



Dahrran Diedrick

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POS. I-Back
HT./WT. 6-0 / 225
YEAR Senior
LETTERS Four Letters
HOME Scarborough, Ontario
H.S. Cedarbrae Collegiate Instit.

- 2002 Third-Team All-Big 12 (Coaches)
- 2002 Big 12 Commissioner's Spring Academic Honor Roll
- 2001 First-Team All-Big 12 (AP, Dallas Morning News, Kansas City Star, Austin American Statesman)
- 2001 Second-Team All-Big 12 (Coaches, Fort Worth Star Telegram)
- 2001 Big 12 Leading Rusher (1,299 yards)
- 2001 ABC NU Player of the Game vs. Notre Dame (9/8)
- 2001 FSN NU Player of the Game vs. Texas Tech and Kansas

Senior I-back Dahrran Diedrick (pronounced DARE-ren DEED-rick) played a key role in Nebraska's Big 12-leading rushing offense in 2002. Diedrick rushed for 931 yards and six touchdowns in 2002 and provided the Huskers with a powerful inside running threat. His style was the perfect complement to quarterback Jammal Lord and fellow I-back David Horne who were big-play threats for Nebraska.

Diedrick was a fixture in the Nebraska rushing attack for the past four seasons, including each of the past two years as a starter. He led the Big 12 in rushing as a junior in 2001, churning out 1,299 yards. In 2002, Diedrick made a steady climb up the Husker career rushing list. He finished with 2,745 career rushing yards to rank eighth on the NU career list.

The senior capped his Husker career by rushing for 92 yards on 13 carries in the 2002 Independence Bowl against Ole Miss. He finished his home career with a solid effort against 13th-ranked Colorado, rushing 13 times for 96 yards. Earlier in November, Diedrick rushed 12 times for 107 yards, including a career-long 53-yard TD run in the first quarter against Kansas. The KU game was Diedrick's lone 100-yard game in 2002 and the eighth in his career.

Diedrick topped 100 yards once in 2002, but rushed for more than 50 yards in 11 times. He had three games with 90 yards or more, with 16 carries for 93 yards against Utah State in addition to his efforts against Colorado and Mississippi. His relentless running style played a key role in NU's come-from-behind win at Texas A&M on Oct. 26. Diedrick rushed for 85 yards on the night and his total included 78 yards on nine

carries after halftime.

Although Diedrick's numbers did not match his 2001 campaign, the league coaches recognized his contributions. The senior was named third-team All-Big 12 according to the coaches, the second straight year he has earned all-league honors.

Diedrick earned first-team All-Big 12 honors last season when he was a key figure in Nebraska's run to the 2001 national championship game. He led the conference with 1,299 rushing yards and averaged 118.9 yards per game, leading the Huskers to their 15th NCAA rushing title. His 2001 yardage total was the ninth-best season in NU school history and one of 26 1,000-yard rushing efforts by Husker players. In his first career start in 2001, Diedrick showed a sign of things to come rushing for a career-high 177 yards and three touchdowns against Troy State. He went on to rush for more than 100 yards six additional times last season.

In his first two seasons in the NU lineup, Diedrick served as Nebraska's No. 3 I-back. He rushed for 303 yards and two TDs as a freshman, then 212 yards and three TDs as a sophomore.

The Scarborough, Ontario, native was the first Husker scholarship recruit out of Canada, but followed Husker Canadians Pete Buchanan (Pierrefonds, Quebec, 1988) and Terris Chorney (Ituna, Saskatchewan, 1989-92), who earned scholarships after coming to NU as walk-ons. Two other Canadians have joined Diedrick as Husker scholarship recruits—defensive tackle Patrick Kabongo (Montreal, Quebec) and place-kicker Sandro DeAngelis (Niagara Falls, Ontario).

An excellent student, Diedrick is one of five Huskers who played the 2002 season with degree in hand. Diedrick earned his undergraduate criminal justice degree in December 2001. He finished his undergraduate work with a 3.165 cumulative GPA.

Nebraska Top 10 Career Rushers

Player, Position, Years	Att.	Net	TD	100G
1. Mike Rozier, IB, 1981-83	668	4,780	49	26
2. Ahman Green, IB, 1995-97	574	3,880	42	20
3. Eric Crouch, QB, 1998-01	648	3,434	59	17
4. Calvin Jones, IB, 1991-93	461	3,153	40	16
5. Ken Clark, IB, 1987-89	494	3,037	29	12
6. I.M. Hipp, IB, 1977-79	495	2,814	21	10
7. Lawrence Phillips, IB, 1993-95	449	2,777	30	15
8. Dahrran Diedrick, IB, 1999-02	502	2,745	26	8
9. Derek Brown, IB, 1990-92	458	2,699	23	12
10. Correll Buckhalter, IB, 1997-00	413	2,522	27	11

2002: Arizona State—Diedrick opened the season with 79 yards and a touchdown on 18 carries in NU's 48-10 victory. **Troy State**—Diedrick rushed 15 times for 63 yards and a touchdown in a 31-16 win. **Utah State**—He posted 93 yards on 16 carries against Utah State. He led a Husker rushing attack that had 288 yards on the ground in a 44-13 NU win. **Penn State**—

Diedrick ran for 71 yards on 16 carries against a tough PSU defense. **Iowa State**—Diedrick carried eight times for 28 yards at No. 19 Iowa State. **McNeese State**—Diedrick carried 15 times for 64 yards in Nebraska's 38-14 victory. Diedrick picked up 49 of his yards on NU's first offensive series. **Missouri**—Diedrick rushed for 61 yards on 14 carries and helped Nebraska to 325 rushing yards in a 24-13 victory over Missouri. **Oklahoma State**—He ran six times for 26 yards and a touchdown in NU's 24-21 loss in Stillwater. **Texas A&M**—Diedrick rushed for 85 yards and a touchdown on 15 carries in NU's 38-31 victory. The senior ran for

■ Career Statistics and Personal Bests

Rushing

Year	G/S	Att.	Gain	Loss	Net	Y/A	Y/G	Long	TDs
1998									
Redshirted									
1999	12/0	57	314	11	303	5.3	25.3	46 vs. KSU	2
2000	11/0	33	224	12	212	6.4	19.3	30 vs. BU	3
2001	11/11	233	1,319	20	1,299	5.6	118.9	38 vs. TSU	15
2002	14/13	179	980	49	931	5.2	66.5	53 vs. KU	6
Totals	48/24	502	2,837	92	2,745	5.4	57.19	53 vs. KU	26

Scoring: 158 total; 36 in 2002; 92 in 2001; 18 in 2000; 12 in 1999; **Receiving:** 7-35-0 total; 4-19-0 in 2002; 1-(-5) in 2001; 1-12-0 in 2000; 1-9-0 in 1999; **Tackles:** 5 UT, 4 AT, 9 TT total; 1 UT, 0 AT, 1 TT, 2001; 2 UT, 2 AT, 4 TT, 2000; 2 UT, 2 AT, 4 TT, 1999; **Fumbles Caused:** 1 vs. Texas A&M, 1999; **Kickoff Returns:** 1-12-0 vs. CU, 2000

2000 Alamo Bowl vs. Northwestern: Rushing, 4-28-1 (nine-yard TD)

2002 Rose Bowl vs. Miami: Rushing, 15-47-0

2002 Independence Bowl vs. Ole Miss: Rushing, 13-92-0

Most Rushing Attempts—32 vs. Notre Dame, 2001

Most Rushing Yards—177 yards vs. Troy State, 2001

Long Rush/TD Rush—53 yards vs. Kansas, 2002

Most TDs Rushing—3, vs. Troy State, 2001

Number of Career Rushes of 25-plus yards—13 total; 1 in 1999, 1 in 2000; 5 in 2001; 6 in 2002

Number of 100-yard Rushing Games—8; 177 vs. Troy State, 133 vs. Notre Dame, 107 vs. Iowa State, 137 vs. Baylor, 157 vs. Texas Tech, 136 vs. Kansas, 108 vs. Kansas State, 2001; 107 vs. Kansas, 2002

78 yards after half, including a 29-yard scamper. **Texas**-He carried 11 times for 52 yards and scored a touchdown for the third straight game. **Kansas**-Diedrick topped the century mark for the first time in 2002, with 12 carries for 107 yards in a 45-7 win over the Jayhawks. Diedrick's 53-yard touchdown run in the first quarter was the longest rush of his career and his sixth TD of the season. **Kansas State**-Diedrick carried seven times for 14 yards in a 49-13 loss. **Colorado**-Diedrick capped his Husker home career with a strong effort against No. 13 Colorado. Diedrick carried 13 times for 96 yards, including a 25-yard run in the third quarter and a 20-yard scamper in the first quarter. **Mississippi**-Diedrick carried 13 times for 92 yards in the Independence Bowl, including a 28-yard run in the third quarter.

Career: Diedrick led the Big 12 in rushing in 2001 with 1,299 yards. He averaged 5.6 yards per carry and his 118.9 yards per game ranked 14th nationally. He scored 15 touchdowns and his 8.35 points per game were fifth in the Big 12 and 22nd in the nation. He finished the 2001 campaign with seven 100-yard games and a career-best 177 yards in his first career start against Troy State. He gained 90 tough yards in Nebraska's victory over Oklahoma, ending the Sooners' 20-game win streak. In the 2002 Rose Bowl against Miami, Diedrick rushed 14 times for 47 yards.

He ran for 212 yards and three touchdowns on 33 carries in Nebraska's 10-2 campaign in 2000. He had a season-high 69 yards against Baylor and also topped 50 yards at Texas Tech. Diedrick rushed four times for 28 yards and a touchdown in an Alamo Bowl victory over Northwestern.

Diedrick ran for 303 yards and two touchdowns in his first year of action. He topped 90 yards twice during his redshirt freshman campaign, including a season-high 99 yards on 16 carries against Iowa State. He played a key role in Nebraska's win over No. 5 Kansas State in Lincoln, rushing for 93 yards on 14 carries, including a 46-yard touchdown. Diedrick redshirted in his first season with the Huskers.

For more information on Dahrran Diedrick, please see pages 106-107 of the 2002 Nebraska Football Media Guide.



Senior I-back Dahrran Diedrick has rushed for 839 yards and six touchdowns in 2002. Diedrick ranks ninth on the Nebraska career rushing list with more than 2,600 yards in his Husker career.

■ Diedrick's Game-by-Game

1999 *games started

Opp.	No.	Yards	TDs	Avg.	Long
Iowa	2	5	0	2.5	3
California	5	29	0	5.8	20
So. Miss	0	0	0	0.0	0
Missouri	7	24	0	0.0	6
Oklahoma State	1	3	0	3.0	3
Iowa State	16	99	0	6.2	18
Texas	0	0	0	0.0	0
Kansas	3	27	0	9.0	19
Texas A&M	6	27	1 (3)	4.5	10
Kansas State	14	93	1 (46)	6.6	46
Colorado	0	0	0	0.0	0
<u>Texas</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>-4</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>-1.3</u>	<u>0</u>
Total	57	303	2	5.3	46

2000 Fiesta Bowl vs. Tennessee: Did not play

2000

Opp.	Att.	Yards	TDs	Avg.	Long
SJSU	5	12	1 (2)	2.4	4
Notre Dame	0	0	0	0.0	0
Iowa	0	0	0	0.0	0
Missouri	1	6	0	6.0	6
Iowa State	3	39	0	13.0	22
Texas Tech	7	53	1 (4)	7.6	17
Baylor	9	69	1 (23)	7.7	30
Oklahoma	0	0	0	0.0	0
Kansas	8	33	0	4.2	12
Kansas State	0	0	0	0.0	0
<u>Colorado</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0.0</u>	<u>0</u>
Total	33	212	3	6.4	30

2000 Alamo Bowl vs. Northwestern:

4	28	1 (9)	7.0	17
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2001

Opp.	No.	Yards	TDs	Avg.	Long
TCU	DNP	--	--	--	--
Troy State*	25	177	3 (1, 11, 33)	7.1	38
Notre Dame*	32	133	2 (2, 3)	4.2	13
Rice*	13	74	0	5.7	22
Missouri*	24	86	2 (1, 4)	3.6	12
Iowa State*	15	107	1 (2)	7.1	18
Baylor*	20	137	1 (8)	6.8	24
Texas Tech*	20	157	0	7.8	35
Oklahoma*	23	90	1 (2)	3.9	16
Kansas*	21	136	2 (10, 38)	6.5	38
Kansas State*	24	108	1 (2)	4.5	19
<u>Colorado*</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>94</u>	<u>2 (32, 2)</u>	<u>5.9</u>	<u>32</u>
Total	233	1,299	15	5.6	38

2002 Rose Bowl vs. Miami*:

15	47	0	3.1	20
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2002

Opp.	No.	Yards	TDs	Avg.	Long
Arizona State*	18	79	1 (2)	6.1	15
Troy State*	15	63	1 (1)	4.2	17
Utah State*	16	93	0	5.8	22
Penn State*	16	71	0	4.4	15
Iowa State*	8	28	0	3.5	8
McNeese State*	15	64	0	4.3	26
Missouri	14	61	0	4.4	16
Oklahoma State*	6	26	1 (2)	4.3	10
Texas A&M*	15	85	1 (12)	5.7	29
Texas*	11	52	1 (2)	4.7	27
Kansas*	12	107	1 (53)	8.9	53
Kansas State*	7	14	0	2.0	5
Colorado*	13	96	0	7.4	25

2002 Independence Bowl vs. Ole Miss*:

13	92	0	7.1	28	
Total	79	931	6	5.2	53