



Husker Records and Streaks

- ▶ NCAA-record 250 consecutive sellouts in Memorial Stadium (counting Utah 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
▶ 345 consecutive weeks ranked by the Associated Press, a continuing AP record
▶ 32 consecutive years ranked in AP top 25
▶ 23-game home winning streak (nation's longest)
▶ 104-12 record since 1993 (nine years)
▶ 53 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 3: Nebraska (2-0) vs. Utah State (0-1)

DATE: Saturday, Sept. 7, 2002; TIME: 6 p.m. Central

SITE: Lincoln, Neb.

STADIUM: Memorial Stadium—250th 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; Internet: Live webcast on HuskersNside.com via Huskers.com

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

Huskers Set to Entertain Utah State Before 250th Straight Sellout at Memorial Stadium

Nebraska (2-0) plays its third straight home night game to open the 2002 season this Saturday evening when Utah State (0-1) comes Lincoln for a 6 p.m. kickoff. The Huskers improved to 2-0 on the young season with a 31-16 victory over Troy State last Saturday night in Lincoln.

The Utah State game will be another landmark game in the storied history of Husker football, as Nebraska celebrates its 250th consecutive sellout at Memorial Stadium. The streak began in 1962 during Hall of Fame Coach Bob Devaney's first season as Nebraska head coach. Since that November afternoon contest against Missouri 40 years ago, the Nebraska faithful have filled Memorial Stadium to support the Huskers for every home game. When the streak began in 1962, capacity at the stadium was less than 40,000 and has steadily grown to its current capacity of 73,918. Also at Saturday night's game, Nebraska officials and the Cornhusker Marching Band have prepared a special halftime performance in honor of the victims of the Sept. 11 attacks.

Utah State opened the season with a 23-3 loss against rival Utah last Saturday at home. The Aggies finished the 2001 season with a 4-7 record, but were victorious in four of the final six games of the season. Saturday's contest will mark the seventh meeting between the two schools, all in Lincoln, with the Huskers winning each of the first six meetings.

Nebraska remains in the top 10 in both polls this week—ninth in the AP poll and eighth according to the coaches. New polls are set to be released on Monday.

In addition to trying to open a season 3-0 for the sixth consecutive year, Nebraska will be gunning for its 24th consecutive home victory against Utah State, a mark that be the third-longest home victory streak in school history. The Huskers have also won 21 straight regular-season non-conference games.

Groce's Record-Setting Performance Carries Huskers to Victory over Troy State

Nebraska's special teams showed for a second straight week that there is more than offense and defense to a successful football team. Senior DeJuan Groce set a school record and tied an NCAA record with two punt returns for touchdowns and added two interceptions against Troy State, leading the Huskers to a 31-16 victory and a 2-0 record in 2002.

The Huskers jumped to a 7-0 advantage in the first quarter after a poor punt set Nebraska up at Troy State's 25. Jammal Lord's 18-yard TD run capped a three-play drive, giving NU a touchdown advantage midway through the first period.

The 2002 Nebraska (2-0) Football Schedule/Results

Table with columns: Day, Date, Opponent, Time/Res., TV, Series, Last Meeting (Site) / Notes. Rows include games against Arizona St., Troy State, Utah State, Penn State, Iowa State, McNeese State, Missouri, Oklahoma State, Texas A&M, Texas, Kansas, Kansas State, Colorado, and Big 12 Champ.

2002 Polls (new polls on 9-2)

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		0/0	def. Troy St., 31-16

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

Defense dominated the majority of the remainder of the first half, including two first-quarter interceptions by Groce, the second of which was a highlight film one-handed grab. Groce then gave Nebraska a 14-0 lead midway through the second quarter when he returned a Troy State punt 83 yards for a score. Troy State cut the advantage to 14-3 with a field goal shortly before halftime.

The Trojans drew closer after forcing a fumble on NU's first drive of the second half and recovering at the Husker 6. One play later, Troy State found the end zone and cut NU's lead to 14-10. However, Nebraska responded on its next drive using trademark Husker power football to drive 91 yards in 16 plays capped by Dahrran Diedrick's one-yard run, giving NU a 21-10 edge.

Groce erased any remaining doubt about the outcome late in the third quarter when he took another Trojan punt and raced 72 yards to paydirt and a 28-10 Husker advantage. Josh Brown added a fourth-quarter field goal and Troy State scored in the game's final minute to account for the final margin.

Offensively, Nebraska was led by quarterback Jammal Lord who ran for 92 yards and completed 8 of 15 passes for 114 yards. Nebraska was outgained by Troy State, however, the Trojans' high-powered passing attack connected on just 11 of 29 attempts.

Recapping Game Two...NU 31, Troy State 16

► Nebraska senior cornerback **DeJuan Groce** had a standout evening on both defense and special teams. The two punt returns for scores set a school record and tied the NCAA record, most recently set by Eddie Tillitz of Miami (Ohio) in 2000. Groce's 155 punt return yards on the night were just 15 yards shy of the school record for punt return yards in a game. Groce now has four punt return touchdowns in his career and his two interceptions pushed his career total to six. The Ohio native was Nebraska's nominee for both Big 12 Defensive Player of the Week and Big 12 Special Teams Player of the Week and received the special teams honor from the conference.

► Junior linebacker **Demorrio Williams** led the defense with eight tackles, including six in the first half. He had one tackle for loss on the night.

► The Huskers got strong play from a pair of middle linebackers. Sophomore starter **Barrett Ruud** broke his left hand on the game's second play, but returned to the contest in the second quarter and made three tackles and had a pass breakup. His backup, sophomore **Chad Sievers** made six tackles, including a TFL and had a pass breakup in his first action as a Husker. Sievers, who transferred from New Mexico State, missed Nebraska's opener with a knee injury.

► The Husker defense forced three turnovers, all in the first quarter. Groce had two interceptions, the first of which was caused by heavy pressure by defensive tackle **Patrick Kabongo**. The Blackshirts snuffed out a Troy State threat late in the first quarter when DT **Jon Clanton** forced a fumble that was recovered by cornerback **Pat Ricketts**.

► Quarterback **Jammal Lord** led Nebraska in rushing for the second straight week with a career-high 23 carries for 92 yards, including an 18-yard TD scamper in the first quarter. Lord also connected on 8 of 15 passes for 114 yards. His 62-yard connection with tight end **Jon Bowling** in the first quarter was the longest pass of his career. Lord's 114 passing yards were also a career best as was his 206 yards of total offense and his 38 total offense attempts.

► Senior split end **Wilson Thomas** had four catches for 31 yards on the night. Thomas has now had three or more catches in 11 of his last 15 games and with his 45 career reception is tied for 24th on NU's all-time list.

► Bowling's 62-yard catch was a career-long reception and the longest by a Husker tight end since 70-yard pass from Eric Crouch to Tracey Wistrom in NU's 1999 victory over California.

► Senior place-kicker **Josh Brown** remained perfect on the season as he connected on all four of his PAT attempts and made a 34-yard field goal in the fourth quarter. Brown also drove four of his seven kickoffs into the end zone for touchbacks.

► Junior punter **Kyle Larson** averaged 46.2 yards on his six punts and pinned Troy State inside its 20 on three occasions.

► Two true freshmen hit the field for the first time as Huskers. Split end **Mark LeFlore** and tight end **Matt Herian** joined **Ross Pilkington** and **Fabian Washington** as true freshmen who have seen action this season. Washington drew his first career start when NU opened in a nickel package.

Nebraska-Troy State Stat Wrap

Team Stats	Troy St.	NU
First Downs	16	17
Rush att.-yards	41-155	54-199
Passes	29-11-2	16-8-1
Passing yards	192	114
Total yards	347	313
Turnovers	3	2
Time of Possession	25:40	34:20
Sacks by	0	1-9

NU Rushing Leaders

Jammal Lord--23 carries, 92 yards, TD
 Dahrran Diedrick--15 carries, 63 yards, TD

NU Passing Leader

Jammal Lord--8-15-1, 114 yards

NU Receiving Leader

Wilson Thomas--4 receptions, 31 yards

NU Defensive Leaders

DeJuan Groce--2 INT, 1 PBU
 Demorrio Williams--8 tackles, TFL, 2 hurries
 Patrick Kabongo--3 tackles, sack, INT caused

Special Teams Standouts

DeJuan Groce--2 punt return TDs
 (ties NCAA record)

Josh Brown--4-4 PAT, 1-1 FG, 4 touchbacks

2002 Big 12 Standings

North		Records	
Team	Overall	Big 12	Next Game
Nebraska	2-0	0-0	Utah St. 9/7
Kansas St.	1-0	0-0	La.-Monroe 9/7
Missouri	1-0	0-0	Ball State 9/7
Iowa State	1-1	1-0	Tn. Tech 9/7
Colorado	0-1	0-0	San Diego St. 9/7
Kansas	0-1	0-1	at UNLV 9/7

South Division

Texas	1-0	0-0	at UNC 9/14
Oklahoma	1-0	0-0	Alabama 9/7
Texas A&M	1-0	0-0	at Pitt. 9/7
Okla. St.	0-1	0-0	N. Iowa 9/7
Baylor	0-1	0-0	Samford 9/7
Texas Tech	0-1	0-0	at SMU 9/7

2002 Nebraska Non-Conference Opponents

Team	Record -- Next Game
Arizona State	1-1--Central Florida 9/7
Troy State	0-1--at UAB 9/7
Utah State	0-1--at Nebraska 9/7
Penn State	1-0--vs. Nebraska 9/14
McNeese State	1-0--at Youngstown State 9/7

Last Week's Results

Kansas State def. Western Kentucky, 48-3
 Missouri def. Illinois, 33-20
 Iowa State def. Kansas, 45-3
 Colorado State def. Colorado, 19-14
 Texas def. North Texas, 27-0
 Oklahoma def. Tulsa, 37-0
 Texas A&M def. Louisiana-Lafayette, 31-7
 Louisiana Tech def. Oklahoma State, 39-36
 California def. Baylor, 70-22
 Arizona State def. Eastern Washington, 38-2
 Utah def. Utah State, 23-3
 Penn State def. Central Florida, 27-24
 McNeese State def. Grambling, 52-20

2002 Utah State Schedule (0-1)

8/31	Utah	L	23-3
9/7	at Nebraska		
9/14	Idaho State		
9/21	at Iowa		
9/28	at Boise State		
10/4	BYU		
10/19	New Mexico		
10/26	at Louisiana-Monroe		
11/9	New Mexico State		
11/16	at Troy State		
11/30	at Middle Tennessee State		

2001 Results (4-7)

9/1	at Utah	L	19-23
9/8	at LSU	L	14-31
9/22	at Wyoming	L	42-43
9/29	Oregon	L	21-38
10/5	at BYU	L	34-54
10/20	Idaho State	W	28-27
10/27	Central Florida	W	30-27
11/10	at Connecticut	W	38-31
11/17	Weber State	W	56-43
11/24	at South Florida	L	13-34
12/1	at Fresno State	L	21-70

Huskers from Utah

Junior nose tackle Ryon Bingham is the lone Husker from the state of Utah. A starter on NU's defensive front, Bingham hails from Sandy, Utah and is a graduate of Alta High School.

Scouting Utah State (0-1)

Utah State opened its 2002 season with a 23-3 loss to in-state rival Utah Saturday evening in Logan, Utah. The Aggies hung tough throughout the first half and trailed just 7-3 at intermission after place-kicker Dan Kidman connected on a 22-yard field goal as time expired in the first half.

The score remained 7-3 throughout the third quarter, but the Utes pulled away with 16 unanswered points in the fourth quarter. Utah State managed only 162 yards of offense against the tough Utah defense, but did pass for 171 yards on the night. Senior wide receiver Kevin Curtis keyed the Aggies' offensive attack with six receptions for 98 yards. Last season, Curtis led the nation in receptions with 100 catches for more than 1,500 yards and had 10 touchdowns. He was a semifinalist for the Biletnikoff Award and was a third-team All-American according to the Associated Press.

Defensively, the Aggies' top returnee is senior linebacker Jesse Busta, who recorded 100 tackles last season, including 13 tackles for loss and three sacks. The Aggies finished 4-7 a year ago, but won four of their final six games after opening the season with five straight losses. This season marks the second straight year the Aggies are competing as a Division I-A independent.

Utah State Coach Mick Dennehy

Mick Dennehy is in his third year as Utah State's head coach and his 10th season overall as a collegiate head coach. Dennehy has a 9-14 record with the Aggies and is 58-39 overall as a head coach. He led the Aggies to a 5-6 record in his first year in Logan, including a 4-1 mark in the Big West Conference, before posting a 4-7 record in 2001.

Before taking the position at Utah State, Dennehy was the head coach at Montana for four seasons, where he won eight or more games each season. Dennehy led the Grizzlies to a 14-1 record and Division I-AA runner-up finish in 1996. He also served as head coach at Western Montana from 1988 to 1990, before moving to Montana as an assistant from 1991 to 1995.

Nebraska-Utah State Series...NU Leads 6-0

Saturday night's contest between Nebraska and Utah State marks the seventh meeting between the two schools, all in Lincoln. The Huskers are a perfect 6-0 against Utah State, with all of the games being played since 1966.

The Huskers have dominated Utah State in each of the first six games, winning by three touchdowns or more in all six games. In the six Husker victories, Nebraska has outscored Utah State by an average score of 47.2 to 13.3 and held the Aggies to 14 points or less in five of the six games.

Utah State's most recent visit to Lincoln in 1991 was one of the most bizarre days in Memorial Stadium history. The Huskers and Aggies combined for more than

1,200 yards of total offense, including 787 by Nebraska. Nebraska also broke its own NCAA record by recording 44 first downs. However, the game is best remembered for a 19-minute delay in the third quarter caused by severe lightning and heavy rains. The officials sent the teams to the locker room, before returning to the field to complete the 59-28 Nebraska victory.

Nebraska-Utah State Statistical Comparison

Category	Nebraska (2-0)			Utah State (0-1)	
	Avg.	Big 12	Natl.	Avg.	Natl.
Rushing Offense	241.0	3	21	-9.0	103
Passing Offense	73.5	12	101	171.0	70
Pass Efficiency	91.86	9	79	74.64	91
Total Offense	314.5	10	72	162.0	100
Scoring Offense	39.5	2	28	3.0	96
Rushing Defense	119.0	8	54	282.0	93
Pass Defense	183.5	11	51	165.0	40
Pass Eff. Defense	75.47	3	22	110.5	53
Total Defense	302.5	6	45	447.0	83
Scoring Defense	13.0	5	30	23.0	55
Net Punting	40.4	3	22	41.7	13
Punt Returns	26.5	3	8	11.0	40
Kickoff Returns	22.0	2	35	20.8	45
Turnover Margin	+1.0	4	27	-2.0	84

Top 25 National Rankings in Bold**Nebraska-Utah State Series Summary****Games:** 6**Standing:** Nebraska leads, 6-0**At Lincoln:** Nebraska leads, 6-0**At Memorial Stadium:** NU leads, 6-0

Date	Site	Result
9/24/1966	Lincoln	W, 28-7
10/2/1971	Lincoln	W, 42-6
9/15/1979	Lincoln	W, 35-14
9/5/1987	Lincoln	W, 56-12
9/3/1988	Lincoln	W, 63-13
9/7/1991	Lincoln	W, 59-28

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	2-0	1.000	---	---	---
Tot.	44-9	.830	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	44-9

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	44-9
vs. AP Ranked Teams	10-8
vs. AP Top 10 Teams	4-4
vs. Unranked Teams	34-1
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	34-4
When Nebraska leads at halftime	35-2
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	69
Consecutive Weeks in the AP top 10	53
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 44-9 school and career record (.830). 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 .830 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 first two games are any indication, Solich's thoughts may prove to be quite prophetic.

In Nebraska's season opener, the Huskers blocked two punts, one of which was returned for a touchdown, keying a 48-10 win over Arizona State. The punt return unit stole the show against Troy State. Senior DeJuan Groce tied an NCAA record with two punt return touchdowns in Nebraska's 31-16 victory.

Here's a quick look at Nebraska's special teams dominance through two games.

► **Punt Returns...**Nebraska is averaging 26.5 yards on its eight punt returns this season. Groce has returned six punts for 185 yards, for a remarkable 30.8 average. Groce's two punt touchdowns in one game not only set a school record, but matched the NCAA record. His 83-yard TD was the fifth-longest punt return in school history and his 155 yards on two returns were just 15 yards shy of the school record for punt return yardage in a game. Groce is seventh at Nebraska in career punt return yards.

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	3-3	26.5	22.0	2 (2P)
*School record				

► **Place-kicking...**Senior place-kicker Josh Brown is 3-3 on field goals in the first two games and perfect in 10 PAT attempts. Brown hit on field goals of 40 and 42 yards against Arizona State, marking the first time in his career he has made a pair of 40+-yard field goals in the same game. Brown's performance on kickoff duties should not be left unnoticed. Eleven of his 16 kickoffs this season have ended in touchbacks. Brown was named Big 12 Special Teams Player of the Week for his work in the season opener against Arizona State.

► **Blocked Kicks...**Nebraska has had a history of being one of the nation's best kick blocking units. Demorrio Williams and Lannie Hopkins each blocked a punt in the second half of Nebraska's victory over Arizona State, marking the first time since a 1999 win over Kansas State that the Huskers have had two blocked punts in the same game. Williams' blocked punt was returned six yards for a score by senior linebacker Scott Shanle. The last time NU had returned a blocked punt for a touchdown was at Kansas State in 2000 (Keyuo Craver).

► **Kick Coverage...**While the Huskers have excelled in the return game, NU's opponents have averaged just 14.0 yards on kickoff returns and 7.4 yards on five punt returns.

► **Punting...**NU's Kyle Larson was one of the Big 12's best last season, averaging 42.5 yards per punt. Through two games little has changed as Larson has averaged 43.7 yards on 11 punts and pinned the opposition inside the 20 four times. He averaged 46.2 yards per punt vs. Troy State.

Huskers Scoring in All Three Facets of Game

Nebraska has reached the end zone 10 times in its first two games this season, with the offense, defense and special teams all getting into the act. Of Nebraska's 10 touchdowns, four have been non-offensive scores, two in each of the Huskers' games this season.

In the season opener against ASU, Nebraska scored via a blocked punt return and a interception return. DeJuan Groce supplied two special teams touchdowns against Troy State, returning punts 83 and 72 yards for scores.

The first two games this season marks the first time Nebraska has recorded two or more non-offensive scores in consecutive games since the 1996 season. In that year, NU returned an interception (Ralph Brown) and a kickoff (Kenny Cheatham) for a TD at Oklahoma and the following week

vs. Missouri returned a blocked punt for a score (Terrell Farley) and recorded a safety when the Tigers fumbled the ball out of the end zone.

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

Huskers Hope to Boost Turnover Margin

In addition to special teams excellence, the Husker coaching staff regularly preaches the importance of a positive turnover margin. The Huskers have been a +1 in that department in each of the first two games this season. NU returned an interception for a touchdown against Arizona State, while the Nebraska offense did not commit a turnover. In the Troy State contest, the Huskers forced three first-quarter turnovers and committed two turnovers in the game.

The victory over Arizona State marked the first time since 1974 (Oregon) that Nebraska did not have a turnover in its season opener. That statistic is even more impressive considering the Huskers had a new starter at quarterback in Jammal Lord and were also breaking in three starters on the offensive front.

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 16-1 record all-time in night games at Memorial Stadium, beginning with a 34-17 victory over Florida State in 1986. Nebraska has now won 12 consecutive night games at home, including two straight victories to open the 2002 campaign.

Nebraska has dominated the opposition throughout the streak, posting 10 of the 12 wins by 17 or more points. In all, 13 of Nebraska's 16 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 50-15-3 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

NU'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 final 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.

The Huskers have also had several minor injuries hamper members of the offensive backfield. Reserve I-back Robin Miller has missed both games after undergoing arthroscopic surgery on his left knee on Aug. 17. Fullback DeAntae Grixby suffered a bone bruise in his left knee in practice, missed

NU Home Night Games

Nebraska has won 12 straight home night games since a loss to Washington in 1991. NU's average margin of victory in those 12 games is 31.8 points.

Year	Opponent	Result
2002	Troy State	W, 31-16
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)
 Ray Guy Award Watch List

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 Career Kickoff Return Yards**

1. 1443 Tyrone Hughes, WB, 1989-92 (51 ret.)
2. 1159 Joe Walker, ROV, 1997-00 (53 ret.)
3. 1154 Dana Brinson, WB, 1985-88 (51 ret.)
4. 847 Johnny Rodgers, WB 1970-72 (35 ret.)
5. 818 Frank Solich, FB, 1963-65 (35 ret.)
6. 797 Ron Clark, HB, 1949, 50, 54
7. 786 Pat Fischer, HB, 1958-60 (31 ret.)
8. **785 Josh Davis, IB, 2000-02 (30 ret.)**

NU's game with Troy State and is expected to miss the next two to three weeks. Redshirt freshman I-back Marques Simmons sat out the opener with a hamstring injury, but played against Troy State.

Linebacker Chad Sievers (knee) and defensive tackle Seppo Ewvaraye (foot) both saw action against Troy State after sitting out the Huskers' season opener.

Jammal Lord Off to Strong Start in Replacing Heisman Winner

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 posted the top total offense game of his career against Troy State with 206 total yards, including a career-best 114 through the air and 92 rushing yards and a touchdown on a career-high 23 carries.

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	2-0

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

"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."

Groce Anchors Youthful Husker Secondary; Stars on Husker Special Teams

In recent years, Nebraska has a history of having an experienced cornerback on one side of the field, with a newcomer manning the other corner. In 1996, true freshman Ralph Brown started opposite senior

Michael Booker. Brown then served as a mentor for both Erwin Swiney and Keyuo Craver later in his career. Two seasons ago, Craver anchored one corner while DeJuan Groce learned the ropes as a starter at right cornerback. This season, it is Groce's turn to handle the leadership role, as Pat Ricketts and Lornell McPherson share the left cornerback role.

In NU's first two games Groce has shown why he is an All-America candidate and listed on the Jim Thorpe Award watch list. Groce had a pass breakup and intercepted two passes against Troy State, helping the Husker defense hold the Trojans to just 11 of 29 in the passing department. Groce now has 34 career PBU to rank fourth on the NU career list and is the Huskers' single-season PBU record-holder with 17 in 2000.

Groce is also an electrifying force on Husker special teams. Against Troy State, he set a school record and tied an NCAA mark with two punt return touchdowns. Groce averages 16.4 yards per punt return in his career and is averaging 30.8 yards on six returns this season to rank third in the nation. In his career, Groce ranks seventh on the NU punt return yardage list and is in position to finish his career in second place on the chart, behind only 1972 Heisman Trophy winner Johnny Rodgers.

The standout play of Groce has not gone unnoticed on the national level. In a *cbssportsline* column, Groce is picked for the "August Heisman".

NU Career Pass Breakups

<u>Rank, #</u>	<u>Player, Position, Years</u>	<u>PBU</u>
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	34

NU Career Punt Return Yards

1.	1,515 Johnny Rodgers, WB, 1970-72 (98 ret.)
2.	829 Bobby Newcombe, WB, 1997-00 (48 ret.)
3.	817 Tyrone Hughes, WB, 1989-92 (65 ret.)
4.	788 Larry Wachholtz, S, 1964-66 (62 ret.)
5.	767 Dana Brinson, WB, 1985-88 (77 ret.)
6.	708 Irving Fryar, WB, 1981-83 (60 ret.)
7.	671 DeJuan Groce, CB, 1999-02 (41 ret.)

Senior Rush End Kelsay Leading Blackshirt Defense

Senior rush end Chris Kelsay was a preseason All-Big 12 pick by the league's media. In addition to his first-team all-league notice by the conference media, Kelsay was a first-team All-Big 12 pick by *The Sporting News*, 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 has got off to a quick start in 2002 with 1.5 sacks for 17 yards and four quarterback hurries against ASU and a two hurries, a TFL and a pass breakup vs. Troy State. Kelsay now has 7.5 sacks and 23 tackles for loss in his Husker career.

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.

NU Career Rushing Leaders

Rank	Player, Pos., Yrs.	Yards
1.	Mike Rozier, IB, 1981-83	4,780
2.	Ahman Green, IB, 1995-97	3,880
3.	Eric Crouch, QB, 1998-01	3,434
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18.	Tony Davis, IB/FB, 1973-75	2,153
19.	Steve Taylor, QB, 1985-88	2,125
20.	Monte Anthony, IB, 1974-77	2,077
21.	Jeff Smith, IB, 1980-84	1,992
22.	Joe Orduna, HB, 1967-70	1,968
23.	D. Diedrick, IB, 1999-pres.	1,956
24.	Tommie Frazier, QB, 1992-95	1,955

Last month, 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 has rushed for 142 yards and two touchdowns in the first two games this season and moved into 23rd place on NU's career rushing list with 1,956 yards. Diedrick is just 44 yards short of becoming the 21st Husker to rush for 2,000 career yards.

Diedrick, who scored 15 touchdowns last year, rushed for 100 or more yards in seven of his 11 regular-season appearances and scored two or more TDs in five games. If Diedrick were to duplicate his yardage total of 2001, he would move into the top five on NU's career rushing chart.

Other Huskers on Preseason Watch Lists for National Awards

Groce, Kelsay and Diedrick lead a strong group of Huskers who have been mentioned as preseason candidates for major 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 and has 11 stops on the season. The sophomore from Lincoln showed the type of toughness of the award's namesake against Troy State when he broke his hand on the game's second play, but returned in the second quarter. He will be in a cast for the next four weeks, but is expected to play.

Shanle, the only returning starter in NU's linebacking corps, has also made a big impact. He returned a blocked punt for a touchdown to give NU a 24-3 advantage in the third quarter against Arizona State.

Senior center John Garrison has been named to the preseason watch list for the Outland Trophy and the Rimington Award, given annually to the nation's top center. The award is named in honor of former Husker Dave Rimington, a two-time Outland Trophy winner. Garrison is the leader of a re-tooled offensive line that features three first-year starters.

Junior punter Kyle Larson continues to prove he is one of the nation's best, averaging 43.7 yards on 11 punts this season. Larson is one of 34 punters on the Ray Guy preseason watch list. 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. In game two against Troy State, Thomas had a team-best four receptions for 31 yards.

Thomas caught three or more passes in nine games last season, including six each against Oklahoma and Kansas State, and now has 11 career three-catch games. He capped the 2001 regular season with a career-best 109 receiving yards against Colorado, including a career-long 78-yard reception.

Thomas now has 45 career receptions and is just five catches from cracking the top 20 on the NU career list and is within striking distance of the top five. With 663 career receiving yards, Thomas ranks 27th on the NU charts and is 337 yards short of becoming just the 12th Husker in school history to reach 1,000 career receiving yards.

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

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 Career Reception Leaders

Rank	Player, Pos., Yrs.	Rec.
1.	Johnny Rodgers, WB, 1972	143
2.	Matt Davison, SE, 1997-00	93
3.	Jeff Kinney, HB, 1969-71	82
4.	Guy Ingles, SE, 1968-70	74
...		
19.	Ritch Bahe, WB, 1972-74	52
20.	Dave Shamblin, SE, 1973-75	50
21.	Freeman White, SE, 1963-65	47
	Brendan Holbein, SE, 1993-96	47
23.	Ken Spaeth, TE, 1975-77	46
24.	Wilson Thomas, SE, 1999-pres.	45

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 currently stands ninth and eighth, respectively, in the AP and coaches polls.

NU in Preseason Polls Under Frank Solich

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

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).

Big 12 Conf. POW Nominees**Game Offense Defense Special**ASU Lord **Ricketts** **Brown**

TSU none Groce Groce

USU

PSU

ISU

MSU

MU

OSU

A&M

UT

KU

KSU

CU

boldface underlined=winner;*=co-winner

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

Huskers on Opening Day Rosters

Nebraska has 32 players on NFL opening day rosters. The Huskers had a conference-best 45 players on NFL training camp rosters in 2002. Here are the players on 2002 opening day rosters, including rookies Eric Crouch (St. Louis), Keyuo Craver (New Orleans) and Toniu Fonoti (San Diego).

Kris Brown, KS, Houston
 Mike Brown, FS, Chicago
 Ralph Brown, DB, N.Y. Giants
 Correll Buckhalter, RB, Philadelphia
 Keyuo Craver, CB, New Orleans
 Eric Crouch, WR, St. Louis
 Chris Dishman, OG, Arizona
 Toniu Fonoti, OL, San Diego
 Jay Foreman, LB, Houston
 Scott Frost, S, Green Bay (injured reserve)
 Aaron Graham, C, Tennessee
 Ahman Green, RB, Green Bay
 Russ Hochstein, OG, Tampa Bay
 Sheldon Jackson, TE, Buffalo
 Eric Johnson, DB, Oakland
 Joel Makovicka, RB, Arizona
 Mike Minter, FS, Carolina
 John Parrella, DE, Oakland
 Christian Peter, DT, Chicago
 Carlos Polk, LB, San Diego
 Dominic Raiola, C, Detroit
 Mike Rucker, DE, Carolina
 Cory Schlesinger, FB, Detroit
 Will Shields, OG, Kansas City
 Brenden Stai, OG, Washington
 Adam Treu, OT, Oakland
 Kyle Vanden Bosch, DE, Arizona
 Eric Warfield, CB, Kansas City
 Steve Warren, DT, Green Bay
 Zach Wiegert, OG, Jacksonville
 Tyrone Williams, CB, Green Bay
 Grant Wistrom, DE, St. Louis

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.

Nebraska Boasts 32 Players on Opening Day NFL Rosters

Nebraska remains among the nation's leaders in supplying talent to the National Football League. In fact, the Huskers had a Big 12-best 45 players on NFL preseason rosters in 2002 and 32 of those players find themselves on 2002 opening day rosters. 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.

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 250 consecutive sellouts in Memorial Stadium**—Nebraska's game with Utah State is its 250th straight sellout. 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.

▶ **345 consecutive weeks ranked in the Associated Press**—Nebraska has been ranked in every Associated Press Poll for 345 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 522 polls, which dates back to 1964.

▶ **53 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.

▶ **23-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 23-game home winning streak is the nation's longest current streak and is tied for third best at NU, while the school record is 47 set from 1991 to 1998. The Huskers have won 91 of their last 94 home games.

▶ **104-12 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 766-301-40 record in 1,106 games (.710). In the last 34 years, NU is tops, posting a record of 332-60-5 for an .843 winning percentage (397 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 766. 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) were the only four programs to have won 700 games in the last century. Nebraska became the first Division I team to win 100 or more games in back-to-back decades, ranking first in the 1980s (103-20-0, .837) and second in the 1990s (108-16-1 record, .890) and posted a nation's best 309-56-5 record in the 1970s, 1980s and 1990s.

Huskers Win Three National Titles in Four Years

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

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

- Posted a 104-12 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 59 of 60 home games (23 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 23-4 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 332-60-5 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 2-0 in 2002, to post a school-best 44-9 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

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	44-9-0	5	0
Since 1962	400-78-5	41	5
<u>1890-1962</u>	<u>366-223-35</u>	<u>72</u>	<u>0</u>
All-Time	766-301-40	113	5

Husker AP Ranking Notes

- ▶ Nebraska has been ranked in the AP poll 345 consecutive weeks—an AP record
- ▶ NU has been ranked in the top 10 for 150 of the last 156 weeks (1993 to present); and in the last 53 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 to 1987.

2003 Nebraska Schedule

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

Memorial Stadium Dominance

Nebraska takes a nation-best 23-game home winning streak into Saturday's game with Utah State and will play eight games at home for the second consecutive year. Nebraska is 91-3 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 458-122-20 (.780, 600 games, 113 years) in Lincoln, 333-99-13 (.763, 445 games, 80 years) in Memorial Stadium (since 1923) and 28-1 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 135-10 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 23-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 103-5 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.

NCAA Record 250 Consecutive Sellouts

Nebraska's Memorial Stadium boasts an NCAA-record 250 consecutive sellouts (counting Utah State), 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 223-26 during the 249 sellouts (50-9 under Devaney, 145-16 under Osborne, 28-1 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.

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 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, 2001). Before having four rushers top the century mark against Baylor on Oct. 13, 2001, NU had three rushers top the 100-yard mark in a game only twice in school history, recording the feat against Kansas in 2000 (Dan Alexander, Correll Buckhalter and Crouch) and against Arizona State in 1998 (Ken Clark, Steve Taylor and Terry Rodgers). The Iowa game in 2000 marked the only time in the 56 games where there were two-or-more 100-yard rushers, and Nebraska failed to score at least one rushing touchdown. 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

Memorial Stadium Milestone Sellouts

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

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

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 and is averaging 39.5 points per game after two contests in 2002.

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 77 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 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

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

Through two games this fall, Nebraska is allowing the opposition just 13.0 points per game. Last season the Husker defense ranked 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.

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.

Associated Press Poll Record Hits 345

Nebraska is ranked **ninth** by the Associated Press this week, extending its AP poll record to 345 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 204 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 150 of the last 156 weeks from the 1993 preseason poll to present. NU's current streak of 53 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 519 of the last 522 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.

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 243 games to unranked opponents since 1973 (34-1 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 30 years, Nebraska has gone 228-13-2 against unranked opponents (.942, 243 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	766-301-40
Home	458-122-20
Memorial Stadium	333-99-13
Since 1962	400-78-5
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	22-0
At Night	47-15-3
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 249 Consecutive Sellout Streak...	
All-Time	223-26
vs. Ranked Teams	37-18
Under Head Coach Frank Solich...	
All-Time	44-9
Home	28-1
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	34-1
Home	22-1
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	14-3
August	4-0
September	15-0
October	13-4
November	9-3
December	2-1
January	1-1

NU Streaks...The Huskers have...

- ▶ won 23 straight home games
- ▶ won 21 straight non-conference regular-season games
- ▶ won 29 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 75 consecutive games
- ▶ scored in 215 straight home games
- ▶ shut out opponents 100 times

Husker Title Runs

Nebraska has played in 13 national championship bowl contests, winning back-to-back national championship titles in 1970 and 1971 and again in 1994 and 1995. 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), Toniui Fonoti, (AP, FWA, Walter Camp, Football News, The Sporting News) and Keyuo Craver (Football News, The Sporting News). The Huskers have had at least one All-American in all but two (1991, 1998) of the past 32 years (since 1970). The three honorees in 2001 marked the 15th time that Nebraska has had at least three All-Americans, and gives Head Coach Frank Solich eight All-America award winners in four years as head coach.

Nebraska ranks ninth all time in Division I-A with 53 consensus All-Americans. Nebraska has seen 88 different players earn first-team All-America honors by at least one recognized source with 14 winning double honors for 102 total first-team awards. The first was tackle Vic Halligan in 1914. NU has had at least one All-America honoree in each of the past three years (1999-2001). The most All-Americans Nebraska has had in any given year was six in 1971 (I-back Jeff Kinney, QB Jerry Tagge, WB Johnny Rodgers, DT Larry Jacobson, MG Rich Glover, DE Willie Harper). The position with the most All-Americans at Nebraska is the offensive line, which has seen 26 linemen win 31 certificates.

Crouch Wins Nebraska's Third Heisman Trophy

Quarterback Eric Crouch won the school's third Heisman Trophy in 2001 to cap a stellar senior season. Crouch (770 points, 162 first-place votes) won the award over three other quarterbacks—Florida's Rex Grossman, Miami's Ken Dorsey and Oregon's Joey Harrington in the fourth-closest voting in Heisman history. Crouch joined wingback/return specialist Johnny Rodgers (1972) and I-back Mike Rozier (1983) as the school's third Heisman Trophy winner 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 was the 17th quarterback to win the Heisman but the first true option quarterback in the 67-year history of the award. He posted a 35-7 career record as a starter, 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). Crouch was a first-team All-American and won the school's third Walter Camp Player-of-the-Year Award and first Davey O'Brien trophy.

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

Huskers Continue Academic Tradition

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

Last season, Nebraska continued its streak of 15 straight years with at least one first-team Verizon/CoSIDA All-American when tight end Tracey Wistrom won first-team honors, following in the footsteps of his older brother Grant (1996, 1997). NU had nine Huskers qualify academically (3.2 or better cumulative GPA) and athletically (starter or important reserve) in 2001. Of those, Wistrom, fullback Judd Davies, rush end Chris Kelsay and offensive tackle Dave Volk were first-team Verizon/CoSIDA Academic All-District VII selections.

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

NU Grad Rates Rank High Nationally

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

This year's team will have five student-athletes playing with degree in hand including Demoiné Adams, who became the second Husker all time to graduate in three years (also Bobby Newcombe 1999), Patrick Kabongo (also a junior), Justin Smith, 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, six have started in NU's first two games, 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 and split end John Klem. Rover Aaron Terpening is listed first at his position, but has been replaced on the first play in each of NU's first two games. In reward of their hard work and dedication, five of the seven (not counting Siegel and Klem??) have since been awarded scholarships.

■ **Nebraska Natives...**Twelve Huskers who hail from Nebraska are in listed as first-teamers on the NU depth chart, including six on the offensive side of the ball, SE Wilson Thomas (Omaha), LG Mike Erickson (Omaha), RG Wes Cody (Fremont), TE Aaron Golliday (York), FB Judd Davies (Omaha), and WB Troy Hassebroek (Lincoln); 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: DB Delrick Williams (2002-present, brother, Jamel, 1994-96); RE Chris Kelsay (1998-present, brother Chad, 1995-98); FS Dan Burrow (2000-present, brother Jamie, 1998-2001); LCB Cole Biodrowski (2002-present) and SE Brandon (2001-present); WB Adam Hassebroek (2001-present) and WB Troy (1998-present); and FS Andrew

Team Snippets...

▶ **FieldTurf...**Nebraska is 22-0 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 16.

▶ **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).

Shanle (2002-present and SLB Scott (1998-present). The Huskers welcomed the first set of scholarship twins in the program's history last year in redshirt freshmen Josh (FS) and Daniel Bullocks (Rover).

Second generation Huskers include the Burrows (father Jim played in 1974-75 and is now a graduate assistant for NU); junior rover IB Josh Davis (father Tony played in 1973-75); FS Brett Lindstrom (father Dan played in 1978-80); MLB Barrett Ruud (father Tom played in 1972-74 and Ruud's great-grandfather Clarence Swanson played for NU from 1918 to 1921 and is a member of the Nebraska Football Hall of Fame); RE Trevor Johnson (father Robert wrestled for NU in 1973-76) and RCB Shane Siegel (father Robert played basketball for NU in 1974-77).

■ **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 and two more Huskers took off their red shirts in game two, as split end Mark LeFlore and tight end Matt Herian hit the field. Washington has seen the most extensive playing time among the four, returning an interception for a touchdown in his first game as a Husker and drawing a start against Troy State when the Huskers opened in a nickel set.

■ **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 has been the beneficiary of excellent special teams play through the first two weeks, helping the Huskers not only play with a short field, but also picking up plenty of the scoring load for the offense. Through two games, Nebraska's nine scoring drives by the offense have covered an average of just 46.3 yards (417 total yards/nine drives), including the shortest drive of the year with a two-play, nine-yard drive that took just 36 seconds against Arizona State. That short drive was set up by Lannie Hopkins' blocked punt that was recovered by Demorrio Williams at the ASU 9. It was the second blocked punt of the game by the Huskers, who scored on Scott Shanle's six yard return of a Williams block earlier in the contest. DeJuan Groce added a pair of punt return touchdowns against Troy State to give the special teams three scores in just two weeks to help bolster the offense. The defense and special teams have also helped set up three other scoring drives of less than 30 yards, including a three-play, 25-yard drive against Troy State.

Despite the quick-strike capabilities provided by the defense and special teams, the Huskers have also proven that they can march on sustained drives, including a season-long 16-play, 91-yard drive that took 6:59 in the third quarter against Troy State. NU added a 14-play, 60-yard drive that took 6:43 and resulted in a Josh Brown field goal against the Trojans.

Troy State managed three scoring drives against NU, including a season-long 73-yard drive. TSU added a season-short one-play, six-yard drive that lasted just seven seconds after an NU fumble. Arizona State managed two scoring drives, including a season-long 11-play drive in a season-long 4:42, despite covering just 37 yards. That ASU drive resulted in a field goal.

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
TSU	3	14:11	4:44	33	11.0	1	0
Totals	9	31:35	3:31	75	8.3	2	0
Opp.	5	13:24	2:41	37	7.4	2	1

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

The Huskers have produced eight long plays through their first two games, managing four big plays in each contest. Senior cornerback DeJuan Groce has provided the Huskers with their biggest home run threat, tying an NCAA record by returning two punts for touchdowns in the win over Troy State. Groce's 83-yard return in the second quarter was the longest of his career, and NU's longest play of the season. He added a 72-yard return for a touchdown late in the third quarter for his fourth career punt return touchdown. Josh Davis adds a potent return threat on kickoffs with two long returns so far on the season, including a 32-yard return against Troy State and a 28-yard return against Arizona State. For the season, five of NU's eight long plays have been returns with the fifth coming on Fabian Washington's 29-yard interception return for a score against ASU. Jammal Lord added the first long pass play of the season against Troy State with his 62-yard strike to tight end Jon Bowling. Lord also owns one of NU's two long runs on the year with his 33-yard scamper against Arizona State. I-back Cory Ross owns Nebraska's only other long rush with a 34-yard scoring gallop against the Sun Devils. Opponents have managed four long pass plays, one long run and one long return. Troy State quarterback Hansell Bearden connected with Heyward Skipper on a 60-yard pass for the longest play by an opponent this season. Arizona State's Mike Williams owns the longest run by an opponent with his 34-yard touchdown run. Troy State's Rayshun Reed own the only long return by the opposition with his 32-yard interception return.

Game	Husker Long Plays				Opponent Long Plays			
	Rush	Pass	Ret	Total	Rush	Pass	Ret	Total
ASU	2	0	2	4	1	1	0	2
TSU	0	1	3	4	0	3	1	4
Totals	2	0	2	4	1	1	0	2

► Nebraska in the Red Zone...

Nebraska converted on 3-of-4 red zone opportunities in the win over Troy State, after going a perfect 3-for-3 on chances inside the 20 against Arizona State. For the season, NU is 6-for-7 (.857) inside the red zone with four rushing touchdowns, a passing touchdown and one field goal.

Troy State matched the Huskers by capitalizing on 3-of-4 red zone chances, including a pair of touchdown runs and a field goal. Arizona State was 1-for-2 on chances in the 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.

Game	Scores Inside 20					No Score Inside 20			Half/	Pct.
	Chances	Total	TDs	FGs	MissFGs	TOs	Downs	Gm.		
ASU	3	3	3	0	0	0	0	1	1.00	
TSU	4	3	2	1	0	1	0	0	.750	
Totals	7	6	5	1	0	1	0	0	.857	
Opp.	6	4	2	2	0	1	1	0	.667	

Note: Nebraska has 4 rushing TDs, 1 passing TD and 1 FG in the red zone. Opponents have 2 rushing TDs, 0 passing TDs and 2 FGs in the red zone.

► Quarterback Drive Efficiency *Total Drives Begun as Starting QB

QB	Drives*	Scores	TDs	FG-FGA	Eff.	Red Zone
Lord	22	8	5	3-3	.364	6-7
Stuntz#	4	1	1	0-0	.250	0-0
Totals	26	9	6	3-3	.346	6-7

*Denotes drives started by the quarterback.

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

► Nebraska Points Off Turnovers...

Nebraska posted a plus-one turnover margin for the second straight game by forcing its first fumble of the year to go along with a pair of DeJuan Groce interceptions in the win over Troy State. Groce posted his first interception of the year on TSU's first drive, but NU was not able to convert the turnover into points. Jon Clanton stripped DeWhitt Betterson of the ball three drives later, and Pat Ricketts recovered NU's first fumble of the season later in the first quarter. Groce added his second interception in the final minute of the quarter. Unfortunately, NU was not able to convert any of the TSU miscues into points. NU did convert the only turnover it forced against Arizona State into a touchdown, when true freshman cornerback Fabian Washington raced 29 yards to paydirt on his fourth-quarter interception of ASU's Andy Goodenough. Nebraska committed its first two turnovers of the season against Troy State with an interception and a fumble. The fumble set up Troy State's first touchdown after NU's opening drive of the second half.

Game	TOs		Scores		Turnovers	
	Gained	TDs	FG-FGA	Pts.	(Fumbles/Lost, INT)	
ASU	1 (1 INT)	1	0-0	7	0 (0/0 F/L, 0 INT)	
TSU	3 (1 F, 2 INT)	0	0-0	0	2 (5/1 F/L, 1 INT)	
Totals	4 (1 F, 3 INT)	1	0-0	7	2 (5/1 F/L, 1 INT)	
Opp.	2 (1 F, 1 INT)	1	0-0	7	4 (3/1 F/L, 3 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
TSU	54/199/2	16-8-1/114/0	70/313/2
Opponent	Rush	Pass	Total
ASU	30/83/1	41-17-1/175/0	71/258/1
TSU	41/155/2	29-11-2/192/0	70/347/2

► Husker 100-Yard Rushing Games (1)

Nebraska had its steak of five consecutive games (including 2002 Rose Bowl) with at least one 100-yard individual rusher snapped by Troy State. Jammal Lord led the Huskers with 92 yards on 23 carries to fall just shy of his second straight 100-yard game. 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.

Nebraska did not allow an opposing ballcarrier to eclipse 100 yards for the second straight game. Arizona State's Mike Williams owns the top individual rushing total by an opponent 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 has enjoyed a major field position advantage through the first two games with the Huskers producing an average starting position at their own 39.9 yard line, while holding opponents to an average start at the 26.3, for a +13.6 yards per drive advantage. Against Troy State, Nebraska benefited from a pair of long punt return touchdowns by DeJuan Groce, who scored from 83 and 72 yards to total 155 yards on just two returns. Against Arizona State, the Huskers were aided by 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 against ASU. Nebraska has started eight of its 30 drives beyond its own 40, with all eight coming on the opposition's half of the field. The Huskers have started seven drives inside their own 20, with their worst start coming at their own 3-yard line against Troy State.

On the other side, opponents have managed just four starts beyond their own 40, with a best starting position at the NU 6 by Troy State after a Husker fumble. Three starts, including two by Troy State, have come on Nebraska's side of the field. Kyle Larson has buried the opposition inside their own 20 on four occasions, including three against Troy State. Place-kicker Josh Brown has also played a major role with 11-of-15 kickoffs going for touchbacks, while two of his four others have stuck opponents inside their own 20, including a worst start at the 6-yard line by Arizona State. The best opposing field position off a Brown kickoff came at the 35 after he kicked the ball out of bounds.

	<u>NU Avg. Start</u>	<u>Opp. Avg. Start</u>	<u>Advantage</u>
ASU	41.2 (618/15)	24.3 (340/14)	+16.9
TSU	38.7 (580/15)	28.1 (422/15)	+10.6
Total	39.9 (1,198/30)	26.3 (722/29)	+13.6

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

▶ **Penalty Numbers**

The Huskers have committed very few penalties through their first two games, averaging just 4.5 penalties for 33.5 yards per game. Nebraska was flagged for just three penalties for 25 yards in its win over Troy State, while the Trojans also played well-disciplined football, committing just four penalties for 27 yards. NU was called for six penalties in the win over Arizona State, but was penalized just 42 yards. Arizona State committed five penalties for 63 yards. Of NU's nine penalties on the season, four have been called on the offense (4-31), three on the defense (3-25) and two on the special teams (2-11). Opponents have committed four offensive penalties (4-35), three defensive penalties (3-38) and two special teams infractions (2-17).

	<u>NU Pen.-Yds.</u>	<u>Opp. Pen.-Yds.</u>
ASU	6-42	5-63
TSU	3-25	4-27
Total	9-67	9-90
Average	4.5-33.5	4.5-45.0

▶ **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	58	14 (#51)	2	0-0	62.5%
TSU	54	13 (#51)	0	2-16	55.0%
Totals	112	14 (#51)	2	2-16	

<u>Name</u>	<u>ASU</u>	<u>TSU</u>	<u>Total</u>
Incognito	14	13	27
Erickson	11	12	23
Cody	9	8	17
Garrison	6	7	13
Tagoa'i	10	1	11
Vili Waldrop	3	6	9
Kolterman	1	5	6
Sewell	4	1	5
<u>Povendo</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>
Totals	58	54	112

▶ **Husker Starting Experience**

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

<u>Offensive Starters</u>	<u>'99</u>	<u>'00</u>	<u>'01</u>	<u>'02</u>	<u>Total</u>
Jon Bowling, TE, Sr. (Lincoln, Neb.)	0	0	0	1	1
Wes Cody, OG, Sr. (Fremont, Neb.)	0	0	0	2	2
Thunder Collins, IB, Sr. (Los Angeles, Calif.)	0	0	2	0	2
Judd Davies, FB, Jr. (Omaha, Neb.)	0	0	11	2	13
Dahrran Diedrick, IB, Sr. (Scarborough, Ont.)	0	0	11	2	13
Mike Erickson, OG, So. (Omaha, Neb.)	0	0	0	2	2
John Garrison, C, Sr. (Blue Springs, Mo.)	0	0	12	2	14
Aaron Golliday, TE, Sr. (York, Neb.)	4	3	2	2	11
Troy Hasebroek, WB, Sr. (Lincoln, Neb.)	0	0	0	1	1
Richie Incognito, OT, RFr. (Glendale, Ariz.)	0	0	0	2	2
John Klem, SE, Sr. (Lincoln, Neb.)	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	2	2
Wilson Thomas, SE, Sr. (Omaha, Neb.)	2	2	11	1	16
Dan Vili Waldrop, RT, Jr. (Wilmington, Calif.)	0	0	12	2	14
Totals	6	5	63	22	96

<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	2	18
Willie Amos, FS, Jr. (Sweetwater, Texas)	0	0	6	0	6
Ryon Bingham, NT, Jr. (Sandy, Utah)	0	0	0	2	2
Philip Bland, FS, So. (Lafayette, Colo.)	0	0	3	2	5
Jon Clanton, NT, Sr. (Glendale, Ariz.)	0	0	9	2	11
DeJuan Groce, RCB, Sr. (Garfield Heights, Ohio)	0	2	11	2	15
Chris Kelsay, RE, Sr. (Auburn, Neb.)	1	7	12	2	22
Jason Lohr, NT, Sr. (Tulsa, Okla.)	0	11	3	0	14
Lornell McPherson, LCB, So. (Omaha, Neb.)	0	0	3	2	5
Pat Ricketts, LCB, Jr. (Omaha, Neb.)	0	0	2	2	4
Barrett Ruud, MLB, So. (Lincoln, Neb.)	0	0	0	2	2
Scott Shanle, SLB, Sr. (St. Edward, Neb.)	0	9	9	1	19
Shane Siegel, RCB, RFr. (Grand Island, Neb.)	0	0	0	1	1
Fabian Washington, LCB, Fr. (Bradenton, Fla.)	0	0	0	1	1
Demorrio Williams, WLB, Jr. (Beckville, Texas)	0	0	0	1	1
Totals	1	33	70	22	126

<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	2	33
Sandro DeAngelis, PK, So. (Niagara Falls, Ont.)	0	0	4	0	4
Larson, Kyle, P, Jr., (Funk, Neb.)	0	0	12	2	14
Totals	13	11	24	4	51

Starters Briefly

True Freshmen Starters: 1

Number of Native Nebraskans With Starts: 16

Number of Different Starters on Offense: 15

Number of Different Starters on Defense: 15

Number of Different Starting Kickers: 3

Underclassmen With Starts: 17 (6 offense, 9 defense, 2 kickers)

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

Most Career Starts on Defense: Chris Kelsay, RE (22)

Most Consecutive Starts on Offense: Garrison, C/Vili Waldrop, RT (14)

Most Consecutive Starts on Defense: Chris Kelsay, RE (22)

2002 Husker Depth Chart

(Aug. 27, 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.
 69 Nick Povendo, 6-3, 300, So., Keller, Texas
73 Scott Koethe****, 6-5, 290, Sr., Central City, Neb.**

LG: **78 Mike Erickson***, 6-4, 295, So., Omaha, Neb.
55 Junior Tagoa'i*, 6-2, 285, Jr., Hauula, Hawaii
 75 Brandon Koch, 6-3, 295, RFr., Cozad, Neb.

C: **52 JOHN GARRISON*******, 6-4, 290, Sr., Blue Springs, Mo.**
 79 Josh Sewell, 6-2, 295, Jr., Lincoln, Neb.
 74 David Kolowski, 6-5, 290, Sr., Omaha, Neb.

RG: **59 Wes Cody******, 6-2, 295, Sr., Fremont, Neb.**
73 Scott Koethe****, 6-5, 290, Sr., Central City, Neb.**
-OR- 71 Jake Andersen, 6-1, 300, So., Littleton, Colo.

RT: **68 DAN VILI WALDROP******, 6-5, 325, Jr., Wilmington, Calif.**
67 Nate Kolterman****, 6-3, 310, Sr., Seward, Neb.**
 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 Kastl****, 5-10, 235, Sr., Lincoln, Neb.**
6 DeAntae Grixby****, 5-8, 205, Jr., Omaha, Neb.**

IB: **30 DAHRRAN DIEDRICK*******, 6-0, 225, Sr., Scarborough, Ontario**
-AND- **1 Thunder Collins******, 6-2, 200, Sr., Los Angeles, Calif.**
 22 Cory Ross, 5-6, 210, RFr., Denver, Colo.
-OR- **25 Josh Davis***, 5-11, 205, Jr., Loveland, 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)**
21 Robin Miller*, I-back, 5-11, 215, Jr., Kent, Wash. (knee scope 8/17)
73 Jared Helming, NT, 6-3, 295, RFr., Springfield, Mo. (torn left ACL)

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.
-OR- 96 Titus Adams, 6-3, 285, RFr., Omaha, Neb.

DT: **55 JON CLANTON*******, 6-2, 285, Sr., Glendale, Ariz.**
-OR- **94 Patrick Kabongo******, 6-6, 315, Jr., Montreal, Quebec**
97 Seppo Ewvaraye, DT, 6-5, 315, RFr., Laurel, 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.
 54 Chad Sievers, 6-3, 225, So., Valley, Neb.
42 Steve Safranek*, 6-2, 245, Jr., Omaha, Neb.
 35 Curt Tomasevicz, 6-0, 220, Jr., Shelby, Neb.

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

LCB: **28 Pat Ricketts******, 5-11, 180, Jr., Omaha, Neb.**
-OR- **1 Lornell McPherson***, 5-9, 180, So., Omaha, Neb.
 3 Fabian Washington, 6-0, 175, Fr., Bradenton, Fla.
 6 Rodney Burgess, 6-0, 180, Sr., Del Ray Beach, 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.
4 Terrell Butler*, 5-10, 195, Jr., Austell, Ga.
-OR- 29 Kellen Huston, 5-11, 190, So., Ankeny, Iowa

Kickers

P: **19 KYLE LARSON***, 6-0, 200, Jr., Funk, Neb.
26 JOSH BROWN*****, 6-2, 200, Sr., Foyil, Okla.**

PK: **26 JOSH BROWN*******, 6-2, 200, Sr., Foyil, Okla.**
22 Sandro DeAngelis*, 5-8, 190, So., Niagara Falls, Ontario

KO: **26 JOSH BROWN*******, 6-2, 200, Sr., Foyil, Okla.**
22 Sandro DeAngelis*, 5-8, 190, So., Niagara Falls, Ontario

Specialists

Holder: **11 Joe Chrisman*******, 2 Ross Pilkington**
Long Snapper (Punts): **52 JOHN GARRISON*******, 51 Richie Incognito**
PAT/FG Snapper: **74 David Kolowski, 52 JOHN GARRISON*****
Punt Returns: **5 DeJuan Groce*******, 81 Ben Cornelsen****
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.