



Husker Records and Streaks

- ▶ NCAA-record 251 consecutive sellouts in Memorial Stadium (counting McNeese St.)
- ▶ 40 consecutive winning seasons—current NCAA record
- ▶ 33 consecutive nine-win seasons—NCAA record
- ▶ 33 consecutive bowl bids—NCAA record
- ▶ 40 bowl appearances—fourth in NCAA
- ▶ 32 consecutive years ranked in final AP top 25
- ▶ 24-game home winning streak (nation's longest)
- ▶ 105-14 record since 1993 (nine years)

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Weekly Press Conference

Nebraska Head Coach Frank Solich will conduct weekly Tuesday press/teleconferences in the Don Bryant Media Facility Level 6. Interviews will begin at 11 a.m. with NU Volleyball Coach John Cook meeting with the media at 11 a.m. Lunch will be served at 11:15 a.m. and Husker defensive coordinator Craig Bohl will be available at 11:50 a.m., before Solich's noon meeting with the media. Additional Husker players will follow Solich. Each press conference will be available via teleconference and quotes will be transcribed and placed on Huskers.com. To secure a line on the teleconference, please contact the SID office at 402-472-2263.

Game 6: Nebraska (3-2, 0-1) vs. McNeese State (4-0)

DATE: Saturday, Oct. 5, 2002; **TIME:** 11:30 a.m. Central
SITE: Lincoln, Neb.

STADIUM: Memorial Stadium—251st Consecutive Sellout; **STADIUM CAPACITY:** 73,918

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

NEBRASKA RADIO: 57-station Pinnacle Sports Network (Jim Rose-Play-by-Play; Color-Adrian Fiala; Gary Sharp-Sideline)

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Huskers Complete Non-Conference Schedule Against Division I-AA Power McNeese State

After a pair of difficult road tests, Nebraska (3-2) returns to Memorial Stadium this Saturday for a non-conference matchup with McNeese State. The Cowboys enter the 11:30 a.m. game with a 4-0 record and a No. 2 national ranking in Division I-AA. The game will not be televised, but is available on the internet at Huskers.com, via HuskersNside subscription.

The Huskers dropped out of both major polls this week following a 36-14 loss at Iowa State in their Big 12 Conference opener. The loss halted Nebraska's remarkable streak of being ranked in the Associated Press poll at a record 348 weeks. The loss at Iowa State also marked the first time since 1974 NU has suffered a setback in its league opener and coupled with a loss at Penn State two weeks earlier represented the first time since 1976 NU has dropped back-to-back regular-season games.

McNeese State is one of the top programs in Division I-AA and enters Saturday's game with a 4-0 record and a No. 2 national ranking. The Cowboys are coming off a 38-13 victory over Western Kentucky on Saturday night. The meeting with Nebraska is McNeese State's second against a Division I-A foe this season. The Cowboys won at Louisiana-Monroe, 24-19, on Sept. 21.

Saturday's contest will complete the non-conference portion of Nebraska's 2002 schedule. Nebraska opened the season with three consecutive non-conference home games, picking up victories against Arizona State, Troy State and Utah State. The Huskers suffered their first regular-season non-conference loss since 1996 with a 40-7 loss at Penn State on Sept. 14. A win over McNeese State would mark the 11th straight season in which Nebraska has gone undefeated at home in non-conference action.

Huskers Drop Conference Opener at Iowa State

Nebraska suffered its second straight loss with a 36-14 setback at Iowa State in the Huskers' Big 12 Conference opener. The loss dropped Nebraska to 3-2 on the season and 0-1 in Big 12 action, the first loss in a league opener for the Huskers since 1974.

The Huskers' day got off to a tough start when they fumbled the ball on their own side of the field on their first possession. Iowa State marched downfield and converted with a 23-yard field goal to take a 3-0 advantage midway through the first quarter. Nebraska's second fumble of the first quarter once again put the Husker defense in a tough position. The Cyclones started on Nebraska's 44 and used a 10-play drive to reach the end zone and jump to a 10-0 advantage.

Nebraska took just a single play to respond and cut into the Cyclone lead. Jammal Lord connected

2002 Nebraska (3-2, 0-1) Football Schedule/Results

Day	Date	Opponent	Time/Res.	TV	Series	Last Meeting (Site) / Notes
Sat.	Aug. 24	Arizona St.,BCA+	W, 48-10	ESPN	NU 6-2	Lord 17-103-1 TD rushing in first career start; NU blocks two punts
Sat.	Aug. 31	Troy State	W, 31-16		NU 2-0	Groce ties NCAA record with two punt return TDs, adds two INTs in NU win
Sat.	Sept. 7	Utah State	W, 44-13		NU 7-0	Nebraska's 250th Consecutive Sellout; stadium record crowd (78,176)
Sat.	Sept. 14	at Penn State	L, 40-7	ABC	PSU 7-5	Crowd of 110,753 largest ever to see NU game; Lord--14 carries for 111 yards
Sat.	Sept. 28	at Iowa State #	L, 36-14	ABC	NU 80-15-2	Pilkington grabs 90-yard TD reception; NU's first loss in league opener since 1974
Sat.	Oct. 5	McNeese State	11:30 a.m.		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. 29)

No.	Team (1st)	Record	Points
1.	Miami (71)	4-0	1,847
2.	Texas (2)*	4-0	1,729
3.	Oklahoma (1)	4-0	1,724
4.	Virginia Tech	5-0	1,605
5.	Ohio State	5-0	1,537
6.	Florida	4-1	1,411
7.	Georgia	4-0	1,393
8.	Oregon	4-0	1,299
9.	Notre Dame	4-0	1,245
10.	Tennessee	3-1	1,087
11.	Florida State	4-1	1,039
12.	Washington	3-1	912
13.	Kansas State*	4-0	858
14.	Michigan	4-1	851
15.	Iowa State*	5-1	817
16.	North Carolina St.	6-0	724
17.	Washington State	4-1	701
18.	USC	3-1	700
19.	Wisconsin	5-0	541
20.	Penn State*	3-1	337
21.	LSU	3-1	327
22.	Alabama	4-1	246
23.	Texas A&M*	3-1	230
24.	Iowa	4-1	228
25.	Colorado State	4-1	206

ESPN/USA Today/Coaches (Sept. 29)

No.	Team (1st)	Record	Points
1.	Miami (59)	4-0	1,523
2.	Texas (2)*	4-0	1,444
3.	Oklahoma	4-0	1,410
4.	Virginia Tech	5-0	1,321
5.	Ohio State	5-0	1,275
6.	Georgia	4-0	1,190
7.	Oregon	4-0	1,103
8.	Florida	4-1	1,082
9.	Notre Dame	4-0	1,026
10.	Tennessee	3-1	921
11.	Florida State	4-1	844
12.	Washington	3-1	834
13.	Michigan	4-1	752
14.	North Carolina St.	6-0	724
15.	Wisconsin	5-0	630
16.	Kansas State*	4-0	623
17.	Washington State	4-1	533
18.	Iowa State*	5-1	524
19.	LSU	3-1	437
20.	USC	3-1	429
21.	Penn State*	3-1	249
22.	Colorado State	4-1	246
23.	Texas A&M*	3-1	120
24.	Auburn	4-1	116
25.	Air Force	4-0	96

*-Denotes 2002 NU opponent

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	lost at Penn St., 40-7
9-15	18	19	NA	0/0	idle
9-22	20	19	NA	0/0	lost to ISU, 36-14
9-29	nr	nr	NA	0/0	

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

with freshman Ross Pilkington for a 90-yard touchdown pass off play action. Iowa State's offense continued to have success and answered NU's challenge, capping a 13-play drive with a 35-yard field goal to its their lead to 13-7 midway through the second quarter.

The Cyclones continued to have success against a weary Blackshirt defense, driving 57 yards in nine plays to take a 19-7 advantage late in the first half. The Husker defense kept Iowa State off the scoreboard near the close of the first half, when true freshman Fabian Washington picked off his second pass of the afternoon in the end zone, keeping the halftime deficit at 12 points.

Iowa State again controlled the clock to start the second half, moving 80 yards in 11 plays to surge to a 26-7 advantage. Nebraska's strong special teams got the Huskers back into the game late in the third quarter. After a strong stand by the NU defense, Aaron Terpening and Demorrio Williams teamed up for a blocked punt, setting Nebraska up on the Cyclone 2-yard line. Fullback Judd Davies plunged in one play later to cut the ISU lead to 26-14.

Nebraska entered the fourth quarter with the ball and momentum, but Cyclone linebacker Brandon Brown intercepted a Lord pass, NU's third turnover of the day, and returned it 29 yards to the 8-yard line. Quarterback Seneca Wallace ran in from seven yards out two plays later to give the Cyclones a comfortable 33-14 advantage. ISU added a late field goal for the final margin.

The Huskers committed five turnovers in the game, leading to 17 Cyclone points and ISU controlled the football, holding a 15-minute advantage in time of possession.

Recapping Game Five...Iowa State 36, Nebraska 14

► The 90-yard touchdown pass from **Jammal Lord** to **Ross Pilkington** was Nebraska's longest pass play since a 95-yard touchdown pass from Fred Duda to Freeman White against Colorado on Oct. 23, 1965. The play ranks as the third-longest pass completion in school history.

► Junior punter **Kyle Larson** continued to perform at an All-American level. Larson punted five times against Iowa State, averaging 47.2 yards per punt and pinning the Cyclones inside their own 20 on two occasions. Larson ranks third nationally in punting, averaging 47.2 yards per punt and has keyed Nebraska's No. 3 national ranking in net punting.

► True freshman cornerback **Fabian Washington** made his presence known against Iowa State. Washington had a hand in forcing all three of Iowa State's turnovers on the day, with two interceptions and a fumble caused. Washington's two-interception day marked Nebraska's third such game this season and gave him three picks on the year. Washington added four tackles and a pass breakup in the game.

► Junior defensive tackle **Patrick Kabongo** was a stalwart on the NU defensive front, having a hand in a career-high and Nebraska season-best 15 tackles. Kabongo had three tackles for losses of three yards.

► Senior rush end **Chris Kelsay** continued his strong play, recording seven tackles, including three TFL for five yards. Kelsay also had a pair of quarterback hurries on the afternoon and leads the team with 14 hurries in 2002.

► Nebraska senior rover **Aaron Terpening** and junior linebacker **Demorrio Williams** teamed up to block a third-quarter ISU punt. Nebraska started from the Cyclone 2-yard line after the blocked punt and converted for a touchdown on a two-yard run by Judd Davies. The blocked punt was Nebraska's third of the season and the second of the year for Williams. Nebraska has converted all three blocked punts into touchdowns. Both of the previous blocked punts were against Arizona State, with one returned for a touchdown and the other setting Nebraska up inside the 10-yard line.

► The loss marked the first time Nebraska had suffered back-to-back losses in regular-season games since 1976, when NU lost at Iowa State and to Oklahoma in Lincoln.

► Iowa State's victory snapped the Huskers' nine-game winning streak in the series and marked just the Cyclones second win in the last 25 meetings between the two schools.

► Nebraska had its streak of successful conference openers snapped at 27 games. The Huskers had not lost a league opener since a 21-10 setback against Missouri in Lincoln to open the 1974 Big Eight campaign.

Nebraska-Iowa State Stat Wrap

Team Stats	NU	Iowa St.
First Downs	10	23
Rush att.-yards	30-81	52-192
Passes	29-12-1	32-19-2
Passing yards	192	220
Total yards	273	412
Turnovers	5	3
Time of Possession	22:29	37:31
3rd Down Conversions	5/15	8/17

NU Rushing Leader

Dahrran Diedrick--8 carries, 28 yards

NU Passing Leaders

Jammal Lord--10-5-1, 120 yards, 1 TD

Mike Stuntz--18-7-0, 72 yards

NU Receiving Leaders

Wilson Thomas--5 receptions, 49 yards

Ross Pilkington--1 reception, 90 yards, TD

NU Defensive Leaders

Patrick Kabongo--15 tackles, 3 TFL

Fabian Washington--4 tackles, 2 INT,

1 fumble caused

Chris Kelsay--7 tackles, 3 TFL

Special Teams Standouts

Kyle Larson--5 punts, 47.2 yard average

2002 Big 12 Standings

North		Records		
Team	Overall	Big 12	Next Game	
Iowa State	5-1	2-0	Tx. Tech 10/12	
Kansas St.	4-0	0-0	at Colorado 10/5	
Missouri	3-1	0-0	Oklahoma 10/5	
Colorado	2-2	0-0	Kansas St. 10/5	
Nebraska	3-2	0-1	McNeese St. 10/5	
Kansas	2-3	0-1	at Baylor 10/5	

South Division

Oklahoma	4-0	0-0	at Missouri 10/5
Texas	4-0	0-0	Okla. State 10/5
Texas A&M	3-1	0-0	Tx. Tech 10/5
Texas Tech	3-2	0-0	at A&M 10/5
Okla. St.	2-2	0-0	at Texas 10/5
Baylor	2-2	0-0	Kansas 10/5

2002 Nebraska Non-Conference Opponents

Team	Record -- Next Game
Arizona State	4-1--North Carolina 10/5
Troy State	1-4--Austin Peay 10/5
Utah State	1-4--BYU 10/4
Penn State	3-1--at Wisconsin 10/5
McNeese State	4-0--at Nebraska 10/5

Last Week's Results

Iowa State def. Nebraska, 36-14
 Missouri def. Troy State, 44-7
 Kansas def. Tulsa, 43-33
 Oklahoma def. South Florida, 31-14
 Texas def. Tulane, 49-0
 Texas A&M def. Louisiana Tech, 31-3
 Texas Tech def. New Mexico, 49-0
 Arizona State def. Stanford, 65-24
 Boise State def. Utah State, 63-38
 Iowa def. Penn State, 42-35 (OT)
 McNeese State def. Western Kentucky, 38-13

2002 McNeese State Schedule (4-0)

Date	Opponent	Result/Time
8/31	Grambling	W, 52-20
9/7	at Youngstown State	W, 28-13
9/14	at Louisiana-Monroe	W, 24-19
9/28	Western Kentucky	W, 38-13
10/5	at Nebraska	11:30 a.m.
10/19	Jacksonville State	7 p.m.
10/26	at Sam Houston State	2 p.m.
11/2	at Stephen F. Austin	4 p.m.
11/9	Southwest Texas State	7 p.m.
11/16	at Northwestern State	2 p.m.
11/23	Nicholls State	7 p.m.

NU-Cowboy Series Notes

- ▶ Saturday's meeting is the first between the two schools on the gridiron.
- ▶ Nebraska has not lost to a team from Louisiana, including a 5-0-1 record vs. LSU and a 1-0 mark against Louisiana Tech.

Husker-Louisiana Connections

- ▶ Nebraska has two players from the state of Louisiana. Sam linebacker Jemond Smith hails from Kenner, La., and graduated from Bonnabel High School. Freshman offensive lineman Jemayel Phillips is from Winnfield, La.
- ▶ Prominent former Husker players from the state of Louisiana include defensive tackle Neil Smith, wingback Tyrone Hughes, outside linebacker David White, defensive tackle Jason Wiltz and quarterback Mickey Joseph.
- ▶ Former Husker quarterback/wingback Frankie London was from Lake Charles, La., and graduated from LaGrange High School.

Scouting McNeese State (4-0)

McNeese State enters Saturday's game in Lincoln with a perfect 4-0 record after a 38-13 victory over Western Kentucky on Saturday night in Lake Charles, La. The Cowboys were ranked second in last week's USA Today Division I-AA Coaches poll, trailing only Montana. McNeese State received three first-place votes in the poll.

According to the Sagarin Ratings, McNeese State is 90th among all college teams, trailing only three Division I-AA schools and ranking ahead of numerous Division I-A squads. Among the Cowboys' four victories this season is a 24-19 win at Division I-A Louisiana-Monroe.

The Cowboys feature a run-oriented offensive attack, averaging 230.8 yards per game on the ground this season. In the victory over Louisiana-Monroe, the Cowboys rolled up 329 rushing yards and picked up nearly 200 yards on the ground vs. Western Kentucky. Overall, MSU averages better than 375 yards of total offense per game.

Quarterback Scott Pendarvis triggers the Cowboys' offensive attack. The 6-3, 221-pound sophomore has completed nearly 60 percent of his passes and thrown for four touchdowns this season. The MSU rushing attack is led by junior tailback Vick King, who averages nearly 90 yards per game and has scored four touchdowns. Fullback Luke Lawton has rushed for 180 yards and averages nearly nine yards per carry in 2002.

Defensively, the Cowboys have been very strong against the run, allowing four opponents to run for an average of just 70.5 yards per contest, fifth in Division I-AA. Overall, McNeese State is allowing the opposition 256.25 yards per game and just 16.25 points per game.

Strong safety Hadley Prince is McNeese State's defensive leader. The 5-9, 204-pound senior leads the Cowboy defense in tackles with 46 and has recorded seven TFL and three sacks this season. Prince has posted more than 100 tackles in each of the last two seasons. Junior linebackers Ryan Garrison and Roderick Royal have also played key roles in McNeese State's defensive success. Garrison has 45 tackles and six quarterback pressures, while Royal has 45 tackles, including two sacks.

More About McNeese State

McNeese State qualified for the Division I-AA playoffs last season, but lost 14-10 in the opening round to Maine in Lake Charles, La. Since 1990, McNeese State has played in the I-AA playoffs in nine of 12 seasons, reaching the championship game in 1997, when the Cowboys lost 10-9 at Youngstown State in the championship game. The Cowboys have appeared in 10 of 12 final Division I-AA polls since 1990, including a No. 13 ranking last year.

McNeese State Coach Tommy Tate

Tommy Tate is in his third season as the head coach at McNeese State and has guided the Cowboys to a 20-8 mark. Tate has been on the McNeese State coaching staff since 1979, serving as an assistant coach for 20 years, before taking over the program in 2000. Tate also played for the Cowboys, earning four letters as a defensive back from 1975 to 1978.

Nebraska-McNeese State Series...First meeting

Saturday's game is the first between the two teams on the gridiron. The game marks Nebraska's first meeting against a team from the state of Louisiana since a 56-27 victory over Louisiana Tech to open the 1998 season, Frank Solich's first game as Nebraska's head coach. The meeting is Nebraska's first with a Division I-AA opponent since North Texas in 1993. Troy State was in its first game as a Division I-A school when Nebraska opened the 2001 season against the Trojans.

Nebraska-McNeese State Statistical Comparison

Category	Nebraska (3-2, 0-1)			McNeese State (4-0)	
	Avg.	Big 12	Natl.	Avg.	Natl.*
Rushing Offense	220.6	2	16	230.75	16
Passing Offense	109.0	12	113	145.5	87
Pass Efficiency	101.13	9	96	142.57	18
Total Offense	329.6	9	92	376.25	42
Scoring Offense	28.8	8	49	35.5	14
Rushing Defense	143.4	10	55	70.5	5
Pass Defense	219.4	12	72	185.75	56
Pass Eff. Defense	94.75	5	17	100.82	33
Total Defense	362.8	8	62	265.25	17
Scoring Defense	23.0	8	52	16.25	19
Net Punting	42.54	1	3	32.71	64
Punt Returns	20.33	1	3	20.53	5
Kickoff Returns	19.75	7	69	25.62	8
Turnover Margin	-0.40	10	72	+0.25	47

Top 25 National Rankings in Bold; *-Division I-AA rankings

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	3-2	.600	---	---	---
Tot.	45-11	.804	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	45-11

Solich vs. Ranked AP Teams (10-9)

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

Solich Superlatives

All-Time	45-11
vs. AP Ranked Teams	10-9
vs. AP Top 10 Teams	4-4
vs. Unranked Teams	35-2
vs. Big 12 Teams	25-8
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	30-7
Multiple 100-yd. NU Rushers in a Game	11-0
When Opp. has 100 Yd. Rusher	8-7
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	71
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 45-11 school and career record (.804). 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 .804 winning percentage, would rank third among active coaches in Division I-A.

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

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

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

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

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).



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."

Darlington Owns 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

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.

Huskers Continue Non-Conference Success in 2002

Nebraska completes its 2002 non-conference schedule with Saturday's game against McNeese State. A victory would give Nebraska a 4-1 record in its non-conference schedule and mark the 21st straight season Nebraska has lost one game or fewer in non-league action. The Huskers are 17-1 in non-conference games under Head Coach Frank Solich and have not lost a non-conference game at home under his direction. In fact, Nebraska's last non-conference home came in 1991 at the hands of fourth-ranked Washington. Since that loss, Nebraska has reeled off 30 straight non-conference home victories, including wins over Arizona State, Troy State and Utah State to open the 2002 campaign.

Extra Special Teams

Like his predecessors Bob Devaney and Tom Osborne, NU Head Coach Frank Solich has stressed the importance of the Husker special teams. Entering the 2002 campaign, Solich has mentioned on numerous occasions that this year's kicking and coverage units had the potential to be very "special." The Husker special teams played a key role in NU's three wins to open the season and will be a key in rebounding from back-to-back losses.

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 in 2002.

► **Punt Returns...**Nebraska is averaging 20.3 yards on 15 punt returns this season. Groce has returned 12 punts for 262 yards, for a 21.8 average, good for second 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 16 PAT attempts. Brown hit on field goals of 40 and 42 yards against Arizona State, marking the first time in his career he has made a pair of 40+-yard field goals in the same game and had a season-best 44-yarder vs. Utah State. Brown's performance on kickoff duties should

	Averages				
Year	FG-FGA	PR	KOR	Punt.	Blocked Kicks
1998	14-21	11.5	21.0	43.8	1 (1 punt)
1999	14-20	10.9	18.4	43.6	*10 (7P, 3FG)
2000	5-10	11.0	16.7	41.3	6(2P, 3FG, 1PAT)
2001	12-17	13.1	25.2	41.1	4 (2P, 2FG)
2002	4-4	20.3	19.8	47.2	3 (3P)
*School record					

not be left unnoticed. Nineteen of his 28 kickoffs this season (3-3 vs. ISU) 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 continues to prove that he is among the nation's top punters. Larson averaged better than 47 yards on five punts at Iowa State and ranks third in the nation in punting with a 47.19-yard average on the season. He has also pinned the opposition inside the 20 eight times, including twice at Iowa State. Larson averaged 57.3 yards on four punts against Utah State, just off a school record. Larson, a Ray Guy Award candidate, has been NU's nominee for Big 12 Special Teams Player of the Week each of the past three weeks. Nebraska ranks third in the nation in net punting at 42.54 yards per attempt.

► **Blocked Kicks...**NU has had a history of being one of the nation's best kick blocking units. The Huskers have exhibited the same ability this season, blocking three punts in the first five games. 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). NU added its third punt block of the year at Iowa State, when Williams and senior Aaron Terpening teamed to block a third-quarter Cyclone punt, setting the Husker offense up for a touchdown.

► **Kickoff Returns...**Junior Josh Davis finished 14th nationally in kickoff return average a year ago at 27.0 yards per return. This season Davis is averaging 21.75 yards per return, including a season-long 42-yarder vs. Utah State and a 41-yard return at Iowa State. Davis now ranks fourth at Nebraska in career kickoff return yardage.

► **Kick Coverage...**Nebraska has allowed opponents to average just 16.0 yards on kickoff returns and only 8.6 yards on 14 punt returns this season.

Huskers Scoring in All Three Facets of Game

Nebraska has reached the end zone 19 times 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 special teams set up a two-yard NU scoring drive at Iowa State when the Huskers blocked their third punt of the season.

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

The Huskers have now scored by defense or special teams in six of their last 12 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 Get Back on Track in Turnover Margin

In addition to special teams excellence, the Husker coaching staff regularly preaches the importance of a positive turnover margin. The Huskers were a +1 in that department in each of the first three games this season, but a combined minus-5 in turnover margin in the past two games has played a key role in Nebraska's losses at Penn State and Iowa State.

NU returned an interception for a touchdown against Arizona State, while the Nebraska offense did not commit a turnover. In the Troy State contest,

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

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. **962 Josh Davis, IB, 2000-02 (32 ret.)**
5. 847 Johnny Rodgers, WB 1970-72 (35 ret.)
6. 818 Frank Solich, FB, 1963-65 (35 ret.)

QB Jammal Lord Game-by-Game

Game	Rushing	Passing	Total Off.
	No.-Yd-TD	A-C-I-Yd-TD	No.-Yd-TD
ASU	17-103-0	13-5-0-33-1	30-136-1
TSU*	23-92-1	15-8-114-0	38-206-1
USU*	9-59-2	12-6-0-105-2	21-164-4
PSU*	14-111-0	16-8-3-76-0	30-187-0
ISU*	11-8-0	10-5-1-120-1	21-128-1

Season Highs

Rushing: 111 yards at Penn State

Passing: 120 yards at Iowa State

Total Offense: 206 yards vs. Troy State

TDs Accounted For: 4 vs. Utah State (2 rush, 2 pass)

Season Averages

Rushing: 74.6 yards per game (8th in Big 12)

Passing: 89.6 yards per game

Total Offense: 164.2 yards per game (9th in Big 12)

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.

Lord to Pilkington TD Connection Continues Nebraska Big Play History

Nebraska's 90-yard touchdown pass from Jammal Lord to Ross Pilkington in the second quarter at Iowa State ranked as the third-longest pass play in Husker history. The connection was the longest pass play by Nebraska since a school-record 95-yard TD pass from Fred Duda to Freeman White in 1965.

The 90-yard touchdown was the ninth play from scrimmage of 90 yards or more in NU school history and also marked the second straight year Nebraska has had a 90-plus yard play from scrimmage. Last season Heisman winner Eric Crouch broke open Nebraska's win at Missouri with a school-record 95-yard TD run. The Huskers have had a scoring play of 90 yards or more in three straight seasons and four of five years under Frank Solich. Bobby Newcombe returned a punt 94 yards for a touchdown against Missouri in 2000, while Joe Walker brought a kickoff back 99 yards for a score in the 1998 season opener against Louisiana Tech, Solich's first game as NU head coach.

Groce Anchors Husker Secondary; Stars on Husker Special Teams

In recent years, Nebraska has a history of having an experienced cornerback on one side of the field, with a newcomer manning the other corner. In 1996, true freshman Ralph Brown started opposite senior Michael Booker. Brown then served as a mentor for both Erwin Swiney and Keyuo Craver later in his career. Two seasons ago, Craver anchored one corner while DeJuan Groce learned the ropes as a starter at right cornerback. This season, it is Groce's turn to handle the leadership role, as Pat Ricketts has taken over the left corner role.

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 fourth nationally in interceptions per game at 0.80 and is one of only eight players to have four or more 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 16.3 yards per punt return in his career and is averaging 21.8 yards on 12 returns this season to rank second 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.

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 anchoring the Husker defensive front in 2002. Through five games, Kelsay has nine tackles for losses totaling 46 yards, including a team-leading 4.5 sacks for 38 yards. Kelsay also leads the Huskers with 14 QB hurries, including four against Utah State and Penn State. Kelsay recorded 1.5 sacks for 17 yards and four quarterback hurries against Arizona State and added his second career two-sack game against Utah State. Kelsay has also batted down two opposing passes, all while NU's opponents have regularly double-teamed the senior captain.

Kelsay now has 10.5 sacks and 29 tackles for loss in his Husker career. Kelsay recorded 52 total tackles as a junior, including a team-best 17 tackles for losses totaling 58 yards and five sacks.

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.	748 DeJuan Groce, CB, 1999-02 (47 ret.)
7.	708 Irving Fryar, WB, 1981-83 (60 ret.)

Diedrick Continuing Husker Running Back Legacy

Senior I-back Dahrran Diedrick is the latest in a long line of outstanding Husker running backs. Diedrick was the Big 12's leading rusher in 2001 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. Diedrick moved into the top 20 on NU's career rushing list at Penn State and now has 2,148 career yards to rank 19th in school history. He has rushed for 334 yards and two touchdowns this season and needs just 57 yards to crack NU's top 15.

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 reach 1,000 yards this season he would move into sixth place on NU's career rushing list.

Thomas Among Nebraska's Career Receiving Leaders

Senior split end Wilson Thomas is being relied on as a go-to-player in the Husker offensive attack this season. The 6-6 Thomas leads Nebraska with 15 receptions, including two touchdowns this season. He opened the season with a nine-yard TD against Arizona State, one of his three catches against the Sun Devils, and had four grabs against Troy State. Thomas grabbed his second TD of the year against Utah State on a 23-yard connection with Jammal Lord. He caught an NU season-high five passes for 49 yards against Iowa State.

The Iowa State game marked the 12th time in his career that Thomas has caught three or more passes in a game, including three games in 2002. Thomas had three or more grabs nine times last season, including six each against Oklahoma and Kansas State. He capped the 2001 regular season with a career-best 109 receiving yards against Colorado, including a career-long 78-yard reception, the longest non-scoring pass in NU school history.

Thomas has 53 career receptions and is closing fast on the Husker career top 10, just eight catches shy of a tie for ninth place on the list. With 756 career receiving yards, Thomas ranks 21st on the NU charts and is 244 yards short of becoming just the 12th Husker in school history to reach 1,000 career receiving yards.

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

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

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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13.	Roger Craig, IB, 1979-82	2,442
14.	Jeff Kinney, 1969-71	2,244
15.	Doug DuBose, 1982-85	2,205
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.	D. Diedrick, IB, 1999-pres.	2,148

Other Huskers on Preseason Watch Lists for National Awards

Groce, Kelsay and Diedrick lead a strong group of Huskers who are 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 26 tackles on the season, despite playing with injuries ranging from a broken hand to a bruised shin and an injured knee.

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. He has 22 tackles in 2002.

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 47.2 yards on 26 punts this season to rank third in 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, please see the left column on page 6.

Poll Position

Nebraska fell out of the top 25 in both polls after the loss at Iowa State, ending a streak of 348 straight weeks in the Associated Press Poll. Nebraska had been ranked in every AP weekly poll since October of 1981.

Although the Huskers have fallen from the top 25, the remaining Big 12 schedule presents Nebraska with an opportunity to re-enter the rankings this season. In addition to playing road games at nationally ranked Penn State and Iowa State to date, the Huskers have three games remaining against teams ranked in this week's polls—Texas A&M, Texas and Kansas State.

Nebraska continues to receive votes in both polls, with 10 points in the AP poll and six from the coaches. Five Big 12 teams are ranked this week, including Texas (2 AP/2 Coaches), Oklahoma (3/3), Kansas State (13/16), Iowa State (15/18) and Texas A&M (23/23). Along with Nebraska, Colorado also received votes in both polls this week. Non-conference opponent Penn State is ranked 20th and 21st in this week's poll, while 4-1 Arizona State is receiving votes in both polls.

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

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

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.

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
...		
13.	Bobby Thomas, SE, 1974-76	56
	Chuck Malito, SE, 1974-76	56
15.	Jon Bostick, SE, 1989-91	55
	Junior Miller, TE, 1977-80	55
17.	Jim McFarland, TE, 1968-69	53
	Tony Davis, IB/FB, 1973-75	53
	Wilson Thomas, SE, 1999-pres.	53

Big 12 Conf. POW Nominees

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

boldface=winner;*=co-winner

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

Huskers in the NFL

Nebraska had 35 players on NFL opening day rosters. The Huskers had a conference-best 45 players on NFL training camp rosters in 2002. Below is a list of 35 players currently on NFL rosters, including players on injured reserve and practice squads.

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
 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
 Erwin Swiney, CB, Green Bay (practice squad)
 Adam Treu, OT, Oakland
 Kyle Vanden Bosch, DE, Arizona
 Joe Walker, S, Indianapolis
 Eric Warfield, CB, Kansas City
 Steve Warren, DT, Green Bay
 Zach Wiegert, OG, Jacksonville
 Tyrone Williams, CB, Green Bay
 Grant Wistrom, DE, St. Louis

'97 Husker Team Fills NFL Rosters

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

Nebraska Personnel/Injury Update

Nebraska has not been hit with major injuries since the early portion of the season when the Huskers lost a pair of defensive linemen to season-ending injuries. 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.

At Mike linebacker, sophomore Barrett Ruud continues to be hampered by injuries. Ruud broke his left hand against Troy State, but returned to that contest with a cast and has played in each of the last three games with a cast. He has recently been slowed by a bruised knee suffered in the Utah State game and suffered a bruised right shin in the second quarter at Iowa State and did not return to the game.

I-back Thunder Collins completed his four-game suspension against Iowa State. After failing to comply with NCAA regulations, Collins was ruled ineligible. Nebraska is awaiting word from the NCAA on Collins' eligibility.

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 36 of those players currently find themselves on 2002 rosters. A full listing can be found in the left margin of this page.

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 streak of being ranked in the Associated Press poll ended at 348 weeks as NU dropped to 3-2 with its loss at Iowa State. Despite the end to that streak, Nebraska continues its 113th season of intercollegiate football with several streaks in place, including an unprecedented 33 consecutive nine-win seasons.

► **NCAA-record 251 consecutive sellouts in Memorial Stadium**—Nebraska's game with McNeese State will be the 251st straight sellout at Memorial Stadium. In fact, all eight of Nebraska's 2002 home games are sold out. "Nebraska football fans are the best football fans in the world," said famed broadcaster Keith Jackson. Since the North and South end zones were built in 1964, Husker fans started a tradition of saluting the opposing team as it leaves the stadium with a standing ovation—regardless of the game's outcome. Among Big 12 Conference schools, Oklahoma has the next longest string of consecutive sellouts with 21, 230 fewer than Nebraska.

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

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

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

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

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

► **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.

▶ **105-14 record since 1993**—In the last nine years, Nebraska has lost just 14 games and has lost more than two games in a season just 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 767-303-40 record in 1,110 games (.709). In the last 34 years, NU is tops, posting a record of 333-62-5 for an .839 winning percentage (400 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 33 years. Nebraska's 40 years of consecutive winning records rank second all time behind Notre Dame's 42 (1889-32) and third in terms of non-losing seasons, behind Penn State's 46 (1939-87) and Notre Dame's 42 (1889-1932) and tied with Texas's 40 (1893-32). Nebraska (702), Michigan (705), Alabama (728) and Notre Dame (736) were the only four programs to have won 700 games in the last century. Nebraska became the first Division I team to win 100 or more games in back-to-back decades, ranking first in the 1980s (103-20-0, .837) and second in the 1990s (108-16-1 record, .890) and posted a nation's best 309-56-5 record in the 1970s, 1980s and 1990s.

Huskers Win Three National Titles in Four Years

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

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

- ▶ Posted a 105-14 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 62-8 conference record (.886)
- ▶ Won 60 of 61 home games (24 straight)
- ▶ Gone 28-11 vs. Associated Press Top 25 teams (14-5 vs. top 10)

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

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

By decade, the Huskers were 75-30-1 in the 1960s (.712); 98-20-4 in the 1970s (.820, fifth nationally), 103-20-0 in the 1980s (.837, first), 108-16-1 in the 1990s (second) and are 24-6 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 333-62-5 record, including an NCAA-best 309-56-5 record (.842) from 1960 to 1999. The Huskers have not lost more than 20 games in any of the last three decades.

Devaney Established Tradition

Retiring as the winningest active coach in the nation, Tom Osborne took over a program firmly entrenched in solid ground in 1973, when Hall of Fame Coach Bob Devaney named Osborne as his successor. Devaney posted a 101-20-2 record in his 11 years at Nebraska, won two national championships (1970 and 1971) and was the winningest active coach in the nation upon his retirement in 1972 with a 136-30-7 career record (.806) including a 35-10-5 record at the University of Wyoming.

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

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

Frank Solich went 9-4 in his inaugural season, matching the wins of Devaney and Osborne in their first years and posted a school-record 12-1 second-year record (winning the Big 12 championship), a 10-2 record his third season, was 11-2 last year, playing in the national championship game, and is 3-2 in 2002, for a 45-11 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 436-144-16 all time vs. Big 12 Conference teams. Since the Big 12 was formed in 1996, Nebraska is 41-8 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; at Colorado (62-36) in 2001; and at Iowa State in Ames this season (36-14). Nebraska is 25-8 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, winning titles in 1997 and 1999. Nebraska also appeared in the league title game in 1996.

The Huskers lost to Texas, 37-27, in the inaugural championship in St. Louis in 1996, defeated Texas A&M in 1997 in San Antonio, 54-15, and defeated Texas in San Antonio in 1999, 22-6. The Nebraska vs. Texas matchup in the 1999 Big 12

Big 12 History

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

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.

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	45-11-0	5	0
Since 1962	401-80-5	41	5
<u>1890-1962</u>	<u>366-223-35</u>	<u>72</u>	<u>0</u>
All-Time	767-303-40	113	5

Husker AP Ranking Notes

- ▶ Nebraska fell out of the AP poll this week ending its all-time AP poll streak at 348 consecutive weeks
- ▶ NU has been ranked in the top 10 for 151 of the last 160 weeks (1993 to present)
- ▶ The Huskers have been ranked No. 1 by the AP a total of 70 weeks, 54 games (46-7-1)

Division I-A Records in the 1990s

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

Records in Previous Three Decades

(1970-1999)

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

Division I-A Consecutive

Winning Seasons

Current -- 15 or More

Rank	Team	Winning Seasons	9-Win
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

Memorial Stadium Dominance

Nebraska owns a nation-best 24-game home winning streak, including a 3-0 mark in 2002 and 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 on Sept. 7, 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 163, 87 fewer than Nebraska.

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 this season are sold out, which will give the Huskers 255 consecutive sellouts at the end of the 2002 season.

Memorial Stadium Milestone Sellouts

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

Huskers Own 15 NCAA Rushing Titles

The Nebraska ground game struggled to get untracked at Iowa State, rushing for 81 yards, but Nebraska remains second in the Big 12 in rushing offense (16th nationally) at 220.6 yards per game. Over the years, the Huskers have rolled up unparalleled rushing numbers in college football.

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. The Huskers averaged 314.7 yards a year ago, 33 yards per game more than runner-up Rice's total of 281.5. NU led the nation with 47 touchdowns (six more than second-place BYU) and yards per rush (5.62), edging out BYU, which averaged 5.61 per carry.

The Huskers averaged a nation-leading 349.3 yards per game in 2000. The Huskers have won the rushing title seven times in the last 10 years and 13 of the last 22 titles. Since 1978, Nebraska has ranked in the top six in rushing average every year and has averaged 300 or more yards rushing per game in all but four of the last 25 years (1993, 1996, 1998 and 1999).

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, most recently rushing for 641 yards at Baylor.

NU has had 367, 100-yard rushing performances all time (54 under Coach Solich, most recently Jammal Lord, 111 at Penn 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.

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

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 30-7 when a Husker rushes for at least 100 yards, and 8-7 when an opponent has a 100-yard rusher (most recently Iowa State's Michael Wagner). Among current Huskers, Diedrick has seven 100-yard games, all coming in 2001 to lead the team. Lord has a pair of 100-yard games this season, while Thunder Collins and Judd Davies both eclipsed the 100-yard mark at Baylor in 2001.

Iowa State became the first opponent to hold Nebraska to less than 100 yards rushing (81 yards) since Oklahoma State held the Huskers to 73 yards against in 1998.

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

Adding up the Points

Nebraska is averaging 28.8 points per game in 2002 to rank eighth in the Big 12. The Huskers have a long history of ranking among the nation's leaders in scoring offense and have averaged more than 35 points a game 15 times in the last 16 years. Last season NU finished with an average of 37.4 points per game to finish sixth nationally and second in the Big 12. NU scored 35 or more eight times last season and has topped 35 points twice in five games in 2002.

Nebraska has averaged 30 or more points per game for 24 straight years (since 1978) and has averaged 40 or more points eight times since 1982, including four of the past seven seasons. The Huskers have ranked among the nation's top 10 in scoring average for 22 of the last 24 years (since 1978) and finished first on four occasions (1982, 1983, 1994 and 1997).

Before the loss at Colorado last season, NU had won 236 consecutive games when scoring 35 or more points, and the Huskers are 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 80 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.

Shutting Down the Opposition

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

Attack Defense Historically Solid vs. the Rush

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

Associated Press Poll Record Halted at 348 Weeks

Nebraska's loss at Iowa State dropped the Huskers out of the Associated Press Poll, ending its AP poll record at 348 consecutive weeks (every weekly AP poll since Oct. 17, 1981 to Sept. 22, 2002). Florida takes over the longest active poll streak at 208 weeks.

Nebraska has now been in 522 of the last 526 AP polls since 1969 (33 consecutive years), missing one week in 1977, two weeks in 1981 and this week. Nebraska was ranked among the top 10 in the 2002 preseason poll, which marked the 27th time in the last 30 years that NU has opened the season in the top 10. With a No. 8 final AP ranking in 2001, NU finished among the AP top 10 for the 30th time since the first poll in 1936 and for the 24th time since 1970.

Nebraska has been among the top 10 in the final AP poll eight of the last nine years (all except 1998). NU is the nation's fifth-most successful program based on AP rankings since the poll began, scoring 547 points, and NU was the only team to be ranked in every poll of the 1990s.

Nebraska's nation-leading streak of consecutive weeks in the AP top 10 ended at 54 with the loss at Penn State, but the Huskers have been ranked in the top 10 for 151 of the last 160 weeks, beginning with the 1993 preseason poll to present. Nebraska spent 96 straight weeks in the top 10 from 1993 to 1998.

Against AP Ranked Teams

Nebraska is 89-93-3 (.489, 185 games) all time vs. AP ranked opponents, not a bad percentage considering NU started with a 7-35 mark before Coach Bob Devaney came on the scene in 1962. Over the last nine seasons, the Huskers have gone 28-11 against ranked foes, with none of the losses at home. Nebraska has won 14 of its last 18 games against top 10 AP teams (since 1994), including seven straight at home.

The Huskers are 0-1 this season against AP ranked opponents, losing at No. 19 Iowa State 36-14. Penn State was unranked by AP when it defeated NU, 40-7. Over the last 29 years, NU is 71-46-1 (.606, 118 games) vs. ranked teams. In the 1990s, NU was 27-10-1 (counting the Jan. 2, 2000, win over Tennessee).

Solich is 10-9 vs. ranked teams (4-4 vs. top 10 AP teams), and has not lost at home to a ranked AP team (6-0 home, 1-7 away, 3-2 neutral). Three remaining 2002 opponents are ranked in this week's AP poll, including No. 2 Texas, 13th-ranked Kansas State and No. 23 Texas A&M.

NU vs. the Unranked

The Huskers have lost just 14 of 244 games to unranked AP opponents since 1973 (34-2 record under Solich). Nebraska has lost just five games to unranked opponents at home in that time. Although Penn State was ranked 25th according to the coaches at game time, the Nittany Lions were unranked by the Associated Press, marking NU's first loss to an unranked foe since a 20-16 defeat vs. Texas on Oct. 31, 1998. Nebraska had won 27 straight vs. unranked foes before the loss at Penn State.

Iowa State's 19-10 upset of the Huskers in 1992 was the last time NU has lost a road game against a team that was not ranked in either poll. In the last 30 years, Nebraska has gone 228-14-2 against unranked AP opponents (.939, 244 games, five losses since 1990) 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. 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

Records Report

Category	Record
All-time	767-303-40
Home	459-122-20
Memorial Stadium	334-99-13
Since 1962	401-80-5
Away	308-181-20
Road (on campus)	271-144-17
Neutral Sites (includes bowls)	37-36-3
When Scoring 35+ Points	302-2
vs. Big 12 Teams	436-144-16
In Big 12 Action (since '96)	41-8
Home	23-1
Away	17-7
Neutral	1-0
Bowls	20-20
On ABC	72-30
On FieldTurf	23-0
At Night	51-16-3
vs. Ranked Teams...	
All-Time	89-93-3
Home	41-30-0
Away	28-48-3
Neutral	20-15-0
as No. 1 Team	46-7-1
In 250 Consecutive Sellout Streak...	
All-Time	224-26
vs. Ranked Teams	37-18
Under Head Coach Frank Solich...	
All-Time	45-11
Home	29-1
Away	12-8
Neutral	4-2
Bowls	2-2
vs. AP Ranked Teams	10-9
Home	6-0
Away	1-7
Neutral	3-2
vs. AP Top 10 Teams	4-4
Home	3-0
Away	0-2
Neutral	1-2
vs. Unranked Teams	35-2
Home	23-1
Away	12-1
vs. Big 12 Teams	24-8
Home	14-1
Away	9-7
Neutral	1-0
Big 12 Championship Game	1-0
At Night	15-4
August	4-0
September	16-2
October	13-4
November	9-3
December	2-1
January	1-1

NU Streaks...The Huskers have...

- ▶ won 24 straight home games
- ▶ 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 80 consecutive games
- ▶ scored in 216 straight home games
- ▶ shut out opponents 100 times

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

The Huskers vs. AP No. 1

In the past 12 years, the Cornhuskers have faced seven teams that finished the season ranked No. 1 and won or shared the national title—Colorado and Georgia Tech (Citrus Bowl) in 1990, Washington and Miami (Orange Bowl) in 1991, Florida State in the 1994 Orange Bowl; Oklahoma in 2000; and Miami in the 2002 Rose Bowl. In addition, Nebraska's 1993 Federal Express Orange Bowl opponent, Florida State, missed winning the 1992 national title by a field goal and finished No. 2.

The 1996 Fiesta Bowl game between Nebraska and Florida was the 30th meeting between the No. 1 and No. 2 AP teams, including 11 bowl games. The Huskers won 62-24, as Nebraska's 38-point margin of victory over Florida was the second largest in such games. Nebraska is 3-2 in No. 1 vs. No. 2 games, and 3-1 as the No. 1 team.

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

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

NU Has Faced 32 AP Top Three Teams Since 1962

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

Under Solich, NU is 1-3 vs. top three AP teams, with all three losses on the road or at neutral sites. The Huskers have won six of their last nine matchups against the AP top three, and 11 of the last 14 games against AP top 10 teams since 1994.

The Kansas State game in Manhattan in 1998, when the Wildcats were ranked No. 1 in the coaches poll, was the first time NU faced a No. 1 team (in either the AP or coaches poll) in the regular season since facing No. 1 Oklahoma in 1978, when OU was No. 1 in both polls. (NU defeated the Sooners 17-14 in Lincoln). NU had to face the Sooners again in the 1979 Orange Bowl (OU won 31-24). OU was ranked No. 1 in the BCS poll in 2001, but was No. 2 in both the AP and coaches poll. In the stretch of 32 games against AP top three teams, nine of the matchups have been against Oklahoma. NU is 3-6 vs. Oklahoma when OU is ranked in the top three. In seven different seasons, Nebraska has faced two or more top three teams (1971, 1978, 1981, 1987, 1992, 1994 and 2001) and in 1987 played three top three teams in (UCLA, Oklahoma and Florida State). Among teams on the 2002 schedule, Texas is currently ranked second in both polls and visits Lincoln on Nov. 2.

NCAA-Best Streak of 33 Straight Bowls

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

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

Nebraska is 20-20 all time in bowl games, 6-2 over the last eight years (2-2 under Solich). The 2002

Rose Bowl marked the 15th time 17 bowl games Nebraska has squared off against a team ranked among the top six. Nebraska's 1941 Rose Bowl appearance against Stanford (L, 13-21) was the school's first bowl appearance. Nebraska won four of its five national championships at the Orange Bowl, defeating Louisiana State in 1970, Alabama in 1971, Miami in 1994 and Tennessee in 1997. Nebraska defeated Florida in the 1996 Fiesta Bowl for the national championship following the 1995 season.

All-America U

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

Nebraska ranks ninth all time in Division I-A with 53 consensus All-Americans. Nebraska has seen 88 different players earn first-team All-America honors by at least one recognized source with 14 winning double honors for 102 total first-team awards. The first was tackle Vic Halligan in 1914. NU has had at least one All-America honoree in each of the past three years (1999-2001). The most All-Americans Nebraska has had in any given year was six in 1971 (I-back Jeff Kinney, QB Jerry Tague, 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. 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, the fourth-most wins among Division I-A quarterbacks all time. Crouch ranked fourth in NCAA history in rushing among quarterbacks with 3,434 career yards and bettered the NCAA record for quarterback 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.

Crouch became the 13th quarterback to rush and pass for 1,000 yards in a season in 2001, running up totals of 1,115 rushing yards and 1,510 passing yards. He ran for 18 touchdowns and passed for seven TDs. 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 Demoiné Adams, who became the second Husker all time to graduate in three years (also Bobby Newcombe 1999), Patrick Kabongo (also a junior), Justin Smith, Dahrran Diedrick and Ben Cornelsen.

Senior Wingback Hassebroek Named to AFCA Good Works Team

Nebraska wingback Troy Hassebroek is one of 11 Division I-A players who have been named to the American Football Coaches Association Good Works Team. The Good Works Team annually honors players for their dedication and commitment to community service. From 1992 to 1996, the Good Works Team was selected by the College Football Association and when the CFA disbanded in 1997, the AFCA began selecting the team.

Hassebroek is a senior who originally joined the Husker program as a walk-on from Lincoln High. He is currently the vice president of Nebraska's Student-Athlete Advisory Board after serving as a representative from the football team in 2001-02. He is also a member of the Nebraska Football Unity Council. In the Lincoln community Hassebroek has volunteered for Meals on Wheels and participates in Team Spirit hospital visits. Hassebroek also created and implemented Trick or Treat Street "Halloween Fun Night," a program in which each of Nebraska's 23 teams hosted a game booth and interacted with at-risk youth from the community.

Since the start of the Good Works Team Nebraska has had a nation-leading eight players selected to the team. Previous Husker Good Works honorees include Troy Branch (LB, 1992, 1993); Donta Jones (OLB, 1994); Aaron Graham (C, 1995); Jared Tomich (RE, 1996); Dan Alexander (IB, 1999) and Patrick Kabongo (DT, 2001).

Husker Sideline Report...

► **Walk-ons Remain Crucial to Success...**On the preseason depth chart, 29 of the 94 Huskers listed (30 percent) were walk-ons when they first came to Nebraska. Of those, seven have started in 2002, including Sam linebacker Scott Shanle and punter Kyle Larson, who are both returning starters, wingback Troy Hassebroek, left cornerback Pat Ricketts, rover Aaron Terpening, cornerback Shane Siegel and split end John Klem. In reward of their hard work and dedication, five of the seven (not counting Siegel and Klem) have since been awarded scholarships.

► **Nebraska Natives...**Eleven Huskers who hail from Nebraska are listed as first-teamers on the NU depth chart, including six on the offensive side of the ball, SE Wilson Thomas (Omaha), LG Mike Erickson (Omaha), RG Wes Cody (Fremont), TE Aaron Golliday (York), FB Judd Davies (Omaha),

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 12.

▶ **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 10 points vs. Missouri in 1998, when NU trailed 13-3 in the second quarter, but rallied for a 20-13 victory. The biggest halftime rally under Solich was when Nebraska was down 9-0 at Kansas in 1999, before winning 24-17.

▶ **After a Loss...**Nebraska has lost back-to-back games just 12 times since 1962. Nebraska's consecutive losses at Penn State and Iowa State mark the first time since 1976 that NU has lost back-to-back regular season games. Nebraska ended the 2001 season losing its last two games, at Colorado and to Miami, but has not lost three straight games since the 1961 season. Of the 12 back-to-back losses in the past 40 years, eight were losses to end the regular season followed by a loss in the bowl games, including each of the last five.

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

and WB Troy Hassebroek (Lincoln); four on the defensive side of the ball, LRE Chris Kelsay (Auburn), SLB Scott Shanle (St. Edward), MLB Barrett Ruud (Lincoln), LCB Pat Ricketts (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...**Four true freshmen have seen action in 2002. Two true freshmen 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—split end Mark LeFlore and tight end Matt Herian. Washington returned an interception for a touchdown in his first game as a Husker and has three interceptions this season after picking off two passes at Iowa State. Pilkington is among NU's top receiving targets, with five catches for 139 yards, including a 90-yard TD catch at Iowa State. Herian made his mark against Utah State, turning his first career reception into a 33-yard touchdown.

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.

▶ **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, may redshirt in 2002); John Garrison (1999); and Jason Lohr (1998).

▶ **Huskers in the NFL...**35 former Huskers were listed on opening day NFL rosters in 2002. With four selections in the 2002 draft, NU has had 221 players picked since 1970, an average of seven per year. The Huskers rank 11th nationally with 30 first-round draft picks (including 11 in the last 16 drafts). Huskers drafted in 2002 include Outland Trophy finalist Toniui 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 Toniui 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...

The Huskers' 19 scoring drives by the offense have covered an average of 46.4 yards (882 total yards/19 drives) through the first five games. Nebraska produced its shortest drive in terms of plays, yards and time with a one-play, 2-yard drive in just four seconds with Judd Davies' 2-yard run against Iowa State. NU had two, one-play drives against ISU, including Jammal Lord's 90-yard TD strike to Ross Pilkington. NU's other one-play drive came with a Lord 23-yard pass to Wilson Thomas against Utah State.

Overall, NU's defense and special teams have set up a total of six 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 scored one TD with Fabian Washington's 29-yard interception return against Arizona State.

The Huskers marched on their longest drive with a 16-play, 91-yard drive that took 6:59 against Troy State. NU added a 14-play, 60-yard drive that took 6:43 and resulted in a Josh Brown field goal vs. TSU. Penn State managed a season-long 84-yard drive that lasted eight plays and 3:19 against the Huskers. The Nittany Lions added a season-long 16-play, 80-yard drive that lasted 7:10 to open the second half. 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
Penn State	1	2:41	2:41	8	8.0	0	0
Iowa State	2	0:27	0:14	2	1.0	2	2
Totals	19	46:24	2:27	117	6.2	9	3
Opp.	21	72:51	3:28	186	8.9	5	1

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

The Huskers have produced 17 long plays through their first five games, with five big plays against Utah State and four each against Arizona State and Troy State. Nebraska was held to two long plays at Penn State and Iowa State. DeJuan Groce has provided big-play potential as a punt returner, tying an NCAA record with two punt-return touchdowns vs. Troy State. Groce's 83-yard return was the longest of his career, and NU's second-longest play of the season. He added a 72-yard return for a score vs. TSU. Josh Davis adds a potent kickoff-return threat with five long returns, including a 42-yarder against Utah State, and a 41-yarder at ISU. Davis added a long run of 28 yards against USU. Nine of NU's 17 long plays have been returns, including three punt returns by Groce, five kickoff returns by Davis and Fabian Washington's 29-yard interception return for a score against ASU. Jammal Lord owns three long pass plays, including a career-long 90-yard strike to Ross Pilkington at Iowa State for NU's longest play. Lord has added three of NU's five long runs, including a 33-yard dash vs. ASU. Cory Ross owns NU's other long rush with a 34-yarder vs. ASU. Opponents have eight long pass plays, six long runs and four long returns. Troy State's Hansell Bearden hit Heyward Skipper on a 60-yard pass for the longest play by an opponent. Penn State's Larry Johnson owns the longest run by an opponent with his 35-yard run. PSU's Rich Gardner owns the longest opponent return with his 42-yard interception return for a score.

Game	Husker Long Plays				Opponent Long Plays			
	Rush	Pass	Ret	Total	Rush	Pass	Ret	Total
ASU	2	0	2	4	1	1	0	2
TSU	0	1	3	4	0	3	1	4
USU	2	1	2	5	0	1	1	2
PSU	1	0	1	2	2	1	1	4
ISU	0	1	1	2	3	2	1	6
Totals	5	3	9	17	6	8	4	18

► Nebraska in the Red Zone...

Nebraska converted its only penetration into the Iowa State red zone into a touchdown and has converted on 11-of-13 (.846) red zone chances on the season. Iowa State made a season-high seven trips into the NU red zone, converting six into scores. The Huskers have also been successful in the red

zone, including Iowa State (1-1), Penn State (1-1), Utah State (3-4), Troy State (3-4), Arizona State (3-3). NU has nine rushing touchdowns, a passing touchdown and one field goal. Iowa State (6-7), Penn State (6-6), Utah State (2-2), Troy State (3-4) and Arizona State (1-2) have converted red zone trips.

Game	Scores Inside 20				No Score Inside 20				Half/
	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
PSU	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1.00
ISU	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1.00
Totals	13	11	10	1	0	2	0	0	.846
Opp.	21	18	10	8	0	2	1	0	.857

Note: Nebraska has 9 rushing TDs, 1 passing TD and 1 FG in the red zone. Opponents have 9 rushing TDs, 1 passing TD and 8 FGs in the red zone.

► Quarterback Drive Efficiency *Total Drives Begun as Starting QB

QB	Drives*	Scores	TDs	FG-FGA	Eff.	Red Zone
Lord	57	18	14	4-4	.316	11-12
Stuntz#	9	1	1	0-0	.167	0-1
Totals	66	19	15	4-4	.288	11-13

*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 in each of its first three games, but is a minus-five in turnover margin in its two losses. The Huskers lost a season-high four fumbles at Iowa State and threw one interception for a season-high five turnovers at Ames. NU did notch two interceptions and recovered one fumble for a minus-two turnover margin. NU was unable to convert any of the turnovers into points, while ISU converted three Husker turnovers into 17 points. At Penn State, NU threw a season-high three interceptions, while Nebraska did not force a turnover for a minus-three turnover margin. PSU converted two of NU's interceptions into touchdowns, including Rich Gardner's 42-yard return for a score. On the year, NU has intercepted eight passes and recovered two fumbles for 10 turnovers.

DeJuan Groce leads the Huskers with four interceptions, including a pair of interceptions in back-to-back games against Troy State and Utah State. Fabian Washington has added three interceptions, including two picks of Seneca Wallace, and a 29-yard interception return for a touchdown against Arizona State. Pat Ricketts owns NU's other interception against Utah State. The Huskers converted both of Groce's interceptions into touchdowns against Utah State, giving NU 21 points off turnovers this season. Washington also forced a fumble recovered by Philip Bland at Iowa State, while Jon Clanton stripped Troy State's DeWhitt Betterson, and Ricketts recovered NU's first fumble of the season.

Game	TOs		Scores		Turnovers	
	Gained	TDs	FG-FGA	Pts.	(Fumbles/Lost, INT)	
ASU	1 (1 INT)	1	0-0	7	0 (0/0 F/L, 0 INT)	
TSU	3 (1 F, 2 INT)	0	0-0	0	2 (5/1 F/L, 1 INT)	
USU	3 (0 F, 3 INT)	2	0-0	14	2 (2/2 F/L, 0 INT)	
PSU	0 (0 F, 0 INT)	0	0-0	0	3 (1/0 F/L, 3 INT)	
ISU	3 (1 F, 2 INT)	0	0-0	0	5 (5/4 F/L, 1 INT)	
Totals	10 (2 F, 8 INT)	3	0-0	21	12 (13/7 F/L, 5 INT)	
Opp.	12 (7 F, 5 INT)	5	1-2	38	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
Penn State	45/252/1	16-8-3/76/0	61/328/1
Iowa State	30/81/1	29-12-1/192/1	59/273/2

Opponent	Rush	Pass	Total
Arizona St.	30/83/1	41-17-1/175/0	71/258/1
Troy State	41/155/2	29-11-2/192/0	70/347/2
Utah State	30/70/0	44-19-3/251/1	74/321/1
Penn State	43/217/4	31-19-0/259/0	74/476/4
Iowa State	52/192/3	32-19-2/220/1	84/412/4

▶ **Husker 100-Yard Rushing Games (2)**

The Huskers produced their second 100-yard rusher of the season with Jammal Lord's career-high 111 yards on 14 carries against Penn State. Lord owns both of Nebraska's individual 100-yard rushing performances on the season, including 103 yards in his first career start against Arizona State. Lord also led the Huskers with 92 yards on 23 carries against Troy State, while Dahrnan Diedrick was NU's top rusher against Utah State with 93 yards on 16 carries. Two opposing backs, Penn State's Larry Johnson (19-123-2) and Iowa State's Michael Wagner (19-107-0), have managed 100 yards.

▶ **Husker 100-Yard Rushing Games (2) (* notes career best)**

vs. ASU-Jammal Lord, 17 att., 103 yards, 0 TD
 vs. PSU-Jammal Lord, 14 att., *111 yards, 0 TD

▶ **Starting Field Position**

Nebraska enjoyed a major field position advantage through the first three games with NU producing an average start 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. In the last two games, opponents have turned the tables on the Huskers. Iowa State capitalized on an opponent season-best average start at the 40.6-yard line, while holding NU to an average start at its own 27.3, for an opponent season-best 13.3 yard per drive edge. At Penn State, the Huskers were held to a season-low average start at the 19.5-yard line. NU produced its largest field position edge vs. Utah State, with an average start at the 42.2, while holding the Aggies at the 22.6 for a +19.6 edge. Nebraska started a season-high six drives on USU's half of the field. NU has started 15 of its 70 drives beyond midfield, but has started 17 drives inside its own 20, with a worst start at the 1-yard line at Penn State. On the other side, opponents have managed 14 starts beyond their own 40, including Rich Gardner's interception return for a touchdown at Penn State. Nine starts, including five by Iowa State, have come on NU's side of the field. Kyle Larson has buried opponents inside the 20 eight times, including three against Troy State. Larson pinned Penn State at its own 3 for the worst start by an opponent. Place-kicker Josh Brown has boomed 19-of-28 kickoffs for touchbacks, while five of his nine others have stuck opponents inside the 20, including a worst start at the 6 by Arizona State. The best field position off a Brown kickoff came at the 35.

	<u>NU Avg. Start</u>	<u>Opp. Avg. Start</u>	<u>Advantage</u>
Arizona St.	41.2 (618/15)	24.3 (340/14)	+16.9
Troy State	38.7 (580/15)	28.1 (422/15)	+10.6
Utah State	42.2 (633/15)	22.6 (340/15)	+19.6
Penn State	19.5 (214/11)	32.4 (356/11)	-12.9
Iowa State	27.3 (382/14)	40.6 (569/14)	-13.3
Total	34.7 (2,427/70)	28.8 (1,987/69)	+5.9

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

▶ **Penalty Numbers**

The Huskers are averaging 5.8 penalties for 43.6 yards per game. NU's average yardage ranks as the second-lowest in the Big 12, while its penalties per game rank fifth in the league. Nebraska was flagged for just three penalties for 16 yards against Utah State, while the Aggies committed an opponent season-high 10 penalties for 71 yards. NU was penalized a season-high 10 times for 75 yards in the loss at Iowa State. Of NU's 29 penalties on the year, nine are offensive (9-66), 14 are defensive (14-103) and six have been called on the special teams (6-52). Opponents have committed 16 offensive penalties (16-100), 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
Penn State	7-60	3-20
Iowa State	10-75	4-20
Total	29-218	26-201
Average	5.8-43.6	5.2-40.2

▶ **Offensive Line 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%
Penn State	45	14 (#52)	0	3-20	59.0%
Iowa State	19	5 (51/52/68)	0	1-5	67.8%
Totals	226	14 (#51/#52)	3	6-41	

<u>Name</u>	<u>ASU</u>	<u>TSU</u>	<u>USU</u>	<u>PSU</u>	<u>ISU</u>	<u>Total</u>
Incognito	14	13	8	7	5	47
Garrison	6	7	14	14	5	46
Erickson	11	12	4	10	0	37
Cody	9	8	11	6	0	34
Vili Waldrop	3	6	7	6	5	27
Tagoa'i	10	1	12	1	2	26
Povendo	0	1	5	1	2	9
Sewell	4	1	4	0	-	9
Kolterman	1	5	1	0	0	7
Andersen	0	0	1	0	-	1
Totals	58	54	69	45	19	245

▶ **Husker Starting Experience**

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

<u>Offensive Starters</u>	<u>'99</u>	<u>'00</u>	<u>'01</u>	<u>'02</u>	<u>Total</u>
Jon Bowling, TE, Sr. (Lincoln, Neb.)	0	0	0	2	2
Wes Cody, OG, Sr. (Fremont, Neb.)	0	0	0	5	5
Thunder Collins, IB, Sr. (Los Angeles, Calif.)	0	0	2	0	2
Judd Davies, FB, Jr. (Omaha, Neb.)	0	0	11	5	16
Dahrnan Diedrick, IB, Sr. (Scarborough, Ont.)	0	0	11	5	16
Mike Erickson, OG, So. (Omaha, Neb.)	0	0	0	5	5
John Garrison, C, Sr. (Blue Springs, Mo.)	0	0	12	5	17
Aaron Golliday, TE, Sr. (York, Neb.)	4	3	2	5	14
Troy Hasebroek, WB, Sr. (Lincoln, Neb.)	0	0	0	2	2
Richie Incognito, OT, RFr. (Glendale, Ariz.)	0	0	0	4	4
John Klem, SE, Sr. (Lincoln, Neb.)	0	0	0	2	2
Steve Kriewald, FB, So. (Scotia, Neb.)	0	0	2	1	3
Jammal Lord, QB, Jr. (Bayonne, N.J.)	0	0	0	5	5
Nick Povendo, OT, So. (Keller, Texas)	0	0	0	1	1
Wilson Thomas, SE, Sr. (Omaha, Neb.)	2	2	11	3	18
Dan Vili Waldrop, RT, Jr. (Wilmington, Calif.)	0	0	12	5	17
Totals	6	5	63	55	129

<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	5	21
Willie Amos, FS, Jr. (Sweetwater, Texas)	0	0	6	0	6
Ryon Bingham, NT, Jr. (Sandy, Utah)	0	0	0	5	5
Philip Bland, FS, So. (Lafayette, Colo.)	0	0	3	5	8
Jon Clanton, NT, Sr. (Glendale, Ariz.)	0	0	9	5	14
DeJuan Groce, RCB, Sr. (Garfield Heights, Ohio)	0	2	11	5	18
Chris Kelsay, RE, Sr. (Auburn, Neb.)	1	7	12	5	25
Jason Lohr, NT, Sr. (Tulsa, Okla.)	0	11	3	0	14
Lornell McPherson, LCB, So. (Omaha, Neb.)	0	0	3	3	6
Pat Ricketts, LCB, Jr. (Omaha, Neb.)	0	0	2	5	7
Barrett Ruud, MLB, So. (Lincoln, Neb.)	0	0	0	5	5
Scott Shanle, SLB, Sr. (St. Edward, Neb.)	0	9	9	3	21
Shane Siegel, RCB, RFr. (Grand Island, Neb.)	0	0	0	1	1
Aaron Terpening, ROV, Sr. (Salem, Ore.)	0	0	0	2	2
Fabian Washington, LCB, Fr. (Bradenton, Fla.)	0	0	0	2	2
Demorrio Williams, WLB, Jr. (Beckville, Texas)	0	0	0	4	4
Totals	1	33	70	55	159

<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	5	37
Sandro DeAngelis, PK, So. (Niagara Falls, Ont.)	0	0	4	0	4
Larson, Kyle, P, Jr., (Funk, Neb.)	0	0	12	5	17
Totals	13	11	24	10	58

Starters Briefly

Starts by True Freshmen: 1
 Number of Native Nebraskans With Starts: 16
 Number of Different Starters on Offense: 16
 Number of Different Starters on Defense: 16
 Number of Different Starting Kickers: 3
 Underclassmen With Starts: 18 (7 offense, 9 defense, 2 kickers)
 Most Career Starts on Offense: Wilson Thomas, SE (18)
 Most Career Starts on Defense: Chris Kelsay, RE (25)
 Most Consecutive Starts on Offense: Garrison, C/Vili Waldrop, RT (17)
 Most Consecutive Starts on Defense: Chris Kelsay, RE (25)

2002 Husker Depth Chart

(Sept. 24, 2002)

Offense

- SE:** 9 **WILSON THOMAS*****, 6-6, 215, Sr., Omaha, Neb.
 2 Ross Pilkington, 6-0, 195, Fr., Ft. Collins, Colo.
 27 Mark LeFlore, 5-11, 175, Fr., Omaha, Neb.
 13 Tim Liley, 6-2, 200, Jr., Lakewood, Colo.
 3 **Ben Zajicek***, 6-0, 210, So., Beatrice, Neb.
- LT:** 51 Richie Incognito, 6-3, 305, RFr., Glendale, Ariz.
 69 Nick Povendo, 6-3, 300, So., Keller, Texas (WILL START GM)
 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.
 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.
 84 **Jon Bowling*****, 6-3, 240, Sr., Lincoln, Neb.
 86 **Kyle Ringenberg***, 6-4, 245, Sr., Elkhorn, Neb.
 42 Matt Herian, 6-4, 215, Fr., Pierce, Neb.
 80 Will Dabbert, 6-4, 250, Sr., Lincoln, Neb.
- OR-** 82 **Phil Peetz***, 6-2, 260, Jr., Elkhorn, Neb.
- QB:** 10 **Jammal Lord****, 6-2, 220, Jr., Bayonne, N.J.
 16 **Mike Stuntz***, 6-1, 200, So., Council Bluffs, Iowa
 7 Curt Dukes, 6-1, 210, Fr., Stony Point, N.C.
 11 **Joe Chrisman*****, 5-11, 200, Sr., Longmont, Colo.
- FB:** 4 **JUDD DAVIES****, 6-0, 255, Jr., Omaha, Neb.
 45 **Steve Kriewald***, 5-10, 250, So., Scotia, Neb.
 37 **Paul Kastl****, 5-10, 235, Sr., Lincoln, Neb.
 6 **DeAntae Grixby****, 5-8, 205, Jr., Omaha, Neb.
- IB:** 30 **DAHRRAN DIEDRICK*****, 6-0, 225, Sr., Scarborough, Ontario
 22 Cory Ross, 5-6, 210, RFr., Denver, Colo.
 25 **Josh Davis***, 5-11, 205, Jr., Loveland Colo.
 33 Marques Simmons, 5-8, 190, RFr., Davenport, Iowa
 21 **Robin Miller***, 5-11, 215, Jr., Kent, Wash.
 5 David Horne, 6-0, 190, Fr., Omaha, Neb.
- WB:** 89 **Troy Hassebroek*****, 6-4, 215, Sr., Lincoln, Neb.
 81 **Ben Cornelsen****, 5-10, 190, Sr., Shawnee, Kan.
- OR-** 19 **John Klem****, 6-0, 215, Sr., Lincoln, Neb.
 20 Kiffin Wigert, 5-9, 160, So., Cheyenne, Wyo.
 18 Mike McLaughlin, 5-11, 185, RFr., Omaha, Neb.
 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)
 77 **M.J. Flaum**, OT, 6-4, 315, So., Westminster, Colo. (shoulder)
 73 **Jared Helming**, NT, 6-3, 295, RFr., Springfield, Mo. (torn left ACL)
 70 **Jason Lohr*****, NT, 6-2, 280, Sr., Tulsa, Okla. (torn left ACL, 8/16)
 76 **Chris Loos****, OT, 6-3, 310, Jr., Lincoln, Neb. (knee)
 54 **Carson Schott**, OG, 6-2, 315, RFr., Osceola, Neb. (torn right ACL)
 83 **Chris Septak**, TE, 6-3, 245, So., Omaha, Neb. (shoulder)
 14 **Fred Thorne**, CB, 5-10, 180, Jr., Lincoln, Neb. (Broken right tibia)

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 Evwaraye**, 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 Tomasevich, 6-0, 220, Jr., Shelby, Neb.
- WLB:** 7 Demorrio Williams, 6-1, 215, Jr., Beckville, Texas
- OR-** 17 **T.J. Hollowell****, 6-0, 230, Jr., Copperas Cove, Texas
 39 Chad Buller, 5-11, 215, Jr., Henderson, Neb.
- LCB:** 28 **Pat Ricketts****, 5-11, 180, Jr., 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
 1 **Lornell McPherson***, 5-9, 180, So., Omaha, Neb.
 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.*

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Big 12 Conference Media Information

Monday Big 12 Coaches Briefing:

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

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

Media Phone: (913) 981-5507

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

Live/Archive via web: www.big12sports.com

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

Big 12 Satellite Feed:

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

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

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Trouble Number: 817-265-4465.

Nebraska Press Conference Satellite Feeds:

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

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

SBS 6-Transponder 17, Oct. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29
 11:15 a.m.-12:45 p.m. Central time

Player Mugs:

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

Coach Guest Appearances Schedule:

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

Nebraska Media Information and Policies

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

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

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

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

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

Coach Solich/Player Press Conferences:

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

Please contact Vicki Cartwright in the Nebraska Sports Information Office at **402-472-2263** to obtain the press conference 800 number and weekly passcode. Players are available by request from 12:30 - 1:30 p.m., and at least two players will be on the conference line, before those in attendance break up for individual player interviews. Player requests must be a day in advance. Solich quotes will be transcribed and placed on demand and on Huskers.com, NU's official athletic department website. Audio quotes from the press conference are edited and placed on NewsNetNebraska, courtesy of UNL Broadcasting.

The Frank Solich Show:

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

Other Media Opportunities for Media With Coach Solich and Staff:

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

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

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