



Husker Records and Streaks

- ▶ NCAA-record 249 consecutive sellouts in Memorial Stadium (counting Troy State)
- ▶ 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
- ▶ 344 consecutive weeks ranked by the Associated Press, a continuing AP record
- ▶ 32 consecutive years ranked in AP top 25
- ▶ 22-game home winning streak (nation's longest)
- ▶ 103-12 record since 1993 (nine years)
- ▶ 52 weeks ranked in AP top 10 (leads nation)

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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. The press conferences will begin with lunch at 11 a.m. NU Volleyball Coach John Cook will meet with the media at 11:15 and Husker defensive coordinator Craig Bohl will be available at 11:50 a.m., before Solich's noon meeting with the media. 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 SID at 402-472-2263.

Game 2: Nebraska (1-0) vs. Troy State (0-0)

DATE: Saturday, Aug. 31, 2002; **TIME:** 6 p.m. Central

SITE: Lincoln, Neb.

STADIUM: Memorial Stadium—249th Consecutive Sellout; **STADIUM CAPACITY:** 73,918

FIELD: Tom Osborne Field, Lincoln, Nebraska; **SURFACE:** FieldTurf (1999)

NEBRASKA RADIO: 57-station Pinnacle Sports Network (Jim Rose-Play-by-Play; Color-Adrian Fiala; Dave Webber-Halftime Studio Host)

TV: None

No. 9/8 (AP/Coaches) Nebraska vs. Troy State

Season-Opening Homestand Continues With Matchup Against Troy State

Nebraska plays the second of three consecutive home games to open the 2002 season this Saturday evening when Troy State visits Lincoln for a 6 p.m. kickoff. The Huskers opened the season last weekend with a 48-10 victory over Arizona State in the Black Coaches Association Football Classic, marking the 17th straight season Nebraska has begun the year with a win.

This week's game will mark the second consecutive year Troy State has traveled to Memorial Stadium. A year ago, Nebraska defeated the Trojans, 42-14, in TSU's first game at the Division I-A level. The Trojans went on to finish their 2001 campaign with a 7-4 record and return 13 starters from last year's team.

The Huskers remained in the top 10 in both major polls this week. Nebraska earned a one-spot promotion in the AP poll and is now at No. 9, while the Huskers stayed eighth in the ESPN/USA Today Coaches Poll.

Nebraska will be gunning for its 23rd consecutive home victory against Troy State, a mark that would tie the third-longest home victory streak in school history.

This weekend's activities also include the Nebraska Football Hall of Fame induction. Twelve new members will be inducted into the Hall of Fame on Friday evening and honored before kickoff on Saturday night. In addition to the Hall of Fame ceremonies, 2001 Heisman Trophy winner Eric Crouch will have his jersey retired at halftime of the Troy State contest.

Husker Offense, Defense, Special Teams All Score in Husker Victory

Nebraska Head Coach Frank Solich is a firm believer in having all three aspects of a team in place in order to contend for championships, and heading into this season, the offense, defense and special teams looked to be well balanced. Nebraska's 48-10 victory over Arizona State did little to change that belief as all three areas got into the scoring column and played key roles in the NU win.

Nebraska's offense did the work on the Huskers' two first-half scoring drives. The Huskers took the opening kickoff and drove 56 yards in 10 plays, culminated by a 40-yard Josh Brown field goal, giving NU a 3-0 edge. Early in the second quarter, a nine-play 72-yard touchdown drive was capped by Judd Davies' two-yard TD run.

The Huskers held a slim 10-3 edge at intermission, but the Husker special teams and defense quickly turned the tide at the start of the second half. On the opening kickoff of the second half, the NU kickoff

The 2002 Nebraska (1-0) 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 5-2	Lord 17-103-1 TD rushing in first career start; NU blocks two punts
Sat.	Aug. 31	Troy State	6 p.m.		NU 1-0	NU 42-14 in 2001 (Lincoln)/Hall of Fame, Crouch Jersey Retirement Ceremonies
Sat.	Sept. 7	Utah State	6 p.m.		NU 6-0	NU 59-28 in 1991 (Lincoln)/Nebraska's 250th Consecutive Sellout
Sat.	Sept. 14	at Penn State	7 p.m.	ABC	PSU 6-5	NU 44-6 in 1983 (Kickoff Classic)/ Both teams ranked in last five meetings
Sat.	Sept. 28	at Iowa State #	TBA		NU 80-14-2	NU 48-14 in 2001 (Lincoln)/NU has scored at least 42 pts. in last 7 games
Sat.	Oct. 5	McNeese State	TBA		First Meeting	First opponent from Louisiana since 1998/NU is 5-0-1 against La. schools
Sat.	Oct. 12	Missouri #	TBA		NU 60-32-3	NU 36-3 in 2001 (Columbia)/NU has won 23 straight games in series
Sat.	Oct. 19	at Oklahoma State	TBA		NU 35-2-1	NU 38-14 in 1999 (Lincoln)/First meeting in Stillwater since 1995
Sat.	Oct. 26	at Texas A&M #	TBA		NU 7-2	NU 37-0 in 1999 (Lincoln)/Aggies' handed Solich first career loss in 1998
Sat.	Nov. 2	Texas #	TBA		Tied 4-4	NU 22-6 in 1999 (Big 12)/UT is only team to win in Lincoln since 1991
Sat.	Nov. 9	Kansas # (HC)	TBA		NU 84-21-3	NU 51-7 in 2001 (Lawrence)/NU has won 33 straight games in series
Sat.	Nov. 16	at Kansas State #	TBA		NU 72-12-2	NU 31-21 in 2001 (Lincoln)/Wildcats have won last two meetings at KSU
Fri.	Nov. 29	Colorado #	2:30 p.m.	ABC	NU 43-15-2	CU 62-36 in 2001 (Boulder)/NU has won last five meetings in Lincoln
Sat.	Dec. 7	Big 12 Champ.@	7 p.m.	ABC	NU 2-1-0	NU is only team to win two Big 12 titles in six years of league play

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

2002 Polls

Associated Press (Aug. 26)

No.	Team (1st)	Record	Points
1.	Miami (27)	0-0	1,758
2.	Oklahoma (27)	0-0	1,758
3.	Texas (13)	0-0	1,689
4.	Tennessee (3)	0-0	1,616
5.	Florida State (4)	1-0	1,589
6.	Florida	0-0	1,327
7.	Colorado	0-0	1,286
8.	Georgia	0-0	1,212
9.	Nebraska	1-0	1,157
10.	Ohio State	1-0	1,142
11.	Washington	0-0	1,127
12.	Washington State	0-0	1,089
13.	Michigan	0-0	1,042
14.	LSU	0-0	822
15.	Oregon	0-0	744
16.	Virginia Tech	1-0	642
17.	Louisville	0-0	583
18.	Michigan State	0-0	458
19.	Marshall	0-0	450
20.	USC	0-0	410
21.	Maryland	0-0	280
22.	South Carolina	0-0	264
23.	Texas A&M	0-0	244
24.	Penn State	0-0	208
25.	North Carolina St.	1-0	161

ESPN/USA Today/Coaches (Aug. 26)

No.	Team (1st)	Record	Points
1.	Miami (42)	0-0	1,466
2.	Texas (10)	0-0	1,424
3.	Oklahoma (7)	0-0	1,400
4.	Tennessee	0-0	1,266
4.	Florida State (2)	1-0	1,216
6.	Colorado	0-0	1,085
7.	Florida	0-0	1,072
8.	Nebraska	1-0	1,037
9.	Washington	0-0	936
10.	Michigan	0-0	886
11.	Ohio State	1-0	878
12.	Georgia	0-0	858
13.	Washington State	0-0	756
14.	LSU	0-0	751
15.	Oregon	0-0	663
16.	Virginia Tech	1-0	644
17.	Michigan State	0-0	414
18.	Louisville	0-0	407
19.	USC	0-0	359
20.	Maryland	0-0	340
21.	South Carolina	0-0	243
22.	Marshall	0-0	240
23.	Penn State	0-0	181
24.	North Carolina St.	1-0	177
25.	Wisconsin	0-0	175

NU in Preseason Polls:

Sports Illustrated-14th

Football News-12th

The Sporting News-11th

Athlon's-11th

Lindy's-9th

FWAA Grantland Rice Super 16-11th

Huskers in the 2002 Polls

Date	A	C	B	1st Plc.	Results
Pre.	10	8	NA	0/0	def. ASU, 48-10
8-26	9	8	NA	0/0	

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

coverage team pinned ASU on its own 6 and the Blackshirts forced the Sun Devils to a three-and-out. After a poor Arizona State punt, the Huskers drove 20 yards in six plays to break to a 17-3 advantage. The special teams excellence continued after Nebraska forced another ASU punt. Junior linebacker Demorrio Williams blocked a Sun Devil punt and fellow linebacker Scott Shanle scooped up the ball and returned it six yards for a score and a three-touchdown advantage.

A second blocked punt by Lannie Hopkins set up another short NU scoring drive, giving the Huskers a 34-10 edge in the fourth quarter. The Husker defense capped a strong debut to the 2002 season by getting a score of its own, as true freshman cornerback Fabian Washington returned an ASU pass 29 yards for the game's final score, capping the 38-point victory.

Recapping Game One...NU 48, Arizona State 10

► Nebraska junior quarterback **Jammal Lord** made an outstanding debut as a starter against Arizona State. The Bayonne, N.J., native rushed for 103 yards on 17 carries and passed for another 33 yards against the Sun Devils. Perhaps most impressive in Lord's debut was his command and leadership of the Husker offense. Nebraska did not have a turnover in the contest and was perfect in the red zone (3-3) under Lord's direction. Lord became the first Husker quarterback to top 100 rushing yards in his first career start in a season opener since Steve Taylor rushed for 139 yards against Florida State in 1986. For his efforts, Lord was Nebraska's nominee for Big 12 Conference Offensive Player of the Week.

► Senior I-back **Dahhran Diedrick** carried 18 times for 79 yards and scored a touchdown in Saturday's victory. Although, he was held under 100 yards for just the third time in the last nine regular-season games, Diedrick continued to show the ability to pick up tough yardage and helped key a Husker rushing attack that rolled up 283 rushing yards.

► The Nebraska offense tallied 283 rushing yards behind an offensive line that featured three first-time starters including redshirt freshman Richie Incognito, who became the first Husker O-lineman in school history to start his first career game and led Nebraska with 14 pancakes.

► Senior split end **Wilson Thomas** hauled in the fourth touchdown reception of his Husker career and had three catches in the game. Thomas has now had three or more catches in 10 of his last 14 games.

► Senior rush ends **Chris Kelsay** and **Demoine Adams** led a pass rush that tallied four sacks and hurried ASU quarterbacks on 12 other occasions. Kelsay finished the evening with 1.5 sacks for 17 yards and added four hurries, while Adams split two sacks, giving him 1.0 for nine yards on the game, in addition to a pair of hurries.

► Sophomore MLB **Barrett Ruud** made his first career start and led Nebraska in tackles with eight stops, including two tackles for six yards lost.

► Junior cornerback **Pat Ricketts** made a strong debut as the replacement for graduated All-Big 12 left corner Keyuo Craver. Ricketts had three pass breakups on the evening to go along with three unassisted tackles and was named Big 12 Defensive Player of the Week.

► Senior place-kicker **Josh Brown** was perfect on six extra-point tries and made both of his field goal attempts (40 and 42 yards). The Arizona State contest marked the 10th time in Brown's career he has made two or more field goals in a game, but was the first time he has connected on two field goals of 40 yards or more in the same game. Brown's efforts were rewarded as he was named Big 12 Special Teams Player of the Week.

► Junior punter **Kyle Larson** picked up where he left off in 2001. After averaging 42.5 yards per punt last season, Larson averaged 40.8 yards on five punts in the season opener with a long of 48 yards.

► Nebraska had two blocked punts against the Sun Devils, one that was returned for a touchdown and another that set up a nine-yard Husker scoring drive. The game marked the first time since NU's 1999 victory over Kansas State that the Huskers have had two blocked punts in the same game.

► Nebraska scored two non-offensive touchdowns in Saturday night's victory. The Huskers have now scored via defense or special teams in five of their last eight games dating back to last season.

► The 48-10 victory over Arizona State marked Nebraska's 17th straight victory in a season opener and its 22nd consecutive home triumph.

Nebraska-ASU Stat Wrap

Team Stats	ASU	NU
First Downs	17	19
Rush att.-yards	30-83	59-283
Passes	41-17-1	13-5-0
Passing yards	175	33
Total yards	258	316
Turnovers	2	0
3rd Down Conversions	4-16	6-15
Sacks by	3-17	4-47

NU Rushing Leaders

Jammal Lord--17 carries, 103 yards

Dahhran Diedrick--18 carries, 79 yards, TD

NU Passing Leader

Jammal Lord--5-13-0, 33 yards, TD

NU Receiving Leader

Wilson Thomas--3 receptions, 8 yards, TD

NU Defensive Leaders

Barrett Ruud--8 tackles, 2 TFL

Chris Kelsay--1.5 sacks for 17 yds, 4 hurries

Pat Ricketts--3 pass breakups

Special Teams Standouts

J. Brown--2-2 FG, 7 of 9 touchbacks, 6-6 PAT

D. Williams, L. Hopkins--blocked punts

Scott Shanle--blocked punt return for TD

2002 Big 12 Standings

North		Records	
Team	Overall	Big 12	Next Game
Nebraska	1-0	0-0	Troy St. 8/31
Colorado	0-0	0-0	vs. CSU 8/31
Kansas St.	0-0	0-0	W. Kent. 8/31
Missouri	0-0	0-0	vs. Illinois 8/31
Kansas	0-0	0-0	at Iowa St. 8/31
Iowa State	0-1	0-0	Kansas 8/31

South Division

Texas	0-0	0-0	N. Texas 8/31
Oklahoma	0-0	0-0	at Tulsa 8/30
Texas A&M	0-0	0-0	La.-Laf. 8/31
Okla. St.	0-0	0-0	at La. Tech 8/31
Baylor	0-0	0-0	at Cal 8/31
Texas Tech	0-1	0-0	at SMU 9/7

2002 Nebraska Non-Conference Opponents

Team	Record -- Next Game
Arizona State	0-1--E. Washington 8/31
Troy State	0-0--at Nebraska 8/31
Utah State	0-0--vs. Utah 8/31
Penn State	0-0--vs. Central Florida 8/31
McNeese State	0-0--vs. Grambling 8/31

Last Week's Results

Ohio State def. Texas Tech, 45-21
 Florida State def. Iowa State, 38-31
 Nebraska def. Arizona State, 48-10

Troy State 2002 Schedule

8/31	at Nebraska
9/7	at UAB
9/14	Southern Utah
9/21	at Iowa State
9/28	at Missouri
10/5	Austin Peay
10/12	at Mississippi State
10/19	at Marshall
10/26	Florida Atlantic
11/2	at Arkansas
11/9	Florida A&M
11/16	Utah State

Troy State 2001 Results (7-4)

9/1	at Nebraska	L	14-42
9/8	at MTSU	L	17-54
9/22	Nicholls State	W	26-0
10/6	at Miami	L	7-38
10/13	at Mississippi St.	W	21-9
10/20	Cal St.-Northridge	W	44-31
10/27	Southern Utah	W	20-17
11/3	at Maryland	L	14-47
11/10	at La.-Monroe	W	44-12
11/17	Jacksonville St.	W	21-3
12/1	North Texas	W	18-16

2001 NU-Troy State Notes

- ▶ Troy State's minus 25 rushing yards against Nebraska last season was the fourth-lowest total by an opponent in Husker history.
- ▶ The matchup was Nebraska's first against a team from the state of Alabama since the Huskers won at Auburn during the 1982 season.
- ▶ Nebraska's defense recorded eight sacks in the game, including 2.5 by NT Jason Lohr.

Scouting Troy State (7-4 in 2001)

Troy State will open its season for the second straight year against Nebraska. After losing 42-14 in Lincoln a year ago, the Trojans won seven of their final 10 games to finish with a 7-4 record in their first season of competition at the Division I-A level.

Three of TSU's four losses in 2001 were against teams that played in BCS bowl games, including Rose Bowl participants Miami and Nebraska and ACC champion Maryland (Orange). The Trojans most impressive victory last season was a 21-9 win at Mississippi State, TSU's first against a Southeastern Conference school.

Troy State returns 13 starters from last year's team, five on offense, seven on defense and one specialist. Last season the Trojans' offense was powered by its passing attack, which averaged better than 210 yards per game. Wide receiver Heyward Skipper returns as a receiving threat for Troy State after catching 60 passes for 995 yards and nine touchdowns in 2001.

Defensively, the Trojans' top returnee is senior linebacker Naazir Yamini, who registered 105 tackles and 19 quarterback hurries a year ago. Cornerback Rayshun Reed led the Troy State pass defense a year ago, picking off six opponent passes and adding 14 breakups.

Troy State Coach Larry Blakeney

Larry Blakeney is in his 12th season at Troy State and as a collegiate head coach. He has compiled a 98-34-1 record in 11 years with the Trojans, including a 7-4 mark in 2001. Blakeney led the Trojans to the Division I-AA playoffs in seven of 10 seasons before Troy State made the jump to I-AA competition last season. Blakeney was an assistant coach at Auburn for 14 seasons before being named the head coach at Troy State prior to the 1991 campaign. Blakeney is 0-1 against Nebraska and Frank Solich. He also coached against Nebraska while at Auburn in 1981 and 1982.

Last Season...Nebraska 42, Troy State 14, Sept. 1, 2001 in Lincoln (first series meeting)

Nebraska and Troy State met on the gridiron for the first time in 2001, with the Huskers posting a 42-14 victory over the Trojans at Memorial Stadium.

The game marked Troy State's first contest as a member of Division I-A and was played in front of a sellout crowd of 77,812.

Troy State broke to a 7-0 lead early in the first quarter on a nine-yard TD run by Demontray Carter, but the Huskers quickly ended any Trojan upset hopes by scoring the next 28 points in the game. After rushing scores by Dahrran Diedrick and Eric Crouch, the Blackshirt defense got in the act with Jon Clanton returning a fumble 20 yards for a touchdown. Diedrick added the second of his third touchdowns later in the second quarter, before Troy State cut the lead to 28-14 before halftime.

Nebraska added a pair of second-half rushing touchdowns to regain a comfortable margin and limited Troy State to just two yards of total offense after halftime. Nebraska finished the game with 457 total yards, including 330 yards on the ground. The Trojans were held to 165 total yards, including minus-25 yards rushing on the afternoon. Diedrick made the most of his first career start at Nebraska, rushing for 177 yards and three touchdowns on 25 carries. Crouch added 48 yards and a touchdown on the ground and passed for another 109 yards.

2001 NU-Troy State Recap

Team Stats	TSU	NU
First Downs	13	25
Rush att.-yds.	35-(-25)	60-330
Passes	36-15-2	16-9-1
Pass yds.	190	127
Total yds.	165	457
NU Offensive Leader: IB Dahrran Diedrick (25 carries, 177 yards, 3 TDs)		
NU Defensive Leader: DT Jon Clanton (Sack, Fumble Return for TD)		

Nebraska-Troy State Statistical Comparison

Category	Nebraska (1-0)			Troy State (7-4 in 2001)*	
	Avg.	Big 12	Natl.	Avg.	Natl.
Rushing Offense	283.0			103.1	
Passing Offense	33.0			210.1	
Pass Efficiency	85.17			121.5	
Total Offense	316.0			313.2	
Scoring Offense	48.0			22.4	
Rushing Defense	83.0			173.1	
Pass Defense	175.0			192.8	
Pass Eff. Defense	72.44			117.08	
Total Defense	258.0			365.9	
Scoring Defense	10.0			24.5	
Net Punting	37.6			32.5	
Punt Returns	9.5			9.7	
Kickoff Returns	20.0			22.8	
Turnover Margin	+1.0			0.0	

*-Troy State 2001 statistics; Big 12 and NCAA rankings begin next week; Troy State did not qualify for Division I-A statistical rankings in 2001.

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	1-0	1.000	---	---	---
Tot.	43-9	.827	25-7	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	43-9

Solich vs. Ranked AP Teams (10-8)

(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	Northwest.	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

Solich Superlatives

All-Time	43-9
vs. AP Ranked Teams	10-8
vs. AP Top 10 Teams	4-4
vs. Unranked Teams	33-1
vs. Big 12 Teams	25-7
When Rushing for 300 Yards	23-1
When Rushing for 400 Yards	10-0
When Rushing for 500 Yards	2-0
When Rushing for 600 Yards	1-0
When NU player rushes for 100 Yards ...	30-6
Multiple 100-yd. NU Rushers in a Game .	11-0
When Opp. has 100 Yd. Rusher	8-5
When Scoring 35 or More Points	28-1
When Hold Opp. to 10 Pts. or less	20-0
When Nebraska scores first	33-4
When Nebraska leads at halftime	34-2
Record in games decided by 10 or less ...	13-6
Record in games decided by 7 or less	8-5
Record in games decided by 3 or less	4-2
Individual Honors	
Draft Picks	21
All-Americans	8
Academic All-Americans	6
All-Conference Winners	21
Academic All-Conference Winners	85
Team Honors	
Consecutive Weeks Ranked by AP	68
Consecutive Weeks in the AP top 10	51
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 43-9 school and career record (.827). With 11 wins in 2001, Solich moved into a tie for fourth on the all-time Division I list for victories in the first four seasons as a head coach. He will officially qualify to rank among his peers after this season with five years as a head coach, and with an .827 winning percentage, would rank second 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.

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

Husker Staff Boasts 152 Years of Combined Experience at Nebraska

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

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

Nebraska Coaching Staff Breakdown

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

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

Coaches' Game Day Assignments

Following the lead of Tom Osborne, Coach Solich is his own offensive coordinator, calling the plays from the sideline. Craig Bohl, who tutors the linebackers and is in his third season as defensive coordinator is also on the sideline, along with receivers coach Ron Brown, quarterbacks coach Turner Gill, defensive line coach Jeff Jamrog and kickers/offensive line coach Dan Young. 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.

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." If NU's season-opening 48-10 win was any indication, Solich's thoughts may prove to be quite prophetic.

Solich was quick to point out the special teams success following the Arizona State victory.

"We played as well as I thought we could play in that area of the game," Solich said. "Special teams is a vital part of the game and we need to make sure we maximize our abilities in that area."

Here's a quick look at Nebraska's special teams dominance against Arizona State.

► **Place-kicking...**Senior place-kicker Josh Brown hit on field goals of 40 and 42 yards, marking the first time in his career he has made a pair of 40+-yard field goals in the same game. He also hit 6-6 PATs. Brown's performance on kickoff duties should not be left unnoticed. Seven of his nine kickoffs on the evening ended in touchbacks, while another was brought out from deep in the Sun Devil end zone. The only kick that

Brown did not boot into the end zone reached ASU's 1. Brown was named Big 12 Special Teams Player of the Week for his work on Saturday.

► **Blocked Kicks...**Nebraska has had a history of being one of the nation's best kick blocking units. If the season opener is any indication, that trend should continue in 2002. Demorrio Williams and Lannie Hopkins each blocked a punt in the second half of the victory, 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 touchdown was at Kansas State in 2000 (Keyuo Craver).

► **Kick Coverage...**Nebraska regained momentum against Arizona State by pinning the Sun Devils on their own 6 on the opening kickoff of the second half as Hopkins made a hard hit on ASU's Hakim Hill. ASU had just 16 yards in punt returns and 28 yards on kickoff returns in game one.

► **Punting...**NU's Kyle Larson was one of the Big 12's best last season, averaging 42.5 yards per punt. He had five punts for an average of 40.8 yards in the season opener.

Huskers Avoid Turnovers in Opener

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 the opener, returning an interception for a score, while the Nebraska offense did not commit a turnover.

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 new starters on the offensive front.

First-Time Starters/True Frosh

Seven Huskers earned their first career start against ASU, including four on offense (Jr. QB Jammal Lord, So. LG Mike Erickson, Sr. RG Wes Cody and RFr. LT Richie Incognito). Incognito became the third Husker offensive lineman to earn a start in his first year of competition, joining Rob Zatechka (1991) and Dominic Raiola (1998). Incognito is the first of the three to start a Husker season opener. On defense, three Huskers earned first-time starts as Nebraska opened in a nickel package, including redshirt freshman Shane

Siegel as the nickel back, sophomore MLB Barrett Ruud and junior NT Ryon Bingham. Senior Troy Hassebroek earned his first regular-season start (started in 2000 Fiesta Bowl) and had NU's first two catches of the game.

Two true freshmen took the field in the season opener—split end Ross Pilkington and cornerback Fabian Washington. Washington recorded his first career interception and returned it 29 yards for a touchdown, the defense/special team's second score of the night. The pick was the only turnover of the evening by either team.

Huskers Extend Season-Opening Success

Nebraska's 48-10 victory over Arizona State marked the 17th straight season the Huskers have won their season opener since a 17-13 loss to Florida State in Lincoln in 1985. Nebraska improved to 82-26-5 in **SEASON** openers, with Saturday's victory and Head Coach Frank Solich remained perfect in five season openers. In the last 30 years, the Huskers are 25-4-1 in season openers, 20-2 at home, losing only to FSU in 1985 and Washington State in 1977 (10-19). In all-time **HOME** openers, NU is 91-17-5 including 63-14-3 at Memorial Stadium. NU is 28-2 in home openers over the last 30 years. When NU opens the season on the **ROAD**, it is 12-13-2. Nebraska is one of four Division I-A schools in the country that won each of its season openers during the 1990s. Nebraska leads the pack with 17 straight season opening victories, followed by Florida State with 14, Kansas State with 12 and Florida with 12 straight.

NU Shines Under the Lights

Memorial Stadium is regarded as one of the toughest places in the nation for opposing teams. In recent years, opponents have had even more difficulty competing against the Huskers in night games in Lincoln.

Nebraska owns a 15-1 record all-time in night games at Memorial Stadium, beginning with a 34-17 victory over Florida State in 1986. Nebraska has now won 11 consecutive night games at home, including last week's 48-10 defeat of Arizona State.

NU's 38-point victory last week marked the 10th time in NU's last 11 home night games the Huskers have won by 17 or more points. In all, 13 of Nebraska's 15 home night victories have been by 17 points or more, with a 36-21 loss to Washington in 1991 NU's only blemish in home contests under the lights.

Nebraska is 49-15-3 all-time under the lights. Nebraska opens the season with three consecutive home night contests, marking the first time in school history the Huskers have played three straight night games at home.

Injury Update

Nebraska's interior defensive line took another blow against Arizona State as No. 3 nose tackle Jared Helming was lost for the season with a torn anterior cruciate ligament in his left knee. Helming is the second Husker nose tackle in as many weeks to suffer a season-ending knee injury.

Senior nose tackle Jason Lohr tore his left ACL in Nebraska's final major scrimmage of fall camp on Aug. 16 and is also out for the year. Lohr missed the last 10 games of last season after tearing the LCL in the same knee against Notre Dame. He was granted a medical hardship for 2001 and was looking forward to repeating his senior season in 2002. Lohr, who has not redshirted, is expected to undergo surgery within the next week.

Lohr was the second 2002 projected starter to be lost for the season, joining defensive back Willie Amos, who suffered a major knee injury that required reconstructive surgery during spring ball. Amos has a redshirt year available.

NU Special Teams Under Solich

Year	Averages			
	FG-FGA	PR	KOR	Bl. Kicks
1998	14-21	11.5	21.0	1 (1 punt)
1999	14-20	10.9	18.4	*10 (7P, 3FG)
2000	5-10	11.0	16.7	6 (2P, 3FG, 1PAT)
2001	12-17	13.1	25.2	4 (2P, 2FG)
2002	2-2	9.5	20.0	2 (2P)

*School record

NU Home Night Games

Nebraska has won 11 straight home night games since a loss to Washington in 1991. NU's average margin of victory in those 11 games is 33.3 points.

Year	Opponent	Result
2002	Arizona State	W, 48-10
2001	Texas Tech	W, 41-31
2001	Iowa State	W, 48-14
2001	Rice	W, 48-3
2001	N. Dame (17)	W, 27-10
2000	Missouri	W, 42-24
1999	Iowa State	W, 49-14
1998	Kansas	W, 41-0
1997	Kansas St. (17)	W, 56-26
1996	Kansas	W, 63-7
1992	Kansas (13)	W, 49-7

Husker Preseason Honors

Judd Davies, Jr., FB

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

Dahrran Diedrick, Sr., IB

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

John Garrison, Sr., C

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

DeJuan Groce, Sr., CB

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

Chris Kelsay, Sr., RE

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

Kyle Larson, Jr., P

Preseason First-Team All-Big 12 (Football News)

Scott Shanle, Sr., LB

Preseason Butkus Award Watch List

Barrett Ruud, So., LB

Preseason Butkus Award Watch List

Husker Quarterback Starting Debuts

The following is a list of how recent Husker starting quarterbacks have fared in their first career start.

Jammal Lord, 2002 vs. ASU, NU 48-10

Passing, 5-13, 33 yards, 1 TD
Rushing, 17 carries, 103 yards

Eric Crouch, 1998 vs. UAB, NU 38-7

Passing, 11-17, 127 yards, 1 TD
Rushing, 7 carries, 69 yards, 2 TD

Scott Frost, 1996 vs. Mich. St., NU 55-14

Passing, 5-12, 74 yds., 1 TD
Rushing, 10 carries, 58 yards, 1 TD

Tommie Frazier, 1992 at Missouri, NU 34-24

Passing, 9-20, 157 yards
Rushing, 14 carries, 72 yards, 2 TD

Turner Gill, 1981 vs. Colorado

Passing, 9-14, 178 yards, 4 TD
Rushing, 6 carries, 46 yards

NU Individual Season Record Kickoff Returns

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

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

NU Top Six Kickoff Return Yards

1. 675 Josh Davis, IB, 2001 (25 ret.)
2. 523 Tyrone Hughes, WB, 1990 (18 ret.)
3. 510 Dana Brinson, WB, 1988 (23 ret.)
4. 424 Tyrone Hughes, WB, 1992 (19 ret.)
5. 389 Joe Walker, ROV, 1997 (15 ret.)
6. 372 Frank Solich, FB, 1965 (17 ret.)

Reserve I-back Robin Miller missed the season opener with Arizona State and has been ruled out of this week's game with Troy State. Miller underwent arthroscopic surgery on his left knee on Aug. 17, after injuring the knee in NU's first fall scrimmage and is expected to miss another three weeks.

Poll Position

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. NU stands ninth and eighth, respectively, in the AP and coaches polls this week.

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

Nebraska is one of four Big 12 teams ranked in the top 10 of both polls, joining Oklahoma (2 AP/3 Coaches), Texas (3/2) and Colorado (7/6). Texas A&M is ranked 23rd in the Associated Press poll, while Husker non-conference opponent Penn State is ranked 23th in the coaches poll and 24th by the AP.

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.

Jammal Lord Makes Strong Debut at Quarterback

Junior Jammal Lord is charged with the difficult task of replacing departed Heisman Trophy winner Eric Crouch as the Husker signal caller. Against Arizona State, Lord made a strong debut leading the Huskers to a 48-10 victory. Lord rushed for 103 yards in the game and directed a Husker offense that did not have a turnover in a season opener for the first time in 28 years. Lord's play in his first career start stacks up well against several other prominent Husker quarterbacks (see left column).

Lord follows Crouch, who compiled a 35-7 record as NU's starter from 1999 to 2001, the most wins by any Husker quarterback. Lord is the eighth Husker (since 1946) to take over for a three-year starter at quarterback, following in the footsteps of Don Erway (1954), Bob Churchich (1964), Dave Humm (1972), Craig Sundberg (1984), Vince Ferragamo (1975), Gerry Gdowski (1989) and Scott Frost (1996). All but one of the seven previous replacements posted nine wins in their first year as a starter.

<u>3/4-Year QBs</u>	<u>Years</u>	<u>Team Rec.</u>	<u>Replacement</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>NU Rec.</u>
John Bordogna	51-52-53	10-18-2	Don Erway	1954	6-5-0
Dennis Claridge	61-62-63	22-9-1	Bob Churchich	1964	9-2-0
Jerry Tagge	69-70-71	33-2-1	Dave Humm	1972	9-2-1
Dave Humm	72-73-74	27-7-2	Vince Ferragamo	1975	10-2-0
Turner Gill	81-82-83	33-4-0	Craig Sundberg	1984	10-2-0
Steve Taylor	86-87-88	31-6-0	Gerry Gdowski	1989	10-2-0
Tommie Frazier	92-93-94-95	45-4-0	Scott Frost	1996	11-2-0
Eric Crouch	99-00-01	33-5-0	Jammal Lord	2002	1-0

When comparing Lord with the 2002 Heisman winner, Lord has a definite size advantage, as Crouch stood 6-1, 200 and Lord is 6-2, 220. Coach Solich said that Lord has great scrambling abilities.

"One thing he does as well as any quarterback I can recall at Nebraska," Solich said, "is once a play breaks down, he makes something out of it. When scrambling, he instinctively will dump the ball off to someone running free."

Lord showed that scrambling ability early against Arizona State. On the first play of Nebraska's third drive, Lord was pressured by the ASU defense, but broke out of the pocket and turned the play into a 33-yard gain. Later in that drive with NU facing a fourth-and-3, Lord scrambled for an eight-yard gain, keeping alive a drive that ended in a Husker touchdown.

Husker quarterbacks coach Turner Gill was very impressed by his pupil's performance against Arizona State.

NU in Preseason Polls Under Frank Solich

<u>Year</u>	<u>AP</u>	<u>Coaches</u>
1998	4th	3rd
1999	6th	6th
2000	1st	1st
2001	4th	4th
2002	10th	8th

"I was even more impressed with Jammal's play after watching the game film," Gill said. "He was in several adverse situations and made some nice plays out of them. I was very, very impressed with the way he performed under difficult circumstances."

Diedrick Continuing Husker Running Back Legacy

Senior I-back Dahrran Diedrick is the latest in a long line of outstanding Husker running backs. Diedrick was the Big 12's leading rusher a year ago with 1,299 yards and was a first-team All-Big 12 preseason pick in 2002 by the league's media.

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

Diedrick, who ranks 24th on Nebraska's all-time rushing list, opened the 2002 season with 18 carries for 79 yards and a touchdown. Diedrick, who scored 15 touchdowns last season, rushed for 100 or more yards in seven of his 11 regular-season appearances and scored two or more touchdowns in five games. If Diedrick were to duplicate his yardage total of 2001, he would move into the top five on NU's career rushing chart.

Senior Rush End Kelsay Leading Blackshirt Defense

Senior rush end Chris Kelsay joined Diedrick as 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*, who listed him as the nation's No. 5 defensive end. Kelsay, a senior from Auburn, Neb., is also on preseason watch lists for the Rotary Lombardi Award and the Bronko Nagurski Award.

Kelsay recorded 52 total tackles as a junior, including a team-best 17 tackles for losses totaling 58 yards and five sacks. He got his 2002 season off to a quick start against Arizona State with 1.5 sacks for 17 yards and four quarterback hurries. Kelsay now has 7.5 sacks and 22 tackles for loss in his Husker career.

Other Huskers on Preseason Watch Lists for National Awards

Husker linebackers Scott Shanle and Barrett Ruud are two of the 67 preseason candidates for The Butkus Award. Ruud was Nebraska's leading tackler in the season opener with eight stops against Arizona State. Shanle also made a big impact by returning a blocked punt for a touchdown to give NU a 24-3 advantage in the third quarter.

Senior cornerback DeJuan Groce was named to the watch list for the Jim Thorpe Award, presented to the nation's top defensive back. Groce is the

leader of a youthful Husker secondary and NU's top punt return threat. Groce ranks fourth on Nebraska's all-time pass breakup list with 33.

Senior center John Garrison has been named to the preseason watch list for the Outland Trophy and the Rimington Award, given annually to the nation's top center. The award is named in honor of

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	33

NU Top Six Season Punt Return Yards

1.	618	Johnny Rodgers, WB, 1972 (39 ret.)
2.	548	Johnny Rodgers, WB, 1971 (33 ret.)
3.	469	DeJuan Groce, CB, 2001 (33 ret.)
4.	452	Larry Wachholtz, S, 1965 (31 ret.)
5.	349	Johnny Rodgers, WB, 1970 (26 ret.)
6.	330	Dana Brinson, WB, 1986 (27 ret.)

former Husker Dave Rimington, a two-time Outland Trophy winner. Garrison is the leader of a re-tooled offensive line that paved the way to 283 rushing yards against Arizona State.

For a full listing of Husker players on preseason watch lists and other preseason honors, please see the left column on page 6.

Thomas Among Nebraska's Career Receiving Leaders

Senior split end Wilson Thomas will be relied on as a go-to-player in the Husker offensive attack this season. Thomas opened the season by catching his fourth career TD, a nine-yarder from Jammal Lord in the third quarter. For the game, Thomas had three receptions for eight yards.

A year ago, Thomas established himself as one of the Big 12's premier receivers, catching 37 passes for 616 yards and three touchdowns. Thomas' 37

receptions 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 caught three or more passes in nine games last season, including six each against Oklahoma and Kansas State, and added his 10th career three-catch game against Arizona State. He capped the 2001 regular season with a career-best 109 receiving yards against Colorado, including a career-long 78-yard reception.

The 6-6, 215-pound Thomas, has spent his past two offseasons playing for Coach Barry Collier's Husker basketball team. Last season Thomas averaged 4.6 points and 3.8 rebounds in 16 games, including a double-double with 12 points and 11 rebounds against Missouri in Lincoln.

NU Top Eight Reception Seasons

Rank	Player, Pos., Yr.	No.-Yds
1.	Johnny Rodgers, WB, 1972	55-942
2.	Johnny Rodgers, WB, 1972	53-872
3.	Jeff Kinney, HB, 1969	41-433
4.	Irving Fryar, WB, 1983	40-780
5.	Bob Revelle, SE, 1972	38-486
6.	Wilson Thomas, SE, 2001	37-616
7.	Dennis Richnafsky, SE, 1967	36-422
8.	Johnny Rodgers, WB, 1970	35-665

Huskers Face 13-Game Schedule in 2002

The Aug. 24 start to the 2002 season was the earliest ever for a Nebraska football season and also began the longest regular season in Husker football history, as NU is scheduled to play 13 games in 2002. Nebraska has played 12 games on several occasions, but 2002 marks the first time the Huskers have 13 scheduled regular-season games. The Huskers could play as many as 15 games in 2002, with the possibility of a Big 12 Championship Game and bowl appearance.

Three home games kick off the 2002 season, before the Huskers begin one of the nation's toughest road schedules with a Sept. 14 date at Penn State. Two weeks later, NU opens Big 12 Conference action on the road at Iowa State. The Huskers also visit Oklahoma State, Texas A&M and Kansas State during conference action, with visits from 2001 Big 12 title game participants Texas and Colorado highlighting the Huskers' home schedule.

Nebraska Leads Big 12 with 45 Players in NFL Camp

Nebraska remains among the nation's leaders in supplying talent to the National Football League. In fact, the Huskers have a Big 12-best 45 players on NFL preseason rosters in 2002, leading second-place Colorado (37), followed by Texas A&M (35), Oklahoma (30), Kansas State (27) and Texas (25). A full listing can be found in the left margin of page eight.

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

Since 1994, Nebraska 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.

Eight members of the 2001 Husker team are rookies in NFL camps this fall. Those on NFL rosters at the start of training camp included Jamie Burrow (N.Y. Jets), Keyuo Craver (New Orleans), Eric Crouch (St. Louis), Tionu Fonoti (San Diego), Jeremy Slechta (Philadelphia), Erwin Swiney (Green Bay), Dave Volk (Chicago) and Tracey Wistrom (Tampa Bay).

Big 12 Conf. POW Nominees**Game Offense Defense Special**

ASU Lord Ricketts Brown

TSU

USU

PSU

ISU

MSU

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OSU

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boldface underlined=winner;*=co-winner**(A) ABC/Chev. POG; (F) FSN POG****Huskers in the NFL (45)**

Nebraska boasts a Big-12 leading 45 players on NFL training camp rosters in 2002. Eight members of last year's NU squad were rookies in NFL camps this summer.

Dan Alexander, RB, Tennessee
 Kris Brown, KS, Houston
 Mike Brown, FS, Chicago
 Ralph Brown, DB, N.Y. Giants
 Correll Buckhalter, RB, Philadelphia
 Jamie Burrow, LB, N.Y. Jets
 Keyuo Craver, CB, New Orleans
 Eric Crouch, WR, St. Louis
 Chris Dishman, OG, Arizona
 Clint Finley, DB, Kansas City
 Tونی Fonoti, OL, San Diego
 Jay Foreman, LB, Houston
 Scott Frost, S, Green Bay
 Aaron Graham, C, Tennessee
 Ahman Green, RB, Green Bay
 Russ Hochstein, OG, Tampa Bay
 Sheldon Jackson, TE, Buffalo
 Eric Johnson, DB, Oakland
 Bill Lafleur, P, San Diego
 Joel Makovicka, RB, Arizona
 Mike Minter, FS, Carolina
 Johnny Mitchell, TE, New Orleans
 Tony Ortiz, LB, Tampa Bay
 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, Detroit
 Erwin Swiney, DB, Green Bay
 Jared Tomich, DE, Green Bay
 Adam Treu, OT, Oakland
 Kyle Vanden Bosch, DE, Arizona
 Dave Volk, OT, Chicago
 Joe Walker, DB, Tennessee
 Eric Warfield, CB, Kansas City
 Steve Warren, DT, Green Bay
 Zach Wiegert, OG, Jacksonville
 Tyrone Williams, CB, Green Bay
 Jason Wiltz, DL, Chicago
 Grant Wistrom, DE, St. Louis
 Tracey Wistrom, TE, Tampa Bay

Husker Team and Individual Notes...**NU Continues 113th Season with Streaks in Place**

Nebraska's 11-2 record and appearance in the national championship game last year added to an unprecedented winning tradition no other school in the country can claim—33 consecutive years of being ranked among the AP's top 25. Nebraska is in its 113th season of intercollegiate football with several streaks in place, including an unprecedented 33 consecutive nine-win seasons.

▶ **NCAA-record 248 consecutive sellouts in Memorial Stadium**—Nebraska's game with Troy State is its 249th straight sellout and NU will celebrate its 250th consecutive sellout on Sept. 7 when it plays host to Utah State. 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 they leave the stadium with a standing ovation—regardless of the game's outcome.

▶ **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.

▶ **344 consecutive weeks ranked in the Associated Press**—Nebraska has been ranked in every Associated Press Poll for 344 consecutive weeks dating back to October 1981 (the first year Turner Gill took over quarterback starting duties). With the exception of three polls (one week in 1977 and two weeks in 1981), NU has been ranked in the last 521 polls, which dates back to 1964.

▶ **52 consecutive weeks ranked in the Associated Press top 10**—Nebraska has been ranked in the AP top 10 every week since the preseason poll in 1999. Since Florida State dropped out of the top 10 last season, NU's streak is the nation's longest.

▶ **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.

▶ **22-game home winning streak**—The Huskers have eight home games on the schedule in 2002 and hope to extend their home winning streak to 29. NU's 22-game home winning streak is the nation's longest current streak and is fourth best at NU, while the school record is 47 set from 1991 to 1998. The Huskers have won 90 of their last 93 home games.

▶ **103-12 record since 1993**—In the last nine years, Nebraska has lost just 12 games and has lost more than two games in a season just once (1998). In that span, the Huskers went undefeated three times, winning national championships in 1994, 1995 and 1997. Nebraska also played for the national title in 1993 and 2001.

Unprecedented Winning Tradition

Nebraska, the nation's third-winningest program all time (fourth by percentage), boasts a 765-301-40 record in 1,105 games (.710). In the last 33 years, NU is tops, posting a record of 331-60-5 for an .842 winning percentage (396 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 765. 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 32 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) are 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 103-12 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 62-7 conference record (.899)
- Won 58 of 59 home games (22 straight)
- Gone 28-10 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 is 22-4 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 331-60-5 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 record his second year (winning his first conference championship), a 10-2

record his third season, 11-2 last year, playing in the national championship game, and 1-0 in 2002, to post a school-best 43-9 five-year record. Like Osborne, he is on pace to hit 100 wins in 10 years. Devaney went 10-1 his second year (1963) winning his first Big Eight championship, while Osborne first won 10 games his third year when he also won a share of his first Big Eight title (1975).

NU in Big 12 Conference Action

Nebraska is 436-143-16 all time vs. Big 12 Conference teams. Since the Big 12 was formed in 1996, Nebraska is 41-7 in the league (23-1 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; and at Colorado (62-36) in 2001. Nebraska is 25-7 in the Big 12 under Coach Solich. Nebraska has won 13 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.

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. Texas, Nebraska, Texas A&M, Nebraska, Oklahoma and Colorado, in order, have won the six Big 12 titles. NU has played in three of the six possible title games.

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

Texas A&M in 1997 in San Antonio, 54-15, and defeated Texas in San Antonio in 1999, 22-6. The Nebraska vs. Texas matchup in the 1999 Big 12 Championship Game marked the first time the game featured two teams that played each other in the regular season.

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

Big 12 History

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

Memorial Stadium Dominance

Nebraska takes a nation-best 22-game home winning streak into Saturday's game with Troy State and will play eight games at home for the second consecutive year. Nebraska is 90-3 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.

The Huskers are 457-122-20 (.780, 599 games, 112 years) in Lincoln, 332-99-13 (.762, 444 games, 79 years) in Memorial Stadium (since 1923) and 27-1 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 133-10 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 22-game winning string.

Nebraska also had a 33-game home winning streak from 1901 to 1906 (which is tied for the 11th-longest streak in Division I-A). Since 1986 (16 years), NU is 102-5 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 (208 games). NU has posted 40 unbeaten and untied home seasons, including 2001 when NU went 8-0. Against Notre Dame in 2001, the Huskers set a new attendance record in Memorial Stadium when 78,118 fans attended.

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	43-9-0	5	0
Since 1962	399-78-5	41	5
<u>1890-1962</u>	<u>366-223-35</u>	<u>72</u>	<u>0</u>
All-Time	765-301-40	113	5

Husker AP Ranking Notes

- ▶ Nebraska has been ranked in the AP poll 344 consecutive weeks—an AP record
- ▶ NU has been ranked in the top 10 for 149 of the last 155 weeks (1993 to present); and in the last 52 polls
- ▶ 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 Last 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 46 consecutive non-losing seasons from 1939-1987.

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

NCAA Record 248 Consecutive Sellouts

Nebraska's Memorial Stadium boasts an NCAA-record 248 consecutive sellouts, dating back to Hall of Fame Coach Bob Devaney's first year in 1962 (vs. Missouri on Nov. 3). Notre Dame is second in all-time consecutive sellouts with 161, 86 fewer than Nebraska.

NU is 222-26 during the 248 sellouts (50-9 under Devaney, 145-16 under Osborne, 27-1 under Solich). The mark includes a 37-18 record against ranked teams. NU is 4-0 in the four milestone sellouts during that period (50th, 100th, 150th and 200th sellouts), including a 24-7 win over No. 2 Colorado on Oct. 29, 1994, for the 200th sellout.

Nebraska's 2002 schedule includes eight home games. All eight games are sold out, which will give NU 255 consecutive sellouts at the end of the 2002 season. The Utah State-Nebraska game on Sept. 7 will mark Memorial Stadium's 250th consecutive sellout.

Huskers Grind Out 15th Rushing Title

For the second straight year and 15th time in school history, Nebraska led the nation in rushing offense in 2001. In 12 games, the Huskers averaged 314.7 yards, 33 yards per game more than runner-up Rice's total of 281.5. The Huskers 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 won their 14th NCAA rushing title in 2000, averaging 349.3 yards per game. The Huskers have won the rushing title seven times in the last 10 years and 13 of the last 22 titles. Since 1978, Nebraska has ranked in the top six in rushing average every year and has averaged 300 or more yards rushing per game in all but four of the last 25 years (1993, 1996, 1998 and 1999).

More Husker Rushing Numbers

NU is 188-6-0 in the last 29 years when rushing for 300 or more yards in a game (since 1973) and had won 110 straight when rushing for 300-plus yards before the loss at Colorado on Nov. 23, when the Huskers rushed for 354 yards. Nebraska is 95-0 since 1973 when rushing for 400 or more yards and has topped the 400-yard mark twice in 2001, most recently rushing for 641 yards at Baylor.

NU has had 366, 100-yard rushing performances all time (53 under Coach Solich, most recently Jammal Lord, 103 vs. Arizona State) including 56 games in which two or more Huskers rushed for 100 yards (most recently Dahrnan Diedrick, 108, and Eric Crouch, 106, against Kansas State). Before having four rushers top the century mark against Baylor on Oct. 13, 2001, NU had three rushers top the 100-yard mark in a game only twice in school history, recording the feat against Kansas in 2000 (Dan Alexander, Correll Buckhalter and Crouch) and against Arizona State in 1998 (Ken Clark, Steve Taylor and Terry Rodgers). The Iowa game in 2000 marked the only time in the 56 games where there were two-or-more 100-yard rushers, and Nebraska failed to score at least one rushing touchdown. The Huskers have had 30, 200-yard rushing performances (most recently 240 by Alexander vs. Northwestern).

Nebraska is 23-1 under Coach Solich when the team rushes for 300 or more yards; 10-0 when rushing for 400 or more and 2-0 when rushing for 500 or more. Solich is 30-6 when a Husker rushes for at least 100 yards, and 8-5 when an opponent has a 100-yard rusher. Among current Huskers, Diedrick has seven 100-yard games, all coming in 2001 to lead the team. Thunder Collins and Judd Davies both eclipsed the 100-yard mark for the first time at Baylor in 2001 and Lord recorded his first 100-yard game in this year's season opener.

Oklahoma State is the last conference team to hold the Huskers to less than 100 yards rushing, when NU had just 73 yards against the 'Pokes 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

For the 15th time in the last 16 years, the Huskers averaged more than 35 points per game, as Nebraska finished the 2001 season 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 in seven of the last 10 games and eight times last season.

The offensive output is not surprising since 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, NU had won 236 consecutive games when scoring 35 or more points, and the Huskers are 300-2 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 76 straight games. Nebraska has not been shut out at home since KSU shut out the Huskers, 12-0, on Homecoming in 1968 (213 games). Offensively, the Huskers have been shut out just five times

Nebraska National Rushing Crowns

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

since 1962, including once at home during that span. NU was shut out by Miami in the 1992 Orange Bowl (22-0), the only time the Huskers have been shut out in a bowl game.

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

Holding Opponents off the Scoreboard

After allowing 19.4 points per game in 2000 to rank 26th nationally, Nebraska's defense was enjoying a superb year in 2001 entering the season finale at Colorado. Through 11 games, NU had allowed just 11.5 points per game to rank second nationally. Even after the loss at CU, the Husker defense dropped to sixth nationally in scoring defense, allowing 15.8 points per game, more than a field goal per game less than in 2000. The average ranked third in the Big 12, as NU held seven opponents to 14 points or less last season.

The Huskers have won 102 straight games when holding opponents to 10 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 is 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 best all time at NU and third nationally. Nebraska has never led the nation in rushing defense, but has ranked in the top 20 in 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.

In 2001, the Blackshirts ranked 22nd nationally allowing 116.9 yards per game, despite facing three of the top 10 rushing teams in the nation. The Huskers held 11 of their 13 opponents under their season averages. Against Troy State, the Huskers held the Trojans to minus-25 yards, the fourth-lowest total in school history. NU opened the 2002 season by allowing Arizona State just 83 rushing yards.

Associated Press Poll Record Hits 344

Nebraska is ranked ninth by the Associated Press this week, extending its AP poll record to 344 consecutive weeks (every weekly AP poll since Oct. 17, 1981 to Aug. 10, 2002). NU's streak is the nation's longest active streak, after Florida State dropped out in the Nov. 18, 2001, poll, breaking a string of 210 straight weeks in the poll. Florida is second to the Huskers at 203 weeks.

Nebraska's nation-leading streak of consecutive weeks in the AP top 10 ended at 96 with the 1998 loss to Texas, but NU has been ranked in the top 10 for 149 of the last 155 weeks from the 1993 preseason poll to present. NU's current streak of 52 weeks in the top 10 is the longest in the nation after FSU dropped out of the top 10 in the Sept. 23, 2001, poll, ending the Seminole's 53-week run in the top 10.

Nebraska has been in 518 of the last 521 AP polls since 1969 (33 consecutive years), missing one week in 1977 and two weeks in 1981. 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 as the Associated Press No. 1 Team

Nebraska began the 2000 season at the top of the Associated Press poll for the sixth time since the AP's first preseason poll in 1950, also entering the season as the No. 1 pick in 1965, 1972, 1976, 1983 and 1996. Nebraska did not retain the No. 1 position throughout an entire season, in any of those years. In 2001, NU began the year ranked fourth and although the Huskers moved up to No. 1 in the coaches poll for one week (Nov. 11) and ranked No. 1 four weeks in the BCS poll, the Huskers never reached No. 1 in the AP poll last season.

In the history of the Associated Press poll (which began in 1936), Nebraska has been ranked No. 1 a total of 70 times, including one week in 1965, one week in 1970, 14 weeks in 1971 (all but preseason poll), one week in 1972 (preseason poll only), one week in 1976 (preseason poll only), 15 weeks in 1983 (all but final poll), four weeks in 1984, one week in 1987, eight weeks in 1994, seven weeks in 1995, the first five weeks of 1996, three weeks in 1997 and nine weeks in 2000 (all but one of the first 10 polls).

The Huskers were ranked No. 1 for 12 consecutive weeks spanning the 1995-96 seasons (Oct. 29, 1995, after a 44-21 win over No. 7 Colorado, until Sept. 22, 1996, after a 19-0 loss to Arizona State). After a 14-week hiatus, NU returned to No. 1 on Oct. 19, 1997, where it has been for at least a couple of weeks in five of the last nine seasons (1993-2001). In 1993, NU was No. 1 by the coaches for three weeks, but never higher than No. 2 in AP. But from 1994 to 1997, Nebraska was No. 1 by AP for at least two weeks in each season. Its two streaks of 15 consecutive weeks being ranked No. 1 (1970-72, and entire 1983 regular season) still rank in a tie for third in AP history.

The Huskers have played in 54 games as the No. 1 AP team, posting a 46-7-1 record (.861). NU's most-recent streak of winning nine straight as the AP No. 1 team ended when Nebraska lost to Oklahoma on Oct. 28, 2000. The school record for wins while being ranked No. 1 is 12 weeks, established twice, within the 1971 and 1983 seasons.

Against AP Ranked Teams

Nebraska is 89-92-3 (.492, 184 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 28-10 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.

Nebraska went 2-2 vs. ranked teams last season, with both losses occurring away from the friendly confines of Memorial Stadium. No. 3 Nebraska's 20-10 win over No. 2 Oklahoma in 2001 was NU's last win over a higher ranked team. Over the last 29 years, NU is 71-45-1 (.611, 117 games) vs. ranked teams. In the 1990s, NU was 27-10-1 (counting the Jan. 2, 2000, win over Tennessee). Solich is 10-8 vs. ranked teams (4-4 vs. top 10 AP teams), winning eight of the last 12 matchups and has not lost at home to a ranked AP team (6-0 home, 1-6 away, 3-2 neutral).

NU vs. the Unranked

The Huskers have lost just 13 of 242 games to unranked opponents since 1973 (33-1 record under Solich). Nebraska has lost just five games to unranked opponents at home in that time. Nebraska's most recent loss to an unranked foe was to Texas at home on Oct. 31, 1998, and the Huskers have won the last 27 straight vs. the unranked. NU's last road loss to an unranked opponent was to Texas in the 1996 Big 12 Championship Game. In both losses to Texas, the Longhorns were not ranked in the top 25, but had enough votes to rank in the top 30.

In a regular-season road game, Nebraska has not lost to an unranked opponent since Iowa State upset the Huskers, 19-10, in 1992. In fact, in the last 29 years, Nebraska has gone 227-13-2 against unranked opponents (.942, 242 games, five losses in the 1990s) and suffered only one loss to a team that finished the season below .500 (Iowa State in 1992). The last time Nebraska lost in Lincoln to a team with a losing record at game time was to Kansas State (12-0) in 1968 (2-5 record at game time).

Records Report

Category Record

All-time	765-301-40
Home	457-122-20
Memorial Stadium	332-99-13
Since 1962	398-78-5
Away	308-179-20
Road (on campus)	271-143-17
Neutral Sites (includes bowls)	37-36-3
When Scoring 35+ Points	301-2
vs. Big 12 Teams	436-143-16
In Big 12 Action (since '96)	41-7
Home	23-1
Away	17-6
Neutral	1-0
Bowls	20-20
On ABC	72-28
On FieldTurf	21-0
At Night	46-15-3
vs. Ranked Teams...	
All-Time	89-92-3
Home	41-30-0
Away	28-47-3
Neutral	20-15-0
as No. 1 Team	46-7-1
In 248 Consecutive Sellout Streak...	
All-Time	222-26
vs. Ranked Teams	37-18
Under Head Coach Frank Solich...	
All-Time	43-9
Home	27-1
Away	12-6
Neutral	4-2
Bowls	2-2
vs. AP Ranked Teams	10-8
Home	6-0
Away	1-6
Neutral	3-2
vs. AP Top 10 Teams	4-4
Home	3-0
Away	0-2
Neutral	1-2
vs. Unranked Teams	33-1
Home	21-1
Away	12-0
vs. Big 12 Teams	24-7
Home	14-1
Away	9-6
Neutral	1-0
Big 12 Championship Game	1-0
At Night	13-3
August	3-0
September	15-0
October	13-4
November	9-3
December	2-1
January	1-1

NU Streaks...The Huskers have...

- ▶ won 22 straight home games
- ▶ won 20 straight non-conference regular-season games
- ▶ won 28 straight over unranked opponents
- ▶ won 95 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 74 consecutive games
- ▶ scored in 214 straight home games
- ▶ shut out opponents 100 times

Husker Title Runs

The Huskers have the skill to be in the hunt for their sixth national title in 2002. NU 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. The Huskers had a shot at the 1996 title until they were upset in the Big 12 Championship Game by Texas. NU entered that game ranked No. 3, despite an early season loss at Arizona State. In 1997, Nebraska went 13-0 and played in its fourth title game in a five-year period, winning the national title as named by the coaches poll, but not by the AP. Most recently, the Huskers played Miami for the national title in the 2002 Rose Bowl.

The Huskers' back-to-back national championships in 1994 and 1995 marked the ninth time overall (by just six Division I schools) and first time in 16 years that a team had repeated, since Alabama won back-to-back titles in 1978-79. Nebraska is only the second school to win undefeated and consensus back-to-back national titles, the first since Oklahoma accomplished that feat in 1955-56. No Division I-A school has won three consecutive national championships. Hall of Fame Coach Bob Devaney (who passed away in May of 1997) won Nebraska's first national title in 1970 and repeated in 1971. Three teams, counting Nebraska, have repeated twice, including Oklahoma (1955-56 and 1974-75) and Alabama (1964-65 and 1978-79). Nebraska and Oklahoma are the only schools, since the coaches began picking national champions, to be unanimous repeat champions, in both polls, posting perfect, back-to-back national championship seasons. OU went 11-0 in 1955 and 10-0 in 1956. Nebraska (1994, 1995, 1997 by coaches) and Notre Dame (1946, 1947, 1949 by AP) are the only two teams to win three national titles in a four-year period.

NU Tied for Fifth in AP Titles

Notre Dame leads the nation winning eight Associated Press national titles since 1936. Oklahoma won seven, Alabama six, Miami five, and 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 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. Nebraska's 1996 Fiesta Bowl opponent, Florida, went on to win the national title in the 1996 season, after Nebraska won the title in 1994 and 1995. After Nebraska defeated Tennessee in the Orange Bowl that followed the 1997 season, Tennessee went on to win the national championship in 1998. The 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 K-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, Nebraska has faced Oklahoma nine times. NU is 3-6 vs. Oklahoma when OU is ranked in the top three, 1-3 in Norman. 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 national championship game 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 50, 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 seven years (2-2 under Solich). The 2002 Rose Bowl marked the 15th time in 17 years that Nebraska has squared off against a team ranked among the top six. Nebraska's 1941 Rose Bowl appearance was the school's first bowl appearance, when NU lost to Stanford, 21-13. Nebraska won four of its five national championships at the Orange Bowl, defeating Louisiana State in 1970, Alabama in 1971, Miami in 1994 and Tennessee in 1997. Nebraska defeated Florida in the 1996 Fiesta Bowl for the national championship following the 1995 season.

All-America U

Nebraska had three first-team All-Americans last season in Eric Crouch (AP, AFCA, The Sporting News), Tionu Fonoti, (AP, FWA, Walter Camp, Football News, The Sporting News) and Keyuo Craver (Football News, The Sporting News). The Huskers have had at least one All-American in all but two (1991, 1998) of the past 32 years (since 1970). The three honorees in 2001 marked the 15th time that Nebraska has had at least three All-Americans, and gives Head Coach Frank Solich eight All-America award winners in four years as head coach. Nebraska ranks ninth all time in Division I-A with 53 consensus All-Americans. Nebraska has seen 88 different players earn first-team All-America honors by at least one recognized source with 14 winning double honors for 102 total first-team awards. The first was tackle Vic Halligan in 1914. NU has had at least one All-America honoree in each of the past three years (1999-2001). The most All-Americans Nebraska has had in any given year was six in 1971 (I-back Jeff Kinney, QB Jerry Tagge, WB Johnny Rodgers, DT Larry Jacobson, MG Rich Glover, DE Willie Harper). The position with the most All-Americans at Nebraska is the offensive line, which has seen 26 linemen win 31 certificates.

Crouch Wins Nebraska's Third Heisman Trophy

Quarterback Eric Crouch won the school's third Heisman Trophy in 2001 to cap a stellar senior season. Crouch (770 points, 162 first-place votes) won the award over three other quarterbacks: Florida sophomore Rex Grossman (708, 137); Miami junior Ken Dorsey (638, 109); and senior Joey Harrington of Oregon (364, 54), in the fourth-closest voting in Heisman history. Crouch joins wingback/return specialist Johnny Rodgers (1972) and I-back Mike Rozier (1983) as the school's third Heisman Trophy winner as Nebraska's last three head coaches Bob Devaney (1962-72), Tom Osborne (1973-97) and Frank Solich (1998-present) have all had a Heisman winner. Crouch is the 17th quarterback to win the Heisman but the first true option quarterback in the 67-year history of the award. He posted a 35-7 career record as a starter, a remarkable feat which ranks fourth best among Division I-A quarterbacks all time. He put up incredible numbers, ranking fourth all time in NCAA history in rushing among quarterbacks with 3,434 career yards and bettering the NCAA record for rushing touchdowns by 10 with 59. He ranks third at NU and seventh in the Big 12 in passing with 4,481 yards, becoming just one of three quarterbacks in NCAA Division I history to rush for 3,000 and pass for 4,000 yards. He became the 13th quarterback to rush and pass for 1,000 yards in a season and had 1,115 rushing and 1,510 passing yards with 18 and seven TDs, respectively, in 2001. Crouch's season rushing yards more than doubled that of the most by any Heisman quarterback (Oregon State's Terry Baker had 538 in 1962). The only thing he didn't get done is win a national championship, but only 10 of the 67 winners all-time have done so in the year they won the award, just four since 1950. Crouch was a first-team All-American and won the school's third Walter Camp Player-of-the-Year Award and the school's first Davey O'Brien trophy.

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 will have five student-athletes playing with degree in hand including Demoin Adams, who became the second Husker all time to graduate in three years (also Bobby Newcombe 1999), Patrick Kabongo (also a junior), Justin Smith, Dahrnan Diedrick and Ben Cornelsen.

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, five started the season opener, including Sam linebacker Scott Shanle and punter Kyle Larson, who are both returning starters, wingback Troy Hassebroek, left cornerback Pat Ricketts and cornerback Shane Siegel, who started as NU opened in a nickel package. Rover Aaron Terpening is listed first at his position, but was replaced by Siegel on the opening play. In reward of their hard work and dedication, five of the six (not counting Siegel) have since been awarded scholarships.

■ **Nebraska Natives...**Twelve Huskers who hail from Nebraska are in position to be starters in 2002, 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); five on the defensive side of the ball, LRE Chris Kelsay (Auburn), SLB Scott Shanle (St. Edward), MLB Barrett Ruud (Lincoln), LCB Pat Ricketts (Omaha) or Lornell McPherson (Omaha); and one kicker-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: 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

Team Snippets...

► **FieldTurf...**Nebraska is 21-0 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 15.

► **When Nebraska Trails...**Nebraska 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, where the Huskers erased a 14-13 Wildcat halftime lead. The last time the Huskers 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 nine points at Kansas in 1999, when the Huskers trailed 9-0 at halftime before winning 24-17.

► **After a Loss...**Nebraska has lost just 11 back-to-back games since 1962. Nebraska ended the 2001 season losing its last two games, at Colorado and to Miami. Before last season, the last time NU lost two consecutive games in one season was in 1990, when NU lost to Oklahoma in the final regular-season game (45-10) in 1990 and lost to national champion Georgia Tech in the Citrus Bowl (45-21). NU has not lost consecutive regular-season games since the 1976 season, when the Huskers lost at Iowa State (37-28) and to Oklahoma (20-17). Of the 11 back-to-back losses, eight were losses to end the regular season followed by a loss in the bowl games, including each of the last five.

■ **In Overtime...**The Huskers are 3-0 in overtime, 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).

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).

■ **Frosh Players...**Last season, three Huskers saw action as true freshmen including 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 is the first skill-position player (QB, RB or WR) under Solich to bypass a redshirt season.

Two true freshman played in the 2002 season opener as cornerback Fabian Washington and split end Ross Pilkington made their Husker debuts. Washington made an impact, returning an interception for a touchdown in his first game as a Husker.

■ **Non-Redshirts...**Along with the three sophomores who played last season, six others have bypassed redshirt seasons during their careers. The following are listed along with their true freshman year: Willie Amos (2000, will redshirt in 2002 due to injury); Terrell Butler (2000); T.J. Hollowell (2000); Benard Thomas (2000); John Garrison (1999); and Jason Lohr (1998).

■ **Huskers in the NFL...**34 former Huskers were active in the NFL in 2001. 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 Toniau 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). Others signing free agent contracts include Jamie Burrow (New York Jets), Erwin Swiney (Green Bay), Jeremy Slechta (Philadelphia) and Dave Volk (Chicago).

■ **Husker Running Back Success in the NFL...**A pair of former Husker I-backs have 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) has 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. Dan Alexander (1997-2000) is currently on the Tennessee Titans' practice squad.

■ **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, eight former Husker linemen are in the NFL, including former Outland winners Will Shields (1992, Kansas City) and Zach Wiegert (1994, Jacksonville). Adam Treu (Oakland) and Brenden Stai (Detroit) join Shields and Wiegert as starters for their respective teams. Other Husker offensive linemen in the NFL include Chris Dishman (Arizona), Dominic Raiola (Detroit), Russ Hochstein (Tampa Bay) and Toniau 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.

A Look at the Numbers

► Scoring Drives...

Nebraska not only scored often in its season-opening 48-10 win over Arizona State, the Huskers scored in a variety of ways. The NU offense produced six scoring drives, covering an average of just 40.2 yards (241 total yards/six drives), thanks to excellent field position provided by the Husker defense and special teams. Nebraska's average drive lasted 7.0 plays in an average time of 2:54. Along with a Scott Shanle touchdown off Demorrio Williams' blocked punt in the third quarter, NU's special teams also set up Nebraska's shortest drive of the game with Lannie Hopkins blocked punt and Williams' recovery at the ASU 9-yard line in the fourth quarter. The Husker offense converted with its shortest drive of the year, lasting just two plays, nine yards and 36 seconds. The defense and special teams also set up two other scoring drives of less than 30 yards. Along with NU's quick-strike capabilities, the Huskers also showed that they could sustain long drives, with three drives covering more than 50 yards, including a 10-play, 56-yard drive that lasted 4:10 and resulted in a Josh Brown field goal on their first possession against Arizona State. The Huskers added a season-long 72-yard touchdown that lasted a season-long 4:20 in the second quarter.

Arizona State managed just two scoring drives against the Blackshirts, including a season-long 11-play drive, that covered just 37 yards in a season-long 4:42. The Sun Devils produced their only touchdown in the third quarter on a 34-yard Mike Williams run that capped a five-play drive that covered a season-long 49 yards in just 1:40.

Game	Scoring Time			Plays			
	Drives	Total	Avg.	Total	Avg.	5 or less	1-Play
ASU	6	17:24	2:54	42	7.0	1	0
Totals	6	17:24	2:54	42	7.0	1	0
Opp.	2	6:22	3:11	16	8.0	1	0

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

The Huskers produced four plays that covered 25 yards or more, including two long runs, and two long returns against Arizona State. Redshirt freshman I-back Cory Ross provided the Huskers with their longest play from scrimmage on a 34-yard touchdown run in the fourth quarter. Jammal Lord added a 33-yard run in the first quarter for NU's other long run. The Huskers did not produce a pass play of 25 or more yards against ASU, with Lord's longest completion of the night going to Troy Hassebroek for 22 yards on his first attempt of the season. True freshman Fabian Washington provided NU's longest return with his 29-yard interception return for the Huskers' final score of the night. Josh Davis added a 28-yard kickoff return for NU's fourth long play against ASU.

Arizona State managed just two big plays against the Husker Blackshirts with one long run and one long pass. Mike Williams scored ASU's only touchdown with a 34-yard run in the third quarter, while Justin Taplin hauled in a 25-yard reception from quarterback Andy Goodenough in the fourth quarter for the Sun Devils' only long pass play.

ASU	Husker Long Plays				Opponent Long Plays			
	Rush	Pass	Ret	Total	Rush	Pass	Ret	Total
	2	0	2	4	1	1	0	2
Totals	2	0	2	4	1	1	0	2

► Nebraska in the Red Zone...

Nebraska was a perfect 3-for-3 on chances inside the red zone against Arizona State. The Huskers converted twice on the ground with a Judd Davies 2-yard run in the second quarter and a Dahrran Diedrick 2-yard plunge in the fourth quarter. NU added one red zone conversion through the air with Jammal Lord's 9-yard pass to Wilson Thomas in the third quarter.

Arizona State was 1-for-2 on chances in the NU red zone, managing a 33-yard Mike Barth field in the first quarter on a drive that ended at the NU 16. ASU stalled on their final drive of the game at the NU 13, despite getting an extra down after an incomplete pass on fourth-and-10 from the NU 14.

Last season the Huskers converted 76.7 percent (46-60) of their red zone changes with 36 touchdowns (34 rushing, 2 passing) and 10 field goals. Opponents converted on 82.1 percent (23-28) of their trips inside the 20, including 16 touchdowns and seven field goals.

Game	Scores Inside 20				No Score Inside 20				Half/
	Chances	Total	TDs	FGs	MissFGs	TOs	Downs	Gm.	
ASU	3	3	3	0	0	0	0	1	1.00
Totals	3	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	1.00
Opp.	2	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	.500

Note: Nebraska has 2 rushing TDs, 1 passing TDs and 0 FGs in the red zone. Opponents have 0 rushing TDs, 0 passing TDs and 1 FG in the red zone.

► Quarterback Drive Efficiency *Total Drives Begun as Starting QB

QB	Drives*	Scores	TDs	FG-FGA	Eff.	Red Zone
Lord	11	5	3	2-2	.454	3-3
Stuntz#	2	1	1	0-0	.500	0-0
Totals	13	6	4	2-2	.461	3-3

*Denotes drives started by the quarterback.

#Stuntz started NU's final drive against ASU as time expired.

► Nebraska Points Off Turnovers...

Nebraska converted the only turnover it forced into a touchdown when true freshman cornerback Fabian Washington raced 29 yards to paydirt on his fourth-quarter interception of ASU's Andy Goodenough. Although the Huskers forced just one turnover, NU's special teams set up two more scores with blocked punts, including Scott Shanle's six-yard touchdown return of a Demorrio Williams block. Lannie Hopkins added a second blocked punt that was recovered by Williams that set up Dahrran Diedrick's two-yard touchdown plunge in the fourth quarter.

The Huskers did not commit a turnover against Arizona State (0 INT, 0/0 fumbles/lost) finishing the night with a +1 turnover margin. The Huskers also forced a fumble that was not lost (1 INT, 1/0 fumbles/lost).

Game	TOs		Scores		Turnovers (Fumbles/Lost, INT)
	Gained	TDs	FG-FGA	Pts.	
ASU	1 (1 INT)	1	0-0	7	0 (0/0 F/L, 0 INT)
Totals	1 (0 F, 1 INT)	1	0-0	7	0 (0/0 F/L, 0 INT)
Opp.	0 (0 F, 0 INT)	0	0-0	0	1 (1/0 F/L, 1 INT)

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

Nebraska	Rush	Pass	Total
ASU	59/283/3	13-5-0/33/1	72/316/4
Opponent	Rush	Pass	Total
ASU	30/83/1	41-17-1/175/0	71/258/1

► Husker 100-Yard Rushing Games (1)

Nebraska recorded a 100-yard individual rusher for the fifth consecutive game (including 2002 Rose Bowl) when Jammal Lord produced the first 100-yard rushing performance of his career with 17 carries for 103 yards to lead the Husker attack against Arizona State. Lord became the first NU quarterback to rush for 100 yards in his first career start in a season opener since Steve Taylor rushed for 139 yards against Florida State on Sept. 6, 1986.

The Nebraska Blackshirts did not allow an ASU ballcarrier to eclipse 100 yards, surrendering just 83 rushing yards for the game. Mike Williams led the Sun Devils with 77 yards on 12 carries.

► Husker 100-Yard Rushing Games (1) (* notes career best) vs. ASU-Jammal Lord, 17 att., *103 yards, 0 TD

► Starting Field Position

Nebraska enjoyed a major field position advantage against Arizona State with the Huskers producing an average starting position at their own 41.2 yard line, while holding opponents to an average start at the 24.3, for a +16.9 yards per drive advantage. The Huskers benefitted from two blocked punts, including one that was returned six yards for a touchdown and a second that put the Huskers at the ASU 9-yard line. The Huskers were also helped by Fabian Washington's interception return for a touchdown. Nebraska was credited with 15 drives started with six starts beyond their own 40, including four starts on ASU's half of the field. NU did start three drives inside its 20, including two starts at its own 8.

On the other side, Arizona State managed just two starts beyond its own 40, with a best starting position at the NU 49 for its only start on Nebraska's side of the field. ASU was stuck inside its own 20 on two occasions, once

on a Kyle Larson punt to the 15, and once on a Josh Brown kickoff that buried the Sun Devils at the 6 for their worst field position of the game. Arizona State started eight drives at its own 20, thanks to seven touchbacks on kickoffs by Brown. In fact, Brown forced touchbacks on 7-of-9 kickoffs, while ASU's best field position off a Brown kickoff advanced to just the 23 on a 22-yard return for the only ball Brown did not drive to the endzone.

	<u>NU Avg. Start</u>	<u>Opp. Avg. Start</u>	<u>Advantage</u>
ASU	<u>41.2 (618/15)</u>	<u>24.3 (340/14)</u>	<u>+16.9</u>
Total	<u>41.2 (618/15)</u>	<u>24.3 (340/14)</u>	<u>+16.9</u>

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

► **Penalty Numbers**

The Huskers committed just six penalties for 42 yards, while Arizona State committed five penalties for 63 yards. Of NU's six penalties, two were offensive (2-15), three were defensive (3-25) and one was whistled against the special teams (1-2). ASU committed two offensive penalties (2-25), three defensive penalties (3-38) and no special teams infractions (0-0).

	<u>NU Pen.-Yds.</u>	<u>Opp. Pen.-Yds.</u>
ASU	<u>6-42</u>	<u>5-63</u>
Total	<u>6-42</u>	<u>5-63</u>
Average	<u>6.0-42.0</u>	<u>5.0-63.0</u>

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

<u>Game</u>	<u>Team</u>	<u>Indiv. (#)</u>	<u>*Sacks</u>	<u>O-Line</u>	<u>Perfect</u>
	<u>'Cakes</u>	<u>'Cakes</u>	<u>Allowed</u>	<u>Penalties</u>	<u>Plays</u>
ASU	<u>58</u>	<u>14 (#51)</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>0-0</u>	<u>62.5%</u>
Totals	<u>58</u>	<u>14 (#51)</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>0-0</u>	

<u>Name</u>	<u>ASU</u>	<u>Total</u>
Incognito	14	14
Erickson	11	11
Tagoa'i	10	10
Cody	9	9
Garrison	6	6
Sewell	4	4
Vili Waldrop	3	3
<u>Kolterman</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>
Totals	58	58

► **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>
Wes Cody, OG, Sr. (Fremont, Neb.)	0	0	0	1	1
Thunder Collins, IB, Sr. (Los Angeles, Calif.)	0	0	2	0	2
Judd Davies, FB, Jr. (Omaha, Neb.)	0	0	11	1	12
Dahrran Diedrick, IB, Sr. (Scarborough, Ont.)	0	0	11	1	12
Mike Erickson, OG, So. (Omaha, Neb.)	0	0	0	1	1
John Garrison, C, Sr. (Blue Springs, Mo.)	0	0	12	1	13
Aaron Golliday, TE, Sr. (York, Neb.)	4	3	2	1	10
Troy Hassebroek, WB, Sr. (Lincoln, Neb.)	0	0	0	1	1
Richie Incognito, OT, RFr. (Glendale, Ariz.)	0	0	0	1	1
Steve Kriewald, FB, So. (Scotia, Neb.)	0	0	2	0	2
Jammal Lord, QB, Jr. (Bayonne, N.J.)	0	0	0	1	1
Wilson Thomas, SE, Sr. (Omaha, Neb.)	2	2	11	1	16
Dan Vili Waldrop, RT, Jr. (Wilmington, Calif.)	0	0	12	1	13
Totals	6	5	63	11	85

<u>Defensive Starters</u>	<u>'99</u>	<u>'00</u>	<u>'01</u>	<u>'02</u>	<u>Total</u>
Demoine Adams, LRE, Sr. (Pine Bluff, Ark.)	0	4	12	1	17
Willie Amos, FS, Jr. (Sweetwater, Texas)	0	0	6	0	6
Ryon Bingham, NT, Jr. (Sandy, Utah)	0	0	0	1	1
Philip Bland, Rover, So. (Lafayette, Colo.)	0	0	3	1	4
Jon Clanton, NT, Sr. (Glendale, Ariz.)	0	0	9	1	10
DeJuan Groce, RCB, Sr. (Garfield Heights, Ohio)	0	2	11	1	14
Chris Kelsay, RE, Sr. (Auburn, Neb.)	1	7	12	1	21
Jason Lohr, NT, Sr. (Tulsa, Okla.)	0	11	3	0	14
Lornell McPherson, LCB, So. (Omaha, Neb.)	0	0	3	1	4
Pat Ricketts, LCB, Jr. (Omaha, Neb.)	0	0	2	1	3
Barrett Ruud, MLB, So. (Lincoln, Neb.)	0	0	0	1	1
Scott Shanle, WLB, Sr. (St. Edward, Neb.)	0	9	9	1	19
Shane Siegel, RCB, RFr. (Grand Island, Neb.)	0	0	0	1	1
Totals	1	33	70	11	115

<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	1	32
Sandro DeAngelis, PK, So. (Niagara Falls, Ont.)	0	0	4	0	4
Larson, Kyle, P, Jr., (Funk, Neb.)	0	0	12	1	13
Totals	13	11	24	2	49

Starters Briefly

True Freshmen Starters: 0

Number of Native Nebraskans With Starts: 14

Number of Different Starters on Offense: 13

Number of Different Starters on Defense: 13

Number of Different Starting Kickers: 3

Underclassmen With Starts: 15 (7 offense, 8 defense)

Most Career Starts on Offense: Wilson Thomas, SE (16)

Most Career Starts on Defense: Chris Kelsay, RE (21)

Most Consecutive Starts on Offense: Garrison, C/Vili Waldrop, RT (13)

Most Consecutive Starts on Defense: Chris Kelsay, RE (21)

2002 Husker Depth Chart

(Aug. 20, 2002)

Offense

SE: 9 **WILSON THOMAS*****, 6-6, 215, Sr., Omaha, Neb.
19 John Klem**, 6-0, 215, Sr., Lincoln, Neb.
-OR- 2 Ross Pilkington, 6-0, 195, Fr., Ft. Collins, Colo.
 13 Tim Liley, 6-2, 200, Jr., Lakewood, Colo.
3 Ben Zajicek*, 6-0, 210, So., Beatrice, Neb.
 27 Mark LeFlore, 5-11, 175, Fr., Omaha, Neb.

LT: 51 Richie Incognito, 6-3, 305, RFr., Glendale, Ariz.
67 Nate Kolterman**, 6-3, 310, Sr., Seward, Neb.
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.
 66 Jermaine Leslie, 6-2, 300, Fr., Weatherford, Texas

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.
 71 Jake Andersen, 6-1, 300, So., Littleton, Colo.
 70 Tyler Rowe, 6-2, 290, RFr., Arlington, Texas

RT: **68 DAN VILI WALDROP****, 6-5, 325, Jr., Wilmington, Calif.
 69 Nick Povendo, 6-3, 300, So., Keller, Texas
 53 Cody Volk, 6-6, 325, Jr., Norfolk, Neb.

TE: **99 Aaron Golliday*****, 6-4, 290, Sr., York, Neb.
86 Kyle Ringenberg*, 6-4, 245, Sr., Elkhorn, Neb.
-OR- **84 Jon Bowling*****, 6-3, 240, Sr., Lincoln, Neb.
 80 Will Dabbert, 6-4, 250, Sr., Lincoln, Neb.
-OR- **82 Phil Peetz***, 6-2, 260, Jr., Elkhorn, Neb.
 42 Matt Herian, 6-4, 215, Fr., Pierce, Neb.
 83 Chris Septak, 6-3, 245, So., Omaha, Neb.

QB: **10 Jammal Lord****, 6-2, 220, Jr., Bayonne, N.J.
16 Mike Stuntz*, 6-1, 200, So., Council Bluffs, Iowa
 7 Curt Dukes, 6-1, 210, Fr., Stony Point, N.C.
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 Kast**, 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
-AND- **1 Thunder Collins****, 6-2, 200, Sr., Los Angeles, Calif.
25 Josh Davis*, 5-11, 205, Jr., Loveland, Colo.
-OR- 22 Cory Ross, 5-6, 210, RFr., Denver, Colo.
 5 David Horne, 6-0, 190, Fr., Omaha, Neb.
 33 Marques Simmons, 5-8, 190, RFr., Davenport, Iowa

WB: **89 Troy Hassebroek*****, 6-4, 215, Sr., Lincoln, Neb.
-OR- **81 Ben Cornelsen****, 5-10, 190, Sr., Shawnee, Kan.
 20 Kiffin Wigert, 5-9, 160, So., Cheyenne, Wyo.
 18 Mike McLaughlin, 5-11, 185, RFr., Omaha, Neb.
-OR- 12 DeWayne Long, WB, 6-0, 210, So., West Des Moines, Iowa
 8 Ryan Ommert, 5-10, 190, Jr., Cambridge, Neb.
-OR- 24 Jack O'Holleran, 5-10, 205, So., North Platte, Neb.

Injured During Spring/Fall Camp (Not on Depth Chart)

27 Willie Amos**, CB, 6-0, 185, Jr., Sweetwater, Texas (Torn left ACL/LCL)
14 Fred Thorne, CB, 5-10, 180, Jr., Lincoln, Neb. (Broken right tibia)
54 Carson Schott, OG, 6-2, 315, RFr., Osceola, Neb. (Torn right ACL)
70 Jason Lohr***, NT, 6-2, 280, Sr., Tulsa, Okla. (Torn left ACL, 8/16)
54 Chad Sievers, MLB, 6-3, 225, So., Valley, Neb. (knee strain)
21 Robin Miller*, I-back, 5-11, 215, Jr., Kent, Wash. (knee scope 8/17)
97 Seppo Ewvaraye, DT, 6-5, 315, RFr., Laurel, Neb. (foot)

Defense

LRE: **57 CHRIS KELSAY***** 6-5, 260, Sr., Auburn, Neb.
92 Justin Smith***, 6-4, 265, Sr., Sherman, Texas
-OR- **10 Benard Thomas****, 6-4, 260, Jr., East Palo Alto, Calif.

NT: **59 Ryon Bingham***, 6-3, 285, Jr., Sandy, Utah
 66 Le Kevin Smith, 6-2, 300, RFr., Macon, Ga.
 73 Jared Helming, 6-3, 295, RFr., Springfield, Mo.

DT: **55 JON CLANTON*****, 6-2, 285, Sr., Glendale, Ariz.
-OR- **94 Patrick Kabongo****, 6-6, 315, Jr., Montreal, Quebec
 96 Titus Adams, 6-3, 285, RFr., Omaha, Neb.

RRE: **98 DEMOINE ADAMS*****, 6-2, 250, Sr., Pine Bluff, Ark.
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.
42 Steve Safranek*, 6-2, 245, Jr., Omaha, Neb.
 35 Curt Tomasevicz, 6-0, 220, Jr., Shelby, Neb.

WLB: 7 Demorrio Williams, 6-1, 215, Jr., Beckville, Texas
-OR- **17 T.J. Hollowell****, 6-0, 230, Jr., Copperas Cove, Texas
 39 Chad Buller, 5-11, 215, Jr., Henderson, Neb.

LCB: **28 Pat Ricketts****, 5-11, 180, Jr., Omaha, Neb.
-OR- **1 Lornell McPherson***, 5-9, 180, So., Omaha, Neb.
 6 Rodney Burgess, 6-0, 180, Sr., Del Ray Beach, Fla.
 3 Fabian Washington, 6-0, 175, Fr., Bradenton, Fla.

FS: **21 Philip Bland***, 5-11, 205, So., Lafayette, Colo.
31 Jerrell Pippens**, 6-2, 195, Jr., Philadelphia, Pa.
 20 Josh Bullocks, 6-1, 195, RFr., Chattanooga, Tenn.

ROV: **2 Aaron Terpening*****, 5-11, 195, Sr., Salem, Ore.
 40 Lannie Hopkins, 6-2, 210, So., Rowlett, Texas
 14 Daniel Bullocks, 6-1, 195, RFr., Chattanooga, Tenn.

RCB: **5 DeJUAN GROCE*****, 5-10, 190, Sr., Garfield Heights, Ohio
 23 Shane Siegel, 6-2, 210, RFr., Grand Island, Neb.
 29 Kellen Huston, 5-11, 190, So., Ankeny, Iowa
4 Terrell Butler*, 5-10, 195, Jr., Austell, Ga.

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****
KO Ret.: **25 Josh Davis***, **1 Thunder Collins****

Key - *Letters earned; Returning lettermen in boldface; returning starters in CAPITALS; 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.

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Big 12 Conference Media Information

Monday Big 12 Coaches Briefing:

Through the work of Premier Teleconferencing, the Big 12 hosts individual telephonic news conferences with each head coach on Mondays, starting at 10 a.m. (Central time) during the 2002 season. The briefings originate from conference headquarters in Dallas.

The Big 12 Coaches Schedule (10 minutes each) Mondays, Aug. 19-Dec. 9

Media Phone: (913) 981-5507

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

Live/Archive via web: www.big12sports.com

10 a.m. Mark Mangino, Kansas
 10:10 a.m. ... Bob Stoops, Oklahoma
 10:20 a.m. ... Les Miles, Oklahoma State
 10:30 a.m. ... Bill Snyder, Kansas State
 10:40 a.m. ... Gary Pinkel, Missouri
 10:50 a.m. ... Mike Leach, Texas Tech
 11 a.m. Kevin Steele, Baylor
 11:10 a.m. ... Dan McCarter, Iowa State
 11:20 a.m. ... Mack Brown, Texas
 11:30 a.m. ... R.C. Slocum, Texas A&M
 11:40 a.m. ... Gary Barnett, Colorado
11:50 a.m. ... Frank Solich, Nebraska
 Noon Selected Student-Athletes

Big 12 Satellite Feed:

Jeff Watts Productions joins the Big 12 Conference in presenting a one-hour package of weekly satellite highlights of previous week's games as well as features from the "Big 12 Showcase" and school short subjects from Tuesday, Aug. 20, through Tuesday, Dec. 10, 2002, with a year-end pre-bowl highlights' special on the final week on Dec. 5.

Feed Times (Aug. 20-Dec. 10): 3:30-4:30 p.m. (Central), Tuesdays

Coordinates: Telstar 4-C, Transponder 11, Orbital Slot 89W, 3920MHz-Vertical, standard audio channels 6.2-6.8 MHz

Trouble Number: 817-265-4465.

Nebraska Press Conference Satellite Feeds:

Tuesday Press Conference: For the second straight year, ESPN News will be carrying Nebraska's weekly press conference live, beginning with Coach Frank Solich at Noon. ESPN has scheduled times (see below) to distribute the press conference on satellite. ESPN has exclusive live rights to its satellite feed, but other stations are welcome to use the feed on a tape-delayed basis.

Press Conference Satellite Times/Coordinates: (All Times Central)

TBA

Player Mugs:

Husker color digital mugs and those of the coaching staff can now be downloaded directly to your system for media usage. The headshots are available for media use at [http://www.huskers.com\(football/biographies\)](http://www.huskers.com(football/biographies)).

Coach Guest Appearances Schedule:

Game	Extra Point Club Lunch (Noon)	Press Conference (Noon)	Solich Radio Show (6 p.m.)	Omaha Breakfast (6:50 a.m.)
ASU, 8/24	Monday, 8/26--Solich	Tuesday, 8/20	Wednesday, 8/21--Solich	Thursday, 8/22--Solich
Troy State, 8/31	Monday, 9/2--NONE, Labor Day	Tuesday, 8/27	Wednesday, 8/28--Brown	Thursday, 8/29--Bohl
Utah State, 9/7	Monday, 9/9--Jamrog	Tuesday, 9/3	Wednesday, 9/4--Barnes	Thursday, 9/5--Brown
Penn State, 9/14	Monday, 9/16--Gillespie	Tuesday, 9/10	Wednesday, 9/11--Gillespie	Thursday, 9/12--Jamrog
OPEN, 9/21	Monday, 9/23--Cook (VB)/Walker (S)	Tuesday, 9/17--NONE	Wednesday, 9/18--Solich	Thursday, 9/19--NONE
Iowa State, 9/28	Monday, 9/30--Gill	Tuesday, 9/24	Wednesday, 9/25--Young	Thursday, 9/26--Solich
McNeese State, 10/5	Monday, 10/7--Burrow/Collier (MB)	Tuesday, 10/1	Wednesday, 10/2--Jamrog	Thursday, 10/3--Darlington
Missouri, 10/12	Monday, 10/14--Young	Tuesday, 10/8	Wednesday, 10/9--Gill	Thursday, 10/10--Tenopir
Oklahoma St., 10/19	Monday, 10/21--Darlington	Tuesday, 10/15	Wednesday, 10/16--Bohl	Thursday, 10/17--Barnes
Texas A&M, 10/26	Monday, 10/28--Brown	Tuesday, 10/22	Wednesday, 10/23--Tenopir	Thursday, 10/24--Gillespie/Byrne
Texas, 11/2	Monday, 11/4--Bohl	Tuesday, 10/29	Wednesday, 10/30--Darlington	Thursday, 10/31--Gill
Kansas, 11/9	Monday, 11/11--Albin	Tuesday, 11/5	Wednesday, 11/6--Gillespie	Thursday, 11/7--Burrow
Kansas State, 11/16	Monday, 11/18--Barnes	Tuesday, 11/12	Wednesday, 11/13--Jamrog	Thursday, 11/14--Young
OPEN, 11/23	Monday, 11/25--Yori (WB)/Anderson(B)	Tuesday, 11/19--NONE	Wednesday, 11/20--Solich	Thursday, 11/21--NONE
Colorado, 11/29	Monday, 12/2--Tenopir	Tuesday, 11/26	Wednesday, 11/27--Bohl	Thursday, 11/28--NONE
Big 12, 12/7, TBA	Monday, 12/3--TBA	Tuesday, 12/3--TBA	Wednesday, 12/4--TBA	Thursday, 12/5--TBA
			Wednesday, 12/11--TBA	Thursday, 12/12--TBA

Nebraska Media Information and Policies

▶ All player and coach interviews must be arranged at least one day in advance through the Husker Sports Information Office. Contact Chris Anderson, Keith Mann, Jeff Griesch, or graduate intern Josh Maxson (402) 472-2263. All interviews will be conducted in the South Stadium Offices, or on the field. Please do not approach players for interviews in the weight room, Hewitt Center, training room or hallways. The Nebraska locker room, training room and football office meeting rooms are **OFF-LIMITS** to the media and general public. Please check in at the SID Office, when arriving for interviews.

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

▶ Practices are **closed** to the media and to the general public; however, photographers and videographers are allowed to shoot the first 15 minutes of each practice (or until warmups are over), then will be asked to leave until practice is completed.

▶ After all games, Nebraska's locker room is closed, requested players and coaches will be brought to the Postgame Interview Room/Players' Lounge after a 10-minute cooling off period. The postgame interview room is located on the field level at the Southeast Corner of the Stadium.

▶ During the season, Coach Solich is available on the Big 12 teleconference on Monday, the Nebraska teleconference on Tuesday and in person on the field each day after practice.

Coach Solich/Player Press Conferences:

Nebraska Head Coach Frank Solich will conduct weekly Tuesday press/teleconferences in the Don Bryant Media Facility Level 6, prior to home and away games. After an 11 a.m. lunch, Coach Solich will address the media at Noon and will answer questions until approximately 12:30. Nebraska Volleyball Coach John Cook will be available each week at 11:15 a.m. and soccer coach John Walker will be available on request. Nebraska Defensive Coordinator Craig Bohl will precede Solich at 11:50 a.m. Each press conference will be available via the Huskers subscription website (HuskersNSide) on Huskers.com. NU's press conferences on Tuesday will also be televised live by ESPN News, which has exclusive live rights to the press conference satellite feed. Stations other than ESPN are prohibited from using its satellite feed for live coverage, but are welcome to use the satellite feed on a delayed basis.

To secure a line on the teleconference, please contact Vicki Cartwright in the Nebraska Sports Information Office at **402-472-2263**. Players are available by request from 12:30 - 1:30 p.m., and at least two players will be on the conference line, before those in attendance break up for individual player interviews. Player requests must be a day in advance. Solich quotes will be transcribed and placed on fax on demand and on Huskers.com, NU's official athletic department website. Audio quotes from the press conference are edited and placed on NewsNetNebraska, courtesy of UNL Broadcasting.

The Frank Solich Show:

Coach Solich's one-hour weekly postgame show, *The Frank Solich Show*, with host Larry Puntoney, can be seen this fall on the following stations; KMTV (Omaha, 10:35 p.m., Sunday); KOLN/KGIN (Lincoln, 10:35 p.m., Sunday); KSTF (Scottsbluff, 7 p.m., Central, Tuesday); KNOP (North Platte, 10:35 p.m., Sunday); Metro Sports (Kansas City, 8 p.m., Wednesday); Lakes TV Cable (NW Iowa, 11 p.m.); Cox 3 (Oklahoma City, Okla., 9:30 p.m.); Cox 9 (Tulsa, 10:30 p.m., Tuesday); St. Joseph CableVision (St. Joseph, Mo., TBA); Cable One (Sioux City, Iowa, 9 p.m., Wednesday) and Fox Sports Midwest (Midwest, 1 p.m., Tuesday). Coach Solich will also have a half-hour *Nebraska Football Kickoff Show* on Saturday mornings. Host Jeff Schmahl and Coach Solich will preview the next opponent. The Kickoff Show can be seen on KMTV (5:30 a.m. Saturday); KOLN-KGIN (12:37 a.m. and 11:30 a.m., Saturday); KSTF (7 p.m., Friday) KNOP (Noon, Saturday); KTIV (Noon, Saturday); Cox 9 (Tulsa, Noon, Saturday); Cox 3 (Oklahoma City, Noon, Saturday); Lakes TV (10:50 a.m., Saturday) and St. Joseph's Cablevision (TBA).

Other Media Opportunities for Media With Coach Solich and Staff:

▶ The **Extra Point Luncheon** is held on Monday following games, at Noon at the Nebraska Club (top of USBank) in downtown Lincoln. guest speaker is a NU coach each week (\$8 each for members, \$10 each for non-members), open to public.

▶ **Omaha Breakfast** is held at the Holiday Inn at 72nd and Grover on Thursdays at 7 a.m., guest speaker is a Nebraska coach each week.

▶ **"Talk to Frank"** Radio Show, on the Sports Pinnacle Network each Wednesday at 6 p.m.