

Nebraska's Heisman Trophy Winners



Mike Rozier, I-Back (1983)

The greatest running back in Nebraska history, Mike Rozier ran away with the 1983 Heisman Trophy. After finishing 10th in Heisman voting as a junior, Rozier brought home the award as a senior by setting a school record with 2,148 yards on 275 carries and a school-record 29 touchdowns.

Rozier averaged 179 yards per game, while tying an NCAA record by reeling off 11 straight 100-yard performances, including a career-best 285 yards on 31 carries against Kansas on Nov. 12, 1983. Rozier's effort against the Jayhawks was one of seven 200-yard games in his career.

Rozier helped the Huskers to the national title game in the 1984 Orange Bowl, losing to Miami, Fla., 31-30. Despite scoring 49 regular-season rushing touchdowns in his career, Rozier never ran for a score in three Nebraska bowl games. However, he did throw a 25-yard pass to Anthony Steels in the Huskers' 22-15 loss to national champion Clemson in the 1982 Orange Bowl and he hauled in an 11-yard touchdown reception from Turner Gill in NU's 21-20 win over LSU in the 1983 Orange Bowl.

The No. 1 pick of the USFL's Pittsburgh Maulers in the 1984 draft, Rozier was also the No. 1 overall pick of the Houston Oilers in the supplemental phase of the 1984 NFL Draft.

Johnny Rodgers, Wingback (1972)

Johnny "The Jet" Rodgers helped the Huskers win the first two national titles in school history in 1970 and 1971, before becoming Nebraska's first Heisman winner in 1972.

Rodgers owns Nebraska records for receptions (143) and receiving yardage (2,479) to go along with his 26 career touchdown catches.

A two-time All-American as a wingback, Rodgers was one of the top punt returners in college football history, racing to 1,515 career punt return yards and seven regular-season touchdowns. He added 847 yards and one score as a kickoff returner, and 745 career rushing yards with 11 touchdowns.

After winning his Heisman Trophy, Rodgers put his all-around game on display in a 40-6 win over Notre Dame in the 1973 Orange Bowl. Rodgers had a hand in all six of Nebraska's touchdowns against the Fighting Irish, hauling in four touchdown receptions, while adding one rushing touchdown and throwing a 52-yard strike for another score.

Rodgers was inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame in 2000.

Eric Crouch, Quarterback (2001)

Eric Crouch became Nebraska's third Heisman Trophy winner by earning a spot as the greatest rushing quarterback in school history.

Nebraska's career total-offense leader with 7,915 yards, Crouch smashed the school's career quarterback rushing mark with 3,434 yards on the ground in his four years as a starter. The only player in school history to lead the team in total offense four straight years, Crouch also passed for 4,481 yards to rank third in NU history.

As a senior, Crouch put together the best total-offense season in school history with 2,625 yards, with 1,115 yards rushing and 1,510 yards passing, leading NU to the national title game in the 2002 Rose Bowl.

Crouch became just the third quarterback in NCAA history to rush for 3,000 yards and pass for 4,000 yards in his career, while eclipsing the NCAA record for rushing touchdowns by a quarterback with 59. His 59 scores also shattered fellow Heisman winner Mike Rozier's previous school record of 49 rushing touchdowns.

Crouch finished his career 35-7 as a starter, accounting for 88 total-offense touchdowns. In a win over California as a sophomore in 1999, Crouch tied an NCAA record by throwing for a touchdown, rushing for a touchdown and catching a touchdown pass in the same game.

Nebraska Top 10 Heisman Finishes



Sam Francis, FB
Second, 1936



Bobby Reynolds, HB
Fifth, 1950



Wayne Meylan, MG
Ninth, 1967



Jerry Tagge, QB
Seventh, 1971



Johnny Rodgers, WB
First, 1972



Rich Glover, MG
Third, 1972



Dave Humm, QB
Fifth, 1974



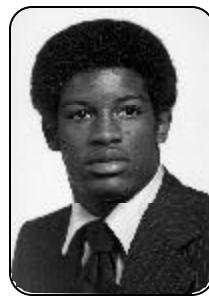
Jarvis Redwine, IB
Eighth, 1980



Dave Rimington, C
Fifth, 1982



Mike Rozier, IB
10th, 1982/First, 1983



Turner Gill, QB
Fourth, 1983



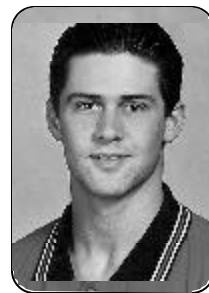
Lawrence Phillips, IB
Eighth, 1994



Zach Wiegert, OT
Ninth, 1994



Tommie Frazier, QB
Second, 1995



Eric Crouch, QB
First, 2001

Heisman Trophy Winners vs. Nebraska

1935—Jay Berwanger, HB
Nebraska 28, Chicago 7
Statistics Not Available

1941—Bruce Smith, HB
Minnesota 9, Nebraska 0
Rushing: 7-35-0

1947—John Lujack, QB
Notre Dame 31, Nebraska 0
Passing: 2-of-6, 38 yds., 1 INT

1952—Billy Vessels, HB
Oklahoma 34, Nebraska 13
Rushing: 20-96-3
Receiving: 2-28-0

1955—Howard Cassady, HB
Ohio State 28, Nebraska 20
Rushing: 21-170-3

1961—Ernie Davis, HB
Syracuse 28, Nebraska 6
Rushing: 22-120-0
Receiving: 1-10-0

1969—Steve Owens, HB
Nebraska 44, Oklahoma 14
Rushing: 21-71-0
Receiving: 1-9-0

1978—Billy Sims, HB
Nebraska 17, Oklahoma 14
Rushing: 25-153-2

1979 Orange Bowl
Oklahoma 31, Nebraska 24
Rushing: 25-132-2

1988—Barry Sanders, HB
Nebraska 63, Oklahoma State 42
Rushing: 35-189-4
Receiving: 1-(-4)
Punt Return: 1-0-0
Kickoff Returns: 5-73-0

1993—Charlie Ward, QB
1994 Orange Bowl
Florida State 18, Nebraska 16
Rushing: 8-(-3)
Passing: 24-of-43, 286 yds., 0 TD

1994—Rashaan Salaam, IB
Nebraska 24, Colorado 7
Rushing: 22-134-1
Receiving: 2-24-0

1998—Ricky Williams, RB
Texas 20, Nebraska 16
Rushing: 37-150-1
Receiving: 1-0-0