

NEBRASKA

FOOTBALL 2002



Husker Records and Streaks

- ▶ NCAA-record 253 consecutive sellouts in Memorial Stadium (counting Texas game)
- ▶ 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
- ▶ 26-game home winning streak (nation's longest)
- ▶ 108-15 record since 1993 (nine years)

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Weekly Press Conference

Nebraska Head Coach Frank Solich conducts weekly Tuesday press/teleconferences in the Don Bryant Media Facility Level 6. Interviews begin at 11 a.m. with NU Volleyball Coach John Cook. Lunch is served at 11:15 a.m. and NU defensive coordinator Craig Bohl is 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.

167th Calvary, Erstad in Attendance

Nebraska will salute the 167th Calvary based in Nebraska who are deploying to Bosnia in November, during pregame of Saturday's contest. At halftime, NU will recognize Anaheim Angel outfielder Darin Erstad, who played a key role in the team's World Series victory. Erstad was a baseball All-American for the Huskers and was the No. 1 pick in the 1995 draft. He was also the starting punter on Nebraska's 1994 national championship football team.

Game 10: Nebraska (6-3, 2-2) vs. No. 7/7 Texas (7-1, 3-1)

DATE: Saturday, Nov. 2, 2002; **TIME:** 6 p.m. Central; **SITE:** Lincoln, Neb.

STADIUM: Memorial Stadium—253rd Consecutive Sellout; **STADIUM CAPACITY:** 73,918

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

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

INTERNET: Live radio webcast on Huskers.com

TV: Fox Sports Net National Telecast (Joel Meyers-Play-by-Play; Dave Lapham-Color; Eric Clemons-Sideline)

Huskers Return Home to Square Off Against Seventh-Ranked Texas

Nebraska (6-3, 2-2) returns home to Memorial Stadium to take on No. 7 Texas this Saturday in a matchup of two of the most storied programs in college football history. The Huskers hope to build on the momentum gained in last week's 38-31 comeback victory at Texas A&M. That win ended Nebraska's road losing streak at five games and allowed the Huskers to even their conference record at 2-2 and improve to 6-3 overall on the season. Kickoff for the Nebraska-Texas tilt is set for 6 p.m. and the game will be televised nationally on Fox Sports Net.

After ending a road losing streak last week, the Huskers now turn their attention to continuing a nation-leading streak. Nebraska has won its past 26 games at Memorial Stadium since Texas posted a 20-16 upset in Lincoln in 1998. In fact, the Longhorn's victory at Nebraska four seasons ago is NU's lone loss at Memorial Stadium in its past 74 home games.

The Longhorns enter Saturday evening's game with a 7-1 overall record and a 3-1 mark in the Big 12 Conference. Texas is ranked No. 7 in both national polls this week after a 21-10 victory over Iowa State last Saturday in Austin. The win was UT's second straight over a ranked opponent after a 35-24 setback against No. 2 Oklahoma three weeks ago in Dallas.

Saturday's matchup will break a tie in the all-time series between the two schools. Nebraska and Texas have split the first eight meetings in the series, with the 'Horns winning three of four matchups since the formation of the Big 12 Conference. Texas holds a 2-1 edge in the three games played at Memorial Stadium.

Running Game Propels Nebraska to Second-Half Comeback at Texas A&M

Nebraska rallied from a 17-point second half deficit for a 38-31 victory at Texas A&M last Saturday, giving the Huskers their first road victory of the season. Texas A&M jumped to a 31-14 lead midway through the third quarter, but Nebraska did not stray from its gameplan. NU's offense pounded the Aggie defense with a three-headed rushing attack and scored 24 points in the game's final 22 minutes.

The evening started well for the Huskers, who took the opening kickoff and drove 80 yards in eight plays for a touchdown capped by a Dahrran Diedrick 12-yard TD run. However, a series of Nebraska miscues allowed Texas A&M to outscore the Huskers 31-7 from late in the first quarter to midway through the third period.

The Aggies evened the score at 7-7 late in the first quarter, when Terrence Thomas returned a blocked punt 12 yards for a touchdown. On its next drive, Nebraska fumbled deep in its own territory

2002 Nebraska (6-3, 2-2) 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 # W, 24-13 ... FoxPPV NU 61-32-3 NU has won 24 straight games in series/Groce 89-yard punt return TD

Sat. Oct. 19 at Oklahoma State.. L, 24-21 FSN NU 35-3-1 OSU's first win in series since 1961/Horne 125 yards rushing

Sat. Oct. 26 at Texas A&M # W, 38-31 ... TBS NU 8-2 Huskers rally from 31-14 deficit/NU rushes for 381 yards, posts 497 total

Sat. Nov. 2 Texas # 6 p.m. FSN 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. 27)

No.	Team (1st)	Record	Points
1.	Miami (59)	7-0	1,832
2.	Oklahoma (14)	7-0	1,788
3.	Virginia Tech	8-0	1,611
4.	Notre Dame (1)	8-0	1,597
5.	Georgia	8-0	1,582
6.	Ohio State	9-0	1,575
7.	Texas*	7-1	1,351
8.	Washington State	7-1	1,271
9.	Iowa	8-1	1,269
10.	North Carolina St.	9-0	1,232
11.	USC	6-2	1,100
12.	Alabama	6-2	955
13.	Colorado*	6-2	894
14.	Kansas State*	6-2	778
15.	Michigan	6-2	702
16.	Arizona State*	7-2	625
17.	LSU	6-2	604
18.	Florida State	5-3	551
19.	Oregon	6-2	536
20.	Penn State*	5-3	388
21.	Bowling Green	7-0	361
22.	Iowa State*	6-3	335
23.	Minnesota	7-1	327
24.	Colorado State	7-2	144
25.	Tennessee	4-3	119

ESPN/USA Today/Coaches (Oct. 27)

No.	Team (1st)	Record	Points
1.	Miami (53)	7-0	1,517
2.	Oklahoma (7)	7-0	1,464
3.	Virginia Tech	8-0	1,371
4.	Ohio State	9-0	1,311
5.	Georgia	8-0	1,300
6.	Notre Dame (1)	8-0	1,264
7.	Texas*	7-1	1,138
8.	North Carolina St.	9-0	1,105
9.	Washington State	7-1	1,006
10.	Iowa	8-1	975
11.	USC	6-2	895
12.	Colorado*	6-2	686
13.	Michigan	6-2	680
14.	Kansas State*	6-2	639
15.	LSU	6-2	588
16.	Oregon	6-2	556
17.	Arizona State*	7-2	472
18.	Bowling Green	7-0	441
19.	Minnesota	7-1	426
20.	Florida State	5-3	344
21.	Penn State*	5-3	244
22.	Florida	5-3	203
23.	Iowa State*	6-3	198
24.	Colorado State	7-2	190
25.	Marshall	6-1	181

*-Denotes 2002 NU opponent

Huskers in the 2002 Polls

Date	A	C	B	Results
Pre.	10	8	NA	def. ASU, 48-10
8-26	9	8	NA	def. Troy St., 31-16
9-2	9	8	NA	def. Utah St., 44-13
9-8	8	7	NA	lost at Penn St., 40-7
9-15	18	19	NA	idle
9-22	20	19	NA	lost to ISU, 36-14
9-29	nr	nr	NA	def. McNeese St. 38-14
10-6	nr	nr	NA	def. Missouri, 24-13
10-13	nr	nr	NA	lost to Okla. St., 24-21
10-20	nr	nr	nr	def. Texas A&M, 38-31
10-27	nr	nr	nr	

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

and the Aggies needed just two plays to move six yards for a touchdown and a 14-7 advantage. Nebraska's offense continued to move successfully against the stout Texas A&M defense and tied the score at 14 midway through the second quarter on a two-yard David Horne touchdown run.

The Aggies took the lead into the locker room after a 12-play, 67-yard touchdown drive just before halftime. The A&M lead grew to 10 points on the opening drive of the second half, capped by a 33-yard Todd Pegram field goal. Nebraska appeared ready to cut into the lead on its next drive, but the Aggie defense stripped Jammal Lord of the football on a third-down run and Byron Jones returned the fumble 66 yards for a score and a 31-14 A&M advantage.

Nebraska relied on its power running game on the next drive. Dahrran Diedrick picked up 18 and 29 yards on the first two plays of the drive and Horne followed with a 21-yard TD sprint down the sideline to cap the drive and cut the lead to 31-21. The Husker defense forced A&M to punt on its next possession, and the NU offense then put together its gutsiest drive of the season. The Huskers converted two fourth downs on the drive, including one from their own 28, and marched 81 yards in 13 plays for a touchdown. Horne ran in from 11 yards out for his third touchdown to cap a balanced drive that included two Lord to Ross Pilkington pass plays covering 52 yards.

The Blackshirt defense kept the momentum squarely in NU's corner, forcing A&M three-and-out on its next series. After a short Aggie punt, Nebraska moved 35 yards in six plays, all on the ground, for the go-ahead touchdown. Horne ran for 20 yards on the drive and put Nebraska ahead with a six-yard TD run, his fourth of the night. Nebraska added a Josh Brown field goal after a Pat Ricketts interception to push its lead to 38-31 with six minutes remaining. The Aggies mounted one final threat, moving inside the NU 10 behind the passing of QB Dustin Long. However, Philip Bland made a diving interception in the end zone on first-and-goal from the NU 9, sealing the NU victory.

Recapping Game Nine...Nebraska 38, Texas A&M 31

► Nebraska's victory ended a five-game road losing streak and was its first-ever win in College Station. The Huskers took an 8-2 advantage in the all-time series between the schools and posted their fifth straight victory in the state of Texas.

► The Huskers overcame a 31-14 deficit in the contest, marking their largest comeback in the Frank Solich era. NU's previous largest comeback under Solich was a rally from a 13-3 deficit for a 20-13 win against Missouri in 1998 in Lincoln. The 17-point rally was NU's largest since the Huskers fell behind 17-0 at Kansas in 1991, but rallied for a 59-23 rout of the Jayhawks. The previous time Nebraska trailed in the fourth quarter and won was a 34-32 victory over Colorado in 2000, when the Huskers hit a game-winning field goal on the game's final play.

► Nebraska gained 381 rushing yards in the contest, the most in 32 years against the Aggies. Texas A&M entered the game allowing just 76.9 yards per game on the ground, a mark that ranked first in the Big 12 and fifth nationally. Before Nebraska's 381-yard effort, the previous rushing high against A&M was 129 yards by Virginia Tech.

► Freshman I-back **David Horne** rushed for 128 yards and four touchdowns in the game, the most ever vs. Texas A&M. After his second straight 100-yard outing, Horne has 422 rushing yards in four games and ranks seventh on the NU single-season frosh rushing list. Horne is the first Husker player to rush for four TDs since Eric Crouch accomplished the feat twice in 2001 (Kansas, Iowa State). He is the first Husker freshman to score four touchdowns since Calvin Jones' school-record six rushing TDs at Kansas in 1991.

► QB **Jammal Lord** posted his fourth 100-yard rushing game of the season with 159 yards on an NU quarterback record 30 carries. In the game Lord became the 52nd Husker to crack the 1,000-yard career rushing mark. He also passed for 116 yards in the game and became the 22nd Husker to pass for more than 1,000 yards in his career. Lord has 921 yards rushing and 859 yards passing this season.

► Senior I-back **Dahrran Diedrick** ran 15 times for 85 yards on the night, including 78 yards on nine carries in the second half. Diedrick's 29-yard run in the third quarter was his longest of the season.

► Split end **Wilson Thomas** caught four passes for 59 yards in the game. He now has 61 career receptions, good for a tie for ninth place on the NU career chart.

► Freshman split end **Ross Pilkington** had two receptions for 52 yards in the game, marking the seventh straight game he has had at least one reception. Pilkington has 12 catches in 2002, tying the NU frosh record for receptions, previously shared by Ahman Green (1995) and DeAngelo Evans (1996).

► Linebacker **Demorrio Williams** posted a career-best nine tackles in the game, including a 15-yard sack of Dustin Long in the fourth quarter. He also had a pass breakup.

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Nebraska-Texas A&M Stat Wrap

Team Stats	NU	A&M
First Downs	28	15
Rush att.-yards	73-381	24-53
Passes	12-7-0	37-20-2
Passing yards	116	269
Total yards	497	322
Turnovers	2	2
Time of Possession	33:50	26:10
3rd Down Conversions	8/16	5/14

NU Rushing Leaders

Jammal Lord--30 carries, 159 yards
David Horne--24 carries, 128 yards, 4 TD
Dahrran Diedrick--15 carries, 85 yards, 1 TD

NU Passing Leader

Jammal Lord--12-7-0, 116 yards

NU Receiving Leader

Wilson Thomas--4 receptions, 59 yards
Ross Pilkington--2 receptions, 52 yards

NU Defensive Leaders

Demorrio Williams--9 tackles, 1 sack
Pat Ricketts--11 tackles, 1 PBU, INT
Justin Smith--4 tackles, 3 TFL, 3 QB hurries

Special Teams Standouts

DeJuan Groce--3 punt returns, 50 yards

2002 Big 12 Standings

North		Records	
Team	Overall	Big 12	Next Game
Colorado	6-2	4-0	at Oklahoma 11/2
Iowa State	6-3	3-2	Missouri 11/2
Kansas St.	6-2	2-2	at Kansas 11/2
Nebraska	6-3	2-2	Texas 11/2
Missouri	4-4	1-3	at Iowa State 11/2
Kansas	2-7	0-5	Kansas State 11/2

South Division

Oklahoma	7-0	3-0	Colorado 11/2
Texas	7-1	3-1	at Nebraska 11/2
Texas A&M	5-3	2-2	at Okla. St. 11/2
Texas Tech	5-4	2-2	Baylor 11/2
Okla. St.	3-4	1-2	Tx. A&M 11/2
Baylor	3-5	1-3	at Tx. Tech 11/2

2002 Nebraska Non-Conference Opponents

Team	Record -- Next Game
Arizona State	7-2--at Washington State 11/2
Troy State	3-6--at Arkansas 11/2
Utah State	2-6--New Mexico State 11/9
Penn State	5-3--Illinois 11/2
McNeese State	6-1--at Stephen F. Austin 11/2

Last Week's Results

Colorado def. Texas Tech, 37-13
 Texas def. Iowa State, 21-10
 Kansas State def. Baylor, 44-10
 Missouri def. Kansas, 36-12
 Arizona State def. Washington, 27-16
 Troy State def. Florida Atlantic, 21-6
 Louisiana-Monroe def. Utah State, 51-48 (OT)
 Ohio State def. Penn State, 13-7
 McNeese State def. Sam Houston State, 47-10

2002 Texas Schedule (7-1, 3-1)

Date	Opponent	Result/Time
8/31	North Texas	W, 27-0
9/14	at North Carolina	W, 52-21
9/21	Houston	W, 41-11
9/28	at Tulane	W, 49-0
10/5	Oklahoma State	W, 17-15
10/12	vs. Oklahoma	L, 35-24
10/19	at Kansas State	W, 17-14
10/26	Iowa State	W, 21-10
11/2	at Nebraska	6 p.m.
11/9	Baylor	TBA
11/16	at Texas Tech	TBA
11/29	Texas A&M	11 a.m.

NU-Longhorn Series Notes

► Nebraska's 19-3 victory in the 1974 Cotton Bowl was the first of 25 consecutive bowl trips for Nebraska under Head Coach Tom Osborne.

► The teams have each made three Big 12 Championship Game appearances, more than any other league school. The teams have met twice in the title game and NU's 22-6 win over Texas in the 1999 game made the Huskers the only school to capture a pair of Big 12 football crowns.

► Nebraska and Texas rank third and fourth, respectively, in all-time victories. NU (770) and Texas (762) are two of just nine schools to top 700 all-time wins.

► Defense has been the key in the series, with the winner holding the opposition to 13 points or less in five of the eight games in the series. Each team has recorded a shutout in the series.

Huskers from Texas

► Nebraska has 11 players from the state of Texas, including five players on its two-deep-LBs Demorrio Williams (Beckville) and T.J. Hollowell (Copperas Cove), rover Lannie Hopkins (Rowlett), OT Nick Povendo (Keller) and RE Justin Smith (Sherman). Other Huskers from Texas include Zach Giesselman and Tyler Rowe (Arlington), Scott Siefken (Boerne), Matt O'Shea (Irving), Willie Amos (Sweetwater) and Jermaine Leslie (Weatherford).

Scouting No. 7/7 Texas (7-1, 3-1)



Offensively, the Longhorns are led by senior quarterback Chris Simms, who has completed 56 percent of his passes for 1,642 yards this season. Simms has thrown 12 touchdown passes, while being intercepted eight times in 2002. Three UT receivers have topped the 20-catch mark in 2002, led by Roy Williams who has 25 catches for 401 yards and three touchdowns. B.J. Johnson (24-360-2) and Sloan Thomas (23-305-2) have also topped 20 catches in 2002. Sophomore Cedric Benson heads the Longhorn rushing attack with 934 yards and seven touchdowns. Benson has four games this season with more than 100 yards, including a 208-yard effort at North Carolina and 199 yards in last week's victory over Iowa State. He ranks third in the Big 12 and 18th nationally in rushing at 116.75 yards per game.

On the defensive side of the ball, Texas ranks third nationally in four major statistical categories. The 'Horns allow a Big 12-low 133.4 yards passing per game and also rank third in the nation in pass efficiency defense with a 78.76 rating. The 'Horns are also third in the nation in total defense (258.9 ypg) and scoring defense (13.25 ppg), while ranking 36th in rush defense at 125.5 yards per game. Individually, Texas is led by sophomore linebacker Derrick Johnson who has 80 total tackles, including nine tackles for loss. Fellow linebacker Reed Boyd has also added 80 total tackles, with defensive end Cory Redding credited for 46 tackles for loss, including 11 TFL. Free safety Dakarai Pearson is among the nation's interception leaders with five and also has nine pass breakups.

Place-kicker Dusty Mangum is UT's leading scorer with 55 points. He has connected on all 31 of his PAT attempts and has hit eight field goals in 14 attempts. Senior punter Brian Bradford is averaging 41.2 yards per attempt.

Texas Coach Mack Brown

Mack Brown is in his fifth season as the head coach at Texas and owns a 45-14 record with the Longhorns. He is in his 19th season overall as a collegiate head coach and has posted a 131-88-1 record. Before being named head coach at Texas, Brown previously made head coaching stops at North Carolina (1988 to 1996), Tulane (1985 to 1987) and Appalachian State (1983). Brown is 2-1 against Nebraska and Husker Coach Frank Solich, 1-0 against the Huskers in Lincoln.

Nebraska-Texas Series...Tied 4-4

The series between two of the most storied programs in college football history is tied at four games apiece. The most recent meeting between the two schools was in the 1999 Big 12 Championship Game when Nebraska posted a 22-6 victory in San Antonio. Earlier that season, the Longhorns upset No. 3 Nebraska in Austin (24-20), handing the Huskers their only loss in a 12-1 season.

The win in Austin was the final victory in a three-game Longhorn win streak against the Huskers. That win streak also included a 20-16 victory at Memorial Stadium in 1998 and a 37-27 victory in the inaugural Big 12 Championship Game in 1996 at St. Louis. Texas holds a 2-1 advantage in games played in Lincoln, also winning in 1959 in addition to the 1998 win that ended NU's school-record 47-game

home win streak. The Huskers' lone victory against Texas in Lincoln was in the first meeting between the schools in 1933. That victory helped Nebraska to a 3-1 mark vs. Texas in the series' first four games.

Nebraska-Texas Statistical Comparison

Category	Nebraska (6-3, 2-2)			Texas (7-1, 3-1)		
	Avg.	Big 12	Natl.	Avg.	Big 12	Natl.
Rushing Offense	279.1	1	4	149.5	6	60
Passing Offense	106.2	12	114	208.8	8	68
Pass Efficiency	109.76	11	91	123.44	5	57
Total Offense	385.3	6	52	358.3	10	81
Scoring Offense	29.4	9	50	31.0	6	37
Rushing Defense	131.4	5	42	125.5	4	36
Pass Defense	212.8	9	54	133.4	1	3
Pass Eff. Defense	102.88	4	20	78.76	2	3
Total Defense	344.2	6	40	258.9	2	3
Scoring Defense	21.9	7	37	13.3	2	3
Net Punting	37.7	5	14	35.0	10	54
Punt Returns	18.6	1	2	13.4	3	22
Kickoff Returns	21.3	5	41	23.0	3	20
Turnover Margin	-0.44	10	80	+0.88	5	25

Top 25 National Rankings in Bold

NU-Texas Series Summary

Games: 8
Standing: Series tied, 4-4
At Lincoln: Texas leads, 2-1

Date	Site	AP Rank NU/UT	Result
10/7/1933	Lincoln	/	NU, 26-0
9/19/1959	Lincoln	/17	UT, 20-0
9/17/1960	Austin	/4	NU, 14-13
1/1/1974	Dallas*	12/8	NU, 19-3
12/7/1996	St. Louis**	3/	UT, 37-27
10/31/1998	Lincoln	7/	UT, 20-16
10/23/1999	Austin	3/18	UT, 24-20
12/4/1999	San An.**	3/12	NU, 22-6

*Cotton Bowl; **Big 12 Championship Game

Series scoring	Total	Average
Nebraska	144	18.0
Texas	123	15.4

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	6-3	.667	2-2	---	---
Tot.	48-12	.800	27-9	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	48-12

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	Northwestern	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

Overall	48-12
vs. AP Ranked Teams	10-9
vs. AP Top 10 Teams	4-4
vs. Unranked Teams	38-3
vs. Big 12 Teams	28-9
When Rushing for 300 Yards	26-1
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 ...	32-8
Multiple 100-yd. NU Rushers in a Game .	12-0
When Opp. has 100 Yd. Rusher	8-8
When Scoring 35 or More Points	31-1
When Hold Opp. to 10 Pts. or less	20-0
When Nebraska scores first	37-4
When Nebraska leads at halftime	38-3
Record in games decided by 10 or less ...	14-7
Record in games decided by 7 or less	9-6
Record in games decided by 3 or less	4-3
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

► **Recapping NU-A&M, cont.**

- Cornerback **Pat Ricketts** had a team-high 11 tackles and picked off his second pass of the season in the fourth quarter. He also added a pass breakup in the contest.
- Safety **Philip Bland** nabbed his first career interception in the fourth quarter to seal the Husker victory. He also had nine tackles, the third time in four games he has had nine or more tackles.
- Nebraska's Blackshirt defense limited Texas A&M to a season-low 53 rushing yards and forced more than one turnover for the first time in five games.

Nebraska Head Coach Frank Solich

Coach Frank Solich (Nebraska, 1966) is in his fifth season at the helm of the Husker program with a 48-12 school and career record (.800). 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 .800 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



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).

in 1965. After serving as a local high school football coach for 14 years, Solich took over the NU freshman program and posted a 19-1 record from 1979 to 1982. He was elevated to NU's running backs coach after four seasons, a position he held for 15 years (1983-97). He was promoted to assistant head coach in 1991 and head coach following the 1997 season. Solich earned his bachelor's and master's degrees from NU in 1966 and 1972, respectively.

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

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

Solich was named Nebraska's 26th head coach on Dec. 10, 1997, after serving as an NU assistant for 19 years. He played fullback for Hall of Fame Coach Bob Devaney, lettering in 1963-64-65. Solich was the first Husker running back to rush for 200 yards in a game and remains the only fullback to accomplish that feat. He also lettered for the NU baseball team

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. Running backs coach Dave Gillespie moved to the sideline for NU's win at Texas A&M, after being in the press box for the first eight games. Assisting from the press box are rush ends coach Nelson Barnes, defensive backs coach George Darlington and offensive line coach Milt Tenopir.

Nebraska Hopes to Defend Home Field Against Longhorns

Nebraska carries a nation-leading 26-game home winning streak into Saturday's game with No. 7 Texas. The Huskers have won 74 of 75 games at Memorial Stadium since 1991, with the only blemish a 20-16 loss to Texas on Oct. 31, 1998.

The Longhorn victory ended Nebraska's school record home winning streak at 47 games and dashed NU's hopes of reaching the all-time NCAA record of 57 straight home wins. The loss is NU's only home setback under Head Coach Frank Solich, who has guided the Huskers to a 31-1 record at Memorial Stadium. Texas will be the third top-10 team to visit Memorial Stadium during Nebraska's current home win streak.

Nebraska has lost just 10 home games since 1990, with just six teams leaving Lincoln with a victory. In fact, Texas Coach Mack Brown is one of just three active coaches who have a victory against Nebraska at Memorial Stadium, joining Florida State's Bobby Bowden (1980, 1985) and Penn State's Joe Paterno (1981).

Texas has a 2-1 edge over Nebraska in games played in Lincoln, one of just six teams to have a winning record against NU at Memorial Stadium. The others are Air Force (0-1), Indiana (5-7-2), Pittsburgh (1-5-3), USC (0-1) and Washington State (1-2).

Huskers, 'Horns Have History of Championships

This weekend's matchup not only pits two of the four winningest football programs in NCAA history, but also a pair of schools that are accustomed to capturing championships on the gridiron.

Nebraska and Texas have won a combined eight national titles, including

1970 when Nebraska captured the AP title, while Texas was awarded the UPI crown.

The schools have combined for 69 conference championships, including 43 by Nebraska and 26 by Texas. In fact, the schools have combined for three of the first six Big 12 titles and have met in the championship game twice (1996 and 1999). The two schools have both

Nebraska-Texas Tale of the Tape

NU	UT	
4	Series Victories	4
770	All-Time Wins	762
5	Nat'l Championships	3
43	Conf. Championships ..	26
40	Bowl Appearances	41
27-7	Record in 2000s	27-6
3	Heisman Winners	2
26	Home Win Streak	17

made three Big 12 Championship Game appearances in the first six seasons of competition in the league, more than any other conference school.

What a Comeback

Nebraska showed its resilience in picking up a 38-31 victory at Texas A&M, just the 11th home loss for the Aggies in the past 14 years. First, the Huskers rebounded from their most disappointing loss of the 2002 campaign, a 24-21 setback at Oklahoma State a week earlier.

In addition, Nebraska rallied from a 31-14 third-quarter deficit to upend the Aggies. The rally was one of the top come-from-behind efforts in school history and Nebraska's best under Head Coach Frank Solich.

A few notes on Nebraska's comeback victory at Texas A&M.

▶ The previous largest deficit Nebraska had overcome to win under Frank Solich was 10 points against Missouri on Oct. 24, 1998, in Lincoln. NU trailed 13-3 in the second quarter, but rallied for a 20-13 win.

▶ The Huskers' rally from 17 points behind was their largest in any game since a 59-23 win at Kansas in 1991. NU trailed 17-0 in the first

quarter of that contest, but used six Calvin Jones TD runs to pave the way to an easy victory.

▶ Nebraska's previous victory when trailing after three quarters was on Nov. 27, 1998, when the Huskers trailed Colorado 14-13 after three quarters, but pulled out a 16-14 victory.

▶ Before the A&M game, NU had not won a game when trailing at any point in the fourth quarter since a 34-32 victory over Colorado on Nov. 24, 2000. CU led 32-31 late in the game, but NU's Josh Brown hit a game-winning field goal on the last play of the contest.

▶ Nebraska trailed 31-21 entering the fourth quarter at Texas A&M. The last time Nebraska rallied from a bigger deficit entering the fourth quarter was on Oct. 22, 1966, at Colorado. The Huskers trailed 19-7 entering the fourth quarter, but rallied for a 21-19 victory. Nebraska rallied from 10-point deficits entering the fourth quarter twice for bowl victories under Tom Osborne. NU trailed Florida 10-0 entering the fourth in the 1974 Sugar Bowl and won 13-10 and was behind North Carolina 17-7 heading into the fourth quarter of the 1977 Liberty Bowl, but escaped with a 21-17 victory.

Surging Husker Running Game to Face One of Nation's Best Defenses

Nebraska's running game had its most impressive outing of the season at Texas A&M. The Huskers ran for 381 yards on a season-high 73 rushing attempts and scored five TDs on the ground. The effort is especially impressive when considering that the Aggies entered the game allowing just 76.9 yards per game on the ground and had not allowed an opponent to run for more than 129 yards in 2002. In fact, NU's 381 rushing yards were the most against Texas A&M in 32 seasons. Before Saturday's game, A&M had not allowed a 100-yard rusher in 20 games, but a pair of Huskers topped that mark (Lord, 159; Horne, 128).

NU Rushing Game-by-Game		
Game	No.-Yds.-TD	Leader
ASU	59-283-3	Lord, 103
TSU	54-199-2	Lord, 92
USU	54-288-4	Diedrick, 93
PSU	45-252-1	Lord, 111
ISU	30-81-1	Diedrick, 28
MSU	52-444-4	Lord, 218
MU	62-325-1	Lord, 98
OSU	54-259-3	Horne, 125
A&M	73-381-5	Lord, 159

The Texas A&M game continued a trend of rushing success in the past four games. Since rushing for just 81 yards in a loss at Iowa State, Nebraska has topped 250 yards on the ground in four straight games and has averaged 352.3 yards rushing in those games. The stretch opened with a season-high 444 yards rushing vs. McNeese State, followed by 325 yards in a win over Missouri, 259 yards on the ground at Oklahoma State and the A&M contest. For the season, Nebraska is averaging a Big 12-best 279.1 yards rushing per game to rank fourth in the nation.

Quarterback Jammal Lord and true freshman I-back David Horne have keyed Nebraska's rushing success in recent weeks. Lord has run for 548 yards in the last four games (137.0 ypg), including an NU quarterback record 218 yards vs. McNeese State. He added 159 yards at Texas A&M on an NU quarterback record 30 carries. Horne shed his redshirt after the Iowa State game and has gained 422 yards (105.5 ypg), including back-to-back 100-yard games at Oklahoma State and Texas A&M.

Like last week at Texas A&M, NU's offense will face a tough test this week. Texas ranks third nationally in both total defense and scoring defense.

Husker O-Line Has Record-Setting Day Against Aggie Defense

Nebraska's offensive line has paved the way for the rushing success. Against Texas A&M, Nebraska had a school-record 110 pancakes, bettering the previous high of 101 vs. Baylor in 2000. Redshirt freshman offensive tackle Richie Incognito had 28 knock-down blocks against the Aggies, the second-highest total in school history, trailing only Toniau Fonoti's 32 against Texas Tech last season. Incognito leads Nebraska with 114 pancakes, including 49 in the past two games.

Incognito was not alone in playing an outstanding game. Four other Husker offensive linemen had career-high pancake totals. Offensive tackle Dan Vili Waldrop's 24 pancakes were the fourth-highest total in school history, seven better than his previous career high of 17 vs. Rice in 2001. Center John Garrison matched his career high with 20 pancakes. Guards

1,000 Yard Rush Seasons by NU Quarterbacks

Year	Player	Rushing		
		Att.	Yds.	TDs
2001	Eric Crouch	203	1,115	18
1997	Scott Frost	176	1,095	19
2002	Jammal Lord	156	921	7

NU Single-Season Total Offense

Rank	Player, Pos., Yr.	Yards
1.	Eric Crouch, QB, 2001	2,625
2.	Jerry Tagge, QB, 1971	2,333
3.	Scott Frost, QB, 1997	2,332
4.	Gerry Gdowski, QB, 1989	2,251
5.	Eric Crouch, QB, 1999	2,158
6.	Mike Rozier, IB, 1983	2,148
7.	Keithen McCant, QB, 1991	2,108
8.	Vince Ferragamo, QB, 1976	2,086
9.	Eric Crouch, QB, 2000*	2,072
10.	Turner Gill, QB, 1983	2,047
	Jammal Lord, QB, 2002	1,780

*-Most total offense yards by a Husker junior

IB David Horne Game-by-Game Rushing

Game	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	TD
Arizona State	Did Not Play			
Troy State	Did Not Play			
Utah State	Did Not Play			
at Penn State	Did Not Play			
at Iowa State	Did Not Play			
McNeese State	12	81	6.8	0
Missouri	20	88	4.4	1
at Oklahoma St.	24	125	5.2	1
at Texas A&M	24	128	5.3	4
Totals	80	422	4.3	6

Top Rushing Seasons by NU Freshmen

Rank	Player, Pos., Yr.	Yards
1.	Ahman Green, IB, 1995	1,086
2.	Calvin Jones, IB, 1991	900
3.	DeAngelo Evans, IB, 1996	776
4.	Monte Anthony, IB, 1974	587
5.	Lawrence Phillips, IB, 1993	508
6.	Eric Crouch, QB, 1998	459
7.	David Horne, IB, 2002	422
8.	Tommie Frazier, QB, 1992	399
9.	Derek Brown, IB, 1990	375
10.	Damon Benning, IB, 1993	323
--	Cory Ross, IB, 2002	169

NU Shines Under the Lights

Nebraska opened the season with four straight night games, the longest stretch of evening contests in school history. Nebraska has a good track record under the lights with a 52-16-3 all-time record in night games (4-1 in 2002). The Huskers have been especially dominant in night games in Lincoln, posting a 17-1 all-time record. NU has won 13 consecutive home night games, including 11 of the 13 wins by 17 or more points. NU's average margin of victory in those 13 games is 31.7 points, with three of the wins against ranked teams.

NU Home Night Games

Year	Opponent	Result
2002	Utah State	W, 44-13
2002	Troy State	W, 31-16
2002	Arizona State	W, 48-10
2001	Texas Tech	W, 41-31
2001	Iowa State	W, 48-14
2001	Rice	W, 48-3
2001	Notre Dame (17)	W, 27-10
2000	Missouri	W, 42-24
1999	Iowa State	W, 49-14
1998	Kansas	W, 41-0
1997	Kansas State (17)	W, 56-26
1996	Kansas	W, 63-7
1992	Kansas (13)	W, 49-7

Junior Tagoa'i (18) and Mike Erickson (16) also bettered their previous best outings. Tagoa'i played the majority of the game after starting guard Wes Cody left early with a leg injury. Tagoa'i has three double-figure pancake efforts despite coming off the NU bench, while Erickson's effort was his fourth double-figure pancake game of the year.

Offensive line coach Milt Tenopir credited his troops for their outstanding play in the NU victory. "We saw it coming during the week. We challenged them and they rose to the occasion. It was a joint effort and they all played well. They know they can do it and their confidence level is very high now." Tenopir also said that Coach Solich showed confidence in the linemen when Nebraska went for it on fourth-and-one on its own 28 in the third quarter. "They knew then that Coach Solich had confidence in them and it really sent a message to them."

Lord Facing Task of Leading Young Husker Offense

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 has rebounded and is producing one of the top total offense seasons in school history.

Lord rushed for 159 yards on a Nebraska QB record 30 carries at Texas A&M and passed for 116 yards in the 38-31 win. In the process, Lord pushed both his career rushing and passing total past the 1,000-yard marks. He now has 1,134 career rushing yards to rank 43rd on the NU list and 1,040 passing yards, good for 22nd on the Husker career chart.

The 6-2, 220-pound Lord is nearing a rare milestone in 2002. He has 921 rushing yards and 859 yards through the air this season and is on pace to become the third Husker quarterback in six seasons to rush and pass for more than 1,000 in a season, joining Scott Frost (1997) and Eric Crouch (2001). His 1,780 total offensive yards place him less than 300 yards from the NU single-season top 10.

Lord began his recent surge with a record-setting afternoon against McNeese State, 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 that Lord 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. Lord posted his second 100-100 game of the season at Texas A&M. Lord's 159 yards against the Aggies marked his fourth 100-yard rushing game of the season. In addition to the McNeese State game, he also topped the century mark with 103 yards vs. Arizona State and 111 at Penn State. Against McNeese State, Lord 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. His 41-yard scamper against Texas A&M is the longest non-scoring run by a Husker in 2002.

The McNeese State game was also a career-best passing day for Lord in terms of completions (12), attempts (18), yards (151) and percentage (.667). He has topped 100 yards passing in six times in 2002, including four of the past five games. Most recently he threw for 116 yards at Texas A&M.

Lord has led the Huskers in rushing six times in 2002, most recently with 159 yards in a 38-31 victory over Texas A&M. Lord leads Nebraska in rushing with 921 yards and seven touchdowns and averages 5.9 yards per carry. His 102.3 yards rushing per game rank 34th in the nation and fifth in the Big 12 Conference. Lord is second nationally in rushing among quarterbacks. His 197.7 total offensive yards per game rank seventh in the Big 12.

Going Around the Horne

I-back David Horne has given the Husker running game a kick-start since ending his redshirt season four games ago. Horne has rushed for 422 yards in four games (105.5 ypg) and has raced for more than 100 yards in each of the past two games. Horne had 125 yards and a touchdown on 24 carries at Oklahoma State and had a career-best 128 yards and four touchdowns vs. Texas A&M.

In the Oklahoma State game, Horne became the first true freshman I-back to rush for more than 100 yards since DeAngelo Evans had 130 yards in the 1996 Big 12 Championship Game against Texas. Horne was the first Husker frosh at any position to top 100 yards rushing since redshirt freshman

QB Jammal Lord Game-by-Game

Game	Rushing	Passing	Total Off.
	No.-Yd-TD	A-C-I-Yd-TD	No.-Yd-TD
ASU	17-103-0	13-5-0-33-1	30-136-1
TSU*	23-92-1	15-8-1-114-0	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
MU*	17-98-0	12-4-0-32-1	29-130-1
OSU*	18-73-1	14-7-0-110-0	32-183-1
A&M*	30-159-0	12-7-0-116-0	42-275-0

*-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: 102.3 yards per game

(5th Big 12/34th nationally)

Passing: 95.4 yards per game

Total Offense: 197.7 yards per game (7th Big 12)

quarterback Eric Crouch had 108 yards in a 40-30 loss at Kansas State in 1998. Horne's 100-yard outings the past two weeks mark the first time a Husker back has topped 100 yards since Dahrran Diedrick rushed for 108 yards on 24 carries vs. Kansas State on Nov. 10, 2001. Horne's four touchdowns at Texas A&M were the most by a Husker freshman since fellow Omaha Central graduate Calvin Jones rushed for a school-record six TDs at Kansas in 1991 as a redshirt freshman.

Horne's speed and field vision were evident immediately in his debut against McNeese State. He made a strong debut, rushing 12 times for 81 yards. He backed that performance up with 88 yards on a team-high 20 carries against Missouri, including 46 yards on a key second-quarter TD drive. He also added his first career TD on a five-yard run in the first quarter against Mizzou.

The 6-0, 190-pound Horne is averaging 5.3 yards per carry in his first four games. His 105.5 yards per game would rank fifth in the Big 12 Conference and among the top 35 in the nation if he had played in the required number of games. With 422 yards, Horne ranks seventh on the NU single-season list for most rushing yards by a freshman. He is just 78 yards from becoming the sixth Husker frosh to rush for more than 500 yards.

Diedrick Continues to Climb Husker Rushing Charts

Senior I-back Dahrran Diedrick had his most impressive outing of the 2002 season at Texas A&M. He rushed for 85 yards on 15 carries in the game, including 78 yards on nine carries after halftime. Diedrick also scored

IB Dahrran Diedrick Game-by-Game Rushing

Game	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	TD
Arizona State*	18	79	6.1	1
Troy State*	15	63	4.2	1
Utah State*	16	93	5.8	0
at Penn State*	16	71	4.4	0
at Iowa State*	8	28	3.5	0
McNeese State*	15	64	4.3	0
Missouri*	14	61	4.4	0
at Oklahoma St.*	6	26	4.3	1
at Texas A&M*	15	85	5.7	1
Totals	123	570	4.6	4

his fourth touchdown of the season on a 12-yard run on NU's opening drive and had a season-long 29-yard scamper in the third quarter.

Diedrick has totaled 570 rushing yards this season and joined an elite club against Utah State when he became the 21st Husker to rush for 2,000 career yards. He finished that game with a season-high 93 yards and now has 2,384 career yards to rank 14th on the Husker charts.

At 6-0 and 225 pounds, Diedrick supplies the Huskers with a physical running complement to freshman I-back David Horne who gives NU a home-run threat at the

position. Quarterback Jammal Lord gives the Huskers one of the nation's most lethal three-player rushing threats.

Diedrick was a first-team All-Big 12 pick last season after leading the league in rushing with 1,299 yards. He also scored 15 touchdowns and rushed for 100 or more yards in seven of 11 regular-season appearances. 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.

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 23 receptions and has a pair of touchdowns this season. Thomas was held without a reception in consecutive games against Missouri and Oklahoma State, but was again a key part of the offense at Texas A&M. He had four catches for a season-high 59 yards against the Aggies, including a season-long 28-yard catch in the second quarter that set up a David Horne TD run.

Thomas' four catches against Texas A&M pushed his career total to 61 and moved him into a tie for ninth place on the NU career receptions chart.

Thomas 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 Texas A&M game marked the 14th time in his career that Thomas has caught three or more passes in a game, including five games in 2002.

He 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.

With 862 career receiving yards, Thomas ranks 18th on the NU charts and is 138 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.

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 success in 2002.

In Nebraska's season opener, the Huskers blocked two punts, one of which was returned for a touchdown, keying a 48-10 win over Arizona State. The punt return unit stole the show against Troy State. Senior DeJuan Groce tied an NCAA record with two punt return touchdowns in NU's 31-16 victory. The special teams has remained solid throughout the season and again played a big role in the 24-13 victory over Missouri. Groce had his third punt return TD of the year and Josh Davis averaged nearly 28 yards on four kickoff returns.

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

► **Punt Returns...**Nebraska ranks second in the nation in punt returns, averaging 18.6 yards on 28 punt returns this season. Groce has returned 24 punts for 481 yards, for a nation-leading 20.0 average. Groce's two punt

r e t u r n touchdowns vs. Troy State not only set a school record, but matched the NCAA record. His 89-yard TD return against Missouri was his

third of the season and the third-longest punt return in school history. It also tied the NU school record for punt return TDs in a season, matching Johnny Rodgers' three in 1971. His 155 yards on two returns against Troy State was just 15 yards shy of the school record for punt return yardage in

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
5.	Tim Smith, SE, 1977-79	72
6.	Irving Fryar, WB, 1981-83	67
7.	Tom Penney, SE, 1966-68	66
8.	Todd Brown, SE, 1980-82	65
9.	Wilson Thomas, SE, 1999-pres.	61
	A. Muhammad, WB, 1991-94	61
	Jerry List, TE, 1970-72	61
	D. Richnafsky, SE, 1965-67	61

NU Special Teams Under Solich

Year	FG-FGA	PR	Averages	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	7-9	18.6	21.3	41.7	3 (3P)	
*School record						

Big 12 Conference 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	Horne	Johnson	Groce
OSU	none	none	none
A&M	Horne	Williams	Groce
UT			
KU			
KSU			
CU			

boldface=winner; *=co-winner

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

NU Career Scoring Leaders

Rank	Player, Pos., Yrs.	Pts.
1.	Kris Brown, PK, 1995-98	388
2.	Eric Crouch, QB, 1998-01	368
3.	Mike Rozier, IB, 1981-83	312
4.	Josh Brown, PK, 1999-02	282
5.	Ahman Green, IB, 1995-97	270
6.	J. Rodgers, WB, 1970-72	264

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

- 1443 Tyrone Hughes, WB, 1989-92 (51 ret.)
- 1201 Josh Davis, IB, 2000-02 (48 ret.)**
- 1159 Joe Walker, ROV, 1997-00 (53 ret.)
- 1154 Dana Brinson, WB, 1985-88 (51 ret.)
- 847 Johnny Rodgers, WB 1970-72 (35 ret.)
- 818 Frank Solich, FB, 1963-65 (35 ret.)

NU Season Kickoff Return Yards

- 675 Josh Davis, IB, 2001 (25 ret.)**
- 526 Josh Davis, IB, 2002 (23 ret.)**
- 523 Tyrone Hughes, WB, 1990 (18 ret.)
- 510 Dana Brinson, WB, 1988 (23 ret.)
- 424 Tyrone Hughes, WB, 1992 (19 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 NU 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 score against MU in 2000, while Joe Walker brought a kickoff back 99 yards for a score in the 1998 season opener against Louisiana Tech. Nebraska just missed another 90-yard scoring play vs. Mizzou this season as DeJuan Groce returned a punt 89 yards for a touchdown.

a game. Groce moved up to second on the NU career punt return chart with his performance against Missouri. Groce has four punt returns of 25 yards or longer in 2002.

► **Place-kicking...**Senior place-kicker Josh Brown is 7-of-9 on field goals in 2002 and perfect in 34 PAT attempts. Brown has five field goals of 40 yards or longer this season. He entered the season with just four 40-yarders in 12 career attempts from that range. (NU opponents are 2-of-4 from 40-plus yards in 2002). 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. He has added 42-yarders against Missouri and Texas A&M. Brown missed a fourth-quarter field goal vs. Missouri, ending a streak of eight straight field goals made. Brown has hit 12 of his last 15 field goals dating back to last season. He ranks fourth at Nebraska with 282 career points. Brown's performance on kickoff duties should not be left unnoticed with 30 of his 51 kickoffs this season (2-7 vs. Texas A&M) ending in touchbacks. Brown and Nebraska's kickoff coverage team have pinned opponents inside the 20 on seven occasions.

► **Punting...**NU's Kyle Larson continues to prove that he is among the nation's top punters. Larson ranks 17th in the nation in punting with a 42.6-yard average on the season. He has also pinned the opposition inside the 20 12 times, including three times each vs. Troy State and Oklahoma State. He has pinned opponents inside the 10-yard line five times, including twice at Penn State. Husker opponents have pinned Nebraska inside the 20 on punts 11 times.

Larson has averaged better than 45 yards per punt in five games this season (46.2 vs. TSU; 57.3 vs. USU, 46.8 vs. PSU, 47.2 vs. ISU and 50.5 vs. A&M) with a career-best 57.3 vs. Utah State, when he also had a career-best 71 yarder. Larson has had at least one punt of 45 yards or more in every game except McNeese State when he punted just twice, and had a season-high five punts of 45 yards or more vs. Penn State. Larson has punted a season-high six punts four times. Nebraska ranks 14th in the nation in net punting at 37.72 yards per attempt. Larson, a Ray Guy Award candidate, has been NU's nominee for Big 12 Special Teams Player of the Week three times this season.

► **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. Texas A&M was the first opponent to block an NU punt this season and returned the ball for a first-quarter 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 22.73 yards per return, with a season-long 42-yarder vs. Utah State. He has nine kickoff returns of 25 yards or more in 2002, including three against Missouri. Davis ranks second at Nebraska in career kickoff return yardage with 1,201 yards and owns the top two season totals in school history, including his NU record 675 kickoff return yards in 2001.

► **Kick Coverage...**Nebraska has allowed opponents to average just 16.3 yards on kickoff returns and only 9.4 yards on 18 punt returns this season. While Groce and Davis have combined for 13 returns of 25 yards or more, NU opponents have just three such returns (one punt, two kickoffs).

Special Teams Key in Husker Success (* indicates touchdown)

Gm	PR (25+)	KOR (25+)	FG (40+)	KOTB I20	Punts (45+)	I20	I10
ASU	--	Davis 28	Brown 40, 42	7-9 1	Larson 48, 46	1	0
TSU	Groce 83*, 72*	Davis 32	--	4-6 1	Larson 47, 46, 52, 57	3	1 (5)
USU	Groce 27	Davis 42	Brown 44	4-8 2	Larson 71, 56, 57, 45	0	0
PSU	--	Davis 26	--	1-2 1	Larson 47, 47, 50, 56, 46	2	2 (3,6)
ISU	--	Davis 41	--	3-3 0	Larson 47, 50, 55	2	0
MSU	--	--	--	4-7 1	--	--	--
MU	Groce 89*	Davis 27, 28, 39	Brown 42	3-5 0	Larson 45	1	1 (8)
OSU	--	--	--	2-4# 0	Larson 46	3	1 (3)
A&M	--	Davis, 26	Brown 42	2-7 1	Larson 45, 56	0	0

Blocked Kicks: 3 (Williams vs. ASU, recovered by Shanle for TD; Hopkins vs. ASU, recovered by Williams; Williams and Terpening vs. ISU, recovered by ISU) #-One of Brown's four kickoffs was an on-side kick

Huskers Scoring in All Three Facets of Game

Nebraska has reached the end zone 35 times this season, with the offense, defense and special teams all getting into the act. Of Nebraska's touchdowns, five have been non-offensive scores, two in each of the Huskers' first two games this season and DeJuan Groce's 89-yard punt return TD vs. Missouri.

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 seven of their last 16 games dating back to last season (3 of 9 in 2002). Seven members of the 2002 team have scored non-offensive TDs in their careers led by Groce's five 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.

Late Turnovers Help Key NU Comeback at Texas A&M; Blackshirts Strive for Better Turnover Ratio

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 a combined minus-7 in turnover margin in the past six games, including a combined five-turnover disadvantage in three losses. Nebraska ranks 80th in the nation in turnover margin at -0.44.

The Huskers got off to a slow start in the turnover department last week in College Station. The Aggies turned two NU turnovers into 14 points in building a 31-14 advantage. Nebraska did not force an A&M turnover in the first three quarters, but picked off two Dustin Long passes in the fourth quarter. The first interception (Pat Ricketts) led to a field goal that gave NU a 38-31 advantage. Philip Bland's pick with less than three minutes remaining sealed the NU victory. NU will face another strong team in turnover margin this week. Texas enters the game ranked 25th nationally in the category at a +0.88 per game.

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. Arizona State has since proven to have an opportunistic defense, forcing 28 turnovers in winning seven of its eight games since the loss at Nebraska.

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. He has four interceptions and six pass breakups this fall despite teams routinely avoiding his side of the field. Groce's shut-down abilities are a key factor in Nebraska ranking 20th nationally in pass efficiency defense with a 102.88 rating.

Groce had a pass breakup and intercepted two passes against Troy State, helping the Husker defense hold the Trojans to just 11 of 29 in the passing department. He backed up that performance with two more interceptions and a breakup against Utah State.

Groce had a season-high three pass breakups at Texas A&M and now has 39 career PBU to rank third 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 35th nationally in interceptions per game at 0.44.

The senior is a threat to become the first Husker to ever earn All-America honors at two positions in the same year. In addition to being among one of the nation's top corners, 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.

He added an 89-yard return for a touchdown against Missouri, giving him three this season, tying Johnny Rodgers' school record and moving him within one return TD of the NCAA record. Groce's punt return exploits earned him a spot on CNSI.com's Midseason All-American team.

Groce averages 16.4 yards per punt return in his career and is averaging 20.0 yards on 24 returns this season to lead the nation. Groce totaled 114 yards on four punt returns against Missouri to move into second place on the NU career punt return yardage list and he now has 967 career yards. Groce's 481 punt return yards this season already rank third on the NU single-season chart, just ahead of his 469 yards last season.

Blackshirts Look for Return of Rush End Kelsay

Nebraska continues to improve on defense despite the loss of its most dominant player in the front seven. Senior rush end Chris Kelsay has missed the majority of the past four games with a hamstring injury.

Before his injury Kelsay had shown 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 the anchor of the Husker defensive front. Despite missing the last 15-plus quarters of action, Kelsay leads Nebraska with nine tackles for losses totaling 46 yards this season. He also still holds the team lead with 4.5 sacks for 38 yards and has a team-high 14 quarterback hurries. He tallied four QB hurries against both 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 regularly double-teamed the senior captain.

Kelsay saw very limited action against McNeese State leaving in the first quarter with a strained right hamstring. The injury has forced him to miss Nebraska's games with Missouri, Oklahoma State and Texas A&M, but Kelsay still had an impact in the games with his presence from the sideline. Several of his teammates credited Kelsay with encouraging the defensive troops from the sideline throughout the Blackshirts' top performance of 2002 vs. Missouri. In addition, Kelsay was instrumental in a defensive players' meeting where the defense set goals for the game. The goals set included 13 or fewer points, less than 100 yards rushing allowed and fewer than 250 total yards by the Tigers. NU met all of those goals.

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

NU Career Pass Breakups

Rank, #	Player, Position, Years	PBU
1.	Ralph Brown, RCB, 96-99	50
2.	Keyuo Craver, LCB, 98-01	41
3.	DeJuan Groce, RCB, 99-01	39
3.	Erwin Swiney, RCB, 97-01	38

NU Career Punt Return Yards

1.	1,515 Johnny Rodgers, WB, 1970-72 (98 ret.)
2.	967 D. Groce, CB, 1999-02 (59 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.)

NU Season Punt Return Yards

1.	618 Johnny Rodgers, WB, 1972 (39 ret.)
2.	548 Johnny Rodgers, WB, 1971 (33 ret.)
3.	481 D. Groce, CB, 2002 (24 ret.)
4.	469 D. Groce, CB, 2001 (33 ret.)
5.	452 Larry Wachholtz, S, 1965 (31 ret.)

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 164 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 109-13-1 890
2. **Nebraska** **108-16-1** **868**
3. Florida 102-22-1 820

Records In Previous Three Decades

(1970-1999)

1. **Nebraska** **309-56-5** **842**
2. Michigan 278-71-8 790
3. Penn State 282-76-2 786
4. Ohio State 264-84-8 753
- Alabama 271-88-3 753

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.

Husker 2002 Honors

DeJuan Groce, Sr., CB

CNNSI.com Midseason All-American (PR)
Big 12 Special Teams POW vs. Troy State
The Sporting News National POW vs. Troy St.
Big 12 Defensive POW vs. Utah State
Big 12 Special Teams POW vs. Missouri
Jim Thorpe Award Watch List
Preseason First-Team All-Big 12 (Athlon)
Preseason Second-Team All-Big 12 (Lindy's)

Chris Kelsay, Sr., RE

Rotary Lombardi Award Watch List
Bronko Nagurski Watch List
Preseason First-Team All-Big 12
(*The Sporting News*, Big 12 Media)
NFF/HOF Post-Graduate Scholarship (\$18,000)

Dahrran Diedrick, Sr., IB

Doak Walker Award Watch List
Preseason Second-Team All-American (Athlon)
Preseason First-Team All-Big 12 (Lindy's, Athlon, Football News, Big 12 Media)

John Garrison, Sr., C

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

Kyle Larson, Jr., P

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

Scott Shanle, Sr., LB

Butkus Award Watch List

Barrett Ruud, So., LB

Butkus Award Watch List

Josh Brown, Sr., PK

Big 12 Special Teams POW vs. Arizona State

Pat Ricketts, Jr., CB

Big 12 Defensive POW vs. Arizona State

Troy Hassebroek, WB

AFCa Good Works Team

Other Huskers on Preseason Watch Lists for National Awards

Several Huskers were mentioned as preseason candidates for national awards. In addition to Groce (Thorpe), Kelsay (Lombardi) and Diedrick (Doak Walker), Husker linebackers Scott Shanle and Barrett Ruud were two of the 67 preseason candidates for the Butkus Award, which announced 11 semifinalists for the award two weeks ago.

Shanle is tied for second on the team with 52 tackles, including a season-high 10 stops against McNeese State. He also returned a blocked punt for a touchdown against Arizona State. Ruud is tied for fifth on the team in tackles with 47 (six TFL), despite being plagued by injuries throughout the season.

Senior center John Garrison was 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 an offensive line that has helped NU to a Big 12-leading 279.1 rushing yards per game.

Junior punter Kyle Larson continues to prove he is one of the nation's best, averaging 42.6 yards on 40 punts this season to rank among the top 20 nationally 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.

True Freshmen Making Big Impact for 2002 Huskers

Five true freshmen have seen action for Nebraska in 2002 and all have made immediate impacts. Split end Ross Pilkington is in his first season as a Husker after two seasons of minor league baseball, while I-back David Horne, split end Mark LeFlore, tight end Matt Herian and cornerback Fabian Washington are all just a year removed from high school.

The freshmen have proven to be difference-makers throughout the season, with their biggest impact in NU's last two games. Nebraska had 369 yards of total offense at Oklahoma State, 204 (55 percent) of which were accounted for by true freshmen. Horne accounted for the largest chunk of the yardage with 125 rushing yards on 24 carries. LeFlore gained 29 yards on a reverse on the game's opening play, while Herian set up NU's first touchdown with a 44-yard reception. The Texas A&M game was similar as the frosh accounted for 185 yards of total offense, with Horne rushing for 128 yards and Pilkington grabbing two passes for 52 yards. Washington added three pass breakups and seven tackles in the victory.

The true freshmen wasted no time this season making their presence known. In fact, three of the five scored touchdowns on their first touch of their Husker careers. In the season opener, Washington intercepted an Arizona State pass and returned it 29 yards for a touchdown. Two games later against Utah State, Herian turned his first career reception into a 33-yard TD. 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. Horne has scored two touchdowns and Pilkington scored on a 90-yard TD at Iowa State, the Huskers' longest pass play in 37 years.

Washington and Pilkington were the only two members of the group to play in the season opener. The 6-0, 175-pound Washington took over starting duties at left corner against McNeese State and has a nose for the football. Washington has three interceptions this season and has also recovered and forced a fumble, while breaking up six passes.

Pilkington ranks second on the team in receptions with 12 and leads the Huskers in receiving yards with 268, good for a 22.3-yard per catch average. He has caught at least one pass in seven straight games and his 12 catches are tied for the Nebraska freshman receptions record. His 268 receiving yards leave him just 14 yards away from Johnny Mitchell's 1990 frosh receiving yardage record of 282 yards. 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.

Three Huskers saw action as true freshmen in 2001—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

Tremendous True Freshmen

TE Matt Herian

Two receptions for 77 yards (38.5 ypc)
33-yard TD reception vs. Utah State

IB David Horne

422 yards rushing in four games (105.5 ypg)
Back-to-back 100-yard rushing games

SE Mark LeFlore

Two carries for 93 yards on reverse plays
64-yard touchdown run vs. McNeese State

SE Ross Pilkington

Team leader in receiving yards (268)
90-yard TD reception at Iowa State

LCB Fabian Washington

Starter at left cornerback
Three INT and team-high nine PBU

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.

The Huskers have three games remaining against ranked teams—Texas, Kansas State and Colorado. Five Big 12 teams are ranked this week, including Oklahoma (2 AP/2 Coaches) Texas (7/7), Colorado (13/12), Kansas State (14/14) and Iowa State (22/23). Nebraska earned 15 points in the coaches poll and 18 in the Associated Press poll, good for eighth among others receiving votes in both polls. Texas A&M is still receiving votes in both polls following the loss to Nebraska. Two of Nebraska's non-conference opponents are ranked with Arizona State listed at 16th and 17th, while Penn State checks in at 20th and 21st.

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, NU's loftiest preseason ranking came in 2000, when the Huskers were listed first in both AP and coaches polls.

Nebraska Personnel/Injury Update

Senior rush end Chris Kelsay has missed Nebraska's past three games with a hamstring injury, but hopes to return to action this week. His injury is the latest in a series of injuries to hit Nebraska's defensive front four. In the preseason, senior nose tackle Jason Lohr was lost for the season with a torn left ACL. In game one vs. Arizona State, redshirt freshman defensive tackle Jared Helming also tore the ACL in his left knee and was lost for the season. In addition, redshirt freshman Seppo Ewvaraye is out for the season with an injury to his right shoulder, while freshman defensive tackle Brandon Greeson, who is redshirting this fall, will also miss the remainder of fall practice with a shoulder injury. Offensive guard Wes Cody left the Texas A&M game in the first half with a bruised left leg, while rover Lannie Hopkins suffered a concussion against the Aggies.

35 Former Huskers on NFL Opening-Day 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 32 of those players currently find themselves on 2002 rosters. Nebraska had 30 players on active 2002 opening day rosters to rank eighth nationally and tops among Big 12 schools.

Among Nebraska's notable alumni on NFL rosters are 10-year

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 current list of 32 former Huskers 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 (IR)
 Keyuo Craver, CB, New Orleans
 Chris Dishman, OG, Arizona
 Clint Finley, S, Kansas City (practice)
 Toniu Fonoti, OL, San Diego
 Jay Foreman, LB, Houston
 Scott Frost, S, Green Bay (IR)
 Aaron Graham, C, Tennessee
 Ahman Green, RB, Green Bay
 Eric Johnson, DB, Oakland
 Bill Lafleur, P, San Diego (practice)
 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
 Brenden Stai, OG, Washington
 Adam Treu, OT, Oakland
 Kyle Vanden Bosch, DE, Arizona
 Eric Warfield, CB, Kansas City
 Steve Warren, DT, Green Bay
 Zach Wiegert, OG, Jacksonville
 Tyrone Williams, CB, Green Bay
 Grant Wistrom, DE, St. Louis

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 DE 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 among the NFL leaders in large part because of the play of a pair of former Huskers. Defensive end Mike Rucker was named the NFC Defensive Player of the Month in September and is among the league leaders in sacks and fumbles caused. Safety Mike Minter, Carolina's all-time leading tackler has intercepted two passes, including one that he returned for a touchdown.

Since 1994, NU 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 253 consecutive sellouts in Memorial Stadium**—Nebraska's game with Texas will mark the 253rd 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 22, 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.

► **26-game home winning streak**—The Huskers have three remaining home games on the 2002 schedule and hope to extend their home winning streak to 29. NU's 26-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 94 of their last 97 home games.

► **108-15 record since 1993**—In the last nine years, Nebraska has lost just 15 games and has lost more than two games in a season just twice (1998, 2002). 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.

Records Report

Category	Record
All-time	770-304-40
Home	461-122-20
Memorial Stadium	336-99-13
Since 1962	404-81-5
Away	309-182-20
Road (on campus)	272-145-17
Neutral Sites (includes bowls)	37-36-3
When Scoring 35+ Points	304-2
vs. Big 12 Teams	438-145-16
In Big 12 Action (since '96)	43-9
Home	24-1
Away	18-8
Neutral	1-0
Bowls	20-20
On ABC	72-30
On FieldTurf	25-0
At Night	52-16-3
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 252 Consecutive Sellout Streak...	
All-Time	226-26
vs. Ranked Teams	37-18
Under Head Coach Frank Solich...	
All-Time	48-12
Home	31-1
Away	13-9
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	38-3
Home	25-1
Away	13-2
vs. Big 12 Teams	28-9
Home	16-1
Away	10-8
Neutral	2-0
Big 12 Championship Game	1-0
At Night	16-4
August	4-0
September	16-2
October	16-5
November	9-3
December	2-1
January	1-1

NU Streaks...The Huskers have...

- ▶ won 26 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 84 consecutive games
- ▶ scored in 218 straight home games
- ▶ shut out opponents 100 times

Huskers Through the Years

<u>Coaches</u>	<u>Record</u>	<u>Years</u>	<u>Natl. Champs</u>
Bob Devaney	101-20-2	11	70, 71
Tom Osborne	255-49-3	25	94, 95, 97
Frank Solich	48-12-0	5	0
Since 1962	404-81-5	41	5
<u>1890-1962</u>	<u>366-223-35</u>	<u>72</u>	<u>0</u>
All-Time	770-304-40	113	5

Unprecedented Winning Tradition

Nebraska, the nation's third-winningest program all time (fourth by percentage), boasts a 770-304-40 record in 1,114 games (.709). In the last 34 years, NU is tops, posting a record of 336-63-5 for an .838 winning percentage (404 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 770.

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 49 (1939-87) and Notre Dame's 42 (1889-1932) and tied with Texas's 40 (1893-32). Nebraska (702), Michigan (705), Alabama (728) and Notre Dame (736) were the only four programs to have won 700 games in the last century. Nebraska became the first Division I team to win 100 or more games in back-to-back decades, ranking first in the 1980s (103-20-0, .837) and second in the 1990s (108-16-1 record, .890) and posted a nation's best 309-56-5 record in the 1970s, 1980s and 1990s.

Huskers Win Three National Titles in Four Years

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

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

- ▶ Posted a 108-15 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 64-9 conference record (.887)
- ▶ Won 62 of 63 home games (26 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 27-7 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 336-63-5 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 6-3 in 2002, for a 48-12 five-year record. 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 438-145-16 all time vs. Big 12 Conference teams. Since the Big 12 was formed in 1996, Nebraska is 43-9 in the league (24-1 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 (36-14) and at Oklahoma State (24-21) this season. Nebraska is 27-9 in the Big 12 under Coach Solich. Nebraska has won 14 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

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

Nebraska will carry a 26-game home winning streak into this week's matchup with Texas.

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 26-game home winning streak, including a 5-0 mark in 2002 and has three home games remaining this season. Nebraska is 94-3 at home the last

Nebraska's Longest Home Win Streaks

Wins	Dates	Ended By
47	10-19-91 to 10-31-98	Texas (20-16)
33	9-28-01 to 10-20-06	Iowa St. (14-2)
26	11-27-98 to present	...
23	9-27-69 to 11-23-72	Okla. (17-14)
21	10-3-81 to 11-17-84	Okla. (17-7)

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.

Head Coach Frank Solich is aware of the special edge the Huskers have in Lincoln. "I think every team that plays at home has a home-field advantage, but we have a special one here. That is due to the fans and how they react."

The Huskers are 461-122-20 (.781, 603 games, 113 years) in Lincoln, 336-99-13 (.765, 448 games, 80 years) in Memorial Stadium (since 1923) and 31-1 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 138-10 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 26-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 106-5 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.

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

Nebraska has not been shut out at home since a 12-0 loss to Kansas State in 1968 (218 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 252 Consecutive Sellouts

Nebraska's Memorial Stadium boasts an NCAA-record 252 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 165, 87 fewer than Nebraska.

NU is 226-26 during the 252 sellouts (50-9 under Devaney, 145-16 under Osborne, 31-1 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 was not its usual self early in the season, but has gotten untracked in recent weeks. Nebraska has averaged 352.3 yards the past four weeks, including a season-high 444 yards vs. McNeese State and 381 at Texas A&M last week. The Huskers now average 279.1 yards per game to lead the Big 12 Conference and rank fourth nationally. Over the years, the Huskers have rolled up unparalleled rushing numbers in college football.

The Huskers have led the nation in rushing 15 times in school history, including 2001. 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.

Nebraska National Rushing Crowns

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

The Huskers 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 191-6-0 in the last 30 years when rushing for 300 or more yards in a game (381 vs. Texas A&M) 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 against McNeese State.

NU has had 371, 100-yard rushing performances all time (58 under Coach Solich, most recently Jammal Lord, 159, and David Horne, 128 at Texas A&M) including 57 games in which two or more Huskers rushed for 100

Team Snippets...

► **FieldTurf...**Nebraska is 25-0 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 10.

► **When Nebraska Trails...**Nebraska has trailed in five games in 2002, rallying to defeat Missouri after trailing 13-7 and Texas A&M after falling behind 31-14. NU failed to recover from deficits at Penn State, Iowa State and Oklahoma State. The Huskers trailed in seven games in 2001, but rallied to win the first five before losing at Colorado and against Miami. The Texas A&M game was the first time in 2002, NU had trailed at the half and won (previously against Kansas State in 2001, erasing a 14-13 halftime deficit). The last time Nebraska led at the half and lost was a 24-21 setback at Oklahoma State after NU led 7-3 at halftime. The Texas A&M contest also marked the first time in two seasons NU had trailed in the fourth quarter and won (previously 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 CU win marked the first time since statistics have been kept (since 1946) that the Huskers won on the last play of regulation. The 17-point deficit Nebraska rallied from at Texas A&M was the largest NU has overcome under Coach Solich, (previous 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).

yards (most recently at Texas A&M). 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 1988 (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 on Oct. 5 was NU's 31st all-time 200-yard performance.

Nebraska is 26-1 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 32-8 when a Husker rushes for at least 100 yards, and 8-8 when an opponent has a 100-yard rusher (most recently 182 yards by Oklahoma State's Tatum Bell). Among current Huskers, Diedrick has seven 100-yard games, all coming in 2001 to lead the team. Lord has four 100-yard games this season, while true freshman David Horne has posted his first two 100-yard games in the past two weeks. Fullback Judd Davies topped 100 yards last season at Baylor.

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 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 29.4 points per game in 2002 to rank ninth 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 four 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 84 straight games. Nebraska has not been shut out at home since KSU shut out the Huskers, 12-0, on Homecoming in 1968 (218 games). Offensively, the Huskers have been shut out just five times since 1962, including once at home during that span. The Huskers have not been shut out by a conference opponent since a 27-0 loss at Oklahoma in 1973. NU was shut out by Miami in the 1992 Orange Bowl (22-0), the only time the Huskers have been shut out in a bowl game.

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 131.4 rushing yards per game in 2002 to rank 42nd nationally. The Husker defense is coming off its best outing against the run, holding Texas A&M to just 53 yards on the ground.

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).

Nebraska has now been in 522 of the last 530 AP polls since 1969 (33 consecutive years), missing one week in 1977, two weeks in 1981 and the past five 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 164 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. 7 Texas, 13th-ranked Colorado and No. 14 Kansas State.

NU vs. the Unranked

The Huskers have lost just 15 of 248 games to unranked AP opponents since 1973 (38-3 record under Solich). Nebraska has lost just five games to unranked opponents at home in that time. Oklahoma State's 24-21 win over Nebraska was the Huskers' second setback against an unranked foe in 2002. 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.

Before the Oct. 19 loss in Stillwater, Iowa State's 19-10 upset of the Huskers in 1992 was the last time NU had lost a road game against a team that was not ranked in either poll. In the last 30 years, Nebraska has gone 231-15-2 against unranked AP opponents (.935, 248 games, six losses since 1990) and suffered only one loss to a team that finished the season below .500 (Iowa State in 1992). The last time NU 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

Big 12 Conference Home Opener

Nebraska opened its 2002 Big 12 home schedule with a 24-13 victory against Missouri last Saturday. The win marked the 25th straight season Nebraska has won its conference home opener, dating back to a 24-21 loss to Iowa State in 1977. The win over Missouri was NU's fourth against the Tigers in the 25-game streak.

NU Continues Non-League Success in 2002

Nebraska completed its 2002 non-conference schedule with a 38-14 victory over McNeese State on Oct. 5. 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.

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 48 Husker victories with Frank Solich at the helm—good for a total of 303 victories as a member of the NU coaching staff. The long-time NU coach was presented the game ball and a plaque on the field by Solich at the conclusion of the Husker win over Utah State.

"You can travel all across the country and it would be hard to find another coach that has reached that accomplishment," Solich said. "That is an amazing feat that George has accomplished. He is a great coach that has recruited a number of great athletes."

Solich was on the mark regarding Darlington's accomplishment. Research indicates that Darlington is the first Division I-A assistant to be a part of 300 victories at the same school. Husker offensive line coach Milt Tenopir who joined Osborne's staff after one season is not far behind Darlington with 294 wins as a Husker assistant.

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

'97 Husker Team Fills NFL Rosters

Nineteen 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).

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).

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 in 17 bowl games that 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.

Nebraska is one win from becoming bowl-eligible in 2002.

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 20 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.

Kelsay Awarded National Football Foundation Scholar-Athlete Award

Nebraska senior rush end Chris Kelsay is one of 14 college football players named to the 2002 National Scholar-Athlete Class by the National Football Foundation and College Hall of Fame. The honorees will all receive postgraduate scholarships in the amount of \$18,000 from the NFF/HOF.

The honorees come from all NCAA divisions as well as the NAIA and Kelsay is one of six honorees from the Division I-A ranks. The Auburn, Neb., native is a finance major and carries a 3.549 cumulative grade-point average. On the field, Kelsay is a three-year starter and is one of three Husker captains for the 2002 season. Kelsay is scheduled to graduate this December and has already begun work on his MBA.

The postgraduate scholarship adds to the long list of academic awards Kelsay has received during his Husker career. He is a three-time first-team academic All-Big 12 selection and was a Verizon/CoSIDA Academic All-District VII pick in 2001. He is also an eight-time Big 12 Conference Commissioner's Honor Roll member and a three-time High Honors Academic Medallion recipient.

Kelsay is one of three Big 12 players among the six Division I-A scholarship recipients. Oklahoma State offensive tackle Kyle Eaton and Texas Tech quarterback Kliff Kingsbury will also be awarded \$18,000 postgraduate scholarships. In addition, this year's NAIA selection was Nebraska Wesleyan wide receiver Luke Klinker, an Omaha native. Kelsay is the 20th Husker to receive a NFF/HOF postgraduate

scholarship, giving Nebraska the most of any school. He is the fourth player to receive a postgraduate scholarship during Frank Solich's tenure as head coach, joining fullback Joel Makovicka (1998), rush end Kyle Vanden Bosch (2000) and tight end Tracey Wistrom (2001).

To be eligible for a National Football Foundation and College Hall of Fame postgraduate scholarship, a player must be a senior or graduate student in his final year of eligibility, have a grade-point average of 3.0 or higher, have shown superior academic application and performance, have outstanding football ability as a first-team player, and have demonstrated strong leadership and citizenship.

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...**Twelve Huskers who hail from Nebraska are listed as first-teamers on the NU depth chart, including seven 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), IB David Horne (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 five true freshmen who have played this season, nine other Huskers have bypassed redshirt seasons during their careers. The following are listed along with their true freshman year: Philip Bland (2001); Barrett Ruud (2001); Mike Stuntz (2001); 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. Four 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.

► **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. Eight former Husker linemen are in the NFL, including former Outland winners Will Shields (1992, Kansas City) and Zach Wiegert (1994, Jacksonville). Adam Treu (Oakland), 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), Aaron Graham (Tennessee) and Toniu 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. Osborne's and his Teammates mentoring program will be recognized at the Nebraska-Colorado game on Nov. 29 at Memorial Stadium.

A Look at the Numbers

▶ Scoring Drives...

The Huskers' 37 scoring drives (30 TD, 7 FG) by the offense have covered an average of 53.1 yards (1,966 total yards/37 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. 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
Missouri	3	9:38 3:13	26	8.7	0	0
Okla. St.	3	7:02 2:21	22	7.3	1	0
Texas A&M	6	16:47 2:48	56	9.3	1	0
Totals	37	95:29 2:35	263	7.1	14	3
Opp.	33	114:29 3:28	289	8.8	7	1

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

The Huskers have produced 36 long plays on the year, including a season-high six long plays against Missouri. NU got four long returns against the Tigers, including the third-longest punt return in school history with DeJuan Groce's 89-yard return for touchdown. Groce, who has four long punt returns on the season, added TD returns of 83 and 72 yards against Troy State to tie an NCAA record. Josh Davis has nine long returns on the year, including a season-long 42-yarder against Utah State. NU's other long return on the year came with Fabian Washington's 29-yard interception return for a score against Arizona State. Jammal Lord has added big-play potential with eight of Nebraska's 15 long runs on the year, including a career-long 57-yard scoring run against McNeese State. Lord has also connected on seven long pass plays, including a career-long 90-yard scoring strike to Ross Pilkington at Iowa State. Mark LeFlore owns two long runs, including NU's longest run of the year with his 64-yard touchdown run on his first career carry against McNeese State. Texas A&M's Byron Jones produced the longest opponent play this season with his 66-yard fumble return for a touchdown. Troy State's Hansell Bearden hit Heyward Skipper on a 60-yard pass play, while Missouri's Zack Abron owns the longest run by an opponent (48).

Game	Husker Long Plays				Opponent Long Plays			
	Rush	Pass	Ret	Total	Rush	Pass	Ret	Total
ASU	2	0	2	4	1	1	0	2
TSU	0	1	3	4	0	3	1	4
USU	2	1	2	5	0	1	1	2
PSU	1	0	1	2	2	1	1	4
ISU	0	1	1	2	3	2	2	7
MSU	4	1	0	5	0	3	0	3
MU	2	0	4	6	1	0	0	1
OSU	2	1	0	3	1	1	0	2
A&M	2	2	1	5	0	3	2	5
Totals	15	7	14	36	8	15	7	30

▶ Nebraska in the Red Zone...

The Huskers have been successful in the red zone, including Texas A&M (4-4), Oklahoma State (3-3), Missouri (2-3), 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 18 rushing touchdowns, three passing touchdowns and two field goals. Texas A&M (3-4), Oklahoma State (3-3), Missouri (2-2), 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	
ASU	3	3	3	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
MU	3	2	2	0	1	0	0	0	.667
OSU	3	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	1.00
A&M	4	4	4	0	0	0	0	0	1.00
Totals	27	23	21	2	1	2	1	1	.852
Opp.	32	27	17	10	0	3	2	0	.844

Note: Nebraska has 18 rushing TDs, 3 passing TDs and 2 FGs in the red zone. Opponents have 12 rushing TDs, 5 passing TDs and 10 FGs in the red zone.

▶ Quarterback Drive Efficiency *Total Drives Begun as Starting QB

QB	Drives*	Scores	TDs	FG-FGA	Eff.	Red Zone
Lord#	106	36	29	7-9	.340	23-26
Stuntz#	10	1	1	0-0	.100	0-1
Totals	116	37	30	7-9	.319	23-27

*Denotes drives started by the quarterback.

#Stuntz started NU's final drives against ASU, TSU and MSU as time expired. Lord started NU's final drive as time expired at Texas A&M.

▶ Nebraska Points Off Turnovers...

On the year, NU has intercepted 10 passes and recovered three fumbles for 13 turnovers gained. 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 two interceptions (Utah State and Texas A&M), while Philip Bland added NU's 10th interception of the year against Texas A&M. The Huskers converted both of Groce's interceptions against Utah State, and Washington's fumble recovery at Oklahoma State into touchdowns, and NU turned Ricketts' interception at Texas A&M into a field goal to give NU 31 points off turnovers this season. Washington also forced a fumble recovered by 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		Pts.	Turnovers (Fumbles/Lost, INT)
	Gained	TDs	FG-FGA			
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)
MU	0 (0 F, 0 INT)	0	0-0		0	1 (2/1 F/L, 0 INT)
OSU	1 (1 F, 0 INT)	1	0-0		7	1 (2/1 F/L, 0 INT)
A&M	2 (0 F, 2 INT)	0	1-1		3	2 (4/2 F/L, 0 INT)
Totals	13 (3 F, 10 INT)	4	1-1		31	17 (23/11 F/L, 6 INT)
Opp.	17 (11 F, 6 INT)	9	1-2		66	13 (10/3 F/L, 10 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
Missouri	62/325/1	12-4-0/34/1	74/359/2
Oklahoma St.	54/259/3	14-7-0/110/0	68/369/3
Texas A&M	73/381/5	12-7-0/116/0	85/497/5

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
Missouri	30/97/1	29-14-0/123/0	59/220/1
Oklahoma St.	42/195/1	27-17-0/192/2	69/387/3
Texas A&M	24/53/0	37-20-2/269/2	61/322/2

▶ Husker 100-Yard Rushing Games (6)

The Huskers produced their first double 100-yard rushing game of the season, as Jammal Lord (159) and David Horne (128) both ran past the century mark in Nebraska's 38-31 win over Texas A&M. It was Lord's fourth 100-yard game of the year to lead the Huskers, while Horne has added back-to-back 100-yard efforts. Lord set an NU quarterback record with 30

carries against Texas A&M, and Horne set career highs with 128 yards and four touchdowns, while tying his career best with 24 carries against the Aggies. Lord produced a career high and 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. Lord also ran for 111 yards at Penn State and 103 yards against Arizona State. Three opposing backs, Penn State's Larry Johnson (19-123-2), Iowa State's Michael Wagner (19-107-0) and Oklahoma State's Tatum Bell (33-182-0) have managed 100 yards.

► **Husker 100-Yard Rushing Games (6) (* 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
 vs. **OSU**-David Horne, *24 att., 125 yards, 1 TD
 vs. **A&M**-Jammal Lord, *30 att., 159 yards, 0 TD; David Horne, *24 att., *128 yards, *4 TD

► **Starting Field Position**

Nebraska has started 24 of its 121 drives beyond midfield, but has started 25 drives inside its own 20, with a worst start at the 1-yard line at Penn State. Opponents have started 17 drives on NU's side of the field. Kyle Larson has buried opponents inside the 20 on 12 occasions, including three each against Troy State and Oklahoma State. Larson pinned Penn State and Oklahoma State at their own 3 for the worst starts by opponents. Josh Brown has boomed 30-of-51 kickoffs for touchbacks, while seven of his 19 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 Oklahoma State 46 on NU's unsuccessful on-side kick attempt. The best opponent start off a return came at the Texas A&M 39 after Bethel Johnson's 37-yard return.

	<u>NU Avg. Start</u>	<u>Opp. Avg. Start</u>	<u>Advantage</u>
Arizona St.	41.2 (618/15)	24.3 (340/14)	+16.9
Troy State	38.7 (580/15)	28.1 (422/15)	+10.6
Utah State	42.2 (633/15)	22.6 (340/15)	+19.6
Penn State	19.5 (214/11)	32.4 (356/11)	-12.9
Iowa State	27.3 (382/14)	40.6 (569/14)	-13.3
McNeese St.	25.8 (309/12)	22.8 (251/11)	+3.0
Missouri	36.4 (510/14)	27.3 (382/14)	+9.1
Oklahoma St.	29.2 (321/11)	26.6 (293/11)	+2.6
Texas A&M	30.7 (430/14)	41.8 (544/13)	-11.1
Total	33.0 (3,997/121)	29.3 (3,457/118)	+3.7

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

► **Penalty Numbers**

The Huskers are averaging 5.9 penalties for 52.2 yards per game. NU owns the third-best average in the Big 12 in penalties and fourth-best in yardage per game, while Texas is tied for eighth in the league in penalties (7.3 ppg) and tied for 10th in yardage (66.4 ypg). 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 53 penalties, 21 are offensive (21-176), 21 are defensive (21-190) and 11 have been called on the special teams (11-104). Opponents have committed 27 offensive penalties (27-177), 13 defensive penalties (13-88) and seven special teams infractions (7-63).

	<u>NU Pen.-Yds.</u>	<u>Opp. Pen.-Yds.</u>
Arizona State	6-42	5-63
Troy State	3-25	4-27
Utah State	3-16	10-71
Penn State	7-60	3-20
Iowa State	10-75	4-20
McNeese State	5-66	3-15
Missouri	6-66	7-44
Oklahoma St.	6-55	5-30
Texas A&M	7-65	6-38
Total	53-470	47-328
Average	5.9-52.2	5.2-36.4

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

<u>Game</u>	<u>Team</u>	<u>Indiv. (#)</u>	<u>*Sacks Allowed</u>	<u>O-Line Penalties</u>	<u>Perfect Plays</u>
Arizona St.	58	14 (#51)	2	0-0	62.5%
Troy State	54	13 (#51)	0	2-16	55.0%
Utah State	69	14 (#52)	1	0-0	74.0%
Penn State	45	14 (#52)	0	3-20	59.0%
Iowa State	19	5 (51/52/68)	0	1-5	67.8%
McNeese St.	70	14 (#78)	0	0-0	52.8%

Missouri	40	10 (#59)	1	2-15	57.9%
Okl. St.	59	21 (#51)	1	3-20	68.0%
Texas A&M	110	28 (#51)	0	2-20	70.0%
Totals	414	28 (#51)	5	13-96	

<u>Name</u>	<u>ASU</u>	<u>TSU</u>	<u>USU</u>	<u>PSU</u>	<u>ISU</u>	<u>MSU</u>	<u>MU</u>	<u>OSU</u>	<u>A&M</u>	<u>Total</u>
Incognito	14	13	8	7	5	12	6	21	28	114
Garrison	6	7	14	14	5	12	7	12	20	97
Erickson	11	12	4	10	0	14	6	5	16	78
Cody	9	8	11	6	0	13	10	6	4	67
Vili Waldrop	3	6	7	6	5	6	3	7	24	67
Tagoa'i	10	1	12	1	2	8	7	7	18	66
Povendo	0	1	5	1	2	0	1	1	0	11
Sewell	4	1	4	0	0	2	0	0	0	11
Kolterman	1	5	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	8
Andersen	0	0	3	0	0	1	0	0	0	4
<u>Koethe</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>
Totals	58	54	69	45	19	70	40	59	110	524

► **Husker Starting Experience**

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

<u>Offensive Starters</u>	<u>'99</u>	<u>'00</u>	<u>'01</u>	<u>'02</u>	<u>Total</u>
Jon Bowling, TE, Sr. (Lincoln, Neb.)	0	0	0	3	3
Wes Cody, OG, Sr. (Fremont, Neb.)	0	0	0	9	9
Judd Davies, FB, Jr. (Omaha, Neb.)	0	0	11	8	19
Josh Davis, IB, Jr. (Loveland, Colo.)	0	0	0	1	1
Dahrran Diedrick, IB, Sr. (Scarborough, Ont.)	0	0	11	8	19
Mike Erickson, OG, So. (Omaha, Neb.)	0	0	0	9	9
John Garrison, C, Sr. (Blue Springs, Mo.)	0	0	12	9	21
Aaron Golliday, TE, Sr. (York, Neb.)	4	3	2	7	16
Troy Hassebroek, WB, Sr. (Lincoln, Neb.)	0	0	0	4	4
Richie Incognito, OT, RFr. (Glendale, Ariz.)	0	0	0	8	8
John Klem, SE, Sr. (Lincoln, Neb.)	0	0	0	4	4
Steve Kriewald, FB, So. (Scotia, Neb.)	0	0	2	1	3
Mark LeFlore, SE, Fr. (Omaha, Neb.)	0	0	0	1	1
Jammal Lord, QB, Jr. (Bayonne, N.J.)	0	0	0	9	9
Nick Povendo, OT, So. (Keller, Texas)	0	0	0	1	1
Cory Ross, IB, RFr. (Denver, Colo.)	0	0	0	1	1
Wilson Thomas, SE, Sr. (Omaha, Neb.)	2	2	11	7	22
Dan Vili Waldrop, RT, Jr. (Wilmington, Calif.)	0	0	12	9	21
Totals	6	5	61	99	171

<u>Defensive Starters</u>	<u>'99</u>	<u>'00</u>	<u>'01</u>	<u>'02</u>	<u>Total</u>
Demoine Adams, LRE, Sr. (Pine Bluff, Ark.)	0	4	12	7	23
Willie Amos, FS, Jr. (Sweetwater, Texas)	0	0	6	0	6
Ryon Bingham, NT, Jr. (Sandy, Utah)	0	0	0	9	9
Philip Bland, FS, So. (Lafayette, Colo.)	0	0	3	9	12
Daniel Bullocks, ROV, RFr. (Chattanooga, Tenn.)	0	0	0	1	1
Josh Bullocks, FS, RFr. (Chattanooga, Tenn.)	0	0	0	2	2
Jon Clanton, NT, Sr. (Glendale, Ariz.)	0	0	9	5	14
DeJuan Groce, RCBSr. (Garfield Heights, Ohio)	0	2	11	9	22
Trevor Johnson, RRE, Jr. (Lincoln, Neb.)	0	0	0	4	4
Patrick Kabongo, DT, Jr. (Montreal, Quebec)	0	0	0	4	4
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	4	7
Pat Ricketts, LCB, Jr. (Omaha, Neb.)	0	0	2	6	8
Barrett Ruud, MLB, So. (Lincoln, Neb.)	0	0	0	9	9
Scott Shanle, SLB, Sr. (St. Edward, Neb.)	0	9	9	6	24
Shane Siegel, RCB, RFr. (Grand Island, Neb.)	0	0	0	1	1
Justin Smith, LRE, Sr. (Sherman, Texas)	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	6	6
Demorrio Williams, WLB, Jr. (Beckville, Texas)	0	0	0	8	8
Totals	1	33	70	99	203

<u>Starting Kickers</u>	<u>'99</u>	<u>'00</u>	<u>'01</u>	<u>'02</u>	<u>Total</u>
Josh Brown, PK, Sr., (Foyil, Okla.)	13	11	8	9	41
Sandro DeAngelis, PK, So. (Niagara Falls, Ontario)	0	0	4	0	4
Kyle Larson, P, Jr., (Funk, Neb.)	0	0	12	9	21
Totals	13	11	24	18	66

Starters Briefly

Starts by True Freshmen: 7 (Fabian Washington 6, Mark LeFlore 1)
Number of Native Nebraskans With Starts: 18
Number of Different Starters on Offense: 18
Number of Different Starters on Defense: 21
Number of Different Starting Kickers: 3
Underclassmen With Starts: 24 (10 offense, 12 defense, 2 kickers)
Most Career Starts on Offense: Wilson Thomas, SE (22)
Most Career Starts on Defense: Chris Kelsay, RE (26)
Most Consecutive Starts on Offense: Garrison, C/Vili Waldrop, RT (21)
Most Consecutive Starts on Defense: DeJuan Groce, RCB (14)

2002 Husker Depth Chart

(Oct. 22, 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 Povendo, 6-3, 300, So., Keller, Texas
 73 **Scott Koethe****, 6-5, 290, Sr., Central City, Neb.
- LG:** 78 **Mike Erickson***, 6-4, 295, So., Omaha, Neb.
 55 **Junior Tagoa'i***, 6-2, 285, Jr., Hauula, Hawaii
 75 Brandon Koch, 6-3, 295, RFr., Cozad, Neb.
- C:** 52 **John Garrison*****, 6-4, 290, Sr., Blue Springs, Mo.
 79 Josh Sewell, 6-2, 295, Jr., Lincoln, Neb.
 74 David Kolowski, 6-5, 290, Sr., Omaha, Neb.
- RG:** 59 **Wes Cody****, 6-2, 295, Sr., Fremont, Neb.
 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 Povendo, 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.
 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
 11 **Joe Chrisman*****, 5-11, 200, Sr., Longmont, Colo.
- FB:** 4 **Judd Davies****, 6-0, 255, Jr., Omaha, Neb.
 45 **Steve Kriewald***, 5-10, 250, So., Scotia, Neb.
 37 **Paul Kastl****, 5-10, 235, Sr., Lincoln, Neb.
- IB:** 30 **Dahrran Diedrick*****, 6-0, 225, Sr., Scarborough, Ontario
 5 David Horne, 6-0, 190, Fr., Omaha, Neb.
 25 **Josh Davis***, 5-11, 205, Jr., Loveland Colo.
 22 Cory Ross, 5-6, 210, RFr., Denver, Colo.
 -OR- 33 **Marques Simmons**, 5-8, 190, RFr., Davenport, Iowa
 -OR- 21 **Robin Miller***, 5-11, 215, Jr., Kent, Wash.
- WB:** 89 **Troy Hasebroek*****, 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.
 24 Jack O'Holleran, 5-10, 205, So., North Platte, Neb.
 -OR- 8 **Ryan Ommert**, 5-10, 190, Jr., Cambridge, 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)
 6 **DeAntae Grixby****, FB, 5-8, 205, Jr., Omaha, Neb. (ribs)
 97 **Seppo Ewvaraye**, DT, 6-5, 315, RFr., Laurel, Neb. (shoulder)
 22 **Sandro DeAngelis***, PK, 5-8, 190, So., Niagara Falls, Ontario (foot)

Defense

- LRE:** 57 **Chris Kelsay***** 6-5, 260, Sr., Auburn, Neb.
 -OR- 88 **Trevor Johnson****, 6-4, 250, Jr., Lincoln, 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.
- RRE:** 98 **Demoin Adams*****, 6-2, 250, Sr., Pine Bluff, Ark.
 -OR- 88 **Trevor Johnson****, 6-4, 250, Jr., Lincoln, Neb.
 93 Tyler Toline, 6-2, 240, So., Wahoo, Neb.
- SLB:** 43 **Scott Shanle*****, 6-2, 240, Sr., St. Edward, Neb.
 11 **Ira Cooper***, 6-2, 220, So., Omaha, Neb.
 51 **Gabe Fries***, 6-2, 230, Sr., Benkelman, Neb.
- MLB:** 38 **Barrett Ruud***, 6-2, 240, So., Lincoln, Neb.
 54 Chad Sievers, 6-3, 225, So., Valley, Neb.
 42 **Steve Safranek***, 6-2, 245, Jr., Omaha, Neb.
 35 Curt Tomasevicz, 6-0, 220, Jr., Shelby, Neb.
- WLB:** 7 **Demorrio Williams**, 6-1, 215, Jr., Beckville, Texas
 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.
 4 **Terrell Butler***, 5-10, 195, Jr., Austell, Ga.
- 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.
 29 Kellen Huston, 5-11, 190, So., Ankeny, Iowa
- Kickers**
P: 19 **Kyle Larson***, 6-0, 200, Jr., Funk, Neb.
 26 **Josh Brown*****, 6-2, 200, Sr., Foyil, Okla.
PK: 26 **Josh Brown*****, 6-2, 200, Sr., Foyil, Okla.
 32 Dale Endorf, 5-10, 190, Jr., Wichita, Kan.
KO: 26 **Josh Brown*****, 6-2, 200, Sr., Foyil, Okla.
 32 Dale Endorf, 5-10, 190, Jr., Wichita, Kan.
- 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****, 22 Cory Ross
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.