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Game 7



Nebraska
(5-1, 2-1)

vs.



Missouri
(4-2, 2-1)

► Huskers-Tigers Briefly

Date: Saturday, Oct. 22, 2005

Time: 11:40 a.m.

Site: Columbia, Mo.

Stadium: Memorial Stadium/Faurot Field

Capacity: 68,349

Surface: FieldTurf

Nebraska Radio: (Jim Rose—Play-by-Play; Adrian Fiala—Analyst; Randy Lee—Booth; Matt Davison—Sideline)
55-station Pinnacle Sports Network

TV: FSN Regional Cable (Bill Land, Play-by-Play; Dave Lapham, Color; John Rhadigan, Sidelines)

Internet: Live Radio on Huskers.com

Satellite Radio: Sirius Satellite Radio, Channel 126

Series Record: Nebraska leads, 62-33-3

Last Meeting: Nebraska 24, Missouri 3, Oct. 30, 2004, in Lincoln

This Week in Husker Football

Monday, Oct. 17

11:50 a.m.Coach Callahan on Big 12 Teleconference

Tuesday, Oct. 18

Weekly Press Conference

11 a.m.Lunch

11:30 a.m.-Noon Player Interviews

Noon Head Coach Bill Callahan

12:20-1:15 p.m. Player Interviews

3:45-6 p.m. Practice (Interviews after practice)

Wednesday, Oct. 19

3:30-5:45 p.m. Practice (Interviews after practice)

Thursday, Oct. 20

3:40-5:25 p.m. Practice (Coach Callahan available)

6:05 p.m. Radio Show (Phil Elmassian)

Friday, Oct. 21

6:50 a.m. Big Red Breakfast (Scott Downing)

..... Depart for Columbia

..... Walk-Thru (No Media)

Saturday, Oct. 22

11:40 a.m. Kickoff at Missouri (FSN)

Huskers, Mizzou Square Off in Key North Division Battle

Nebraska will hit the road for the second consecutive week, traveling to Columbia, Mo., to take on the Tigers in a crucial Big 12 North Division matchup. The Huskers and Missouri enter Saturday's game tied for the Big 12 North lead with Colorado at 2-1 in conference play. The NU-Mizzou game will be televised on a regional basis by FSN with kickoff set for 11:40 a.m. at MU's Faurot Field.

Both Nebraska and Missouri come into the game after key conference wins last Saturday. The Huskers improved to 5-1 overall by picking up a 23-14 win at Baylor in their first road game of the season. Meanwhile, Missouri snared its second straight Big 12 victory by knocking off Iowa State, 27-24, in overtime in Columbia.

Nebraska will enter Saturday's game hoping a victory will catapult the Huskers into the national rankings for the first time since the close of the 2003 season. The Huskers were just outside the AP poll this week, picking up the 26th-most points in the poll, just five points behind No. 25 Cal. The Huskers also ranked among the leaders in others receiving votes in the coaches poll and are ranked 24th in this week's Harris Poll. Nebraska gathered enough points to also rank 26th in the AP poll before its loss to Texas Tech.

The Huskers have a decided edge in the series between the two schools, including victories in 25 of the past 26 meetings. However, Missouri knocked off 10th-ranked NU, 41-24, in the Huskers' last visit to Columbia in 2003.

Huskers Victorious in First Road Test of 2005

Nebraska used a balanced offense and strong play by the defense and special teams to improve to 5-1 with a 23-14 win at Baylor on Saturday. In its first road game of the season in front of 40,857 fans at Floyd Casey Stadium, including an estimated 8,000 red-clad Husker fans, the Huskers knocked off a Baylor squad that entered the game with a 4-1 record.

Quarterback **Zac Taylor** led NU to scores on four of its first five drives to produce 20 unanswered points after the Bears took an early 7-0 lead. Taylor finished the night 18-of-32 with two touchdowns and no interceptions through the air, while adding a career-best 30 rushing yards on five carries. Taylor connected with **Terrence Nunn** and **Todd**

2005 Nebraska Football Schedule/Results

Day	Date	Opponent	Time/Result	TV	Series	Last Meeting (Site)/Notes
Sat.	Sept. 3	Maine	W, 25-7	PPV	NU, 1-0	NU's 20th straight win in a season opener; School-record 11 sacks for Blackshirts
Sat.	Sept. 10	Wake Forest	W, 31-3	TBS	NU, 2-0	NU sets school record with three defensive touchdowns, two INT return TDs
Sat.	Sept. 17	Pittsburgh	W, 7-6	ABC	Pitt, 15-6-3	Two blocked field goals, strong defense and punting key third straight win vs. Pitt
Sat.	Oct. 1	Iowa State#	W, 27-20(2OT)	ABC	NU, 82-16-2	NU improves to 4-0 all-time in OT games; Taylor throws for school-record 431 yards
Sat.	Oct. 8	Texas Tech#	L, 34-31	TBS	NU, 7-2	Raider TD with 12 seconds left thwarts NU comeback/Glenn, Nunn 2 TDs each
Sat.	Oct. 15	at Baylor#	W, 23-14	FSN PPV	NU, 9-1	Huskers control ball for more than 22 minutes in 2nd half/Defense, 4 sacks, 3 TOs
Sat.	Oct. 22	at Missouri#	11:40 a.m.	FSN	NU, 62-33-3	NU, 24-3, 2004 (Lincoln)/NU has held Mizzou to 13 points or fewer in 7 of past 10 games
Sat.	Oct. 29	Oklahoma#	11 a.m.	ABC	OU, 41-37-3	OU, 30-3, 2004 (Norman)/NU winner of six straight over OU at Memorial Stadium
Sat.	Nov. 5	at Kansas#	TBA		NU, 87-21-3	NU, 14-8, 2004 (Lincoln)/Huskers have won 36 straight over KU since 1968
Sat.	Nov. 12	Kansas State#	TBA		NU, 72-15-2	KSU, 45-21, 2004 (Manhattan)/Winner has scored at least 29 points in last 10 games
Fri.	Nov. 25	at Colorado#	2:30 p.m.	ABC	NU, 44-17-2	CU, 26-20, 2004 (Lincoln)/Huskers 5-1-1 in last seven meetings in Boulder

All times Central and subject to change; # Big 12 Conference games

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Huskers.com**Weekly Football Press Conference**

Nebraska will hold its regular weekly press conferences on Tuesdays throughout the 2005 season.

The press conferences are held in the Don Bryant Media Facility on Level 6 of West Stadium and will begin with lunch at 11 a.m. Volleyball Coach John Cook will address the media at 11:15 a.m., with selected players available at 11:30 a.m. Head Coach Bill Callahan will speak to the media at Noon, and selected players will be available following Callahan.

Each press conference will be available via teleconference and selected conferences will be carried on satellite. Quotes will be transcribed and posted by mid-afternoon on Huskers.com, while edited sound bites are available on NebraskaNet.com. The teleconferences are also carried live on HuskersNSide.com. Media wishing to participate in the teleconference should contact the Media Relations office at (402) 472-2263 for more information. The toll-free number for the teleconference is (877) 229-1563 and media can acquire the weekly passcode by calling the Media Relations office.

Media wishing to speak to request interviews with Nebraska players at Tuesday's press luncheon should contact Andy Anderson or David Graff in the Media Relations Office by 2 p.m. on Monday.

Huskers Successful in Road Opener

The win at Baylor marked Nebraska's third straight victory in a road opener, including a 24-17 victory at Pitt last season after a 38-14 win at Southern Miss in 2003. Overall, Nebraska has won 11 of its last 13 road openers dating back to 1993.

The Huskers' 23-14 win ended a three-game slide in Big 12 road openers. The Huskers had lost consecutive conference road openers at Iowa State (2002), at Missouri (2003) and at Texas Tech (2004). The win in Waco also ended a four-game road losing streak for the Huskers.

Huskers in the 2005 Polls

Date	A	C	H	Results
Pre.	RV	RV		def. Maine, 25-7
9-5	—	—		def. Wake, 31-3
9-11	—	—		def. Pitt, 7-6
9-18	—	—	RV	idle
9-25	—	RV	RF	def. ISU, 27-20
10-2	RV	RV	25	lost to Tech, 34-31
10-9	RV	RV	RV	def. Baylor, 23-14
10-16	RV	RV	24	

A=Associated Press; C-Coaches; H-Harris

Peterson on touchdown passes to power the Husker victory. Nunn's four-yard grab was his third touchdown catch in the last two games, while Peterson's 21-yard scoring strike on NU's opening drive of the second half marked his first career catch.

Baylor opened the scoring with a long march to open the game, but the 7:21 scoring drive would be the Bears' only sustained drive of the night, as Nebraska controlled the line of scrimmage and the clock the rest of the night. Nebraska sliced Baylor's lead to 7-3 near the end of the first period on a career-long 41-yard field goal by **Jordan Congdon**, the first of three field goals for the true freshman.

Nebraska took the lead for good with 5:09 to play in the second quarter on Taylor's four-yard scoring pass to Nunn, putting the Huskers ahead 10-7. The score was set up by a career-long 48-yard punt return by **Cortney Grixby** that positioned NU at the Baylor 9-yard line. Nebraska extended its lead to 13-7 at the half on Congdon's 29-yard field goal with 22 seconds remaining before intermission.

The Huskers continued to pound the Baylor defense after halftime. Nebraska ran the ball on its first eight plays after halftime, before Taylor connected with Peterson on a 21-yard touchdown to push the lead to 20-7. The reception was the first of Peterson's Nebraska career. Baylor got back into the game with a 52-yard scoring play with 6:19 remaining in the third quarter. Shawn Bell connected with Trent Shelton on a 51-yard pass, before Shelton fumbled at the NU 1, however Dominique Zeigler fell on the ball in the end zone for a touchdown.

Baylor was unable to scare the Huskers the rest of the way. After Congdon closed the scoring with his third field goal with 9:21 to play, the NU defense and power running game took over. Nebraska took the ball away from Baylor on its final three possessions, including a fumble recovery and 33-yard return by Grixby, and interceptions by **Zack Bowman** and **Daniel Bullocks**. The Nebraska offense took care of killing the clock, controlling the ball for 22:22 in the second half and 37:12 on the night.

NU produced 350 yards of total offense, including a season-high 182 rushing yards. **Cory Ross** led NU's ground game with 26 carries for 93 yards. Nebraska held Baylor to 253 yards, including 51 on the ground. The Huskers had four sacks on the night, two each from senior nose tackle **Le Kevin Smith** and freshman defensive end **Barry Turner**.

Noting Game Six... Nebraska 23, Baylor 14

► The Huskers improved to 9-1 all-time against Baylor, including 3-0 against the Bears in Waco. The victory was Nebraska's third straight in a road opener after winning at Southern Miss in 2003 and at Pittsburgh in 2004. The victory ended a three-game losing streak in Big 12 road openers, including losses at Iowa State in 2002, at Missouri in 2003 and at Texas Tech in 2004. The win also snapped a four-game road losing streak dating back to last season.

► Nebraska limited Baylor to 51 rushing yards, including minus-11 yards rushing in the first half and minus-26 rushing yards in the second quarter. The Huskers have limited four opponents to less than 100 yards rushing this season, including each of the past three games. Maine was held to minus-6 yards in the season opener, while Iowa State had 57 yards rushing and Texas Tech managed just 44 rushing yards.

► The Nebraska defense recorded four sacks, giving the Huskers a nation-leading 34 sacks in six games this season. Nebraska has had at least four sacks in all six games.

► The Nebraska offense piled up a season-high 83 snaps and controlled the football for 37:12. After Baylor held the ball for 7:21 on the opening drive of the game, the Bears held the ball for just 15:27 the remainder of the game. Nebraska had the ball for 22:22 in the second half, including 12:14 in the fourth quarter. The last time the Huskers controlled the football longer was 39:45 against Penn State in the third game of the 2003 season.

► Nebraska senior I-back **Cory Ross** caught three passes against Baylor, giving him 21 this season and 49 in his career. Ross' 49 career receptions moved him into the top 25 on Nebraska's career receptions list. Ross' 21 receptions this season match his total of 21 receptions in 2004.

► Ross carried the ball 26 times for 93 yards, pushing his career rushing total to 2,410 yards, pushing Ross within 163 yards of the top 10 on Nebraska's career rushing list.

► Nebraska sophomore wide receiver **Terrence Nunn** caught a second-quarter touchdown, his third in the past two games after he caught a pair of second-half touchdowns against Texas Tech. The touchdowns are the first three of Nunn's career.

► Nunn finished with five receptions for 49 yards. Nunn has caught 16 passes in Nebraska's past three games, including a career-high eight against Iowa State, and leads the team with 22 catches this season.

► NU redshirt freshman wide receiver **Todd Peterson** made the most of his first career reception, grabbing a 21-yard touchdown pass on Nebraska's initial possession of the second half.

NU-Baylor Stat Wrap

Team Stats	NU	BU
First Downs	25	16
Rushes-Yards	51-182	23-51
Passes	18-32-0	17-31-2
Passing Yards	168	202
Total Offense	350	253
Turnovers	1	3
Sacks by	4-32	0

NU Rushing Leader

Cory Ross—26 carries, 93 yards

Cody Glenn—12 carries, 41 yards

NU Passing Leader

Zac Taylor—32-18-0, 168 yards, 2 TD

NU Receiving Leaders

Terrence Nunn—5 receptions, 49 yards, 1 TD

Todd Peterson—1 reception, 21 yards, 1 TD

NU Defensive Leaders

Barry Turner—4 tackles, 3-17 TFL; 2-15 sacks

Le Kevin Smith—3 tackles, 2-17 sacks

Cortney Grixby—2 tackles, 2 PBU, 1-33 FR

NU Special Teams Leaders

Cortney Grixby—4-60 punt returns; long 48

Jordan Congdon—3-3 field goals, long, 41

2005 Big 12 Standings

North Division

Team	Records		Next Game
	Overall	Big 12	
Nebraska	5-1	2-1	at Missouri 10/22
Colorado	4-2	2-1	vs. Kansas 10/22
Missouri	4-2	2-1	vs. Nebraska 10/22
Kansas State	4-2	1-2	vs. Texas A&M 10/22
Iowa State	3-3	0-3	vs. Oklahoma St. 10/22
Kansas	3-3	0-3	at Colorado 10/22

South Division

Texas	6-0	3-0	vs. Texas Tech 10/22
Texas Tech	6-0	3-0	at Texas 10/22
Texas A&M	4-2	2-1	at Kansas State 10/22
Oklahoma	3-3	2-1	vs. Baylor 10/22
Baylor	4-2	1-2	at Oklahoma 10/22
Oklahoma St.	3-3	0-3	at Iowa State 10/22

2005 Nebraska Non-Conference Opponents

Team	Record-Next Game
Maine	2-4, vs. UMass 10/22
Wake Forest	2-5, vs. NC State 10/22
Pittsburgh	3-4, vs. Syracuse 10/22

Last Week's Opponent/Big 12 Results

Nebraska 23, Baylor 14
 Missouri 27, Iowa State 24 (ot)
 Texas 42, Colorado 17
 Oklahoma 19, Kansas 3
 Texas Tech 59, Kansas State 20
 Texas A&M 62, Oklahoma State 23
 Boston College 35, Wake Forest 30
 Pittsburgh 31, South Florida 17
 Hofstra 44, Maine 0

2005 Missouri Schedule

Date	Opponent	Result
9/3	vs. Arkansas State	W, 44-17
9/10	New Mexico	L, 35-45
9/17	Troy	W, 52-21
10/1	Texas	L, 20-51
10/8	at Oklahoma State	W, 38-31
10/15	Iowa State	W, 27-24 (ot)
10/22	Nebraska	11:40 a.m.
10/29	at Kansas	
11/5	at Colorado	
11/12	Baylor	
11/19	at Kansas State	

Nebraska-Missouri Notes

- ▶ The Victory Bell will be on the line Saturday. The two teams have played for the bell every year since 1927, with Nebraska leading 48-28-2. Nebraska's Innocents Society started the exchange of the bell and the bell is kept by either Nebraska's Innocents Society or the QEBH Society at the University of Missouri. The victory bell is mounted on a wooden stand with scores engraved on plates.
- ▶ The Huskers have two players from the state of Missouri, including senior offensive lineman Jared Helming (Springfield, Kickapoo HS) and freshman wide receiver Chris Brooks (St. Louis, Hazelwood East HS).
- ▶ Nebraska has won 13 of the last 14 matchups in Columbia. Before 2003, NU's last loss in Columbia was a 13-12 setback in 1973, when the Huskers were ranked No. 2 and the Tigers came into the contest ranked No. 12.
- ▶ The Huskers' 45-38 win in Columbia on Matt Davison's miracle catch was the first overtime contest in Nebraska history.
- ▶ In 2001, quarterback Eric Crouch recorded the longest run from scrimmage and longest scoring run in Nebraska history with a 95-yard scamper. It was his signature play in his bid to become Nebraska's third Heisman Trophy winner.

Scouting the Missouri Tigers



Nebraska hits the road for the second straight Saturday when it takes on the Missouri Tigers in a key Big 12 North matchup in Columbia, Mo., this weekend. The Huskers enter the contest tied with MU in the North Division standings with a 2-1 league mark. NU and MU are joined atop the leader board with Colorado, which plays host to Kansas on Saturday.

The Huskers will face their second potent offense in three weeks when they take on the Tigers. MU enters the weekend ranked among the national leaders in several offensive categories, including rushing offense (235.8 ypg, 11th), total offense (476.3 ypg, 14th) and scoring offense (36.0 ppg, 19th). The Tigers also rank first in the league and fourth nationally in punt returns.

Leading the Mizzou offense this season is senior quarterback Brad Smith. A multiple-threat quarterback, Smith ranks 18th nationally and first in the Big 12 with 103.2 rushing yards per game and is seventh in the league with 194.5 passing yards per game and a pass efficiency of 122.0.

Smith, who is third in the Big 12 Conference in total offense at nearly 300 yards per game, suffered a concussion in last week's overtime victory against Iowa State. Following the injury midway through the fourth quarter, he was replaced by freshman Chase Daniel, who led Missouri on two scoring drives in the final five minutes to tie the game. The Tiger defense shut out ISU in the overtime and MU kicked a field goal to win 27-24.

Daniel has played in five games and has completed 25-of-41 pass attempts for 246 yards and one touchdown, a 4-yard pass to Sean Coffey with 20 seconds remaining in regulation against the Cyclones. Coffey is one of five Tigers with at least 20 receptions this year, including Chase Coffman who has a team-high 24 catches for 266 yards.

Defensively, the Tigers have allowed 31.5 points per game this season to rank last in the Big 12 Conference and 100th nationally. MU is giving up 391.7 yards per game, including 171.8 yards on the ground. The Tigers have recorded 11 turnovers, but have turned the ball over 13 times, including losing 8-of-10 fumbles this year. Opponents have fumbled 18 times but have lost the ball only seven times.

Missouri's safeties have led the defense as strong safety David Overstreet has a team-high 56 tackles while free safety Jason Simpson is second in tackles (50) and leads the team with eight pass breakups. Up front, defensive end Brian Smith has applied the most pressure on opposing offenses with 39 tackles, including 11 for a loss and his 5.5 sacks rank third in the conference.

The Tigers will try to set up a short field with their punt return unit, which ranks fourth nationally at 21.2 yards per return. Four Tigers have returned at least one punt this year with Earl Goldsmith and Marcus Woods each bringing back four returns. Woods leads the way with 176 punt return yards for an average of 44.0 yards per return. He has taken one back for a 76-yard touchdown, which is more return yardage than the rest of the Tigers combined.

Place-kicker Adam Crossett has hit 9-of-12 field-goal attempts and connected on 21-of-23 extra point tries. Crossett has connected on 3-of-4 attempts of 40 or more yards, including a season-best 45 yarder.

Missouri Coach Gary Pinkel

Gary Pinkel is in his fifth year guiding the Tiger program and 15th as a collegiate head coach. Pinkel owns a 26-27 record at Missouri, including a 1-3 record vs. Nebraska, and is looking for his 100th career win this weekend as he holds a 99-64-3 career mark.

Pinkel spent 10 seasons guiding Toledo to 73 victories, including five conference or division titles. His teams have won at least eight games in a season five times, including once at Missouri (2003, 8-5). Pinkel spent seven years as an offensive coordinator at Washington before taking over the head job at Toledo in 1991. He also served eight seasons as an assistant coach at Washington and two years at Bowling Green.

Nebraska-Missouri Series...99th All-Time Meeting...Nebraska Leads 62-33-3

The Huskers and Tigers are meeting for the 99th time in the Huskers' third-longest running series. Only the Kansas (112th game this year) and Iowa State (100th) series are longer.

Nebraska recorded a 1-0 forfeit victory in the first scheduled meeting in 1892, but lost the first two times the teams met on the field over the next two years. NU then won 12 of the next 13 and has cruised to a 62-33-3 series advantage. Nebraska has won 25 of the last 26 matchups, including 24 straight until a Missouri victory in 2003.

Nebraska-Missouri Statistical Comparison

Category	Nebraska (5-1, 2-1 Big 12)			Missouri (4-2, 2-1 Big 12)		
	Avg.	Big 12	Natl.	Avg.	Big 12	Natl.
Rushing Offense	128.0	9th	74th	235.8	3rd	11th
Passing Offense	204.5	7th	76th	240.5	4th	42nd
Total Offense	332.5	8th	87th	476.3	4th	14th
Scoring Offense	24.0	8th	77th	36.0	4th	19th
Rushing Defense	65.0	1st	1st	171.8	11th	89th
Pass Defense	224.2	8th	62nd	219.8	5th	56th
Pass Efficiency Defense	111.6	4th	29th	131.4	11th	86th
Total Defense	289.2	2nd	12th	391.7	10th	77th
Scoring Defense	14.0	1st	t-7th	31.5	12th	100th
Net Punting	38.8	3rd	12th	30.4	12th	103rd
Punt Returns	15.3	2nd	13th	21.2	1st	4th
Kickoff Returns	20.4	9th	66th	20.7	8th	64th
Turnover Margin	(-0.2)	7th	t-66th	(-0.3)	10th	t-79th

bold indicates top-25 national ranking

Callahan as a Head Coach Year-by-Year

Year	Record	Pct.	Postseason
Nebraska			
2004	5-6	.455	None
2005	5-1	.833	
Totals	10-7	.588	
Oakland Raiders			
2002	13-6	.684	2-1; Won AFC Championship, lost to Tampa Bay in Super Bowl XXXVII
2003	4-12	.250	None
NFL Totals	17-18	.486	One playoff appearance

From the Super Bowl to Campus

Five coaches have taken a collegiate head coaching job after previously guiding their team to a Super Bowl appearance. In addition to Callahan, Bobby Ross is in his second year back in the college ranks, after taking over at Army last year.

Coach	NFL Team	Super Bowls	College (Year)
Bill Callahan	Oakland	XXXVII	Nebraska (2004)
Bobby Ross	San Diego	XXIX	Army (2004)
Bill Walsh	San Fran.	XVI, XIX, XXII	Stanford (1992)
Forrest Gregg	Cincinnati	XVI	SMU (1989)
George Allen	Washington	VII	Long Beach State (1990)

Huskers Under Callahan

Overall	10-7
vs. AP Ranked Teams	1-2
vs. AP Top 10 Teams	0-1
vs. Unranked Teams	9-5
vs. Big 12 Teams	5-6
When Rushing for 200 or more yards	2-2
When Rushing for 300 or more yards	1-0
When passing for 200 or more yards	2-4
When passing for 300 or more yards	2-1
When NU player rushes for 100 Yards	5-3
When NU has two 100-yard rushers in same game ..	1-0
When Opponent has 100 Yd. Rusher	1-2
When Scoring 35 or More Points	2-0
When Hold Opp. to 10 Pts. or less	5-0
When Nebraska scores first	7-0
When Nebraska leads at halftime	9-0
When Nebraska trails at halftime	0-7
When Nebraska is tied at halftime	1-0
Record in games decided by 11 points or more	5-3
Record in games decided by 10 or less	5-4
Record in games decided by 7 or less	4-4
Record in games decided by 3 or less	1-1
Record in overtime games	1-0

Callahan Continuing NU Walk-on Tradition

Nebraska Head Coach **Bill Callahan** has embraced a number of Husker traditions in his two years at the helm of the program. At the top of that list is continuing Nebraska's storied walk-on program, and rewarding the players who come to Lincoln without a scholarship.

The week of the season opener Callahan announced that four Huskers—junior wide receiver **Grant Mulkey**, senior wide receiver **Matt Schroeder**, senior defensive back **Joey Robison** and junior long snapper **Lane Kelly**—had been placed on scholarship.

The four walk-ons added to scholarship pushed the total of former walk-ons Callahan has put on scholarship to 11 since his arrival in January of 2004. Of that group, eight were native Nebraskans, two hailed from Iowa and Mulkey came to Nebraska from Texas.

Earlier this summer, Callahan placed senior safety **Blake Tiedtke** and junior offensive lineman **Newton Lingenfelter** on scholarship. Tiedtke has since earned a Blackshirt and a starting spot on the defense.

Nebraska Head Coach Bill Callahan

Coach **Bill Callahan** (Illinois Benedictine, 1978) is in his second season as the head coach of the Nebraska football program and owns a 10-7 record at Nebraska. Callahan is the 27th head coach in Husker history, taking the reins of the program in January of 2004.

Callahan came to Nebraska after two seasons as the head coach of the Oakland Raiders. He guided Oakland to the AFC Championship and Super Bowl XXXVII in his rookie season as a head coach in 2002, and compiled a 17-18 overall record as the Raiders' head man.

Callahan is one of five coaches to take a collegiate head coaching job after previously guiding a team to a Super Bowl appearance. Army Head Coach Bobby Ross is also active in the college ranks, while George Allen, Forrest Gregg and Bill Walsh previously led teams to the Super Bowl and returned to the college game.

The 49-year-old Callahan spent nine years in the National Football League, beginning his pro coaching career with the Philadelphia Eagles from 1995 to 1997. He served as an assistant with the Raiders for four seasons from 1998 to 2001, before taking over the top job in Oakland in 2002.

Callahan had extensive experience at the collegiate level before taking the job at Nebraska. Before moving into the professional ranks, Callahan served as the offensive line coach at Wisconsin for five seasons and also had assistant coaching stints at Illinois, Northern Arizona and Southern Illinois. Overall, Callahan is in his 28th year in the coaching profession. In addition to his nine years in the National Football League and 15 previous seasons as a collegiate assistant, Callahan was an assistant coach for two seasons in the Illinois prep ranks in 1978 and 1979.

Callahan has Midwest roots, as he is a native of Chicago. He earned his bachelor's degree from Illinois Benedictine in 1978. He was an NAIA honorable-mention All-America selection as a quarterback in each of his final two seasons.

**Nebraska Staff Features Minor Adjustments for 2005 Season**

The coaching staff Bill Callahan has assembled at Nebraska has a championship background, both on the collegiate and professional level. There is only one change on the 2005 staff as **Ted Gilmore** is serving as Nebraska's receivers coach after spending the previous two seasons on the Colorado coaching staff. Gilmore has also coached wideouts at Purdue, Houston, Kansas and his alma mater, Wyoming. In addition to adding Gilmore to the staff, Callahan also made a minor adjustment to the defensive staff prior to spring football. Bill Busch moved from coaching the outside linebackers to tutoring Nebraska's safeties, while secondary coach Phil Elmassian now focuses on the cornerbacks. Defensive coordinator Kevin Cosgrove now coaches all three Husker linebacker positions.

Gilmore's strong coaching background adds to an impressive staff that has had success at all levels, both on the field and on the recruiting trail.

► Callahan's coaching staff features four coaches who have either played or coached in the Super Bowl. Callahan and Norvell coached in Super Bowl XXXVII with Oakland, and running backs coach Randy Jordan was a player on that team. John Blake was part of the Dallas Cowboys Super Bowl championship teams in both 1993 and 1995.

► In addition to the NFL success of the coaches, Callahan's staff has a history of winning championships at the collegiate level. Members of the Nebraska coaching staff have been part of teams that have captured league titles in each of the following conferences—Atlantic Coast, Big Ten, Mid-American, Mountain West, Pac-10 and Western Athletic.

► The staff has recruiting ties in nearly every part of the United States. Recruiting analyst Tom Lemming compiled a list of the 10 best recruiters in college history in 2001. Callahan was included on the list although he had been out of the college ranks for six years at that time. Defensive line coach John Blake was recognized by Rivals.com as one of the nation's top recruiters in 2005.

Callahan Has Busy Summer of Charity Events

In addition to spending his summer readying for the 2005 campaign, Head Coach Bill Callahan also took time to take part in numerous public events, including two charity events.

The second Football 101 for Women took place on June 6 in Lincoln, with more than 1,100 participants learning more about the game of football. Attendees opened the day with tours of Memorial Stadium. The evening included demonstrations on officiating, football uniforms, as well as nutrition and strength training for Husker players. Football 101 concluded with participants breaking into beginning, intermediate and advanced groups to learn more about the X's and O's of the game from members of the Husker staff. The second annual Football 101 for Women raised nearly \$50,000 to benefit the National Breast Cancer Foundation.

Callahan and his wife, Valerie, also spearheaded Coach Callahan's Fun Run/Walk for Resources on Saturday, Aug. 20. Coach Callahan was the starter for the race and also welcomed the winners to the finish line on Stadium Drive. The event raised funds for Juvenile Diabetes and the University Libraries.

In addition to the charity events, Callahan also took part in the Husker Nation Tour, Nebraska's annual Fan Day and was the featured speaker at the Make-a-Wish Foundation's Red Tie Dinner in Lincoln in late July.

Nebraska Football Notables

- ▶ Five national championships (1970, 1971, 1994, 1995, 1997)
- ▶ 43 conference championships
- ▶ Three Heisman trophies, eight Outland trophies, four Lombardi awards
- ▶ 106 All-Americans
- ▶ Nation-leading 83 academic All-Americans
- ▶ NCAA-record 273 consecutive sellouts in Memorial Stadium
- ▶ 791 all-time victories—third in NCAA
- ▶ 42 all-time bowl appearances—fourth in NCAA
- ▶ 120-11 home record in last 19 seasons (since 1986)

NU Streaks...The Huskers have...

- ▶ won 96 straight when rushing for 400 yards
- ▶ won 115 consecutive games when holding the opponent to 10 or fewer points (223-5-1 all-time)
- ▶ scored in 119 consecutive games
- ▶ scored in 239 straight home games
- ▶ shut out opponents 102 times

Big 12 Conference POW Nominees

Game	Offense	Defense	Special Teams
Maine	Hardy	Ruud	Congdon
Wake	Ross	Bullocks	Tiedtke
Pitt	Ross	Carriker	S. Koch
Iowa St.	Taylor	Moore	none
Tech	Nunn	Moore	Robison
Baylor	Mann	Grixby	Congdon

Mizzou
Oklahoma
Kansas
K-State
Colorado

Bold indicates winner

Huskers on Watch Lists

Daniel Bullocks, Sr., SS

Lott Trophy Watch List (Impact Defensive Player)

Cory Ross, Sr., IB

Doak Walker Award Watch List

Sam Koch, Sr., P

Ray Guy Award Watch List

Kurt Mann, Jr., C

Lombardi Award Watch List

Rimington Trophy Watch List

Adam Carriker, Jr., DE

Lombardi Award Watch List

Le Kevin Smith, Sr., NT

Lombardi Award Watch List

Huskers, Tigers in NCAA Rankings

Nebraska

Team

Rushing Defense, 65.0 ypg (1st)

Total Defense, 289.2 ypg (12th)

Scoring Defense, 14.0 ppg (7th)

Net Punting, 38.8 ypp (12th)

Punt Returns, 15.3 ypr (13th)

Individual

Sam Koch, Punting, 43.8 ypp (18th)

Terrence Nunn, Punt Returns, 27.6 ypr (2nd)

Jordan Congdon, Field Goals, 1.83 pg (7th)

Missouri

Team

Rushing Offense, 235.8 ypg (11th)

Total Offense, 476.3 ypg (14th)

Scoring Offense, 36.0 ppg (19th)

Punt Returns, 21.2 ypr (4th)

Individual

Brad Smith, Rushing, 103.2 ypg (18th)

Brad Smith, Total Offense, 297.7 ypg (15th)

Adam Crossett, Field Goals, 1.5 pg (25th)

NU-Baylor Notes Continued from page 2

▶ Nebraska sophomore **Cortney Grixby** had a 48-yard punt return in the second quarter to the Baylor 9 to set up a touchdown that gave Nebraska a 10-7 lead. The return was a career-long for Grixby, bettering his 23-yard return against Texas Tech in the previous game. Grixby also had a 33-yard fumble return in the fourth quarter, broke up a pair of passes and had his first career interception nullified by a roughing the passer penalty.

▶ Nebraska freshman place-kicker **Jordan Congdon** was 3-of-3 on field goals, including a career-long 41-yarder in the first quarter. Congdon is now 11-of-14 on the season, just three field goals from the NU frosh record.

▶ Baylor took the opening drive for an 81-yard touchdown, gaining 76 yards of total offense on that drive. After that, the Nebraska defense stiffened, as Baylor gained just 35 yards the remainder of the first half.

▶ Nebraska senior punter **Sam Koch** had four punts for a 45.2-yard average. Koch did not punt in the first half, punted only once last week against Texas Tech, and did not have a punt in the fourth quarter of the Iowa State game, giving NU a span of seven quarters with just one punt which ended with Koch's 55-yard punt midway through the third quarter.

▶ Nebraska senior **Daniel Bullocks** nabbed his eighth career interception and first of 2005 in the fourth quarter, moving him within two interceptions of the top 10 on the NU career list.

▶ Nebraska junior cornerback **Zack Bowman** snared his first career interception in the fourth quarter.

▶ Nebraska freshman **Barry Turner** registered career highs with two sacks (15 yards) and three tackles-for-loss, while senior **Le Kevin Smith** racked up a pair of sacks for the second time in 2005. Smith also had two sacks in the opener against Maine.

Big Plays Help NU Against Tigers

Nebraska's 24-3 victory over Missouri last year in Lincoln was sealed on Cory Ross' 86-yard fourth-quarter touchdown run that gave Nebraska a three-touchdown advantage.

That long play continued Nebraska's recent trend of producing big plays against the Tigers.

The Huskers have had at least one scrimmage play or return of 50 yards or more in each of the last nine meetings with Missouri, including plays of 86 yards or more in four of the last five meetings. Overall, Nebraska has had six runs, two pass plays and four returns that have covered more than 50 yards against the Tigers since 1996, including:

- ▶ Ahman Green runs of 56 and 70 yards in a 51-7 win in 1996
- ▶ A 51-yard Joe Walker kickoff return in a 45-38 overtime win in Columbia in 1997
- ▶ Shevin Wiggins' 53-yard punt return in NU's 20-13 victory in 1998
- ▶ A 53-yard TD pass from Eric Crouch to Bobby Newcombe and a 57-yard run by Correll Buckhalter in 1999
- ▶ Newcombe's 94-yard punt return touchdown and Buckhalter's 58-yard run in a 42-24 win in Lincoln in 2000
- ▶ Crouch's record-setting 95-yard touchdown run in NU's 36-3 win in Columbia in 2001
- ▶ An 89-yard punt return touchdown by DeJuan Groce in a 24-13 Husker victory in 2002
- ▶ Mark LeFlore's 55-yard TD catch from Jammal Lord vs. Mizzou in 2003
- ▶ Ross' 86-yard touchdown run last season in Lincoln

Grixby Providing NU Defense, Special Teams with Big Plays

Nebraska sophomore **Cortney Grixby** has stepped into a leading role in 2005, both on the Husker defense and as a punt returner. Grixby is coming off possibly his finest game at Baylor when he supplied the Huskers with big plays on both defense and special teams.

Grixby finished the night at Baylor with two tackles and a pair of pass breakups. He also picked up a fourth-quarter fumble caused by linebacker Adam Ickes and returned the ball 33 yards into Baylor territory, helping secure the 23-14 win. In addition, Grixby had what would have been his first career interception in the first quarter nullified by a roughing the passer penalty.

Earlier in the game, Grixby helped Nebraska take the lead with a career-long 48-yard punt return to the Baylor 9 in the second quarter. Nebraska scored a touchdown three plays later to take a 10-7 lead that the Huskers would not relinquish. Grixby finished the game with four punt returns for 60 yards.

After playing a key reserve role as a true freshman in 2004, the Omaha native has quietly put together a strong 2005 season. One of three new starters in the NU secondary, Grixby has 17 tackles, five pass breakups, a fumble forced and fumble recovered this fall, helping Nebraska rank 12th nationally in total defense.

Grixby and fellow sophomore Terrence Nunn emerged as NU's top punt returners during fall camp. Grixby has averaged 10.7 yards on 21 punt returns this season, helping the Huskers rank 13th nationally in punt returns. Grixby has three punt returns of 20 yards or longer in the past two games.

Cortney Grixby's 2005 Highlights

- ▶ Helps Nebraska to a No. 13 national ranking in punt returns by averaging 10.7 yards per return
- ▶ 33-yard fumble return, two pass breakups and career-long 48-yard punt return at Baylor
- ▶ Two punt returns of 20-plus yards against No. 10 Texas Tech



Blackshirt Sack Attack

Nebraska has recorded 34 sacks in the season's first six games to lead the nation. The Huskers are on pace to shatter the school record for sacks, set with 53 quarterback sacks in 1999. Nebraska also leads the nation in tackles for loss.

Game	Sacks	Yds.	TFL	Yards
Maine	11	69	18	82
Wake	5	46	15	65
Pitt	4	34	9	49
Iowa St.	6	43	12	55
Tx. Tech	4	38	7	51
Baylor	4	32	9	46
Totals	34	262	70	348

2005 Blackshirts Against the Run

Game	Att.	Yds.	TD	Long
Maine	37	-6	0	15
Wake	52	130	0	20
Pitt	36	114	0	30
ISU	38	57	1	11
Tech	23	44	0	26
Baylor	23	51	1	18

Yards per Game—65.0 ypg (*leads nation*)

Yards per Attempt—1.9 ypr

2005 Blackshirts Against the Pass

Game	Passes	Yds.	TD	Long	Sacks
Maine	36-16-1	149	1	52	11-69
Wake	28-12-3	117	0	34	5-46
Pitt	28-11-0	190	0	73	4-34
ISU	41-23-1	317	1	60	6-43
Tech	45-34-1	368	4	31	4-38
Baylor	31-17-2	202	1	51	4-32

Yards per Game—224.2

Yards per Attempt—6.4 ypa

Pass Efficiency Defense Rating—111.55

Opponents Find Third Down Tough vs. Blackshirts

The Nebraska defense has been strong on third downs, allowing opponents to convert on just 23-of-90 third-down attempts this season. NU was at its best on third down against Pitt, holding the Panthers to just one conversion in 14 third-down situations, while limiting Texas Tech to 1-of-10 on third down.

On the season, Nebraska ranks third nationally in third-down defensive conversion percentage at 25.6 percent. This week's opponent, Missouri, has done an excellent job on third downs, converting 51.0 percent of its third down attempts on offense to rank sixth nationally in that category.

2005 Husker Takeaways

Game	Fumb.	INT	Total
Maine	1	1	2
Wake	1	3	4
Pitt	0	0	0
ISU	0	1	1
T. Tech	1	1	2
Baylor	1	2	3
Totals	4	8	12

Defensive Touchdowns

Bo Ruud, 27-yard INT return vs. Maine

Corey McKeon, 38-yard INT return vs. Wake Forest

Daniel Bullocks, 30-yard fumble return vs. Wake Forest

Stewart Bradley, 43-yard INT return vs. Wake Forest

Points Not Coming Easy vs. Blackshirts

Nebraska allowed just 36 points in the first four games of the 2005 season, including only 29 in regulation play. National scoring leader Texas Tech did score 34 points against the Huskers, but only 13 in the game's final 39 minutes. Nebraska ranks first in the Big 12 and seventh nationally allowing 14.0 points per game.

Nebraska has been tough from the outset of games, allowing a total of 14 points in the first quarter in six games this season.

Huskers, MU Have History of Tight Tussles

The Nebraska-Missouri series has long been regarded as one of the hardest-hitting, hotly contested matchups in the Big Eight and now Big 12 Conference. Although NU piled up a 24-game win streak in the series prior to a 2003 loss in Columbia, the matchups between the schools have often come down to the final minutes.

In 2003, Missouri came from behind in the fourth quarter for a 17-point victory, while Nebraska pulled away for a three-touchdown (24-3) win last year in Lincoln. However, those margins have not been the norm in the NU-Mizzou series. During Nebraska's 24-game win streak (1979 to 2002), 10 of NU's victories were by 11 points or fewer, including a 45-38 overtime victory in 1997. Tight games in the series go back further than the Huskers' recent run of success. Since 1954, the Husker-Tiger clash has been decided by 11 points or fewer in 28 of 51 seasons, including four one-point decisions.

Blackshirts Keying Huskers' 2005 Success

Nebraska's Blackshirt defense has ranked among the nation's best units through mid-season, providing the spark for the Huskers' 5-1 start. Through six games, the Husker defense has made its mark in the record book, while ranking among the nation's statistical leaders in several categories. In week one, the defense tied school records for sacks and tackles for loss, and against Wake Forest, the Blackshirts scored three touchdowns of their own, setting a school record for defensive touchdowns.

The early success of defensive coordinator **Kevin Cosgrove's** unit has come despite having to replace three players who were selected in the top 40 picks of the 2005 NFL Draft, in addition to a pair of four-year lettermen.

Highlights for the 2005 Blackshirts include...

► Nebraska leads the nation in sacks (34) and tackles for loss (70), and has recorded at least four sacks in each of the first six games. Eleven different defenders have recorded a sack this season.

► Junior defensive end **Adam Carriker** leads the Blackshirts with six sacks for 61 yards, while sophomore linebacker **Corey McKeon** has five and three other Huskers have recorded four sacks each. Last season, Nebraska finished the year with a total of 25 sacks in 11 games, with team leader Benard Thomas recording four sacks.

► In the opener against Maine, Nebraska tied school records with 11 sacks and 18 tackles for loss. The Huskers previously had 11 sacks in a 1989 victory over Oregon State, while the previous 18 TFL effort came against Iowa State in 1969.

► The defense has scored four touchdowns, all in a five-quarter stretch spanning the fourth quarter of the Maine game and the Wake Forest contest. The scores came on interception returns by linebackers **Bo Ruud** (27 yards vs. Maine), **Corey McKeon** (38 yards vs. Wake Forest) and **Stewart Bradley** (43 yards vs. Wake Forest), in addition to a 30-yard fumble return for a touchdown by strong safety **Daniel Bullocks** against Wake Forest.

► Nebraska set a school record with three defensive touchdowns against Wake Forest, and the two defensive scores in the first quarter also marked the first time a Blackshirt defense scored two TDs in a single quarter. The two interception returns for touchdowns tied a school record set on four previous occasions, most recently vs. Texas A&M in 2003.

► Before the Wake Forest game, the last time Nebraska scored consecutive touchdowns on defense was on Oct. 19, 1963, when the Huskers had consecutive scores on interception returns in a 28-6 victory over Kansas State. In that game, Ron Michka returned an interception 16 yards for a score in the second quarter, and Larry Tomlinson had a 34-yard interception return in the third quarter.

► Nebraska has three interception returns for touchdowns, just two off the single-season record of five interceptions for touchdowns set in 1971 and 1995. Overall, Nebraska has four defensive touchdowns, after not posting a defensive touchdown last season.

► Nebraska is allowing 14.0 points per game, to rank seventh nationally in scoring defense and first in the Big 12. Nebraska allowed zero first-quarter points and just six first-half points in the season's first four games. NU had a 10-quarter stretch of not allowing a touchdown (Wake Forest, Pitt, first half of ISU game).

► While Nebraska's six opponents have averaged just 14.0 points per game against the Blackshirts, those same six teams are averaging 29.8 points per game in their other games. While Nebraska did allow 34 points to national scoring leader Texas Tech, the Huskers limited Tech to just 13 points in the game's final 39 minutes. This week's opponent Missouri ranks 19th nationally in scoring offense at 36.0 points per game.

► On the strength of the school-record 11 sacks, Nebraska held Maine to minus-six yards rushing to mark the second straight year the Husker defense has held its opponent to negative rushing yards in the opener. The Huskers have held four of six opponents, including each of the last three to less than 60 yards rushing and lead the nation in rushing defense at 65.0 yards per game. Missouri will test Nebraska's run defense as the Tigers rank 11th nationally in that category at 235.8 yards per game.

Bullocks Leading Secondary in Senior Season

Senior strong safety **Daniel Bullocks** may have felt a little lonely in the Husker secondary at the start of the 2005 season. Not only was he the only returning starter in the Nebraska defensive backfield, but it is the first time Bullocks has played without seeing his twin brother, Josh, alongside him in the Blackshirt secondary.

Josh Bullocks gave up his senior season at NU, and was a second-round draft choice of the New Orleans Saints. Josh earned All-America honors in 2003 when he intercepted a Big 12-record 10 passes. A second-team All-Big 12 pick last season, Daniel Bullocks is looking to join his brother on Nebraska's prestigious All-America wall with a strong senior season.

Nebraska Defensive Rankings

Category	Avg.	Big 12	National
Rush Def.	65.0	1	1
Pass Eff. Def.	111.55	4	29
Total Def.	289.2	2	12
Scoring Def.	14.0	1	7

Bullocks Makes Most of Touches

Nebraska senior strong safety **Daniel Bullocks** played quarterback at Chattanooga's Hixson High School, and it is clear he has not forgotten what to do with the football in his hands. As a prepster, Bullocks capped his high school career by rushing for 1,432 yards and 21 touchdowns as a senior.

At Nebraska, Bullocks has three career fumble recoveries and eight career interceptions. Of those 11 takeaways, Bullocks has returned nine of them at least 10 yards, including a pair of fumble returns for touchdowns.

Bullocks' returns include...

- 11-yard INT return at Kansas, 2003
- 58-yard INT return vs. Western Illinois, 2004
- 16-yard INT return vs. So. Mississippi, 2004
- 38-yard INT return at Texas Tech, 2004
- 44-yard INT return vs. Baylor, 2004
- 10-yard fumble return at Kansas State, 2004 (TD)
- 31-yard INT return at Iowa State, 2004
- 30-yard fumble return vs. Wake Forest, 2004 (TD)
- 12-yard INT return at Baylor, 2005

NU Defensive Back Career Tackles

Rank	Player, Years	Yards
1.	Mike Brown, 1996-99	287
2.	Tyrone Byrd, 1989-92	209
3.	Reggie Cooper, 1987-90	195
4.	Keyuo Craver, 1998-01	192
5.	Daniel Bullocks, 2002-present	183
6.	Steve Carmer, 1988-92	182
7.	Josh Bullocks, 2002-04	160

Ross, Bullocks Elected as Team Captains

Nebraska seniors **Cory Ross** and **Daniel Bullocks** have been elected team captains for the 2005 campaign. Ross is poised to crack the top 10 on Nebraska's career rushing list, while Bullocks continues to make his mark as one of the finest defensive backs in school history.

This marks the first time since the 1982 season that Nebraska has had just two captains. Ross is the first Husker I-back to serve as a team captain since Dan Alexander in 2000, and just the third Husker captain from that position since 1984.

This marks the second straight season a Bullocks has served as a team captain. Last season, free safety Josh Bullocks was a team captain as a junior, before leaving Nebraska for the NFL after his junior season. Daniel and Josh Bullocks are just the sixth set of brothers to serve as captains at Nebraska. The last set of brothers to serve as captains were the Kelsay brothers (Chad in 1998; Chris in 2002). Other brother combinations in school history to serve as team captains were 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).

Corey McKeon Game-by-Game

Opponent	UT-AT-TT	TFL	Sacks	INT	Hurries
Maine	8-2-10	3-5	1-2	—	1
Wake Forest	6-4-10	2-11	2-11	1-38*	0
Pitt	3-3-6	1-2	—	—	2
ISU	9-2-11	5-23	2-18	—	3
Tech	0-6-6	—	—	—	—
<u>Baylor</u>	<u>4-3-7</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>
Totals	30-20-50	11-41	5-31	1-38*	6

One of two Nebraska co-captains, Bullocks has continued to elevate his play in his senior season. Bullocks ranks second on the team in tackles with 40 stops, including three tackles for loss. He also leads the Huskers in pass breakups with eight, including two PBUs three times this season. Bullocks picked off his first pass of 2005, and the eighth of his career, late in the fourth quarter at Baylor sealing NU's 23-14 victory.

After a solid opener against Maine, Bullocks had a monster game against Wake Forest, recording 13 tackles and forcing and returning a fumble 30 yards for a touchdown to give Nebraska a 14-0 lead. The 13 tackles was the second-best total of Bullocks' career, while the touchdown was the second of Bullocks' career. Last season he returned a botched Kansas State punt snap 10 yards for a touchdown. Bullocks had a second double-figure tackle game when he had 12 stops against Texas Tech.

► With his 40 tackles this fall, Bullocks continues to climb the Nebraska career tackles chart. One of seven defensive backs in the top 50 on Nebraska's career tackles list, Bullocks is just 17 stops from becoming the third NU defensive back to top 200 career tackles. Bullocks is fifth in tackles among defensive backs and tied for 31st overall in school history. Against Pitt, Bullocks passed his brother on the Nebraska career tackles list.

► Bullocks returned his interception at Baylor 12 yards and now has 209 yards on eight career interceptions. Last season Bullocks returned his team-high five picks for 187 yards, a school single-season record for interception return yardage. Bullocks is now 44 interception return yards from the Nebraska career record, currently held by Ralph Brown who had 253 interception return yards in his career.

► Bullocks' eight career interceptions leaves him three picks from the top five on NU's career interceptions list. He is five interceptions behind his brother Josh, who ranks second in school history with 13 interceptions.

Defensive Ends Carriker and Moore Pounding Opposing Quarterbacks

Nebraska's improved pass rush has truly been a team effort this season. However, bookend junior defensive ends **Adam Carriker** and **Jay Moore** have constantly applied pressure from the edge. Carriker leads NU with six sacks for 61 yards in losses, while Moore has added 2 1/2 sacks and caused fumbles in three straight games (Pitt, Iowa State, Texas Tech).

Carriker has shown flashes of dominance throughout his Nebraska career. The Kennewick, Wash., native has prototypical size (6-6, 280) and strength for a defensive end. However, Carriker's first two seasons of play for Nebraska were disrupted by ankle injuries. As a redshirt freshman in 2003, Carriker missed three games with an ankle injury, but was a strong pass rusher when healthy. He capped the year with a breakout game at Colorado with three quarterback hurries and a sack. Last fall, Carriker again had injury problems, suffering an ankle injury that forced him to miss a game and slowed him for most of the first half of the year. Carriker was back to full strength late in the season and had 28 tackles, five tackles for loss and a sack in the season's final five games.

The strong finish to 2004 has carried over to 2005. From his base end position, Carriker has nine tackles for loss, including six sacks for 61 yards. Carriker's six sacks are tied for 11th in the nation and his 61 yards in losses on sacks is fifth-best nationally. Carriker produced his best game at Nebraska against Pittsburgh, finishing with seven tackles, four tackles for loss (26 yards), a pair of sacks (21 yards), a quarterback hurry and a pass breakup.

Moore has totaled 18 tackles this season, including eight tackles for loss and 2.5 sacks for 21 yards. The 6-4, 270-pounder has been dominant in recent weeks. Against Iowa State, Moore had three tackles, including a pair of tackles for loss and a six-yard sack. He also forced a Cyclone fumble and picked off a pass ending a third-quarter ISU scoring threat. The Elkhorn, Neb., native was again strong against Texas Tech recording four tackles, including three tackles for loss of 18 yards, and a 12-yard sack. He also forced a fourth-quarter fumble that set up a Husker touchdown to give NU a 28-27 lead.

Adam Carriker Game-by-Game

Opponent	UT-AT-TT	TFL	Sacks	PBU	Hurries
Maine	4-0-4	2-13	2-13	0	1
Wake Forest	1-1-2	1-14	1-14	1	0
Pitt	4-3-7	4-26	2-21	1	2
ISU	2-4-6	0-0	0-0	0	3
Tech	1-0-1	1-13	1-13	0	1
<u>Baylor</u>	<u>1-0-1</u>	<u>1-3</u>	<u>0-0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>2</u>
Totals	13-8-21	9-69	6-61	2	9

Jay Moore Game-by-Game

Opponent	UT-AT-TT	TFL	Sacks	PBU	Hurries
Maine	1-2-3	1-3	0.5-3	0	1
Wake Forest	0-0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1
Pitt	4-0-4	1-3	0-0	0	0
ISU	2-1-3	2-10	1-6	1	1
Tech	3-1-4	3-18	1-12	1	1
<u>Baylor</u>	<u>2-2-4</u>	<u>1-4</u>	<u>0-0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>
Totals	12-6-18	8-38	2.5-21	2	5

Other: INT vs. Iowa State; fumbles caused vs. Pitt, ISU, TT

McKeon Making Most of First Season as a Starter

Nebraska sophomore linebacker **Corey McKeon** faced one of the most difficult jobs entering the season. Not only is he charged with getting the Husker Blackshirt defense aligned correctly, he was also asked to fill the shoes of Nebraska's all-time leading tackler **Barrett Ruud**. A second-round draft pick of the Tampa Bay Buccaneers, Ruud was Nebraska's starter at MIKE linebacker for the past three seasons and piled up 432 career tackles.

The 6-1, 225-pound McKeon entered the season having played in only one game last season as a redshirt freshman. However, the boisterous native of suburban Chicago has performed like a veteran since the start of the season, helping an energized Blackshirt unit key a 5-1 start.

Among McKeon's accomplishments this season are...

► McKeon leads the Huskers with 50 total tackles, including three 10-tackle efforts (Maine, Wake Forest, Iowa State). McKeon also leads the team with 11 tackles for loss, resulting in 41 yards.

► McKeon got Nebraska on the scoreboard against Wake Forest, returning a first-quarter interception 38 yards for a touchdown, one of three defensive touchdowns in the 31-3 victory.

Punter Sam Koch Game-by-Game in 2005

Game	Punts	Avg.	I20	Long	Returns
Maine	4	46.8	2	70	0-0
Wake	8	42.5	4	76	3-23
Pitt	8	46.0	5	84	3-7
ISU	4	40.5	2	55	1-11
Tech	1	32.0	1	32	0-0
Baylor	4	45.2	1	56	2-24

Congdon Continuing NU Frosh Kicking Success

True freshman place-kicker **Jordan Congdon** is adding to the recent success of Nebraska freshman place-kickers. Congdon connected on three field goals, including a career-long 41-yarder, and both of his PAT attempts in Nebraska's win over Baylor. Congdon is now 11-of-14 on field goals this season, and has made each of his last five field goals. He connected on all four of his FG attempts in his debut against Maine. Congdon missed his first career extra-point attempt, but has connected on his past 15 PAT attempts.

Congdon's backup at place-kicker, **David Dyches**, had a similar start to his Nebraska career in 2003. Dyches did not begin the season as the starter, but took over the place-kicking duties in game two against Utah State and made four field goals. He then connected on his first three field goal attempts the following week against Penn State, giving him seven straight made field goals to open his Nebraska career. Dyches also made all 32 of his PAT attempts as a rookie.

Before Congdon and Dyches, current NFL place-kickers Kris Brown and Josh Brown both had successful rookie seasons at Nebraska. In his redshirt freshman season in 1999, Josh Brown made 14-of-20 field goals and 46-of-47 PAT attempts. The 14 field goals by Dyches and Josh Brown are an NU record for field goals by a freshman. In 1995, Kris Brown made 13-of-16 field-goal attempts as a true freshman, including the first four field goals of his Nebraska career. Like Congdon, Kris Brown misfired on the first PAT attempt of his career, but rebounded to make 58-of-61 during the 1995 season.

Congdon's 11 field goals puts him just one field goal from the top 10 on NU's single-season FG list, three from the freshman single-season record and seven from the overall NU season record.

Top 10 Field Goals Seasons in NU History

Rank, Player, Year	Field Goals
1. Kris Brown, 1997	18
2. David Dyches, 2003	*14
Josh Brown, 2002	14
Josh Brown, 1999	*14
Kris Brown, 1998	14
Greg Barrios, 1990	14
7. Kris Brown, 1995	*13
Dale Klein, 1985	13
9. Kris Brown, 1996	12
Dean Sukup, 1979	12
Billy Todd, 1977	12
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Jordan Congdon, 2005	*11

*-Freshman Seasons

Nebraska Win Over Iowa State Continues

Long History of Success In League Openers

Nebraska's 27-20 victory over Iowa State continued its history of starting conference play on a winning note. NU has now won 30 of its last 31 conference openers since 1975, with the lone loss a 36-14 setback at Iowa State in 2002.

Additionally, Nebraska has won its last 28 conference home openers since a 24-21 setback against Iowa State to begin the 1977 home Big Eight slate. Nebraska is 90-18-2 all-time in conference openers, including a 40-6-1 mark in Lincoln. Since the inception of the Big 12 Conference, Nebraska is 9-1 in league openers.

► McKeon is second on the team in sacks with five, a total that is tied for 22nd nationally. McKeon had two sacks each against Wake Forest and Iowa State.

► McKeon set a Nebraska linebacker record with five tackles for loss against Iowa State. The Nebraska season record for sacks and tackles for loss by a linebacker were both set by Demorrio Williams in 2003, with 11 sacks and 21 tackles for loss. Prior to Williams' record-setting season the position records were 13 tackles for loss by Clete Pillen in 1975 and 6.5 sacks by Carlos Polk in 1999. Barrett Ruud recorded 18 tackles for loss in 2004, the second-most ever by an NU linebacker in a single season.

Senior Punter Koch a Constant for Husker Special Teams

Senior punter **Sam Koch** was the special teams standout for Nebraska in 2004, and is putting together an even better 2005 campaign. A strong candidate for the Ray Guy Award and All-America honors, Koch is averaging 43.79 yards per punt, a figure that places him 18th nationally. Koch's punting effort helps Nebraska rank 12th nationally in net punting at 38.79 yards per punt.

Koch had a game-changing performance against Pitt, when he punted eight times and averaged 46.0 yards per boot. Koch drilled a career-long 84-yard punt in the third quarter of the game, marking the third straight week he bettered his previous career long. The 84-yard punt was the second-longest punt in Nebraska history and the longest in Big 12 history (since 1996). Koch also pinned Pitt inside its 20-yard line five times on eight punts, with second-half punts downed on the Panther 1 and 4 yard lines. Koch's performance against Pitt earned him SBC Big 12 Special Teams Player of the Week.

Koch has racked up several other accomplishments early in 2005, including...

► Koch has had 15 of his 29 punts (52 percent) this fall downed inside the opponent's 20-yard line, including five vs. Pitt. A year ago, Koch had 27 of his 63 punts (43 percent) downed inside the opponent's 20. In 17 games as Nebraska's starting punter, Koch has had 42 of 92 punts (46 percent) downed inside the 20-yard line. In the past 10 games dating back to last year, Koch has placed 30-of-57 punts inside the 20 (53 percent).

► Koch has allowed only nine returns for 65 yards in six games this season.

► Koch has three punts of 70 yards or longer. Koch is one of only two punters in school history, joining his predecessor, Kyle Larson, to have three punts of 70 yards or more in school history. Larson is now the starting punter for the Cincinnati Bengals. A fourth punt of 70 yards or more this season would make Koch the only punter in Division I-A in the past 10 seasons to have four 70-plus yard punts in the same season.

► Koch owns two of the longest four punts in school history with his 84-yard punt against Pitt (second) and his 76-yarder vs. Wake Forest (fourth). Koch's 84-yard punt against Pitt is one of only 26 80-plus-yard punts in Division I-A in the past 10 seasons (1996 to 2005).

► Of Koch's 29 punts, 13 have come from inside Nebraska's own 40-yard line. On those punts, Koch is averaging 50.5 yards per boot.

► Sixteen of Koch's 25 punts have come from past Nebraska's 40-yard line or in opponent territory. On those punts, Koch has downed 13 of the 16 inside the opponent's 20-yard line.

Koch Just Part of Nebraska Special Teams Story

The performance of Sam Koch has been the highlight of Nebraska's vastly improved special teams, however the Huskers have shown marked improvement in several other special teams categories.

The highlights from special teams in 2005 include...

► Nebraska used a pair of blocked field goals to help secure a 7-6 victory over Pitt. After freshman **Zach Potter** blocked a field goal in the first quarter of the contest, senior linebacker **Adam Ickes** blocked another Panther attempt on the game's final play to allow NU to escape with victory. The Pitt contest marked the first time since a 2000 victory over Colorado that Nebraska had blocked two field goals in a game. Ickes added his second blocked field goal of the year in the first quarter against Texas Tech.

► Nebraska's return game made a big impact in the season opener, as the Huskers threatened the school record for punt return yardage with 198 yards. Last season, Nebraska finished the season with just 181 punt return yards.

► Sophomore **Terrence Nunn** had a 62-yard return on the first punt return attempt of his career vs. Maine, the longest punt return for a Husker since DeJuan Groce had an 89-yard return for a touchdown in a 24-13 win over Missouri in 2002. Nunn added a 45-yard punt return on his second career punt return and his 135 return yards vs. Maine nearly doubled Nebraska's team leader from 2004, Santino Panico, who finished the season with 68 punt return yards. Nunn matched his career-best with a 62-yard return against Pitt and ranks second nationally in punt return average at 27.6 yards per return.

► Sophomore **Cortney Grixby** has had three returns of 20 yards or more in the past two weeks, including a 48-yarder at Baylor to set up a second-quarter touchdown. Grixby is averaging 10.7 yards on 21 punt returns and he and Nunn have pushed Nebraska to a No. 13 national ranking in punt returns.

► Sophomore **Tierre Green** had a career-long 45-yard return on his only attempt against Iowa State, bettering a 43-yard return against Maine in the season opener. Green is averaging 27.5 yards per return.

► In 2004, Nebraska had three punt or kickoff returns of 40 yards or more. NU has six such returns in 2005.

► Nebraska has also been strong in coverage, allowing just 65 yards on nine opponent punt returns, while the opposition is averaging just 16.3 yards per kickoff return to rank 12th nationally.

► When including Nebraska's defensive returns, the Huskers hold a distinct edge in return yardage. NU's combined punt (474 yards, 0 TD), interception (168 yards, 3 TD) and fumble (109 yards, 1 TD) returns have totaled 751 yards and four touchdowns, an average of 125.2 yards per game. Opponents on the other hand have totaled just 131 yards (65 punt return yards, 51 interception return yards, 5 fumble return yards) and no scores on the season in those three categories.

Cory Ross Game-by-Game Rushing in 2005

Game	Att.	Yds.	TD	Avg.	Long
Maine	20	80	1	4.0	30
Wake	20	123	0	6.2	57
Pitt	32	153	0	4.8	19
ISU	15	32	1	2.1	6
Tx. Tech	15	68	0	4.5	11
Baylor	26	93	0	3.6	11

Ross' Career 100-Yard Rushing Games (11)

19 carries, 108 yards at Kansas, 2003
 22 carries, 103 yards, 1 TD at Colorado, 2003
 37 carries, 138 yards, 2 TD vs. Michigan St., 2003 Alamo Bowl
 13 carries, 125 yards vs. Western Illinois, 2004
 27 carries, 169 yards vs. Southern Miss, 2004
 19 carries, 107 yards, 1 TD vs. Kansas, 2004
 19 carries, 194 yards, 2 TD vs. Missouri, 2004
 19 carries, 126 yards, 1 TD at Iowa State, 2004
 30 carries, 130 yards at Oklahoma, 2004
 20 carries, 123 yards vs. Wake Forest, 2005
 32 carries, 153 yards vs. Pitt, 2005

Nebraska Career Receptions

Rank, Player, Years	Receptions
1. Johnny Rodgers, 1970-72	143
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19. Matt Herian, 2002-present	53
Jim McFarland, 1968-69	53
Tony Davis, 1973-75	53
22. Ritch Bahe, 1972-74	52
23. Dave Shamblin, 1973-75	50
24. Cory Ross, 2002-present	49
25. Freeman White, 1963-65	47
Brendan Holbein, 1993-96	47
27. Ken Spaeth, 1975-77	46
28. Mark LeFlore, 2002-present	45
three others tied with	45

Nebraska RB Career Receptions

Player, Years	Rec.-Yds-TD
Jeff Kinney, 1969-71	82-864-3
Tony Davis, 1973-75	53-499-4
Cory Ross, 2002-present	49-545-4

Charting the Husker Backs in 2005

Game	Ross	B. Jackson	Lucky	Glenn	Total
Maine	20-80-1	6-18-0	13-44-0	DNP	39-142-1
Wake	20-123-0	4-3-0	2-3-0	DNP	26-129-0
Pitt	32-153-0	2-4-0	1-(-4)-0	4-20-0	39-177-0
ISU	15-32-1	0-0-0	0-0-0	DNP	15-32-1
Tech	15-68-0	1-4-0	3-23-0	12-39-2	31-134-2
Baylor	26-93-0	0-0-0	7-18-0	12-41-0	45-152-0

Charting the Husker Offense

Coach Bill Callahan's Husker offense featured outstanding balance in 2004, and Nebraska has displayed the same type of balance this fall. Through six games, Nebraska has rushed the ball 231 times and attempted 211 passes.

Opp.	Rush Att.	Rush Yds.	Pass Att.	Pass Yds.	TD
Maine	42	121	36	192	4
Wake	30	120	33	114	1
Pitt	48	174	20	93	0
ISU	25	36	55	431	1
Tech	35	135	35	229	4
Baylor	51	182	32	168	1

Balanced Husker Offenses Since 1973

Year	Total Offense	Pct. Rush	Pct. Pass
2004	363.2	48.5	51.5
1976	407.8	53.9	46.1
1973	396.0	56.9	43.1
1975	406.2	61.0	39.0

Senior I-Back Ross Building Another Impressive Season

Nebraska senior I-back **Cory Ross** showed he was an ideal fit in the West Coast Offense in 2004. The 5-6, 195-pound Ross was a workhorse as a runner, and was also adept at catching the ball out of the Nebraska backfield. This fall, Ross has provided more evidence that he is a natural for Head Coach Bill Callahan's offense.

Ross is averaging 126.2 all-purpose yards per game and leads the team in rushing at 91.5 yards per game, while ranking second on the team in receptions with 21. Ross has continually exhibited the versatility he provides the Nebraska offense throughout the 2005 campaign.

Against Pitt, Ross was a workhorse in the running game, toting the ball 32 times for 153 yards, while also catching three passes for 23 yards. In the double-overtime win against Iowa State, Ross flashed his receiving skills as Nebraska amassed a school-record 431 yards passing. Ross caught eight passes out of the backfield for a Nebraska running back record 131 yards. He provided all three of the Huskers' touchdowns, scoring on a 70-yard screen pass in the third quarter, a one-yard TD run in the first overtime and an eight-yard reception in the second extra period.

In Nebraska's game against Texas Tech, Ross flashed both his rushing and receiving skills in the same contest. He rushed for 68 yards on 15 carries, while catching four passes for 51 yards out of the backfield. Ross ranks among the Big 12 leaders in both rushing (91.5 ypg) and all-purpose yardage (126.2 ypg). His four touchdowns are a team-high and his 21 receptions rank second on the team.

Among the growing accomplishments for the All-America and Doak Walker Award candidate are...

► Ross continues to climb Nebraska's career rushing chart. Against Wake Forest Ross had a 57-yard run, the second-longest of his career and surpassed 2,000 career yards on the play. Ross now has 2,410 career rushing yards to rank 16th on the NU career chart, just 163 yards from reaching the top 10 on NU's career rushing list. If Ross was to match his 1,100-yard season from 2004, he would finish sixth on the Husker career charts.

► Ross has a pair of 100-yard outings in 2005 (Wake Forest, Pitt) and has 11 career 100-yard rushing games.

► Ross caught 21 passes for 262 yards and two TDs last fall. His 74-yard touchdown reception against Baylor in 2004 was the longest by an NU running back since 1978 and his 21 catches were the most in a decade by a Husker back. Ross has matched his 2004 pass reception total in the season's first six games with 21 catches for 208 yards and two touchdowns. Against Baylor, Ross moved into the top 25 on Nebraska's career receptions list and he ranks third in school history in catches for a running back.

► The 70-yard touchdown reception against Iowa State marked the third reception of 60 yards or longer in Ross' career. Last fall, he had the 74-yard TD catch against Baylor and a 63-yard reception at Kansas State.

► Ross posted the first 1,000-yard rushing season by a Nebraska I-back since the 2001 campaign, finishing the 11-game 2004 slate with 1,102 yards.

► Ross rushed for a career-high 194 yards and two touchdowns in last year's 24-3 win over Missouri, including a career-long 86-yard touchdown run. He topped the century mark six times last season and was the only back in 2004 to rush for 100 yards against Oklahoma.

2005 Offense Featuring Flexibility, Ball Security

Nebraska featured the offensive balance Bill Callahan promised from the West Coast Offense in 2004. The Huskers rushed the ball on 412 of 734 (56.1 percent) offensive attempts in 2004, and picked up 48.5 percent of their offense on the ground, against 51.5 percent through the air. The offense was Nebraska's most balanced attack since 1972. The balanced attack in 2004 showed some of the elements that Bill Callahan's West Coast attack displayed during his coaching tenure with the Oakland Raiders.

Nebraska's offensive play-calling is also very balanced in 2005. Nebraska has rushed the ball 231 times while attempting 211 passes. Against Texas Tech, Nebraska ran 35 times, while also throwing 35 passes. Against Pitt and Iowa State Nebraska showed the versatility of its offense.

The Huskers featured the rushing attack against Pitt, churning out 174 yards on 48 rushing attempts, while throwing just 20 passes in a 7-6 victory. In their next game, the Huskers used an aerial assault to upend No. 23 Iowa State, throwing for a school-record 431 yards on a record-tying 55 pass attempts. In the game, NU rushed just 25 times to tie for the second-lowest team rushing attempt total in school history.

In Oakland, Callahan's offenses exhibited the same characteristics—outstanding balance, efficiency and flexibility, including...

► In 2000 with Callahan as offensive coordinator, Oakland led the NFL in rushing by averaging 154.4 yards per game. Two seasons later, the flexibility of the West Coast Offense allowed the Raiders to lead the NFL in passing at 279.7 yards per game in Callahan's first season as head coach.

► In 2002, Oakland became the first team to win games in the same season while rushing at least 60 times and passing at least 60 times.

► Callahan's 2002 Raiders completed better than 67 percent of their passes en route to an AFC Championship.

► While leading the NFL in passing in 2002, the Raiders averaged nearly 4.5 yards per rush in 2002, and scored 21 rushing touchdowns, while ranking second in the NFL in scoring at more than 28 points per game.

While the 2004 Husker offense did feature balance, it was held back primarily by one factor—turnovers. Nebraska threw 23 interceptions and lost 10 fumbles in 2004. As a result, Nebraska was a minus-12 in turnover margin, and ranked 110th nationally in that category.

Nebraska Career Rushing

Player, Years	Yards
1. Mike Rozier, 1981-83	4,780
2. Ahman Green, IB, 1995-97	3,880
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10. Jammal Lord, QB, 2000-03	2,573
11. Correll Buckhalter, IB, 1997-00	2,522
12. Keith Jones, IB, 1984-87	2,488
13. Dan Alexander, IB, 1997-00	2,456
14. Rick Berns, IB, 1976-78	2,449
15. Roger Craig, IB, 1979-82	2,446
16. Cory Ross, IB, 2002-present	2,410
17. Jeff Kinney, HB, 1969-71	2,244
18. Doug DuBose, IB, 1982-85	2,205
19. Bobby Reynolds, HB, 1950-52	2,196
20. Jarvis Redwine, IB, 1979-80	2,161

School Records Set or Tied vs. Iowa State**Single-Game Passing Yards:** 431, Zac Taylor (36-55-0)*Previous Record: 342, Joe Dailey vs. Baylor, 2004***Single-Game Completions:** 36, Zac Taylor*Previous Record: 29, Joe Dailey vs. Colorado, 2004***Single-Game Passing Attempts (Tied):** 55, Zac Taylor*Previous Record: 55, Joe Dailey vs. Colorado, 2004***Single-Game Total Offense:** 433, Zac Taylor (431 pass, 2 rush)*Previous Record: 369, Jammal Lord vs. McNeese St., 2002***Single-Game Total Offense Attempts:** 62, Zac Taylor*Previous Record: 60, Joe Dailey vs. Colorado, 2004***Receiving Yards by a RB:** 131, Cory Ross (8 receptions)*Previous Record: 124, Jeff Kinney vs. Missouri, 1969***Receiving TDS by a RB (Tied):** 2, Cory Ross*Previous Record: 2, Ahman Green vs. Kansas State, 1995***Most First Downs by Pass, Team:** 24*Previous Record: 16, vs. Missouri, 1972***Husker Passing Attack Looks to Stay Red-Hot Against Tigers**

The Nebraska passing game has been strong in the past three games. Nebraska had an efficient attack at Baylor, connecting on 18-of-32 passes for 168 yards and two passing TDs, a week after NU had 229 passing yards and two touchdowns against Texas Tech, while completing 21-of-35 passes. That performance came one week after a record-shattering passing display in a 27-20 double-overtime win over Iowa State.

Against the Cyclones, Nebraska quarterback **Zac Taylor** passed for a school-record 431 yards and two touchdowns, while connecting with 10 different receivers. Nebraska has improved its season passing percentage from 42 percent to 54.0 percent in the past three games.

NU Features Hardy Passing Attack in Opener

First-year wide receiver **Frantz Hardy** made his debut a memorable one against Maine. The Miami native hauled in seven passes for 152 yards, including a 73-yard connection with quarterback Zac Taylor in the second quarter. The 6-0, 175-pound sophomore is a transfer from Butler County Community College and was a teammate of Taylor's last fall at the school.

Hardy's receiving effort ranks among the top pass catching days in school history...

► The 152 receiving yards rank as the fourth-highest single-game total in Nebraska history, just 15 yards shy of the school single-game record

► Hardy's 152 yards were the most by a Husker since Matt Davison's school-record 167 receiving yards against Texas A&M on Oct. 10, 1998

► The 152 yards are the most ever by a Nebraska player in a season opener, bettering the previous opening-day record of 127 yards held by Irving Fryar (vs. Iowa, 1982)

► Hardy's receiving total is the most ever by a Nebraska player in a first game.

Hardy continued his strong play in game two, tying for the team lead with four receptions, while nabbing his first career TD at Nebraska on a four-yard reception from Taylor in the third quarter. Through six games, Hardy has 19 receptions for a team-high 264 yards.

Hardy and Taylor formed a solid combination at Butler County CC last season, as Taylor passed for nearly 3,000 yards and threw for 29 touchdowns. Hardy was a big part of that success, with 34 receptions for 820 yards and five touchdowns.

Terrence Nunn Game-by-Game

Game	Rec.	Yards	Long	TD
Maine	1	8	8	0
Wake Forest	4	38	13	0
Pitt	1	36	36	0
Iowa State	8	59	16	0
Texas Tech	3	39	18	2
Baylor	5	49	16	1
Totals	22	229	36	3

Punt Returns

9-248 yards-27.6 yards per return (2nd nationally)

Long-62 yards, twice, vs. Maine, Pittsburgh

Callahan made better ball security a primary focus for Nebraska throughout spring and fall camp and the results have been mixed. The Huskers struggled in that department in game one, committing four offensive turnovers. Nebraska protected the ball well in wins over Wake Forest, Pitt and Iowa State, committing just two turnovers and playing seven quarters of turnover-free football in one stretch.

The Huskers were again plagued by miscues in a 34-31 loss to Texas Tech, turning the ball over four times on offense, but rebounded to commit just one turnover at Baylor. The Huskers have had one or fewer turnovers in seven of their last 10 games dating back to last season, including four of six games in 2005.

Record-Setting Performance vs. Iowa State Jump Starts Quarterback Taylor

Nebraska junior quarterback **Zac Taylor** executed the Nebraska offense in record-breaking fashion in the Huskers' 27-20 double-overtime victory over Iowa State on Oct. 1. Taylor completed 36-of-55 passes for a school-record 431 yards and two touchdowns and no interceptions against the Cyclones. Taylor's performance against Iowa State earned him SBC Big 12 Offensive Player-of-the-Week honors and also made him one of four nominees for the Cingular/ABC Sports College All-America Player of the Week.

Taylor continued to be strong in the passing game against Texas Tech. Despite starting the game by connecting on just 3-of-10 passes, Taylor finished the game by hitting on 21-of-35 passes for 229 yards and a pair of touchdown passes to Terrence Nunn. After completing just 43 percent of his passes through three games, Taylor has hit on 75-of-122 (61.5 percent) in the past three weeks, raising his season passing percentage to 54.0 percent.

Taylor and the Huskers threw for a total of 399 yards in the first three games, but eclipsed that total against Iowa State with the school-record 431 yards. In addition to breaking the single-game passing record by 89 yards, Taylor also set the school record for total offense (433 yards), pass completions (36) and total offense attempts (62), while tying the record for most pass attempts (55).

Taylor opened the season with a solid performance against Maine, throwing for 192 yards for his previous single-game high. The Norman, Okla., native surpassed that total before halftime against ISU, throwing for 198 yards in the first half, including connecting on his first seven passes of the game. Head Coach Bill Callahan showed his confidence in Taylor by calling pass plays on 17 straight plays spanning the first and second quarter. Taylor continued his accuracy after halftime, hitting on 17-of-23 passes, including 4-of-6 and a touchdown in overtime.

Taylor has thrown for 1,227 yards this season and is more than halfway to Nebraska's season passing record of 2,074 yards by Dave Humm in 1972. Nebraska has had just four quarterbacks eclipse 2,000 passing yards in a season in school history.

Zac Taylor Game-by-Game

Game	Att.	Comp.	Yards	TD	INT	Long
Maine	36	15	192	0	2	73 (Hardy)
Wake Forest	33	14	114	1	1	25 (Mulkey)
Pitt	20	10	93	0	0	36 (Nunn)
ISU	55	36	431	2	0	70 (Ross)
Texas Tech	35	21	229	2	2	24 (Ross)
<u>Baylor</u>	<u>32</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>168</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>31 (Swift)</u>
Totals	211	114	1,227	7	5	73 (Hardy, Maine)

Taylor Spreading the Wealth in Nebraska Passing Attack

Husker coaches have regularly talked about the poise and command quarterback Zac Taylor possesses in the pocket. That poise has led to Taylor spreading the football to several different receivers in the passing game. Twelve different receivers have caught passes for Nebraska this season, including 10 in the school-record 431-yard passing effort against Iowa State. In the win over ISU, four receivers—Cory Ross, Terrence Nunn, Grant Mulkey, Nate Swift—had five or more catches, with each of the four setting career highs for receptions. Swift's five receptions for 81 yards were the first catches of his Nebraska career. Taylor followed that effort by connecting with eight different receivers against Texas Tech. Against Baylor, Taylor threw to seven different receivers, including a 21-yard touchdown pass to Todd Peterson, marking the first career reception for Peterson.

Breakdown of Taylor's pass distribution....

Game	Passing Yards	No. of Receivers	Leading Receiver (Yds)	Leading Receiver (Catches)
Maine	192	7	Frantz Hardy (152)	Hardy (7)
Wake Forest	114	6	Terrence Nunn (38)	Nunn, Hardy (4)
Pittsburgh	93	6	Nunn (36)	Cory Ross (3)
Iowa State	431	10	Ross (131)	Ross, Nunn (8)
Texas Tech	229	8	Mark LeFlore (53)	LeFlore (5)
Baylor	168	7	Nunn (49)	Nunn (5)

Nunn Becoming Go-to-Receiver for Taylor

Nebraska sophomore wideout **Terrence Nunn** has been a dual threat for Nebraska this season, in the passing game and as a punt returner. Nunn has been at his best in the past three games, hauling in 16 passes and three touchdowns in games against Iowa State, Texas Tech and Baylor. Nunn leads the Huskers in receptions with 22 and is second on the team with 229 receiving yards.

Nunn had a career-high eight catches against Iowa State, then caught three passes for 39 yards and his first two career touchdowns versus Texas Tech. Nunn had second-half TD grabs of 15 and 4 yards to help NU take a fourth-quarter lead in the game. Against Baylor, Nunn continued his strong play catching a team-high five passes

Huskers Come From Near and Far

Nebraska has a great history of attracting the top in-state high school talent to Lincoln. However, with a population base of just 1.7 million people, Nebraska has traditionally looked across the United States and beyond for recruits. The 2005 roster is no exception.

Of the 123 players on the roster, 51 hail from the Cornhusker state. Omaha leads the way with 10 players on this year's roster, while eight players from Lincoln stayed within the city limits to play for Nebraska. Omaha Creighton Prep and Lincoln Southeast lead the way with four players on the roster.

Nebraska is just one of 31 states represented on the 2004 roster. California is home to 11 Huskers, while 10 players come to Nebraska from the state of Texas. Florida and Colorado each have five players on the NU roster. From the international ranks, receiver Isaiah Fluellen hails from Germany. In addition, senior offensive lineman Seppo Ewvarayae is a native of Finland who was an exchange student in Laurel, Neb.

Getting to the Points

The Huskers have a long history of ranking among the nation's leaders in scoring offense and have posted some amazing offensive numbers.

- ▶ NU has averaged more than 35 points a game 15 times in the last 18 years.
- ▶ NU has averaged 40-or-more points eight times since 1982, including four of the last nine seasons.
- ▶ Entering 2005, the Huskers have ranked among the nation's top 10 in scoring average 22 of the last 27 years (since 1978) and finished first on four occasions (1982, 1983, 1994 and 1997).
- ▶ Nebraska is 307-2 all time when scoring 35-or-more points, losing only to Oklahoma, 49-35, in 1950 and at Colorado, 62-36, in 2001. Before the loss at Colorado in 2001, NU had won 237 consecutive games when scoring 35-or-more points.
- ▶ The last time the Huskers were shut out was a 19-0 loss at Arizona State in 1996. Nebraska has since scored in 119 straight games.
- ▶ Nebraska has not been shut out at home since Kansas State shut out the Huskers, 12-0, on Homecoming in 1968 (239 games).
- ▶ The Huskers have been shut out just five times since 1962, including once at home during that span. The Huskers have not been shut out by a conference opponent since a 27-0 loss at Oklahoma in 1973. NU was shut out by Miami in the 1992 Orange Bowl (22-0), the only time the Huskers have been shut out in a bowl game.
- ▶ The Huskers have scored 30-or-more points in six of their last nine bowl games, including a school and NCAA bowl-record 66 vs. Northwestern in the 2000 Alamo Bowl.
- ▶ Nebraska posted two shutouts in 2003, and has 102 shutouts in school history.

NU Completes Perfect Non-Conference Slate

Nebraska went through its 2005 non-conference schedule with an unbeaten 3-0 record. A perfect non-league slate was nothing new for the Nebraska football program...

- ▶ Nebraska has gone unbeaten through its non-conference schedule in 10 of the past 13 seasons.
- ▶ The Huskers have been perfect in the non-conference portion of their schedule in 25 of 44 seasons since 1962. In two other seasons in that time period (1970, 1976) NU's only non-conference blemish was a tie.

NU Shines Under Memorial Stadium Lights

The Huskers have a stellar record in night games on their home field, posting a 22-2 all-time record in home night contests at Memorial Stadium, including season-opening victories in 2005 over Maine and Wake Forest.

Nebraska has regularly dominated the opposition under the Memorial Stadium lights, posting 17 of its 22 home night victories by 17 points or more. In 24 home night games, Nebraska has outscored the opposition by an average score of 37.5-13.5, with the only two losses to No. 4 Washington in 1991 and seventh-ranked Texas in 2002.

for 49 yards. He also put Nebraska ahead to stay in the second quarter with a four-yard TD reception from Taylor to give the Huskers a 10-7 lead.

The impact of the 6-0, 185-pounder has not been limited to receiving. Nunn shares Nebraska's punt return duties with fellow sophomore Cortney Grixby. Nunn has made the most of his opportunities by returning nine punts for 248 yards, an average of 27.6 yards per return, a figure that ranks second in the nation. Nunn has a pair of 62-yard returns this season (Maine, Pitt) and also had a 45-yard return against Maine.

Nunn and Grixby have Nebraska ranked 13th nationally in team punt return average at 15.3 yards per return. A year ago, the Huskers finished the season with a total of 181 punt return yards, and through six games, Nebraska has more than doubled that total with 474 return yards.

It Doesn't Get Much Closer Than This

Nebraska fans got their money's worth in a recent three-game home stretch against Pitt, Iowa State and Texas Tech. All three games were decided in the game's final seconds or in overtime.

Nebraska 7, Pitt 6

▶ The Huskers' 7-6 win over Pitt was decided as time expired. After Nebraska missed a field goal with 1:28 remaining, Pitt drove to the Nebraska 29-yard line and lined up for a potential game-winning field goal. A bizarre finish ensued. The Panthers botched the snap on their field-goal attempt on second down and kicker Josh Cummings threw an incomplete pass with one second remaining. Pitt lined up for a second 46-yard FG attempt that was blocked by Adam Ickes to preserve the NU victory.

Nebraska 27, Iowa State 20 (2OT)

▶ A turnover inside the ISU 20-yard line late in a 13-13 tie, forced Nebraska and the Cyclones into overtime. After Iowa State scored a touchdown to open the overtime, Nebraska matched the score to force a second overtime. The Huskers scored on an eight-yard Zac Taylor to Cory Ross pass, then held ISU on downs to complete a 27-20 victory in the first overtime game in Memorial Stadium history.

Texas Tech 34, Nebraska 31

▶ After trailing 21-0 in the second quarter, Nebraska rallied for a 31-27 edge with 5:10 remaining. Tech mounted a scoring threat, but Cody Hodges was picked off by defensive tackle Le Kevin Smith with just more than one minute remaining. However, Tech forced Smith to fumble and recovered at the NU 18. Four plays later on fourth-and-2, Hodges connected with Joel Filani for a 10-yard touchdown pass with 12 seconds left to give the Red Raiders a 34-31 victory.

Eleven True Freshmen Among Huskers Seeing 2005 Action

Nebraska had an influx of young talent in its 2005 recruiting class and that has been evident by looking at the field in the first half of the 2005 season. Among the numerous newcomers who have hit the field are 11 true freshmen, including nine who made their Husker debuts against Maine. The nine true frosh are the most ever to play in a season opener for the Huskers.

The true freshmen seeing action in the opener included PK **Jordan Congdon**, DE **Barry Turner**, LB **Phillip Dillard**, DE **Zach Potter**, S **Jeff Souder**, OT **Matt Slauson**, IB **Marlon Lucky**, WR **Chris Brooks** and DT **Ndamukong Suh**. Against Pitt, I-back **Cody Glenn** and safety **Leon Jackson** joined the group of freshmen, with Glenn having an impressive performance with four carries for 20 yards.

Of the freshman group, Congdon had the biggest impact in game one, connecting on four field goals to tie a Nebraska freshman record. Congdon was 4-for-4 on field goals, hitting from 23, 33, 38 and 23 yards and supplied 13 points in his NU debut. Through six games, he has connected on 11-of-14 field goals. Both Glenn and Lucky have been key factors in the NU running game in the past two games. Glenn has 100 yards and two touchdowns on 28 carries this season, while Lucky has 84 yards on 26 carries.

NU Schedule Features Five 2004 Bowl Teams

Nebraska's schedule featured a stretch of three consecutive games against teams that played in bowl games in 2004. The Huskers posted a 7-6 victory over Pittsburgh, the 2004 Big East champ that played in the Fiesta Bowl. NU knocked off Iowa State 27-20 in double overtime, defeating a Cyclone team that played in the 2004 Independence Bowl. On Oct. 8 2004 Holiday Bowl champion Texas Tech handed Nebraska its first loss, 34-31, in Lincoln.

The Huskers' final two games against 2004 bowl teams are against last year's Big 12 title game participants Oklahoma (Oct. 29) and Colorado (Nov. 25). The Sooners captured the Big 12 title en route to a trip to the Orange Bowl, while Colorado earned a berth in the Houston Bowl.

NCAA Record Sellout Streak Continues

Nebraska boasts an incredible NCAA-record 273 consecutive sellouts at Memorial Stadium. The sellout streak dates 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 180, 93 fewer than Nebraska.

The Huskers are 241-32 during the 273 sellouts. The mark includes a 39-21 record against ranked teams. Nebraska is 5-0 in the five milestone sellouts during that period (50th, 100th, 150th, 200th and 250th sellouts), including a 24-7 win over No. 2 Colorado on Oct. 29, 1994 (No. 200) and a 44-13 victory over Utah State on Sept. 7, 2002 (No. 250).

The fan support at Memorial Stadium has led to a dominant home advantage for the Huskers. Nebraska has won at least six home games in 17 of the past 18 seasons and is a remarkable 153-16 at home since 1981. Eight of the losses in the span have come against teams that finished in the top eight of the final AP poll. With two remaining home games in 2005, Nebraska's record sellout streak is set to reach 275 by the end of the season.

LeFlore Named to Good Works Team

Nebraska senior wide receiver Mark LeFlore was one of 11 Division I-A players named to the 2005 American Football Coaches Association Good Works Team. LeFlore is the 10th Husker selected to the Good Works Team since its inception in 1992, a total that leads the nation. The Good Works Team is comprised of two 11-player teams, a Division I-A team and a combined team from Divisions I-AA, II, III and the NAIA, and honors players for their dedication and commitment to community service. LeFlore is one of four Big 12 players on the Good Works Team, the most honorees of any conference.

LeFlore is an active member in the Lincoln and Nebraska community, who was named to Nebraska's 2005 Brook Berringer Citizenship Team for his efforts. LeFlore has volunteered his time at numerous activities, including the Village Manor Retirement Center, Children's Discovery Center, the Malone Community Center for Youth, the Omaha Children's Hospital, Lincoln's St. Elizabeth's Hospital and local Special Olympics. LeFlore is the Community Outreach Officer for the Nebraska Student-Athlete Advisory Committee, a member of the Student-Athlete Minority group committed to degree completion and also speaks at numerous elementary schools.

Kurt Mann Presented with Jake Young Memorial Scholarship

Nebraska junior center **Kurt Mann** was presented with the Jake Young Memorial Scholarship earlier this season. Young, a Husker two-time All-American and academic All-American at center, was tragically killed in October, 2002, in a terrorist bomb attack in Bali.

The Jake Young Memorial Scholarship was made possible by generous donations from friends and family. Husker fans across the nation and by a generous donation from Lynn and Dana Roper. The Roper's were Young's Lincoln parents.

Mann has been a key part of Nebraska's offensive line each of the past two years, starting all 11 games last season at center in 2004, as well each of this year's first four games. Mann has also distinguished himself as one of Nebraska's top scholar-athletes. A native of Grand Island, Neb., Mann majors in mechanized systems management and owns a 3.97 cumulative grade-point average. He was a CoSIDA Academic All-District pick last season and is a strong contender for Academic All-America accolades as a junior. Mann is also a regular contributor in the community, and was named to the 2005 Brook Berringer Citizenship Team.

Todd is 2005 Recipient of Berringer Scholarship

Nebraska junior fullback **Dane Todd** was the 2005 recipient of the Brook Berringer Memorial Endowed Scholarship. The scholarship was endowed in the memory of former Nebraska quarterback Brook Berringer, who died in a plane crash on April 18, 1996.

Criteria for the Brook Berringer Memorial Scholarship includes the following: Must be a football student-athlete; must be involved in community service along with high ideals, excellent character and integrity.

Todd is arguably Nebraska's top scholar-athlete. The Lincoln Southeast graduate carries a perfect 4.0 grade-point average and was a 2004 CoSIDA Academic All-District VII honoree and a first-team Academic All-Big 12 pick. Todd is also a leader in the community, being named to the Brook Berringer Citizenship Team each of his first three seasons at Nebraska. The citizenship team recognizes Huskers who take a leading role in the Huskers' community outreach activities.

Memorial Stadium Magic

Nebraska's record home sellout streak is testament to the Huskers playing in front of the nation's best college football fans. On the field, Nebraska has rewarded the loyalty of the Husker Nation with incredible success at Memorial Stadium through the years.

Nebraska saw a 26-game home winning streak come to an end in November of 2002 against Texas, ending the third-longest home winning streak in school history. The streak was Nebraska's third home win streak of 20 games or more since 1980, including a school-record 47-game home winning streak from 1991 to 1998.

The Huskers are 4-1 at home in 2005, and have won at least six home games in 17 of the past 18 seasons. Nebraska is 109-9 at home the last 17 years, including a pair of losses to teams that went on to win shares of the national championship—Colorado in 1990 and Washington in 1991.

The Huskers are 476-128-20 (.779, 624 games, 116 years) in Lincoln, 351-105-13 (.762, 469 games, 83 years) in Memorial Stadium (since 1923).

Since 1986, only seven different schools have escaped Memorial Stadium with a victory. Nebraska has not been shut out at home since a 12-0 loss to Kansas State in 1968 (239 games). NU has posted 40 unbeaten and untied home seasons.

Construction Continuing at Memorial Stadium

While a packed house is nothing new at Memorial Stadium, the 82-year-old facility continues to take on a different look. Construction continues on the Memorial Stadium Expansion Project, the Tom and Nancy Osborne Athletic Complex and the Championship Indoor Center.

► The expansion project includes more than 6,400 new seats in the North Stadium, which will raise Memorial Stadium's capacity to more than 80,000 for the 2006 season. There will also be 13 new sky suites high above the North Stadium, including a 48-seat Super Suite.

► The Osborne Complex will provide the Husker football program with state-of-the-art locker room, strength and conditioning and athletic medicine facilities. The building will also house new offices for the Nebraska coaching staff. The football team will move into its new home before the start of the 2006 season.

► Nebraska will be able to utilize the Championship Indoor Center during the 2005 season. The building gives Nebraska two full-sized indoor facilities. When completed the Championship Indoor Center and the Osborne Complex will be connected by a sky bridge.

► The Nebraska Sideline Club made its debut for the 2005 season. The field-level seating area provides 42 premium seats just off the Southeast corner of the playing field. Fans in the Sideline Club will be seated outdoors, but will have access to an indoor area. The Sideline Club is the first seating area of its kind in college football.

► A new FieldTurf playing surface was installed in Memorial Stadium in the summer of 2005. The two-tone green playing surface sits on a new sub-surface, and the crown of the field was cut in half, from its previous 18 inches to nine inches for the 2005 season.

Callahan's Huskers Continuing Academic Excellence

Nebraska continued its long-standing tradition of academic excellence and honors during the 2004-05 academic year and appears set to do so again this fall.

In 2004, Nebraska seniors **Chad Sievers** and **Kellen Huston** were the latest Huskers to earn CoSIDA Academic All-America honors. Sievers completed his undergraduate work with a perfect 4.0 grade-point average, was selected as a first-team academic All-American and received a prestigious NCAA Postgraduate Scholarship. Huston was chosen as a second-team academic All-American. The selection of the two Nebraska defenders gave the Husker football program 83 all-time academic All-Americans, including 60 first-team selections, both nation-leading totals. The Husker athletic program as a whole also leads the nation with 222 academic All-America selections across all teams and all sports.

The selection of Sievers and Huston is far from the total story of academic success for the Husker football program under Callahan's leadership in the past year.

► Four Huskers Earn Academic All-District VII Honors

In addition to Sievers and Huston, 2004 sophomores **Dane Todd** and **Kurt Mann** earned first team CoSIDA Academic All-District VII honors last fall. Todd maintains a perfect 4.0 cumulative grade-point average heading into his junior year, while Mann carries better than a 3.97 grade-point average. Both Todd and Mann will be favorites to earn academic All-America honors in 2005.

In addition to pacing all schools in academic All-Americans, the Husker football program also leads the nation with nine NCAA Today's Top Eight Award winners, 32 NCAA Postgraduate Scholarship winners, including Sievers last fall and 20 National Football Foundation and College Hall of Fame Scholar-Athletes.

► Huskers Enter Fall With Outstanding Academic Record

Nebraska's football team finished the spring semester with a strong academic standing. The Huskers cumulative grade-point average as a team was just below 3.0, the highest ever for a Nebraska football team entering the summer session.

► Of Nebraska's 93 returning players, 36 student-athletes (39 percent) carried a 3.0 cumulative grade-point average or higher after the 2005 spring semester. Of that group, 13 players had a 3.5 grade-point average or higher, led by junior **Dane Todd** who has completed six semesters at Nebraska with a perfect 4.0 grade-point average.

► During the 2005 spring semester, 44 of Nebraska's 93 players (47 percent) posted a 3.0 or better semester grade-point average. Sixteen of those players were at the 3.5 mark or higher, paced by Todd and freshman linebacker **Tyler Wortman** who both had 4.0 spring semesters.

1995 National Title Team to Celebrate 10-Year Anniversary

For the second consecutive year, the Nebraska football program will hold a reunion of a national championship team. Last season, Nebraska's 1994 national championship team had a reunion the weekend of the Huskers' game against Missouri. This fall, many of the same former players will be on hand when the Huskers pay tribute to the 1995 national championship team the weekend of Oct. 28-29. The Huskers will host long-time rival Oklahoma on Saturday to culminate the weekend of activities that will include a pre-game social event.

The 1995 Nebraska football team is widely regarded as one of the best in the history of college football. Nebraska posted a 12-0 record capped by a 62-24 win over Florida in the 1996 Fiesta Bowl. Nebraska capped the regular season with a 37-0 shutout of Oklahoma in the final Big Eight Conference game. During the season, Nebraska defeated all 12 of its opponents by at least 14 points with nine of the victories by 37 points or more.

Maine is Latest Season-Opening Victim

The Huskers extended their season-opening win streak to 20 games with their 25-7 victory over Maine. Nebraska has not lost a season opener since a 17-13 setback at the hands of Florida State to open the 1985 season.

Nebraska's 20-game win streak in season openers leads the nation, bettering 16 straight wins by both Kansas State and Florida. The Huskers have won each of those 20 games by 10 points or more, and owns an 85-26-5 all-time record in season openers. Since 1973, the Huskers are 28-4-1 in season openers, including 23-2 at Memorial Stadium, with losses to only Florida State in 1985 and Washington State in 1977. In all-time home openers, Nebraska is 94-17-5, including 66-14-3 at Memorial Stadium. The Huskers are 30-2 in their last 32 home openers.

Nebraska Season-Opening Win Streak (20)

Year	Opponent (Rank)	Result
1986	Florida State (11)	W, 34-17
1987	Utah State	W, 56-12
1988	Texas A&M* (10)	W, 23-14
1989	Northern Illinois	W, 48-17
1990	Baylor	W, 13-0
1991	Utah State	W, 59-28
1992	Utah	W, 49-22
1993	North Texas	W, 76-14
1994	West Virginia* (24)	W, 31-0
1995	at Oklahoma State	W, 64-21
1996	Michigan State	W, 55-14
1997	Akron	W, 59-14
1998	Louisiana Tech	W, 56-27
1999	at Iowa	W, 42-7
2000	San Jose State	W, 49-13
2001	Texas Christian	W, 21-7
2002	Arizona State	W, 48-10
2003	Oklahoma State (24)	W, 17-7
2004	Western Illinois	W, 56-17
2005	Maine	W, 25-7

*-Kickoff Classic, East Rutherford, N.J.

Huskers Notch Four Wins in Five-Game Opening Homestand

Nebraska opened the season with five straight home games, winning the first four before a last-second 34-31 loss to Texas Tech. The Huskers collected wins over Maine, Wake Forest, Pitt and Iowa State before the loss to the Red Raiders.

NU's long season-opening homestand was a rarity.

► The 2005 campaign marked the first time Nebraska has had five straight home games to open the season since 1975, when NU won its first five games at home en route to a 10-0 start. The only other times in school history Nebraska has opened with five straight home games were in 1906 and 1918.

► NU has opened the season with four straight home games 10 times in school history, most recently in 2001.

► The last time Nebraska played five consecutive home games at any point in the season was in 1995. After opening the year with two straight road games, Nebraska played games three through seven at Memorial Stadium, winning all five on its way to a second straight national championship.

► Helming and Ickes Playing 2005 as Graduate Students

Two members of Nebraska's 23-player senior class will compete in their senior seasons as graduate students. Defensive tackle **Jared Helming** completed his undergraduate work in business administration last May, while linebacker **Adam Ickes** (business administration) picked up his degree at the close of summer school in August. The two graduates will be in good company by the end of 2005.

► An additional 11 Husker football student-athletes are expected to graduate this December, giving Nebraska 13 of 23 seniors as graduates by the close of the season. Among that group, senior wide receiver **Mark LeFlore** is scheduled to complete his undergraduate work in communication studies in just 3 1/2 years.

► By May of 2006, 21 of the 23 members of the Huskers' senior class are scheduled to graduate.

► The graduation rate of this year's senior class comes on the heels of a similar showing by Nebraska's 2004 senior class. At the conclusion of NU's 2005 spring semester, 18 of 20 members of Nebraska's 2005 senior class had picked up their degrees.

► Nebraska Honored by AFCA for Football Graduation Rate

Nebraska was one of 25 schools from across the nation to have its football program honored with the 2005 Academic Achievement Award by the American Football Coaches Association.

The Huskers, who posted a strong graduation rate of 88 percent for their 1999-2000 freshman class, were one of just 25 schools nationally to be honored for graduating 70 percent or more of their football student-athletes. Only six schools in the country achieved a rate of 90 percent or better. Duke and Northwestern led the nation with 100 percent graduation rates for their freshman classes of 1999-2000, while Boston College, Miami (Ohio), Notre Dame and Vanderbilt all managed graduation rates of 90 percent or better.

Along with Nebraska, Big 12 Conference schools Colorado and Texas Tech were both honored for having graduation rates of 70 percent or higher. Of the record number of 103 schools that responded to the AFCA's graduation rate survey, the median graduation rate for the 1999-2000 freshman class was 57 percent. This marked the fifth straight year Nebraska had received the honor.

Nebraska leads the Big 12 Conference in exhausted eligibility graduation rate for all athletes at better than 91 percent.

► Huskers Pace Big 12 in Academic Honors

Nebraska placed 60 players on the Big 12 Commissioner's Spring Academic Honor Roll, after having 54 players earn the same recognition during the fall semester. The honor roll recognizes all student-athletes who earned a 3.0 grade-point average or better in the previous semester. Nine members of the football team produced 4.0 grade-point averages last fall, while two players managed the feat during the spring semester.

► Nebraska led the Big 12 Conference in academic all-conference picks in 2004, as 24 Huskers were honored by the league office. Eighteen Huskers were named to the first-team, while another six players earned second-team honors.

► Football Program Earns Life Skills Team Award

Under Head Coach Bill Callahan, the Husker football team has learned the concept of total player development. That is evident by the football program picking up the Athletic Department's Life Skills Team Award for 2004-05.

The award honors the Nebraska team that accumulates the most points in the Life Skills competition, which encompasses community outreach and character education among other factors. Among Nebraska's community involvement activities were hospital visits by the entire team in both the Lincoln and Omaha communities. On the day before Thanksgiving last fall, Nebraska football players divided into four groups and visited four hospitals in the Lincoln community. The team conducted a similar venture to Omaha before the start of spring practice, visiting Children's and Veteran's hospitals in Omaha in early March.

Nebraska Boasts Tradition of Winning

Nebraska ranks as the nation's fourth-winningest program, both in terms of victories and winning percentage. The Husker football program owns a 791-318-40 all-time record in 1,149 games (.706) in 116 years of football. In the last 36-plus years, Nebraska's record is an impressive 357-77-5 for an .818 winning percentage in 438 games, an average of 9.8 wins per season.

► NU has won 10-or-more games 24 times since 1962, has gone 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 12 years.

► NU has won 12 or more games seven times, and 13 games three times (1971, 1994 and 1997).

► Nebraska (702), Michigan (705), Alabama (728) and Notre Dame (736) were the only four programs to win 700 games in the 1900s. NU became the first Division I team to win 100 or more games in consecutive decades, ranking first in the 1980s (103-20-0, .837) and second in the 1990s (108-16-1, .890) and posted a nation's best 309-56-5 record in the 1970s, 1980s and 1990s combined.

All-Time Victories

1.	Michigan	846
2.	Notre Dame	806
3.	Texas	793
4.	Nebraska	791
5.	Alabama	770

Huskers in the National Football League

Nebraska has an impressive list of former players in the professional ranks heading into the 2005 NFL season. As of Sept. 6, 32 former Huskers were on NFL rosters.



Former Husker, Current NFL Team Active Roster

Eric Johnson, Arizona Cardinals
Demorrio Williams, Atlanta Falcons
Chris Kelsay, Buffalo Bills
Mike Minter, Carolina Panthers
Mike Rucker, Carolina Panthers
Mike Brown, Chicago Bears
Kyle Larson, Cincinnati Bengals
Scott Shanle, Dallas Cowboys
Dominic Raiola, Detroit Lions
Cory Schlesinger, Detroit Lions
Ahman Green, Green Bay Packers
Kris Brown, Houston Texans
Zach Wiegert, Houston Texans
Will Shields, Kansas City Chiefs
Eric Warfield, Kansas City Chiefs
Ralph Brown, Minnesota Vikings
Russ Hochstein, New England Patriots
Josh Bullocks, New Orleans Saints
Trevor Johnson, New York Jets
Adam Treu, Oakland Raiders
Fabian Washington, Oakland Raiders
Toniou Fonoti, San Diego Chargers
Josh Brown, Seattle Seahawks
Grant Wistrom, Seattle Seahawks
DeJuan Groce, St. Louis Rams
Barrett Ruud, Tampa Bay Buccaneers
Kyle Vanden Bosch, Tennessee Titans

Injured Reserve

Correll Buckhalter, Philadelphia Eagles
Carlos Polk, San Diego Chargers

Practice Squad

Jammal Lord, Houston Texans
T.J. Hollowell, New York Giants
Benard Thomas, Baltimore Ravens

Husker Records Report

Category.....	Record
All-time	791-318-40
Home	476-128-20
Memorial Stadium	351-105-13
Since 1962	425-95-5
Away	315-189-20
Road (on campus)	277-152-17
Neutral Sites (includes bowls)	38-37-3
When Scoring 35+ Points	309-2
vs. Big 12 Teams	449-157-16
In Big 12 Action (since '96)	56-22
Home	32-6
Away	21-15
Neutral	3-1
Bowls	21-21
On ABC	78-35
On FieldTurf	42-9
In Overtime	4-0
At Night	60-20-3
vs. Ranked Teams...	
All-Time	91-99-3
Home	43-33-0
Away	28-51-3
Neutral	20-15-0
as No. 1 Team	46-7-1
In 273 Consecutive Sellout Streak...	
All-Time	241-32
vs. Ranked Teams	39-21

2005 Huskers Look for Return to Bowl Season

Nebraska's NCAA record for consecutive bowl appearances ended at 35 years in 2004, but the Huskers are intent on starting a new streak this fall. Nebraska will become bowl-eligible with its next victory. The Huskers' NCAA-record 35-bowl streak is five bowl games longer than the streak of 30 consecutive bowl trips by Michigan, that spans 1975 to the present.

Nebraska's 42 overall bowl appearances is fifth best, one behind USC's 43 and also trailing Alabama's 52, Tennessee's 45, and Texas' 44.

Nebraska played the first of its 42 bowls in the Rose Bowl, when No. 7 Nebraska lost to No. 2 Stanford, 21-13, following the 1940 season. NU's 35 consecutive bowl streak began with a 45-6 win over Georgia in the 1969 Sun Bowl, and ended with a 17-3 victory over Michigan State in the 2003 Alamo Bowl. The Huskers are 21-21 all-time in bowl games.

All-Time Bowl Appearances

1.	Alabama	52
2.	Tennessee	45
3.	Texas	44
4.	USC	43
5.	Nebraska	42

All-Americans Call Nebraska Home

In addition to pacing all Division I schools in academic All-Americans, Nebraska owns a long tradition of being among the nation's leaders in All-Americans on the field. In 2003, punter Kyle Larson and free safety Josh Bullocks were each picked as first-team All-America selections adding to Nebraska's long list of All-Americans, beginning with tackle Vic Halligan in 1914.

The Huskers have had at least one first-team All-American in all but three (1991, 1998, 2004) of the past 35 years. Overall, Nebraska has seen 92 different players earn first-team All-America honors from at least one recognized source with 14 winning double honors for a total of 106 first-team awards. Nebraska had its most All-Americans in one season when six Huskers earned first-team honors in the 1971 national championship campaign. The offensive line is Nebraska's most honored position, with 26 players earning 31 first-team All-America certificates.

Last season, senior linebacker Barrett Ruud was a third-team All-America selection by the Associated Press.

Huskers Among Leaders in AP National Titles

Notre Dame leads the nation by winning eight Associated Press national titles since 1936, with Oklahoma (7), Alabama (6), Miami (5), USC (5), Nebraska (4) and Minnesota (4) next in line. While the Huskers were awarded the national title by the coaches in 1997, NU finished second to Michigan in the AP 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 fourth with Miami with four titles, behind Alabama and Oklahoma with six apiece, and USC with five.

NU Leads Conference in Football Crowns

Nebraska is one of only two teams to capture two or more Big 12 titles in the first nine seasons of the conference. Oklahoma captured its third Big 12 crown in 2004, while the Huskers won Big 12 titles in 1997 and 1999 and appeared in the game in 1996. Nebraska, Texas, Colorado and Kansas State have also made three Big 12 title game appearances, while Oklahoma has made four appearances.

Nebraska has won 43 football conference championships overall, including eight under Coach Bob Devaney and 13 under Coach Tom Osborne. Oklahoma has won 35 conference championships to rank second behind NU among conference schools.

Big 12 History

Year	Division Winners		Big 12 Champ
	North	South	
1996	Nebraska	Texas	Texas
1997	Nebraska	Texas A&M	Nebraska
1998	Kansas St.	Texas A&M	Texas A&M
1999	Nebraska	Texas	Nebraska
2000	Kansas St.	Oklahoma	Oklahoma
2001	Colorado	Texas	Colorado
2002	Colorado	Oklahoma	Oklahoma
2003	Kansas St.	Oklahoma	Kansas State
2004	Colorado	Oklahoma	Oklahoma

Nebraska A Regular Supplier to NFL

Nebraska had three players selected in the 2005 NFL Draft, all in the first 40 picks of the draft. Cornerback Fabian Washington was taken as the 23rd pick in the first round by the Oakland Raiders, giving Nebraska its first selection in the opening round since 1998. In addition to Washington, linebacker Barrett Ruud was taken with the 36th overall pick by Tampa Bay, while safety Josh Bullocks was selected 40th overall by New Orleans.

Nebraska is one of the most well-represented schools in the National Football League. The Huskers had a total of 37 former players on NFL rosters at the start of the 2004 regular season. In all, 21 teams had at least one former Husker on their 2004 opening day roster. Kansas City Chiefs All-Pro offensive guard Will Shields is Nebraska's most experienced NFL veterans, entering his 13th season in the league in 2005. Shields and Green Bay Packer running back Ahman Green represented the Huskers in the 2005 Pro Bowl in Honolulu.

Following final NFL cuts (Sept. 5), 28 former Huskers were listed on active NFL rosters, with two others on the injured reserve and a pair of Huskers on NFL practice squads.

A Look at the Numbers

Scoring Drives

Nebraska has produced 21 scoring drives this season, with five coming in five or fewer plays, including one one-play drive. Overall, the Huskers have scored 10 touchdowns and kicked 11 field goals. NU has four rushing touchdowns and six passing touchdowns. NU's 21 scoring drives have covered a total of 1,078 yards in 187 plays in a total of 75:52, for an average scoring drive that has covered 51.3 yards in 8.9 plays and 3:37.

The Huskers' longest scoring drive in terms of yardage went 83 yards in 14 plays and 6:37 against Iowa State, ending in a field goal. Nebraska had three scoring drives of 11 plays or more at Baylor, including an 18-play drive in the first quarter that ended in a field goal. The 18-play drive was Nebraska's longest scoring drive since an 18-play, 95-yard touchdown drive against Iowa State on Oct. 28, 1989.

Game	Scoring		Time		Plays		5 or less	1-Play
	Drives	Total	Avg.	Total	Avg.			
Maine	5	12:40	2:32	36	7.2	2	1	
Wake	2	6:51	3:25	20	10	0	0	
Pitt	1	2:51	2:51	6	6	0	0	
ISU	3	13:37	4:32	29	9.7	1	0	
Tech	5	18:07	3:37	42	8.4	1	0	
Baylor	5	21:46	4:21	54	10.8	1	0	
Totals	21	75:52	3:37	187	8.9	5	1	
Opponents	15	41:58	2:48	107	7.1	5	0	

Long Season Plays (20 or more yards)

The Huskers have produced 34 plays that have covered 20 yards or more, including 11 long passes, three long runs and 20 long returns. Quarterback Zac Taylor connected with wide receiver Frantz Hardy on a 73-yard pass against Maine for the Huskers' longest pass play of the season. I-Back Cory Ross sprinted 57 yards against Wake Forest for NU's longest run from scrimmage.

The Huskers have yielded 28 long plays to opponents this season, including 16 long passes, seven long returns and four long runs. Pittsburgh quarterback Tyler Palko connected with Greg Lee for a 73-yard pass for the longest pass play against the Huskers this season, while Pittsburgh running back LaRod Stephens-Howling provided the longest run with his 30-yard scamper.

	Husker Long Plays				Opponent Long Plays			
	Rush	Pass	Return	Total	Rush	Pass	Return	Total
Maine	1	2	4	7	0	1	3	4
Wake	1	1	4	6	1	1	2	4
Pitt	0	1	2	3	2	4	0	6
ISU	1	4	2	7	0	4	0	4
Tech	0	1	5	6	1	4	2	7
Baylor	0	2	3	5	0	2	1	3
Total	3	11	20	34	4	16	8	28

Nebraska in the Red Zone

Nebraska has converted 16-of-22 trips inside the red zone this season into scores, coming away with nine touchdowns (five rushing, four passing) and seven field goals. Four Husker drives stalled due to turnovers, one was lost on downs and two failed due to missed field goals. Against Texas Tech, the Huskers were 5-for-5 inside the red zone, and converted 4-of-5 trips into scores at Baylor.

Game	Scores Inside 20				No Score Inside 20				Half/	Pct.
	Chances	Total	TDs	FGs	MissFGs	TDs	Downs	Gm.		
Maine	6	4	1	3	0	2	0	0		.667
Wake	3	2	1	1	0	0	1	0		.667
Pitt	2	1	1	0	1	0	0	0		.500
ISU	6	4	2	2	1	1	0	0		.500
Tech	5	5	4	1	0	0	0	0		1.000
Baylor	5	4	2	2	0	1	0	0		.800
Totals	27	20	11	9	2	4	1	0		.741
Opp.	17	11	6	5	2	2	2	0		.647

Nebraska Points Off Turnovers

The Blackshirts have forced 12 turnovers this season, converting six of those opponent miscues into touchdowns. The Huskers forced a season-high four turnovers against Wake Forest. On the year, Nebraska has intercepted eight passes and recovered four fumbles, while throwing five interceptions and losing eight fumbles.

Game	TDs Gained	TDs	FG-FGA	Pts.	(Fumbles/Lost, INT)
Maine	2 (3/1 F/L, 1 INT)	1	0-0	7	5 (5/3 F/L, 2 INT)
Wake	4 (3/1 F/L, 3 INT)	3	0-0	21	1 (2/0 F/L, 1 INT)
Pitt	0 (0/0 F/L, 0 INT)	0	0-0	0	0 (0/0 F/L, 0 INT)
ISU	1 (1/0 F/L, 1 INT)	1	0-0	7	1 (1/1 F/L, 0 INT)
Tech	2 (2/1 F/L, 1 INT)	1	0-0	7	5 (5/3 F/L, 2 INT)
Baylor	3 (2/1 F/L, 2 INT)	0	0-0	0	1 (2/1 F/L, 0 INT)
Totals	12 (11/4 F/L, 8 INT)	6	0-0	42	13 (15/8 F/L, 5 INT)
Opp.	13 (15/8 F/L, 5 INT)	1	2-2	13	12 (11/5 F/L, 8 INT)

Starting Field Position

Nebraska has enjoyed a solid field position advantage this season with a 8.7 yard-per-drive edge against the opponent. Nebraska produced an average start at its own 49.3 in game one, while limiting Maine to an average start at its own 24.5. In a matchup of two of the nation's best special teams units, NU enjoyed an 11-yard field position advantage at Baylor.

NU has started nine drives inside its own 20 this season, while opponents have started 32 drives inside their 20, thanks in a large part to the punting of Sam Koch.

	NU Avg. Start	Opp. Avg. Start	Advantage
Maine	49.3 (838/17)	24.5 (441/18)	24.8
Wake	30.9 (402/13)	23.6 (378/16)	7.3
Pitt	33.9 (407/12)	21.8 (283/13)	12.1
ISU	28.2 (338/12)	23.5 (259/11)	4.7
Tech	34.3 (412/12)	39.6 (515/13)	-5.3
Baylor	36.8 (405/11)	25.9 (285/11)	10.9
Total	36.3 (2802/77)	27.6 (2122/77)	8.7

Penalty Numbers

NU is averaging 7.0 penalties for 59.0 yards per game, while opponents are averaging 6.7 penalties for 57.2 yards per game. Against Maine, the Huskers were not whistled for a single penalty for the first time since an Oct. 18, 1997 game against Texas Tech.

	NU Pen.-Yds.	Opp. Pen.-Yds.
Maine	0-0	7-55
Wake	10-86	5-48
Pitt	11-91	4-35
Iowa St.	8-80	4-34
Tech	8-72	9-89
Baylor	5-25	11-82
Total	42-354	40-343
Average	7.0-59.0	6.7-57.2

Husker Starting Experience (Includes bowl games)

Offensive Starters	'02	'03	'04	'05	Total
Matt Herian, TE, Sr. (Pierce, Neb.)	0	13	8	0	21
Cory Ross, IB, Sr. (Denver, Colo.)	1	3	11	6	21
Brandon Koch, RG, Sr. (Gothenburg, Neb.)	0	2	11	6	19
Seppo Evwaraye, OT, Sr. (Vaasa, Finland)	0	0	11	6	17
Kurt Mann, C, Jr. (Grand Island, Neb.)	—	0	11	6	17
Terrence Nunn, WR (X), Soph. (Houston, Texas)	—	—	6	6	12
J.B. Phillips, TE, Soph. (Colleyville, Texas)	0	0	6	6	12
Mark LeFlore, WR (Z), Sr. (Omaha, Neb.)	1	5	3	0	9
Isaiah Fluellen, WR (Z), Jr. (Ramstein, Germany)	—	4	2	1	7
Greg Austin, LG, Jr. (Cypress, Texas)	—	0	0	6	6
Cornealius Fuamatu-Thomas, OT, Sr. (Honolulu, Hawaii)—	—	0	6	6	
Zac Taylor, QB, Jr. (Norman, Okla.)	—	—	—	6	6
Frantz Hardy, WR (Z), Soph. (Miami, Fla.)	—	—	—	4	4
Grant Mulkey, WR (X), Jr. (Arlington, Texas)	—	0	2	1	3
Brandon Jackson, IB, Soph. (Horn Lake, Miss.)	—	—	0	2	2
Josh Mueller, TE, Soph. (Columbus, Neb.)	—	—	0	1	1
Clayton Sievers, TE, Fr. (Elkhorn, Neb.)	—	—	—	1	1
Dane Todd, FB, Jr. (Lincoln, Neb.)	—	—	—	2	2
Totals	2	27	71	66	166

Defensive Starters	'02	'03	'04	'05	Total
Le Kevin Smith, DT, Sr. (Macon, Ga.)	0	12	11	6	29
Daniel Bullocks, SS, Sr. (Chattanooga, Tenn.)	1	9	11	6	27
Titus Adams, DT, Sr. (Omaha, Neb.)	0	1	10	6	17
Stewart Bradley, SAM, Jr. (Salt Lake City, Utah)	—	0	10	5	15
Adam Carriker, DE, Jr. (Kennewick, Wash.)	—	0	8	6	14
Jay Moore, DE, Jr. (Elkhorn, Neb.)	—	0	5	6	11
Tierre Green, CB, Soph. (Omaha, Neb.)	—	—	3	6	9
Cortney Grixby, LCB, Soph. (Omaha, Neb.)	—	—	2	6	8
Corey McKeon, LB, Soph. (Naperville, Ill.)	—	—	0	6	6
Blake Tiedtke, FS, Sr. (Cedar Rapids, Iowa)	0	0	0	6	6
Bo Ruud, LB, Soph. (Lincoln, Neb.)	—	—	0	5	5
Adam Ickes, LB, Sr. (Page, Neb.)	0	0	0	1	1
Steve Octavien, LB, Jr. (Naples, Fla.)	—	—	—	1	1
Totals	1	22	60	66	149

Starting Kickers

	'02	'03	'04	'05	Total
Sam Koch, P, Sr. (Seward, Neb.)	0	0	11	6	17
David Dyches, PK, Jr. (Spring, Texas)	—	11	2	0	13
Jordan Congdon, PK, Fr. (San Diego, Calif.)	—	—	—	6	6
Totals	0	11	13	12	36

Starts by True Freshmen: 6

Number of Native Nebraskans With Starts: 24

Number of Offensive Players with Career Starts: 18

Number of Defensive Players with Career Starts: 12

2005 Nebraska Depth Chart (Baylor)

Offense

TE (Y):	85 J.B. Phillips* , 6-3, 255, So., Colleyville, Texas 88 Clayton Sievers, 6-4, 240, RFr., Elkhorn, Neb.
LT:	79 Cornealius Fuamatu-Thomas, 6-5, 315, Sr., Honolulu, Hawaii 76 Lydon Murtha, 6-7, 315, RFr., Hutchinson, Minn.
LG:	65 Greg Austin** , 6-1, 290, Jr., Cypress, Texas 73 Jared Helming* , 6-3, 295, Sr., Springfield, Mo.
C:	50 KURT MANN* , 6-4, 290, Jr., Grand Island, Neb. 65 Greg Austin** , 6-1, 290, Jr., Cypress, Texas
RG:	75 BRANDON KOCH** , 6-4, 310, Sr., Gothenburg, Neb. 61 Mike Huff, 6-4, 300, RFr., Ralston, Neb. -or- 54 Chris Patrick, 6-4, 285, So., Ithaca, Mich.
RT:	77 SEPPO EVWARAYE** , 6-5, 320, Sr., Laurel, Neb. 70 Matt Slauson, 6-5, 340, Fr., Colorado Springs, Colo.
WR (X):	28 Isaiah Fluellen** , 6-0, 185, Jr., Ramstein, Germany 7 Frantz Hardy, 6-0, 175, So., Miami, Fla. -or- 87 Nate Swift, 6-2, 195, RFr., Hutchinson, Minn.
WR (Z):	83 TERENCE NUNN* , 6-0, 185, So., Houston, Texas 9 Mark LeFlore*** , 5-11, 195, Sr., Omaha, Neb.
FB:	41 Dane Todd** , 5-10, 235, Jr., Lincoln, Neb. 33 Grant Miller, 6-0, 225, Jr., Peabody, Mass.
IB:	4 CORY ROSS*** , 5-6, 195, Sr., Denver, Colo. 32 Brandon Jackson* , 5-11, 205, So., Horn Lake, Miss.
QB:	13 Zac Taylor, 6-2, 210, Jr., Norman, Okla. 8 Joe Ganz, 6-1, 200, RFr., Palos Heights, Ill.

Key: *indicates letters earned; **returning lettermen are in boldface**; players in ALL CAPS are returning starters; New depth chart will be released each Tuesday

Injured (Not on Depth Chart)

Offense

TE	11 MATT HERIAN*** , 6-5, 240, Sr., Pierce, Neb.
OL	62 Andy Christensen, 6-3, 300, RFr., Bennington, Neb.

Defense

LB	15 Steve Octavien, 6-0, 235, Jr., Naples, Fla.
DT	77 Ndamukong Suh, 6-4, 300, Fr., Portland, Ore.

Defense

OPEN END:	44 Jay Moore* , 6-4, 270, Jr., Elkhorn, Neb. 55 Wali Muhammad* , 6-1, 255, Sr., Bloomfield, N.J.
NT:	66 Le KEVIN SMITH*** , 6-2, 305, Sr., Macon, Ga. 54 Ola Dagunduro, 6-2, 290, Jr., Inglewood, Calif.
DT:	96 TITUS ADAMS*** , 6-3, 300, Sr., Omaha, Neb. 94 Barry Cryer, 6-2, 275, Jr., Marrero, La.
BASE END:	90 ADAM CARRIKER** , 6-6, 280, Jr., Kennewick, Wash. 89 Kevin Luhrs, 6-1, 255, So., Omaha, Neb.
SAM:	34 STEWART BRADLEY** , 6-4, 240, Jr., Salt Lake City, Utah 49 Adam Ickes* , 6-2, 225, Sr., Page, Neb.
MIKE:	13 Corey McKeon , 6-1, 225, So., Naperville, Ill. 38 Phillip Dillard, 6-2, 250, Fr., Tulsa, Okla.
WILL:	51 Bo Ruud* , 6-3, 230, So., Lincoln, Neb. 40 Lance Brandenburg* , 6-1, 230, So., Overland Park, Kan.
S CB:	2 Cortney Grixby* , 5-9, 165, So., Omaha, Neb. 1 Zackary Bowman, 6-2, 190, Jr., Anchorage, Alaska
FS:	25 Blake Tiedtke* , 5-10, 190, Sr., Cedar Rapids, Iowa 4 Tyler Fisher, 5-11, 195, Sr., Grand Island, Neb.
SS:	14 DANIEL BULLOCKS*** , 6-2, 210, Sr., Chattanooga, Tenn. 8 Andrew Shanle** , 6-1, 205, Jr., St. Edward, Neb.
W CB:	30 Tierre Green* , 6-1, 200, So., Omaha, Neb. 35 Chris LeFlore, 5-10, 210, So., Omaha, Neb.

Specialists

PK:	29 Jordan Congdon, 5-11, 180, Fr., San Diego, Calif. 27 DAVID DYCHES** , 6-1, 180, Jr., Spring, Texas
P:	37 SAM KOCH** , 6-1, 225, Sr., Seward, Neb. 97 Dan Titchener, 6-0, 195, RFr., Cheyenne, Wyo.
LSNAP:	92 LANE KELLY** , 6-4, 270, Jr., Omaha, Neb. 55 Nathan McBride, 6-1, 205, Fr., Scottsdale, Ariz.
KOR:	30 TIERRE GREEN* , 32 BRANDON JACKSON* 20 Marlon Lucky, 7Frantz Hardy
PR:	2 Cortney Grixby* , 5-9, 165, So., Omaha, Neb. 83 Terrence Nunn* , 6-0, 185, So., Houston, Texas
H:	37 Sam Koch** , 6-1, 225, Sr., Seward, Neb. 8 Joe Ganz, 6-1, 200, RFr., Palos Heights, Ill.

Numerical Roster

No.	Let.	Name.....	Pos.
1		Zackary Bowman.....	CB
2	*	Cortney Grixby.....	CB
3		Harrison Beck.....	QB
4	***	Cory Ross.....	IB
4		Tyler Fisher.....	FS
5		Shamus McKoy.....	WR
6	*	Donald DeFrاند.....	CB
7		Jordan Adams.....	QB
7		Frantz Hardy.....	WR
8	**	Andrew Shanle.....	S
8		Joe Ganz.....	QB
9	***	Mark LeFlore.....	WR
9		Jake Peetz.....	CB/LS
10		Justin Tomerlin.....	DE
11	***	Matt Herian.....	TE
13		Corey McKeon.....	LB
13		Zac Taylor.....	QB
14	***	Daniel Bullocks.....	SS
14	*	Matt Schroeder.....	WR
15		Beau Davis.....	QB
15		Steve Octavien.....	LB
16	**	Mike Stuntz.....	FS
17		Todd Peterson.....	WR
18		Travis Gingery.....	CB
19		Tyler Kester.....	P
19	*	Joey Robison.....	CB
20		Marlon Lucky.....	IB
21		Titus Brothers.....	SS
22		Robert Rands.....	CB/RS
23		Chris Brooks.....	WR
23		Leon Jackson.....	FS
24	*	Brandon Rigoni.....	SS
25	*	Blake Tiedtke.....	FS
26		Dan Erickson.....	WR
26		Mychael Brown.....	SS
27	**	David Dyches.....	PK
28	**	Isaiah Fluellen.....	WR
28		Bryan Wilson.....	CB
29		Jordan Congdon.....	PK
30	*	Tierre Green.....	CB
32	*	Brandon Jackson.....	IB
33		Grant Miller.....	FB
33		Matt O'Hanlon.....	SS
34	**	Stewart Bradley.....	LB
34		Cody Glenn.....	IB
35		David Harvey.....	TE
35		Chris LeFlore.....	CB
36		Thomas Lawson.....	IB/FB
37	**	Sam Koch.....	P
37		Mike Sampogna.....	IB
38		Phillip Dillard.....	LB
39		Jeff Souder.....	S
40	*	Lance Brandenburg.....	LB
41	**	Dane Todd.....	FB
42		Matt Senske.....	FB
43		Ty Steinkuhler.....	DE
44	*	Jay Moore.....	DE
45		Nick Covey.....	LB
45		Will Otto.....	FB
46		Ben Eisenhart.....	SS
47		Andy Kadavy.....	LB
47		Paul Farino.....	FB
48		Adam Blankenship.....	DE
48		Andy Sand.....	TE
49	*	Adam Ickes.....	LB
50	*	Kurt Mann.....	C
51	*	Bo Ruud.....	LB
52		Mark O'Shea.....	LB
52		Bryan Benzel.....	LS

Nebraska Alphabetical Roster

Lettermen in Bold; *-Indicates Letters Earned

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Birthday	Yr.	Hometown (High School/College)
7	Adams, Jordan	QB	6-3	200	6/7/84	So.	Santee, Calif. (West Hills/Grossmont College)
96	*** Adams, Titus	DL	6-3	300	1/28/83	Sr.	Omaha, Neb. (Creighton Prep)
93	Alegria, Jordan	PK	6-1	210	11/26/86	Fr.	North Platte, Neb.
65	** Austin, Greg	OL	6-1	290	11/19/84	Jr.	Cypress, Texas (Cypress-Fairbanks)
3	Beck, Harrison	QB	6-2	210	9/1/87	Fr.	Clearwater, Fla. (Countryside)
52	Benzel, Bryan	LS	6-2	270	4/11/87	Fr.	Alliance, Neb.
48	Blankenship, Adam	DE	6-2	245	6/17/85	RFr.	Tulsa, Okla. (Union)
1	Bowman, Zackary	CB	6-2	190	11/18/84	Jr.	Anchorage, Alaska (Bartlett/N.M. Military)
34	** Bradley, Stewart	LB	6-4	240	11/2/83	Jr.	Salt Lake City, Utah (Highland)
40	* Brandenburg, Lance	LB	6-1	230	8/4/85	So.	Overland Park, Kan. (St. Thomas Aquinas)
23	Brooks, Chris	WR	6-2	195	2/5/87	Fr.	St. Louis, Mo. (Hazelwood East)
21	Brothers, Titus	CB	5-11	190	6/5/85	So.	San Antonio, Texas (Judson)
26	Brown, Mychael	SS	5-5	180	7/4/85	Fr.	Topeka, Kan.
65	Bryant, Chris	DL	6-3	280	3/4/84	Jr.	Aurora, Colo. (Smoky Hills)
14	*** Bullocks, Daniel	SS	6-2	210	2/28/83	Sr.	Chattanooga, Tenn. (Hixson)
59	Byford, Brett	OL	6-3	305	8/9/84	So.	Hartselle, Ala.
82	Cammack, Wes	WR	5-11	180		Fr.	DeWitt, Neb. (Tri County)
90	** Carriker, Adam	DE	6-6	280	5/6/84	Jr.	Kennewick, Wash.
62	Christensen, Andy	OL	6-3	300	6/24/86	RFr.	Bennington, Neb.
29	Congdon, Jordan	PK	5-11	180	12/15/86	Fr.	San Diego, Calif. (St. Augustine)
45	Covey, Nick	LB	6-2	225	5/9/87	Fr.	Glendale, Ariz. (Mountain Ridge)
94	Cryer, Barry	DL	6-2	275	9/19/84	Jr.	Marrero, La. (John Ehret/Dodge City CC)
54	Dagunduro, Ola	DL	6-2	290	1/6/84	Jr.	Inglewood, Calif. (Compton CC)
15	Davis, Beau	QB	6-4	185	7/15/85	So.	Venice, Calif.
6	* DeFrاند, Donald	CB	6-0	175	2/4/82	Sr.	Fort Lauderdale, Fla. (Stranahan/Dodge City CC)
38	Dillard, Phillip	LB	6-2	250	12/10/86	Fr.	Tulsa, Okla. (Jenks)
27	** Dyches, David	PK	6-1	180	10/16/84	Jr.	Spring, Texas (Westfield)
46	Eisenhart, Ben	SS	5-11	200	3/10/84	So.	Culbertson, Neb.
26	Erickson, Dan	WR	6-0	195	4/26/85	So.	Omaha, Neb. (Papillion-LaVista)
77	** Ewvaraye, Seppo	OL	6-5	320	6/1/82	Sr.	Laurel, Neb. (Laurel-Concord)
47	Farino, Paul	FB	6-0	240	11/25/87	Fr.	East Meadow, N.Y. (Kellenberg Memorial)
4	Fisher, Tyler	FS	5-11	195	11/17/82	Sr.	Grand Island, Neb. (Anselmo-Merna/Wayne St.)
28	** Fluellen, Isaiah	WR	6-0	185	6/11/84	Jr.	Ramstein, Germany (Ramstein America)
57	Fredinburg, Conan	OL	6-7	310	12/4/86	Fr.	Sioux Falls, S.D. (Roosevelt)
79	Fuamatu-Thomas, Cornealius	OL	6-5	315	2/4/83	Sr.	Honolulu, Hawaii (Farrington/College of San Francisco)
8	Ganz, Joe	QB	6-1	200	12/6/85	RFr.	Palos Heights, Ill. (Amos Alonzo Stagg)
69	Gibson, Adam	OL	6-4	355	12/23/84	Jr.	Indianapolis, Ind. (Rock Valley [III.] JC)
18	Gingery, Travis	CB	5-10	180	3/31/85	So.	Lincoln, Neb. (East)
34	Glenn, Cody	IB	6-0	230	10/6/86	Fr.	Rusk, Texas
30	* Green, Tierre	CB	6-1	200	2/4/85	So.	Omaha, Neb. (Benson)
2	* Grixby, Cortney	CB	5-9	165	2/14/86	So.	Omaha, Neb. (Central)
7	Hardy, Frantz	WR	6-0	175	1/6/85	So.	Miami, Fla. (Booker T. Washington/Butler Co. CC)
35	Harvey, David	TE	6-3	235	5/16/87	Fr.	LaPlata, Md. (McDonough)
73	* Helming, Jared	OL	6-3	295	12/23/82	Sr.	Springfield, Mo. (Kickapoo)
11	*** Herian, Matt	TE	6-5	240	10/7/83	Sr.	Pierce, Neb.
86	Hill, Sean	TE	6-3	255	11/12/84	So.	Lisle, Ill. (Naperville North)
61	Huff, Mike	OL	6-4	300	8/23/85	RFr.	Ralston, Neb.
49	* Ickes, Adam	LB	6-2	225	6/20/82	Sr.	Page, Neb. (Orchard)
32	* Jackson, Brandon	IB	5-11	205	10/2/85	So.	Horn Lake, Miss.
23	Jackson, Leon	FS	6-2	210	6/1/86	Fr.	Pasco, Wash.
47	Kadavy, Andy	LB	5-11	225	10/10/83	Jr.	Seward, Neb.
92	** Kelly, Lane	LS	6-4	270	4/12/84	Jr.	Omaha, Neb. (Creighton Prep)
19	Kester, Tyler	P	6-1	200	3/20/85	So.	Clearwater, Neb.
75	** Koch, Brandon	OL	6-4	310	11/14/82	Sr.	Gothenburg, Neb.
37	** Koch, Sam	P	6-1	225	8/13/82	Sr.	Seward, Neb.
36	Lawson, Thomas	IB/FB	6-0	225	4/14/86	RFr.	Parker, Colo. (Ponderosa)
35	LeFlore, Chris	CB	5-10	210	8/23/85	So.	Omaha, Neb. (Central)
9	*** LeFlore, Mark	WR	5-11	195	2/25/84	Sr.	Omaha, Neb. (Central)
74	Lingenfelter, Newton	OL	6-5	280	9/8/83	Jr.	Plainview, Neb.
20	Lucky, Marlon	IB	6-0	210	2/28/86	Fr.	North Hollywood, Calif.
91	Lueshen, Eric	PK	6-2	190	8/1/84	So.	Pierce, Neb.
89	Luhrs, Kevin	DE	6-1	255	9/29/84	So.	Omaha, Neb. (Creighton Prep)
50	* Mann, Kurt	C	6-4	290	8/17/83	Jr.	Grand Island, Neb.
55	McBride, Nathan	LS	6-1	205	3/27/87	Fr.	Scottsdale, Ariz. (Chaparral)
13	McKeon, Corey	LB	6-1	225	8/29/84	So.	Naperville, Ill. (North)

5	McKoy, Shamus	WR	6-1	195	4/28/82	Sr.	Raleigh, N.C. (Enloe/Scottsdale CC)	53	Tyler Wortman.....LB
33	Miller, Grant	FB	6-0	225	12/23/83	Jr.	Peabody, Mass. (Veterans Memorial)	54	Ola Dagunduro.....DL
58	Moore, Dontrell	LB	6-2	230	9/17/84	Jr.	Thibodaux, La. (Coffeyville CC)	54	Chris Patrick.....OL
44	* Moore, Jay	DE	6-4	270	8/16/83	Jr.	Elkhorn, Neb.	55	* Wali Muhammad.....DE
81	* Mueller, Josh	TE	6-5	265	8/28/84	So.	Columbus, Neb. (Lakeview)	55	Nathan McBride.....LS
55	* Muhammad, Wali	DE	6-1	255	4/17/83	Sr.	Bloomfield, N.J. (Coffeyville CC)	56	* Gary Pike.....OL
84	** Mulkey, Grant	WR	5-11	180	4/19/84	Jr.	Arlington, Texas	56	T.J. Peterson.....LB
76	Murtha, Lydon	OL	6-7	315	11/13/85	RFr.	Hutchinson, Minn.	57	Conan Fredinburg.....OL
83	* Nunn, Terrence	WR	6-0	185	7/25/86	So.	Houston, Texas (Cypress Falls)	58	Dontrell Moore.....LB
33	O'Hanlon, Matt	SS	5-11	200	10/5/85	Fr.	Bellevue, Neb. (Bellevue East)	59	Brett Byford.....OL
82	O'Leary, T.J.	LS	6-2	260	12/20/85	Jr.	Omaha, Neb. (Millard North/New Mexico St.)	59	Brian Voges.....LB
52	O'Shea, Mark	LB	5-11	225	5/25/84	Jr.	Dallas, Texas (Jesuit College Prep/Iona)	61	Mike Huff.....OL
95	O'Shea, Matt	DL	6-1	295	10/5/82	Sr.	Dallas, Texas (Jesuit College Prep)	62	Andy Christensen.....OL
15	Octavien, Steve	LB	6-0	235	11/25/84	Jr.	Naples, Fla. (Lely/W.R. Harper College)	63	Craig Roark.....OL
45	Otto, Will	FB	5-11	240	10/5/83	Jr.	Fullerton, Calif. (Troy/Fullerton College)	65	** Greg Austin.....OL
78	Pasteur, Brock	OL	6-6	290	11/23/83	Jr.	Orlando, Fla. (University/Mesabi Range College)	65	Chris Bryant.....DL
54	Patrick, Chris	OL	6-4	285	8/22/84	So.	Ithaca, Mich.	66	*** Le Kevin Smith.....DL
9	Peetz, Jake	CB/LS	5-10	185	4/5/83	Sr.	O'Neill, Neb. (St. Mary's)	68	Jordan Picou.....OL
56	Peterson, T.J.	LB	6-2	230		Fr.	Kearney, Neb.	69	Adam Gibson.....OL
17	Peterson, Todd	WR	6-4	205	10/26/85	RFr.	Grand Island, Neb. (Central Catholic)	70	Matt Slauson.....OL
85	* Phillips, J.B.	TE	6-3	255	5/23/85	So.	Colleyville, Texas (Heritage)	72	Rodney Picou.....OL
68	Picou, Jordan	OL	6-2	320	10/2/85	Jr.	Rialto, Calif. (Eisenhower/Mt. San Antonio CC)	73	* Jared Helming.....OL
72	Picou, Rodney	OL	6-4	300	5/13/86	Fr.	Moreno Valley, Calif. (Canyon Springs)	74	Newton Lingenfelter.....OL
56	* Pike, Gary	OL	6-4	330	11/15/82	Sr.	Pueblo, Colo. (Centennial)	75	** Brandon Koch.....OL
98	Potter, Zach	DE	6-7	270	5/4/86	Fr.	Omaha, Neb. (Creighton Prep)	76	Lydon Murtha.....OL
86	Poulosky, Andy	DE	6-2	240	5/14/84	So.	Ponca, Neb.	77	** Seppo Evwaraye.....OL
22	Rands, Robert	CB/RS	5-7	160	1/28/87	Fr.	Bellevue, Neb. (East)	77	Ndamukong Suh.....DL
85	Rice, Thomas	DE	6-1	235	1/15/85	So.	Lincoln, Neb. (East)	78	Brock Pasteur.....OL
24	* Rigoni, Brandon	SS	5-6	180	3/8/83	Jr.	Lincoln, Neb. (Southeast)	79	C. Fuamatu-Thomas.....OL
63	Roark, Craig	OL	6-2	300	10/15/85	Fr.	Ada, Okla.	81	* Josh Mueller.....TE
19	* Robison, Joey	CB	5-9	180	4/10/82	Sr.	Bertrand, Neb.	82	Wes Cammack.....WR
4	*** Ross, Cory	IB	5-6	195	9/22/82	Sr.	Denver, Colo. (Thomas Jefferson)	82	T.J. O'Leary.....LS
51	* Ruud, Bo	LB	6-3	230	9/2/84	So.	Lincoln, Neb. (Southeast)	83	* Terrence Nunn.....WR
37	Sampogna, Mike	IB	5-10	200	4/14/86	RFr.	Chicago, Ill. (Mt. Carmel)	84	** Grant Mulkey.....WR
48	Sand, Andy	TE	6-2	225	6/21/84	So.	Lincoln, Neb. (Southeast)	84	Tony Sullivan.....DE
14	* Schroeder, Matt	WR	6-4	215	10/18/82	Sr.	Belden, Neb. (Laurel-Concord)	85	* J.B. Phillips.....TE
42	Senske, Matt	FB	6-3	230	4/19/85	So.	Bellevue, Neb. (East)	85	Thomas Rice.....DE
8	** Shanle, Andrew	S	6-1	205	3/9/83	Jr.	St. Edward, Neb.	86	Sean Hill.....TE
88	Sievers, Clayton	TE	6-4	240	1/13/86	RFr.	Elkhorn, Neb.	86	Andy Poulosky.....DE
70	Slauson, Matt	OL	6-5	340	2/18/86	Fr.	Colorado Springs, Colo. (Air Force Prep)	87	Nate Swift.....WR
66	*** Smith, Le Kevin	DL	6-2	305	7/21/82	Sr.	Macon, Ga. (Stratford Academy)	88	Clayton Sievers.....TE
39	Souder, Jeff	S	6-0	200	2/21/87	Fr.	Bellevue, Neb. (West)	89	Kevin Luhrs.....DE
43	Steinkuhler, Ty	DE	6-3	260	9/11/85	RFr.	Lincoln, Neb. (Southwest)	89	Hunter Teafatiller.....TE
16	** Stuntz, Mike	FS	6-1	200	11/23/82	Sr.	Council Bluffs, Iowa (St. Albert)	90	** Adam Carriker.....DE
77	Suh, Ndamukong	DL	6-4	300	1/6/87	Fr.	Portland, Ore. (Grant)	91	Eric Lueshen.....PK
84	Sullivan, Tony	DE	6-3	240	7/12/85	So.	Wahoo, Neb. (Bishop Neumann)	92	** Lane Kelly.....LS
87	Swift, Nate	WR	6-2	195	8/24/85	RFr.	Hutchinson, Minn.	93	Jordan Alegria.....PK
13	Taylor, Zac	QB	6-2	210	5/10/83	Jr.	Norman, Okla. (Wake Forest/Butler County CC)	94	Barry Cryer.....DL
89	Teafatiller, Hunter	TE	6-3	205	10/30/86	Fr.	Kingsburg, Calif. (San Joaquin Memorial)	95	Matt O'Shea.....DL
25	* Tiedtke, Blake	FS	5-10	190	6/24/82	Sr.	Cedar Rapids, Iowa (Jefferson)	96	*** Titus Adams.....DL
97	Titchener, Dan	P	6-0	195	1/24/86	RFr.	Cheyenne, Wyo. (East)	97	Dan Titchener.....P
41	** Todd, Dane	FB	5-10	235	8/8/83	Jr.	Lincoln, Neb. (Southeast)	98	Zach Potter.....DE
10	Tomerlin, Justin	DE	6-6	265	12/27/82	So.	San Clemente, Calif. (Butler County CC)	98	Jake Wesch.....PK
99	Turner, Barry	DL	6-3	245	1/7/87	Fr.	Antioch, Tenn. (Brentwood Academy)	99	Barry Turner.....DL
59	Voges, Brian	LB	6-3	225	12/7/84	Jr.	Lincoln, Neb. (Southwest/Phoenix JC)		
98	Wesch, Jake	PK	6-1	190	10/1/85	RFr.	North Bend, Neb.		
28	Wilson, Bryan	CB	6-2	190	5/9/84	So.	Granada Hills, Calif. (Pierce College)		
53	Wortman, Tyler	LB	6-3	220	6/13/86	RFr.	Grand Island, Neb. (Central Catholic)		

Coaching Staff

Head Coach: Bill Callahan (Illinois Benedictine, 1978)

Defensive Coordinator/Linebackers: Kevin Cosgrove

Offensive Coordinator/Quarterbacks: Jay Norvell

Defensive Line: John Blake

Safeties/Special Teams Coordinator: Bill Busch

Tight Ends/Specialists/Recruiting Coordinator: Scott Downing

Cornerbacks: Phil Elmassian

Receivers: Ted Gilmore

Running Backs: Randy Jordan

Offensive Line: Dennis Wagner

Graduate Assistant/Offense: Angus McClure

Graduate Assistant/Defense: Aaron Stamm

Associate A.D./Football: Tim Cassidy

Head Strength Coach: Dave Kennedy

The Husker Probable Starters, In Depth

Offense

Pos	#	Player	Worth Noting
TE (Y)	85	J.B. Phillips*, 6-3, 255, So.	Powerful blocker has registered six receptions in 2005—first receptions of NU career; Started all six games
LT	79	Comealius Fuamatu-Thomas, 6-5, 315, Sr.	Honolulu native is in first year as starter; Dropped more than 30 pounds in offseason to improve mobility and conditioning
LG	65	Greg Austin**, 6-1, 290, Jr.	Junior is in his first year as a starter; Overcame a severe knee injury during his freshman season
C	50	Kurt Mann*, 6-4, 290, Jr.	Second-year starter is a candidate for Rimington Trophy and Academic All-America honors with a 3.97 cumulative GPA
RG	75	Brandon Koch**, 6-4, 310, Sr.	One of three Nebraskans on the starting offensive line, Koch has started 17 consecutive games over past two years
RT	77	Seppo Ewvaraye**, 6-5, 320, Sr.	Former D-lineman has started all 17 games in past two seasons; Mother, Sirpa, attended first games in U.S. vs. ISU and Tech
WR (X)	28	Isaiah Fluellen**, 6-0, 185, Jr.	Attended high school on U.S. Air Force base in Germany; First two catches of 2004 season went for touchdowns vs. Baylor -or-
	7	Frantz Hardy, 6-0, 175, So.	JUCO teammate of Zac Taylor at Butler County CC; First on the team in receiving yards (264) and third in receptions (18)
WR (Z)	83	Terrence Nunn*, 6-0, 185, So.	12 starts in first 17 games of Husker career; Leads team with 22 catches, including 16 in past three games; 3 TDs catches leads team
FB	41	Dane Todd**, 5-10, 235, Jr.	Lincoln native provides strong blocking presence in backfield; Academic All-America candidate with perfect 4.0 GPA
IB	4	Cory Ross***, 5-6, 195, Sr.	Ranks 16th at Nebraska in career rushing; 11 career 100-yard rushing games; Second on team with 21 receptions (eight vs. ISU)
QB	13	Zac Taylor, 6-2, 210, Jr.	School-record 431 yards passing vs. ISU; Native of Norman, Okla.; Father, Sherwood, was a starting defensive back at OU in late 1970s

Defense

Pos	#	Player	Worth Noting
O END	44	Jay Moore*, 6-4, 270, Jr.	Part-time starter in 2004 has forced three fumbles in past four games; First career interception vs. ISU stalled a scoring threat
NT	66	Le Kevin Smith***, 6-2, 305, Sr.	Senior has started 29 consecutive games; Has seven tackles for loss, four sacks, INT and five QB hurries in 2005
DT	96	Titus Adams***, 6-3, 300, Sr.	Has posted 15 tackles, a sack and six QB hurries; Played in 43 career games over the past four seasons
B END	90	Adam Carriker**, 6-6, 280, Jr.	Junior is in second season as a starter; Team leader in sacks (6) and second in TFL (9); Washington native was born in Nebraska
SAM	49	Adam Ickes*, 6-2, 225, Sr.	Nebraska native takes over as starter after injury to Stewart Bradley; Has 13 tackles, two blocked FGs and a forced fumble
MIKE	13	Corey McKeon, 6-1, 225, So.	Illinois native off to dynamic start in 2005; 50 tackles leads team, including 11 TFL, five sacks and INT return for TD vs. Wake
WILL	51	Bo Ruud*, 6-3, 230, So.	Made first career start against Wake Forest; Third on the team with 37 tackles; Also has an INT for a touchdown and two fumble recoveries
S CB	2	Cortney Grixby*, 5-9, 165, So.	Sophomore is in first year as a starter; Has 17 tackles and 5 PBU in '05; 33-yard fumble return in fourth quarter at Baylor
FS	25	Blake Tiedtke*, 5-10, 190, Sr.	Former walk-on earned a scholarship last spring; Ranks fourth on team with 36 tackles (8 at Baylor); Two sacks, 3 PBU and an INT
SS	14	Daniel Bullocks***, 6-2, 210, Sr.	All-America and Thorpe Award candidate has eight career interceptions and two fumble returns for touchdowns; eight PBU in '05
W CB	30	Tierre Green*, 6-1, 200, So.	Sophomore earned starting job after switching from I-back in the spring; Accounted for 782 all-purpose yards in 2004

Specialists

Pos	#	Player	Worth Noting
PK	29	Jordan Congdon, 5-11, 180, Fr.	True freshman made first five FG of career and is 11-of-14 through six games; Made 15 straight PATs since missing first
P	37	Sam Koch**, 6-1, 225, Sr.	Ray Guy candidate is averaging nearly 44 yards per punt; Three punts of more than 70 yards, including 84-yarder vs. Pitt
LS	92	Lane Kelly**, 6-4, 270, Jr.	Omaha native has handled long snapping chores for past three seasons; Earned scholarship during fall camp
KOR	30	Tierre Green*, 6-1, 200, So.	Had 498 yards in kickoff returns in 2004; Recorded a career-long 45-yard return vs. Iowa State
	32	Brandon Jackson*, 5-11, 205, So.	No. 2 I-back averaged 21.1 yards per KO return in 2004; Three returns for 37 yards in 2005; 29 yards rushing this season
PR	2	Cortney Grixby*, 5-9, 165, So.	Played quarterback at Omaha's Central High School; 21 returns for 224 yards in '05, with a career-long 48-yarder at Baylor
	83	Terrence Nunn*, 6-0, 185, So.	Ranks second nationally averaging 27.6 yards per punt return; 62-yard returns vs. Maine and Pitt are longest by NU in three seasons
H	37	Sam Koch**, 6-1, 225, Sr.	Senior punter is in his first season doubling as Nebraska's holder

All-America Candidate

#14—Daniel Bullocks

- Strong Safety, Sr., 6-2, 210
- Chattanooga, Tenn.



- 2004 Second-Team All-Big 12
- NU's Leader in Pass Breakups (8)

Strong safety Daniel Bullocks serves as the experienced leader of a Nebraska secondary that has helped the Husker defense rank first nationally in sacks (34), tackles-for-loss (68) and rushing defense (65.0); tied for seventh in scoring defense (14.0); and 12th in total defense (289.17).

Bullocks recorded the finest game of his career against Wake Forest, making 13 stops and scoring one of three Nebraska defensive touchdowns on a 30-yard fumble return in the first quarter. Bullocks wrestled the football away from the Demon Deacons' tailback in the backfield and sprinted into the end zone for his second career score. He later added a tackle-for-loss during the Huskers' 31-3 win.

Bullocks helped anchor a Nebraska defense that held Pittsburgh without a touchdown during NU's 7-6 win over the Panthers. He tallied six tackles, one of which went for a loss, and two pass breakups against Pitt. He added three more breakups against Iowa State.

The Chattanooga, Tenn., native notched his second double-digit tackle effort of the season against Texas Tech with a team-high 12 stops. He also registered two pass breakups against the Red Raiders. Bullocks collected his first interception of the season the following week against Baylor to help seal NU's 23-14 road victory.

Bullocks Game-by-Game in 2005

Maine—Bullocks opened the season with one stop, a tackle-for-loss.

Wake Forest—Bullocks scored his second career touchdown on a 30-yard fumble return after forcing the turnover. He added 13 tackles, the second-highest total of his career, and one tackle-for-loss.

Pittsburgh—Bullocks made six tackles, and four solo stops, during the Huskers' tough defensive win against the Panthers. His performance featured one tackle-for-loss and two pass breakups.

Iowa State—Bullocks totaled five tackles and added two pass breakups in NU's win over the Cyclones.

Texas Tech—Bullocks recorded team-high totals of 12 tackles and two pass breakups against the Red Raiders.

Baylor—Bullocks earned his first interception of the season late in the fourth quarter against the Bears. He added three tackles.

For more on Daniel Bullocks, please see pages 76-77 in the 2005 Nebraska Football Media Guide.

Career Statistics

Defense	(-----Tackles-----)					Fum.			QB Int.			
Year	G/S	UT	AT	TT	TFL	Sacks	C-R	BK	PBU	PI	Hry.	Csd.
2001												
2002	12/1	5	11	16	0-0	0-0	1-0	0	0	0	1	0
2003	13/9	44	25	69	4-5	0-0	1-1	0	3	2	3	0
2004	11/11	38	20	58	4-19	1-12	1-1	0	9	5	5	0
2005	6/6	22	18	40	3-7	0-0	1-1	0	8	1	0	0
Totals	42/27	109	74	183	11-31	1-12	4-3	0	20	8	9	0

Single-Game Bests:

Tackles—15 at Texas, 2003

Solo Tackles—10, at Texas, 2003

Interceptions—1, eight times

Pass Breakups—4, vs. Kansas, 2004

Long Interception Return—58 yards vs. Western Illinois, 2004

Touchdowns—10-yard fumble return for a touchdown at Kansas State, 2004; 30-yard fumble return for a touchdown vs. Wake Forest, 2005

2005 Game-by-Game

Game	Tackles				Sacks No.-Yds	Fumbles		PBU	QBH	INT
	UT	AT	TT	TFL		FF-FR				
Maine	1	0	1	1-1	0-0	0-0		1	0	0-0
WFU	7	6	13	1-3	0-0	1-1		0	0	0-0
Pitt	4	2	6	1-3	0-0	0-0		2	0	0-0
ISU	3	2	5	0-0	0-0	0-0		3	0	0-0
TTU	7	5	12	0-0	0-0	0-0		2	0	0-0
BU	0	3	3	0-0	0-0	0-0		0	0	1-12



All-America Candidate

#4—Cory Ross

- I-Back, Sr., 5-6, 195
- Denver, Colo.



- 2005 Doak Walker Award Watch List
- Ranks Second in Big 12 in All-Purpose Yardage (126.17 ypg) and Third in Rushing (91.5)
- 16th in NU Career Rushing (2,410 yards)
- 24th in NU Career Receptions (49)

I-back Cory Ross has proven to be Nebraska's top offensive weapon in his second year as a starter and continues to move up NU's all-time rushing chart. He currently ranks 16th all-time with 2,410 career rushing yards. His 91.5 yards-per-game average leads the Huskers in 2005. He also paces the squad with four touchdowns and is second with 21 receptions, one off the team lead.

The Denver native scored NU's lone offensive touchdown and added 80 yards rushing on 20 carries in NU's season-opening 25-7 win against Maine. Ross broke off a game-high 30-yard run in the fourth quarter, while also making one catch for no gain.

Ross became the 23rd Husker to break the 2,000-yard rushing barrier for a career during Nebraska's 31-3 win over Wake Forest. He totaled 123 yards on the ground, including a 57-yard run on the first drive of the second half that set up the Huskers' lone offensive touchdown. He also added two receptions for seven yards.

He made another giant leap up the NU rushing charts with a 32-carry performance during the Huskers' 7-6 win over Pittsburgh. Ross ran for 153 yards against the Panthers to up his career yardage total to 2,217.

Ross put his receiving skills on display in Nebraska's win over Iowa State by breaking school records for a running back with eight receptions and 131 yards. He also tied former Husker great Ahman Green's record with two touchdown receptions. Ross scored both of NU's overtime touchdowns, including the winning score on an eight-yard swing pass.

Ross added 68 yards on the ground and four receptions in NU's 34-31 loss to No. 13/15 Texas Tech, before helping fuel NU's second-half ground attack in the team's road victory against Baylor with 93 yards on 26 attempts. He also made three receptions to move into 24th place on NU's all-time receptions list.

Ross Game-by-Game in 2005

Maine—Ross carried 20 times for 80 yards in the Huskers' 25-7 victory. He also caught one pass for no gain.

Wake Forest—Ross surpassed the 2,000-yard rushing mark for his career with 123 yards in NU's 31-3 win. He broke a season-long 57-yard run, also the second-best of his career, to set up the Huskers' lone offensive touchdown. Ross added two catches for seven yards.

Pittsburgh—Ross ground out a season-high 153 yards on 32 carries during the Huskers' win over Pitt. The number of attempts ranks second in his career, and only to his own school-record total of 37. Ross also added three catches for 23 yards.

Iowa State—Ross broke the Nebraska record for receiving yards by a running back on eight catches, while tying a school record with two touchdown receptions. He added a rushing touchdown and 32 yards on the ground to move up one spot to 16th on NU's all-time rushing list. His third-quarter 70-yard scoring reception was his third career reception of at least 50 yards.

Texas Tech—Ross rushed for 68 yards on 15 carries and added 51 yards receiving on four catches.

Baylor—Ross led the Huskers with 93 yards rushing on 26 attempts. He also made three receptions to move into 24th place on NU's all-time receptions list.

For more on Cory Ross, please see pages 80-81 in the 2005 Nebraska Football Media Guide.

Career Statistics

Rushing

Year	G/S	Att.	Gain	Loss	Net	Y/A	Y/G	Long	TDs
2001									
2002	12/1	35	188	4	184	5.3	15.3	34 vs. ASU	2
2003	13/3	130	596	21	575	4.4	44.2	23 vs. CU	4
2004	11/11	207	1,141	39	1,102	5.3	100.2	86 vs. MU	6
2005	6/6	128	587	38	549	4.3	91.5	57 vs. WFU	2
Totals	42/21	500	2,512	102	2,410	4.82	57.4	86 vs. MU	14

Receiving: 29-337-2 total; 5-39-0 in 2002; 2-36-0 in 2003; 21-262-2 in 2004; 21-208-2 in 2005

Single-Game Bests:

Rushing Attempts—37 vs. Michigan State, 2003 Alamo Bowl (School Record)

Rushing Yards—194 vs. Missouri, 2004 (19 carries)

Long Rush—86 vs. Missouri, 2004 (TD)

Rushing Touchdowns—2 vs. Michigan State, 2003 Alamo Bowl, vs. Missouri, 2004

Pass Receptions—8 vs. Iowa State, 2005

Receiving Yards—131 vs. Iowa State, 2005

Long Pass Reception—74 yards vs. Baylor, 2004 (TD)

2005 Game-by-Game

Game	Rushing					Receiving			
	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TD	No.	Yds.	TD	Long
Maine	20	80	4.0	30	1	1	0	0	0
WFU	20	123	6.2	57	0	2	7	0	9
Pitt	32	153	4.8	19	0	3	23	0	10
ISU	15	32	2.1	6	1	8	131	2	70
TTU	15	68	4.5	11	0	4	51	0	24



All-America Candidate

#37—Sam Koch

- Punter, Sr., 6-1, 225
- Seward, Neb.

- Big 12 Special Teams Player of Week (9/19)
- Ranks 18th Nationally in Punting Average (43.79)



Senior punter Sam Koch has been a catalyst behind Nebraska's improved special teams in 2005. His current punting average of 43.8 would rank fifth in single-season school history, while he owns three kicks of more than 70 yards this season. Koch's career average of 42.1 yards currently ranks third in school history.

Koch started his season with a bang in NU's 25-7 win over Maine, averaging a personal-best 46.8 yards (minimum two attempts) on four punts. Included among the kicks were a then-career-long 70-yard punt and two others that stuck inside the Maine 20-yard line. Koch did not allow a return attempt on any of his four kicks.

Koch recorded a personal-best kick for the second game in a row during the Huskers' 31-3 win over Wake Forest. He struck a 76-yard punt midway through the fourth quarter to pin the Demon Deacons at their own eight-yard line.

The Seward, Neb., native followed up his big game against the Deacons with an even greater performance during NU's 7-6 win over Pittsburgh. Koch stuck five of his eight punts inside the Panthers' 20-yard line, and booted a career-long 84-yard kick, the second-longest punt in school history, during the third quarter. He also kicked two others over 50 yards. The 84-yard punt is the longest in Big 12 history (since 1996), and Koch became only the second punter in school history with three career kicks over 70 yards, joining current Cincinnati Bengals punter Kyle Larson.

Despite only seeing the field once during a seven-quarter stretch between the Iowa State and Baylor games, Koch rose to the occasion with a strong second-half effort against the Bears. He sailed two of his four punts over 50 yards, while adding another that pinned Baylor at its own five-yard line late in the fourth quarter of NU's 23-14 road victory.

Koch Game-by-Game in 2005

Maine—Koch punted four times for a personal-best 46.8-yard average. He registered a career-long 70-yard punt and two others that rested inside Maine's 20-yard line.

Wake Forest—Koch averaged 42.5 yards on eight punts. He landed four of his kicks inside the Wake Forest 20-yard line, while he also recorded the then-third-longest punt in NU history with a 76-yard kick.

Pitt—Koch earned Big 12 Special Teams Player of the Week honors after landing a career-best-tying five punts inside the Panther 20-yard line. He also boomed three attempts over 50 yards, including one that traveled a career-best 84 yards.

Iowa State—Koch extended his streak of placing at least half of his punts inside the opponents' 20-yard line to four games after adding two more to his season total.

Texas Tech—Koch landed his only punt inside the Red Raiders' 20-yard line.

Baylor—Koch sailed two of his four punts over 50 yards, with another that pinned the Bears at their own five-yard line in the fourth quarter.

For more on Sam Koch, please see page 88 in the 2005 Nebraska Football Media Guide.

Career Statistics

Punting

Year	G/S	No.	Yds.	Avg.	120	Long
2001			Redshirt			
2002	0/0	0	0	0.0	0	0
2003	7/0	0	0	0.0	0	0
2004	11/11	63	2,600	41.3	27	65 vs. Missouri
2005	6/6	29	1,270	43.8	15	84 vs. Pitt
Totals	24/17	92	3,870	42.1	42	84 vs. Pitt

Single-Game Bests:

Punts—10 vs. Missouri, 2004

Punting Yards—395 vs. Missouri, 2004

Punting Average (min. 2 punts)—46.8 vs. Maine, 2005

Long Punt—84 vs. Pitt, 2005

Number of Career Punts of 50-Plus Yards—21; 13 in 2004, 8 in 2005

Most Punts Downed Inside 20-Yard Line—5, vs. Missouri, 2004; vs. Pitt, 2005

2005 Game-by-Game

Game	No.	Avg.	Lg	120
Maine	4	46.8	70	2
WFOU	8	42.5	76	4
Pitt	8	46.0	84	5
ISU	4	40.5	55	2
TTU	1	32.0	32	1
BU	4	45.2	56	1



All-Big 12 Candidate

#90—Adam Carriker

- Defensive End, Jr., 6-6, 280
- Kennewick, Wash.

- ABC/Chevrolet Player of the Game (Pitt)
- Tied For 11th Nationally in Sacks (6)

Defensive end Adam Carriker is one of the primary forces behind Nebraska's dominant front four this fall. Following two injury-plagued seasons, he has returned healthy to an NU defense ranked first nationally in sacks (34), tackles-for-loss (68) and rushing defense (65.0); tied for seventh in scoring defense (14.0); and 12th in total defense (289.17).

The Kennewick, Wash., native began his junior season by notching two of the Huskers' school-record tying 11 sacks in the team's 25-7 win over Maine. Carriker made four solo tackles and one quarterback hurry in one of his finest efforts at NU. He added another sack in Nebraska's next win, a 31-3 decision over Wake Forest.

Carriker recorded the finest game of his career during the Huskers' 7-6 win over Pittsburgh. He proved to be a disruptive force all game against the Panthers, tallying a career-best four tackles-for-loss and two sacks of Pitt quarterback Tyler Palko. He made seven stops from his base end position and added one quarterback hurry and a pass breakup. Carriker earned ABC/Chevrolet Player-of-the-Game honors.

Carriker added his team-leading sixth sack in NU's loss to No. 13/15 Texas Tech, while registering one tackle-for-loss and two hurries during the Huskers' 23-14 road win against Baylor.

Carriker Game-by-Game in 2005

Maine—Carriker was one of three Huskers to collect a pair of sacks in NU's season opener. He made four solo tackles and added a quarterback hurry.

Wake Forest—Carriker notched a sack as one of his two tackles against the Demon Deacons. He also added a pass breakup.

Pittsburgh—Carriker earned ABC/Chevrolet Player-of-the-Game honors after registering four tackles-for-loss against the Panthers for 26 yards. He made seven total tackles during his finest game in an NU uniform, which included two sacks, one pass breakup and a quarterback hurry.

Iowa State—Carriker made six tackles and added two quarterback hurries during NU's double-overtime win.

Texas Tech—Carriker recorded his team-leading sixth sack and added one hurry.

Baylor—Carriker collected one tackle-for-loss and two hurries against the Bears.

For more on Adam Carriker, please see page 84 in the 2005 Nebraska Football Media Guide.

Career Statistics

Defense	(-----Tackles-----)					Fum.			QB Int.		
Year	G/S	UT	AT	TT	TFL	Sacks	C-R	BK	PBU	PI	Hry. Csd.
2002	Redshirt										
2003	9/0	2	1	3	1-9	1-9	0-0	0	0	0	3 0
2004	10/8	19	17	36	7-23	3-18	0-0	0	0	0	7 0
2005	6/6	13	8	21	9-69	6-61	0-0	0	2	0	9 0
Totals	25/14	34	26	60	17-101	10-88	0-0	0	2	0	19 0

2003 Alamo Bowl vs. Michigan St.: Tackles, none



Single-Game Bests:

Tackles—9 at Kansas State, 2004

Solo Tackles—4, vs. Maine, vs. Pittsburgh, 2004

Tackles for Loss—4-26 vs. Pittsburgh, 2005

Sacks—2, vs. Western Illinois, 2004; vs. Maine, vs. Pittsburgh, 2005

QB Hurries—4 vs. Missouri, 2004

Passes Broken Up—1, vs. Wake Forest, vs. Pittsburgh 2005

2005 Game-by-Game

Game	Tackles			Sacks		Fumbles		PBU	QBH	INT
	UT	AT	TT	TFL	No.-Yds	FF-FR				
Maine	4	0	4	2-13	2-13	0-0		0	1	0-0
WFO	1	1	2	1-14	1-14	0-0		1	0	0-0
Pitt	4	3	7	4-26	2-21	0-0		1	2	0-0
ISU	2	4	6	0-0	0-0	0-0		0	3	0-0
TTU	1	0	1	1-13	1-13	0-0		0	1	0-0
BH	1	0	1	1-3	0-0	0-0		0	2	0-0



All-Big 12 Candidate

#13—Corey McKeon

- ▶ **MIKE Linebaker, So., 6-1, 225**
- ▶ **Naperville, Ill.**



- ▶ Tied For 22nd Nationally in Sacks (5) and 24th in Tackles-For-Loss (11)
- ▶ NU Leader in Tackles (50) and Tackles-For-Loss (11); Co-Leader in Interceptions (1)

MIKE linebacker Corey McKeon (Mick-CUE-in) is having a breakout season after replacing Nebraska's all-time leading tackler, Barrett Ruud. McKeon has helped the Husker defense rank first nationally in sacks (34), tackles-for-loss (68) and rushing defense (65.0); tied for seventh in scoring defense (14.0); and 12th in total defense (289.17). The sophomore leads all Husker defenders with 50 tackles and 11 tackles-for-loss. His one interception is tied for the team lead.

McKeon opened the season strong in his first career start by notching 10 tackles, including three for loss, during NU's 25-7 win over Maine. He also claimed his first career forced fumble while adding one sack to the Blackshirts' school-record-tying total of 11.

The Naperville, Ill., native ran back an interception 30 yards for his first career touchdown during NU's 31-3 victory against Wake Forest. He added his second straight 10-tackle effort and two sacks, as well as a pass breakup, versus the Demon Deacons.

McKeon put together his finest performance of the season during the Huskers' double-overtime win over Iowa State. He collected 10 tackles, nine of which were solo stops, and five tackles-for-loss, which is a single-game Husker linebacker record. He added two sacks, two quarterback hurries and a pass breakup against the Cyclones.

McKeon Game-by-Game in 2005

Maine—McKeon made 10 stops, including three tackles-for-loss, and one sack. He also forced one fumble.

Wake Forest—McKeon scored his first career touchdown on a 30-yard interception return. He added 10 tackles and two sacks, as well as one pass breakup.

Pittsburgh—McKeon recorded six tackles and one tackle-for-loss.

Iowa State—McKeon collected 10 tackles, including career-highs of nine solo stops and five tackles-for-loss, which is a single-game NU linebacker record. He added two sacks, two quarterback hurries and one pass breakup.

Texas Tech—McKeon recorded six tackles against the Red Raiders, and broke up one pass.

Baylor—McKeon made seven tackles, including four solo stops, against the Bears.

For more on Corey McKeon, please see page 107 in the 2005 Nebraska Football Media Guide.

Career Statistics

Defense	(-----Tackles-----)					Fum.			QB Int.		
Year	G/S	UT	AT	TT	TFL	Sacks	C-R	BK	PBU	PI	Hrv. Csd.
2003											
2004	1/0	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	1	0 0
2005	6/6	30	20	50	11-44	5-31	1-1	0	2	1	6 0
Totals	7/6	30	20	50	11-44	5-31	1-1	0	2	2	6 0

Single-Game Bests:

Tackles—10, vs. Maine, vs. Wake Forest, vs. Iowa State, 2005

Solo Tackles—9 vs. Iowa State, 2005

Tackles for Loss—5-23 vs. Iowa State, 2005 (school record)

Sacks—2, vs. Wake Forest, vs. Iowa State, 2005

QB Hurries—3 vs. Iowa State, 2005

Passes Broken Up—1, vs. Wake Forest, vs. Iowa State, 2005

Interceptions—1, vs. Western Illinois, 2004; vs. Wake Forest, 2005

Touchdown—1 vs. Wake Forest, 2005

2005 Game-by-Game

Game	Tackles				Sacks No.-Yds	Fumbles		PBU	QBH	INT
	UT	AT	TT	TFL		FF-FR				
Maine	8	2	10	3-5	1-2	1-0		0	2	0
Wake	6	4	10	2-11	2-11	0-0		1	1	1
Pitt	3	3	6	1-2	0-0	0-0		0	0	0
ISU	9	1	10	5-23	2-18	0-0		1	3	0
TTU	0	6	6	0-0	0-0	0-0		0	0	0
BU	4	3	7	0-0	0-0	0-0		0	0	0



All-Big 12 Candidate

#66—Le Kevin Smith

- Defensive Tackle, Sr., 6-2, 305
- Macon, Ga.

- 2004 Honorable-Mention All-Big 12

Defensive tackle Le Kevin Smith has been one of the major reasons behind Nebraska's defensive rebound in 2005. His presence in the middle has helped NU's defense rank first nationally in sacks (34), tackles-for-loss (68) and rushing defense (65.00); tied for seventh in scoring defense (14.00); and 12th in total defense (289.17). A three-year starter for NU, Smith has made a team-high 29 consecutive starts.

The Macon, Ga., native recorded a career-best two sacks in Nebraska's 2005 season-opening 25-7 win over Maine. Smith's effort helped the NU defense tie school team records with 11 sacks and 18 tackles-for-loss. His two tackles-for-loss tied his single-game high, which he has accomplished four other times.

Smith helped the Blackshirts limit Wake Forest to only 247 yards of total offense during Nebraska's 31-3 win against Wake Forest. He made three tackles, including one tackle for a two-yard loss on a fourth-down play in the fourth quarter that stopped the Demon Deacons' best offensive drive of the night.

Smith snagged his first career interception in the final minutes of play in NU's close loss to No. 13/15 Texas Tech. He also made four tackles, including one for a loss, against the Red Raiders. Smith added his second two-sack game of the season during NU's 23-14 road victory over Baylor.

Smith Game-by-Game in 2005

Maine—Smith was one of three Huskers to notch two sacks in NU's season opener. He made three total tackles.

Wake Forest—Smith recorded three tackles, two solo, and one tackle for loss. He added his first quarterback hurry of the season.

Pittsburgh—Smith made one unassisted tackle and added a quarterback hurry during the Huskers' tough defensive win.

Iowa State—Smith registered four tackles, one for a loss, in NU's double-overtime win. He added a career-best-tying two quarterback hurries.

Texas Tech—Smith grabbed his first career interception in the final minute against the Red Raiders. He also added four tackles, one for a loss.

Baylor—Smith notched his second two-sack game of the season.

For more on Le Kevin Smith, please see page 93 in the 2005 Nebraska Football Media Guide.

Career Statistics

Defense	(-----Tackles-----)					Fum.			QB Int.		
Year	G/S	UT	AT	TT	TFL	Sacks	C-R	BK	PBU	PI	Hrv. Csd.
2001	Redshirt										
2002	14/0	16	26	42	6-11	1-6	0-0	0	0	0	5 0
2003	12/12	20	24	44	6-18	0-0	0-1	0	2	0	4 1
2004	11/11	18	25	43	11-29	2.5-14	0-0	0	0	0	4 0
2005	6/6	10	8	18	7-38	4-29	0-0	0	0	1	4 0
Totals	43/29	64	83	147	28-96	7.5-49	0-1	0	2	1	17 1

2002 Independence Bowl vs. Ole Miss: Tackles, 1 UT, 4 AT, 5 TT; 1-1 TFL, 2 QB Hurries

2003 Alamo Bowl vs. Michigan St.: Tackles, 1 UT, 1 TT; 1-6 TFL, QB Hurry (INT caused)

Single-Game Bests:

Tackles—10 at Missouri, 2003

Solo Tackles—7 at Missouri, 2003

Tackles for Loss—2-8 vs. Penn State, 2003; 2-7 vs. Utah State, 2002; 2-5 vs. Southern Miss, 2004; 2-7 vs. Missouri, 2004; 2-12 vs. Maine, 2005; 2-17 vs. Baylor, 2005

Sacks—2, vs. Maine, vs. Baylor, 2005

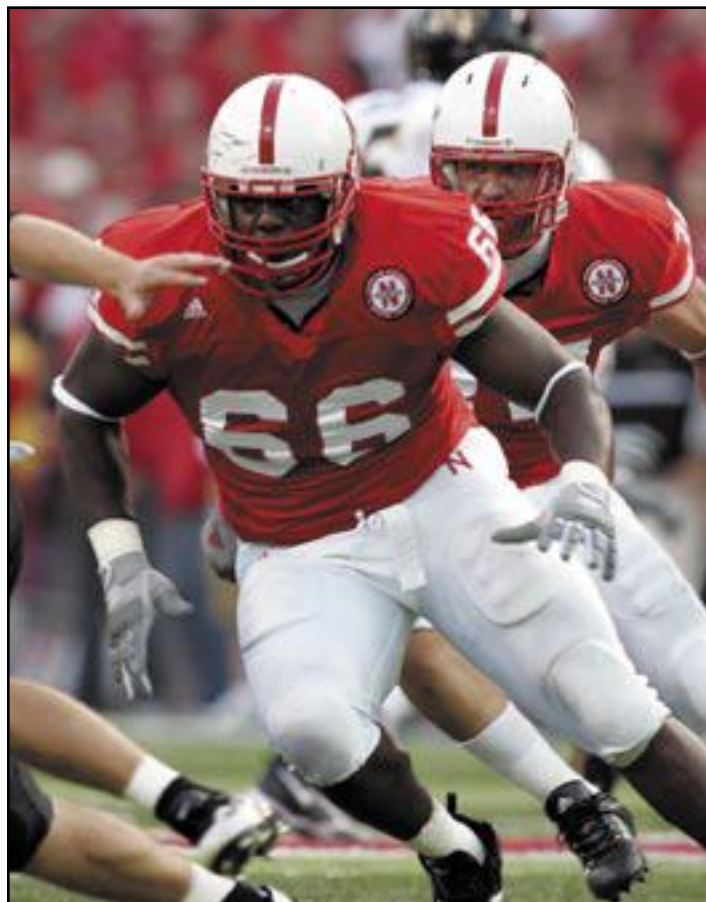
QB Hurries—2, vs. Texas, 2002; vs. Ole Miss, 2002 Independence Bowl; vs. Iowa State, 2005

Passes Broken Up—2 vs. Iowa State, 2003

Interception—1 vs. Texas Tech, 2005

2005 Game-by-Game

Game	Tackles			TFL	Sacks No.-Yds	Fumbles		PBU	QBH	INT
	UT	AT	TT			FF-FR				
Maine	2	1	3	2-12	2-12	0-0		0	0	0-0
WFU	2	1	3	1-2	0-0	0-0		0	1	0-0
Pitt	1	0	1	0-0	0-0	0-0		0	1	0-0
ISU	2	2	4	1-1	0-0	0-0		0	2	0-0
TTU	1	3	4	1-6	0-0	0-0		0	0	1-14
BU	2	1	3	2-17	2-17	0-0		0	0	0-0



#13—Zac Taylor

- Quarterback, 6-2, 210, Junior
- Norman, Okla.



- Big 12 Offensive Player of the Week (10/3)
- NU Single-Game Record Holder For Pass Attempts (55), Completions (36), Yardage (431) and Total Offense (433)

Junior quarterback Zac Taylor has found a home in Lincoln as Nebraska's starting signal caller in 2005. He has been instrumental in the Huskers' developing short passing attack, and owns school single-game records for pass attempts (55), completions (36), yardage (431) and total offense (433).

Taylor began his Husker career by completing 15-of-36 attempts for 192 yards passing during NU's season-opening 25-7 win over Maine. He was 11-of-18 for 160 yards in the first half, including a career-long 73-yard completion to Frantz Hardy.

Nebraska's offense found a rhythm in the third quarter of the Huskers' 31-3 win over Wake Forest with Taylor at the helm. He connected with Hardy on a four-yard touchdown strike, his first as a Husker, on NU's opening drive of the second half, and went 9-for-15 for 82 yards during the quarter. Taylor finished the win against his former team 14-for-33 with 114 yards.

The Norman, Okla., native scored the game-winning touchdown on a 10-yard bootleg run early in the second quarter of the Husker's 7-6 win over Pittsburgh. He went on to complete 10-of-20 passes for 93 yards and no interceptions against the Panthers.

The Nebraska offense experienced a breakthrough during the 27-20 double-overtime victory over Iowa State, as Taylor broke single-game school records for pass completions (36) and yardage (431), while tying the mark for attempts (55). He connected on his first seven attempts and threw for two touchdowns, including the game-winning eight-yard strike to Cory Ross in double-overtime.

Taylor led the Huskers back from a 21-point deficit first-half deficit against No. 13/15 Texas Tech. He connected on a pair of scores to wide receiver Terrence Nunn to give NU a fourth-quarter lead. He finished the game 21-of-35 for 229 yards.

The junior signal-caller was efficient in NU's 23-14 road victory over Baylor, completing 18-of-32 passes for 168 yards and two touchdowns with no interceptions. He added a career-best 30 yards on the ground with some well-timed scrambles.

Taylor Game-by-Game in 2005

Maine—Taylor compiled 192 passing yards in his debut as Nebraska's starting quarterback, completing 15-of-36 attempts. He connected with wide receiver Frantz Hardy on a career-long 73-yard completion in the second quarter.

Wake Forest—Taylor notched his first career touchdown pass on a four-yard strike to finish off the Huskers' opening drive of the second half. He completed 14-of-33 attempts for 114 yards with one interception.

Pittsburgh—Taylor scored the game-winning touchdown on a 10-yard bootleg run in the second quarter of NU's tough defensive victory. Through the air, he completed 10-of-20 passes for 93 yards.

Iowa State—Taylor set single-game school records for pass attempts (55), completions (36), yardage (431) and total offense (433) in the Huskers' double-overtime win. He added two touchdown passes, including the game winner in double-overtime. He earned Big 12 Offensive Player-of-the-Week honors for his performance.

Texas Tech—Taylor helped fuel a furious Husker comeback that fell just short with 229 yards on 21-of-35 passing and two touchdowns. He connected on a pair of scores to wide receiver Terrence Nunn just over five minutes apart to give NU a fourth-quarter lead after trailing 21-0 midway through the second quarter.

Baylor—Taylor notched another efficient game, throwing for 168 yards and two scores with no interceptions on 18-of-32 passing. He added a career-high 30 yards rushing.

For more on Zac Taylor, please see page 120 in the 2005 Nebraska Football Media Guide.

Career Statistics

Passing

Year	G	Att.	Cmp.	Int.	Pct.	Yds.	Y/A	Y/G	LP	TD	Eff.R.
2005	6/6	211	114	5	.540	1,227	5.8	204.5	73	7	109.08
Totals	6/6	211	114	5	.540	1,227	5.8	204.5	73	7	109.08

Single-Game Bests:

Pass Attempts—55 vs. Iowa State, 2005 (school record)

Pass Completions—36 vs. Iowa State, 2005 (school record)

Passing Yards—431 vs. Iowa State, 2005 (school record)

Passing Touchdowns—2, vs. Iowa State, vs. Texas Tech, vs. Baylor, 2005

Long Pass—73 yards to Frantz Hardy vs. Maine, 2005

Rushing Yards—30 vs. Baylor, 2005

Long Rush—20 yards vs. Iowa State, 2005

Rushing Touchdowns—1 vs. Pitt, 2005

Total Offense—433 vs. Iowa State, 2005 (school record)

2005 Game-by-Game

Game	Passing				Rushing			Total Offense		
	A-C-I	Yds.	Pct	TD	No.	Yds.	TD	Att.	Yds.	TD
Maine	36-15-2	192	.417	0	2	-5	0	38	187	0
WFU	33-14-1	114	.424	1	2	-5	0	35	109	1
Pitt	20-10-0	93	.500	0	7	-11	1	27	82	1
ISU	55-36-0	431	.655	2	7	2	0	62	433	2
TTU	35-21-2	229	.600	2	4	1	0	39	230	2
BU	32-18-0	168	.563	2	5	30	0	34	198	2

