



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)
- ▶ 107-15 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. To secure a line on the teleconference, please contact the SID office at 402-472-2263.

Game 9: Nebraska (5-3, 1-2) at Texas A&M (5-2, 2-1)

DATE: Saturday, Oct. 26, 2002; **TIME:** 6 p.m. Central; **SITE:** College Station, Texas
STADIUM: Kyle Field; **STADIUM CAPACITY:** 82,600; **SURFACE:** Natural Grass
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; No video streaming available
TV: TBS Superstation (Ron Thulin-Play-by-Play; Charles Davis-Color; Craig Sager-Sideline)

Huskers Face Another Tough Road Challenge at Texas A&M

Nebraska (5-3, 1-2) stays on the road in the rugged Big 12 Conference this week, traveling to College Station, Texas for a Saturday night contest at Texas A&M. The Huskers dropped their second league road game in 2002 last Saturday at Oklahoma State, 24-21. The road does not get easier this week as the Aggies enter the game with a 5-2 record. Kickoff at Texas A&M's Kyle Field is set for 6 p.m. CDT and the game will be televised to a national audience on TBS.

The Huskers hope to reverse their recent fortunes away from Lincoln on Saturday night. The loss at Oklahoma State was NU's fifth straight road loss since a victory at Kansas late last season. Kyle Field has traditionally been one of the nation's toughest venues for opposing teams. Texas A&M has lost just 10 home games in the past 14 seasons, but has been defeated twice in College Station this fall.

Nebraska has had the upper hand in the all-time series between the two schools, winning seven of nine meetings. The Huskers won the most recent matchup of the teams, with a 37-0 shutout of the Aggies in Lincoln in 1999. Texas A&M won the only meeting between the teams in College Station, posting a 28-21 victory over the Huskers in 1998.

Texas A&M enters Saturday evening's game with a 5-2 record and stands at 2-1 in Big 12 Conference play. The Aggies dropped their league opener to Texas Tech 48-47 in overtime on Oct. 5 in College Station, but have picked up road wins at Baylor and Kansas the past two weeks to remain in the thick of the Big 12 South Division race. In addition to Texas Tech, the Aggies suffered their only other loss of the season against No. 3 Virginia Tech (13-3) in September at home.

Nebraska Falls Short on the Road at OSU; Cowboys Defeat NU for First Time Since 1961

Oklahoma State scored touchdowns on three of its first four second-half possessions and rallied for a 24-21 upset victory over Nebraska last Saturday in Stillwater. The outcome marked the first time since 1961 that Oklahoma State had defeated Nebraska and just the third time in 39 meetings with OSU that Nebraska found itself on the losing end of the outcome.

The first half was played in a light rain, and both offenses struggled to get untracked. The Huskers threatened on their first drive, but could not score. Oklahoma State got on the board first early in the second quarter when Luke Phillips connected on a 45-yard field goal to give the Cowboys a 3-0 advantage. The Huskers took the lead midway through the second quarter after a 22-yard punt return by DeJuan Groce placed the ball near midfield. On the first play of the drive, Jammal Lord connected with true freshman tight end Matt Herian for a 44-yard pass play inside the Cowboy 10-yard line. Dahrran Diedrick scored from two yards out three plays later to give the Huskers a 7-3 edge. Nebraska

2002 Nebraska (5-3, 1-2) Football Schedule/Results

| Day | Date | Opponent | Time/Res. | TV | Series | Last Meeting (Site) / Notes |
|------|----------|---------------------|-----------|--------|------------|--|
| Sat. | Aug. 24 | Arizona St.,BCA+ | W, 48-10 | ESPN | NU 6-2 | Lord 17-103-1 TD rushing in first career start; NU blocks two punts |
| Sat. | Aug. 31 | Troy State | W, 31-16 | | NU 2-0 | Groce ties NCAA record with two punt return TDs, adds two INTs in NU win |
| Sat. | Sept. 7 | Utah State | W, 44-13 | | NU 7-0 | Nebraska's 250th Consecutive Sellout; stadium record crowd (78,176) |
| Sat. | Sept. 14 | at Penn State | L, 40-7 | ABC | PSU 7-5 | Crowd of 110,753 largest ever to see NU game; Lord--14 carries for 111 yards |
| Sat. | Sept. 28 | at Iowa State # | L, 36-14 | ABC | NU 80-15-2 | Pilkington grabs 90-yard TD reception; NU's first loss in league opener since 1974 |
| Sat. | Oct. 5 | McNeese State | W, 38-14 | | NU, 1-0 | Lord posts school-record 369 total yards; 218 rushing (NU QB record) |
| Sat. | Oct. 12 | Missouri # | W, 24-13 | FoxPPV | NU 61-32-3 | NU has won 24 straight games in series/Groce 89-yard punt return TD |
| Sat. | Oct. 19 | at Oklahoma State.. | L, 24-21 | FSN | NU 35-3-1 | OSU's first win in series since 1961/Horne 125 yards rushing |
| Sat. | Oct. 26 | at Texas A&M # | 6 p.m. | TBS | 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. 20)

| No. | Team (1st) | Record | Points |
|-----|--------------------|--------|--------|
| 1. | Miami (61) | 6-0 | 1,837 |
| 2. | Oklahoma (13) | 7-0 | 1,787 |
| 3. | Virginia Tech | 7-0 | 1,675 |
| 4. | Ohio State | 8-0 | 1,604 |
| 5. | Georgia | 7-0 | 1,584 |
| 6. | Notre Dame | 7-0 | 1,479 |
| 7. | Texas* | 6-1 | 1,325 |
| 8. | Michigan | 6-1 | 1,217 |
| 9. | Washington State | 6-1 | 1,211 |
| 10. | LSU | 6-1 | 1,110 |
| 11. | Florida State | 5-2 | 1,105 |
| 12. | North Carolina St. | 8-0 | 1,028 |
| 13. | Iowa | 7-1 | 977 |
| 14. | Oregon | 6-1 | 966 |
| 15. | USC | 5-2 | 751 |
| 16. | Tennessee | 4-2 | 681 |
| 17. | Iowa State* | 6-2 | 626 |
| 18. | Penn State* | 5-2 | 614 |
| 19. | Alabama | 5-2 | 459 |
| 20. | Kansas State* | 5-2 | 426 |
| 21. | Colorado* | 5-2 | 419 |
| 22. | Air Force | 6-1 | 360 |
| 23. | Arizona State* | 6-2 | 169 |
| 24. | Bowling Green | 6-0 | 167 |
| 24. | Minnesota | 7-1 | 118 |

ESPN/USA Today/Coaches (Oct. 20)

| No. | Team (1st) | Record | Points |
|-----|--------------------|--------|--------|
| 1. | Miami (55) | 6-0 | 1,519 |
| 2. | Oklahoma (6) | 7-0 | 1,465 |
| 3. | Virginia Tech | 7-0 | 1,393 |
| 4. | Ohio State | 8-0 | 1,319 |
| 5. | Georgia | 7-0 | 1,301 |
| 6. | Notre Dame | 7-0 | 1,219 |
| 7. | Texas* | 6-1 | 1,112 |
| 8. | Michigan | 6-1 | 1,070 |
| 9. | North Carolina St. | 8-0 | 1,014 |
| 10. | LSU | 6-1 | 945 |
| 11. | Washington State | 6-1 | 933 |
| 12. | Oregon | 6-1 | 842 |
| 13. | Florida State | 5-2 | 799 |
| 14. | Iowa | 7-1 | 724 |
| 15. | Tennessee | 4-2 | 613 |
| 16. | USC | 5-2 | 557 |
| 17. | Penn State* | 5-2 | 507 |
| 18. | Iowa State* | 6-2 | 426 |
| 19. | Air Force | 6-1 | 373 |
| 20. | Colorado* | 5-2 | 267 |
| 21. | Kansas State* | 5-2 | 221 |
| 22. | Bowling Green | 6-0 | 218 |
| 23. | Florida | 5-3 | 202 |
| 24. | Minnesota | 7-1 | 194 |
| 25. | Arizona State* | 6-2 | 129 |

*-Denotes 2002 NU opponent

Huskers in the 2002 Polls

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

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

drove deep into OSU territory later in the second quarter, but a false start penalty hindered the offense, and NU settled for its four-point halftime edge.

OSU's balanced offense got in gear after halftime. OSU moved 80 yards in 12 plays for a touchdown on its first drive of the second half. Josh Fields completed five of six passes on the drive, then ran three yards for a score to give the Cowboys a 10-7 advantage. Nebraska fumbled at its own 40 on its next drive, and OSU made the Huskers pay. Fields led the Cowboys 40 yards in seven plays, capped by a five-yard TD pass to Rashaun Woods to push the OSU lead to 17-7.

The Huskers gained life early in the fourth quarter when Fabian Washington recovered a Tatum Bell fumble at midfield. Nebraska capitalized with an eight-play, 49-yard drive capped by a David Horne touchdown run from two yards out. The score sliced the lead to 17-14 and appeared to change momentum. However, OSU was up to the challenge. Bell rushed for 36 of his opponent season-high 182 yards on the drive, and Fields completed all three of his pass attempts on the drive. Fields' final completion on the drive was a 12-yard TD strike to John Lewis, who made a diving grab in the corner of the end zone to give OSU a 24-14 advantage with less than five minutes remaining. NU responded with a 70-yard scoring drive capped by a Lord TD run to cut the lead to 24-21. Nebraska's on-side kick attempt failed, and the Cowboys were able to pick up a first down and run out the clock.

The game was fairly even statistically, as the Cowboys outgained Nebraska 387-369 and ran just one more offensive play (69-68). The Huskers ran for 259 yards, led by a 125-yard effort by Horne, who carried the ball 24 times in the first road game of his NU career.

Recapping Game Eight..Oklahoma State 24, Nebraska 21

► Nebraska's loss at Oklahoma State ended a remarkable run of success against the Cowboys. The 24-21 loss ended the Huskers' 24-game winning streak against OSU and snapped Nebraska's 36-game unbeaten streak in the series. The Cowboys had not defeated Nebraska since 1961 before Saturday's game, with only a 17-17 tie in 1973 to show for their efforts. Nebraska now leads the series 35-3-1.

► True freshmen accounted for 204 of NU's 369 total yards. I-back **David Horne** rushed for 125 yards, tight end **Matt Herian** caught a 44-yard pass, split end **Ross Pilkington** had a six-yard catch (sixth straight game with at least one catch) and split end **Mark LeFlore** had a 29-yard run on a reverse on the game's first play. Those freshmen accounted for seven plays of 10 yards or longer, including five in the first half.

► **David Horne** finished the game with 125 yards on 24 carries and his second career touchdown. Horne became the first true freshman I-back to rush for more than 100 yards since DeAngelo Evans had 130 yards in the 1996 Big 12 Championship game against Texas. Horne is the first Husker at any position to top 100 yards rushing since redshirt freshman quarterback Eric Crouch had 108 yards in a 40-30 loss at Kansas State in 1998. Horne's 100-yard day marked the first time a Husker back has topped 100 yards since Dahrran Diedrick rushed for 108 yards on 24 carries vs. Kansas State on Nov. 10, 2001.

► Senior split end **Ben Cornelsen** and senior wingback **Troy Hassebroek** each matched their season and career highs with two receptions. Cornelsen totaled 35 receiving yards, also a career high.

► Quarterback **Jammal Lord** rushed for 73 yards and passed for 110 yards in the loss. The game marked the sixth time in eight games Lord has topped 70 yards on the ground and his fifth game with more than 100 yards passing.

► Junior punter **Kyle Larson** punted six times for a 37.7-yard average in Saturday's game, but pinned the Cowboys inside their own 20 on three occasions, all in the first half. Larson's punts pinned OSU on its 14, 16 and 3-yard lines.

► Cornerback **Fabian Washington** recovered an OSU fumble early in the fourth quarter and NU capitalized with a touchdown. The turnover was the first forced by the NU defense in 12 quarters.

► Rover **Philip Bland** led Nebraska's defense with a career-high 10 tackles, marking the second time in three games he has had nine or more stops.

► Oklahoma State's Tatum Bell rushed for a Nebraska opponent-season high 182 yards to pace the Cowboys to 195 yards rushing. Bell's 182 yard-effort ranks as the sixth-most rushing yards ever against a Nebraska defense.

► The loss dropped the Huskers to 1-2 in Big 12 Conference play, marking the first time since the 1968 season that Nebraska has dropped two of its first three conference games.

► The loss was Nebraska's fifth straight setback away from Lincoln. The last time Nebraska had lost five straight road games was the 1958 season.

Nebraska-OSU Stat Wrap

| Team Stats | NU | OSU |
|--------------------|--------|---------|
| First Downs | 18 | 22 |
| Rush att.-yards | 54-259 | 42-195 |
| Passes | 14-7-0 | 27-17-0 |
| Passing yards | 110 | 192 |
| Total yards | 369 | 387 |
| Turnovers | 1 | 1 |
| Time of Possession | 29:39 | 30:21 |
| Sacks by | 0 | 4/31 |

NU Rushing Leaders

David Horne--24 carries, 125 yards, 1TD
Jammal Lord--18 carries, 73 yards, 1TD

NU Passing Leader

Jammal Lord--14-7-0, 110 yards

NU Receiving Leader

Ben Cornelsen--2 receptions, 35 yards

NU Defensive Leaders

Philip Bland--10 tackles

Scott Shanle--8 tackles, TFL, QB hurry

Special Teams Standouts

Kyle Larson--6 punts, 3 inside OSU 20

2002 Big 12 Standings

| North | | | |
|------------|---------|--------|------------------|
| Team | Overall | Big 12 | Next Game |
| Colorado | 5-2 | 3-0 | Tx. Tech 10/26 |
| Iowa State | 6-2 | 3-1 | at Texas 10/26 |
| Kansas St. | 5-2 | 1-2 | at Baylor 10/26 |
| Nebraska | 5-3 | 1-2 | at Tx. A&M 10/26 |
| Missouri | 3-4 | 0-3 | Kansas 10/26 |
| Kansas | 2-6 | 0-4 | at Mizzou 10/26 |

South Division

| | | | |
|------------|-----|-----|-------------------|
| Oklahoma | 7-0 | 3-0 | Colorado 11/2 |
| Texas | 6-1 | 2-1 | Iowa State 10/26 |
| Texas A&M | 5-2 | 2-1 | Nebraska 10/26 |
| Texas Tech | 5-3 | 2-1 | at Colorado 10/26 |
| Okla. St. | 3-4 | 1-2 | Tx. A&M 11/2 |
| Baylor | 3-4 | 1-2 | Kansas St. 10/26 |

2002 Nebraska Non-Conference Opponents

| Team | Record -- Next Game |
|---------------|-------------------------------|
| Arizona State | 6-2--Washington 10/26 |
| Troy State | 2-6--Florida Atlantic 10/26 |
| Utah State | 2-5--at La.-Monroe 10/26 |
| Penn State | 5-2--at Ohio State 10/26 |
| McNeese State | 5-1--at Sam Houston St. 10/26 |

Last Week's Results

Colorado def. Baylor, 34-0
 Oklahoma def. Iowa State, 49-3
 Texas def. Kansas State, 17-14
 Texas Tech def. Missouri, 52-38
 Texas A&M def. Kansas, 47-22
 Arizona State def. Oregon, 45-42
 Marshall def. Troy State, 24-7
 Utah State def. New Mexico, 45-44 (OT)
 Penn State def. Northwestern, 49-0
 McNeese State def. Jacksonville State, 28-20

2002 Texas A&M Schedule (5-2, 2-1)

| Date | Opponent | Result/Time |
|-------|-------------------|---------------|
| 8/31 | La.-Lafayette | W, 31-7 |
| 9/7 | at Pittsburgh | W, 14-12 |
| 9/21 | Virginia Tech | L, 13-3 |
| 9/28 | Louisiana Tech | W, 31-3 |
| 10/5 | Texas Tech | L, 48-47 (OT) |
| 10/12 | at Baylor | W, 41-0 |
| 10/19 | at Kansas | W, 47-22 |
| 10/26 | Nebraska | 6 p.m. |
| 11/2 | at Oklahoma State | TBA |
| 11/9 | Oklahoma | TBA |
| 11/16 | Missouri | TBA |
| 11/29 | at Texas | 11 a.m. |

NU-Aggie Series Notes

- NU has held Texas A&M to seven points or less in five of the nine meetings, including three shutouts.
- The four previous meetings featured a pair of ranked teams, with at least one of the teams ranked in the top 10 in each of the last four games.
- Nebraska's 28-21 loss at Texas A&M in 1998 was the first of Frank Solich's head coaching career. The loss also ended NU's 40-game regular-season conference winning streak, dating back to a 1992 Big Eight loss at Iowa State.
- Texas A&M and Nebraska combined for three consecutive Big 12 Championships from 1997 to 1999, with NU winning titles in 1997 and 1999 and A&M capturing the league crown in 1998.

Huskies from Texas

Nebraska has 11 players from the state of Texas, including five players on its two-deep-linebackers Demorrio Williams (Beckville) and T.J. Hollowell (Copperas Cove), rover Lannie Hopkins (Rowlett), offensive tackle Nick Povendo (Keller) and rush end Justin Smith (Sherman). Other Huskers from Texas include Zach Giesselman and Tyler Rowe (Arlington), Scott Siefken (Boerne), Matt O'Shea (Irving), Willie Amos (Sweetwater) and Jermaine Leslie (Weatherford). Amos started for Nebraska last season but was lost for the 2002 campaign with a knee injury.

Scouting Texas A&M (5-2, 2-1)



Texas A&M enters Saturday's matchup with Nebraska with a 5-2 overall mark and a 2-1 record in Big 12 Conference play. The Aggies suffered a heart-breaking 48-47, overtime loss to Texas Tech on Oct. 5, but have rebounded with impressive road victories at Baylor (41-0) and Kansas (47-22) the past two weeks. Texas A&M has been ranked as high as 20th this season and is receiving votes in both of this week's polls.

The Aggies have a history of strong defensive play and this season is no different. Texas A&M ranks in the top 16 nationally in all four major defensive categories, including fifth in rushing defense and ninth in scoring defense. Texas A&M is allowing the opposition to score just 15.0 points per game despite allowing 48 points to Texas Tech. In their other six games, the Aggie defense has surrendered just 9.5 points per game. Texas A&M has been especially tough against the run, allowing just 76.9 yards per game on the ground. The Aggies have allowed less than 100 yards rushing in five games this season and Virginia Tech's 129 rushing yards is the most by any Aggie opponent. Individually, strong safety Terrence Kiel leads the team in tackles with 53 stops, while linebacker Jared Morris has added 49 tackles. Cornerback Sammy Davis is a two-time All-Big 12 pick and has two interceptions this season. Defensive end Ty Warren leads the Aggie front four with 36 tackles, including nine tackles for loss. Texas A&M's defense is also one of the nation's most opportunistic, forcing opponents into 22 turnovers to rank sixth nationally in turnover margin at +1.57 per game.

Texas A&M's offense has gotten untracked in recent weeks under the direction of quarterback Dustin Long, who has set a pair of school passing records in recent weeks. In the loss to Texas Tech, Long threw for a Big 12-record seven touchdowns and 367 yards. Against Kansas last week, Long threw for an A&M school-record 399 yards and three touchdowns in guiding the Aggies to 566 total yards. Long's favorite receiving target is Jamar Taylor, who has caught 29 passes for 481 yards and a pair of touchdowns. The Aggie running game is led by tailback Derek Farmer, who has rushed for 481 yards and five touchdowns.

Texas A&M Coach R.C. Slocum

R.C. Slocum is in his 14th season as Texas A&M's head coach and has a 122-43-2 record on the Aggie sideline. Slocum is the all-time leader at Texas A&M in coaching victories and has guided the school to four conference titles, including a Big 12 Championship in 1998. He has taken the Aggies to bowl games in each of the last five seasons and 11 of his 13 years in College Station. Slocum's Texas A&M teams are 1-2 against Nebraska and he is 1-1 against Frank Solich. Slocum is 1-0 against the Huskers at Kyle Field.

Nebraska-Texas A&M Series...Nebraska leads 7-2

Nebraska has won seven of the nine all-time meetings between the two teams, including two of three games while the schools have been members of the Big 12 Conference. This Saturday's game will mark just the second game between the teams played in College Station. Texas A&M won 28-21 at Kyle Field in 1998 and the stadium is the only Big 12 stop where Nebraska has not posted a victory.

The Huskers rebounded from their 1998 setback in College Station with a 37-0 victory over the Aggies in Lincoln in 1999. The win was one of four NU shutouts against Texas A&M, and the series has a history of low-scoring contests. A&M's 1998 victory marks the only game in the series in which both teams reached 20 points.

Nebraska-Texas A&M Statistical Comparison

| Category | Nebraska (5-2, 1-1) | | | Texas A&M (5-2, 2-1) | | |
|--------------------------|---------------------|----------|-----------|----------------------|----------|-----------|
| | Avg. | Big 12 | Natl. | Avg. | Big 12 | Natl. |
| Rushing Offense | 266.4 | 1 | 6 | 133.0 | 10 | 75 |
| Passing Offense | 105.0 | 12 | 113 | 264.4 | 2 | 28 |
| Pass Efficiency | 107.02 | 11 | 95 | 121.60 | 7 | 60 |
| Total Offense | 371.4 | 8 | 68 | 397.4 | 4 | 38 |
| Scoring Offense | 28.4 | 10 | 52 | 30.6 | 7 | 41 |
| Rushing Defense | 141.2 | 6 | 50 | 76.9 | 1 | 5 |
| Pass Defense | 205.8 | 5 | 51 | 208.6 | 6 | 52 |
| Pass Eff. Defense | 100.28 | 4 | 14 | 101.91 | 5 | 16 |
| Total Defense | 347.0 | 6 | 40 | 285.4 | 4 | 12 |
| Scoring Defense | 20.8 | 5 | 27 | 15.0 | 4 | 9 |
| Net Punting | 38.9 | 3 | 7 | 37.9 | 5 | 12 |
| Punt Returns | 18.8 | 1 | 2 | 7.2 | 12 | 98 |
| Kickoff Returns | 21.4 | 3 | 39 | 19.7 | 9 | 74 |
| Turnover Margin | -1.57 | 2 | 6 | +1.57 | 2 | 6 |

Top 25 National Rankings in Bold

NU-Texas A&M Series Summary

Games: 9
 Standing: Nebraska leads, 7-2-0
 At College Station: A&M leads, 1-0

| Date | Site | AP Rank | NU/A&M | Result |
|----------|------------|---------|--------|----------|
| 10-4-30 | Lincoln | / | | W, 13-0 |
| 10-8-55 | Lincoln | / | | L, 0-27 |
| 9-27-69 | Lincoln | / | | W, 14-0 |
| 9-25-71 | Lincoln | 1/ | | W, 34-7 |
| 9-16-72 | Lincoln | 10/ | | W, 37-7 |
| 8-27-88 | E. Ruth.* | 2/10 | | W, 23-14 |
| 12-6-97 | S. Ant.** | 2/14 | | W, 54-15 |
| 10-10-98 | C. Station | 2/18 | | L, 21-28 |
| 11-6-99 | Lincoln | 9/21 | | W, 37-0 |

*Kickoff Classic; **Big 12 Champ. Game

| Series scoring | Total | Average |
|----------------|-------|---------|
| Nebraska | 233 | 25.9 |
| Texas A&M | 98 | 10.9 |

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 | 5-3 | .625 | 1-2 | --- | --- |
| Tot. | 47-12 | .797 | 26-9 | Four | --- |

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

Div. I-A Coaches Best Career Starts since 1900

First Five Years by Wins

| Rank | Coach, School | Years | Rec. |
|------|-------------------------|---------|---------|
| 1. | Barry Switzer, Oklahoma | 1973-77 | 51-5-2 |
| 2. | John Robinson, USC | 1976-80 | 50-8-2 |
| 3. | R. C. Slocum, Texas A&M | 1989-93 | 49-12-1 |
| 4. | Lloyd Carr, Michigan | 1995-99 | 49-13 |
| | Frank Solich, Nebraska | 1998-02 | 47-12 |

Solich vs. Ranked AP Teams (10-9)

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

Solich Superlatives

| | |
|--|-------|
| Overall | 47-12 |
| vs. AP Ranked Teams | 10-9 |
| vs. AP Top 10 Teams | 4-4 |
| vs. Unranked Teams | 37-3 |
| vs. Big 12 Teams | 27-9 |
| 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 ... | 31-8 |
| Multiple 100-yd. NU Rushers in a Game . | 11-0 |
| When Opp. has 100 Yd. Rusher | 8-8 |
| 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 | 38-3 |
| Record in games decided by 10 or less ... | 13-7 |
| Record in games decided by 7 or less | 8-6 |
| Record in games decided by 3 or less | 4-3 |
| 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 47-12 school and career record (.797). 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 a .797 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.

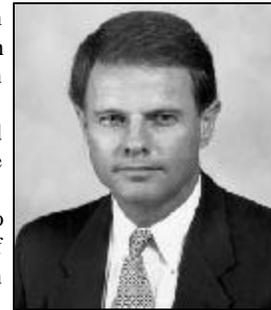
Including this season, Nebraska's staff owns 152 years of combined experience in Lincoln and remarkably 142 combined bowl games--or every year possible.

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).

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.



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

Improved Husker Running Game to Face Stiff Test at Texas A&M

Nebraska's running game has been improved in the past three games. Since rushing for just 81 yards in a loss at Iowa State, Nebraska has topped 250 yards on the ground in three straight games and averaged 342.7 yards rushing in those games. The stretch opened with a season-high 444 yards rushing vs. McNeese State, 325 yards in a win over Missouri and 259 yards on the ground at Oklahoma State. For the season, Nebraska is averaging a Big 12-best 266.4 yards rushing per game.

Quarterback Jammal Lord and true freshman I-back David Horne have keyed Nebraska's rushing success the past three weeks. Lord has run for 389 yards the past three weeks (129.6 ypg), including an NU quarterback record 218 yards vs. McNeese State. Horne shed his redshirt after the Iowa State game and has gained 294 yards (98.0 ypg), including 125 yards on 24 carries at Oklahoma State.

The Husker rushing offense will face its stiffest test of the season at Texas A&M. The Aggies allow just 76.9 yards per game on the ground to rank fifth nationally in that category. No team has rushed for more than 129 yards (Virginia Tech) against Texas A&M this season and the Aggies are allowing just 2.4 yards per rush.

NU Rushing Game-by-Game

| Game | No.-Yds.-TD | Leader |
|------|-------------|--------------|
| ASU | 59-283-3 | Lord, 103 |
| TSU | 54-199-2 | Lord, 92 |
| USU | 54-288-4 | Diedrick, 93 |
| PSU | 45-252-1 | Lord, 111 |
| ISU | 30-81-1 | Diedrick, 28 |
| MSU | 52-444-4 | Lord, 218 |
| MU | 62-325-1 | Lord, 98 |
| OSU | 54-259-3 | Horne, 125 |

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

NU Special Teams Under Solich

| Year | Averages | | | | |
|------|----------|------|------|-------|------------------|
| | FG-FGA | PR | KOR | Punt. | Blocked Kicks |
| 1998 | 14-21 | 11.5 | 21.0 | 43.8 | 1 (1 punt) |
| 1999 | 14-20 | 10.9 | 18.4 | 43.6 | *10 (7P, 3FG) |
| 2000 | 5-10 | 11.0 | 16.7 | 41.3 | 6(2P, 3FG, IPAT) |
| 2001 | 12-17 | 13.1 | 25.2 | 41.1 | 4 (2P, 2FG) |
| 2002 | 6-7 | 18.8 | 21.4 | 42.2 | 3 (3P) |

*School record

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 18.8 yards on 25 punt returns this season. Groce has returned 21 punts for 431 yards, for a nation-leading 20.5 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 29 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 274 career points. Brown's performance on kickoff duties should not be left unnoticed with 28 of his 44 kickoffs this season (2-4 vs. Oklahoma State, one on-side kick) 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 25th in the nation in punting with a 42.2-yard average on the season. He has also pinned the opposition inside the 20 12 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 38.90 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' victory over Arizona State, 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 14.6 yards on kickoff returns and only 8.4 yards on 16 punt returns this season. Oklahoma State had one punt return for six yards and a kickoff return for no yards.

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 two of three 40-plus field goals, a 43-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 25 nationally in punting at 42.2 yards per punt. He 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 four times and has pinned oponents inside the 20 12 times, including three times vs. Troy State and Oklahoma State. Larson has pinned opponents inside the 10-yard line five times, including twice 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

Husker 2002 Honors

DeJuan Groce, Sr., CB

CNN.com Midseason All-American (PR)
Big 12 Special Teams POW vs. Troy State
Big 12 Defensive POW vs. Utah State
Big 12 Special Teams POW vs. Missouri
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)

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)

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

Josh Brown, Sr., PK

Big 12 Special Teams POW vs. Arizona State

Pat Ricketts, Jr., CB

Big 12 Defensive POW vs. Arizona State

Huskers Make Return to TBS

Saturday night's contest between Nebraska and Texas A&M will be televised nationally by TBS. The network resumed college football coverage this fall after several years of not televising the sport and is partnering with the Big 12 Conference. The matchup with Texas A&M will mark just Nebraska's second appearance on the network. The Huskers' defeated Illinois 59-14 at Champaign in 1986 in their only other TBS appearance.

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.

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, 57 | 3 | 1 (5) |
| USU | Groce 27 | Davis 42 | Brown 44 | 4-8 | 2 Larson 71, 56, 57, 45 | 0 | 0 |
| PSU | -- | Davis 26 | -- | 1-2 | 1 Larson 47, 47, 50, 56, 46 | 2 | 2 (3,6) |
| ISU | -- | Davis 41 | -- | 3-3 | 0 Larson 47, 50, 55 | 2 | 0 |
| MSU | -- | -- | -- | 4-7 | 1 -- | -- | -- |
| MU | Groce 89* | Davis 27, 28, 39 | Brown 42 | 3-5 | 0 Larson 45 | 1 | 1 (8) |
| OSU | -- | -- | -- | 2-4# | 0 Larson 46 | 3 | 1 (3) |

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)

#-One of Brown's four kickoffs was an on-side kick

Huskers Scoring in All Three Facets of Game

Nebraska has reached the end zone 30 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 15 games dating back to last season (3 of 8 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 five games, including a combined five-turnover disadvantage in three losses. Nebraska ranks 80th in the nation in turnover margin. This week Nebraska matches up with one of the nation's top teams in turnover margin. Texas A&M has forced 22 opponent turnovers and ranks sixth nationally in turnover margin at +1.57 per game.

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.

Nebraska turned an Oklahoma State fumble into seven points on Saturday in Stillwater. The forced fumble in the fourth quarter marked the first turnover forced by the Husker defense since the third quarter of the Iowa State game.

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 26 turnovers in winning six of its seven games since the loss at Nebraska.

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

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. | DeJuan Groce, RCB, 99-01 | 36 |

NU Career Punt Return Yards

| | |
|----|---|
| 1. | 1,515 Johnny Rodgers, WB, 1970-72 (98 ret.) |
| 2. | 917 D. Groce, CB, 1999-02 (56 ret.) |
| 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. | 469 D. Groce, CB, 2001 (33 ret.) |
| 4. | 452 Larry Wachholtz, S, 1965 (31 ret.) |
| 5. | 431 D. Groce, CB, 2002 (21 ret.) |

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 14th nationally in pass efficiency defense with a 100.29 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 the nation's top corners, Groce is also an electrifying force on Husker special teams. Against Troy State, he set a school record and tied an NCAA mark with two punt return touchdowns. He added an 89-yard return for a touchdown against Missouri, giving him three this season, tying Johnny Rodgers' school record and moving him within one return TD of the NCAA record. Groce's punt return exploits earned him a spot on CNN.com's Midseason All-American team.

Groce averages 16.4 yards per punt return in his career and is averaging 20.5 yards on 21 returns this 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 917 yards. Groce's 431 punt return yards this season already rank fifth on the NU single-season chart and his 469 yards last season ranked third.

Lord Facing Task of Leading Young Husker Offense

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 rebounded with a standout game against McNeese State and remains one of NU's top offensive threats.

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 Hasebroek. Lord's play allowed Nebraska to convert on 12-of-16 third-down attempts in the game.

Lord has led the Huskers in rushing five times in 2002, most recently with 98 yards in a 24-13 victory over Missouri. He has passed for more than 100 yards five times this year, including 110 yards last week at Oklahoma State.

Lord leads Nebraska in rushing with 762 yards and seven touchdowns and averages 6.0 yards per carry. His 95.2 yards rushing per game rank 36th in the nation and fifth in the Big 12 Conference. Lord is second nationally in rushing among quarterbacks. His 188.1 total offensive yards per game rank eighth in the Big 12. 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-TD |
|------|-------------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| ASU | 17-103-0 | 13-5-0-33-1 | 30-136-1 |
| TSU* | 23-92-1 | 15-8-1-114-0 | 38-206-1 |
| USU* | 9-59-2 | 12-6-0-105-2 | 21-164-4 |
| PSU* | 14-111-0 | 16-8-3-76-0 | 30-187-0 |
| ISU* | 11-8-0 | 10-5-1-120-1 | 21-128-1 |
| MSU* | 17-218-3 | 18-12-1-151-1 | 35-369-4 |
| MU* | 17-98-0 | 12-4-0-32-1 | 29-130-1 |
| OSU* | 18-73-1 | 14-7-0-110-0 | 32-183-1 |

*-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: 95.2 yards per game (5th conf./36th nat.)

Passing: 92.9 yards per game

Total Offense: 188.1 yards per game

Blackshirts Look for Return of Rush End Kelsay

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

The 6-5, 260-pound Kelsay is the anchor of the Husker defensive front. 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 games with Missouri and Oklahoma State, but Kelsay still had an impact in the games with his presence from the sideline. Several of his teammates credited Kelsay with encouraging the defensive troops from the sideline throughout the Blackshirts' top performance of 2002 against Missouri. 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.

True Freshmen Making Big Impact for 2002 Huskers

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

The freshmen have proven to be difference-makers throughout the season, but their biggest impact came last Saturday at Oklahoma State. In the game, Nebraska had 369 yards of total offense, 204 (55 percent) of which

Big 12 Conference POW Nominees

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

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

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. | D. Diedrick, IB, 1999-pres. | 2,299 |
| 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 |

Top Rushing Seasons by NU Freshmen

| Rank | Player, Pos., Yr. | Yards |
|------|------------------------------|------------|
| 1. | Ahman Green, IB, 1995 | 1,086 |
| 2. | Calvin Jones, IB, 1991 | 900 |
| 3. | DeAngelo Evans, IB, 1996 | 776 |
| 4. | Monte Anthony, IB, 1974 | 587 |
| 5. | Lawrence Phillips, IB, 1993 | 508 |
| 6. | Eric Crouch, QB, 1998 | 459 |
| 7. | Tommie Frazier, QB, 1992 | 399 |
| 8. | Derek Brown, IB, 1990 | 375 |
| 9. | Damon Benning, IB, 1993 | 323 |
| 10. | Correll Buckhalter, IB, 1997 | 311 |
| -- | David Horne, IB, 2002 | 294 |
| -- | Cory Ross, IB, 2002 | 169 |

NU Career Scoring Leaders

| Rank | Player, Pos., Yrs. | Pts. |
|------|--------------------------------|------------|
| 1. | Kris Brown, PK, 1995-98 | 388 |
| 2. | Eric Crouch, QB, 1998-01 | 368 |
| 3. | Mike Rozier, IB, 1981-83 | 312 |
| 4. | Josh Brown, PK, 1999-02 | 274 |
| 5. | Ahman Green, IB, 1995-97 | 270 |
| 6. | J. Rodgers, WB, 1970-72 | 264 |

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.) |

'97 Husker Team Fills NFL Rosters

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

were accounted for by true freshmen. Horne accounted for the largest chunk of the yardage with 125 rushing yards on 24 carries. LeFlore gained 29 yards on a reverse on the game's opening play, while Herian set up NU's first touchdown with a 44-yard reception. Pilkington added a six-yard reception, marking the sixth straight game he has had at least one reception.

The true freshmen wasted no time this season making their presence known. In fact, three of the five scored touchdowns on their first touch of their Husker careers. In the season opener, Washington intercepted an Arizona State pass and returned it 29 yards for a touchdown. Two games later against Utah State, Herian turned his first career reception into a 33-yard TD. LeFlore got into the act against McNeese State, taking his first career carry on a reverse 64 yards for a touchdown to give NU a 31-7 fourth-quarter advantage. Horne has scored two touchdowns and Pilkington scored on a 90-yard TD at Iowa State, the Huskers' longest pass play in 37 years.

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

Pilkington ranks second on the team in receptions with 10 and leads the Huskers in receiving yards with 216, good for a 21.6-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.

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.

Going Around the Horne

I-back David Horne has given the Husker running game a kick-start since ending his redshirt season three games ago. Horne has rushed for 294 yards in three games (98.0 ypg) and raced for 125 yards and a touchdown on 24 carries on Saturday at Oklahoma State, the most carries by a Husker in 2002.

Horne became the first true freshman I-back to rush for more than 100 yards since DeAngelo Evans had 130 yards in the 1996 Big 12 Championship game against Texas. Horne is the first Husker at any position to top 100 yards rushing since redshirt freshman quarterback Eric Crouch had 108 yards in a 40-30 loss at Kansas State in 1998. Horne's 100-yard day marked the first time a Husker back has topped 100 yards since Dahrran Diedrick rushed for 108 yards on 24 carries vs. Kansas State on Nov. 10, 2001.

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

The 6-0, 190-pound Horne is averaging 5.2 yards per carry in his first three games. His 98.0 yards per game would rank fifth in the Big 12 Conference and among the top 35 in the nation if he had played in the required number of games. With 294 yards, Horne is just off the top 10 rushing seasons by a Husker freshman and could become just the sixth Husker frosh to rush for more than 500 yards.

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. The Huskers will look to get Thomas back into the offense at Texas A&M after he has been held without a catch in each of the past two games. He had a catch in eight straight outings before the Missouri game.

Thomas 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

Tremendous True Freshmen

TE Matt Herian

Two receptions for 77 yards (38.5 ypc)
 33-yard TD reception vs. Utah State

IB David Horne

294 yards rushing in three games (98.0 ypg)
 125 yards rushing at Oklahoma State

SE Mark LeFlore

Two carries for 93 yards on reverse plays
 64-yard touchdown run vs. McNeese State

SE Ross Pilkington

Team leader in receiving yards (216)
 90-yard TD reception at Iowa State

LCB Fabian Washington

Starter at left cornerback
 Three INT and team-high six PBU

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. | Wilson Thomas, SE, 1999-pres. | 57 |

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 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 Joins Husker 2,000-Yard Club

Senior I-back Dahrran Diedrick joined an elite club against Utah State when he became the 21st Husker to rush for 2,000 career yards. He finished that game with a season-high 93 yards and now has 2,299 career yards to rank 14th on the Husker charts.

Diedrick was a first-team All-Big 12 pick last season after leading the league in rushing with 1,299 yards. He also scored 15 touchdowns and rushed for 100 or more yards in seven of 11 regular-season appearances. 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.

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, which announced 11 semifinalists for the award last week.

Shanle leads the team in tackles with 45 stops, including nine against Oklahoma State. He also returned a blocked punt for a touchdown against Arizona State. Ruud is tied for second on the team in tackles with 44 stops, despite being plagued by injuries throughout the season.

Senior center John Garrison was named to the preseason watch list for the Outland Trophy and the Rimington Award, given annually to the nation's top center. The award is named in honor of former Husker Dave Rimington, a two-time Outland Trophy winner. Garrison is the leader of an offensive line that has helped NU to a Big 12-leading 266.4 rushing yards per game.

Junior punter Kyle Larson continues to prove he is one of the nation's best, averaging 42.2 yards on 40 punts this season to rank among the top 25 nationally in punting average. Larson boomed four punts for a 57.3-yard average vs. Utah State, just off the single-game school record. Larson 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.

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.

The Huskers have three games remaining against ranked teams—Texas, Kansas State and Colorado. Five Big 12 teams are ranked this week, including Oklahoma (2 AP/2 Coaches) Texas (7/7), Iowa State (17/18), Colorado (21/20) and Kansas State (20/21). This week's opponent Texas A&M and Texas Tech received votes in both polls this week, while Nebraska received one point in the coaches poll. Two of Nebraska's non-conference opponents are ranked with Penn State 18th and 17th this week and Arizona State listed at 23rd and 25th.

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

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

Nebraska Personnel/Injury Update

Senior rush end Chris Kelsay has missed Nebraska's past two games 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. In addition, redshirt freshman Seppo Ewvarayeis out for the season with an injury to his right shoulder, while

freshman defensive tackle Brandon Greeson, who is redshirting this fall, will also miss the remainder of fall practice with a shoulder injury.

No. 4 I-back/kickoff return man Josh Davis suffered a left quadriceps injury against Missouri and missed the Oklahoma State game, but is expected to return this week. 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. Senior I-back Thunder Collins left the Husker program last week after missing four games earlier this season while serving an NCAA suspension.

35 Former Huskers on NFL Opening-Day Rosters

Nebraska remains among the nation's leaders in supplying talent to the National Football League. In fact, the Huskers had a Big 12-best 45 players in 2002 NFL training camps and 33 of those players currently find themselves on 2002 rosters. Nebraska had 30 players on active 2002 opening day rosters to rank eighth nationally and tops among Big 12 schools.

Among Nebraska's notable alumni on NFL rosters are 10-year

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

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 | 47-12-0 | 5 | 0 |
| Since 1962 | 403-81-5 | 41 | 5 |
| 1890-1962 | 366-223-35 | 72 | 0 |
| All-Time | 769-304-40 | 113 | 5 |

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 163 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 109-13-1890
2. **Nebraska** **108-16-1** **.868**
3. Florida 102-22-1820

Records in Previous Three Decades

(1970-1999)

1. **Nebraska** **309-56-5** **.842**
2. Michigan 278-71-8790
3. Penn State 282-76-2786
4. Ohio State 264-84-8753
- Alabama 271-88-3753

Division I-A Consecutive

Winning Seasons

Current -- 15 or More

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

All-Time Div. I Consec. Winning Seasons

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

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

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

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 among the NFL leaders in large part because of the play of a pair of former Huskers. Defensive end Mike Rucker was named the NFC Defensive Player of the Month in September and is among the league leaders in sacks and fumbles caused. Safety Mike Minter, Carolina's all-time leading tackler 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.

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 22, 230 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.

▶ **107-15 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 twice (1998, 2002). In that span, the Huskers went undefeated three times, winning national championships in 1994, 1995 and 1997. Nebraska also played for the national title in 1993 and 2001.

Unprecedented Winning Tradition

Nebraska, the nation's third-winningest program all time (fourth by percentage), boasts a 769-304-40 record in 1,113 games (.709). In the last 34 years, NU is tops, posting a record of 335-63-5 for an .837 winning percentage (403 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 107-15 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 63-9 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 26-7 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 335-63-5 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 5-3 in 2002, for a 47-12 five-year record. Devaney went 10-1 his second year (1963) winning his first Big Eight championship, while Osborne first won 10 games his third year when he also won a share of his first Big Eight title (1975).

NU in Big 12 Conference Action

Nebraska is 437-145-16 all time vs. Big 12 Conference teams. Since the Big 12 was formed in 1996, Nebraska is 42-9 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 (36-14) and at Oklahoma State (24-21) this season. Nebraska is 26-9 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

Big 12 History

| Year | Division Winners | | Big 12 Champ |
|------|------------------|----------|--------------|
| | North | South | |
| 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 |

Nebraska vs. Texas matchup in the 1999 Big 12 Championship Game marked the first time the game featured two teams that played each other in the regular season.

In the last nine years, Nebraska has won five conference crowns (three Big Eight, two Big 12). Nebraska has won 43 football conference championships overall, including eight under Coach Bob Devaney, 13 under Coach Tom Osborne and one under Coach Solich.

Memorial Stadium Dominance

Nebraska 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

Records Report

| | |
|---|---------------|
| Category | Record |
| All-time | 769-304-40 |
| Home | 461-122-20 |
| Memorial Stadium | 336-99-13 |
| Since 1962 | 403-81-5 |
| Away | 308-182-20 |
| Road (on campus) | 271-145-17 |
| Neutral Sites (includes bowls) | 37-36-3 |
| When Scoring 35+ Points | 303-2 |
| vs. Big 12 Teams | 437-145-16 |
| In Big 12 Action (since '96) | 42-9 |
| Home | 24-1 |
| Away | 17-8 |
| Neutral | 1-0 |
| Bowls | 20-20 |
| On ABC | 72-30 |
| On FieldTurf | 25-0 |
| At Night | 51-16-3 |
| vs. Ranked Teams... | |
| All-Time | 89-93-3 |
| Home | 41-30-0 |
| Away | 28-48-3 |
| Neutral | 20-15-0 |
| as No. 1 Team | 46-7-1 |
| In 252 Consecutive Sellout Streak... | |
| All-Time | 226-26 |
| vs. Ranked Teams | 37-18 |
| Under Head Coach Frank Solich... | |
| All-Time | 47-12 |
| Home | 31-1 |
| Away | 12-9 |
| 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 | 37-3 |
| Home | 25-1 |
| Away | 12-2 |
| vs. Big 12 Teams | 27-9 |
| Home | 16-1 |
| Away | 9-8 |
| Neutral | 2-0 |
| Big 12 Championship Game | 1-0 |
| At Night | 15-4 |
| August | 4-0 |
| September | 16-2 |
| October | 15-5 |
| 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 83 consecutive games
- ▶ scored in 218 straight home games
- ▶ shut out opponents 100 times

(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.

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

| 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 |

all-time consecutive sellouts with 165, 87 fewer than Nebraska.

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 was not its usual self early in the season, but has gotten untracked in recent weeks. Nebraska has averaged 342.7 yards the past three weeks, including a season-high 444 yards vs. McNeese State. The Huskers now average 266.4 yards per game to lead the Big 12 Conference and rank sixth nationally. Over the years, the Huskers have rolled up unparalleled rushing numbers in college football.

The Huskers have led the nation in rushing 15 times in school history, including 2001. The Huskers averaged 314.7 yards a year ago, 33 yards per game more than runner-up Rice's total of 281.5. 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).

| 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 |

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 369, 100-yard rushing performances all time (56 under Coach Solich, most recently David Horne, 125 yards at Oklahoma 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 1988 (Ken Clark, Steve Taylor and Terry Rodgers). The Iowa game in 2000 marked the only time in the 56 games where there were two-or-more 100-yard rushers, and Nebraska failed to score at least one rushing touchdown. Jammal Lord's 218-yard effort vs. McNeese State on Oct. 5 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 31-8 when a Husker rushes for at least 100 yards, and 8-8 when an opponent has a 100-yard rusher (most recently 182 yards by Oklahoma State's Tatum Bell). 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 true freshman David Horne posted his first 100-yard game at Oklahoma State (125 yards). Fullback Judd Davies topped 100 yards last season at Baylor.

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 28.4 points per game in 2002 to rank 10th in the Big 12. The Huskers have a long history of ranking among the nation's leaders in scoring offense and have averaged more than 35 points a game 15 times in the last 16 years. 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 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 83 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. The Huskers have not been shut out by a conference opponent since a 27-0 loss at Oklahoma in 1973. NU was shut out by Miami in the 1992 Orange Bowl (22-0), the only time the Huskers have been shut out in a bowl game.

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

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 141.2 rushing yards per game in 2002 to rank 50th nationally.

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 529 AP polls since 1969 (33 consecutive years), missing one week in 1977, two weeks in 1981 and the past four 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 163 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 28-11 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. 7 Texas, 20th-ranked Kansas State and No. 21 Colorado.

NU vs. the Unranked

The Huskers have lost just 15 of 247 games to unranked AP opponents since 1973 (37-3 record under Solich). Nebraska has lost just five games to unranked opponents at home in that time. Oklahoma State's 24-21 win over Nebraska was the Huskers' second setback against an unranked foe in 2002. Although Penn State was ranked 25th according to the coaches at game time, the Nittany Lions were unranked by the Associated Press, marking NU's first loss to an unranked foe since a 20-16 defeat vs. Texas on Oct. 31, 1998. Nebraska had won 27 straight vs. unranked foes before the loss at Penn State.

Before last Saturday's loss in Stillwater, Iowa State's 19-10 upset of the Huskers in 1992 was the last time NU had lost a road game against a team that was not ranked in either poll. In the last 30 years, Nebraska has gone 230-15-2 against unranked AP opponents (.935, 247 games, six losses since 1990) and suffered only one loss to a team that finished the season below .500 (Iowa State in 1992). The last time NU lost in Lincoln to a team with a losing record at game time was to Kansas State (12-0) in 1968 (2-5 record at game time).

Husker Title Runs

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

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

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

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 four games in 2002, rallying to defeat Missouri after trailing 13-7. NU failed to recover from deficits at Penn State, Iowa State and Oklahoma 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 Nebraska led at the half and lost was a 24-21 setback at Oklahoma State after NU led 7-3 at halftime. 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).

NU Tied for Fifth in AP Titles

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

The Huskers vs. AP No. 1

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

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 Demoine Adams, who became the second Husker all time to graduate in three years (also Bobby Newcombe 1999), Patrick Kabongo (also a junior), Justin Smith, Dahrran Diedrick and Ben Cornelsen.

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 in 1978-80); MLB Barrett Ruud (father Tom played in 1972-74 and Ruud's great-grandfather Clarence Swanson played for NU from 1918 to 1921 and is a member of the Nebraska Football Hall of Fame); RE Trevor Johnson (father Robert wrestled for NU in 1973-76) and RCB Shane Siegel (father Robert played basketball for NU in 1974-77).

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

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

► **Husker Running Back Success in the NFL...**A pair of former Husker I-backs found success in the NFL in 2001. Green Bay's Ahman Green (1995-97) ranks among the NFL rushing leaders and topped 1,000 yards for the second straight season and was selected to the Pro Bowl, while Correll Buckhalter (1997-2000) ranked among the Eagles' rushing leaders with nearly 600 yards, including an Eagles' rookie record with 134 yards against Arizona in October. 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.

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.

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 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."

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.

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.

► **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 Tionu 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. Osborne's and his Teammates mentoring program will be recognized at the Nebraska-Colorado game on Nov. 29 at Memorial Stadium.

A Look at the Numbers

► Scoring Drives...

The Huskers' 31 scoring drives (25 TD, 6 FG) by the offense have covered an average of 52.9 yards (1,641 total yards/31 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.

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 |
| Okla. St. | 3 | 7:02 | 2:21 | 22 | 7.3 | 1 | 0 |
| Totals | 31 | 78:42 | 2:32 | 207 | 6.7 | 13 | 3 |
| Opp. | 30 | 105:48 | 3:32 | 266 | 8.9 | 6 | 1 |

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

The Huskers have produced 31 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 his 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 seven of Nebraska's 13 long runs on the year, including a career-long 57-yard scoring run against McNeese State. Lord has also connected on four long pass plays, including a career-long 90-yard scoring strike to Ross Pilkington at Iowa State. Mark LeFlore owns two long runs, including NU'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 31 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 12 long pass plays, eight 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 |
| OSU | 2 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 2 |
| Totals | 11 | 4 | 13 | 28 | 7 | 11 | 5 | 23 |

► Nebraska in the Red Zone...

The Huskers have been successful in the red zone, including Oklahoma State (3-3), Missouri (2-3), McNeese State (3-4) Iowa State (1-1), Penn State (1-1), Utah State (3-4), Troy State (3-4), Arizona State (3-3). NU has 14

rushing touchdowns, three passing touchdowns and two field goals. Oklahoma State (3-3), Missouri (2-2), McNeese State (1-2), Iowa State (6-7), Penn State (6-6), Utah State (2-2), Troy State (3-4) and Arizona State (1-2) have converted red zone trips.

| Game | Scores Inside 20 | | | | | No Score Inside 20 | | | | | Half/Pct. |
|---------------|------------------|-----------|-----------|----------|----------|--------------------|----------|----------|-------------|--|-----------|
| | Chances | Total | TDs | FGs | MissFGs | TOs | Downs | Gm. | Pct. | | |
| 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 | | |
| OSU | 3 | 3 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1.00 | | |
| Totals | 23 | 19 | 17 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 0 | .826 | | |
| Opp. | 28 | 24 | 15 | 9 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 | .857 | | |

Note: Nebraska has 14 rushing TDs, 3 passing TDs and 2 FGs in the red zone. Opponents have 12 rushing TDs, 3 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 | 92 | 30 | 24 | 6-7 | .326 | 19-22 |
| Stuntz# | 10 | 1 | 1 | 0-0 | .100 | 0-1 |
| Totals | 102 | 31 | 25 | 6-7 | .304 | 19-23 |

*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 five games. On the year, NU has intercepted eight passes and recovered three fumbles for 11 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, and also converted Washington's fumble recovery at Oklahoma State, giving NU 28 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 | | Turnovers (Fumbles/Lost, INT) |
|---------------|------------------------|----------|------------|-----------|-------------------------------|
| | Gained | TDs | FG-FGA | Pts. | |
| ASU | 1 (1 INT) | 1 | 0-0 | 7 | 0 (0 F/L, 0 INT) |
| TSU | 3 (1 F, 2 INT) | 0 | 0-0 | 0 | 2 (5/1 F/L, 1 INT) |
| USU | 3 (0 F, 3 INT) | 2 | 0-0 | 14 | 2 (2/2 F/L, 0 INT) |
| PSU | 0 (0 F, 0 INT) | 0 | 0-0 | 0 | 3 (1/0 F/L, 3 INT) |
| ISU | 3 (1 F, 2 INT) | 0 | 0-0 | 0 | 5 (5/4 F/L, 1 INT) |
| MSU | 0 (0 F, 0 INT) | 0 | 0-0 | 0 | 1 (2/0 F/L, 1 INT) |
| MU | 0 (0 F, 0 INT) | 0 | 0-0 | 0 | 1 (2/1 F/L, 0 INT) |
| OSU | 1 (1 F, 0 INT) | 1 | 0-0 | 7 | 1 (2/1 F/L, 0 INT) |
| Totals | 11 (3 F, 8 INT) | 4 | 0-0 | 28 | 15 (19/9 F/L, 6 INT) |
| Opp. | 15 (9 F, 6 INT) | 7 | 1-2 | 52 | 11 (10/3 F/L, 8 INT) |

► 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 |
| Oklahoma St. | 54/259/3 | 14-7-0/110/0 | 68/369/3 |

| 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 |
| Oklahoma St. | 42/195/1 | 27-17-0/192/2 | 69/387/3 |

► **Husker 100-Yard Rushing Games (4)**

The Huskers produced their fourth 100-yard game and first by an I-back when true freshman David Horne ran for his first career 100-yard game with 125 yards on 24 carries at Oklahoma State. Jammal Lord owns NU's other three 100-yard efforts, including a career high and 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. Lord also ran for 111 yards at Penn State and 103 yards against Arizona State. Three opposing backs, Penn State's Larry Johnson (19-123-2), Iowa State's Michael Wagner (19-107-0) and Oklahoma State's Tatum Bell (33-182-0) have managed 100 yards.

► **Husker 100-Yard Rushing Games (4) (* notes career best)**

- vs. **ASU**-Jammal Lord, 17 att., 103 yards, 0 TD
- vs. **PSU**-Jammal Lord, 14 att., 111 yards, 0 TD
- vs. **MSU**-Jammal Lord, 17 att., *218 yards, *3 TD
- vs. **OSU**-David Horne, 24 att., *125 yards, 1 TD

► **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 21 of its 107 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 started 14 drives on NU's side of the field. Kyle Larson has buried opponents inside the 20 on 12 occasions, including three each against Troy State and Oklahoma State. Larson pinned Penn State and Oklahoma State at their own 3 for the worst starts by opponents. Josh Brown has boomed 28-of-42 kickoffs for touchbacks, while six of his 16 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 Oklahoma State 46 on NU's unsuccessful on-side kick attempt. The best opponent start off a return came at the 35.

| | <u>NU Avg. Start</u> | <u>Opp. Avg. Start</u> | <u>Advantage</u> |
|---------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|------------------|
| Arizona St. | 41.2 (618/15) | 24.3 (340/14) | +16.9 |
| Troy State | 38.7 (580/15) | 28.1 (422/15) | +10.6 |
| Utah State | 42.2 (633/15) | 22.6 (340/15) | +19.6 |
| Penn State | 19.5 (214/11) | 32.4 (356/11) | -12.9 |
| Iowa State | 27.3 (382/14) | 40.6 (569/14) | -13.3 |
| McNeese St. | 25.8 (309/12) | 22.8 (251/11) | +3.0 |
| Missouri | 36.4 (510/14) | 27.3 (382/14) | +9.1 |
| Oklahoma St. | 29.2 (321/11) | 26.6 (293/11) | +2.6 |
| Total | 33.3 (3,567/107) | 27.7 (2,913/105) | +5.6 |

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

► **Penalty Numbers**

The Huskers are averaging 5.8 penalties for 50.6 yards per game. NU owns the third-best averages in the Big 12 in penalties and yardage per game, while Texas A&M ranks seventh in the league in penalty yardage (60.0 ypg) and 10th in penalties per game (7.7 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 46 penalties, 17 are offensive (17-136), 21 are defensive (21-195) and eight have been called on the special teams (8-74). Opponents have committed 24 offensive penalties (24-152), nine defensive penalties (11-80) 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 | 10-71 |
| Penn State | 7-60 | 3-20 |
| Iowa State | 10-75 | 4-20 |
| McNeese State | 5-66 | 3-15 |
| Missouri | 6-66 | 7-44 |
| Oklahoma St. | 6-55 | 5-30 |
| Total | 46-405 | 41-290 |
| Average | 5.8-50.6 | 5.1-36.3 |

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

| <u>Game</u> | <u>Team</u> | <u>Indiv. (#)</u> | <u>*Sacks Allowed</u> | <u>O-Line Penalties</u> | <u>Perfect Plays</u> |
|-------------|-------------|-------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|----------------------|
| Arizona St. | 58 | 14 (#51) | 2 | 0-0 | 62.5% |
| Troy State | 54 | 13 (#51) | 0 | 2-16 | 55.0% |

| | | | | | |
|-----------------|------------|-----------------|----------|--------------|--------------|
| Utah State | 69 | 14 (#52) | 1 | 0-0 | 74.0% |
| Penn State | 45 | 14 (#52) | 0 | 3-20 | 59.0% |
| Iowa State | 19 | 5 (51/52/68) | 0 | 1-5 | 67.8% |
| McNeese St. | 70 | 14 (#78) | 0 | 0-0 | 52.8% |
| Missouri | 40 | 10 (#59) | 1 | 2-15 | 57.9% |
| Okl. St. | 59 | 21 (#51) | 1 | 3-20 | 68.0% |
| Totals | 414 | 21 | 5 | 11-76 | |

| <u>Name</u> | <u>ASU</u> | <u>TSU</u> | <u>USU</u> | <u>PSU</u> | <u>ISU</u> | <u>MSU</u> | <u>MU</u> | <u>OSU</u> | <u>Total</u> |
|---------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|-----------|------------|--------------|
| Incognito | 14 | 13 | 8 | 7 | 5 | 12 | 6 | 21 | 86 |
| Garrison | 6 | 7 | 14 | 14 | 5 | 12 | 7 | 12 | 77 |
| Cody | 9 | 8 | 11 | 6 | 0 | 13 | 10 | 6 | 63 |
| Erickson | 11 | 12 | 4 | 10 | 0 | 14 | 6 | 5 | 62 |
| Tagoa'i | 10 | 1 | 12 | 1 | 2 | 8 | 7 | 7 | 48 |
| Vili Waldrop | 3 | 6 | 7 | 6 | 5 | 6 | 3 | 7 | 43 |
| Povendo | 0 | 1 | 5 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 11 |
| Sewell | 4 | 1 | 4 | 0 | - | 2 | - | - | 11 |
| Kolterman | 1 | 5 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | - | - | 8 |
| Andersen | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | - | 1 | - | - | 4 |
| Koethe | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | - | - | 1 |
| Totals | 58 | 54 | 69 | 45 | 19 | 70 | 40 | 59 | 414 |

► **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 |
| Wes Cody, OG, Sr. (Fremont, Neb.) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 8 | 8 |
| Judd Davies, FB, Jr. (Omaha, Neb.) | 0 | 0 | 11 | 7 | 18 |
| Josh Davis, IB, Jr. (Loveland, Colo.) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Dahrran Diederick, IB, Sr. (Scarborough, Ont.) | 0 | 0 | 11 | 7 | 18 |
| Mike Erickson, OG, So. (Omaha, Neb.) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 8 | 8 |
| John Garrison, C, Sr. (Blue Springs, Mo.) | 0 | 0 | 12 | 8 | 20 |
| Aaron Golliday, TE, Sr. (York, Neb.) | 4 | 3 | 2 | 6 | 15 |
| Troy Hassebroek, WB, Sr. (Lincoln, Neb.) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 4 |
| Richie Incognito, OT, RFr. (Glendale, Ariz.) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 7 | 7 |
| John Klem, SE, Sr. (Lincoln, Neb.) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 4 |
| Steve Kriewald, FB, So. (Scotia, Neb.) | 0 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 3 |
| Mark LeFlore, SE, Fr. (Omaha, Neb.) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Jammal Lord, QB, Jr. (Bayonne, N.J.) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 8 | 8 |
| Nick Povendo, OT, So. (Keller, Texas) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Cory Ross, IB, RFr. (Denver, Colo.) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Wilson Thomas, SE, Sr. (Omaha, Neb.) | 2 | 2 | 11 | 6 | 21 |
| Dan Vili Waldrop, RT, Jr. (Wilmington, Calif.) | 0 | 0 | 12 | 8 | 20 |
| Totals | 6 | 5 | 61 | 88 | 160 |

| <u>Defensive Starters</u> | <u>'99</u> | <u>'00</u> | <u>'01</u> | <u>'02</u> | <u>Total</u> |
|--|------------|------------|------------|------------|--------------|
| Demoin Adams, LRE, Sr. (Pine Bluff, Ark.) | 0 | 4 | 12 | 7 | 23 |
| Willie Amos, FS, Jr. (Sweetwater, Texas) | 0 | 0 | 6 | 0 | 6 |
| Ryon Bingham, NT, Jr. (Sandy, Utah) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 8 | 8 |
| Philip Bland, FS, So. (Lafayette, Colo.) | 0 | 0 | 3 | 8 | 11 |
| Daniel Bullocks, ROV, RFr. (Chattanooga, Tenn.) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Josh Bullocks, FS, RFr. (Chattanooga, Tenn.) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Jon Clanton, NT, Sr. (Glendale, Ariz.) | 0 | 0 | 9 | 5 | 14 |
| DeJuan Groce, RCB, Sr. (Garfield Heights, Ohio) | 0 | 2 | 11 | 8 | 21 |
| Trevor Johnson, RRE, Jr. (Lincoln, Neb.) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 3 |
| Patrick Kabongo, DT, Jr. (Montreal, Quebec) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 3 |
| Chris Kelsay, RE, Sr. (Auburn, Neb.) | 1 | 7 | 12 | 6 | 26 |
| Jason Lohr, NT, Sr. (Tulsa, Okla.) | 0 | 11 | 3 | 0 | 14 |
| Lornell McPherson, LCB, So. (Omaha, Neb.) | 0 | 0 | 3 | 4 | 7 |
| Pat Ricketts, LCB, Jr. (Omaha, Neb.) | 0 | 0 | 2 | 6 | 8 |
| Barrett Ruud, MLB, So. (Lincoln, Neb.) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 8 | 8 |
| Scott Shanley, SLB, Sr. (St. Edward, Neb.) | 0 | 9 | 5 | 23 | 23 |
| Shane Siegel, RCB, RFr. (Grand Island, Neb.) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Aaron Terpening, ROV, Sr. (Salem, Ore.) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 |
| Fabian Washington, LCB, Fr. (Bradenton, Fla.) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 5 |
| Demorrio Williams, WLB, Jr. (Beckville, Texas) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 7 | 7 |
| Totals | 1 | 33 | 70 | 88 | 192 |

| <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 | 8 | 40 |
| Sandro DeAngelis, PK, So. (Niagara Falls, Ont.) | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 4 |
| Kyle Larson, P, Jr., (Funk, Neb.) | 0 | 0 | 12 | 8 | 20 |
| Totals | 13 | 11 | 24 | 16 | 64 |

Starters Briefly

- Starts by True Freshmen: 6 (Fabian Washington 5, Mark LeFlore 1)
- Number of Native Nebraskans With Starts: 18
- Number of Different Starters on Offense: 18
- Number of Different Starters on Defense: 20
- Number of Different Starting Kickers: 3
- Underclassmen With Starts: 24 (10 offense, 12 defense, 2 kickers)
- Most Career Starts on Offense: Wilson Thomas, SE (21)
- Most Career Starts on Defense: Chris Kelsay, RE (26)
- Most Consecutive Starts on Offense: Garrison, C/Vili Waldrop, RT (20)
- Most Consecutive Starts on Defense: DeJuan Groce, RCB (13)

2002 Husker Depth Chart

(Oct. 15, 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 Povendo, 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 Povendo, 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.
25 **Josh Davis***, 5-11, 205, Jr., Loveland, Colo.
22 Cory Ross, 5-6, 210, RFr., Denver, Colo.
-OR- 33 **Marques Simmons**, 5-8, 190, RFr., Davenport, Iowa
-OR- 21 **Robin Miller***, 5-11, 215, Jr., Kent, Wash.
- WB:** 89 **Troy Hasebroek*****, 6-4, 215, Sr., Lincoln, Neb.
81 **Ben Cornelsen****, 5-10, 190, Sr., Shawnee, Kan.
-OR- 19 **John Klem****, 6-0, 215, Sr., Lincoln, Neb.
20 Kiffin Wigert, 5-9, 160, So., Cheyenne, Wyo.
18 Mike McLaughlin, 5-11, 185, RFr., Omaha, Neb.
24 Jack O'Holleran, 5-10, 205, So., North Platte, Neb.
-OR- 8 **Ryan Ommert**, 5-10, 190, Jr., Cambridge, Neb.

Injured (Not on Depth Chart)

- 27 **Willie Amos****, CB, 6-0, 185, Jr., Sweetwater, Texas (torn left ACL/LCL)
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)

Defense

- LRE:** 57 **Chris Kelsay***** 6-5, 260, Sr., Auburn, Neb.
-OR- 88 **Trevor Johnson****, 6-4, 250, Jr., Lincoln, 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:** 98 **Demoin Adams*****, 6-2, 250, Sr., Pine Bluff, Ark.
-OR- 88 **Trevor Johnson****, 6-4, 250, Jr., Lincoln, Neb.
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 Tomasevich, 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.
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****, 22 **Cory Ross**
KO Ret.: 25 **Josh Davis***, 33 **Marques Simmons**

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