



Husker Records and Streaks

- ▶ NCAA-record 250 consecutive sellouts in Memorial Stadium
- ▶ 40 consecutive winning seasons—current NCAA record
- ▶ 33 consecutive nine-win seasons—NCAA record
- ▶ 33 consecutive bowl bids—NCAA record
- ▶ 40 bowl appearances—fourth in NCAA
- ▶ 346 consecutive weeks ranked by the Associated Press, a continuing AP record
- ▶ 32 consecutive years ranked in AP top 25
- ▶ 24-game home winning streak (nation's longest)
- ▶ 105-12 record since 1993 (nine years)
- ▶ 54 weeks ranked in AP top 10 (leads nation)

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Weekly Press Conference

Nebraska Head Coach Frank Solich will conduct weekly Tuesday press/teleconferences in the Don Bryant Media Facility Level 6. The press conferences will begin with lunch at 11 a.m. NU Volleyball Coach John Cook will meet with the media at 11:15 and Husker defensive coordinator Craig Bohl will be available at 11:50 a.m., before Solich's noon meeting with the media. Husker players will follow Solich.

Each press conference will be available via teleconference and quotes will be transcribed and placed on Huskers.com. To secure a line on the teleconference, please contact SID at 402-472-2263.

Game 4: Nebraska (3-0) at Penn State (1-0)

DATE: Saturday, Sept. 14, 2002; **TIME:** 7 p.m. Central

SITE: State College, Pa.

STADIUM: Beaver Stadium; **STADIUM CAPACITY:** 107,282; **SURFACE:** Grass

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

TV: ABC Regional (Brad Nessler-Play-by-Play, Bob Griese-Color; Lynn Swann-Sideline)

No. 8/7 (AP/Coaches) Nebraska at No. 25 Penn State

Huskers Hit Road for First Time in 2002 Season at Penn State

Nebraska (3-0) will take to the road for the first time in its young season on Saturday night when it travels to State College, Pa., to take on Penn State (1-0) with kickoff at PSU's Beaver Stadium set for 7 p.m. CDT. The matchup is one of the top intersectional non-conference games of the 2002 campaign and pits two of college football's most successful programs.

The Huskers enter the game at 3-0 after posting a 44-13 victory over Utah State on Saturday night at Memorial Stadium, in a contest that marked the 250th consecutive sellout at Memorial Stadium. Nebraska jumped to a 37-7 halftime advantage and had its most productive offensive outing of the season against Utah State with 418 total yards and 288 rushing yards.

Penn State is 1-0 entering this week's contest with the Huskers, after a 27-24 victory at home against Central Florida on Aug. 31. The Nittany Lions were idle a week ago. Both teams are ranked heading into the contest, with the Huskers in the top 10 in both polls—No. 8 according to the Associated Press and seventh in the USA Today/ESPN coaches poll. Penn State is ranked 25th by the coaches.

The meeting is the first between the two schools since 1983 and the 12th time the teams have met on the gridiron. Penn State holds a 6-5 advantage in the overall series, including a 4-1 edge in games played at University Park. With a sellout crowd of more than 108,000 expected at Beaver Stadium on Saturday night, the crowd will be the largest ever to watch a Nebraska football game. The current record is 93,781 at the 2002 Rose Bowl against Miami. The two largest regular-season crowds Nebraska has played before have both been at Beaver Stadium, in 1980 and 1982.

In addition to trying to open a season 4-0 for the sixth consecutive year, the Huskers will also be attempting to pick up their 23rd straight victory in a regular-season non-conference game.

Big First Half Propels Huskers to Victory in 250th Consecutive Sellout

Nebraska scored on five of its first six drives and rolled to a 30-point halftime lead in a 44-13 victory over Utah State on Saturday at Memorial Stadium. The game was played before a Memorial Stadium record crowd of 78,176 fans, marking the 250th consecutive home game the Huskers have played before a sellout crowd.

The Blackshirt defense held Utah State on the opening drive of the game and the offense quickly established momentum driving 37 yards in eight plays to set up a 44-yard field goal by Josh Brown. Following a three-and-out by Utah State and a poor Aggie punt, the Huskers marched 22 yards in just four plays capped by a one-yard plunge by fullback Judd Davies, giving NU a 10-0 advantage. The

The 2002 Nebraska (3-0) Football Schedule/Results

Day	Date	Opponent	Time/Res.	TV	Series	Last Meeting (Site) / Notes
Sat.	Aug. 24	Arizona St.,BCA+	W, 48-10	ESPN	NU 6-2	Lord 17-103-1 TD rushing in first career start; NU blocks two punts
Sat.	Aug. 31	Troy State	W, 31-16		NU 2-0	Groce ties NCAA record with two punt return TDs, adds two INTs in NU win
Sat.	Sept. 7	Utah State	W, 44-13		NU 7-0	Nebraska's 250th Consecutive Sellout; stadium record crowd (78,176)
Sat.	Sept. 14	at Penn State	7 p.m.	ABC	PSU 6-5	NU 44-6 in 1983 (Kickoff Classic)/ Both teams ranked in last five meetings
Sat.	Sept. 28	at Iowa State #	TBA		NU 80-14-2	NU 48-14 in 2001 (Lincoln)/NU has scored at least 42 pts. in last 7 games
Sat.	Oct. 5	McNeese State	TBA		First Meeting	First opponent from Louisiana since 1998/NU is 5-0-1 against La. schools
Sat.	Oct. 12	Missouri #	TBA		NU 60-32-3	NU 36-3 in 2001 (Columbia)/NU has won 23 straight games in series
Sat.	Oct. 19	at Oklahoma State..	TBA		NU 35-2-1	NU 38-14 in 1999 (Lincoln)/First meeting in Stillwater since 1995
Sat.	Oct. 26	at Texas A&M #	TBA		NU 7-2	NU 37-0 in 1999 (Lincoln)/Aggies' handed Solich first career loss in 1998
Sat.	Nov. 2	Texas #	TBA		Tied 4-4	NU 22-6 in 1999 (Big 12)/UT is only team to win in Lincoln since 1991
Sat.	Nov. 9	Kansas # (HC)	TBA		NU 84-21-3	NU 51-7 in 2001 (Lawrence)/NU has won 33 straight games in series
Sat.	Nov. 16	at Kansas State #	TBA		NU 72-12-2	NU 31-21 in 2001 (Lincoln)/Wildcats have won last two meetings at KSU
Fri.	Nov. 29	Colorado #	2:30 p.m.	ABC	NU 43-15-2	CU 62-36 in 2001 (Boulder)/NU has won last five meetings in Lincoln
Sat.	Dec. 7	Big 12 Champ.@	7 p.m.	ABC	NU 2-1-0	NU is only team to win two Big 12 titles in six years of league play

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

2002 Polls

Associated Press (Sept. 8)

No.	Team (1st)	Record	Points
1.	Miami (68)	2-0	1,844
2.	Oklahoma (3)	2-0	1,700
3.	Texas (3)	1-0	1,667
4.	Tennessee	2-0	1,642
5.	Florida State	2-0	1,606
6.	Ohio State	2-0	1,341
7.	Michigan	2-0	1,333
8.	Nebraska	3-0	1,241
9.	Georgia	1-0	1,211
10.	Washington State	2-0	1,164
11.	Virginia Tech	2-0	1,135
12.	Florida	1-1	1,027
13.	Oregon	2-0	948
14.	Washington	1-1	855
15.	Michigan State	2-0	700
16.	Marshall	1-0	649
17.	USC	1-0	538
18.	Colorado	1-1	415
19.	North Carolina St.	3-0	402
20.	Notre Dame	2-0	374
21.	Texas A&M	2-0	368
22.	Wisconsin	3-0	294
23.	UCLA	1-0	213
24.	Colorado State	2-1	173
25.	LSU	1-1	171

ESPN/USA Today/Coaches (Sept. 8)

No.	Team (1st)	Record	Points
1.	Miami (58)	2-0	1,520
2.	Texas (2)	1-0	1,413
3.	Oklahoma	2-0	1,346
4.	Tennessee	2-0	1,332
5.	Florida State (1)	2-0	1,281
6.	Michigan	2-0	1,160
7.	Nebraska	3-0	1,095
8.	Ohio State	2-0	1,067
9.	Virginia Tech	2-0	1,007
10.	Georgia	1-0	967
11.	Washington State	2-0	872
12.	Oregon	2-0	809
13.	Florida	1-1	747
14.	Washington	1-1	645
15.	Michigan State	2-0	602
16.	USC	1-0	497
17.	Marshall	1-0	432
18.	Wisconsin	3-0	400
19.	Colorado	1-1	391
20.	North Carolina St.	3-0	379
21.	Notre Dame	2-0	313
22.	LSU	1-1	232
23.	Texas A&M	2-0	173
24.	BYU	2-0	164
25.	Penn State	1-0	144

Huskers in the 2002 Polls

Date	A	C	B	1st Plc.	Results
Pre.	10	8	NA	0/0	def. ASU, 48-10
8-26	9	8	NA	0/0	def. Troy St., 31-16
9-2	9	8	NA	0/0	def. Utah St., 44-13
9-8	8	7	NA	0/0	

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

Huskers' third touchdown came after DeJuan Groce's 17-yard punt return set up the offense with another short field. Quarterback Jammal Lord connected with Wilson Thomas for a 23-yard TD strike on the first play of the drive, pushing the NU lead to 17-0.

Utah State countered with a score late in the first quarter, but Nebraska put two more TDs on the board in the first three minutes of the second quarter to surge to a 31-7 lead. Lord had a hand in both scores, connecting with true freshman Matt Herian on a 33-yard scoring pass on the first play of the second quarter, then scoring from a yard out less than three minutes later. Lord raced in from 28 yards later in the second quarter for his second rushing TD, giving NU a 37-7 edge at halftime.

Nebraska substituted freely in the second half, but did add one more score. Redshirt freshman Cory Ross scored from 13 yards out late in the third quarter to cap the Husker scoring. Utah State added two fourth-quarter field goals to account for the final margin. NU rushed for a season-high 288 yards, led by Dahrran Diedrick's 93 yards, and gained a season-best 418 total yards. Lord finished with 59 yards rushing and completed 6-12 passes for 105 yards and two TDs.

While the Husker offense was establishing itself both on the ground and through the air, the Blackshirts exerted themselves against the pass-happy Aggies. Nebraska sacked Utah State quarterback Jose Fuentes four times before the half and a season-high six times on the night. The defense also picked off Fuentes three times, including two by Thorpe Award candidate DeJuan Groce. NU allowed just 70 yards rushing and had 10 tackles for loss in the game.

Recapping Game Three...NU 44, Utah State 13

► Nebraska senior cornerback **DeJuan Groce** continued his stellar play to start the season. Groce nabbed two interceptions for the second straight week and now has four this season and eight in his NU career. Groce also had four punt returns for 66 yards, a week after returning two punt returns for TDs to set school and Big 12 marks and tie an NCAA record.

► Senior rush end **Chris Kelsay** continued to make life miserable for opposing quarterbacks with two sacks and a pair of quarterback hurries. Kelsay has 3.5 sacks this season and a team-high eight hurries.

► Sophomore linebacker **Barrett Ruud** had four tackles, including a sack and a TFL. He also caused an Aggie fumble and had a quarterback hurry that caused one of three Husker interceptions.

► Junior cornerback **Pat Ricketts** joined Groce in the interception column, picking off a second quarter pass. Ricketts has been on the receiving end of a turnover for two straight weeks, after recovering a Troy State fumble a week earlier.

► Quarterback **Jammal Lord** engineered the Husker offense with great efficiency. Lord completed 6-12 passes for 105 yards, including scoring passes to **Wilson Thomas** (23 yards) and **Matt Herian** (33 yards). He also rushed nine times for 59 yards and two touchdowns. Eight of Lord's carries came before halftime. Nebraska substituted freely in the second half. Lord's two rushing touchdowns and two passing touchdowns were both career highs.

► **Matt Herian's** 33-yard TD reception from Lord in the second quarter was the first catch of the true freshman's Husker career.

► I-back **Dahrran Diedrick** rushed for a season-high 93 yards on 16 carries, with 62 yards in the first half. Diedrick became the 21st Husker to top 2,000 career rushing yards with a 22-yard scamper early in the second quarter. Diedrick now has 2,049 career yards to rank 21st on the NU career chart.

► Junior punter **Kyle Larson** just missed a school record for punting average in a game, booming four punts for a 57.3 yard average, including a career-best 71-yarder in the first quarter. Larson is now averaging a nation-leading 47.3 yards per punt and NU is averaging 43.7 yards in net punting.

► Senior place-kicker **Josh Brown** remained perfect on the season by connecting on all five of his PAT attempts and making a season-long 44-yard field goal to open the scoring. Brown also drove four of his kickoffs into the end zone for touchbacks.

► The victory marked the 300th win while NU secondary coach **George Darlington** has been a member of the Husker staff. Darlington was on Tom Osborne's first coaching staff in 1973 and was a part of all 255 of Osborne's victories and has been on staff for the first 45 wins of Frank Solich's head coaching career.

► The win pushed Nebraska to 3-0 marking the sixth straight season the Huskers have won their first three games. NU also won a nation-best 24th straight home game before a record crowd of 78,176.

Nebraska-Utah State Stat Wrap

Team Stats	Utah St.	NU
First Downs	19	20
Rush att.-yards	30-70	54-288
Passes	44-19-3	15-8-0
Passing yards	251	130
Total yards	321	418
Turnovers	3	2
Time of Possession	30:50	29:10
Sacks by	2-13	6-40

NU Rushing Leaders

Dahrran Diedrick--16 carries, 93 yards
Jammal Lord--9 carries, 59 yards, 2 TDs

NU Passing Leader

Jammal Lord--12-6-0, 105 yards, 2 TDs

NU Receiving Leader

Wilson Thomas--2 catches, 41 yards, TD

NU Defensive Leaders

DeJuan Groce--2 INT, 1 PBU
Scott Shanle--Team-high 7 tackles
Chris Kelsay--2 sacks, 1 PBU

Special Teams Standouts

Kyle Larson--4 punts, 57.3 yard average
DeJuan Groce--4 punt returns for 66 yards

2002 Big 12 Standings

North		Records		
Team	Overall	Big 12	Next Game	
Nebraska	3-0	0-0	at Penn St. 9/14	
Kansas St.	2-0	0-0	E. Illinois 9/14	
Missouri	2-0	0-0	at B. Green 9/14	
Iowa State	2-1	1-0	at Iowa 9/14	
Colorado	1-1	0-0	USC 9/14	
Kansas	0-2	0-1	SW Missouri St. 9/14	

South Division

Oklahoma	2-0	0-0	UTEP 9/14
Texas A&M	2-0	0-0	Va. Tech 9/21
Texas	1-0	0-0	at UNC 9/14
Okla. St.	1-1	0-0	UCLA 9/14
Baylor	1-1	0-0	at New Mexico 9/14
Texas Tech	1-1	0-0	Ole Miss 9/14

2002 Nebraska Non-Conference Opponents

Team	Record -- Next Game
Arizona State	2-1--at San Diego State 9/14
Troy State	0-2--Southern Utah 9/14
Utah State	0-2--Idaho State 9/14
Penn State	1-0--vs. Nebraska 9/14
McNeese State	2-0--at La.-Monroe 9/14

Last Week's Results

Kansas State def. La.-Monroe, 68-0
Missouri def. Ball State, 41-6
Iowa State def. Tennessee Tech, 58-6
Colorado def. San Diego State, 34-14
UNLV def. Kansas, 31-20
Oklahoma def. Alabama, 37-27
Texas A&M def. Pittsburgh, 14-12
Oklahoma State def. Northern Iowa, 45-10
Baylor def. Samford, 50-12
Texas Tech def. SMU, 24-14
Arizona State def. Central Florida, 46-13
UAB def. Troy State, 27-26
McNeese State def. Youngstown State, 28-13

2002 Penn State Schedule (1-0)

8/31	Central Florida	W, 27-24
9/14	Nebraska	7 p.m.
9/21	Louisiana Tech	11:10 a.m.
9/28	Iowa	TBA
10/5	at Wisconsin	TBA
10/12	at Michigan	TBA
10/19	Northwestern	11:10 a.m.
10/26	at Ohio State	TBA
11/2	Illinois	TBA
11/9	Virginia	TBA
11/16	at Indiana	TBA
11/23	Michigan State	TBA

NU-Nittany Lion Series Notes

▶ Nebraska and Penn State are third and fifth, respectively, in all-time victories among Division I-A schools and among nine schools to have 700 or more all-time wins.

▶ Either Nebraska or Penn State has appeared in each of the last 43 final Associated Press polls. In 36 of those 43 seasons, one of the two schools has finished in the top 10, with both schools finishing in the top 10 on 12 occasions. In the same time period both Nebraska and Penn State have been in the final rankings 25 of the 43 seasons. The schools have combined for seven national championships in that period.

▶ NU (309) and Penn State (282) were No. 1 and 2 in the nation in victories from 1970 to 1999.

Husker-Pennsylvania, Nittany Lion Connections

▶ Junior safety Jerrell Pippens is the lone Husker from Pennsylvania. Pippens is a Philadelphia native and attended West Catholic High School.

▶ Nebraska Head Coach Frank Solich was born in Johnstown, Pa., before his family moved to Cleveland where he spent his childhood.

▶ Nittany Lion assistant coach Bill Kenney served as a graduate assistant at Nebraska in 1986 and 1987.

▶ Penn State President Dr. Graham Spanier was chancellor at the University of Nebraska from 1991 to 1995.

Scouting Penn State (1-0)



Penn State enters Saturday night's contest with a 1-0 record after a 27-24 victory over Central Florida on Aug. 31. The Nittany Lions were idle this past weekend and are ranked 25th by the coaches, but unranked in the AP poll.

Offensively, sophomore quarterback Zack Mills is the leader of the Lions' attack. He threw for 1,669 yards and nine touchdowns as a freshman last season and opened the 2002 campaign by throwing for 194 yards and two touchdowns against Central Florida. Starting tailback Larry Johnson leads the Penn State ground attack. Against Central Florida, he rushed for 92 yards on

18 carries. Johnson also led PSU in receiving, grabbing four passes for 30 yards and a touchdown. Wide receiver Bryant Johnson caught 51 passes a year ago and opened this season with three catches for 90 yards, while Tony Johnson had three receptions for 49 yards and a TD against UCF.

Defensively, Penn State is led by senior defensive tackle Jimmy Kennedy, who has earned preseason All-America recognition from several publications. Kennedy has 23 career tackles for loss and was a first-team All-Big Ten pick a year ago. Free safety Shawn Mayer is Penn State's top returning tackler with 97 tackles last season and led the team in the season opener with 10 stops. Place-kicker Robbie Gould opened the season with a pair of field goals after he connected on all 29 of his PAT attempts and made 6 of 10 field goals last season.

Penn State Coach Joe Paterno

Joe Paterno is in his 37th year as Penn State's head coach and his 53rd year overall on the Nittany Lion coaching staff. Paterno owns a career mark of 328-96-3 and is the NCAA Division I all-time leader in coaching victories, after passing Paul "Bear" Bryant at 323 victories last season. Paterno has guided the Nittany Lions to two national championships (1982 and 1986) and five perfect seasons, most recently in 1994.

Paterno is 2-3 against Nebraska as a head coach, 1-1 against the Huskers at Beaver Stadium. Paterno has been on the Nittany Lion coaching staff for 10 of the 11 all-time meetings between the two schools, including five as an assistant coach.

Nebraska-Penn State Series...PSU leads, 6-5

The meeting between Nebraska and Penn State marks the first between the two schools since 1983 and the 12th all-time with the Nittany Lions owning a 6-5 edge in the series. Saturday's game will mark the sixth meeting between the teams in University Park, with Penn State holding a 4-1 edge in those contests.

The two teams played five consecutive years between 1979 and 1983, with Nebraska capturing three of the five games, including a split of two games at Beaver Stadium. Nebraska defeated the Nittany Lions, 21-7, at University Park in 1980, before PSU scored on a last-minute drive to post a 27-24 victory in 1982. For more information

on NU-Penn State meetings between 1979 and 1983, please see page five of this release.

With both teams ranked heading into this week's contest, it marks the sixth straight meeting between the two teams in which both teams have been ranked. In each of those six games, at least one of the two teams has been ranked in the top 10, with the Huskers in the top 10 in five of the six meetings.

Nebraska-Penn State Statistical Comparison

Category	Nebraska (3-0)			Penn State (1-0)	
	Avg.	Big 12	Natl.	Avg.	Natl.
Rushing Offense	256.7	1	12	153.0	58
Passing Offense	92.3	12	111	194.0	65
Pass Efficiency	118.54	7	59	179.48	6
Total Offense	349.0	10	66	347.0	68
Scoring Offense	41.0	3	17	27.0	62
Rushing Defense	102.0	8	40	65.0	13
Pass Defense	206.0	12	66	345.0	117
Pass Eff. Defense	79.11	3	19	135.43	91
Total Defense	308.7	6	43	410.0	95
Scoring Defense	13.0	4	20	24.0	58
Net Punting	43.7	2	5	42.0	11
Punt Returns	23.2	2	6	12.0	47
Kickoff Returns	22.9	1	31	37.5	3
Turnover Margin	+1.0	6	31	0.0	55

Top 25 National Rankings in Bold

Nebraska-Penn State Series Summary

Games: 11

Standing: Penn State leads, 6-5

At University Park: Penn St. leads, 4-1

At Beaver Stadium: Penn St. leads, 4-1

Date	Site	Result
11/6/1920	University Park	L, 0-20
10/15/1949	University Park	L, 7-22
10/21/1950	Lincoln	W, 19-0
10/13/1951	Lincoln	L, 7-15
10/18/1952	University Park	L, 0-10
11/20/1958	Lincoln	W, 14-7
11/29/1979	Lincoln	W, 42-17
11/27/1980	University Park	W, 21-7
11/26/1981	Lincoln	L, 24-30
9/25/1982	University Park	L, 24-27
8/29/1983	East Rutherford	W, 44-6

Series scoring	Total	Average
Nebraska	202	18.4
Penn State	161	14.6

Solich Year-by-Year

Year	Record	Pct	Conf.	Bowl	Rank
1998	9-4	.692	5-3	Holiday	19/20
1999	12-1	.923	7-1#	Fiesta	3/2
2000	10-2	.833	6-2	Alamo	8/7
2001	11-2	.846	7-1	Rose	8/7
2002	3-0	1.000	---	---	---
Tot.	45-9	.833	25-7	Four	---

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

Div. I-A Coaches Best Career Starts since 1900

First Five Years by Wins

Rank	Coach, School	Years	Rec.
1.	Barry Switzer, Oklahoma	1973-77	51-5-2
2.	John Robinson, USC	1976-80	50-8-2
3.	R. C. Slocum, Texas A&M	1989-93	49-12-1
4.	Lloyd Carr, Michigan	1995-99	49-13
....	Frank Solich, Nebraska	1998-02	45-9

Solich vs. Ranked AP Teams (10-8)

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

Solich Superlatives

All-Time	45-9
vs. AP Ranked Teams	10-8
vs. AP Top 10 Teams	4-4
vs. Unranked Teams	35-1
vs. Big 12 Teams	25-7
When Rushing for 300 Yards	23-1
When Rushing for 400 Yards	10-0
When Rushing for 500 Yards	2-0
When Rushing for 600 Yards	1-0
When NU player rushes for 100 Yards ...	30-6
Multiple 100-yd. NU Rushers in a Game .	11-0
When Opp. has 100 Yd. Rusher	8-5
When Scoring 35 or More Points	29-1
When Hold Opp. to 10 Pts. or less	20-0
When Nebraska scores first	35-4
When Nebraska leads at halftime	36-2
Record in games decided by 10 or less ...	13-6
Record in games decided by 7 or less	8-5
Record in games decided by 3 or less	4-2
Individual Honors	
Draft Picks	21
All-Americans	8
Academic All-Americans	6
All-Conference Winners	21
Academic All-Conference Winners	85
Team Honors	
Consecutive Weeks Ranked by AP	70
Consecutive Weeks in the AP top 10	54
Conference Championships	1
Nine-Win Seasons	4
10-Win Seasons	3
11-Win Seasons	2
12-Win Seasons	1

Nebraska Head Coach Frank Solich

Coach Frank Solich (Nebraska, 1966) is in his fifth season at the helm of the Husker program with a 45-9 school and career record (.833). With 11 wins in 2001, Solich moved into a tie for fourth on the all-time Division I list for victories in the first four seasons as a head coach. He will officially qualify to rank among his peers after this season with five years as a head coach, and with an .833 winning percentage, would rank first among active coaches in Division I-A. Saturday will mark Solich's first meeting with Penn State and he is 3-0 against Big Ten opponents.



Coach Solich became just the third first-year Nebraska head coach to record nine wins in his first season at the helm, joining a pair of Hall of Fame Coaches—Tom Osborne (9-2-1 in 1973) and Bob Devaney (9-2 in 1962). Solich posted a 9-4 record in his first season, despite being hit heavy with injuries. He posted the best record of any Husker second-year coach as his team posted a 12-1 record in 1999, leading NU to a Big 12 championship and No. 2 (coaches poll) and No. 3 (AP poll) final national rankings. Solich's 21 wins in his first two years at NU bettered Devaney's previous school record of 19 and ranked in a tie for third all time among Division I coaches in their first two years at the helm. He went 10-2 in 2000 and his 31 wins in three years bettered both Osborne and Devaney's 28 wins in their first three years. His 42 wins in four years is also a school best.

Solich is the only Husker coach to have won 12 games in either of his first two seasons. Devaney won nine games in his first year, 10 his second year, nine in his third and 10 in his fourth, while Osborne won nine, nine, 10 and nine, respectively. Devaney won his first conference title his second year, while Osborne tied for his first title in his third year at the helm. Solich was named the 1999 Big 12 Coach of the Year by his league peers and the AP after winning the league championship in 1999, and was named coach of the year by the conference coaches a second time in 2001.

Solich has continued Nebraska's winning tradition the Husker way—by identification of athletic talent regardless of position or recruiting rank; with successful recruitment nationwide of the country's best student-athletes; developing local talent and utilizing the envious Husker walk-on program; and by providing the best athletic facilities and support available for the student-athletes.

Although defensive coordinator Charlie McBride retired after the 1999 season, the rest of Coach Osborne's staff is intact. Solich replaced himself with recruiting specialist and running backs coach Dave Gillespie, who was the recruiting coordinator at Nebraska when the Huskers signed the athletes who won back-to-back national championships in 1994 and 1995, and hired former Husker Jeff Jamrog away from New Mexico State to replace McBride in January of 2000. Counting Solich, five members of the Husker coaching staff played for Nebraska. Solich is one of 17 current Division I-A football coaches who played for and now coach their alma mater.

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

Husker Staff Boasts 152 Years of Combined Experience at Nebraska

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

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

Nebraska Coaching Staff Breakdown

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

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

Darlington Reaches 300 Wins at Nebraska

Nebraska secondary coach George Darlington has been a part of the Husker coaching staff since 1973, Tom Osborne's first season as head coach. Darlington was a part of all 255 of Osborne's victories at Nebraska and has been a part of 45 Husker victories with Frank Solich at the helm—good for a total of 300 victories as a member of the NU coaching staff. The long-time NU coach was presented the game ball and a plaque on the field by Solich at the conclusion of the Husker win over Utah State.

"You can travel all across the country and it would be hard to find another coach that has reached

that accomplishment," Solich said. "That is an amazing feat that George has accomplished. He is a great coach that has recruited a number of great athletes."

Solich was on the mark regarding Darlington's accomplishment. Research indicates that Darlington is the first Division I-A assistant to be a part of 300 victories at the same school. Husker offensive line coach Milt Tenopir who joined Osborne's staff after one season is not far behind Darlington with 291 wins as a Husker assistant. Penn State assistant coach Jerry Sandusky, a member of Joe Paterno's staff for 31 seasons retired following the 1999 season after being a part of 293 Nittany Lion victories.

Coaches' Game Day Assignments

Following the lead of Tom Osborne, Coach Solich is his own offensive coordinator, calling the plays from the sideline. Craig Bohl, who tutors the linebackers and is in his third season as defensive coordinator is also on the sideline, along with receivers coach Ron Brown, quarterbacks coach Turner Gill, defensive line coach Jeff Jamrog and kickers/offensive line coach Dan Young. Assisting from above in the press box are rush ends coach Nelson Barnes, defensive backs coach George Darlington, running backs coach Dave Gillespie and offensive line coach Milt Tenopir.

Recent History of Husker-Nittany Lion Series

Nebraska and Penn State have met 11 times in school history, with Penn State owning a 6-5 series edge. The two schools met five consecutive years from 1979 to 1983, the only meetings between the teams while Joe Paterno has been the Nittany Lions' head coach. In each of those five games, NU head coach Frank Solich was an assistant coach for the Huskers. Below is a recap of the five meetings between the schools from 1979 to 1983.

Sept. 29, 1979; Lincoln, Neb. (AP gametime rank)

Penn State (18)	17
Nebraska (6)	42

In the 100th consecutive sellout at Memorial Stadium, Penn State jumped to a 14-0 first-quarter lead, but Nebraska quickly regained momentum with 28 unanswered points in the second quarter. The Huskers sealed the victory with two fourth-quarter touchdowns. NU dominated statistically and outgained Penn State 530 to 183 on the afternoon, including a 298 to 60 edge in rushing yardage, keyed by 124 yards from Jarvis Redwine.

Sept. 27, 1980; State College, Pa.

Nebraska (3)	21
Penn State (11)	7

Nebraska's defense kept the Nittany Lion offense in check for the second straight season, holding PSU to just 156 yards of total offense, including just 33 rushing yards. The Huskers jumped to a 14-0 first-quarter lead, then sealed the contest in the third quarter when Jarvis Redwine scored the second of his two rushing touchdowns. Redwine finished the game with 189 rushing yards, and NU gained 287 yards on the ground, 445 overall.

Sept. 26, 1981; Lincoln, Neb.

Penn State (3)	30
Nebraska (15)	24

The game saw five lead changes and more than 800 yards of total offense, but a standout performance by Penn State running back Curt Warner carried the Lions to victory. Nebraska took a 24-20 lead late in the third quarter, but Penn State rallied behind Warner, who finished with 238 rushing yards on 28 carries, the second-most yards ever vs. Nebraska. Roger Craig gained 121 yards for Nebraska, who suffered one of only 10 losses at Memorial Stadium since 1980.

Sept. 25, 1982; State College, Pa.

Nebraska (2)	24
Penn State (8)	27

In the most memorable game in series history, Nebraska rallied from a 21-7 third-quarter deficit to take a 24-21 lead with 1:18 to play. However, Penn State marched 65 yards in 10 plays capped by a Todd Blackledge to Kirk Bowman pass with four seconds left to pull out a 27-24 victory. The two teams combined for nearly 1,000 yards of offense, with Blackledge

passing for 295 yards and three touchdowns, while NU's Turner Gill threw for 239 yards and two scores. The game was Nebraska's only loss of the 1982 season, as the Huskers went on to finish No. 3 in the final polls, while Penn State captured the national championship.

Aug. 29, 1983; Kickoff Classic; East Rutherford, N.J.

Nebraska (1)	44
Penn State (4)	6

Behind the running and passing of quarterback Turner Gill, the Huskers made their first preseason appearance a success, knocking off defending national champion Penn State, 44-6, in the first-ever Kickoff Classic in East Rutherford, N.J. Gill threw for 158 yards and a touchdown, while rushing for 53 yards and another score as the Big Red scored on two of its first three possessions en route to a 44-0 lead late in the contest. The loss ranks as the second worst in Penn State Coach Joe Paterno's coaching career.

Huskers Own Big Advantage Against Big Ten

The meeting between Nebraska and Penn State not only matches two of the nation's top football programs, but also teams from two of the dominant conferences in college football—the Big 12 and Big Ten. Nebraska heads into Saturday's game looking to continue a remarkable run of success against Big Ten foes.

Nebraska has won eight straight games overall against members of the Big Ten Conference since a 27-23 loss to Michigan in the 1986 Fiesta Bowl. In the Huskers' eight straight wins against Big Ten opponents the Huskers have outscored the competition 418-75, for an average victory margin of 52.3-9.4.

In regular-season contests, Nebraska has not lost to a member of the Big Ten Conference since a 27-24 loss at Penn State in 1982, a streak of 11 straight victories. Since 1962, Nebraska is 35-5 against current members of the Big Ten Conference, including a 3-0 mark under Frank Solich.

NU vs. the Big Ten

Nebraska has won eight straight games against Big Ten opponents since a loss to Michigan in the 1986 Fiesta Bowl. Nebraska's average victory margin in those games has been nearly 43 points.

<u>Year</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	<u>Result</u>
2000	Northwestern*	W, 66-17
2000	Iowa	W, 42-13
1999	at Iowa	W, 42-7
1996	Michigan State	W, 55-14
1995	at Michigan St.	W, 50-10
1990	Minnesota	W, 56-0
1989	at Minnesota	W, 48-0
1986	at Illinois	W, 59-14
*-2000 Alamo Bowl		

Extra Special Teams

Like his predecessors Bob Devaney and Tom Osborne, NU Head Coach Frank Solich has stressed the importance of the Husker special teams. Entering the 2002 campaign, Solich has mentioned on numerous occasions that this year's kicking and coverage units had the potential to be very "special." If NU's first three games are any indication, Solich's thoughts may prove to be quite prophetic.

In Nebraska's season opener, the Huskers blocked two punts, one of which was returned for a touchdown, keying a 48-10 win over Arizona State. The punt return unit stole the show against Troy State. Senior DeJuan Groce tied an NCAA record with two punt return touchdowns in NU's 31-16 victory. The Huskers enjoyed a 20-yard advantage in average field position against Utah State due in large part to specialty units.

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

► **Punt Returns...**Nebraska is averaging 23.2 yards on its 12 punt returns this season. Groce has returned 10 punts for 251 yards, for a remarkable 25.1 average, good for eighth in the nation.. Groce's two punt return touchdowns vs. Troy State not only set a school record, but matched the NCAA record. His 83-yard TD was the fifth-longest punt return in school history and his 155 yards on two returns were just 15 yards shy of the school record for punt return yardage in a game. Groce is sixth at Nebraska in career punt return yards.

► **Place-kicking...**Senior place-kicker Josh Brown is 4-4 on field goals in 2002 and perfect in 15 PAT attempts. Brown hit on field goals of 40 and 42 yards against Arizona State, marking the first time in his career he has

Husker Preseason Honors

Judd Davies, Jr., FB

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

Dahrran Diedrick, Sr., IB

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

John Garrison, Sr., C

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

DeJuan Groce, Sr., CB

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

Chris Kelsay, Sr., RE

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

Kyle Larson, Jr., P

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

Scott Shanle, Sr., LB

Preseason Butkus Award Watch List

Barrett Ruud, So., LB

Preseason Butkus Award Watch List

Husker Quarterback Starting Debuts

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

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

Passing, 5-13, 33 yards, 1 TD

Rushing, 17 carries, 103 yards

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

Passing, 11-17, 127 yards, 1 TD

Rushing, 7 carries, 69 yards, 2 TD

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

Passing, 5-12, 74 yds., 1 TD

Rushing, 10 carries, 58 yards, 1 TD

Tommie Frazier, 1992 at Missouri, NU 34-24

Passing, 9-20, 157 yards

Rushing, 14 carries, 72 yards, 2 TD

Turner Gill, 1981 vs. Colorado

Passing, 9-14, 178 yards, 4 TD

Rushing, 6 carries, 46 yards

NU Individual Season Record Kickoff Returns

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

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

NU Career Kickoff Return Yards

1. 1443 Tyrone Hughes, WB, 1989-92 (51 ret.)
2. 1159 Joe Walker, ROV, 1997-00 (53 ret.)
3. 1154 Dana Brinson, WB, 1985-88 (51 ret.)
4. 847 Johnny Rodgers, WB 1970-72 (35 ret.)
5. **827 Josh Davis, IB, 2000-02 (31 ret.)**
6. 818 Frank Solich, FB, 1963-65 (35 ret.)

made a pair of 40+-yard field goals in the same game and had a season-best 44-yarder vs. Utah State. Brown's performance on kickoff duties should not be left unnoticed. Fifteen of his 23 kickoffs this season have ended in touchbacks. Brown was named Big 12 Special Teams Player of the Week for his work in the season opener against Arizona State.

► **Punting...NU's** Kyle Larson was one of the Big 12's best last season, averaging 42.5 yards per punt. Through three games little has changed with Larson averaging 47.3 yards to lead the nation. He has also pinned the opposition inside the 20 four times. Larson averaged 57.3 yards on four punts against Utah State, just off a school record. Larson, a Ray Guy Award candidate, was NU's nominee for Big 12 Special Teams Player of the Week. Nebraska is fifth in the nation in net punting.

► **Blocked Kicks...NU** has had a history of being one of the nation's best kick blocking units.

Demorrio Williams and Lannie Hopkins each blocked a punt in the second half of Nebraska's victory over Arizona State, marking the first time since a 1999 win over Kansas State that the Huskers have had two blocked punts in the same game. Williams' blocked punt was returned six yards for a score by senior linebacker Scott Shanle. The last time NU had returned a blocked punt for a TD was at Kansas State in 2000 (Keyuo Craver).

► **Kickoff Returns...Junior** Josh Davis finished 14th nationally in kickoff return average a year ago at 27.0 yards per return. This season Davis is off to a strong start averaging 25.3 yards per return, including a season-long 42-yarder vs. Utah State. Davis now ranks fifth at Nebraska in career kickoff return yardage.

► **Kick Coverage...Nebraska** has allowed opponents to average just 15.9 yards on kickoff returns and only 6.8 yards on eight punt returns this season. NU kickers coach Dan Young saluted the coverage men for their work against Utah State, "Kyle had an exceptional night, but we also had great coverage, particularly from our corner guys, DeJuan Groce and Jerrell Pippens. Kyle's 57.3 average was impressive, but even more impressive was the team's net average (53.0). It's not how far you kick it...but the net result with the return, and we had great coverage on Saturday."

Huskers Scoring in All Three Facets of Game

Nebraska has reached the end zone 16 times in its first three games this season, with the offense, defense and special teams all getting into the act. Of Nebraska's touchdowns, four have been non-offensive scores, two in each of the Huskers' first two games this season.

In the season opener against ASU, Nebraska scored via a blocked punt return and an interception return. DeJuan Groce supplied two special teams touchdowns against Troy State, returning punts 83 and 72 yards for scores, setting a school and Big 12 record and tying an NCAA record.

The first two games this season marked the first time Nebraska has recorded two or more non-offensive scores in consecutive games since the 1996 season. In that year, NU returned an interception (Ralph Brown) and a kickoff (Kenny Cheatham) for a TD at Oklahoma and the following week vs. Missouri returned a blocked punt for a score (Terrell Farley) and recorded a safety when the Tigers fumbled the ball out of the end zone.

The Huskers have now scored by defense or special teams in six of their last 10 games dating back to last season. Seven members of the 2002 team have scored non-offensive TDs in their career led by Groce's four scores, all punt returns. Groce also became the first Husker to score two non-offensive touchdowns in a game since Julius Jackson had an interception return and a fumble return for TDs against Southern Mississippi in 1999.

Huskers Hope to Boost Turnover Margin

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

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

Jammal Lord Off to Strong Start in Replacing Heisman Winner

Junior Jammal Lord is charged with the difficult task of replacing departed Heisman Trophy winner Eric Crouch as the Husker signal caller. Against Arizona State, Lord made a strong debut leading the Huskers to a 48-10 victory. Lord rushed for 103 yards in the game and directed a Husker offense that

NU Special Teams Under Solich

Averages					
Year	FG-FGA	PR	KOR	Bl.	Kicks
1998	14-21	11.5	21.0	1	1 (1 punt)
1999	14-20	10.9	18.4	*10	(7P, 3FG)
2000	5-10	11.0	16.7	6	(2P, 3FG, 1PAT)
2001	12-17	13.1	25.2	4	(2P, 2FG)
2002	4-4	23.2	22.9	2	(2P)

*School record

did not have a turnover in a season opener for the first time in 28 years. Lord's play in his first career start stacks up well against several other prominent Husker quarterbacks (see left column on page 6).

Lord posted the top total offense game of his career against Troy State with 206 total yards, including a career-best 114 through the air and 92 rushing yards and a touchdown on a career-high 23 carries. He had a third consecutive solid game against Utah State. Lord connected on 6-12 passes for 105 yards and two touchdowns and ran nine times for 59 yards and two additional touchdowns. The game marked the first time Lord had passed or ran for two touchdowns in a game in his career.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Groce Anchors Husker Secondary; Stars on Husker Special Teams

In recent years, Nebraska has a history of having an experienced

NU Career Pass Breakups

Rank, #	Player, Position, Years	PBU
1.	Ralph Brown, RCB, 96-99	50
2.	Keyuo Craver, LCB, 98-01	41
3.	Erwin Swiney, RCB, 97-01	38
4.	DeJuan Groce, RCB, 99-01	35

NU Career Punt Return Yards

1.	1,515 Johnny Rodgers, WB, 1970-72 (98 ret.)
2.	829 Bobby Newcombe, WB, 1997-00 (48 ret.)
3.	817 Tyrone Hughes, WB, 1989-92 (65 ret.)
4.	788 Larry Wachholtz, S, 1964-66 (62 ret.)
5.	767 Dana Brinson, WB, 1985-88 (77 ret.)
6.	737 DeJuan Groce, CB, 1999-02 (45 ret.)
7.	708 Irving Fryar, WB, 1981-83 (60 ret.)

cornerback on one side of the field, with a newcomer manning the other corner. In 1996, true freshman Ralph Brown started opposite senior Michael Booker. Brown then served as a mentor for both Erwin Swiney and Keyuo Craver later in his career. Two seasons ago, Craver anchored one corner while DeJuan Groce learned the ropes as a starter at right cornerback. This season, it

is Groce's turn to handle the leadership role, as Pat Ricketts and Lornell McPherson share the left cornerback role.

In NU's first three games Groce has shown why he is an All-America candidate and listed on the Jim Thorpe Award watch list. Groce had a pass breakup and intercepted two passes against Troy State, helping the Husker defense hold the Trojans to just 11 of 29 in the passing department. He backed

up that performance with two more interceptions and a breakup against Utah State.

Groce now has 35 career PBU to rank fourth on the NU career list and is the Huskers' single-season PBU record-holder with 17 in 2000. He has eight career interceptions, including four this season, just off the Husker top 10 season list and three from the school season record of seven, held by three players. Groce's eight career interceptions are also just off the career top 10 list. Dana Stephenson holds the NU career mark with 14 picks from 1967 to 1969. Groce ranks ninth nationally in interceptions per game at 1.33 and is one of only two players to have four interceptions this season.

Groce is also an electrifying force on Husker special teams. Against Troy State, he set a school record and tied an NCAA mark with two punt return touchdowns. Groce averages 16.4 yards per punt return in his career and is averaging 25.1 yards on 10 returns this season to rank eighth in the nation. In his career, Groce ranks sixth on the NU punt return yardage list and is in position to finish his career in second place on the chart, behind only 1972 Heisman Trophy winner Johnny Rodgers.

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

Senior Rush End Kelsay Leading Blackshirt Front Seven

Senior rush end Chris Kelsay was a preseason All-Big 12 pick by the league's media. In addition to his first-team all-league notice by the conference media, Kelsay was a first-team All-Big 12 pick by *The Sporting News*, which listed him as the nation's No. 5 defensive end. Kelsay, a senior from Auburn, Neb., is also on preseason watch lists for the Rotary Lombardi Award and the Bronko Nagurski Award.

The 6-5, 260-pound Kelsay is off to a quick start in 2002. Through three games, Kelsay has five tackles for losses totaling 33 yards, including 3.5 sacks for 30 yards and also leads the Huskers with eight QB hurries. Kelsay recorded 1.5 sacks for 17 yards and four quarterback hurries against Arizona State and added his second career two-sack game against Utah State. Kelsay has also batted down two opposing passes and NU's first three opponents have regularly double-teamed the senior captain.

Kelsay now has 9.5 sacks and 25 tackles for loss in his Husker career. Kelsay recorded 52 total tackles as a junior, including a team-best 17 tackles for losses totaling 58 yards and five sacks.

Diedrick Continuing Husker Running Back Legacy

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

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

Diedrick reached a milestone against Utah State when he became the 21st Husker to rush for 2,000 career yards. Diedrick finished the game with a season-high 93 yards on 16 carries and now ranks 21st in NU career rushing with 2,049 yards. For the year, Diedrick has rushed for 235 yards and two touchdowns.

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

NU Career Rushing Leaders

Rank, Player, Pos., Yrs.	Yards
1. Mike Rozier, IB, 1981-83	4,780
2. Ahman Green, IB, 1995-97	3,880
3. Eric Crouch, QB, 1998-01	3,434
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16. Bobby Reynolds, HB, 1950-52	2,196
17. Jarvis Redwine, IB, 1979-80	2,161
18. Tony Davis, IB/FB, 1973-75	2,153
19. Steve Taylor, QB, 1985-88	2,125
20. Monte Anthony, IB, 1974-77	2,077
21. D. Diedrick, IB, 1999-pres.	2,049
22. Jeff Smith, IB, 1980-84	1,992

Big 12 Conf. POW Nominees

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

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

Huskers on Opening Day Rosters

Nebraska has 35 players on NFL opening day rosters. The Huskers had a conference-best 45 players on NFL training camp rosters in 2002. Here are the players on 2002 opening day rosters, including rookies Eric Crouch (St. Louis), Keyuo Craver (New Orleans) and Toniau Fonoti (San Diego).

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

Huskers at Home on ABC

Saturday night's contest will be televised to about 75 percent of the country by ABC. Over the years, Nebraska has had more air time on the network than many ABC television shows. The Penn State contest will mark Nebraska's 101st all-time appearance on ABC, with the Huskers owning a 72-28 record on the network, including a 43-8 record in their last 51 ABC telecasts.

Thomas Among Nebraska's Career Receiving Leaders

Senior split end Wilson Thomas is being relied on as a go-to-player in the Husker offensive attack this season. Thomas opened the season by catching his fourth career TD, a nine-yarder from Jammal Lord in the third quarter. For the game, Thomas had three receptions for eight yards. In game two against Troy State, Thomas had a team-best four receptions for 31 yards. Against Utah State, Thomas caught two passes for 41 yards, including his second TD of the year, a 23-yarder from Lord.

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

Thomas has 47 career receptions and is just three catches from cracking the top 20 on the NU career list and is within striking distance of the top five. With 704 career receiving yards, Thomas ranks 23rd on the NU charts and is 296 yards short of becoming just the 12th Husker in school history to reach 1,000 career receiving yards.

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

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

NU Career Reception Leaders

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

Other Huskers on Preseason Watch Lists for National Awards

Groce, Kelsay and Diedrick lead a strong group of Huskers who have been mentioned as preseason candidates for major national awards. Husker linebackers Scott Shanle and Barrett Ruud are two of the 67 preseason candidates for the Butkus Award.

Ruud was Nebraska's leading tackler in the season opener with eight stops against Arizona State and has 15 stops on the season. The sophomore from Lincoln showed the type of toughness of the award's namesake against Troy State when he broke his hand on the game's second play, but returned in the second quarter. He will be in a cast for the next three weeks, but had four tackles and a sack vs. Utah State.

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

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

Junior punter Kyle Larson continues to prove he is one of the nation's best, averaging 47.3 yards on 15 punts this season to lead the nation in punting average. Larson boomed four punts for a 57.3-yard average vs. Utah State, just off the single-game school record. Larson is one of 34 punters on the Ray Guy preseason watch list. For a full listing of Husker players on preseason watch lists and other preseason honors, please see the left column on page 6.

NU Shines Under the Lights

Nebraska's game this Saturday night at Penn State marks the Huskers' fourth straight night game to open the season, the longest stretch of night games in school history. Nebraska has a good track record under the lights with a 51-15-3 all-time record in night games.

While this week's contest is away from home, the Huskers have been especially dominant in night games in Lincoln, posting a 17-1 all-time record. NU has won 13 consecutive home night games, including 11 of the 13 wins by 17 or more points.

Hitting the Road

The Penn State matchup is Nebraska's 2002 road opener. The Huskers are a perfect 4-0 under Frank Solich in their first road game of the season, including a 36-3 win at Missouri last season.

Solich has guided the Huskers to one victory over a ranked team in a road opener, a 27-24 overtime win at Notre Dame two seasons ago. Penn State is ranked 25th in the coaches poll this week.

Since 1980, Nebraska is 17-5 in its first game on an opponent's home field, including a 7-3 mark against ranked teams in those contests. Nebraska also played its road opener at Penn State in 1980 and 1982, splitting the contests.

Solich in Road Openers

Year	Opponent	Result
1998	at California	W, 24-3
1999	at Iowa	W, 42-7
2000	at Notre Dame	W, 27-24*
2001	at Missouri	W, 36-3
	*-Overtime	

Poll Position

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

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

Nebraska remains in the top 10 in both polls this week. The Huskers are seventh in the ESPN/USA Today coaches poll and stand at No. 8 in the AP poll. Nebraska is one of five Big 12 teams ranked in the both polls, joining Oklahoma (2 AP/3 Coaches), Texas (3/2), Colorado (18/19) and Texas A&M (21/23). Big 12 schools Kansas State and Iowa State are among the leaders in others receiving votes in both polls, while 2-0 Missouri is also receiving votes in both polls. This week's opponent, Penn State, is ranked 25th in the coaches poll.

Three Seniors Serving as 2002 Team Captains

Three seniors were elected team captains by their teammates before the start of the season—center John Garrison, rush end Chris Kelsay and cornerback DeJuan Groce.

Kelsay is the second member of his family to serve as a Nebraska football captain, joining his brother, Chad, a captain on Solich's first team in 1998. The Kelsays are the fifth brother combination in school history to serve as team captains, joining Mike (1983) and Andy Keeler (1988), Erik (1991) and Zach Wiegert (1994), Christian (1995) and Jason Peter (1997) and Grant (1997) and Tracey Wistrom (2001). The 2002 campaign marks the first season Nebraska has had only three captains since the 1987 campaign. The Huskers had five captains a year ago and six in 2000.

Nebraska Personnel/Injury Update

Nebraska continues to go through the early portion of its schedule in good health. The Huskers did not suffer any major injuries against Utah State.

Nebraska suffered a pair of injuries in its defensive line earlier this season. Senior nose tackle Jason Lohr went down with a torn anterior cruciate ligament in his left knee in Nebraska's final scrimmage on Aug. 16. Lohr, who underwent surgery on Aug. 23, is lost for the year after missing the final 10 games of last season with an LCL tear in the same knee. In NU's victory over Arizona State, reserve defensive tackle Jared Helming also tore the ACL in his left knee and is out for the season.

Also on the defensive side, the middle linebacker spot has been hit with injuries. No. 2 Mike 'backer Chad Sievers missed Nebraska's opener because of a knee strain, then returned to action against Troy State. Sievers then missed the Utah State contest to rest a sore abdominal muscle, but is expected to be at full strength this week. No. 1 Mike linebacker Barrett Ruud broke his left hand against Troy State, but returned to action later in the contest and will play with a cast in the Penn State contest.

Nebraska has also had minor injuries hamper members of the offensive backfield. Reserve I-back Robin Miller is expected to return to practice this week after undergoing arthroscopic surgery on his left knee on Aug. 17. Fullback DeAntae Grixby missed the Troy State game because of a bone bruise in his left knee, but returned to action against Utah State.

True freshman cornerback Fabian Washington missed the Utah State game to attend the funeral of his grandmother, but will be back at practice on Monday. Husker head coach Frank Solich announced last week that co-No. 2 I-back Thunder Collins will not play in Nebraska's next two games. After failing to comply with NCAA regulations, Collins was ruled ineligible and according to NCAA guidelines will sit out a total of four games. Collins' suspension started with the Troy State game.

NU in Preseason Polls Under Frank Solich

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

Nebraska Boasts Big 12-Best 35 Players on Opening Day NFL Rosters

Nebraska remains among the nation's leaders in supplying talent to the National Football League. In fact, the Huskers had a Big 12-best 45 players in 2002 NFL training camps and 35 of those players still find themselves on 2002 rosters. A full listing can be found in the left margin of page eight.

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

Since 1994, Nebraska has had 53 players selected in the NFL Draft, the third-most of any school in the nation and tops among Big 12 Conference schools.

Husker Team and Individual Notes...

NU Continues 113th Season with Streaks in Place

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

► **NCAA-record 250 consecutive sellouts in Memorial Stadium**—Nebraska's game with Utah State was its 250th straight sellout. In fact, all eight of Nebraska's 2002 home games are sold out. "Nebraska football fans are the best football fans in the world," said famed broadcaster Keith Jackson. Since the North and South end zones were built in 1964, Husker fans started a tradition of saluting the opposing team as they leave the stadium with a standing ovation—regardless of the game's outcome.

► **40 consecutive winning seasons**—Nebraska holds the current NCAA record and ranks second all time behind Notre Dame's 42 consecutive winning seasons from 1889 to 1932. The streak began in 1962, the first year under Coach Bob Devaney, who was lured to Nebraska from Wyoming by Director of Athletics Tippy Dye.

► **33 consecutive nine-win seasons**—Even more incredible than 40 consecutive winning seasons is Nebraska's NCAA record for consecutive nine-win seasons. Although some called for his resignation after a pair of 6-4 seasons in 1967 and 1968, Devaney stayed and redesigned the offense to an I-formation with an unbalanced line at the suggestion of then-assistant coach Tom Osborne. The Huskers won nine games in 1969 and have won at least that many in every year since.

► **40 bowl appearances**—Biff Jones accepted the Huskers' first bowl bid following the 1940 season, agreeing to play in the 1941 Rose Bowl. The celebration in Lincoln lasted 24 hours and classes were canceled. While Nebraska lost to Stanford, 21-13, Nebraska has now appeared in 40 bowl games and is tied for fourth among all NCAA Division I-A schools behind Alabama's 51. Devaney used to joke that he lived in Lincoln several years before he found out Nebraska lost that first bowl game—a true testament to the support Nebraska football receives in Lincoln.

► **33 consecutive bowl bids**—NU's streak of 33 consecutive bowl appearances is an NCAA record and dates back to 1969 when Devaney's eighth team defeated Georgia 45-6 in the Sun Bowl. Michigan is the only other school with an active streak of 20 or more straight bowl appearances with 27.

► **346 consecutive weeks ranked in the Associated Press**—Nebraska has been ranked in every Associated Press poll for 346 consecutive weeks dating back to October 1981 (the first year Turner Gill took over quarterback starting duties). With the exception of three polls (one week in 1977 and two weeks in 1981), NU has been ranked in the last 523 polls, which dates back to 1964.

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

Huskers Through the Years

Coaches	Record	Years	Natl. Champs
Bob Devaney	101-20-2	11	70, 71
Tom Osborne	255-49-3	25	94, 95, 97
Frank Solich	45-9-0	5	0
Since 1962	401-78-5	41	5
1890-1962	366-223-35	72	0
All-Time	767-301-40	113	5

Husker AP Ranking Notes

- ▶ Nebraska has been ranked in the AP poll 346 consecutive weeks—an AP record
- ▶ NU has been ranked in the top 10 for 151 of the last 157 weeks (1993 to present); and in the last 54 polls
- ▶ The Huskers have been ranked No. 1 by the AP a total of 70 weeks, 54 games (46-7-1)

Division I-A Records in the 1990s

1. Florida State 109-13-1890
2. **Nebraska 108-16-1868**
3. Florida 102-22-1820

Records In Last Three Decades

(1970-1999)

1. **Nebraska 309-56-5842**
2. Michigan 278-71-8790
3. Penn State 282-76-2786
4. Ohio State 264-84-8753
- Alabama 271-88-3753

Division I-A Consecutive

Winning Seasons

Current -- 15 or More

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

All-Time Div. I Consec. Winning Seasons

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

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

2003 Nebraska Schedule

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

▶ **33 consecutive years ranked in AP top 25**—Since the 1969 season, Nebraska has been ranked each season among the top 25 in the final AP poll. NU has also been ranked in the top 25 in every AP preseason poll since 1970.

▶ **24-game home winning streak**—The Huskers have five remaining home games on the 2002 schedule and hope to extend their home winning streak to 29. NU's 24-game home winning streak is the nation's longest current streak and is third best at NU, while the school record is 47 set from 1991 to 1998. The Huskers have won 92 of their last 95 home games.

▶ **105-12 record since 1993**—In the last nine years, Nebraska has lost just 12 games and has lost more than two games in a season just once (1998). In that span, the Huskers went undefeated three times, winning national championships in 1994, 1995 and 1997. Nebraska also played for the national title in 1993 and 2001.

Unprecedented Winning Tradition

Nebraska, the nation's third-winningest program all time (fourth by percentage), boasts a 767-301-40 record in 1,107 games (.711). In the last 34 years, NU is tops, posting a record of 333-60-5 for an .843 winning percentage (398 games), an average of more than 10 wins per year. In terms of victories, the Huskers are third in NCAA Division I-A history with 767. NU has won 10-or-more games 22 times in the Devaney/Osborne/Solich eras (since 1962), went undefeated and untied through the regular season seven times, played in 13 national title games (for at least one of the teams) and won the championship five times. Since the first Nebraska season in 1890, Husker teams have won 11 or more games 12 times, including seven of the last nine years. NU has won 12 or more games seven times, and 13 games three times (1971, 1994 and 1997). No one can match Nebraska's current 40-year winning season streak, or its 33-year nine-win streak, and by the same token, no other school has averaged 10 wins per season over the last 32 years. Nebraska's 40 years of consecutive winning records rank second all time behind Notre Dame's 42 (1889-32) and third in terms of non-losing seasons, behind Penn State's 46 (1939-87) and Notre Dame's 42 (1889-1932) and tied with Texas's 40 (1893-32). Nebraska (702), Michigan (705), Alabama (728) and Notre Dame (736) were the only four programs to have won 700 games in the last century. Nebraska became the first Division I team to win 100 or more games in back-to-back decades, ranking first in the 1980s (103-20-0, .837) and second in the 1990s (108-16-1 record, .890) and posted a nation's best 309-56-5 record in the 1970s, 1980s and 1990s.

Huskers Win Three National Titles in Four Years

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

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

- ▶ Posted a 105-12 record
- ▶ Played in five national title games (1993, 1994, 1995, 1997, 2001)
- ▶ Won three national titles (1994, 1995, 1997) in four years
- ▶ Won five conference crowns (three Big Eight, two Big 12)
- ▶ Posted a 62-7 conference record (.899)
- ▶ Won 60 of 61 home games (24 straight)
- ▶ Gone 28-10 vs. Associated Press Top 25 teams (14-5 vs. top 10)

NU First to Win 100 Games in Back-to-Back Decades

Nebraska recorded its 100th win of the 1990s with a 40-10 win over Missouri in Columbia on Sept. 25, 1999, and finished with a 108-16-1 mark in the decade (.868, second behind Florida State). Nebraska is the first Division I program to win 100-plus games in consecutive decades as NU won 103 games to 20 losses in the 1980s. The only other team to post 100-plus wins in the 1980s was Brigham Young with 102 wins and 26 losses. Oklahoma (102-13-3) and Alabama (103-16-1) posted 100-plus wins in the 1970s, while Nebraska came close to achieving the mark in three consecutive decades, as NU won 98 games in the 1970s. Florida State finished the 1990s with a 109-13-1 record (.890, first), but had just 87 wins in the 1980s.

By decade, the Huskers were 75-30-1 in the 1960s (.712); 98-20-4 in the 1970s (.820, fifth nationally), 103-20-0 in the 1980s (.837, first), 108-16-1 in the 1990s (second) and are 24-4 in this decade. Nebraska's 1990s record was aided by an unprecedented 60-3 five-year run from 1993 to 1997. Nebraska owns the best record over the past three-plus decades with a 333-60-5 record, including an NCAA-best 309-56-5 record (.842) from 1960 to 1999. The Huskers have not lost more than 20 games in any of the last three decades.

Devaney Established Tradition

Retiring as the winningest active coach in the nation, Tom Osborne took over a program firmly entrenched in solid ground in 1973, when Hall of Fame Coach Bob Devaney named Osborne as his

successor. Devaney posted a 101-20-2 record in his 11 years at Nebraska, won two national championships (1970 and 1971) and was the winningest active coach in the nation upon his retirement in 1972 with a 136-30-7 career record (.806) including a 35-10-5 record at the University of Wyoming.

Osborne followed suit and was selected to the National Football Foundation College Hall of Fame shortly after he announced his retirement (inducted on Dec. 8, 1998). Osborne retired as the nation's winningest active coach, posting a 255-49-3 record (.836). Among all divisions of coaches with career winning percentages of .800 or better over a span of at least 10 years, Osborne is the fifth-winningest coach in Division I-A history, while the late Devaney is not far behind at No. 11.

Devaney and Osborne were the third Division I coaching duo to post back-to-back 100-win careers at the same institution (following Penn State's Rip Engle and Joe Paterno and Georgia Tech's John Heisman, Bill Alexander and Bobby Dodd), but were the first pair to do so in an unbelievable 21 years. Devaney and Osborne had a combined 356-69-5 record for an incredible .834 winning percentage (36 years, 430 games).

Frank Solich went 9-4 in his inaugural season, matching the wins of Devaney and Osborne in their first years and posted a school-record 12-1 record his second year (winning his first conference championship), a 10-2 record his third season, was 11-2 last year, playing in the national championship game, and is 3-0 in 2002, to post a school-best 45-9 five-year record. Like Osborne, he is on pace to hit 100 wins in 10 years. Devaney went 10-1 his second year (1963) winning his first Big Eight championship, while Osborne first won 10 games his third year when he also won a share of his first Big Eight title (1975).

NU in Big 12 Conference Action

Nebraska is 436-143-16 all time vs. Big 12 Conference teams. Since the Big 12 was formed in 1996, Nebraska is 41-7 in the league (23-1 at home), losing to Texas A&M in College Station (28-21), Texas in Lincoln (20-16) and Kansas State in Manhattan (40-30) in 1998; to Texas (24-20) in Austin in 1999; and to Oklahoma in Norman (31-14) and K-State in Manhattan (29-28) in 2000; and at Colorado (62-36) in 2001. Nebraska is 25-7 in the Big 12 under Coach Solich. Nebraska has won 13 straight conference games at home, since Texas defeated the Huskers on Oct. 31, 1998, which ended NU's school-record 47-game home winning streak.

NU Leads Conference in Crowns

Nebraska is the only team to capture two Big 12 titles in the first six years of the championship game. Texas, Nebraska, Texas A&M, Nebraska, Oklahoma and Colorado, in order, have won the six Big 12 titles. NU has played in three of the six possible title games.

The Huskers lost to Texas, 37-27, in the inaugural championship in St. Louis in 1996, defeated Texas A&M in 1997 in San Antonio, 54-15, and defeated Texas in San Antonio in 1999, 22-6. The Nebraska vs. Texas matchup in the 1999 Big 12 Championship Game marked the first time the game featured two teams that played each other in the regular season.

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

Memorial Stadium Dominance

Nebraska owns a nation-best 24-game home winning streak after Saturday's 44-13 victory over Utah State, and NU has five home games remaining this season. Nebraska is 92-3 at home the last 14 years, losing to two teams that went on to win a share of the national championship (Colorado in 1990 and Washington in 1991), and to Texas in 1998.

The Huskers are 459-122-20 (.780, 601 games, 113 years) in Lincoln, 334-99-13 (.763, 446 games, 80 years) in Memorial Stadium (since 1923) and 29-1 at home under Coach Solich. Nebraska has not lost more than one home game in a season since a 5-2 home record in 1980. Since then, the Huskers are 136-10 at Memorial Stadium, with eight of those losses coming against teams that finished in the top six in the final AP poll. Included in that stretch are four of the six longest home winning streaks in school history, including a school-record 47-game streak (fifth longest in nation all time) from 1991 to 1998, a 19-game streak from 1988 to 1990, a 21-game streak from 1981 to 1984 and the current 24-game winning string.

Nebraska also had a 33-game home winning streak from 1901 to 1906 (which is tied for the 11th-longest streak in Division I-A). Since 1986 (16 years), NU is 104-5 in Lincoln, with losses to Colorado, Washington, Oklahoma (twice) and Texas. Those five teams posted a combined mark of 53-6-1 in their respective seasons.

Nebraska has not been shut out at home since a 12-0 loss to Kansas State in 1968 (209 games). NU has posted 40 unbeaten and untied home seasons, including 2001 when NU went 8-0. Against Utah State, the Huskers set a new attendance record in Memorial Stadium with 78,176 fans.

NCAA Record 250 Consecutive Sellouts

Nebraska's Memorial Stadium boasts an NCAA-record 250 consecutive sellouts dating back to Hall of Fame Coach Bob Devaney's first year in 1962 (vs. Missouri on Nov. 3). Notre Dame is second in all-time consecutive sellouts with 162, 88 fewer than Nebraska.

Sellout #	Date	Opp.	Result
1	11-3-62	Missouri	L, 16-7
50	10-2-71	Utah St.	W, 42-6
100	9-29-79	Penn St.	W, 42-17
150	9-12-87	UCLA	W, 42-33
200	10-29-94	Colorado	W, 24-7
250	9-7-02	Utah St.	W, 44-13

NU is 224-26 during the 250 sellouts (50-9 under Devaney, 145-16 under Osborne, 29-1 under Solich). The mark includes a 37-18 record against ranked teams. NU is 5-0 in the four milestone sellouts during that period (50th, 100th, 150th, 200th and 250th sellouts), including a 24-7 win over No. 2 Colorado on Oct. 29, 1994 (No. 200) and a 44-13 victory over Utah State on Sept. 7 (No. 250). Nebraska's 2002 schedule includes eight home games. All eight games are sold out, which will give the Huskers 255 consecutive sellouts at the end of the 2002 season.

Huskers Grind Out 15th Rushing Title

Nebraska rushed for a season-best 288 yards against Utah State and is averaging 256.7 yards rushing through three games to lead the Big 12 and rank 12th nationally.

Nebraska led the nation in rushing offense in 2001, marking the second straight year and 15th time in school history the Huskers have topped the national rushing chart. In 12 games a year ago, the Huskers averaged 314.7 yards, 33 yards per game more than runner-up Rice's total of 281.5. NU led the nation with 47 touchdowns (six more than second-place BYU) and yards per rush (5.62), edging out BYU, which averaged 5.61 per carry.

The Huskers averaged a season-best 349.3 yards per game in 2000. The Huskers have won the rushing title seven times in the last 10 years and 13

of the last 22 titles. Since 1978, Nebraska has ranked in the top six in rushing average every year and has averaged 300 or more yards rushing per game in all but four of the last 25 years (1993, 1996, 1998 and 1999).

More Husker Rushing Numbers

NU is 188-6-0 in the last 29 years when rushing for 300 or more yards in a game (since 1973) and had won 110 straight when rushing for 300-plus yards before the loss at Colorado last season, when the Huskers rushed for 354 yards. Nebraska is 95-0 since 1973 when rushing for 400 or more yards

Big 12 History

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

Nebraska National Rushing Crowns

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

Records Report

Category	Record
All-time	767-301-40
Home	459-122-20
Memorial Stadium	334-99-13
Since 1962	401-78-5
Away	308-179-20
Road (on campus)	271-143-17
Neutral Sites (includes bowls)	37-36-3
When Scoring 35+ Points	302-2
vs. Big 12 Teams	436-143-16
In Big 12 Action (since '96)	41-7
Home	23-1
Away	17-6
Neutral	1-0
Bowls	20-20
On ABC	72-28
On FieldTurf	23-0
At Night	51-15-3
vs. Ranked Teams...	
All-Time	89-92-3
Home	41-30-0
Away	28-47-3
Neutral	20-15-0
as No. 1 Team	46-7-1
In 250 Consecutive Sellout Streak...	
All-Time	224-26
vs. Ranked Teams	37-18
Under Head Coach Frank Solich...	
All-Time	45-9
Home	29-1
Away	12-6
Neutral	4-2
Bowls	2-2
vs. AP Ranked Teams	10-8
Home	6-0
Away	1-6
Neutral	3-2
vs. AP Top 10 Teams	4-4
Home	3-0
Away	0-2
Neutral	1-2
vs. Unranked Teams	35-1
Home	23-1
Away	12-0
vs. Big 12 Teams	24-7
Home	14-1
Away	9-6
Neutral	1-0
Big 12 Championship Game	1-0
At Night	15-3
August	4-0
September	16-0
October	13-4
November	9-3
December	2-1
January	1-1

NU Streaks...The Huskers have...

- ▶ won 24 straight home games
- ▶ won 22 straight non-conference regular-season games
- ▶ won 30 straight over unranked opponents
- ▶ won 95 straight when rushing for 400 yards
- ▶ won 102 consecutive games when holding the opponent to 10 or fewer points (209-5-1 all-time)
- ▶ scored in 78 consecutive games
- ▶ scored in 216 straight home games
- ▶ shut out opponents 100 times

and topped the 400-yard mark twice in 2001, most recently rushing for 641 yards at Baylor.

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

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

Oklahoma State is the last conference team to hold the Huskers to less than 100 yards rushing, when NU had just 73 yards against the 'Pokes in 1998.

Nebraska rushed for an NCAA and school-bowl-record 524 yards vs. Florida in the 1996 Fiesta Bowl on a school-bowl-record 68 attempts with a school-bowl-record six rushing touchdowns. NU also had six rushing touchdowns in the 1998 Orange Bowl vs. Tennessee.

Adding up the Points

Nebraska is averaging 41.0 points per game through three games in 2002, continuing its history as one of the nation's top scoring teams. Last season the Huskers averaged more than 35 points per game for the 15th time in the last 16 years, as NU finished with an average of 37.4 points per game to finish sixth nationally and second in the Big 12. NU scored 35 or more points in seven of the last 10 games and eight times last season. The Huskers have topped 35 points twice in 2002.

The offensive output is not surprising since Nebraska has averaged 30 or more points per game for 24 straight years (since 1978) and has averaged 40 or more points eight times since 1982, including four of the past seven seasons. The Huskers have ranked among the nation's top 10 in scoring average for 22 of the last 24 years (since 1978) and finished first on four occasions (1982, 1983, 1994 and 1997).

Before the loss at Colorado last season, NU had won 236 consecutive games when scoring 35 or more points, and the Huskers are 301-2 all time when scoring 35 or more points, losing only to Oklahoma, 49-35, in 1950 and at Colorado, 62-36, in 2001.

The last time the Huskers were shut out was a 19-0 loss at Arizona State in 1996. Nebraska has since scored in 78 straight games. Nebraska has not been shut out at home since KSU shut out the Huskers, 12-0, on Homecoming in 1968 (216 games). Offensively, the Huskers have been shut out just five times since 1962, including once at home during that span. NU was shut out by Miami in the 1992 Orange Bowl (22-0), the only time the Huskers have been shut out in a bowl game.

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

Holding Opponents off the Scoreboard

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

Through three games this fall, Nebraska is allowing the opposition just 13.0 points per game to rank in a tie for 20th nationally. Last season the Husker defense ranked sixth nationally in scoring defense, allowing 15.8 points per game, more than a field goal per game less than in 2000. The average ranked third in the Big 12, as NU held seven opponents to 14 points or less last season.

Attack Defense is Solid vs. the Rush

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

Associated Press Poll Record Hits 346

Nebraska is ranked eighth by the AP this week, extending its AP poll record to 346 consecutive weeks (every weekly AP poll since Oct. 17, 1981 to Aug. 10, 2002). NU's streak is the nation's longest active streak, after Florida State dropped out in the Nov. 18, 2001 poll, breaking a string of 210 straight weeks in the rankings. Florida is second to the Huskers at 205 weeks.

Nebraska's nation-leading streak of consecutive weeks in the AP top 10 ended at 96 with the 1998 loss to Texas, but the Huskers have been ranked in the top 10 for 151 of the last 157 weeks from the 1993 preseason poll to present. NU's current streak of 54 weeks in the top 10 is the longest in the nation after FSU dropped out of the top 10 in the Sept. 23, 2001 poll, ending the Seminole's 53-week run in the top 10.

Nebraska has been in 520 of the last 523 AP polls since 1969 (33 consecutive years), missing one week in 1977 and two weeks in 1981. Nebraska was ranked among the top 10 in the 2002 preseason poll, which marked the 27th time in the last 30 years that NU has opened the season in the top 10. With a No. 8 final AP ranking in 2001, NU finished among the AP top 10 for the 30th time since the first poll in 1936 and for the 24th time since 1970. Nebraska has been among the top 10 in the final AP poll eight of the last nine years (all except 1998). NU is the nation's fifth-most successful program based on AP rankings since the poll began, scoring 547 points, and NU was the only team to be ranked in every poll of the 1990s.

Against AP Ranked Teams

Nebraska is 89-92-3 (.492, 184 games) all time vs. AP ranked opponents, not a bad percentage considering NU started with a 7-35 mark before Coach Bob Devaney came on the scene in 1962. Over the last nine seasons, the Huskers have gone 28-10 against ranked foes, with none of the losses at home. Nebraska has won 14 of its last 18 games against top 10 AP teams (since 1994), including seven straight at home.

Nebraska went 2-2 vs. ranked teams last season, with both losses occurring away from the friendly confines of Memorial Stadium. No. 3 Nebraska's 20-10 win over No. 2 Oklahoma in 2001 was NU's last win over a higher ranked team. Over the last 29 years, NU is 71-45-1 (.611, 117 games) vs. ranked teams. In the 1990s, NU was 27-10-1 (counting the Jan. 2, 2000, win over Tennessee). Solich is 10-8 vs. ranked teams (4-4 vs. top 10 AP teams), winning eight of the last 12 matchups and has not lost at home to a ranked AP team (6-0 home, 1-6 away, 3-2 neutral). Nebraska has yet to face a ranked team this season. Penn State is No. 25 according to the coaches poll, but is unranked by the AP.

NU vs. the Unranked

The Huskers have lost just 13 of 243 games to unranked opponents since 1973 (34-1 record under Solich). Nebraska has lost just five games to unranked opponents at home in that time. Nebraska's most recent loss to an unranked foe was to Texas at home on Oct. 31, 1998, and the Huskers have won the last 27 straight vs. the unranked. NU's last road loss to an unranked opponent was to Texas in the 1996 Big 12 Championship Game. In both losses to Texas, the Longhorns were not ranked in the top 25, but had enough votes to rank in the top 30.

In a regular-season road game, Nebraska has not lost to an unranked opponent since Iowa State upset the Huskers, 19-10, in 1992. In fact, in the last 30 years, Nebraska has gone 228-13-2 against unranked opponents (.942, 243 games, five losses in the 1990s) and suffered only one loss to a team that finished the season below .500 (Iowa State in 1992). The last time Nebraska lost in Lincoln to a team with a losing record at game time was to Kansas State (12-0) in 1968 (2-5 record at game time).

Husker Title Runs

Nebraska has played in 13 national championship bowl contests, winning back-to-back national championship titles in 1970 and 1971 and again in 1994 and 1995. The Huskers had a shot at the 1996 title until they were upset in the Big 12 Championship Game by Texas. NU entered that game ranked No. 3, despite an early season loss at Arizona State.

In 1997, Nebraska went 13-0 and played in its fourth title game in a five-year period, winning the national title as named by the coaches poll, but not

by the AP. Most recently, the Huskers played Miami for the national title in the 2002 Rose Bowl.

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

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

NU Tied for Fifth in AP Titles

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

The Huskers vs. AP No. 1

In the past 12 years, the Cornhuskers have faced seven teams that finished the season ranked No. 1 and shared the national title—Colorado and Georgia Tech (Citrus Bowl) in 1990, Washington and Miami (Orange Bowl) in 1991, Florida State in the 1994 Orange Bowl; Oklahoma in 2000; and Miami in the 2002 Rose Bowl. In addition, Nebraska's 1993 Federal Express Orange Bowl opponent, Florida State, missed winning the 1992 national title by a field goal and finished No. 2. Nebraska's 1996 Fiesta Bowl opponent, Florida, went on to win the national title in the 1996 season, after Nebraska won the title in 1994 and 1995. After Nebraska defeated Tennessee in the Orange Bowl that followed the 1997 season, Tennessee went on to win the national championship in 1998. The Fiesta Bowl game between Nebraska and Florida was the 30th meeting between the No. 1 and No. 2 AP teams, including 11 bowl games. The Huskers won 62-24, as Nebraska's 38-point margin of victory over Florida was the second largest in such games. Nebraska is 3-2 in No. 1 vs. No. 2 games, and 3-1 as the No. 1 team.

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

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

NU Has Faced 32 AP Top Three Teams Since 1962

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

Under Solich, NU is 1-3 vs. top three AP teams, with all three losses on the road or at neutral sites. The Huskers have won six of their last nine matchups against the AP top three, and 11 of the last 14 games against AP top 10 teams since 1994. The K-State game in Manhattan in 1998, when the Wildcats were ranked No. 1 in the coaches poll, was the first time NU faced

Team Snippets...

► **FieldTurf...**Nebraska is 23-0 on FieldTurf, the artificial grass surface installed in NU's Memorial Stadium before the 1999 season. FieldTurf emulates the look and feel of blades of grass by blending polyethylene and polypropylene, which specially treats the surface to be soft, smooth and strong. The 2.50-inch blades are resistant to extremes in temperature and have an ultraviolet protectant to help resist fading. Memorial Stadium was filled with 200,000 pounds of ground rubber, recycled from Nebraska tires, and silica sand, before the turf was installed. NU was the first Division I school to install the surface, which has also been installed at other professional facilities and Division I schools. Memorial Stadium featured a grass playing field from its opening in 1923 through the 1969 season. Astro-Turf was first installed in 1970 and replaced in 1977. Artificial All-Pro Turf was installed in 1984 and replaced with AstroTurf-8 in 1992 before the FieldTurf was installed in July of 1999.

► **Positively Speaking on Turnovers...**In the last 28 years, NU has had just one season with a negative turnover margin (minus five in 1984). Under Solich, NU has a cumulative turnover margin of plus 17.

► **When Nebraska Trails...**Nebraska trailed in seven games in 2001, but rallied to win the first five before losing at Colorado and against Miami. NU also trailed against Troy State, Missouri, Texas Tech, Oklahoma and Kansas State. The last time NU trailed at the half, but won was against Kansas State in 2001, where the Huskers erased a 14-13 Wildcat halftime lead. The last time the Huskers trailed in the fourth quarter, but won was against Colorado on Nov. 24, 2000, where the Huskers marched 44 yards in 47 seconds to set up Josh Brown's 29-yard field goal as time expired. The win marked the first time since statistics have been kept (since 1946) that the Huskers won on the last play of regulation. Under Coach Solich, the biggest deficit Nebraska has overcome was nine points at Kansas in 1999, when the Huskers trailed 9-0 at halftime before winning 24-17. Nebraska has not trailed in 2002.

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

► **In Overtime...**The Huskers are 3-0 in overtime, defeating Missouri, 45-38, in Columbia in 1997; Colorado, 33-30, in Boulder in 1999; and Notre Dame in South Bend, 27-24, in 2000. In 1997, Missouri won the coin toss and Nebraska scored in three plays on a 12-yard Scott Frost run, then held the Tigers. Against CU, Nebraska won the coin toss, held the Buffs to a field goal, then scored five plays later on a one-yard Eric Crouch run. Against Notre Dame, NU won the toss, chose defense, held the Irish to a field goal, then scored five plays later on a Crouch seven-yard run. All three of NU's overtime wins were on the road and were won by rushing touchdowns (two by Crouch).

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

NCAA-Best Streak of 33 Straight Bowls

Including the 2002 Rose Bowl national championship game against Miami, Nebraska has now participated in 33 straight bowls, a continuing NCAA record. Nebraska's 40 bowl appearances overall are tied for fourth best, trailing Alabama's 51, Tennessee's 42, Texas' 41 and tied with USC's 40.

Nebraska has participated in a "major" bowl (BCS, Jan. 1 or top four) in 19 of the past 21 years. The 1998 Holiday Bowl appearance broke a streak of 17 consecutive major bowls. NU's 33 consecutive bowls streak began with a 45-6 win over Georgia in the 1969 Sun Bowl.

Nebraska is 20-20 all time in bowl games, 6-2 over the last seven years (2-2 under Solich). The 2002 Rose Bowl marked the 15th time in 17 years that Nebraska has squared off against a team ranked among the top six. Nebraska's 1941 Rose Bowl appearance was the school's first bowl appearance, when NU lost to Stanford, 21-13. Nebraska won four of its five national championships at the Orange Bowl, defeating Louisiana State in 1970, Alabama in 1971, Miami in 1994 and Tennessee in 1997. Nebraska defeated Florida in the 1996 Fiesta Bowl for the national championship following the 1995 season.

All-America U

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

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

Crouch Wins Nebraska's Third Heisman Trophy

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

Crouch was the 17th quarterback to win the Heisman but the first true option quarterback in the 67-year history of the award. He posted a 35-7 career record as a starter, a remarkable feat which ranks fourth best among Division I-A quarterbacks all time. He put up incredible numbers, ranking fourth all time in NCAA history in rushing among quarterbacks with 3,434 career yards and bettering the NCAA record for rushing touchdowns by 10 with 59. He ranks third at NU and seventh in the Big 12 in passing with 4,481 yards, becoming just one of three quarterbacks in NCAA Division I history to rush for 3,000 and pass for 4,000 yards. He became the 13th quarterback to rush and pass for 1,000 yards in a season and had 1,115 rushing and 1,510 passing yards with 18 and seven TDs, respectively, in 2001. Crouch's season rushing yards more than doubled that of the most by any Heisman quarterback (Oregon State's Terry Baker had 538 in 1962). Crouch was a first-team All-American and won the school's third Walter Camp Player-of-the-Year Award and first Davey O'Brien trophy.

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

Huskers Continue Academic Tradition

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

Last season, Nebraska continued its streak of 15 straight years with at least one first-team Verizon/CoSIDA All-American when tight end Tracey Wistrom won first-team honors, following in the footsteps of his older brother Grant (1996, 1997). NU had nine Huskers qualify academically (3.2 or better

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

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

NU Grad Rates Rank High Nationally

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

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

Husker Sideline Report...

► **Walk-ons Remain Crucial to Success...**On the preseason depth chart, 29 of the 94 Huskers listed (30 percent) were walk-ons when they first came to Nebraska. Of those, seven have started in NU's first three games, including Sam linebacker Scott Shanle and punter Kyle Larson, who are both returning starters, wingback Troy Hassebroek, left cornerback Pat Ricketts, rover Aaron Terpening, cornerback Shane Siegel and split end John Klem. In reward of their hard work and dedication, five of the seven (not counting Siegel and Klem) have since been awarded scholarships.

► **Nebraska Natives...**Twelve Huskers who hail from Nebraska are in listed as first-teamers on the NU depth chart, including six on the offensive side of the ball, SE Wilson Thomas (Omaha), LG Mike Erickson (Omaha), RG Wes Cody (Fremont), TE Aaron Golliday (York), FB Judd Davies (Omaha), and WB Troy Hassebroek (Lincoln); five on the defensive side of the ball, LRE Chris Kelsay (Auburn), SLB Scott Shanle (St. Edward), MLB Barrett Ruud (Lincoln), LCB Pat Ricketts (Omaha) or Lornell McPherson (Omaha); and one kicker-punter Kyle Larson (Funk).

► **Family Connections...**It's all in the family at NU, as several Huskers followed their fathers and brothers to NU. Those who followed in their older brothers' footsteps include: DB Delrick Williams (2002-present, brother, Jamel, 1994-96); RE Chris Kelsay (1998-present, brother Chad, 1995-98); FS Dan Burrow (2000-present, brother Jamie, 1998-2001); LCB Cole Biodrowski (2002-present) and SE Brandon (2001-present); WB Adam Hassebroek (2001-present) and WB Troy (1998-present); and FS Andrew Shanle (2002-present) and SLB Scott (1998-present). The Huskers welcomed the first set of scholarship twins in the program's history last year in redshirt freshmen Josh (FS) and Daniel Bullocks (Rover).

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

► **Frosh Players...**Last season, three Huskers saw action as true freshmen including Mike linebacker Barrett Ruud, rover Philip Bland and receiver

Mike Stuntz. Bland became the first true freshman to start since 1997 (Erwin Swiney and Joe Walker). Stuntz has moved back to quarterback after playing split end last year. He was the first skill-position player (QB, RB or WR) under Solich to bypass a redshirt season and this year has been joined by split ends Ross Pilkington and Mark LeFlore.

Two true freshman played in the 2002 season opener as cornerback Fabian Washington and split end Ross Pilkington made their Husker debuts and two more Huskers took off their redshirts in game two, as split end Mark LeFlore and tight end Matt Herian hit the field. Washington has seen the most extensive playing time among the four, returning an interception for a touchdown in his first game as a Husker and drawing a start against Troy State when the Huskers opened in a nickel set. Herian made his mark against Utah State, turning his first career reception into a 33-yard touchdown. Pilkington also had his first two catches as a Husker against Utah State.

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

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

► **Husker Running Back Success in the NFL...**A pair of former Husker I-backs found success in the NFL in 2001. Green Bay's Ahman Green (1995-97) ranks among the NFL rushing leaders and topped 1,000 yards for the second straight season and was selected to the Pro Bowl, while Correll Buckhalter (1997-2000) ranked among the Eagles' rushing leaders with nearly 600 yards, including an Eagles' rookie record with 134 yards against Arizona in October. Currently, five former NU running backs are on NFL teams, including starting fullbacks Joel Makovicka (1995-98) with the Arizona Cardinals and Cory Schlesinger (1992-94) with the Detroit Lions, while Dan Alexander (1997-2000) is with the Jacksonville Jaguars.

► **Pipeline to the NFL...**Under longtime Husker offensive line coach Milt Tenopir, Nebraska offensive linemen have enjoyed unparalleled success with six Outland Trophy winners, two Lombardi Award winners and 21 All-Americans in Tenopir's 28 seasons at NU. Currently, nine former Husker linemen are in the NFL, including former Outland winners Will Shields (1992, Kansas City) and Zach Wiegert (1994, Jacksonville). Adam Treu (Oakland) and Brenden Stai (Washington) join Shields and Wiegert as starters for their respective teams. Other Husker offensive linemen in the NFL include Chris Dishman (Arizona), Dominic Raiola (Detroit), Russ Hochstein (Tampa Bay), Aaron Graham (Tennessee) and Tionu Fonoti (San Diego). Raiola and Hochstein both earned first-team All-America honors in 2000. Of the 15 linemen chosen for the Walter Camp All-Century team in 1999, nearly a quarter of the players selected were NU linemen coached by Tenopir (guards Aaron Taylor, Will Shields and Dean Steinkuhler and center Dave Rimington).

► **Orange Bowl Record...**Coach Frank Solich holds the Orange Bowl record for most kickoff return yards in a game, with 130 in 1966. Solich was the first Husker to rush for more than 200 yards (204 vs. Air Force, 1965) and remains the only fullback to do so.

► **Former Head Coach Tom Osborne...**Former coach and current Congressman Tom Osborne coached the Huskers to three national championships (1994, 1995, 1997) and retired as head football coach on Dec. 10, 1997. He is the only collegiate football coach to retire as a reigning national champion. Osborne now serves in the United States Congress, as a representative of Nebraska's third congressional district.

A Look at the Numbers

► Scoring Drives...

Thanks to excellent field position provided by Nebraska's defense and special teams, the Huskers' 16 scoring drives by the offense have covered an average of just 44.1 yards (706 total yards/16 drives) through the first three games this season. Nebraska produced its shortest drive in terms of plays and time with a one-play, 23-yard drive in just seven seconds with Jammal Lord's 23-yard touchdown strike to Wilson Thomas to give NU a 17-0 first-quarter lead over Utah State. Nebraska's shortest drive in yardage came with a two-play, nine-yard drive that took 36 seconds against Arizona State.

Overall, NU's defense and special teams have set up a total of five scoring drives of less than 30 yards by the offense. The Husker special teams have also scored three touchdowns, including a pair of punt returns by DeJuan Groce against Troy State and a Scott Shanle six-yard punt return TD of a Demorrio Williams blocked punt. The NU defense has also scored one touchdown with Fabian Washington's 29-yard interception return against Arizona State.

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

Utah State managed a season-long 80-yard drive that lasted just four plays and 1:11 against the Huskers. The Aggies added a season-long 12-play drive, which covered just 49 yards and took 3:42. Arizona State took a season-long 4:42 to kick a field goal after moving just 37 yards in 11 plays. Troy State owns a season-short one-play, six-yard drive that lasted just seven seconds after an NU fumble.

Game	Scoring Time			Plays			
	Drives	Total	Avg.	Total	Avg.	5 or less	1-Play
Arizona St.	6	17:24	2:54	42	7.0	1	0
Troy State	3	14:11	4:44	33	11.0	1	0
Utah State	7	11:40	1:40	32	4.6	5	1
Totals	16	43:15	2:42	107	6.7	7	1
Opp.	8	22:04	2:46	64	8.0	3	1

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

The Huskers have produced 13 long plays through their first three games, with five big plays against Utah State and four big plays each against Arizona State and Troy State. Senior cornerback DeJuan Groce has provided the Huskers with their biggest home run threat, tying an NCAA record by returning two punts for touchdowns in the win over Troy State. Groce's 83-yard return in the second quarter was the longest of his career, and NU's longest play of the season. He added a 72-yard return for a touchdown late in the third quarter for his fourth career punt return touchdown. Josh Davis adds a potent return threat on kickoffs with three long returns on the season, including a 42-yard return against Utah State, a 32-yard return vs. Troy State and a 28-yard return vs. Arizona State. Davis also uncorked his first long run of the year with a 28-yarder against Utah State. For the season, seven of NU's 13 long plays have been returns, including three punt returns by Groce, three kickoff returns by Davis and Fabian Washington's 29-yard interception return for a score against ASU. Jammal Lord has added two long pass plays, including a 62-yard strike to tight end Jon Bowling against Troy State and a 33-yard touchdown pass to true freshman tight end Matt Herian vs. Utah State. Lord also owns two of NU's four long runs on the year with his 33-yard scamper against Arizona State and a 28-yard touchdown run against Utah State. I-back Cory Ross owns Nebraska's only other long rush with a 34-yard scoring gallop against the Sun Devils. Opponents have managed five long pass plays, one long run and two long returns. Troy State quarterback Hansell Bearden connected with Heyward Skipper on a 60-yard pass for the longest play by an opponent this season. Arizona State's Mike Williams owns the longest run by an opponent with his 34-yard touchdown run. Troy State's Rayshun Reed own the longest return by the opposition with his 32-yard interception return.

	Husker Long Plays				Opponent Long Plays			
	Rush	Pass	Ret	Total	Rush	Pass	Ret	Total
ASU	2	0	2	4	1	1	0	2
TSU	0	1	3	4	0	3	1	4
USU	2	1	2	5	0	1	1	2
Totals	4	2	7	13	1	5	2	8

► Nebraska in the Red Zone...

Nebraska converted on 3-of-4 red zone opportunities in the win over Utah State, after going 3-for-4 against Troy State and a perfect 3-for-3 on chances inside the 20 against Arizona State. For the season, NU is 9-for-11 (.818) inside the red zone with seven rushing touchdowns, a passing touchdown and one field goal. Utah State capitalized on 2-of-2 red zone chances, but was held to a pair of field goals. Arizona State was 1-for-2 in the red zone with a field goal, while Troy State was 3-for-4 with two touchdowns and a field goal.

Game	Scores Inside 20				No Score Inside 20				Half/Pct.
	Chances	Total	TDs	FGs	MissFGs	TOs	Downs	Gm.	
ASU	3	3	3	0	0	0	0	1	1.00
TSU	4	3	2	1	0	1	0	0	.750
USU	4	3	3	0	0	1	0	0	.750
Totals	11	9	8	1	0	2	0	0	.818
Opp.	8	6	2	4	0	1	1	0	.750

Note: Nebraska has 7 rushing TDs, 1 passing TD and 1 FG in the red zone. Opponents have 2 rushing TDs, 0 passing TDs and 4 FGs in the red zone.

► Quarterback Drive Efficiency *Total Drives Begun as Starting QB

QB	Drives*	Scores	TDs	FG-FGA	Eff.	Red Zone
Lord	35	15	11	4-4	.429	9-10
Stuntz#	6	1	1	0-0	.167	0-1
Totals	41	16	12	4-4	.390	9-11

*Denotes drives started by the quarterback.

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

► Nebraska Points Off Turnovers...

Nebraska posted a plus-one turnover margin for the third straight game by pulling down a season-high three interceptions in the win over Utah State. Senior cornerback DeJuan Groce picked off two opponent passes for the second consecutive game to bring his season total to four interceptions. Pat Ricketts added an interception against the Aggies. The Huskers converted both of Groce's interceptions into touchdowns to give them 21 points off turnovers this season. Nebraska did lose a season-high two fumbles against Utah State, but the Aggies did not convert either turnover into points. Along with four interceptions by Groce and one by Ricketts, true freshman Fabian Washington has added NU's other interception, which he returned 29 yards for a score in NU's season-opening win over Utah State. Jon Clanton stripped Troy State's DeWhitt Betterson, and Ricketts recovered NU's first fumble of the season. The Huskers have lost three fumbles, while Jammal Lord threw his only interception this season against Troy State. The only turnover that an opponent has converted into points was a fumble on NU's opening drive of the second half against Troy State.

Game	TOs		Scores		Turnovers (Fumbles/Lost, INT)
	Gained	TDs	FG-FGA	Pts.	
ASU	1 (1 INT)	1	0-0	7	0 (0/0 F/L, 0 INT)
TSU	3 (1 F, 2 INT)	0	0-0	0	2 (5/1 F/L, 1 INT)
USU	3 (0 F, 3 INT)	2	0-0	14	2 (2/2 F/L, 0 INT)
Totals	7 (1 F, 6 INT)	3	0-0	21	4 (7/3 F/L, 1 INT)
Opp.	4 (3 F, 1 INT)	1	0-0	7	7 (4/1 F/L, 6 INT)

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

Nebraska	Rush	Pass	Total
Arizona St.	59/283/3	13-5-0/33/1	72/316/4
Troy State	54/199/2	16-8-1/114/0	70/313/2
Utah State	54/288/4	15-8-0/130/2	69/418/6
Opponent	Rush	Pass	Total
Arizona St.	30/83/1	41-17-1/175/0	71/258/1
Troy State	41/155/2	29-11-2/192/0	70/347/2
Utah State	30/70/0	44-19-3/251/1	74/321/1

▶ **Husker 100-Yard Rushing Games (1)**

Nebraska has not produced a 100-yard individual rusher in its last two games, but has produced at least one rusher over 90 yards in all three contests so far this season. Junior quarterback Jammal Lord owns Nebraska's lone individual 100-yard rushing effort with 103 yards on 17 carries in the season-opening win over Arizona State. Lord also led the Huskers with 92 yards on 23 carries against Troy State, while Dahrran Diedrick was NU's top rusher against Utah State with 93 yards on 16 carries.

Nebraska has not allowed an opposing back to rush for 100 yards. Arizona State's Mike Williams owns the top effort with 77 yards on 12 carries.

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

▶ **Starting Field Position**

Nebraska has enjoyed a major field position advantage through the first three games with the Huskers producing an average starting position at their own 40.7 yard line, while holding opponents to an average start at the 24.1, for a +16.6 yards per drive advantage. Nebraska enjoyed its largest field position advantage of the season against Utah State, as the Huskers owned an average start at their own 42.2-yard line, while holding the Aggies to an average start at their own 22.6 for a +19.6 edge. Nebraska started a season-high six drives on Utah State's half of the field. For the season, Nebraska has started 14 of its 45 drives beyond midfield. The Huskers have started nine drives inside their own 20, with their worst start coming at their own 3-yard line against Troy State.

On the other side, opponents have managed just four starts beyond their own 40, with a best starting position at the NU 6 by Troy State after a Husker fumble. Three starts, including two by Troy State, have come on Nebraska's side of the field. Kyle Larson has buried the opposition inside their own 20 on four occasions, including three against Troy State. Place-kicker Josh Brown has also played a major role with 15-of-23 kickoffs going for touchbacks, while four of his eight others have stuck opponents inside their own 20, including a worst start at the 6-yard line by Arizona State. The best opposing field position off a Brown kickoff came at the 35 after he kicked the ball out of bounds.

	<u>NU Avg. Start</u>	<u>Opp. Avg. Start</u>	<u>Advantage</u>
Arizona St.	41.2 (618/15)	24.3 (340/14)	+16.9
Troy State	38.7 (580/15)	28.1 (422/15)	+10.6
Utah State	42.2 (633/15)	22.6 (340/15)	+19.6
Total	40.7 (1,831/45)	24.1 (1,062/44)	+16.6

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

▶ **Penalty Numbers**

The Huskers have committed very few penalties through their first three games, averaging just 4.0 penalties for 27.7 yards per game. Nebraska was flagged for just three penalties for 16 yards in its win over Utah State, while the Aggies committed an opponent season-high 10 penalties for 71 yards. NU was called for six penalties in the win over Arizona State, but was penalized just 42 yards. On the season, NU's penalty yardage is just over half of the yardage marked off against the opposition (83/161 - 51.6%). Of NU's 12 penalties on the season, four have been called on the offense (4-31), six on the defense (6-41) and two on the special teams (2-11). Opponents have committed nine offensive penalties (9-60), four defensive penalties (4-43) and six special teams infractions (4-58).

	<u>NU Pen.-Yds.</u>	<u>Opp. Pen.-Yds.</u>
Arizona State	6-42	5-63
Troy State	3-25	4-27
Utah State	3-16	10-71
Total	12-83	19-161
Average	4.0-27.7	6.3-53.7

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

<u>Game</u>	<u>Team</u>	<u>Indiv. (#)</u>	<u>*Sacks</u>	<u>O-Line</u>	<u>Perfect</u>
	<u>'Cakes</u>	<u>'Cakes</u>	<u>Allowed</u>	<u>Penalties</u>	<u>Plays</u>
Arizona St.	58	14 (#51)	2	0-0	62.5%
Troy State	54	13 (#51)	0	2-16	55.0%
Utah State	69	14 (#52)	1	0-0	74.0
Totals	181	14 (#51/#52)3		2-16	

<u>Name</u>	<u>ASU</u>	<u>TSU</u>	<u>USU</u>	<u>Total</u>
Incognito	14	13	8	35
Cody	9	8	11	28
Erickson	11	12	4	27
Garrison	6	7	14	27
Tagoa'i	10	1	12	23
Vili Waldrop	3	6	7	16
Sewell	4	1	4	9
Kolterman	1	5	1	7
Povendo	0	1	5	6
<u>Andersen</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>
Totals	58	54	69	181

▶ **Husker Starting Experience**

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

<u>Offensive Starters</u>	<u>'99</u>	<u>'00</u>	<u>'01</u>	<u>'02</u>	<u>Total</u>
Jon Bowling, TE, Sr. (Lincoln, Neb.)	0	0	0	1	1
Wes Cody, OG, Sr. (Fremont, Neb.)	0	0	0	3	3
Thunder Collins, IB, Sr. (Los Angeles, Calif.)	0	0	2	0	2
Judd Davies, FB, Jr. (Omaha, Neb.)	0	0	11	3	14
Dahrran Diedrick, IB, Sr. (Scarborough, Ont.)	0	0	11	3	14
Mike Erickson, OG, So. (Omaha, Neb.)	0	0	0	3	3
John Garrison, C, Sr. (Blue Springs, Mo.)	0	0	12	3	15
Aaron Golliday, TE, Sr. (York, Neb.)	4	3	2	3	12
Troy Hassebroek, WB, Sr. (Lincoln, Neb.)	0	0	0	1	1
Richie Incognito, OT, RFr. (Glendale, Ariz.)	0	0	0	3	3
John Klem, SE, Sr. (Lincoln, Neb.)	0	0	0	2	2
Steve Kriewald, FB, So. (Scotia, Neb.)	0	0	2	0	2
Jammal Lord, QB, Jr. (Bayonne, N.J.)	0	0	0	3	3
Wilson Thomas, SE, Sr. (Omaha, Neb.)	2	2	11	2	17
Dan Vili Waldrop, RT, Jr. (Wilmington, Calif.)	0	0	12	3	15
Totals	6	5	63	33	107

<u>Defensive Starters</u>	<u>'99</u>	<u>'00</u>	<u>'01</u>	<u>'02</u>	<u>Total</u>
Demoine Adams, LRE, Sr. (Pine Bluff, Ark.)	0	4	12	3	19
Willie Amos, FS, Jr. (Sweetwater, Texas)	0	0	6	0	6
Ryon Bingham, NT, Jr. (Sandy, Utah)	0	0	0	3	3
Philip Bland, FS, So. (Lafayette, Colo.)	0	0	3	3	6
Jon Clanton, NT, Sr. (Glendale, Ariz.)	0	0	9	3	12
DeJuan Groce, RCB, Sr. (Garfield Heights, Ohio)	0	2	11	3	16
Chris Kelsay, RE, Sr. (Auburn, Neb.)	1	7	12	3	23
Jason Lohr, NT, Sr. (Tulsa, Okla.)	0	11	3	0	14
Lornell McPherson, LCB, So. (Omaha, Neb.)	0	0	3	2	5
Pat Ricketts, LCB, Jr. (Omaha, Neb.)	0	0	2	3	5
Barrett Ruud, MLB, So. (Lincoln, Neb.)	0	0	0	3	3
Scott Shanle, SLB, Sr. (St. Edward, Neb.)	0	9	9	2	20
Shane Siegel, RCB, RFr. (Grand Island, Neb.)	0	0	0	1	1
Aaron Terpening, ROV, Sr. (Salem, Ore.)	0	0	0	1	1
Fabian Washington, LCB, Fr. (Bradenton, Fla.)	0	0	0	1	1
Demorrio Williams, WLB, Jr. (Beckville, Texas)	0	0	0	2	2
Totals	1	33	70	33	137

<u>Starting Kickers</u>	<u>'99</u>	<u>'00</u>	<u>'01</u>	<u>'02</u>	<u>Total</u>
Josh Brown, PK, Sr., (Foyil, Okla.)	13	11	8	3	34
Sandro DeAngelis, PK, So. (Niagara Falls, Ont.)	0	0	4	0	4
Larson, Kyle, P. Jr., (Funk, Neb.)	0	0	12	3	15
Totals	13	11	24	6	53

Starters Briefly

True Freshmen Starters: 1

Number of Native Nebraskans With Starts: 16

Number of Different Starters on Offense: 15

Number of Different Starters on Defense: 16

Number of Different Starting Kickers: 3

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

Most Career Starts on Offense: Wilson Thomas, SE (17)

Most Career Starts on Defense: Chris Kelsay, RE (23)

Most Consecutive Starts on Offense: Garrison, C/Vili Waldrop, RT (15)

Most Consecutive Starts on Defense: Chris Kelsay, RE (23)

2002 Husker Depth Chart

(Sept. 3, 2002)

Offense

- SE:** 9 **WILSON THOMAS*****, 6-6, 215, Sr., Omaha, Neb.
19 John Klem**, 6-0, 215, Sr., Lincoln, Neb.
-OR- 2 Ross Pilkington, 6-0, 195, Fr., Ft. Collins, Colo.
 13 Tim Liley, 6-2, 200, Jr., Lakewood, Colo.
3 Ben Zajicek*, 6-0, 210, So., Beatrice, Neb.
-OR- 27 Mark LeFlore, 5-11, 175, Fr., Omaha, Neb.
- LT:** 51 Richie Incognito, 6-3, 305, RFr., Glendale, Ariz.
 69 Nick Povendo, 6-3, 300, So., Keller, Texas
73 Scott Koethe**, 6-5, 290, Sr., Central City, Neb.
- LG:** **78 Mike Erickson***, 6-4, 295, So., Omaha, Neb.
55 Junior Tagoa'i*, 6-2, 285, Jr., Hauula, Hawaii
 75 Brandon Koch, 6-3, 295, RFr., Cozad, Neb.
- C:** **52 JOHN GARRISON*****, 6-4, 290, Sr., Blue Springs, Mo.
 79 Josh Sewell, 6-2, 295, Jr., Lincoln, Neb.
 74 David Kolowski, 6-5, 290, Sr., Omaha, Neb.
- RG:** **59 Wes Cody****, 6-2, 295, Sr., Fremont, Neb.
73 Scott Koethe**, 6-5, 290, Sr., Central City, Neb.
-OR- 71 Jake Andersen, 6-1, 300, So., Littleton, Colo.
- RT:** **68 DAN VILI WALDROP****, 6-5, 325, Jr., Wilmington, Calif.
67 Nate Kolterman**, 6-3, 310, Sr., Seward, Neb.
 53 Cody Volk, 6-6, 325, Jr., Norfolk, Neb.
- TE:** **99 Aaron Golliday*****, 6-4, 290, Sr., York, Neb.
86 Kyle Ringenberg*, 6-4, 245, Sr., Elkhorn, Neb.
-OR- **84 Jon Bowling*****, 6-3, 240, Sr., Lincoln, Neb.
 80 Will Dabbert, 6-4, 250, Sr., Lincoln, Neb.
-OR- **82 Phil Peetz***, 6-2, 260, Jr., Elkhorn, Neb.
-OR- 42 Matt Herian, 6-4, 215, Fr., Pierce, Neb.
 83 Chris Septak, 6-3, 245, So., Omaha, Neb.
- QB:** **10 Jammal Lord****, 6-2, 220, Jr., Bayonne, N.J.
16 Mike Stuntz*, 6-1, 200, So., Council Bluffs, Iowa
 7 Curt Dukes, 6-1, 210, Fr., Stony Point, N.C.
11 Joe Chrisman***, 5-11, 200, Sr., Longmont, Colo.
- FB:** **4 JUDD DAVIES****, 6-0, 255, Jr., Omaha, Neb.
45 Steve Kriewald*, 5-10, 250, So., Scotia, Neb.
37 Paul Kastl**, 5-10, 235, Sr., Lincoln, Neb.
- IB:** **30 DAHRRAN DIEDRICK*****, 6-0, 225, Sr., Scarborough, Ontario
-OR- 22 Cory Ross, 5-6, 210, RFr., Denver, Colo.
25 Josh Davis*, 5-11, 205, Jr., Loveland Colo.
-OR- 33 Marques Simmons, 5-8, 190, RFr., Davenport, Iowa
 5 David Horne, 6-0, 190, Fr., Omaha, Neb.
- WB:** **89 Troy Hasebroek*****, 6-4, 215, Sr., Lincoln, Neb.
-OR- **81 Ben Cornelsen****, 5-10, 190, Sr., Shawnee, Kan.
 20 Kiffin Wigert, 5-9, 160, So., Cheyenne, Wyo.
 18 Mike McLaughlin, 5-11, 185, RFr., Omaha, Neb.
-OR- 12 DeWayne Long, WB, 6-0, 210, So., West Des Moines, Iowa
 8 Ryan Ommert, 5-10, 190, Jr, Cambridge, Neb.
-OR- 24 Jack O'Holleran, 5-10, 205, So., North Platte, Neb.

Injured (Not on Depth Chart)

- 27 Willie Amos****, CB, 6-0, 185, Jr., Sweetwater, Texas (torn left ACL/LCL)
14 Fred Thorne, CB, 5-10, 180, Jr., Lincoln, Neb. (Broken right tibia)
54 Carson Schott, OG, 6-2, 315, RFr., Osceola, Neb. (torn right ACL)
70 Jason Lohr***, NT, 6-2, 280, Sr., Tulsa, Okla. (torn left ACL, 8/16)
21 Robin Miller*, I-back, 5-11, 215, Jr., Kent, Wash. (knee scope 8/17)
73 Jared Helming, NT, 6-3, 295, RFr., Springfield, Mo. (torn left ACL)
6 DeAntae Grixby**, I-Back, 5-8, 205, Jr., Omaha, Neb. (knee)
77 M.J. Flaum, OT, 6-4, 315, So., Westminster, Colo. (shoulder)
76 Chris Loos**, OT, 6-3, 310, Jr., Lincoln, Neb. (knee)

Defense

- LRE:** **57 CHRIS KELSAY*****, 6-5, 260, Sr., Auburn, Neb.
92 Justin Smith***, 6-4, 265, Sr., Sherman, Texas
-OR- **10 Benard Thomas****, 6-4, 260, Jr., East Palo Alto, Calif.
- NT:** **59 Ryon Bingham***, 6-3, 285, Jr., Sandy, Utah
 66 Le Kevin Smith, 6-2, 300, RFr., Macon, Ga.
-OR- 96 Titus Adams, 6-3, 285, RFr., Omaha, Neb.
- DT:** **55 JON CLANTON*****, 6-2, 285, Sr., Glendale, Ariz.
-OR- **94 Patrick Kabongo****, 6-6, 315, Jr., Montreal, Quebec
97 Seppo Ewvaraye, DT, 6-5, 315, RFr., Laurel, Neb.
- RRE:** **98 DEMOINE ADAMS*****, 6-2, 250, Sr., Pine Bluff, Ark.
88 Trevor Johnson**, 6-4, 250, Jr., Lincoln, Neb.
 93 Tyler Toline, 6-2, 240, So., Wahoo, Neb.
- SLB:** **43 SCOTT SHANLE*****, 6-2, 240, Sr., St. Edward, Neb.
11 Ira Cooper*, 6-2, 220, So., Omaha, Neb.
51 Gabe Fries*, 6-2, 230, Sr., Benkelman, Neb.
- MLB:** **38 Barrett Ruud***, 6-2, 240, So., Lincoln, Neb.
 54 Chad Sievers, 6-3, 225, So., Valley, Neb.
42 Steve Safranek*, 6-2, 245, Jr., Omaha, Neb.
 35 Curt Tomasevicz, 6-0, 220, Jr., Shelby, Neb.
- WLB:** 7 Demorrio Williams, 6-1, 215, Jr., Beckville, Texas
-OR- **17 T.J. Hollowell****, 6-0, 230, Jr., Copperas Cove, Texas
 39 Chad Buller, 5-11, 215, Jr., Henderson, Neb.
- LCB:** **28 Pat Ricketts****, 5-11, 180, Jr., Omaha, Neb.
-OR- **1 Lornell McPherson***, 5-9, 180, So., Omaha, Neb.
 3 Fabian Washington, 6-0, 175, Fr., Bradenton, Fla.
 6 Rodney Burgess, 6-0, 180, Sr., Del Ray Beach, Fla.
- FS:** **21 Philip Bland***, 5-11, 205, So., Lafayette, Colo.
31 Jerrell Pippens**, 6-2, 195, Jr., Philadelphia, Pa.
 20 Josh Bullocks, 6-1, 195, RFr., Chattanooga, Tenn.
- ROV:** **2 Aaron Terpening*****, 5-11, 195, Sr., Salem, Ore.
 40 Lannie Hopkins, 6-2, 210, So., Rowlett, Texas
 14 Daniel Bullocks, 6-1, 195, RFr., Chattanooga, Tenn.
- RCB:** **5 DeJUAN GROCE*****, 5-10, 190, Sr., Garfield Heights, Ohio
 23 Shane Siegel, 6-2, 210, RFr., Grand Island, Neb.
4 Terrell Butler*, 5-10, 195, Jr. Austell, Ga.
-OR- 29 Kellen Huston, 5-11, 190, So., Ankeny, Iowa

Kickers

- P:** **19 KYLE LARSON***, 6-0, 200, Jr., Funk, Neb.
26 JOSH BROWN***, 6-2, 200, Sr., Foyil, Okla.
- PK:** **26 JOSH BROWN*****, 6-2, 200, Sr., Foyil, Okla.
22 Sandro DeAngelis*, 5-8, 190, So., Niagara Falls, Ontario
- KO:** **26 JOSH BROWN*****, 6-2, 200, Sr., Foyil, Okla.
22 Sandro DeAngelis*, 5-8, 190, So., Niagara Falls, Ontario

Specialists

- Holder:** **11 Joe Chrisman*****, 2 Ross Pilkington
Long Snapper (Punts): **52 JOHN GARRISON*****, 51 Richie Incognito
PAT/FG Snapper: **74 David Kolowski**, **52 JOHN GARRISON*****
Punt Returns: **5 DeJuan Groce*****, **81 Ben Cornelsen****
KO Ret.: **25 Josh Davis***, 33 Marques Simmons

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