



Husker Records and Streaks

- ▶ NCAA-record 252 consecutive sellouts in Memorial Stadium (counting Missouri)
- ▶ 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
- ▶ 25-game home winning streak (nation's longest)
- ▶ 106-14 record since 1993 (nine years)

Nebraska Sports Information

Football Contacts:

Chris Anderson (402-472-7771), SID
Keith Mann (402-472-0237), Associate SID
Jeff Griesch (402-472-7775), Assistant SID
 So. Stadium #116
 P.O. Box 880123
 Lincoln, NE 68588-0123
 402-472-2263; FAX: 402-472-2005
 E-Mail: sportsinfo@huskers.unl.edu
 Website: Huskers.com

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 7: Nebraska (4-2, 0-1) vs. Missouri (3-2, 0-1)

DATE: Saturday, Oct. 12, 2002; **TIME:** 11:36 a.m. Central
SITE: Lincoln, Neb.

STADIUM: Memorial Stadium—252nd Consecutive Sellout; **STADIUM CAPACITY:** 73,918

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

SPECIAL EVENT: Red Cross Day at Memorial Stadium

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

TV: Fox Sports Pay-Per View, contact local cable operator, Cost is \$29.95 (Dave Armstrong Play-by-Play; Richard Baldinger-Color; Bill Doleman and Chris Gerving-Sideline)

Huskers Return to Big 12 Action Against Missouri in Matchup Featuring Versatile Quarterbacks

Nebraska (4-2, 0-1) returns to conference action this week with a Big 12 North contest against Missouri on Saturday at Memorial Stadium in Lincoln. Kickoff for the game with the 3-2 Tigers is set for 11:36 a.m. The game will not be televised as part of the Big 12's regular television package, but is available on pay-per-view through Fox Sports.

Saturday's game gives both Missouri and Nebraska an opportunity to even their conference records after opening Big 12 play with losses. The Huskers dropped a 36-14 decision at Iowa State on Sept. 28, while Missouri lost to No. 3 Oklahoma, 31-24, on Saturday night in Columbia, after leading midway through the fourth quarter.

Nebraska took a one-week hiatus from Big 12 play and ended a two-game slide with a 38-14 victory over McNeese State on Saturday at Memorial Stadium. The Huskers were led by an outstanding performance by junior quarterback Jammal Lord, who rushed for an NU quarterback record 218 yards and rolled up a Husker record 369 yards of total offense. Lord rushed for three touchdowns and passed for another in the victory.

Missouri pushed Oklahoma to the limit behind the play of quarterback Brad Smith. The redshirt freshman showed why he is among the nation's leaders in total offense, accounting for 391 yards vs. the Sooner defense, including a Tiger QB record 213 yards rushing.

Nebraska has posted 23 straight victories against Missouri dating back to a 35-31 loss to the Tigers in 1978 in Lincoln. Last season Nebraska opened Big 12 play with a 36-3 victory over Mizzou in Columbia. A Husker victory would mark their nation-leading 26th straight home win and mark the 25th straight season the Huskers have been victorious in their home conference opener.

Nebraska Gets Back on Winning Track Against McNeese State

Quarterback Jammal Lord had a record-setting day and Nebraska returned to the win column with a 38-14 victory over McNeese State on Saturday at Memorial Stadium. Lord accounted for four touchdowns and posted a school-record 369 yards of total offense, including a Nebraska quarterback record 218 rushing yards.

Nebraska wasted little time getting started against the Cowboys, the second-ranked team in Division I-AA. After forcing McNeese to punt on its first possession, Nebraska drove inside the Cowboy 20-

2002 Nebraska (4-2, 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	W, 38-14		NU, 1-0	Lord posts school-record 369 total yards; 218 rushing (NU QB record)
Sat.	Oct. 12	Missouri #	11:36 a.m.	Fox PPV	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 (Oct. 6)

No.	Team (1st)	Record	Points
1.	Miami (73)	5-0	1,849
2.	Oklahoma	5-0	1,707
3.	Texas (1)*	5-0	1,698
4.	Virginia Tech	5-0	1,632
5.	Ohio State	6-0	1,552
6.	Georgia	5-0	1,485
7.	Oregon	5-0	1,390
8.	Notre Dame	5-0	1,349
9.	Florida State	5-1	1,182
10.	Tennessee	4-1	1,132
11.	Iowa State*	5-1	1,000
12.	Washington State	5-1	998
13.	Michigan	4-1	986
14.	North Carolina St.	6-0	877
15.	Penn State*	4-1	701
16.	Florida	4-2	687
17.	Iowa	5-1	582
18.	LSU	4-1	569
19.	Kansas State*	4-1	435
20.	USC	3-2	301
21.	Air Force	5-0	298
22.	Washington	3-2	293
23.	Wisconsin	5-1	223
24.	Auburn	4-1	222
25.	Mississippi	4-1	173

ESPN/USA Today/Coaches (Oct. 6)

No.	Team (1st)	Record	Points
1.	Miami (60)	5-0	1,524
2.	Texas (1)*	5-0	1,423
3.	Oklahoma	5-0	1,405
4.	Virginia Tech	5-0	1,346
5.	Ohio State	6-0	1,260
6.	Georgia	5-0	1,220
7.	Oregon	5-0	1,147
8.	Notre Dame	5-0	1,116
9.	Tennessee	4-1	974
10.	Michigan	4-1	891
11.	North Carolina St.	6-0	828
12.	Florida State	5-1	816
13.	Washington State	5-1	763
14.	Iowa State*	5-1	727
15.	LSU	4-1	655
16.	Florida	4-2	542
17.	Penn State*	4-1	541
18.	Washington	3-2	349
19.	Air Force	5-0	328
20.	Iowa	5-1	317
21.	Auburn	4-1	305
22.	Wisconsin	5-1	285
23.	Kansas State*	4-1	267
24.	USC	3-2	154
25.	UCLA	4-1	129

*-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	def. McNeese St. 38-14
10-6	nr	nr	NA	0/0	

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

yard line on its first offensive drive, but turned the ball over on downs. However, the Husker defense forced the Cowboys to a three-and-out and DeJuan Groce gave NU great field position with a 21-yard punt return. Nebraska quickly converted, driving 28 yards in four plays, capped by Lord's first TD run from five yards out.

Lord gave Nebraska a two-touchdown lead early in the second quarter, running 57 yards for a score to cap a nine-play, 91-yard drive. Lord was flawless on Nebraska's next drive, hitting 4-of-4 passes for 63 yards, including a 10-yard TD strike to wingback Troy Hassebroek. McNeese State scored late in the second quarter to cut the halftime lead to 21-7.

After a scoreless third quarter, Nebraska put the game away with 17 fourth-quarter points. Josh Brown capped a 16-play, 82-yard drive with a 22-yard field goal to push the lead to 24-7. NU then struck in one play on its next possession as true freshman split end Mark LeFlore took a reverse and raced 64 yards for a touchdown. McNeese State countered with a scoring drive to cut the advantage to 31-14, but Lord accounted for the final margin with a 56-yard TD run. On the run, Lord eclipsed both the NU quarterback rushing record and the school's total offense record.

Nebraska churned out a season-high 595 yards of total offense, including 444 yards on the ground. McNeese State gained 355 total yards, but had 139 yards of that total on its final two drives.

Recapping Game Six...Nebraska 38, McNeese State 14

► Quarterback **Jammal Lord** made a splash in the Husker record book, by rushing for 218 yards on 17 carries and accounting for 369 yards of total offense. His 218 yards rushing eclipsed Eric Crouch's 191 yards rushing at Missouri last season and Tommie Frazier's 199 yards in the 1996 Fiesta Bowl vs. Florida. Lord's total offense total bettered Crouch's 360-yard day in a loss at Colorado last season. The game marked the first time in six starts Lord had topped 100 yards in both rushing and passing and his 151 yards through the air were a career best. Lord's 12-of-18 passing effort was also his most accurate day through the air. Lord scored on TD runs

of 5, 57 and 56 yards, marking the first time a Husker had scored on two TD runs of 50 yards or longer since Dan Alexander at Colorado in 1999. For more on Lord, please see page six.

► Nebraska's 595 total yards, 444 rushing yards and 26 first downs were all season highs.

► Lord completed passes to seven different receivers, marking the most players to catch a pass in a game since NU also had seven different receivers vs. Kansas in 2000.

► Nebraska's 12-of-16 performance on third downs was a season best and marked the first time NU has topped 50 percent in that category.

► Senior I-back **Dahrran Diedrick** had 15 carries for 64 yards, including 49 yards on NU's opening drive. He also had a season-long 26-yard rush. Diedrick now has 2,212 career rushing yards and moved from 19th to 15th on NU's career chart.

► True freshman I-back **David Horne** got his Husker career off to a good start, rushing 12 times for 81 yards.

► Freshman split ends **Mark LeFlore** and **Ross**

Pilkington both made their presence known. LeFlore raced 64 yards for a TD on a reverse on the first time he has touched the ball in his NU career, while Pilkington grabbed three passes for 54 yards.

► Senior split end **Wilson Thomas** had four catches for 47 yards to move from 17th to 13th on the NU career receptions list (57). It marked the fourth time this season and 13th time in his career Thomas has had three or more catches.

► Wingback **Troy Hassebroek** caught his first career TD pass in the second quarter, grabbing a 10-yard reception from Lord. Hassebroek was honored in pregame ceremonies with the 2002 Brook Berringer Memorial Scholarship.

► Linebacker **Scott Shanle** led the Nebraska defense with 10 tackles and recorded the Huskers' only sack of the afternoon, a 10-yarder in the fourth quarter.

► Free safety **Philip Bland** posted a career-high nine tackles, including seven before halftime, and also broke up a pass.

► Place-kicker **Josh Brown** remained perfect on field goal attempts, hitting his fifth FG of the year with a 22-yarder in the fourth quarter. He also connected on all five PATs and moved from sixth to fifth on the NU career scoring chart.

► Nebraska's victory was its 25th straight home win and the 251st straight sellout at Memorial Stadium. It also gave NU a 4-1 non-conference record, marking the 21st straight year the Huskers have lost one or fewer non-league games.

Nebraska-McNeese State Stat Wrap

Team Stats	MSU	NU
First Downs	21	26
Rush att.-yards	43-121	52-444
Passes	36-15-0	18-12-1
Passing yards	234	151
Total yards	355	595
Turnovers	0	1
Time of Possession	32:49	27:11
3rd Down Conversions	10/20	12/16

NU Rushing Leaders

Jammal Lord--17 carries, 218 yards, 3 TD
David Horne--12 carries, 81 yards

NU Passing Leader

Jammal Lord--18-12-1, 151 yards, 1 TD

NU Receiving Leaders

Wilson Thomas--4 receptions, 47 yards
Ross Pilkington--3 receptions, 54 yards

NU Defensive Leaders

Scott Shanle--10 tackles, 1 sack for 10 yards
Philip Bland--9 tackles, 1 PBU
Barrett Ruud--8 tackles, 1 TFL, 2 PBU
Trevor Johnson--8 tackles, 1 TFL

2002 Big 12 Standings

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

South Division

Oklahoma	5-0	1-0	vs. Texas 10/12
Texas	5-0	1-0	vs. Okla. 10/12
Texas Tech	4-2	1-0	at Iowa St. 10/12
Baylor	3-2	1-0	Tx. A&M 10/12
Texas A&M	3-2	0-1	at Baylor 10/12
Okla. St.	2-3	0-1	at Kansas St. 10/12

2002 Nebraska Non-Conference Opponents

Team	Record -- Next Game
Arizona State	4-2--Oregon State 10/12
Troy State	2-4--at Mississippi State 10/12
Utah State	1-5--New Mexico 10/19
Penn State	4-1--at Michigan 10/12
McNeese State	4-1--at Jacksonville State 10/19

Last Week's Results

Colorado def. Kansas State, 35-31
 Oklahoma def. Missouri, 31-24
 Baylor def. Kansas, 35-32
 Texas def. Oklahoma State, 17-15
 Texas Tech def. Texas A&M, 48-47
 North Carolina def. Arizona State, 38-35
 Troy State def. Austin Peay, 41-3
 BYU def. Utah State, 35-34
 Penn State def. Wisconsin, 34-31

2002 Missouri Schedule (3-2, 0-1)

Date	Opponent	Result/Time
8/31	Illinois (@ St. Louis)	W, 33-20
9/7	Ball State	W, 41-6
9/14	at Bowling Green	L, 51-28
9/28	Troy State	W, 44-7
10/5	Oklahoma	L, 31-24
10/12	at Nebraska	11:36 a.m.
10/19	at Texas Tech	TBA
10/26	Kansas	TBA
11/2	at Iowa State	TBA
11/9	Colorado	TBA
11/16	at Texas A&M	TBA
11/23	Kansas State	TBA

NU-Tiger Series Notes

- ▶ Saturday's game will mark the first time since 1981 that Nebraska has entered its meeting with Missouri ranked outside of the top 10. It also marks the first time the Huskers have met the Tigers as an unranked team since the 1967 season.
- ▶ The 1962 Nebraska-Missouri game in Lincoln marked the start of the Memorial Stadium sellout streak that will reach 252 games this week.
- ▶ Since 1989, Nebraska has won 10 of the 13 meetings between the two schools by 18 points or more. In the 16 meetings from 1973 to 1988 just five of 16 meetings were decided by more than 11 points.
- ▶ Missouri is one of just two teams to win more than one game in Lincoln since 1974 (Oklahoma).

Husker-Missouri Connections

- ▶ Missouri Assistant Athletic Director Ed Stewart played at Nebraska from 1991 to 1994. Stewart was a finalist for the Butkus Award in 1994 and one of four captains on NU's national championship team.
- ▶ Nebraska has three players from the state of Missouri on its 2002 roster, including senior center John Garrison (Blue Springs) one of the 2002 captains. Redshirt freshman DT Jared Helming (Springfield) and redshirt freshman TE Matt Woodward (Jefferson City) also hail from the Show-Me State.

Scouting Missouri (3-2, 0-1)



Missouri enters Saturday's game in Lincoln with a 3-2 record, after a 31-24 loss to Oklahoma in its Big 12 Conference opener on Oct. 5 in Columbia, Mo. Missouri rallied to lead the Sooners 24-23 in the fourth quarter, but could not hold on for the victory. The Tigers opened the season with victories over Illinois and Ball State, before a loss at Bowling Green. Mizzou rebounded with a 44-7 win over Troy State on Sept. 28 before the Oklahoma contest.

The Tigers feature a high-powered offense that is averaging 441.4 yards per game. Mizzou has had good balance on offense in 2002, picking up 221.8 yards per game on the ground, while throwing for 219.6 yards per game. Leading the Tiger offense is redshirt freshman quarterback Brad Smith who ranks second in the Big 12 and sixth nationally in total offense at 332.0 yards per game. Smith has completed better than 53 percent of his passes for 1,053 yards and has gained 607 yards rushing and scored five rushing touchdowns. Smith accounted for 391 yards of total offense vs. Oklahoma last week. Tailback Zack Abron has gained 391 yards rushing and scored 10 touchdowns this season. He ranks first in the Big 12 and fourth nationally in scoring. Smith's favorite target is All-America candidate Justin Gage, who has 42 receptions for 512 yards and three touchdowns.

On the defensive side of the ball, Missouri is allowing 389.4 yards per game, including 125.6 yards on the ground and 263.8 through the air. The Tiger defense has been opportunistic, intercepting seven passes and recovering seven fumbles through five games. Missouri ranks 17th nationally in turnover margin at +1.40 per game. Linebacker James Kinney leads the Tigers in tackles with 55, including seven TFL and five sacks. Linebacker Sean Doyle has added 43 tackles, while defensive tackle Keith Wright has 36 tackles, including 11 tackles for loss. Place-kicker Mike Matheny has connected on 4-of-6 field goals and 17-of-18 PATs, while punter Brock Harvey is averaging 43.18 yards per punt this season.

Missouri Coach Gary Pinkel

Gary Pinkel is in his second season as Missouri's head coach and his 12th season overall as a collegiate head coach. Pinkel is 7-9 in his two seasons in Columbia and 80-46-3 overall as a head coach. Before taking over at Missouri, Pinkel served as the head coach at Toledo for 10 seasons, where he posted a 73-37-3 record and guided the Rockets to an 11-0-1 record in 1995. Pinkel, who served as an assistant coach at Washington for 12 seasons, is 0-1 vs. Nebraska and Frank Solich.

Nebraska-Missouri Series...Nebraska leads 60-32-3

Nebraska holds a commanding 60-32-3 edge in the all-time series between the schools, including a 30-14-1 advantage in games played in Lincoln. Nebraska carries a 23-game winning streak over the Tigers into Saturday's game, with Mizzou's last victory against the Huskers coming in a 35-31 win in Lincoln in 1978, spoiling No. 2 Nebraska's national championship hopes.

The Huskers defeated Missouri, 36-3, last season in Columbia in the Big 12 opener for both teams. Nebraska was led by senior quarterback Eric Crouch who jumped to the front of the Heisman Trophy race by rushing for a then-NU quarterback record 191 yards and two touchdowns, including a school-record 95-yard TD scamper in the third quarter. Crouch added 120 yards through the air, accounting for 311 of Nebraska's 532 yards in total offense. Dahrnan Diedrick added 86 yards and two scores for the Huskers. Defensively, Nebraska limited Missouri to 205 yards in total offense, including just 67 rushing yards. Linebacker Scott Shanle led the way with eight tackles and four pass breakups to earn Big 12 Defensive Player-of-the-Week honors.

Last Year in Columbia...

NU 36, Missouri 3

Team Stats	NU	Missouri
First Downs	26	13
Rush att.-yards	72-412	23-67
Passes	15-8-1	43-16-0
Passing yards	120	138
Total yards	532	205
Turnovers	2	0
Time of Possession	37:07	22:53
Return yards	220	70

NU Standouts

Eric Crouch--17 carries, 191 yards, 2 TD
 8-14 passing, 120 yards
 Dahrnan Diedrick--24 carries, 86 yards, 2 TD
 Scott Shanle--8 tackles, 4 PBU
 DeJuan Groce--7 punt returns for 146 yards, 5 PBU

Nebraska-Missouri Statistical Comparison

Category	Nebraska (4-2, 0-1)			Missouri (3-2, 0-1)		
	Avg.	Big 12	Natl.	Avg.	Big 12	Natl.
Rushing Offense	257.8	1	6	221.8	3	16
Passing Offense	116.0	12	112	219.6	8	60
Pass Efficiency	108.34	11	93	108.76	10	90
Total Offense	373.8	9	64	441.4	3	15
Scoring Offense	30.3	8	45	34.0	7	28
Rushing Defense	139.7	9	55	125.6	6	40
Pass Defense	221.8	10	72	263.8	11	104
Pass Eff. Defense	96.53	3	16	129.81	10	85
Total Defense	361.5	9	56	389.4	10	81
Scoring Defense	21.5	6	38	23.0	7	45
Net Punting	41.89	2	4	39.59	4	10
Punt Returns	18.1	1	6	10.5	10	66
Kickoff Returns	19.94	5	70	18.62	11	90
Turnover Margin	-.50	10	74	+1.40	4	17

Top 25 National Rankings in Bold

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	4-2	.667	---	---	---
Tot.	46-11	.807	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	46-11

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	46-11
vs. AP Ranked Teams	10-9
vs. AP Top 10 Teams	4-4
vs. Unranked Teams	36-2
vs. Big 12 Teams	25-8
When Rushing for 300 Yards	24-1
When Rushing for 400 Yards	11-0
When Rushing for 500 Yards	2-0
When Rushing for 600 Yards	1-0
When NU player rushes for 100 Yards ...	31-7
Multiple 100-yd. NU Rushers in a Game .	11-0
When Opp. has 100 Yd. Rusher	8-7
When Scoring 35 or More Points	30-1
When Hold Opp. to 10 Pts. or less	20-0
When Nebraska scores first	36-4
When Nebraska leads at halftime	37-2
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

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 46-11 school and career record (.807). 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 .807 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.

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 301 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 Top 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 46

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 292 wins as a Husker assistant.

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.

Big 12 Conference Home Opener

Nebraska will open its 2002 Big 12 home schedule with Saturday's game against Missouri. The Huskers enter the contest with the Tigers having won their last 24 conference home openers, since a 24-21 loss to Iowa State in 1977. Three of Nebraska's 24 straight victories in league home openers have come against Missouri, including a 42-24 victory in 2000.

Huskers Continue Non-Conference Success in 2002

Nebraska completed its 2002 non-conference schedule with last Saturday's 38-14 victory over McNeese State. The Huskers finished their non-conference season with a 4-1 record, marking the 21st straight season Nebraska has lost one game or fewer in non-league action. The Huskers are 18-1 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 loss came in 1991 at the hands of fourth-ranked Washington. Since that loss, Nebraska has reeled off 31 straight non-conference home victories.

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 have played a key role in NU's non-conference victories and will be a key to success in the Big 12 schedule.

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

Year	FG-FGA PR			Averages		
	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	5	5	18.1	19.9	46.5	3 (3P)
*School record						

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.

Here's a quick look at Nebraska's special teams dominance in 2002.

► **Punt Returns...**Nebraska is averaging 18.1 yards on 18 punt returns this season. Groce has returned 14 punts for 285 yards, for a 20.4 average, good for third 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 fifth at Nebraska in career punt return yards.

► **Place-kicking...**Senior place-kicker Josh Brown is 5-5 on field goals in 2002 and perfect in 21 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. Dating back to last season Brown has made seven straight field goals and 10 of his past 11 attempts. He ranks fifth at Nebraska in career scoring and passed 1972 Heisman Trophy winner Johnny Rodgers vs. McNeese State. Brown's performance on kickoff duties should not be left unnoticed with 23 of his 35 kickoffs this season (4-7 vs. McNeese State) ending 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 ranks fourth in the nation in punting with a 46.5-yard average on the season. He has also pinned the opposition inside the 20 eight times. 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 three times this season. Nebraska ranks fourth in the nation in net punting at 41.89 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. Demorrio Williams and Lannie Hopkins each blocked a punt in the second half of Nebraska' 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 22.1 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 16.1 yards on kickoff returns and only 8.5 yards on 15 punt returns this season. McNeese State totaled just 33 yards on two kickoff returns and had one punt return for seven yards.

Huskers Scoring in All Three Facets of Game

Nebraska has reached the end zone 24 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 13 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 are

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. **985 Josh Davis, IB, 2000-02 (33 ret.)**
5. 847 Johnny Rodgers, WB 1970-72 (35 ret.)
6. 818 Frank Solich, FB, 1963-65 (35 ret.)

Lord to Pilkington TD Connection at ISU Continues Nebraska Big Play History

The 90-yard TD pass from Jammal Lord to Ross Pilkington in the second quarter at Iowa State ranked as the third-longest pass play in NU 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 TD was the ninth play from scrimmage of 90 yards or more in 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.

a combined minus-6 in turnover margin in the past three games, including a combined five-turnover disadvantage in losses at Penn State and Iowa State. Nebraska will try to turn that trend around Saturday against Missouri, one of the Big 12's most opportunistic teams. While Nebraska ranks 74th in the nation in turnover margin at -0.50 per game, Mizzou is 17th at +1.40 turnovers per contest.

In Nebraska's season opener, the Huskers returned an interception for a touchdown against Arizona State, while the Nebraska offense did not commit a turnover. In the Troy State contest, the Huskers forced three first-quarter turnovers and committed two turnovers in the game. NU upped its season interception total to six with three picks against Utah State, while the NU offense committed a pair of turnovers.

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

Lord Rebounds with Record-Setting Performance Against McNeese State

Nebraska junior quarterback Jammal Lord has faced a variety of difficult challenges in his first season as the Huskers' starting signal caller. First, he was charged with the duty of following 2001 Heisman Trophy winner Eric Crouch, who started 38 games at quarterback from 1998 to 2001. Secondly, Lord guided a young Husker offense against ranked teams in his first two road contests at Penn State and Iowa State. While those games didn't go as Lord and the Huskers would have hoped, Lord showed the ability to rebound against McNeese State.

The 6-2, 220-pound Lord had a record-setting afternoon against the Cowboys, breaking the NU single-game total offense record with 369 yards, including an NU-quarterback record 218 rushing yards on 17 carries. Coincidentally, both of the broken records were set last season by Crouch—360 total offense yards at Colorado and 191 rushing yards at Missouri.

The McNeese State game marked the first time in his career Lord has topped 100 yards in both rushing and passing in the same contest and he averaged a remarkable 10.5 yards on 35 total-offense attempts. The game marked the third time this season Lord has rushed for more than 100 yards in a game, also topping the century mark with 103 yards vs. Arizona State and 111 at Penn State. He also had two TD runs of longer than 50 yards (56, 57) marking the first time a Husker has had two 50-plus yard scoring runs in a game since 1999.

Lord also had his career-best passing day in terms of completions (12), attempts (18), yards (151) and percentage (.667). He completed 4-of-4 passes for 63 yards on a second-quarter scoring drive that ended with a 10-yard TD pass to Troy Hassebroek. Lord's play allowed Nebraska to convert on 12-of-16 third-down attempts in the game.

Lord has been Nebraska's top offensive weapon this season, leading the Huskers in rushing four times and passing for more than 100 yards four times this year. Lord leads Nebraska in rushing with 591 yards and six touchdowns and averages 6.5 yards per carry. His 98.5 yards rushing per game rank 28th in the nation and fourth in the Big 12 Conference. His 198.3 total offensive yards per game rank eighth in the Big 12 Conference. Lord is near 600 yards this season in both rushing and passing, putting him on track to become the third Husker quarterback (Scott Frost-1997, Eric Crouch-2001) to top 1,000 yards in both rushing and passing in the same season.

This week's game against Missouri will showcase two of the nation's top rushing quarterbacks. While Lord averages nearly 100 yards per game on the ground, Mizzou redshirt freshman Brad Smith has gained 121.4 rushing yards per game to rank second in the Big 12 and 15th nationally. Smith and Lord are second and fourth, respectively, in the nation in rushing yards per game among quarterbacks.

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 true freshman Fabian Washington has taken over the left cornerback spot.

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.

QB Jammal Lord Game-by-Game

<u>Game</u>	<u>Rushing</u> <u>No.-Yd-TD</u>	<u>Passing</u> <u>A-C-I-Yd-TD</u>	<u>Total Off.</u> <u>No. - Yd</u>
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
MSU*	17-218-3	18-12-1-151-1	35-369-4

*-Starts

Season Highs

Rushing: 218 yards vs. McNeese St. (NU QB record)

Passing: 151 yards vs. McNeese State

Total Offense: 369 yards vs. McNeese State

(NU school record)

TDs Accounted For: 4, twice (Utah St., McNeese St.)

Season Averages

Rushing: 98.5 yards per game (4th Big 12/28th)

Passing: 99.8 yards per game

Total Offense: 198.3 yards per game

Groce now has 36 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 sixth nationally in interceptions per game at 0.67 and is one of only 10 players to have four or more interceptions this season. Groce has posted those numbers despite the fact that most teams have thrown the majority of their passes to the opposite side of the field. The play and leadership of Groce is a key reason why Nebraska ranks 16th nationally in pass efficiency defense.

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 15.7 yards per punt return in his career and is averaging 20.4 yards on 14 returns this season to rank third in the nation. In his career, Groce ranks fifth 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 has shown in 2002 why he 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., was 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 six 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 saw very limited action against McNeese State leaving in the first quarter with a strained right hamstring.

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.

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 19 receptions and has a pair of 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 and had a team-high four grabs for 47 yards in the win over McNeese State.

The McNeese State game marked the 13th time in his career that Thomas has caught three or more passes in a game, including four games in 2002. Thomas had three or more grabs nine times last season, including six each in key victories over 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 57 career receptions and is closing fast on the Husker career top 10, just four catches shy of a tie for ninth place on the list. With 803 career receiving yards, Thomas ranks 20th on the NU charts and is 197 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.

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 2,212 career yards to rank 15th in school history. Against McNeese State, Diedrick rushed for 64 yards, including 49 on the opening series of the game. On the day, Diedrick passed former standouts Tony Davis, Jarvis Redwine, Bobby Reynolds and Doug DuBose to move up the career rushing chart. Diedrick has rushed for 398 yards and two touchdowns this season and is less than 300 yards from the NU career top 10.

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.

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 made eight tackles against McNeese State. Ruud has a team-leading 34 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

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	36

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.	771 D. Groce, CB, 1999-02 (49 ret.)

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
9. A. Muhammad, WB, 1991-94	61
Jerry List, TE, 1970-72	61
D. Richnafsky, SE, 1965-67	61
12. Tracey Wistrom, TE, 1998-01	58
13. Wilson Thomas, SE, 1999-pres.	57

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
...	
13. Roger Craig, IB, 1979-82	2,442
14. Jeff Kinney, 1969-71	2,244
15. D. Diedrick, IB, 1999-pres.	2,212
16. Doug DuBose, IB, 1982-85	2,205
17. Bobby Reynolds, HB, 1950-52	2,196
18. Jarvis Redwine, IB, 1979-80	2,161
19. Tony Davis, IB/FB, 1973-75	2,153

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	Lord	Shanle	none
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.

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)
 Tonia 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).

Rucker Named NFC Defender of Month

Carolina Panther rush end Mike Rucker was named the NFC Defensive Player of the Month for September. The former Husker ranks among the NFL leaders with six sacks and has also caused three fumbles in the Panthers' 3-2 start.

tackler with 10 stops, including a sack against McNeese State. He has 32 tackles in 2002—tied for second on the team.

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, but has helped NU to a Big 12-leading 257.8 yards per game on the ground.

Junior punter Kyle Larson continues to prove he is one of the nation's best, averaging 46.5 yards on 28 punts this season to rank fourth 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 was 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.

True Freshmen Making Big Impact for 2002 Huskers

Five true freshmen have seen action for Nebraska in 2002 and all have made immediate impacts. In fact, three of the true freshman who have played have scored touchdowns on their first touch of their Husker career. In the season opener, left cornerback Fabian Washington intercepted an Arizona State pass and returned it 29 yards for a touchdown. Two games later against Utah State, tight end Matt Herian turned his first career reception into a 33-yard TD. Split end Mark LeFlore got into the act against McNeese State, taking his first career carry on a reverse 64 yards for a touchdown to give NU a 31-7 fourth-quarter advantage.

Washington and split end Ross Pilkington made their Husker debuts in the season opener and have seen the most extensive playing time among the group. Washington took over starting duties at left corner last week and has three interceptions in five games to rank 11th nationally. Pilkington caught a 90-yard TD pass at Iowa State and ranks second on the team in receptions with eight, while leading the Huskers in receiving yards with 193, good for a 24.1-yard per catch average. Pilkington originally committed to the Huskers in February of 2000, but played two seasons of minor league baseball in the Colorado Rockies' organization before coming to Lincoln.

Herian is listed fourth at tight end while LeFlore is NU's No. 3 split end. I-back David Horne, a high school teammate of LeFlore at Omaha Central, became the fifth Husker true frosh to see action this season, when he shed his redshirt against McNeese State. Horne made a quick impression, rushing 12 times for 81 yards in his debut.

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 Pilkington, LeFlore and Horne.

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.

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 two games remaining against teams ranked in this week's polls—Texas and Kansas State.

Nebraska continues to receive votes in both polls, with nine points in the AP poll and 13 from the coaches. Four Big 12 teams are ranked this week, including Texas (3 AP/2 Coaches), Oklahoma (2/3), Iowa State (11/14) and Kansas State (19/23). In addition to Nebraska, Big 12 teams Colorado, Texas A&M, Oklahoma State and Texas Tech received votes in one or both polls. Penn State is ranked 15th and 17th in this week's poll, while 4-2 Arizona State is receiving votes in the coaches poll.

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.

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 played the following three games with a cast. Ruud was slowed by a bruised knee suffered in the Utah State game and a bruised right shin at Iowa State. He did not return to the game at Iowa State, but responded with eight tackles against McNeese State.

I-back Thunder Collins completed his four-game suspension against Iowa State and returned to action against McNeese State. After failing to comply with NCAA regulations, Collins was ruled ineligible.

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

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

Among Nebraska's notable alumni on NFL rosters are 10-year veteran offensive guard Will Shields of the Kansas City Chiefs, who has appeared in seven consecutive Pro Bowls. Green Bay's Ahman Green finished fourth in the NFL in rushing last season with 1,387 yards, while St. Louis defensive end Grant Wistrom has been a key component in a Ram defense that has helped the team to the Super Bowl in two of the last three years. The Carolina Panther defense currently ranks No. 1 in the NFL in large part because of the play of a pair of former Huskers. Defensive end Mike Rucker is among the league leaders in sacks with five and has also forced three fumbles, while safety Mike Minter has intercepted two passes, including one that he returned for a touchdown.

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 after Nebraska's 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 252 consecutive sellouts in Memorial Stadium**—Nebraska's game with Missouri will be the 252nd 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, 231 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.

▶ **25-game home winning streak**—The Huskers have four remaining home games on the 2002 schedule and hope to extend their home winning streak to 29. NU's 25-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 93 of their last 96 home games.

▶ **106-14 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 768-303-40 record in 1,111 games (.709). In the last 34 years, NU is tops, posting a record of 334-62-5 for an .839 winning percentage (401 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...

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	46-11-0	5	0
Since 1962	402-80-5	41	5
1890-1962	366-223-35	72	0
All-Time	768-303-40	113	5

Husker AP Ranking Notes

- ▶ NU fell out of the AP poll on Sept. 22 ending its all-time AP poll streak at 348 consecutive weeks
- ▶ NU has been ranked in the top 10 for 151 of the last 161 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 Seasons
1.	Nebraska	40	33
2.	Florida State	25	0
3.	Florida	21	11

All-Time Div. I Consec. Winning Seasons

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

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

2003 Nebraska Schedule

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

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

- ▶ Posted a 106-14 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 61 of 62 home games (25 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 25-6 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 334-62-5 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 4-2 in 2002, for a 46-11 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.

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

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 Championship Game marked the first time the game featured two teams that played each other in the regular season.

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

Memorial Stadium Dominance

Nebraska owns a nation-best 25-game home winning streak, including a 4-0 mark in 2002 and has four home games remaining this season. Nebraska is 93-3 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 460-122-20 (.781, 602 games, 113 years) in Lincoln, 335-99-13 (.764, 447 games, 80 years) in Memorial Stadium (since 1923) and 30-1 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 137-10 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 25-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 105-5 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 251 Consecutive Sellouts

Nebraska's Memorial Stadium boasts an NCAA-record 251 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 164, 87 fewer than Nebraska.

NU is 225-26 during the 251 sellouts (50-9 under Devaney, 145-16 under Osborne, 30-1 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.

Huskers Own 15 NCAA Rushing Titles

The Nebraska running game got untracked against McNeese State as the Huskers pounded out a season-high 444 yards on the ground. Nebraska had struggled the previous week at Iowa State, rushing for just 81 yards. Through six games the Huskers average 257.8 yards rushing to rank first in the Big 12 Conference and sixth nationally. 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 189-6-0 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 96-0 since 1973 when rushing for 400 or more yards, most recently rushing for 444 yards last weekend against McNeese State.

NU has had 368, 100-yard rushing performances all time (55 under Coach Solich, most recently Jammal Lord, NU quarterback record 218 vs. McNeese 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. Jammal Lord's 218-yard effort vs. McNeese State was NU's 31st all-time 200-yard performance.

Nebraska is 24-1 under Coach Solich when the team rushes for 300 or more yards; 11-0 when rushing for 400 or more and 2-0 when rushing for 500 or more. Solich is 31-7 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 three 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 30.3 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 points eight times last season and has topped 35 points three times 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 302-2 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 81 straight games. Nebraska has not

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

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

Records Report

Category	Record
All-time	768-303-40
Home	460-122-20
Memorial Stadium	335-99-13
Since 1962	402-80-5
Away	308-181-20
Road (on campus)	271-144-17
Neutral Sites (includes bowls)	37-36-3
When Scoring 35+ Points	303-2
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	24-0
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 251 Consecutive Sellout Streak...	
All-Time	225-26
vs. Ranked Teams	37-18
Under Head Coach Frank Solich...	
All-Time	46-11
Home	30-1
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	36-2
Home	24-1
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	14-4
November	9-3
December	2-1
January	1-1

NU Streaks...The Huskers have...

- ▶ won 25 straight home games
- ▶ won 96 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 81 consecutive games
- ▶ scored in 217 straight home games
- ▶ shut out opponents 100 times

been shut out at home since KSU shut out the Huskers, 12-0, on Homecoming in 1968 (217 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. NU is allowing 139.7 rushing yards per game in 2002 to rank 55th nationally.

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 now owns the longest active poll streak at 209 weeks.

Nebraska has now been in 522 of the last 527 AP polls since 1969 (33 consecutive years), missing one week in 1977, two weeks in 1981 and the past two weeks. 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 161 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 245 games to unranked AP opponents since 1973 (36-2 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 229-14-2 against unranked

AP opponents (.939, 245 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 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, FWAA, Walter Camp, Football News, The Sporting News) and Keyuo Craver (Football News, The Sporting News). The Huskers have had at least one All-American in all but two (1991, 1998) of the past 32 years (since 1970). The three honorees in 2001 marked the 15th time that Nebraska has had at least three All-Americans, and gives Head Coach Frank Solich eight All-America award winners in four years as head coach.

Nebraska ranks ninth all time in Division I-A with 53 consensus All-Americans. Nebraska has seen 88 different players earn first-team All-America honors by at least one recognized source with 14 winning double honors for 102 total first-team awards. The first was tackle Vic Halligan in 1914. NU has had at least one All-America honoree in each of the past three years (1999-2001). The most All-Americans Nebraska has had in any given year was six in 1971 (I-back Jeff Kinney, QB Jerry 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.

Team Snippets...

► **FieldTurf...**Nebraska is 24-0 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 11.

► **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 marked the first time since 1976 that NU had 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.

► **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).

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

Hassebroek Named to AFCA Good Works Team; Honored with Brook Berringer Memorial Scholarship

Nebraska wingback Troy Hassebroek was presented the Brook Berringer Memorial Scholarship before the start of the McNeese State game. The scholarship is presented annually to a senior player, who is active in the community, following in the footsteps of quarterback Brook Berringer, who helped the Huskers to national championships in 1994 and 1995 before he was killed in a plane crash on April 18, 1996.

Earlier this fall, Hassebroek was one of 11 Division I-A players 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), 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), RRE Trevor Johnson (Lincoln); and 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).

▶ **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 Toniu 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), Dominic Raiola (Detroit) 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), Russ Hochstein (Tampa Bay), Aaron Graham (Tennessee) and Toniou 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' 25 scoring drives (20 TD, 5 FG) by the offense have covered an average of 51.6 yards (1,290 total yards/25 drives). 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.

NU's defense and special teams have set up a total of seven scoring drives of less than 30 yards. 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 16-play, 82-yard drive that resulted in a Josh Brown field goal vs. McNeese State. Penn State managed a season-long 84-yard drive that lasted eight plays and 3:19. The Nittany Lions added a season-long 16-play, 80-yard drive that lasted 7:10. Troy State owns a season-short one-play, six-yard drive that lasted just seven seconds.

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
McNeese St.	6	15:38	2:36	42	7.0	3	0
Totals	25	62:02	2:29	159	6.4	12	3
Opp.	23	80:16	3:29	204	8.9	5	1

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

The Huskers have produced 22 long plays on the year, including five big plays to tie a season high against McNeese State. The Huskers also reeled off five big plays against Utah State and four each against Arizona State and Troy State. NU had a season-best four long runs against McNeese State, including its three longest runs of the year with a 64-yard TD run from Mark LeFlore, a 57-yard scoring sprint from Jammal Lord and a 56-yard scoring dash from Lord. 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 ASU. Nine of NU's 22 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 five of NU's nine long runs. Cory Ross (34 vs. ASU) and Dahrran Diedrick (26 vs. MSU) own NU's other long runs. Opponents have 11 long pass plays, six long runs and five 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.

	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	2	7
MSU	4	1	0	5	0	3	0	3
Totals	9	4	9	22	6	11	5	22

► Nebraska in the Red Zone...

The Huskers have been successful in the red zone, including McNeese State (3-4) Iowa State (1-1), Penn State (1-1), Utah State (3-4), Troy State (3-4), Arizona State (3-3). NU has 10 rushing touchdowns, two passing touchdowns and two field goals. McNeese State (1-2), 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/	Pct.
	Chances	Total	TDs	FGs	MissFGs	TOs	Downs	Gm.		
ASU	3	3	3	0	0	0	0	1	1.00	
TSU	4	3	2	1	0	1	0	0	.750	
USU	4	3	3	0	0	1	0	0	.750	
PSU	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1.00	
ISU	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1.00	
MSU	4	3	2	1	0	0	1	0	.750	
Totals	17	14	12	2	0	2	1	0	.824	
Opp.	23	19	11	8	0	2	2	0	.826	

Note: Nebraska has 10 rushing TDs, 2 passing TDs and 2 FGs in the red zone. Opponents have 10 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	68	24	19	5-5	.353	14-16
Stuntz#	10	1	1	0-0	.100	0-1
Totals	78	25	20	5-5	.321	14-17

*Denotes drives started by the quarterback.

#Stuntz started NU's final drives against ASU, TSU and MSU 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-six in turnover margin in its last three games. 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 (Fumbles/Lost, INT)
	Gained	TDs	FG-FGA	Pts.	
ASU	1 (1 INT)	1	0-0	7	0 (0/0 F/L, 0 INT)
TSU	3 (1 F, 2 INT)	0	0-0	0	2 (5/1 F/L, 1 INT)
USU	3 (0 F, 3 INT)	2	0-0	14	2 (2/2 F/L, 0 INT)
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)
MSU	0 (0 F, 0 INT)	0	0-0	0	1 (2/0 F/L, 1 INT)
Totals	10 (2 F, 8 INT)	3	0-0	21	13 (13/7 F/L, 6 INT)
Opp.	13 (7 F, 6 INT)	5	1-2	38	10 (6/2 F/L, 8 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
McNeese State	52/444/4	18-12-1/151/1	70/595/5

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
McNeese State	43/121/1	36-15-0/234/1	79/355/2

► **Husker 100-Yard Rushing Games (3)**

The Huskers produced their third 100-yard rusher and first 200-yard performance when Jammal Lord raced an NU quarterback record 218 yards on just 17 carries against McNeese State. Lord's total was the 14th-best single-game effort in school history. It was Lord's third 100-yard effort of the year, following a 111-yard output at Penn State and 103 yards in the season opener 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 (3) (* notes career best)**

vs. ASU-Jammal Lord, 17 att., 103 yards, 0 TD
 vs. PSU-Jammal Lord, 14 att., *111 yards, 0 TD
 vs. MSU-Jammal Lord, 17 att., *218 yards, 3 TD

► **Starting Field Position**

Nebraska 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 16 of its 82 drives beyond midfield, but has started 19 drives inside its own 20, with a worst start at the 1-yard line at Penn State. 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 23-of-35 kickoffs for touchdowns, while six of his 12 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.

	NU Avg. Start	Opp. Avg. Start	Advantage
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
McNeese St.	25.8 (309/12)	22.8 (251/11)	+3.0
Total	33.4 (2,736/82)	28.0 (2,238/80)	+5.4

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

► **Penalty Numbers**

The Huskers are averaging 5.7 penalties for 47.3 yards per game. NU owns the third-best averages in the Big 12 in penalties and yardage per game, while Missouri ranks eighth in the league in both categories (7.2-66.2). 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 34 penalties on the year, 10 are offensive (10-76), 16 are defensive (16-134) and eight have been called on the special teams (8-77). Opponents have committed 18 offensive penalties (18-110), five defensive penalties (5-48) and six special teams infractions (4-58).

	NU Pen.-Yds.	Opp. Pen.-Yds.
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
McNeese State	5-66	3-15
Total	34-284	29-216
Average	5.7-47.3	4.8-36.0

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

Game	Team	Indiv. (#)	*Sacks Allowed	O-Line Penalties	Perfect Plays
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%
McNeese St.					
Totals	226	14 (#51/#52)3		6-41	

Name	ASU	TSU	USU	PSU	ISU	MSU	Total
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)

Offensive Starters	'99	'00	'01	'02	Total
Jon Bowling, TE, Sr. (Lincoln, Neb.)	0	0	0	2	2
Wes Cody, OG, Sr. (Fremont, Neb.)	0	0	0	6	6
Thunder Collins, IB, Sr. (Los Angeles, Calif.)	0	0	2	0	2
Judd Davies, FB, Jr. (Omaha, Neb.)	0	0	11	6	17
Dahrnan Diedrick, IB, Sr. (Scarborough, Ont.)	0	0	11	6	17
Mike Erickson, OG, So. (Omaha, Neb.)	0	0	0	6	6
John Garrison, C, Sr. (Blue Springs, Mo.)	0	0	12	6	18
Aaron Golliday, TE, Sr. (York, Neb.)	4	3	2	6	15
Troy Hasebroek, WB, Sr. (Lincoln, Neb.)	0	0	0	3	3
Richie Incognito, OT, RFr. (Glendale, Ariz.)	0	0	0	5	5
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	6	6
Nick Povendo, OT, So. (Keller, Texas)	0	0	0	1	1
Wilson Thomas, SE, Sr. (Omaha, Neb.)	2	2	11	4	19
Dan Vili Waldrop, RT, Jr. (Wilmington, Calif.)	0	0	12	6	18
Totals	6	5	63	66	140

Defensive Starters	'99	'00	'01	'02	Total
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	6	6
Philip Bland, FS, So. (Lafayette, Colo.)	0	0	3	6	9
Daniel Bullocks, ROV, RFr. (Chattanooga, Tenn.)	0	0	0	1	1
Jon Clanton, NT, Sr. (Glendale, Ariz.)	0	0	9	5	14
DeJuan Groce, RCB, Sr. (Garfield Heights, Ohio)	0	2	11	6	19
Trevor Johnson, RRE, Jr. (Lincoln, Neb.)	0	0	0	1	1
Patrick Kabongo, DT, Jr. (Montreal, Quebec)	0	0	0	1	1
Chris Kelsay, RE, Sr. (Auburn, Neb.)	1	7	12	6	26
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	6	6
Scott Shanle, SLB, Sr. (St. Edward, Neb.)	0	9	9	4	22
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	3	3
Demorrio Williams, WLB, Jr. (Beckville, Texas)	0	0	0	5	5
Totals	1	33	70	66	170

Starting Kickers	'99	'00	'01	'02	Total
Josh Brown, PK, Sr., (Foyil, Okla.)	13	11	8	6	38
Sandro DeAngelis, PK, So. (Niagara Falls, Ont.)	0	0	4	0	4
Larson, Kyle, P, Jr., (Funk, Neb.)	0	0	12	6	18
Totals	13	11	24	12	60

Starters Briefly

Starts by True Freshmen: 3
 Number of Native Nebraskans With Starts: 17
 Number of Different Starters on Offense: 16
 Number of Different Starters on Defense: 19
 Number of Different Starting Kickers: 3
 Underclassmen With Starts: 20 (7 offense, 11 defense, 2 kickers)
 Most Career Starts on Offense: Wilson Thomas, SE (19)
 Most Career Starts on Defense: Chris Kelsay, RE (26)
 Most Consecutive Starts on Offense: Garrison, C/Vili Waldrop, RT (18)
 Most Consecutive Starts on Defense: Chris Kelsay, RE (26)

2002 Husker Depth Chart

(Oct. 1, 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.
3 **Ben Zajicek***, 6-0, 210, So., Beatrice, Neb.
13 Tim Liley, 6-2, 200, Jr., Lakewood, Colo.
- LT:** 51 Richie Incognito, 6-3, 305, RFr., Glendale, Ariz.
69 Nick Povoendo, 6-3, 300, So., Keller, Texas
73 **Scott Koethe****, 6-5, 290, Sr., Central City, Neb.
- LG:** 78 **Mike Erickson***, 6-4, 295, So., Omaha, Neb.
55 **Junior Tagoa'i***, 6-2, 285, Jr., Hauula, Hawaii
75 Brandon Koch, 6-3, 295, RFr., Cozad, Neb.
- C:** 52 **John Garrison*****, 6-4, 290, Sr., Blue Springs, Mo.
79 Josh Sewell, 6-2, 295, Jr., Lincoln, Neb.
74 David Kolowski, 6-5, 290, Sr., Omaha, Neb.
- RG:** 59 **Wes Cody****, 6-2, 295, Sr., Fremont, Neb.
55 **Junior Tagoa'i***, 6-2, 285, Jr., Hauula, Hawaii
71 Jake Andersen, 6-1, 300, So., Littleton, Colo.
- RT:** 68 **Dan Vili Waldrop****, 6-5, 325, Jr., Wilmington, Calif.
69 Nick Povoendo, 6-3, 300, So., Keller, Texas
67 **Nate Kolterman****, 6-3, 310, Sr., Seward, 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)
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
10 **Benard Thomas****, 6-4, 260, Jr., East Palo Alto, Calif.
- NT:** 59 **Ryon Bingham***, 6-3, 285, Jr., Sandy, Utah
55 **Jon Clanton*****, 6-2, 285, Sr., Glendale, Ariz.
96 Titus Adams, 6-3, 285, RFr., Omaha, Neb.
- DT:** 94 **Patrick Kabongo****, 6-6, 315, Jr., Montreal, Quebec
66 Le Kevin Smith, 6-2, 300, RFr., Macon, Ga.
97 **Seppo Ewvaraye**, DT, 6-5, 315, RFr., Laurel, Neb.
- RRE:** 88 **Trevor Johnson****, 6-4, 250, Jr., Lincoln, Neb.
-OR- 98 **Demoine Adams*****, 6-2, 250, Sr., Pine Bluff, Ark.
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:** 3 Fabian Washington, 6-0, 175, Fr., Bradenton, Fla.
28 **Pat Ricketts****, 5-11, 180, Jr., Omaha, Neb.
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.
- OR-** 20 Josh Bullocks, 6-1, 195, RFr., Chattanooga, Tenn.
- ROV:** 14 Daniel Bullocks, 6-1, 195, RFr., Chattanooga, Tenn.
-OR- 21 **Philip Bland***, 5-11, 205, So., Lafayette, Colo.
2 **Aaron Terpening*****, 5-11, 195, Sr., Salem, Ore.
40 Lannie Hopkins, 6-2, 210, So., Rowlett, Texas
- 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.
37 Sam Koch, 6-1, 240, RFr., Seward, 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; Generally, 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.