season with a nine-yard TD against Arizona State, one of his three catches against the Sun Devils, and had four grabs against Troy State. Thomas grabbed his second TD of the year against Utah State on a 23-yard connection with Jammal Lord. He caught an NU season-high five passes for 49 yards against Iowa State and had a team-high four grabs for 47 yards in the win over McNeese State.

The McNeese State game marked the 13th time in his career that Thomas has caught three or more passes in a game, including four games in 2002. Thomas 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. Thomas did not have a reception against Missouri, ending a streak of eight consecutive games with at least one catch.

Thomas has 57 career receptions and is closing fast on the Husker career top 10, just four catches shy of a tie for ninth place on the list. With 803 career receiving yards, Thomas ranks 20th on the NU charts and is 197 yards short of becoming just the 12th Husker 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.

## Diedrick Continuing Husker Running Back Legacy

Senior I-back Dahrnan Diedrick continues to move up the Nebraska career rushing charts. Diedrick was the Big 12's leading rusher in 2001 with 1,299 yards and was a first-team All-Big 12 preseason pick in 2002 by the league's media.

Diedrick was one of 42 players named to the preseason watch list for the Doak Walker Award, given annually to the nation's top running back. Diedrick was also named first-team preseason All-Big 12 by *Football News* and *Athlon*, which also listed him as a second-team preseason All-America pick. The Scarborough, Ontario, Canada native was also listed by *Lindy's* and *The Sporting News* as one of the nation's top 10 running backs entering the season.

Diedrick reached a milestone against Utah State when he became the 21st Husker to rush for 2,000 career yards. Diedrick finished the game with a season-high 93 yards on 16 carries. Diedrick moved into the top 20 on NU's career rushing list at Penn State and now has 2,273 career yards to rank 14th in school history. Against Missouri, Diedrick rushed 14 times for 61 yards and passed Jeff Kinney to move into 14th place on the NU rushing list. Diedrick has rushed for 459 yards and two touchdowns this season and is less than 300 yards from the NU career top 10.

Diedrick, who scored 15 touchdowns last year, rushed for 100 or more yards in seven of his 11 regular-season appearances and scored two or more TDs in five games. If Diedrick were to reach 1,000 yards this season he would move into sixth place on NU's career rushing list.

## 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.

Ruud tied for the team lead in tackles against Missouri with seven and has a team-leading 41 tackles on the season, despite playing with injuries ranging from a broken hand to a bruised shin and an injured knee. Shanle, the only returning starter in NU's linebacking corps, has also made a big impact and played a key leadership role this fall. He returned a blocked punt for a touchdown to give NU a 24-3 advantage in the third quarter against Arizona State and was NU's leading tackler against McNeese State with 10 stops, including a sack. He ranks second on the team with 37 tackles for the year.

Senior center John Garrison has been 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 a re-tooled

## NU Career Reception Leaders

Rank	Player, Pos., Yrs.	Rec.
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
9.	A. Muhammad, WB, 1991-94	61
	Jerry List, TE, 1970-72	61
	D. Richnafsky, SE, 1965-67	61
12.	Tracey Wistrom, TE, 1998-01	58
13.	<b>Wilson Thomas, SE, 1999-pres.</b>	<b>57</b>

## NU Career Rushing Leaders

Rank	Player, Pos., Yrs.	Yards
1.	Mike Rozier, IB, 1981-83	4,780
2.	Ahman Green, IB, 1995-97	3,880
3.	Eric Crouch, QB, 1998-01	3,434
...		
13.	Roger Craig, IB, 1979-82	2,442
14.	<b>D. Diedrick, IB, 1999-pres.</b>	<b>2,273</b>
15.	Jeff Kinney, HB, 1969-71	2,244
16.	Doug DuBose, IB, 1982-85	2,205
17.	Bobby Reynolds, HB, 1950-52	2,196
18.	Jarvis Redwine, IB, 1979-80	2,161
19.	Tony Davis, IB/FB, 1973-75	2,153



offensive line that features three first-year starters, but has helped NU to a Big 12-leading 267.4 yards per game on the ground. Nebraska has picked up its offense in the past two games, averaging 477.0 yards in the game, including 384.5 yards on the ground in the victories over McNeese State and Missouri.

Junior punter Kyle Larson continues to prove he is one of the nation's best, averaging 43.1 yards on 34 punts this season to rank 15th in the nation in punting average. Larson boomed four punts for a 57.3-yard average vs. Utah State, just off the single-game school record. Larson was one of 34 punters on the Ray Guy preseason watch list. For a full listing of Husker players on preseason watch lists, please see the left column on page 6.

### True Freshmen Making Big Impact for 2002 Huskers

Five true freshmen have seen action for Nebraska in 2002 and all have made immediate impacts. In fact, three of the true freshmen who have played have scored touchdowns on their first touch of their Husker career. In the season opener, left cornerback Fabian Washington intercepted an Arizona State pass and returned it 29 yards for a touchdown. Two games later against Utah State, tight end Matt Herian turned his first career reception into a 33-yard TD. Split end Mark 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.

Washington and split end Ross Pilkington made their Husker debuts in the season opener and have seen the most extensive playing time among the group. Washington took over starting duties at left corner against McNeese State and has three interceptions in six games to rank 21st nationally. Pilkington caught a 90-yard TD pass at Iowa State and ranks second on the team in receptions with nine, while leading the Huskers in receiving yards with 210, good for a 23.3-yard per catch average. 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. Herian is listed fourth at tight end while LeFlore is NU's No. 3 split end.

I-back David Horne, a high school teammate of LeFlore at Omaha Central, became the fifth Husker true frosh to see action this season, when he shed his redshirt against McNeese State. Horne made a quick impression, rushing 12 times for 81 yards in his debut. He backed that performance up with 88 yards on a team-high 20 carries against Missouri, including 46 yards on a crucial second-quarter touchdown drive. He also added his first career TD on a five-yard run in the first quarter.

Three Huskers saw action as true freshmen in 2001—Mike linebacker 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.

### 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.

Although the Huskers have fallen from the top 25, the remaining Big 12 schedule presents Nebraska with an opportunity to re-enter the rankings

this season. In addition to playing road games at nationally ranked Penn State and Iowa State to date, the Huskers have three games remaining against ranked teams—Texas, Kansas State and Colorado.

Nebraska continues to receive votes in both polls, with 30 points in the AP poll (29th) and 34 from the coaches (30th). Five Big 12 teams are ranked this week, including Oklahoma (2 AP/2 Coaches) Texas (8/8), Iowa State (9/13), Kansas State (17/19) and Colorado (23/25). In addition to Nebraska, Big 12 teams Texas A&M and Texas Tech received votes in one or both polls. Penn State is ranked 20th and 21st in this week's poll, while 5-2 Arizona State is receiving votes in both polls.

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, Nebraska'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 missed Nebraska's game with Missouri with a hamstring injury, but hopes to return to action this week. His injury is the latest in a series of injuries to hit Nebraska's defensive front four. In the preseason, senior nose tackle Jason Lohr was lost for the season 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. Coach Frank Solich announced last week that redshirt freshman Seppo Ewvaraye is out for the season with an injury to his right shoulder. In addition, freshman defensive tackle Brandon Greeson, who is redshirting this fall, will also miss the remainder of the fall with a shoulder injury.

Senior rover Aaron Terpening broke his left hand during practice two weeks ago and has played with a cast on his hand in each of the last two games. No. 4 I-back/kickoff return man Josh Davis suffered a left quadricep injury against Missouri and his status for the upcoming week is uncertain.

### Nebraska Boasts Big 12-Best 35 Players on Opening Day NFL 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 34 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. A full listing can be found in the left margin of page eight.

Among Nebraska's notable 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 defensive end 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. The Carolina Panther defense currently ranks No. 1 in the NFL in large part because of the play of a pair of former Huskers. Defensive end Mike Rucker is among the league leaders in sacks with five and has also forced three fumbles, while safety Mike Minter has intercepted two passes, including one that he returned for a touchdown.

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.

## Huskers Through the Years

Coaches	Record	Years	Natl. Champs
Bob Devaney	101-20-2	11	70, 71
Tom Osborne	255-49-3	25	94, 95, 97
Frank Solich	47-11-0	5	0
<b>Since 1962</b>	<b>403-80-5</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>5</b>
1890-1962	366-223-35	72	0
<b>All-Time</b>	<b>769-303-40</b>	<b>113</b>	<b>5</b>

### Husker AP Ranking Notes

- ▶ NU fell out of the AP poll on Sept. 22 ending its all-time AP poll streak at 348 consecutive weeks
- ▶ NU has been ranked in the top 10 for 151 of the last 162 weeks (1993 to present)
- ▶ The Huskers have been ranked No. 1 by the AP a total of 70 weeks, 54 games (46-7-1)

### Division I-A Records in the 1990s

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

### Records in 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

Rank	Team	Winning Seasons	9-Win Streaks
1.	<b>Nebraska</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>33</b>
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.

### 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

## 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 252 consecutive sellouts in Memorial Stadium**—Nebraska's game with Missouri was the 252nd straight sellout at Memorial Stadium. In fact, all eight of Nebraska's 2002 home games are sold out. "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 21, 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.

▶ **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.

▶ **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.

▶ **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.

▶ **26-game home winning streak**—The Huskers have three remaining home games on the 2002 schedule and hope to extend their home winning streak to 29. NU's 26-game home winning streak is the nation's longest current streak and is third best at NU, while the school record is 47 set from 1991 to 1998. The Huskers have won 94 of their last 97 home games.

▶ **107-14 record since 1993**—In the last nine years, Nebraska has lost just 14 games and has lost more than two games in a season just once (1998). 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 769-303-40 record in 1,112 games (.710). In the last 34 years, NU is tops, posting a record of 335-62-5 for an .840 winning percentage (402 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 769.

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 10 wins per season over the last 33 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 46 (1939-87) and Notre Dame's 42 (1889-1932) and tied with Texas's 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 107-14 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 63-8 conference record (.887)
- ▶ Won 62 of 63 home games (26 straight)
- ▶ Gone 28-11 vs. Associated Press Top 25 teams (14-5 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 26-6 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 335-62-5 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 5-2 in 2002, for a 47-11 five-year record. Like Osborne, he is on pace to hit 100 wins in 10 years. Devaney went 10-1 his second year (1963) winning his first Big Eight 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 437-144-16 all time vs. Big 12 Conference teams. Since the Big 12 was formed in 1996, Nebraska is 42-8 in the league (24-1 at home), losing to Texas A&M in College Station (28-21), Texas in Lincoln (20-16) and Kansas State in Manhattan (40-30) in 1998; to Texas (24-20) in Austin in 1999; and to Oklahoma in Norman (31-14) and K-State in Manhattan (29-28) in 2000; at Colorado (62-36) in 2001; and at Iowa State in Ames this season (36-14). Nebraska is 26-8 in the Big 12 under Coach Solich. Nebraska has won 14 straight conference games at home, since Texas defeated the Huskers on Oct. 31, 1998, which ended NU's school-record 47-game home winning streak. Texas is Nebraska's next home Big 12 opponent (Nov. 2) and NU will carry a 26-game home winning streak into that contest.

## 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 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.

### 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

## Memorial Stadium Dominance

Nebraska owns a nation-best 26-game home winning streak, including a 5-0 mark in 2002 and has three home games remaining this season. Nebraska is 94-3 at home the last 14 years, losing to two teams that went on to win a share of the national championship (Colorado in 1990 and Washington in 1991), and to Texas in 1998. Head Coach Frank Solich saluted the Husker fans following the 24-13 victory over Missouri. *"I thought the fans were great. 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."*

The Huskers are 461-122-20 (.781, 603 games, 113 years) in Lincoln, 336-99-13 (.765, 448 games, 80 years) in Memorial Stadium (since 1923) and 31-1 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 138-10 at Memorial Stadium, with eight of those losses coming against teams that finished in the top six in the final AP poll. Included in that stretch are four of the six longest home winning streaks in school history, including a school-record 47-game streak (fifth longest in nation all time) from 1991 to 1998, a 19-game streak from 1988 to 1990, a 21-game streak from 1981 to 1984 and the current 26-game winning string.

Nebraska also had a 33-game home winning streak from 1901 to 1906 (which is tied for the 11th-longest streak in Division I-A). Since 1986 (16 years), NU is 106-5 in Lincoln, with losses to Colorado, Washington, Oklahoma (twice) and Texas. Those five teams posted a combined mark of 53-6-1 in their respective seasons.

Nebraska has not been shut out at home since a 12-0 loss to Kansas State in 1968 (210 games). NU has posted 40 unbeaten and untied home seasons, including 2001 when NU went 8-0. Against Utah State on Sept. 7, the Huskers set a new attendance record in Memorial Stadium with 78,176 fans.

**Records Report**

<b>Category</b> .....	<b>Record</b>
All-time .....	769-303-40
Home .....	461-122-20
Memorial Stadium .....	336-99-13
Since 1962 .....	403-80-5
Away .....	308-181-20
Road (on campus) .....	271-144-17
Neutral Sites (includes bowls) .....	37-36-3
When Scoring 35+ Points .....	303-2
vs. Big 12 Teams .....	437-144-16
In Big 12 Action (since '96) .....	42-8
Home .....	24-1
Away .....	17-7
Neutral .....	1-0
Bowls .....	20-20
On ABC .....	72-30
On FieldTurf .....	25-0
At Night .....	51-16-3
<b>vs. Ranked Teams...</b>	
All-Time .....	89-93-3
Home .....	41-30-0
Away .....	28-48-3
Neutral .....	20-15-0
as No. 1 Team .....	46-7-1
<b>In 252 Consecutive Sellout Streak...</b>	
All-Time .....	226-26
vs. Ranked Teams .....	37-18
<b>Under Head Coach Frank Solich...</b>	
All-Time .....	47-11
Home .....	31-1
Away .....	12-8
Neutral .....	4-2
Bowls .....	2-2
vs. AP Ranked Teams .....	10-9
Home .....	6-0
Away .....	1-7
Neutral .....	3-2
vs. AP Top 10 Teams .....	4-4
Home .....	3-0
Away .....	0-2
Neutral .....	1-2
vs. Unranked Teams .....	37-2
Home .....	25-1
Away .....	12-1
vs. Big 12 Teams .....	27-8
Home .....	16-1
Away .....	9-7
Neutral .....	2-0
Big 12 Championship Game .....	1-0
At Night .....	15-4
August .....	4-0
September .....	16-2
October .....	15-4
November .....	9-3
December .....	2-1
January .....	1-1

**NU Streaks...The Huskers have...**

- ▶ won 26 straight home games
- ▶ won 96 straight when rushing for 400 yards
- ▶ won 102 consecutive games when holding the opponent to 10 or fewer points (209-5-1 all-time)
- ▶ scored in 82 consecutive games
- ▶ scored in 218 straight home games
- ▶ shut out opponents 100 times

**NCAA Record 252 Consecutive Sellouts**

Nebraska's Memorial Stadium boasts an NCAA-record 252 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 165, 87 fewer than Nebraska.

**Memorial Stadium Milestone Sellouts**

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

NU is 226-26 during the 252 sellouts (50-9 under Devaney, 145-16 under Osborne, 31-1 under Solich). The mark includes a 37-18 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 2002 schedule includes eight home games. All eight games this season are sold out, which will give the Huskers 255 consecutive sellouts at the end of the 2002 season.

**Huskers Own 15 NCAA Rushing Titles**

The Nebraska running game has gotten untracked the past two weeks, churning out a season-high 444 yards against McNeese State and 325 rushing yards in a 24-13 win over Missouri. Through seven games the Huskers average 267.4 yards rushing to rank first in the Big 12 Conference and fourth nationally. Over the years, the Huskers have rolled up unparalleled rushing numbers in college football.

Nebraska led the nation in rushing offense in 2001, marking the second straight year and 15th time in school history the Huskers have topped the national rushing chart. The Huskers averaged 314.7 yards a year ago, 33 yards per game more than runner-up Rice's total of 281.5. NU led the nation with 47 touchdowns (six more than second-place BYU) and yards per rush (5.62), edging out BYU, which averaged 5.61 per carry.

The Huskers averaged a nation-leading 349.3 yards per game in 2000. 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 190-6-0 in the last 30 years when rushing for 300 or more yards in a game (325 vs. Missouri) 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. 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 368, 100-yard rushing performances all time (55 under Coach Solich, most recently Jammal Lord, NU quarterback record 218 vs. McNeese State) including 56 games in which two or more Huskers rushed for 100 yards (most recently Dahrran Diedrick, 108, and Eric Crouch, 106, against Kansas State, 2001). 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 only twice in school history, recording the feat against Kansas in 2000 (Dan Alexander, Correll Buckhalter and Crouch) and against Arizona State in 1998 (Ken Clark, Steve Taylor and Terry Rodgers). The Iowa game in 2000 marked the only time in the 56 games where there were two-or-more 100-yard rushers, and Nebraska failed to score at least one rushing touchdown. Jammal Lord's 218-yard effort vs. McNeese State was NU's 31st all-time 200-yard performance.

Nebraska is 25-1 under Coach 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 31-7 when a Husker rushes for at least 100 yards, and 8-7 when an opponent has a 100-yard rusher (most recently Iowa State's Michael Wagner). Among current Huskers, Diedrick has seven 100-yard games, all coming in 2001 to lead the team. Lord has three 100-yard games this season, while Thunder Collins and Judd Davies both eclipsed the 100-yard mark at Baylor in 2001.

Iowa State became the first opponent to hold Nebraska to less than 100 yards rushing (81 yards) since Oklahoma State held the Huskers to 73 yards 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 29.4 points per game in 2002 to rank eighth 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. Last season NU finished with an average of 37.4 points per game to finish sixth nationally and second in the Big 12. NU scored 35 or more points eight times last

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

season and has topped 35 points three times in 2002.

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 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 302-2 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 82 straight games. Nebraska has not been shut out at home since KSU shut out the Huskers, 12-0, on Homecoming in 1968 (218 games). Offensively, the Huskers have been shut out just five times since 1962, including once at home during that span. NU was shut out by Miami in the 1992 Orange Bowl (22-0), the only time the Huskers have been shut out in a bowl game.

Nebraska was held scoreless in the first half at Kansas in 1999, marking the first time that 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.

## Shutting Down the Opposition

The Huskers have won 102 straight games when holding opponents to 10 points or less dating back to a 10-7 loss to Iowa on Sept. 12, 1981. In fact, NU is 210-5-1 since 1962 (Devaney's first year) when holding opponents to 10 or fewer points, including 20-0 under Solich. NU has posted 100 shutouts in school history with 62 of them taking place since Bob Devaney's first season in 1962. The Huskers have four shutouts under Solich, most recently a 59-0 whitewash of Baylor in 2000.

## Attack Defense Historically Solid vs. the Rush

Since going to the 4-3 attack defense in 1993, the Husker "D" has posted five of the school's top seven rush defense averages, allowing 79.3 ypg in 1994, 78.4 ypg in 1995 (back-to-back national championship teams), 83.8 ypg in 1996, 73.4 ypg in 1997 and 77.1 ypg in 1999. The 1997 average ranked second all time at NU and third nationally. Nebraska has never led the nation in rushing defense, but has ranked in the top 20 in six of the last eight years. Since 1946, the Nebraska defense has allowed 100 or fewer rushing yards per game over the course of the season 13 times, the first of which was 1963. NU is allowing 133.6 rushing yards per game in 2002 to rank 44th nationally, but is coming off a strong outing, holding Missouri to just 97 yards rushing.

## 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 528 AP polls since 1969 (33 consecutive years), missing one week in 1977, two weeks in 1981 and the past three 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 162 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 89-93-3 (.489, 185 games) all time vs. AP ranked opponents, not a bad percentage considering NU started with a 7-35 mark before Coach Bob Devaney came on the scene in 1962. Over the last nine seasons, the Huskers have gone 28-1-1 against ranked foes, with none of the losses at home. Nebraska has won 14 of its last 18 games against top 10 AP teams (since 1994), including seven straight at home.

The Huskers are 0-1 this season against AP ranked opponents, losing at No. 19 Iowa State 36-14. Penn State was unranked by AP when it defeated NU, 40-7. Over the last 29 years, NU is 71-46-1 (.606, 118 games) vs. ranked teams. In the 1990s, NU was 27-10-1 (counting the Jan. 2, 2000, win over Tennessee).

Solich is 10-9 vs. ranked teams (4-4 vs. top 10 AP teams), and has not lost at home to a ranked AP team (6-0 home, 1-7 away, 3-2 neutral). Three remaining 2002 opponents are ranked in this week's AP poll, including No. 8 Texas, 17th-ranked Kansas State and No. 23 Colorado.

## NU vs. the Unranked

The Huskers have lost just 14 of 246 games to unranked AP opponents since 1973 (37-2 record under Solich). Nebraska has lost just five games to unranked opponents at home in that time. 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.

Iowa State's 19-10 upset of the Huskers in 1992 was the last time NU has lost a road game against a team that was not ranked in either poll. In the last 30 years, Nebraska has gone 230-14-2 against unranked AP opponents (.939, 246 games, five losses since 1990) and suffered only one loss to a team that finished the season below .500 (Iowa State in 1992). The last time Nebraska lost in Lincoln to a team with a losing record at game time was 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

## Team Snippets...

► **FieldTurf...**Nebraska is 25-0 on FieldTurf, the artificial grass surface installed in NU's Memorial Stadium before the 1999 season. FieldTurf emulates the look and feel of blades of grass by blending polyethylene and polypropylene, which specially treats the surface to be soft, smooth and strong. The 2.50-inch blades are resistant to extremes in temperature and have an ultraviolet protectant to help resist fading. Memorial Stadium was filled with 200,000 pounds of ground rubber, recycled from Nebraska tires, and silica sand, before the turf was installed. NU was the first Division I school to install the surface, which has also been installed at other professional facilities and Division I schools. Memorial Stadium featured a grass playing field from its opening in 1923 through the 1969 season. Astro-Turf was first installed in 1970 and replaced in 1977. Artificial All-Pro Turf was installed in 1984 and replaced with AstroTurf-8 in 1992 before the FieldTurf was installed in July of 1999.

► **Positively Speaking on Turnovers...**In the last 28 years, NU has had just one season with a negative turnover margin (minus five in 1984). Under Solich, NU has a cumulative turnover margin of plus 10.

► **When Nebraska Trails...**Nebraska has trailed in three games in 2002, rallying to defeat Missouri last weekend after trailing 13-7. NU failed to recover from deficits at Penn State and Iowa State. The Huskers trailed in seven games in 2001, but rallied to win the first five before losing at Colorado and against Miami. NU also trailed against Troy State, Missouri, Texas Tech, Oklahoma and Kansas State. The last time NU trailed at the half, but won was against Kansas State in 2001, erasing a 14-13 halftime deficit. The last time NU trailed in the fourth quarter, but won was against Colorado on Nov. 24, 2000, where the Huskers marched 44 yards in 47 seconds to set up Josh Brown's 29-yard field goal as time expired. The win marked the first time since statistics have been kept (since 1946) that the Huskers won on the last play of regulation. Under Coach Solich, the biggest deficit Nebraska has overcome 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).

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. In addition, Nebraska's 1993 Federal Express Orange Bowl opponent, Florida State, missed winning the 1992 national title by a field goal and finished No. 2.

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, as 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.

## Huskers in No. 1 vs. No. 2 AP Games (3-2)

- 1971 NU (1) vs. Oklahoma (2), W, 35-31 (regular season)
- 1972 NU (1) vs. Alabama (2), W 38-6 (Orange Bowl)
- 1987 NU (1) vs. Oklahoma (2), L, 7-17 (regular season)
- 1994 NU (2) vs. Florida State (1), L, 16-18 (Orange Bowl)
- 1996 NU (1) vs. Florida (2), W, 62-24 (Fiesta Bowl)

## NU Has Faced 32 AP Top Three Teams Since 1962

The Rose Bowl matchup against No. 1 Miami (L 37-14) marked the 32nd top three AP team the Huskers have faced since 1962—Bob Devaney's first season as head coach. NU also faced No. 2 Oklahoma last season in Lincoln (W 20-10). NU has posted a 10-21-1 record in those matchups and was the lower-ranked team in all but eight of those games. NU is 6-2 when it is the higher-ranked team.

Under Solich, NU is 1-3 vs. top three AP teams, with all three losses on the road or at neutral sites. The Huskers have won six of their last nine matchups against the AP top three, and 11 of the last 14 games against AP top 10 teams since 1994.

The Kansas State game in Manhattan in 1998, when the Wildcats were ranked No. 1 in the coaches poll, was the first time NU faced a No. 1 team (in either the AP or coaches poll) in the regular season since facing No. 1 Oklahoma in 1978, when OU was No. 1 in both polls. (NU defeated the Sooners 17-14 in Lincoln). NU had to face the Sooners again in the 1979 Orange Bowl (OU won 31-24). OU was ranked No. 1 in the BCS poll in 2001, but was No. 2 in both the AP and coaches poll. In the stretch of 32 games against AP top three teams, nine of the matchups have been against Oklahoma. NU is 3-6 vs. Oklahoma when OU is ranked in the top three. In seven different seasons, Nebraska has faced two or more top three teams (1971, 1978, 1981, 1987, 1992, 1994 and 2001) and in 1987 played three top three teams in (UCLA, Oklahoma and Florida State).

## 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 17 bowl games 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.

## All-America U

Nebraska had three first-team All-Americans last season in Eric Crouch (AP, AFCA, The Sporting News), Toniu Fonoti, (AP, FWA, Walter Camp, Football News, The Sporting News) and Keyuo Craver (Football News, The Sporting News). The Huskers have had at least one All-American in all but two (1991, 1998) of the past 32 years (since 1970). The three honorees in 2001 marked the 15th time that Nebraska has had at least three All-Americans, and gives Head Coach Frank Solich eight All-America award winners in four years as head coach.

Nebraska ranks ninth all time in Division I-A with 53 consensus All-Americans. Nebraska has seen 88 different players earn first-team All-America honors by at least one recognized source with 14 winning double honors for 102 total first-team awards. The first was tackle Vic Halligan in 1914. NU has had at least one All-America honoree in each of the past three years (1999-2001). The most All-Americans Nebraska has had in any given year was six in 1971 (I-back Jeff Kinney, QB Jerry Tagge, WB Johnny

Rodgers, DT Larry Jacobson, MG Rich Glover, DE Willie Harper). The position with the most All-Americans at Nebraska is the offensive line, which has seen 26 linemen win 31 certificates.

## Crouch Wins Nebraska's Third Heisman Trophy

Quarterback Eric Crouch won the school's third Heisman Trophy in 2001 to cap a stellar senior season. Crouch (770 points, 162 first-place votes) won the award over three other quarterbacks—Florida's Rex Grossman, Miami's Ken Dorsey and Oregon's Joey Harrington in the fourth-closest voting in Heisman history. Crouch joined wingback/return specialist Johnny Rodgers (1972) and I-back Mike Rozier (1983) as the school's third Heisman Trophy winner. Nebraska's last three head Coaches Bob Devaney (1962-72), Tom Osborne (1973-97) and Frank Solich (1998-present) have all had a Heisman winner.

Crouch was the 17th quarterback to win the Heisman but the first true option quarterback in the 67-year history of the award. He posted a 35-7 career record as a starter, the fourth-most wins among Division I-A quarterbacks all time. Crouch ranked fourth in NCAA history in rushing among quarterbacks with 3,434 career yards and bettered the NCAA record for quarterback rushing touchdowns by 10 with 59. He ranks third at NU and seventh in the Big 12 in passing with 4,481 yards, becoming just one of three quarterbacks in NCAA Division I history to rush for 3,000 and pass for 4,000 yards.

Crouch became the 13th quarterback to rush and pass for 1,000 yards in a season in 2001, running up totals of 1,115 rushing yards and 1,510 passing yards. He ran for 18 touchdowns and passed for seven TDs. Crouch's season rushing yards more than doubled that of the most by any Heisman quarterback (Oregon State's Terry Baker had 538 in 1962). Crouch was a first-team All-American and won the school's third Walter Camp Player-of-the-Year Award and first Davey O'Brien trophy.

At this season's Troy State game, Crouch became the 14th Husker to have his jersey retired.

## 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). NU had nine Huskers qualify academically (3.2 or better cumulative GPA) and athletically (starter or important reserve) in 2001. Of those, Wistrom, fullback Judd Davies, rush end Chris Kelsay and offensive tackle Dave Volk were first-team Verizon/CoSIDA Academic All-District VII selections.

The Husker football program also leads the nation with nine NCAA Today's Top Eight Award winners, 30 NCAA postgraduate scholarship winners and 19 National Football Foundation and College Hall of Fame Scholar-Athletes, including Wistrom last 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 Demoiné 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.

## Hassebroek Named to AFCA Good Works Team; Honored with Brook Berringer Memorial Scholarship

Nebraska wingback Troy Hassebroek was presented the Brook Berringer Memorial Scholarship before the start of the McNeese State game. 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 this 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...**Eleven Huskers who hail from Nebraska are listed as first-teamers on the NU depth chart, including six 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), 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



## Big 12 Conference Home Opener

Nebraska opened its 2002 Big 12 home schedule with a 24-13 victory against Missouri last Saturday. The win marked the 25th straight season Nebraska has won its conference home opener, dating back to a 24-21 loss to Iowa State in 1977. The win over Missouri was NU's fourth against the Tigers in the 25-game streak.

## 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.

## NU Shines Under the Lights

Nebraska opened the season with four straight night games, the longest stretch of evening contests in school history. Nebraska has a good track record under the lights with a 51-16-3 all-time record in night games.

The Huskers have been especially dominant in night games in Lincoln, posting a 17-1 all-time record. NU has won 13 consecutive home night games, including 11 of the 13 wins by 17 or more points.

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 Toniui 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. Currently, five former NU running backs are on NFL teams, including starting fullbacks Joel Makovicka (1995-98) with the Arizona Cardinals and Cory Schlesinger (1992-94) with the Detroit Lions, while Dan Alexander (1997-2000) is with the Jacksonville Jaguars.

▶ **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. Currently, nine former Husker linemen are in the NFL, including former Outland winners Will Shields (1992, Kansas City) and Zach Wiegert (1994, Jacksonville). Adam Treu (Oakland), Dominic Raiola (Detroit) and Brenden Stai (Washington) join Shields and Wiegert as starters for their respective teams. Other Husker offensive linemen in the NFL include Chris Dishman (Arizona), Russ Hochstein (Tampa Bay), Aaron Graham (Tennessee) and Toniui Fonoti (San Diego). Raiola and Hochstein both earned first-team All-America honors in 2000. 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.

## A Look at the Numbers

### ► Scoring Drives...

The Huskers' 28 scoring drives (22 TD, 6 FG) by the offense have covered an average of 52.5 yards (1,469 total yards/28 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 drive came with a Lord 23-yard pass to Wilson Thomas against Utah State.

NU's defense and special teams have set up a total of seven scoring drives of less than 30 yards. The Husker special teams have also scored four touchdowns, including three punt returns by DeJuan Groce and a Scott Shanle six-yard punt return TD of a Demorrio Williams blocked punt against Arizona State. The NU defense has scored one TD with Fabian Washington's 29-yard interception return against Arizona 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. Penn State managed a season-long 84-yard drive that lasted eight plays and 3:19. The Nittany Lions added a season-long 16-play, 80-yard drive that lasted 7:10. 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
<b>Totals</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>71:40</b>	<b>2:34</b>	<b>185</b>	<b>6.6</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Opp.</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>88:49</b>	<b>3:25</b>	<b>226</b>	<b>8.7</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>1</b>

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

The Huskers have produced 28 long plays on the year, including a season-high six long plays against Missouri. NU got four long returns against the Tigers, including the third-longest punt return in school history with DeJuan Groce's 89-yard return for touchdown. It was third punt return touchdown on the year, tying Johnny Rodgers' single-season record set in 1971. Groce tied an NCAA record with two punt return TDs against Troy State with returns of 83 and 72 yards. Josh Davis added three long kickoff returns against Missouri to give him eight long returns on the year, including a season-long 42-yarder against Utah State. Davis also has one long rush with a 28-yard run against USU. Jammal Lord has added big-play potential with six of Nebraska's 11 long runs on the year, including a career-long 57-yard scoring run against McNeese State. Lord has also connected on three long pass plays, including a career-long 90-yard scoring strike to Ross Pilkington at Iowa State. Mark LeFlore owns Nebraska's longest run of the year with his 64-yard touchdown run on his first career carry against McNeese State. Cory Ross (34 vs. ASU), David Horne (30 vs. MU) and Dahrran Diedrick (26 vs. MSU) own NU's other long runs. Thirteen of NU's 28 long plays have been returns, including four punt returns by Groce, eight kickoff returns by Davis and Fabian Washington's 29-yard interception return for a score against ASU. Opponents have 11 long pass plays, seven long runs and five long returns. Troy State's Hansell Bearden hit Heyward Skipper on a 60-yard pass for the longest play by an opponent. Missouri's Zack Abron owns the longest run by an opponent (48). PSU's Rich Gardner owns the longest opponent return (42 TD).

	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
<b>Totals</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>23</b>

### ► Nebraska in the Red Zone...

The Huskers have been successful in the red zone, including 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 11 rushing touchdowns, three passing touchdowns and two field goals. 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.

Game	Scores Inside 20				No Score Inside 20				Half/Pct.
	Chances	Total	TDs	FGs	MissFGs	TOs	Downs	Gm.	
ASU	3	3	3	0	0	0	0	1	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
<b>Totals</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>.800</b>
<b>Opp.</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>.840</b>

Note: Nebraska has 11 rushing TDs, 3 passing TDs and 2 FGs in the red zone. Opponents have 11 rushing TDs, 1 passing TD and 9 FGs in the red zone.

### ► Quarterback Drive Efficiency \*Total Drives Begun as Starting QB

QB	Drives*	Scores	TDs	FG-FGA	Eff.	Red Zone
Lord	81	27	21	6-7	.333	16-19
Stuntz#	10	1	1	0-0	.100	0-1
<b>Totals</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>6-7</b>	<b>.308</b>	<b>16-20</b>

\*Denotes drives started by the quarterback.

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

### ► Nebraska Points Off Turnovers...

Nebraska posted a plus-one turnover margin in each of its first three games, but is a minus-seven in turnover margin in its last four games. On the year, NU has intercepted eight passes and recovered two fumbles for 10 turnovers. DeJuan Groce leads the Huskers with four interceptions, including a pair of interceptions in back-to-back games against Troy State and Utah State. Fabian Washington has added three interceptions, including two picks of Seneca Wallace, and a 29-yard interception return for a touchdown against Arizona State. Pat Ricketts owns NU's other interception against Utah State. The Huskers converted both of Groce's interceptions into touchdowns against Utah State, giving NU 21 points off turnovers this season. Washington also forced a fumble recovered by Philip Bland at Iowa State, while Jon Clanton stripped Troy State's DeWhitt Betterson, and Ricketts recovered NU's first fumble of the season.

Game	TOs		Scores		Pts.	Turnovers (Fumbles/Lost, INT)
	Gained	TDs	FG-FGA			
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)	
<b>Totals</b>	<b>10 (2 F, 8 INT)</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>14 (17/8 F/L, 6 INT)</b>	
<b>Opp.</b>	<b>14 (8 F, 6 INT)</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>1-2</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>10 (8/2 F/L, 8 INT)</b>	

### ► Husker Numbers...Game by Game...(NU bests in bold)

Nebraska	Rush	Pass	Total
Arizona St.	59/283/3	13-5-0/33/1	72/316/4
Troy State	54/199/2	16-8-1/114/0	70/313/2
Utah State	54/288/4	15-8-0/130/2	69/418/6
Penn State	45/252/1	16-8-3/76/0	61/328/1
Iowa State	30/81/1	29-12-1/192/1	59/273/2
McNeese State	52/444/4	18-12-1/151/1	70/595/5
Missouri	62/325/1	12-4-0/34/1	74/359/2
Opponent	Rush	Pass	Total
Arizona St.	30/83/1	41-17-1/175/0	71/258/1
Troy State	41/155/2	29-11-2/192/0	70/347/2
Utah State	30/70/0	44-19-3/251/1	74/321/1
Penn State	43/217/4	31-19-0/259/0	74/476/4
Iowa State	52/192/3	32-19-2/220/1	84/412/4
McNeese State	43/121/1	36-15-0/234/1	79/355/2
Missouri	30/97/1	29-14-0/123/0	59/220/1

► **Husker 100-Yard Rushing Games (3)**

The Huskers produced their third 100-yard rusher and first 200-yard performance when Jammal Lord raced an NU quarterback record 218 yards on just 17 carries against McNeese State. Lord's total was the 14th-best single-game effort in school history. It was Lord's third 100-yard effort of the year, following a 111-yard output at Penn State and 103 yards in the season opener against Arizona State. Lord also led the Huskers with 92 yards on 23 carries against Troy State, while Dahrran Diedrick was NU's top rusher against Utah State with 93 yards on 16 carries. Two opposing backs, Penn State's Larry Johnson (19-123-2) and Iowa State's Michael Wagner (19-107-0), have managed 100 yards.

► **Husker 100-Yard Rushing Games (3) (\* 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

► **Starting Field Position**

Nebraska produced its largest field position edge vs. Utah State, with an average start at the 42.2, while holding the Aggies at the 22.6 for a +19.6 edge. Nebraska started a season-high six drives on USU's half of the field. NU has started 20 of its 96 drives beyond midfield, but has started 21 drives inside its own 20, with a worst start at the 1-yard line at Penn State. Opponents have managed 17 starts beyond their own 40, including Rich Gardner's interception return for a touchdown at Penn State. Eleven starts, including five by Iowa State, have come on NU's side of the field. Kyle Larson has buried opponents inside the 20 nine times, including three against Troy State. Larson pinned Penn State at its own 3 for the worst start by an opponent. Place-kicker Josh Brown has boomed 26-of-40 kickoffs for touchbacks, while six of his 14 others have stuck opponents inside the 20, including a worst start at the 6 by Arizona State. The best field position off a Brown kickoff came at the 35.

	<u>NU Avg. Start</u>	<u>Opp. Avg. Start</u>	<u>Advantage</u>
Arizona St.	<b>41.2 (618/15)</b>	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)	<b>+19.6</b>
Penn State	19.5 (214/11)	32.4 (356/11)	-12.9
Iowa State	27.3 (382/14)	<b>40.6 (569/14)</b>	-13.3
McNeese St.	25.8 (309/12)	22.8 (251/11)	+3.0
<u>Missouri</u>	<u>36.4 (510/14)</u>	<u>27.3 (382/14)</u>	<u>+9.1</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>33.8 (3,246/96)</b>	<b>27.9 (2,620/94)</b>	<b>+5.9</b>

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

► **Penalty Numbers**

The Huskers are averaging 5.7 penalties for 50.0 yards per game. NU owns the third-best averages in the Big 12 in penalties and yardage per game, while Oklahoma State ranks 10th in the league in penalty yardage (67.7 ypg) and last in penalties per game (8.8 ppg). Nebraska was flagged for just three penalties for 16 yards against Utah State, while the Aggies committed an opponent season-high 10 penalties for 71 yards. NU was penalized a season-high 10 times for 75 yards in the loss at Iowa State. Of NU's 40 penalties, 12 are offensive (12-91), 20 are defensive (20-185) and eight have been called on the special teams (8-74). Opponents have committed 21 offensive penalties (21-137), nine defensive penalties (9-65) and six special teams infractions (6-58).

	<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	<b>10-71</b>
Penn State	7-60	3-20
Iowa State	<b>10-75</b>	4-20
McNeese State	5-66	3-15
<u>Missouri</u>	<u>6-66</u>	<u>7-44</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>40-350</b>	<b>36-260</b>
<b>Average</b>	<b>5.7-50.0</b>	<b>5.1-37.1</b>

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

Team	Indiv. (#)	*Sacks	O-Line	Perfect	
<u>Game</u>	<u>'Cakes</u>	<u>'Cakes</u>	<u>Allowed</u>	<u>Penalties</u>	<u>Plays</u>
Arizona St.	58	<b>14 (#51)</b>	2	0-0	62.5%
Troy State	54	13 (#51)	0	2-16	55.0%
Utah State	69	<b>14 (#52)</b>	1	0-0	<b>74.0%</b>

Penn State	45	<b>14 (#52)</b>	0	<b>3-20</b>	59.0%
Iowa State	19	5 (51/52/68)	0	1-5	67.8%
<b>McNeese St.</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>14 (#78)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>52.8%</b>
<b>Totals</b>	<b>315</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>6-41</b>	

Name	ASU	TSU	USU	PSU	ISU	MSU	Total
Incognito	14	13	8	7	5	12	59
Garrison	6	7	14	14	5	12	58
Erickson	11	12	4	10	0	14	51
Cody	9	8	11	6	0	13	47
Tagoa'i	10	1	12	1	2	8	34
Vili Waldrop	3	6	7	6	5	6	33
Sewell	4	1	4	0	-	2	11
Povendo	0	1	5	1	2	0	9
Kolterman	1	5	1	0	0	1	8
Andersen	0	0	1	0	-	1	2
<u>Koethe</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>
<b>Totals</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>315</b>

► **Husker Starting Experience**

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

<u>Offensive Starters</u>	<u>'99</u>	<u>'00</u>	<u>'01</u>	<u>'02</u>	<u>Total</u>
Jon Bowling, TE, Sr. (Lincoln, Neb.)	0	0	0	2	2
<b>Wes Cody, OG, Sr. (Fremont, Neb.)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>7</b>
Thunder Collins, IB, Sr. (Los Angeles, Calif.)	0	0	2	0	2
<b>Judd Davies, FB, Jr. (Omaha, Neb.)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>17</b>
Josh Davis, IB, Jr. (Loveland, Colo.)	0	0	0	1	1
<b>Dahrran Diedrick, IB, Sr. (Scarborough, Ont.)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>17</b>
Mike Erickson, OG, So. (Omaha, Neb.)	0	0	0	7	7
<b>John Garrison, C, Sr. (Blue Springs, Mo.)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>19</b>
Aaron Golliday, TE, Sr. (York, Neb.)	4	3	2	6	15
<b>Troy Hassebrook, WB, Sr. (Lincoln, Neb.)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Richie Incognito, OT, RFr. (Glendale, Ariz.)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>
John Klem, SE, Sr. (Lincoln, Neb.)	0	0	0	3	3
Steve Kriewald, FB, So. (Scotia, Neb.)	0	0	2	1	3
<b>Jammal Lord, QB, Jr. (Bayonne, N.J.)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>7</b>
Nick Povendo, OT, So. (Keller, Texas)	0	0	0	1	1
Cory Ross, IB, RFr. (Denver, Colo.)	0	0	0	1	1
<b>Wilson Thomas, SE, Sr. (Omaha, Neb.)</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>Dan Vili Waldrop, RT, Jr. (Wilmington, Calif.)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>Totals</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>151</b>

<u>Defensive Starters</u>	<u>'99</u>	<u>'00</u>	<u>'01</u>	<u>'02</u>	<u>Total</u>
<b>Demoine Adams, LRE, Sr. (Pine Bluff, Ark.)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>22</b>
Willie Amos, FS, Jr. (Sweetwater, Texas)	0	0	6	0	6
<b>Ryon Bingham, NT, Jr. (Sandy, Utah)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>Philip Bland, FS, So. (Lafayette, Colo.)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>10</b>
Daniel Bullocks, ROV, RFr. (Chattanooga, Tenn.)	0	0	0	1	1
<b>Jon Clanton, NT, Sr. (Glendale, Ariz.)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>DeJuan Groce, RCB, Sr. (Garfield Heights, Ohio)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>20</b>
Trevor Johnson, RRE, Jr. (Lincoln, Neb.)	0	0	0	2	2
Patrick Kabongo, DT, Jr. (Montreal, Quebec)	0	0	0	2	2
<b>Chris Kelsay, RE, Sr. (Auburn, Neb.)</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>26</b>
Jason Lohr, NT, Sr. (Tulsa, Okla.)	0	11	3	0	14
Lornell McPherson, LCB, So. (Omaha, Neb.)	0	0	3	4	7
<b>Pat Ricketts, LCB, Jr. (Omaha, Neb.)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>Barrett Ruud, MLB, So. (Lincoln, Neb.)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>Scott Shanle, SLB, Sr. (St. Edward, Neb.)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>22</b>
Shane Siegel, RCB, RFr. (Grand Island, Neb.)	0	0	0	1	1
Aaron Terpening, ROV, Sr. (Salem, Ore.)	0	0	0	2	2
<b>Fabian Washington, LCB, Fr. (Bradenton, Fla.)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Demorrio Williams, WLB, Jr. (Beckville, Texas)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>Totals</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>181</b>

<u>Starting Kickers</u>	<u>'99</u>	<u>'00</u>	<u>'01</u>	<u>'02</u>	<u>Total</u>
Josh Brown, PK, Sr., (Foyil, Okla.)	13	11	8	7	39
Sandro DeAngelis, PK, So. (Niagara Falls, Ont.)	0	0	4	0	4
<b>Larson, Kyle, P, Jr., (Funk, Neb.)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>Totals</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>62</b>

**Starters Briefly**

Starts by True Freshmen: 4

Number of Native Nebraskans With Starts: 17

Number of Different Starters on Offense: 18

Number of Different Starters on Defense: 19

Number of Different Starting Kickers: 3

Underclassmen With Starts: 22 (9 offense, 11 defense, 2 kickers)

Most Career Starts on Offense: Wilson Thomas, SE (20)

Most Career Starts on Defense: Chris Kelsay, RE (26)

Most Consecutive Starts on Offense: Garrison, C/Vili Waldrop, RT (19)

Most Consecutive Starts on Defense: DeJuan Groce, RCB (12)

# 2002 Husker Depth Chart

(Oct. 8, 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.  
 84 **Jon Bowling\*\*\***, 6-3, 240, Sr., Lincoln, 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.
- OR-** 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.  
 1 **Thunder Collins\*\***, 6-2, 190, Sr., Los Angeles, Calif.  
 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 Hassebroek\*\*\***, 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.  
 8 Ryan Ommert, 5-10, 190, Jr, Cambridge, Neb.
- OR-** 24 **Jack O'Holleran**, 5-10, 205, So., North Platte, Neb.

## Injured (Not on Depth Chart)

- 27 **Willie Amos\*\***, CB, 6-0, 185, Jr., Sweetwater, Texas (torn left ACL/LCL)  
 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)  
 14 **Fred Thorne**, CB, 5-10, 180, Jr., Lincoln, Neb. (Broken right tibia)

## Defense

- LRE:** 57 **Chris Kelsay\*\*\*** 6-5, 260, Sr., Auburn, Neb.  
 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.  
 97 **Seppo Ewvaraye**, DT, 6-5, 315, RFr., Laurel, Neb.
- 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.  
 54 Chad Sievers, 6-3, 225, So., Valley, Neb.  
 42 **Steve Safranek\***, 6-2, 245, Jr., Omaha, Neb.  
 35 Curt Tomasevicz, 6-0, 220, Jr., Shelby, Neb.
- WLB:** 7 **Demorrio Williams**, 6-1, 215, Jr., Beckville, Texas  
**-OR-** 17 **T.J. Hollowell\*\***, 6-0, 230, Jr., Copperas Cove, 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:** 21 **Philip Bland\***, 5-11, 205, So., Lafayette, Colo.  
 31 **Jerrell Pippens\*\***, 6-2, 195, Jr., Philadelphia, Pa.  
**-OR-** 20 **Josh Bullocks**, 6-1, 195, RFr., Chattanooga, Tenn.
- ROV:** 14 **Daniel Bullocks**, 6-1, 195, RFr., Chattanooga, Tenn.  
**-OR-** 21 **Philip Bland\***, 5-11, 205, So., Lafayette, Colo.  
 2 **Aaron Terpening\*\*\***, 5-11, 195, Sr., Salem, Ore.  
 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.  
 37 Sam Koch, 6-1, 240, RFr., Seward, Neb.  
 26 **Josh Brown\*\*\***, 6-2, 200, Sr., Foyil, Okla.
- PK:** 26 **Josh Brown\*\*\***, 6-2, 200, Sr., Foyil, Okla.  
 22 **Sandro DeAngelis\***, 5-8, 190, So., Niagara Falls, Ontario
- KO:** 26 **Josh Brown\*\*\***, 6-2, 200, Sr., Foyil, Okla.  
 22 **Sandro DeAngelis\***, 5-8, 190, So., Niagara Falls, Ontario
- 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\*\***  
**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.**