

# NEBRASKA

## FOOTBALL 2004

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Nebraska at Pittsburgh  
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### Game 3



vs.



**Nebraska**  
(1-1)

**Pittsburgh**  
(1-0)

### ► Huskers-Panthers Briefly

**Date:** Saturday, Sept. 18, 2004

**Time:** 11:10 a.m.(CDT)

**Site:** Pittsburgh, Pa.

**Stadium:** Heinz Field

**Surface:** Natural Grass

**Capacity:** 65,000

**Nebraska Radio:** (Jim Rose—Play-by-Play; Adrian Fiala—Analyst; Randy Lee—Booth; Matt Davison—Sideline)  
54-station Pinnacle Sports Network

**Internet:** Live Radio on Huskers.com

**TV:** ABC Sports (Brent Musburger—Play-by-Play; Gary Danielson—Color; Jack Arute—Sideline)

**Series History:** Pittsburgh leads, 15-4-3

**Last Meeting:** 1958, Nebraska, Pittsburgh 6 in Lincoln

### This Week in Husker Football

#### Monday, Sept. 13

11:50 a.m. .... Coach Callahan on Big 12 Conference Call  
.....No Practice

#### Tuesday, Sept. 14

Weekly Press Conference

11:15 a.m. .... Lunch  
11:40 a.m. .... Nebraska Coordinators  
Noon ..... Head Coach Bill Callahan  
12:30-1:30 p.m. .... Player Interviews  
3:50 p.m. .... Practice (Interviews after practice)

#### Wednesday, Sept. 15

3:50 p.m. .... Practice (Final player interviews)

#### Thursday, Sept. 16

3:50 p.m. .... Practice (No player interviews)

#### Friday, Sept. 17

7 a.m. .... Big Red Breakfast, Omaha (Tim Cassidy)  
Noon ..... Nebraska departs for Pittsburgh via charter flight

#### Saturday, Sept. 18

11:10 a.m. .... Kickoff at Pittsburgh

#### Sunday, Sept. 19

4 p.m. .... Media availability in West Stadium  
..... Coach Cosgrove, 2-4 selected players

### Huskers Look to Rebound in Road Opener at Pittsburgh

Nebraska hits the road for the first time in 2004 this Saturday as the Huskers travel east to take on the Pittsburgh Panthers at Heinz Field. The game marks the first meeting between the two schools since 1958, after the Huskers and Pittsburgh played 22 times between 1921 and 1958, including 16 consecutive seasons between 1927 and 1942. The matchup will be televised to a national audience by ABC, with kickoff set for 11:10 a.m. (CDT).

The Huskers enter the Pittsburgh game coming off their first loss of the season, a 21-17 setback against Southern Miss last Saturday at Memorial Stadium. The Nebraska offense moved the ball well against the Golden Eagles, piling up 476 yards of total offense, but five Husker turnovers were the difference in the contest. The Huskers enter the contest dominating the stat sheet after two weeks, averaging 528.5 yards of total offense and limiting the opposition to 229.5 yards per game. However, Nebraska is a minus-six in the turnover column through two games.

Pittsburgh enters this week's matchup with a 1-0 mark on the season, after defeating Ohio, 24-3, on Saturday night at Heinz Field. The Panthers relied on a stout defensive effort to capture the victory, holding Ohio to 290 total yards, 14 first downs and also forced three Bobcat turnovers.

A victory on Saturday would allow the Huskers to complete the non-conference season with a winning record for the 23rd consecutive season and avoid falling below .500 for the first time since 1981. The Huskers opened the 1981 campaign with a 1-2 record, but won their last eight regular-season games and captured the Big Eight crown.

### Turnovers Costly in Home Loss to Southern Miss

Southern Miss forced five Nebraska turnovers and converted the miscues into 18 points to defeat the Huskers, 21-17, at Memorial Stadium last Saturday, dropping the Huskers to 1-1 on the young season. Trailing 21-17, Nebraska began its final drive at its own 41-yard line after forcing Southern Miss to punt from its own 21. The Huskers drove to the USM 12-yard line, before turning the ball over on downs, securing the win for the Golden Eagles who handed Nebraska its first home non-conference loss since 1991.

The Huskers won the statistical battle everywhere other than the turnover column. NU held a 35:25-24:35 time

### 2004 Nebraska Football Schedule/Results

Day	Date	Opponent	Time/Result	TV	Series	Last Meeting (Site)/Notes
Sat.	Sept. 4	Western Illinois	W, 56-17	Fox PPV	NU, 1-0	Dailey accounts for school record six TDs; Defense holds WIU to -3 rushing yards
Sat.	Sept. 11	Southern Miss	L, 21-17	ABC	NU, 2-1	Huskers hold 476-239 edge in total offense, but commit five turnovers in loss
Sat.	Sept. 18	at Pittsburgh	11 a.m.	ABC	Pitt, 15-4-3	1958, NU 14-6 (Lincoln)/Teams have averaged a combined 19 ppg in 22 meetings
Sat.	Oct. 2	Kansas#	TBA		NU, 86-21-3	2003, NU 24-3 (Lawrence)/Nebraska owns 35-game win streak in series
Sat.	Oct. 9	at Texas Tech#	TBA		NU, 7-0	2001, NU 41-31 (Lincoln)/NU averages 38.4 ppg vs. Tech, most vs. any league foe
Sat.	Oct. 16	Baylor#	TBA		NU, 7-1	2001, NU 48-7 (Waco)/Baylor held scoreless in last three trips to Lincoln
Sat.	Oct. 23	at Kansas State#	TBA		NU 72-14-2	2003, KSU 38-9 (Lincoln)/Huskers look to end three-game slide in Manhattan
Sat.	Oct. 30	Missouri# (HC)	TBA		NU, 61-33-3	2003, MU 41-24 (Columbia)/Nebraska has won 13 straight meetings in Lincoln
Sat.	Nov. 6	at Iowa State#	TBA		NU, 81-15-2	2003, NU 28-0 (Lincoln)/NU has scored 40 points or more in seven of past nine games
Sat.	Nov. 13	at Oklahoma	TBA		OU, 40-37-3	2001, NU 20-10 (Lincoln)/Huskers have won four of past six in Norman
Fri.	Nov. 26	Colorado#	11 a.m.	ABC	NU 44-16-2	2003, NU 31-22 (Boulder)/Ninth straight post-Thanksgiving NU-CU matchup

All times Central and subject to change; # Big 12 Conference games

## National Polls

## Associated Press (9-12)

No.	Team (1st)	Record	Points
1.	USC (52)	2-0	1,611
2.	Oklahoma (10)*	2-0	1,552
3.	Georgia (3)	2-0	1,478
4.	Miami	1-0	1,398
5.	LSU	2-0	1,344
6.	Texas	2-0	1,311
7.	West Virginia	2-0	1,087
8.	Florida State	0-1	1,058
9.	Ohio State	2-0	1,030
10.	California	2-0	969
11.	Florida	1-0	955
12.	Virginia	2-0	812
13.	Tennessee	1-0	798
14.	Auburn	2-0	739
15.	Utah	2-0	699
16.	Iowa	2-0	665
17.	Michigan	1-1	577
18.	Purdue	2-0	557
19.	Fresno State	2-0	454
20.	Wisconsin	2-0	404
21.	Maryland	2-0	393
22.	Minnesota	2-0	340
23.	Boise State	2-0	201
24.	Louisville	2-0	153
25.	Memphis	2-0	86

## ESPN/USA Today/Coaches (9-12)

No.	Team (1st)	Record	Points
1.	USC (47)	2-0	1,505
2.	Oklahoma (11)*	2-0	1,453
3.	Georgia (2)	2-0	1,371
4.	LSU	2-0	1,315
5.	Miami	1-0	1,312
6.	Texas	2-0	1,209
7.	Ohio State	2-0	1,058
8.	West Virginia	2-0	975
9.	Florida	1-0	887
10.	California	2-0	852
11.	Florida State	0-1	802
12.	Iowa	2-0	782
13.	Tennessee	1-0	717
14.	Utah	2-0	651
15.	Auburn	2-0	643
16.	Virginia	2-0	634
17.	Michigan	1-1	574
18.	Purdue	2-0	525
19.	Maryland	2-0	437
20.	Fresno State	2-0	408
21.	Wisconsin	2-0	372
22.	Minnesota	2-0	298
23.	Boise State	2-0	272
24.	Louisville	2-0	128
25.	Clemson	1-1	111

\*-Denotes 2004 NU opponent

## Huskers in the 2004 Polls

Date	A	C	B	Results
Pre.	RV	RV	NA	
8-29	no poll	RV	NA	def. Western Illinois, 56-17
9-5	RV	RV	NA	lost to Southern Miss, 21-17
9-12	-	RV	NA	

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

of possession advantage, and racked up 476 yards of total offense while limiting the Golden Eagles to 239 yards. Nebraska also picked up 26 first downs to just 11 for Southern Miss, but the turnovers were the story of the day.

Trailing 9-3 after the first half, Nebraska took its first lead of the game with a 73-yard scoring drive on its opening series of the second half. I-back **Cory Ross** broke loose for a career-long 52-yard run on the first play of the drive, and the Huskers scored three plays later when **Joe Dailey** hit sophomore **Grant Mulkey** for the first touchdown of the game with 11:29 remaining in the third quarter. On USM's next drive, safety **Daniel Bullocks** intercepted a Dustin Almond pass and returned the pick 16 yards to the Southern Miss 28 to set up another quick Nebraska score. Dailey connected with tight end **Matt Herian** for a 13-yard touchdown pass to give NU a 17-9 lead.

But just as Nebraska appeared to be in control of the game, the Golden Eagles again scored on a Husker turnover. USM linebacker Naton Stewart intercepted Dailey and sprinted 49 yards for the score as time expired in the third quarter. NU stopped Southern Miss on a two-point conversion attempt to maintain a 17-15 advantage. However, Southern Miss capitalized on another NU turnover in the fourth quarter. After a Terre Green fumble USM scored two plays later on a 46-yard TD pass from Almond to Marvin Young to give USM a 21-17 lead with 7:47 left in the fourth quarter.

Nebraska drove deep into USM territory on its next drive, before Dailey fumbled inside the Golden Eagle 20, Nebraska's fifth turnover of the day.

Dailey was 22-of-42 with 202 yards, including two touchdown passes, but was intercepted three times, including one returned for a touchdown. Dailey's 42 pass attempts tied the single-game school record set by Dave Humm in 1972. Ross carried the load for the NU rushing attack, picking up a career-high 169 yards on 27 carries, highlighted by a career-long 52-yard run. He also surpassed the 1,000-yard career rushing mark, while topping the century mark for the fifth time in six games. Herian continued to be a dominant force from his tight end position. The junior hauled in eight passes to tie the Nebraska single-game record for receptions by a tight end, a record that had not been matched for 38 years.

## Recapping Game Two...Southern Miss 21, Nebraska 17

► Junior I-back **Cory Ross** rushed for a career-high 169 yards on 27 carries, pushing his career rushing total to 1,053 yards, making him the 54th Husker to rush for 1,000 career yards. Ross eclipsed the 1,000-yard mark on Nebraska's first offensive play of the second half when he broke a career-long 52-yard run. The USM game marked the fifth time in Nebraska's last six games dating back to last season that Ross has topped 100 yards.

► Ross' 52-yard run was the longest by a Nebraska I-back since Dahrran Diedrick had a 53-yard rush against Kansas on Nov. 9, 2002. Ross' 169 yards were the most by a Husker since I-back Josh Davis had 179 yards against Penn State on Sept. 13, 2003.

► Ross and redshirt freshman I-back **Tierre Green** combined to rush for 235 yards, marking the second straight week the duo has combined for more than 200 yards on the ground. In week one, Ross (125) and Green (112) combined for 237 rushing yards.

► Tight end **Matt Herian** caught eight passes to tie the NU single-game record for receptions by a tight end, also held by Dennis Morrison who had eight for 108 yards at Colorado on Oct. 22, 1966. Herian has 15 receptions for 169 yards and three touchdowns in the first two games and is nearly halfway to the Nebraska season record for receptions by a tight end held by Johnny Mitchell who caught 31 passes in 1991.

► Quarterback **Joe Dailey** completed 22 of 42 passes for 202 yards and two touchdowns. The 42 attempts tied the Nebraska single-game record for pass attempts, matching the mark set by Dave Humm against Iowa State on Nov. 11, 1972. Dailey's 22 completions were just three off the Nebraska record of 25 by Humm in 1973 against Wisconsin. The 42 passing attempts also tied the school record for team attempts.

► Dailey has thrown six touchdowns in Nebraska's first two games of the season, marking the most touchdowns in a two-game stretch since Eric Crouch had seven in consecutive games against Iowa (5) and Missouri (2) in 2000.

► Senior linebacker **Barrett Ruud** made nine tackles against USM to become just the second player in Nebraska history to surpass 300 career tackles. Ruud now has 308 career tackles, 34 behind NU career leader Jerry Murtaugh who recorded 342 tackles in his Husker career.

► Southern Miss converted five Nebraska turnovers into 18 points. The Husker defense held the Golden Eagles to a pair of field goals after first-quarter interceptions allowed USM to begin drives on NU's 33 and 27 yard line.

► The Southern Miss victory was the first non-conference home loss for Nebraska since 1991, when the Huskers dropped a 36-21 contest to Washington, ending a streak of 35 straight home wins against non-league foes.

► The third-quarter interception by junior strong safety **Daniel Bullocks** was his second of the season and the fourth of his career, all in the past six games. The Bullocks' twins have now combined for 15 career interceptions.

► Nebraska held Southern Miss to 97 rushing yards, marking the fourth straight game Nebraska has limited the opposition to less than 100 yards on the ground. The Huskers held Western Illinois to minus-three yards rushing last week, while limiting Michigan State (45) and Colorado (64) below 100 rushing yards to end last season.

## NU-Southern Miss Stat Wrap

Team Stats	USM	NU
First Downs	11	26
Rushes-Yards	33-97	46-274
Passes	28-12-1	42-22-3
Passing Yards	142	202
Total Offense	239	476
Turnovers	1	5
Int.-Return Yards	3-92	1-16

## NU Rushing Leaders

Cory Ross—27 carries, 169 yards

Tierre Green—11 carries, 66 yards

## NU Passing Leader

Joe Dailey—22-42-3, 202 yards, 2 TD

## NU Receiving Leaders

Matt Herian—8 receptions, 71 yards, 1 TD

Grant Mulkey—4 receptions, 43 yards, 1 TD

## NU Defensive Leaders

Barrett Ruud—8 tackles

Le Kevin Smith—6 tackles, 2-5 TFL

Daniel Bullocks—5 tackles, 1-16 interception

## 2004 Big 12 Standings

### North Division

Team	Records		
	Overall	Big 12	Next Game
Colorado	2-0	0-0	North Texas 9/18
Kansas	2-0	0-0	at Northwestern 9/18
<b>Nebraska</b>	<b>1-1</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>at Pittsburgh 9/18</b>
Iowa State	1-1	0-0	Northern Illinois 9/18
Kansas State	1-1	0-0	UL Lafayette 9/18
Missouri	1-1	0-0	Ball State 9/18

### South Division

Oklahoma	2-0	0-0	Oregon 9/18
Oklahoma St.	2-0	0-0	SMU 9/18
Texas	2-0	0-0	Rice 9/25
Texas Tech	1-1	0-0	TCU 9/18
Baylor	1-1	0-0	North Texas 9/25
Texas A&M	1-1	0-0	Clemson 9/18

### 2004 Nebraska Non-Conference Opponents

Team	Record-Next Game
Western Illinois	1-1—at Hampton 9/18
Southern Miss	1-0—California 9/16
Pittsburgh	1-0—Nebraska 9/18

### Last Week's Opponent/Big 12 Results

Southern Miss 21, Nebraska 17  
 Colorado 20, Washington State 12  
 Iowa 17, Iowa State 10  
 Kansas 63, Toledo 14  
 Fresno State 45, Kansas State 21  
 Troy 24, Missouri 14  
 Oklahoma 63, Houston 13  
 New Mexico 27, Texas Tech 24  
 Baylor 24, Texas State 17  
 Texas 22, Arkansas 20  
 Texas A&M 31, Wyoming 0  
 Oklahoma State 38, Tulsa 21  
 Pittsburgh 24, Ohio 3  
 Western Illinois 98, Cheyney 7

### 2004 Pittsburgh Schedule

Date	Opponent	Time/Result
9/11	Ohio	W, 24-3
9/18	Nebraska	11 a.m.
9/25	Furman	Noon
9/30	at Connecticut	6 p.m.
10/9	at Temple	11 a.m.
10/16	Boston College	TBA
10/23	Rutgers	TBA
11/6	at Syracuse	TBA
11/13	at Notre Dame	1:30 p.m.
11/25	West Virginia	7 p.m.
12/3-4	at South Florida	TBA

Times are Central Standard

### NU-Pittsburgh Series Notes

- ▶ Pittsburgh will be the Huskers' first opponent from the current Big East Conference alignment since NU faced West Virginia on Aug. 28, 1994. The Huskers own an 11-22-3 all-time record against current Big East schools.
- ▶ Pittsburgh handed the Huskers their only loss in both 1929 and 1933. Nebraska won only three games in 1958, including a 14-6 victory over No. 14 Pittsburgh. Pittsburgh entered the 1937 matchup ranked No. 1 before pulling out a 13-7 win over No. 11 Nebraska.

### Husker-Pennsylvania Ties

- ▶ Nebraska Athletic Director Steve Pederson spent 1996 to 2002 at Pittsburgh as athletic director. Along with Pederson, Executive Associate A.D. Marc Boehm, Head Strength Coach Dave Kennedy and Assistant Strength Coach Dave Langworthy came from Pittsburgh after Pederson was chosen to head the Husker athletic department on Dec. 20, 2002.
- ▶ Head Coach Bill Callahan spent three seasons with the Philadelphia Eagles (1995-97) as Offensive Line Coach.

## Scouting the Pittsburgh Panthers



Pittsburgh moved to 1-0 on the season last weekend when it picked up a 24-3 victory over the Ohio Bobcats. Pittsburgh's original season opener at South Florida was postponed because of Hurricane Frances. The game will be made up either Dec. 3 or 4 in Tampa.

The Panthers earned the victory over the Bobcats, but not without a struggle. OU held an advantage in first downs (14-13), passing yards (202-49) and total yards (290-217), while Pittsburgh pounded out 168 yards on the ground and held a five-minute advantage in time of possession. Pitt connected on just 6-of-19 pass attempts and was just 2-for-15 on third-down conversions.

Tailback Raymond Kirkley, who redshirted last season as a junior, led the Panther attack by rushing for 100 yards on 21 carries. Junior tailback Tim Murphy rushed 11 times for 21 yards and had the Panthers' first offensive touchdown of the year with a one-yard run in the second period.

Sophomore quarterback Tyler Palko netted 22 yards rushing after being sacked three times for 38 yards. Through the air, Palko completed just 31.6 percent (6-of-19) of his pass attempts in his first career start. He hit sophomore flanker Greg Lee for a seven-yard touchdown to cap the scoring in the fourth quarter. Lee led the team with two receptions for 24 yards.

### Pittsburgh Coach Walt Harris

Pittsburgh Coach Walt Harris is in his eighth season guiding the Panther program and his 11th season overall as a head coach. Harris, who owns a 56-64 career record and 45-40 mark at Pittsburgh, spent three years as a head coach at his alma mater, University of the Pacific, from 1989 to 1991, and was quarterbacks coach at Ohio State for two seasons (1995-96) before being hired by then-Pittsburgh Athletic Director Steve Pederson to take over the Panther program.

Harris also has ties to Nebraska Head Coach Bill Callahan, as the pair coached together, along with NU Defensive Coordinator Kevin Cosgrove, at Illinois in the early 1980s. Harris was the quarterbacks coach for the Illini from 1980 to 1982. Callahan coached with the Illini from 1980 to 1986 and Cosgrove coached in Champaign, Ill., from 1980 to 1987.

Harris has helped rebuild the Panther program. Pittsburgh won 31 games over the past four seasons, marking the program's best stretch since 1980 to 1983. The Panthers have won at least seven games for each of the past four seasons and have made five straight bowl appearances. Before Harris took over the program, the Panthers had earned one bowl bid in the previous nine seasons.

### Series Breakdown

<b>Games:</b> 22
<b>Standing:</b> Pittsburgh leads, 15-4-3
<b>At Lincoln:</b> Pittsburgh leads, 6-1-3
<b>At Memorial Stadium:</b> Pittsburgh leads, 6-1-3
<b>At Pittsburgh:</b> Pittsburgh leads, 9-3-0
<b>At Heinz Field:</b> First meeting
<b>Current win streak (start):</b> Nebraska, one game (1958)
<b>Highest NU score:</b> 14 two times (1939, 1958)
<b>Widest NU margin:</b> 10 in 1921 (10-0)
<b>Highest Pitt score:</b> 40 in 1931 (40-0)
<b>Widest Pitt margin:</b> 40 in 1931 (40-0)
<b>Highest scoring game:</b> 40 in 1931 (Pitt 40, NU 0)
<b>Longest NU win streak:</b> two games, 1939-1940
<b>Series scoring</b>
Nebraska 113 Average 5.1
Pittsburgh 306 Average 13.9

### Nebraska-Pittsburgh Series...Pittsburgh leads, 15-4-3

Saturday's contest will be the 23rd game in the series between Nebraska and Pittsburgh, but will mark the first matchup between the programs on the gridiron since 1958. The Huskers and Panthers played every year from 1927 to 1942 and the teams were scheduled to meet again in 1943 but the contest was cancelled due to wartime travel restrictions. Following the war, the teams met again in five of six seasons between 1953 and 1958.

Pittsburgh has had the upper hand in the series against the Huskers. The Panthers own a 15-4-3 record against Nebraska, although three of the Huskers' four victories have come on the road in Pittsburgh. The last meeting in 1958 was the only Husker victory in 10 tries in Lincoln.

Defense has dominated the series. Nebraska's highest scoring output against the Panthers is 14 points on two occasions — both NU victories — while Pittsburgh has topped the 21-point mark just three times in the series. There have been 10 shutouts between the teams, including three scoreless ties.

Nebraska opened the series with a 10-0 shutout in 1921 before Pitt came back with a 12-game unbeaten streak in the series, including four shutouts over the Huskers. All three scoreless ties came in the Panthers' streak, as Pitt outscore NU 161-39.

### Nebraska-Pittsburgh Statistical Comparison

Category	Nebraska (1-1)			Pittsburgh (1-0)		
	Avg.	Big 12	National	Avg.	Big East	National
Rushing Offense	318.5	3rd	7th	168.0	2nd	45th
Passing Offense	210.0	7th	64th	49.0	7th	115th
Total Offense	528.5	3rd	11th	217.0	7th	110th
Scoring Offense	36.5	4th	26th	24.0	3rd	61st
Rushing Defense	47.0	2nd	10th	88.0	4th	30th
Pass Defense	182.5	5th	39th	202.0	3rd	54th
Pass Efficiency Defense	84.64	1st	8th	68.53	1st	3rd
Total Defense	229.5	3rd	13th	290.0	3rd	31st
Scoring Defense	19.0	6th	45th	3.0	1st	2nd
Net Punting	41.0	4th	23rd	29.1	7th	108th
Punt Returns	9.7	4th	46th	10.8	4th	38th
Kickoff Returns	24.1	7th	31st	15.0	7th	99th
Turnover Margin	(-2.5)	12th	109th	2.0	1st	12th

### Callahan as a Head Coach Year-by-Year

Year	Record	Pct.	Postseason
<b>Oakland Raiders</b>			
2002	13-6	.684	2-1; Won AFC Championship, lost to Tampa Bay in Super Bowl XXXVII
<b>2003</b>			
	4-12	.250	None
NFL Totals	17-18	.486	One playoff appearance
<b>Nebraska</b>			
2004	1-1	.500	

### From the Super Bowl to Campus

Five coaches have taken a collegiate head coaching job after previously guiding their team to a Super Bowl appearance. In addition to Callahan, Bobby Ross is in his first year back in the college ranks, taking over at Army.

Coach	NFL Team	Super Bowls	College (Year)
Bill Callahan	Oakland	XXXVII	Nebraska (2004)
Bobby Ross	San Diego	XXIX	Army (2004)
Bill Walsh	San Fran.	XVI, XIX, XXII	Stanford (1992)
Forrest Gregg	Cincinnati	XVI	SMU (1989)
George Allen	Washington	VII	Long Beach State (1990)

### Callahan Charity Events a Hit in Husker Nation

Callahan has been embraced by Cornhusker fans throughout the state of Nebraska and nationwide since he took over the program last winter. This summer, he and his staff have met fans across the state on several occasions, including two new charity events.

Coach Callahan's Football 101 for Women took place on July 29 in Lincoln, with more than 1,000 participants learning more about the game of football. Attendees opened the day with tours of Memorial Stadium, followed by the opportunity to participate in the Tunnel Walk. The evening included demonstrations on officiating, football uniforms, as well as nutrition and strength training for Husker players. Football 101 concluded with participants breaking into beginning, intermediate and advanced groups to learn more about the X's and O's of the game. The first annual Football 101 for Women raised \$35,000 to benefit the National Breast Cancer Foundation.

The first-year Husker coach and his staff also organized Coach Callahan's Fun Run/Walk for Resources on Saturday, Aug. 21. More than 800 participated in the event that began and ended on Stadium Drive. Coach Callahan's wife, Valerie, started the race, which raised \$5,000 each for Juvenile Diabetes and the University Libraries. Runners who participated in the event had the opportunity to attend Nebraska's closed practice after the event.

### Huskers Under Callahan

Overall .....	1-1
vs. AP Ranked Teams .....	0-0
vs. AP Top 10 Teams .....	0-0
vs. Unranked Teams .....	1-1
vs. Big 12 Teams .....	0-0
When Rushing for 200 or more yards .....	1-1
When Rushing for 300 or more yards .....	1-0
When passing for 200 or more yards .....	1-1
When passing for 300 or more yards .....	0-0
When NU player rushes for 100 Yards .....	1-1
When NU has two 100-yard rushers in same game..	1-0
When Opponent has 100 Yd. Rusher .....	0-0
When Scoring 35 or More Points .....	1-0
When Hold Opp. to 10 Pts. or less .....	0-0
When Nebraska scores first .....	1-0
When Nebraska leads at halftime .....	1-0
When Nebraska trails at halftime .....	0-1
When Nebraska is tied at halftime .....	0-0
Record in games decided by 11 points or more .....	1-0
Record in games decided by 10 or less .....	0-0
Record in games decided by 7 or less .....	0-1
Record in games decided by 3 or less .....	0-0

### Nebraska Head Coach Bill Callahan

Coach Bill Callahan (Illinois Benedictine, 1978) is the 27th head coach in Nebraska history, after being named to the post on Jan. 9, 2004. Callahan took control of the NU program after two seasons as the head coach of the Oakland Raiders. He guided Oakland to the AFC Championship and Super Bowl XXXVII in his rookie season as a head coach in 2002, and compiled a 17-18 overall record as the Raiders' head man.

Callahan is one of five coaches to take a collegiate head coaching job after previously guiding a team to a Super Bowl appearance. Army Head Coach Bobby Ross is also active in the college ranks, while George Allen, Forrest Gregg and Bill Walsh previously led teams to the Super Bowl and returned to the college game.

The 47-year-old Callahan has spent the past nine years in the National Football League, beginning his pro coaching career with the Philadelphia Eagles from 1995 to 1997. He served as an assistant with the Raiders for four seasons from 1998 to 2001, before taking over the top job in Oakland in 2002.

Callahan has extensive experience at the collegiate level. Before moving into the professional ranks, Callahan served as the offensive line coach at Wisconsin for five seasons and also had assistant coaching stints at Illinois, Northern Arizona and Southern Illinois. Overall, Callahan is in his 27th year in the coaching profession. In addition to his nine years in the National Football League and 15 previous seasons as a collegiate assistant, Callahan was an assistant coach for two seasons in the Illinois prep ranks in 1978 and 1979.

A native of Chicago, Callahan earned his bachelor's degree from Illinois Benedictine in 1978. He was an NAIA honorable-mention All-America selection as a quarterback in each of his final two seasons.



### Callahan Looking to Continue Success of First-Year Husker Coaches

The Nebraska football program has a history of success under first-year head coaches. Bill Callahan is the 27th coach in the 115-year history of the program, but just the fourth head coach since the start of the 1962 season. With his 56-17 victory over Western Illinois, Callahan became the fourth straight Nebraska head coach to open his career with a victory. The win gave first-year Husker head coaches a 19-7-1 all-time record in their coaching debuts on the Nebraska sideline.

Each of Nebraska's past three head coaches used a win in their season opener to build momentum for a nine-win season in their first Husker campaign. Bob Devaney posted a 9-2 record and led NU to the Gotham Bowl in 1962, following six consecutive losing seasons; Tom Osborne guided the Huskers to a 9-2-1 record and a Cotton Bowl bid in 1973; and Frank Solich's first squad in 1998 finished 9-4 and played in the Holiday Bowl.

### Huskers' Championship Staff Has Diverse Background, Tradition of Recruiting Excellence

Nebraska's coaching staff includes men who spent the 2003 campaign in six collegiate conferences, including the Big 12 (Scott Downing, Turner Gill), Big Ten (Kevin Cosgrove, Phil Elmassian), SEC (John Blake), Mountain West (Bill Busch), Western Athletic (Dennis Wagner) and Big East (Dave Kennedy). In addition to Callahan, Randy Jordan and Jay Norvell also joined the NU staff after coaching in the NFL with the Oakland Raiders last season.

► Callahan's Nebraska coaching staff features four coaches who have either played or coached in the Super Bowl. Callahan and Norvell coached in Super Bowl XXXVII with Oakland, and running backs coach Randy Jordan was a player on that team. John Blake was part of the Dallas Cowboys Super Bowl championship teams in both 1993 and 1995.

► In addition to the NFL success of the coaches, Callahan's staff has a history of winning championships at the collegiate level. Members of the Nebraska coaching staff have been part of teams that have captured league titles in each of the following conferences—Atlantic Coast, Big 12, Big Ten, Mid-American, Mountain West, Pac-10 and Western Athletic.

► The staff has recruiting ties in nearly every part of the United States. ESPN recruiting analyst Tom Lemming compiled a list of the 10 best recruiters in college history in 2001. Callahan was included on the list although he had been out of the college ranks for six years at that time. Husker Associate A.D. Tim Cassidy was on Lemming's Top 10 recruiters (current college coaches) in 1999, and Kevin Cosgrove and Turner Gill were listed as "other big-time recruiting names."

### Husker Coaching Game-Day Assignments

Offense	Defense
<b>Field</b>	<b>Field</b>
Jordan	Cosgrove
Gill	Blake
Wagner	Busch
<b>Press Box</b>	
Norvell	Elmassian
Downing	Stamm (G.A.)
McClure (G.A.)	

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**Weekly Football Press Conference**

Nebraska will hold a weekly press conference/teleconference on Tuesdays throughout the season.

The press conferences are held in the Don Bryant Media Facility Level 6 and will begin with Nebraska Volleyball Coach John Cook at 11 a.m., with lunch served at 11:15 a.m. Husker coordinators will be available at 11:40 a.m., followed by Head Coach Bill Callahan at noon. Nebraska players will be available following Callahan.

Each press conference will be available via teleconference and selected conferences will be carried on satellite (via ESPN News) and quotes will be transcribed and posted by mid-afternoon on Huskers.com, while edited sound bites are available on NebraskaNet.com. The teleconferences are also carried live on HuskersNSide.com. Media wishing to participate in the teleconference should contact the SID office at (402) 472-2263 for more information. The toll-free number for the teleconference is (877) 229-1563 and media can acquire the weekly passcode by calling the SID office.

**Huskers Tie Pass Attempt Record,**

**Maintain Balanced Attack**

Nebraska threw a school-record tying 42 passes in its 21-17 loss to Southern Miss on Saturday. The total matched Nebraska's 42 pass attempts at Missouri in 1969 and at Iowa State in 1972. In addition to the 42 passes, Nebraska rushed 46 times while racking up 476 total yards.

The last time Nebraska had more pass attempts than rushing attempts in a game came against Missouri on **Oct. 11, 1969**. The Huskers' offensive effort that day included 38 rushes, and the school-record tying 42 passes. Nebraska rushed for just 36 yards in the 17-7 loss to the Tigers, while Husker quarterbacks Jerry Tagge and Van Brownson combined to pass for 232 yards on 42 attempts.

**Huskers, Panthers in NCAA Statistical Rankings**

**Nebraska**

**Team**

Rushing Offense, 318.5 ypg (7th)

Total Offense, 528.5 ypg (11th)

Rushing Defense, 47.0 ypg (10th)

Pass Efficiency Defense, 88.64 (8th)

Total Defense, 229.5 (13th)

Net Punting, 41.0 ypp (23rd)

**Individual**

Cory Ross, Rushing, 147.0 ypg (6th)

Matt Herian, Receptions Per Game, 7.5 (11th)

Daniel Bullocks, Interceptions, 1.0 pg (7th)

Cory Ross, All-Purpose Running, 182.5 ypg (9th)

Tierre Green, All-Purpose Running, 173.5 ypg (14th)

**Pittsburgh**

**Team**

Pass Efficiency Defense, 68.53 (3rd)

Scoring Defense, 3.0 ppg (2nd)

Turnover Margin, +2.0 pg (12th)

**Individual**

Clint Session, Interceptions, 1.0 pg (7th)

Malcolm Postell, Interceptions, 1.0 pg (7th)

**Callahan Has Fond Memories of Last Trip to Heinz Field**

Head Coach Bill Callahan will make his road debut as Nebraska's head man in familiar location—Heinz Field. Nearly two years ago to the day on Sept. 15, 2002, Callahan made his road debut as the Oakland Raiders' head coach at Heinz Field against the Pittsburgh Steelers.

The first-year Husker mentor hopes this trip to the Steel City is as productive as his last trek to Pittsburgh. In Callahan's second overall game as head coach, the Raiders defeated Pittsburgh, 30-17, in an ESPN Sunday night contest. The victory helped set the tone for a season that saw Oakland win the AFC championship, before falling to Tampa Bay in Super Bowl XXXVII.

Oakland unleashed an offensive outburst behind Callahan's West Coast Offense in the 2002 game at Heinz Field, including...

- ▶ 464 total yards and 369 passing yards
- ▶ An impressive 60 percent third-down conversion rate (12-of-20)
- ▶ Quarterback Rich Gannon completed 43-of-64 passes for 403 yards, including 26 consecutive passing plays in the first half

Later in 2002, the Raiders became the first team in NFL history to win games in the same season while passing at least 60 times and rushing 60 times (60 in a 28-0 win over Kansas City).

**West Coast Offense Fits Nicely in Heartland**

Nebraska fans who may have been nervous about seeing a new offense in Lincoln have had their fears calmed quickly by outstanding offensive production in the first two games.

The Huskers took just 1:53 to reach the end zone on the first drive of the game in the season opener against Western Illinois, mixing the run and the pass. By the end of the first quarter against WIU the stat sheet exhibited the precision, potency and versatility of Nebraska's West Coast Offense.

- ▶ 13 first downs
- ▶ 13 rushing attempts for 110 yards
- ▶ 13 passing attempts for 105 yards
- ▶ 215 total offensive yards, the most by Nebraska in an opening quarter since the Huskers piled up 224 yards in the opening quarter of a 41-31 victory over Texas Tech in 2001 (NU led 21-13 after first quarter)

The offensive masterpiece continued in the second quarter, as NU rolled up 398 yards before half. The Huskers finished the game with 581 yards of total offense, their most since posting 595 total yards in a 38-14 victory over McNeese State in 2002. The Huskers' 56-point output was the most by a Nebraska team in 41 games, dating back to a 66-17 victory over Northwestern in the 2000 Alamo Bowl.

Despite a 21-17 loss to Southern Miss in game two, the offense again moved the ball with consistency and showed the balance Callahan

expects from his West Coast Offense. Against the Golden Eagles, Nebraska racked up 476 total yards, including 274 yards rushing and 202 passing yards. The Huskers rushed the ball 46 times in the game and threw a school-record tying 42 passes on the day.

**Excellent Balancing Act**

Nebraska's version of the West Coast Offense has exhibited excellent balance and potency through two games in 2004. The Huskers are averaging 528.5 yards per game overall, including 318.5 yard rushing and 210 passing.

Through two games, Nebraska has rushed 85 times and thrown 73 passes, roughly a 55-45 run-pass ratio. The Huskers have generated 60.2 percent of their offense on the ground and just under 40 percent through the air. Below is a list of Nebraska's most balanced offensive attacks since 1973.

<b>Balanced Husker Offenses Since 1973</b>			
<b>Year</b>	<b>Total Offense</b>	<b>Pct. Rush</b>	<b>Pct. Pass</b>
1976	407.8	53.9	46.1
1973	396.0	56.9	43.1
1975	406.2	61.0	39.0
<b>2004</b>	<b>528.5</b>	<b>60.2</b>	<b>39.8</b>

**The "200-200" Club**

Nebraska has topped 200 yards in both rushing and passing in each of the first two games this fall. Entering the season, Nebraska had not had a game in which it has recorded both 200 yards rushing and passing since Sept. 5, 1998, when the Huskers accomplished the feat against UAB.

The consecutive "200-200" games marks the first time the Huskers have posted back-to-back games with 200-plus totals in both rushing and passing since the 1993 season. In 1993, Nebraska opened with victories against North Texas and Texas Tech and topped 300 yards in both games on the ground, while producing 215 and 217-yard passing efforts, respectively.

**Sophomore Dailey at Control of Husker Offensive Attack**

Sophomore **Joe Dailey** has been the man under the microscope as Nebraska's starting quarterback. Dailey has been plagued by turnovers in the first two games, but has also shown the ability to successfully direct the West Coast Offensive attack that Bill Callahan has installed in Lincoln.

Dailey has topped 200 yards passing in each of the seasons's first two games. He scorched the Western Illinois defense for 218 passing yards and four touchdowns in a 56-17 victory, with all four of his passing scores and 213 yards through the air before halftime. A week later against Southern Miss, the Jersey City, N.J. native threw for 202 yards and two touchdowns, while attempting a school-record tying 42 passes. Dailey has completed better than 51 percent of his passes to open the year and has thrown for six touchdowns and seven interceptions.

Head Coach Bill Callahan was impressed by the performance of his young quarterback in his first career start against Western Illinois.

**Husker Passing Numbers**

The following list includes Nebraska's passing numbers for the first two games of the year over the past 21 seasons. The Huskers' 420 combined passing yards in games against Western Illinois and Southern Miss is the most in the opening two games since 1993 and the second-most since 1984.

**2004**—420 total passing yards (218, 202)

**2003**—210 (78, 132)

**2002**—147 (33, 114)

**2001**—278 (151, 127)

**2000**—194 (91, 103)

**1999**—383 (196, 187)

**1998**—381 (173, 208)

**1997**—322 (172, 150)

**1996**—210 (114, 96)

**1995**—272 (158, 114)

**1994**—188 (100, 88)

**1993**—432 (215, 217)

**1992**—228 (118, 100)

**1991**—337 (170, 167)

**1990**—211 (86, 125)

**1989**—110 (83, 27)

**1988**—294 (125, 169)

**1987**—305 (88, 217)

**1986**—203 (130, 73)

**1985**—150 (40, 110)

**1984**—282 (119, 163)

**Note:** In addition to topping 200 passing yards in each of the first two games in 1993, Nebraska also rushed for more than 300 yards in both of those games.

**First-Half Offensive Explosion Highlights Opener**

Nebraska racked up 398 yards of total offense and 42 points before halftime in its 56-17 victory over Western Illinois. Nebraska's 398 total yards included 213 through the air and 185 rushing yards. The 398 total offensive yards in the first half were the most Nebraska has posted in an opening half since gaining 405 yards in the first half of a 49-0 win over Baylor on Oct. 12, 1996 in Lincoln. The Huskers' 42 points were their most before half since also dropping 42 points on Iowa State on Oct. 6, 2001. Nebraska had 21 first downs at halftime en route to 30 for the game, marking the first time Nebraska has had 30 first downs in a game since also posting 30 vs. Texas Tech in 2001.

**Big 12 Conference POW Nominees**

Game	Offense	Defense	Special Teams
WIU	Herian	Cooper	Shanle
USM	Ross	D. Bullocks	Ickes
PITT			
KU			
TT			
BU			
KSU			
MU			
ISU			
OU			
CU			

**Bold indicates winner**

**Nebraska Football Notables**

- ▶ Five national championships (1970, 1971, 1994, 1995, 1997)
- ▶ 43 conference championships
- ▶ Three Heisman trophies, eight Outland trophies, four Lombardi awards
- ▶ 106 All-Americans
- ▶ Nation-leading 76 academic All-Americans
- ▶ NCAA-record 264 consecutive sellouts in Memorial Stadium
- ▶ 782 all-time victories—third in NCAA
- ▶ 42 consecutive winning regular seasons
- ▶ 35 consecutive bowl appearances—NCAA record
- ▶ 42 all-time bowl appearances—fourth in NCAA
- ▶ 113-9 home record in last 18 seasons (since 1986)

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*"I think he learned some invaluable lessons and until you get under the gun as a quarterback in this system you just don't know. He came out very focused tonight. His preparation was very thorough. I thought he managed the system very well and I will tell you that there aren't very many quarterbacks in the National Football League that can handle what he handled here tonight mentally."*

The numbers posted by Dailey against Western Illinois stacked up well against the numbers posted by recent Husker quarterbacks in their first career starts.

▶ **2004, Joe Dailey vs. Western Illinois, Nebraska won 56-17**

Passing—15-30-4, 218 yards, 4 TD

Rushing—4 carries, 28 yards, 2 TD

▶ **2002, Jammal Lord vs. Arizona State, Nebraska won 48-10**

Passing—5-13-0, 33 yards, 1 TD

Rushing—17 carries, 103 yards

▶ **1998, Eric Crouch vs. UAB, Nebraska won 38-7**

Passing—11-17-0, 127 yards, 1 TD

Rushing—7 carries, 69 yards, 2 TD

▶ **1998, Bobby Newcombe vs. Louisiana Tech, Nebraska won 56-27**

Passing—9-10-0, 168 yards, 1 TD

Rushing—12 carries, 12 yards, 2 TD

▶ **1996, Scott Frost vs. Michigan State, Nebraska won 55-14**

Passing—5-12-0, 74 yard, 1 TD

Rushing—10 carries, 58 yards, 1 TD

▶ **1992, Tommie Frazier at Missouri, Nebraska won 34-24**

Passing—9-20-0, 157 yards

Rushing—14 carries, 77 yards, 3 TD

▶ **1981, Turner Gill vs. Colorado, Nebraska won 59-0**

Passing—9-14-0, 178 yards, 4 TD

Rushing—6 carries, 46 yards

While Callahan will continue to stress better ball security, the 6-0, 205-pound Dailey has recorded several passing accomplishments to start the year, including...

▶ Dailey's 218 passing yards against Western Illinois marked the first time a Husker had passed for more than 200 yards since Eric Crouch threw for 204 yards at Texas on Oct. 23, 1999. Dailey threw for 213 yards in the first half, the most by a Husker player before halftime since Scott Frost threw for 220 yards against Kansas in 1996. Frost had 254 yards passing in the game and the Huskers threw for 273 yards as a team in that contest.

▶ Dailey passed for four touchdowns against WIU, marking the first time a Husker had thrown for four touchdowns since Eric Crouch passed for five touchdowns against Iowa in 2000. His six touchdowns in a two-game stretch are the most since Crouch connected for seven TD passes in 2000 in consecutive games vs. Iowa (5) and Missouri (2).

▶ Dailey is the first Husker since World War II to throw six touchdown passes in the first two games of a season.

▶ Dailey added two rushing scores against WIU, giving him six total touchdowns in the game. His six total offense TDs tied a Nebraska school record, joining quarterback Gerry Gdowski who accounted for six touchdowns in a 1989 win over Iowa State (4 rush, 2 pass), and I-back Calvin Jones who rushed for six touchdowns at Kansas in 1991.

▶ The 218 passing yards were the most ever by a Husker in a season opener, bettering the 168 by Jerry Tagge against Wake Forest in 1970 and Bobby Newcombe against Louisiana Tech in 1998. Dailey's 420 passing yards in the first two games of the season are the most since at least 1946, and the most passing yards by a Husker in any two-game period since Brook Berringer threw for 460 yards in consecutive games against Kansas (267) and at Iowa State (193) in November of 1994. The last time a Husker passed for 200 yards in two straight games prior to Dailey was Vince Ferragamo against TCU (218) and Miami (264) in 1976. No Husker has thrown for more than 200 yards in three straight games since Dave Humm passed for more than 200 yards vs. Wisconsin (297), Minnesota (204) and Missouri (292) in 1973.

**Tight End Herian Perfect Fit in West Coast Offense**

Junior tight end **Matt Herian** made a strong impression during his first two seasons, becoming known as a big-play threat while earning first-team All-Big 12 honors. The 6-5, 240-pound Herian hauled in seven touchdown catches in his first two seasons and figured to be one of the main beneficiaries of Nebraska's new offensive attack.

Western Illinois defensive coordinator Vince Okruch witnessed a pair of Herian touchdowns in the past two seasons as Colorado's coordinator. Herian's ability scared Okruch entering the season-opening matchup with Nebraska.

*"I think he's the best tight end in the country. It doesn't always look like he's running that fast, but then he'll just run past people. He can run as fast as any safety in the country."*

Herian did nothing to change Okruch's opinion after Nebraska's 56-17 victory. The junior caught seven passes for 98 yards and a pair of touchdowns, including six catches by halftime. Herian did not let up in game two against Southern Miss, tying the Nebraska single-game record for receptions by a tight end with eight catches for 71 yards and a third touchdown of the season. The Mackey Award candidate has posted an award-winning start to the season, including...

▶ Herian's seven and eight-catch efforts to open the season rank as two of the five best receiving days by a tight end in school history. Herian's eight receptions tied Dennis Morrison's eight receptions at Colorado on Oct. 22, 1966, and his seven-catch effort is tied for third on the single-game tight end list.

▶ Herian has 15 catches in two games, after pulling down 22 receptions in 13 games during his sophomore season. Through two games, Herian is nearly halfway to the Nebraska season tight end receptions record of 31, held by Johnny Mitchell in 1991.

Opp.	No.	Yds.	TD	Long
WIU	7	98	2	23
USM	8	71	1	21
<b>Totals</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>169</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>Avg. per catch—11.3 ypr</b>				
<b>Rec. per game—7.5</b>				
(11th in nation)				

## Game to Mark Return to Steel City for Pederson, Other Husker Staff Members

Saturday's game at Pittsburgh will be a reunion of sorts for several members of the Husker travel party, including Athletic Director **Steve Pederson**.

Pederson served as the Panthers' athletic director from 1996 to 2002, before being named the Nebraska A.D. on Dec. 20, 2002. Pederson helped construct several new facilities in his time at Pittsburgh. Led by Pederson's efforts, the Duratz Athletic Complex and UPMC Sports Performance Complex were built, and are utilized by the Panther football team. In 2001, Pittsburgh began playing at Heinz Field, a facility Pittsburgh shares with the Steelers. Pederson also helped shape the vision for the Petersen Events Center, the home of Pittsburgh's basketball team. Pederson also hired Walt Harris as the head football coach during his tenure at Pittsburgh.

Nebraska Executive Associate Athletic Director **Marc Boehm** served as Pederson's right-hand man in Pittsburgh from 1997 to 2003, before coming to NU in May of 2003. Boehm was Pittsburgh's interim athletic director for five months after Pederson returned to Nebraska.

The Huskers' head strength coach **Dave Kennedy** joined Coach Callahan's football staff in January. Kennedy had spent the 2002 and 2003 seasons in the same position at Pittsburgh. Kennedy's top assistant strength coach **Dave Langworthy** also joined the Husker program after two years at Pittsburgh.

## Husker Honors, Watch Lists

### Josh Bullocks, Jr., FS

Jim Thorpe Award Watch List  
Preseason First-Team All-American (Lindy's, Playboy, The Sporting News, Athlon Sports, Street & Smith's, Blue Ribbon College Football Yearbook)  
Preseason No. 1 Safety in Nation (Lindy's, The Sporting News)  
Preseason No. 1 Thorpe Award Candidate (Street & Smith's)  
Walter Camp Player of the Year Award Watch List

### Matt Herian, Jr., TE

Walter Camp Player of the Year Award Watch List  
Rotary Lombardi Award Watch List  
Preseason First-Team All-American (Street & Smith's)  
Preseason Second-Team All-American (Lindy's, Athlon Sports, The Sporting News)  
Preseason No. 2 Tight End in Nation (Lindy's, The Sporting News)

### Barrett Ruud, Sr., MLB

Butkus Award Watch List  
Rotary Lombardi Award Watch List  
2004 Preseason First-Team All-American (Blue Ribbon)  
2004 Preseason Honorable-Mention All-American (Street & Smith's)  
2004 Preseason No. 10 ILB in Nation (Lindy's)  
2004 Preseason No. 1 ILB in Big 12 (The Sporting News)

### Fabian Washington, Jr., CB

2004 Preseason No. 1 Cornerback in Big 12 (The Sporting News)  
2004 Preseason No. 6 Cornerback in Nation (The Sporting News)  
2004 Preseason Second-Team All-American (Rivals.com)

## Four Huskers Elected as 2004 Captains

Four Husker players have been elected by their teammates to serve as captains for the 2004 football season. The group is headed by senior **Barrett Ruud**, who is in his third year as the Huskers' starting middle linebacker. Ruud is the fourth member of his family to serve as a Nebraska team captain.

Coach Bill Callahan opened up captaincy to juniors and sophomores and three non-seniors were elected as captains. On offense, junior wide receiver **Ross Pilkington** and sophomore quarterback **Joe Dailey** were tabbed as captains. Joining Ruud as a captain on defense is junior free safety **Josh Bullocks** who

▶ Herian's 10 career touchdown receptions are just four shy of the Nebraska career record for TD catches by a tight end. The Nebraska season record for TD catches by a tight end is seven, while the record for touchdown catches by any player is 11 by Johnny Rodgers in 1971.

▶ Herian and wide receiver **Willie Amos** each had two touchdown receptions vs. Western Illinois, marking the first time a pair of Husker receivers caught two touchdowns apiece in the same game since Tracey Wistrom (3) and Matt Davison (2) accomplished the feat against Iowa in 2000.

## Ross Leading Productive Nebraska I-Back Committee

Junior I-back **Cory Ross** is the featured back in Nebraska's offensive attack, but he has plenty of capable help at the position as evidenced by the Huskers' ground production in the season's first two games.

Nebraska churned out 363 rushing yards against Western Illinois, its most since rushing for 383 yards in a 38-31 win at Texas A&M in 2002. The Huskers posted 274 yards on the ground against a tough Southern Miss defense, and the Huskers' 318.5 yards rushing per game ranks seventh nationally.

While running backs coach **Randy Jordan** has employed a committee-like rotation, there is no question that Ross is the chairman of the I-back committee. Ross has rushed for 294 yards in the season's first two games, including a career-high 169 yards on 27 carries against Southern Miss. Ross had opened with 125 yards on just 13 carries against Western Illinois and is showing that he plans to be among the Big 12's top running backs.

▶ Ross had a career-long 52-yard run on his first carry of the second half against Southern Miss. On that carry, he pushed his career rushing total to 1,001 yards and became the 54th Husker to pass 1,000 career rushing yards. Ross enters the Pittsburgh game with 1,063 career rushing yards.

▶ After his career-best effort against Southern Miss, Ross has rushed for 100 or more yards in five of his last six games and totaled 730 yards in those six games (121.7 ypg).

▶ Ross' 147.0 yards per game average through two games places him sixth nationally in rushing offense, while his 182.5 all-purpose yards per game rank ninth in the nation.

▶ With 294 yards in two games, Ross is off to the best two-game start to open a season since I-back Dan Alexander churned out 320 yards in the first two games of the 2000 season.

Redshirt freshman **Tierre Green** and true freshman **Brandon Jackson** have also flashed excellent ability in the season's first two games. The Huskers' also boast junior **David Horne** who gives Nebraska a pair of 1,000-yard career rushers, as he entered 2004 with 1,092 career rushing yards. The "committee" appears to have Nebraska's running game in excellent hands.

▶ Green made the most of his seven carries Western Illinois by gaining 112 yards (16.0 ypc). He scored on a 28-yard run in the second quarter and closed the scoring with a 34-yard fourth quarter touchdown. Green's 112 yards are believed to be the most rushing yards by a Husker in a varsity debut since Tony Davis ran for 147 yards in the 1973 season opener against UCLA.

▶ The performances of Ross and Green against WIU marked the 70th time in school history that Nebraska has had a pair of 100-yard rushers in the same game, most recently Jammal Lord and David Horne at Missouri in 2003.

▶ Jackson combined with Green to carry the bulk of Nebraska's second-half rushing load vs. Western Illinois. Jackson carried 13 times for 79 yards, an average of 6.1 yards per carry. Jackson's 79 yards are the most by a Husker true freshman since David Horne rushed for 122 yards against Kansas in 2002, and is believed to be the most by a Husker true freshman in a season opener since at least 1973.

▶ The committee of I-backs has combined for 552 yards on 72 carries, an average of 7.7 yards per attempt over two games.

## Blackshirt Defense Again Showing Potential to Dominate

The majority of discussion entering the season and following the first two games has centered around the Huskers' West Coast Offense. However, the Blackshirt defense has produced two strong efforts to open the season and has again exhibited the ability to be among the nation's best in 2004.

▶ Through two games, the Huskers have allowed just two offensive touchdowns and are allowing just 229.5 yards of total offense per game, good for 13th nationally.

▶ Nebraska held Western Illinois to minus-three yards rushing and limited Southern Miss to 97 yards on the ground. Dating back to last season, the Huskers have held four consecutive opponents to under 100 yards rushing. Nebraska's 47.0 yards per game rushing defense ranks 10th nationally. Nebraska has not allowed a rushing touchdown in the season's first two games.

▶ The effort against Western Illinois marked the 19th time in school history the Huskers held an opponent to negative rushing yards. The last time Nebraska had held an opponent to negative rushing yards was against Troy State on Sept. 1, 2001, when the Trojans had minus-25 yards rushing.

▶ Nebraska has intercepted five passes in the season's first two games and the Huskers rank eighth nationally in pass efficiency defense at 84.64 points.

▶ Nebraska has eight sacks in the first two games of the year, including two each by senior cornerback **Lornell McPherson**, sophomore defensive end **Adam Carriker** and junior defensive end **Wali Muhammad**.

▶ The Blackshirts have responded well to adversity in the season's first two games. The Huskers offense has committed 11 turnovers in two games, while the kickoff return unit mishandled two kicks against Western Illinois for a total of 13 "sudden changes" through two games. Off those opportunities, the opposition has scored just 21 points, with six of those points coming on an interception return for a touchdown by Southern Miss.

### Tracking the Husker Backs

Nebraska's top three I-backs have combined for 276.0 yards per game in the Huskers' first two games of 2004.

Game	Ross	Green	Jackson	Total
WIU	13-125	7-112-2 TD	13-79	33-316-2 TD
USM	27-169	11-66	1-1	39-236
Totals	40-294	18-178-2	14-80	72-552-2

**All-Time Bowl Appearances**

1.	Alabama	51
2.	Tennessee	44
3.	Texas	43
4.	Nebraska	42
	USC	42

**Consecutive Bowl Appearances**

Rank	Team	Most	Current
1.	Nebraska	*35	*35
2.	Michigan	29	29
3.	Alabama	25	--

\*NCAA record

**NU Among Leaders in AP National Titles**

Notre Dame leads the nation by winning eight Associated Press national titles since 1936, with Oklahoma (7), Alabama (6), Miami (5), Nebraska (4) and Minnesota (4) rounding out the top five. While the Huskers were awarded the national title by the coaches in 1997, NU finished second to Michigan in the AP 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 and Oklahoma with six apiece.

**Huskers Lead Conference in Crowns**

Nebraska and Oklahoma are the only teams to capture two Big 12 titles in the first eight years of the Big 12 Conference. The Huskers won titles in 1997 and 1999, and appeared in the league title game in 1996. Texas, Oklahoma and Kansas State have also made three Big 12 title game appearances. In the last 11 seasons, 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 Frank Solich.

Oklahoma has won 35 conference championships to rank second behind NU among conference schools.

**Barrett Ruud Game-by-Game in 2004**

Opp.	UT	AT	TT	TFL	Sacks
WIU	5	5	10	1-0	0
USM	7	2	9	0	0
Totals	12	7	19	1-0	0

**Big 12 History**

Division Winners			
Year	North	South	Big 12 Champ
1996	Nebraska	Texas	Texas
1997	Nebraska	Texas A&M	Nebraska
1998	Kansas St.	Texas A&M	Texas A&M
1999	Nebraska	Texas	Nebraska
2000	Kansas St.	Oklahoma	Oklahoma
2001	Colorado	Texas	Colorado
2002	Colorado	Oklahoma	Oklahoma
2003	Kansas St.	Oklahoma	Kansas State

**NU Streaks...The Huskers have...**

- ▶ won 96 straight when rushing for 400 yards
- ▶ won 110 consecutive games when holding the opponent to 10 or fewer points (218-5-1 all-time)
- ▶ scored in 104 consecutive games
- ▶ scored in 230 straight home games
- ▶ shut out opponents 102 times

**2004 Blackshirts Exhibit Same Ball-Hawking Ability**

Nebraska's Blackshirt defense has a well-deserved reputation as traditionally being one of the nation's most dominant defenses. Last season, the hallmark of the Husker defense was forcing turnovers, as the Blackshirts took the ball away from the opposition 47 times on the season, the second-best total in the country. The takeaways helped Nebraska to a nation-best +1.77 turnover margin in 2003.

The 47 takeaways last season tied the Nebraska school record, also set in 1972, while Nebraska's 32 interceptions set a school record. Last season continued a long trend of Nebraska being among the nation's best in the turnover department. Over the past 30 years, Nebraska has had a positive turnover margin in 27 of those seasons and was even in another season.

The Blackshirts got off to the same type of disruptive start in 2004. Nebraska forced five Western Illinois turnovers in a 56-17 victory, including four interceptions. Nebraska scored 14 points off the five Leatherneck turnovers, and the Blackshirts' five takeaways marked the second straight year Nebraska had forced five turnovers in the season opener.

Nebraska strong safety **Daniel Bullocks** picked off his second pass of the season against Southern Miss, NU's only takeaway against the Golden Eagles. The Huskers converted the pick into a third-quarter touchdown and a 17-9 advantage. The Husker defense has now caused five or more turnovers four times in the past 15 games after not having a five-takeaway game in the previous 43 games.

**Ruud Earning a Permanent Place in Cornhusker Tradition**

Nebraska senior Mike linebacker **Barrett Ruud** has enjoyed a memorable first three seasons in the Husker program and his senior season figures to add to the memories. The 6-2, 240-pound Lincoln native had a record-setting 2003 campaign when he racked up 149 tackles, the most ever in a season by a Husker defender. Ruud had 78 unassisted tackles among his total, the second most in a season in Nebraska history, trailing only 2003 teammate Demorrio Williams who racked up 83 unassisted tackles.

Ruud entered his senior year just 53 tackles behind Nebraska career tackle leader Jerry Murtaugh, who collected 342 tackles from 1968 to 1970. During his record-setting 2003 season, Ruud raced past his father, Tom, on the Nebraska career tackles list. Tom Ruud finished his Husker career (1972-74) with 202 career tackles, including a team-leading 104 tackles in 1974.

Barrett Ruud is off to a strong start to open the 2004 season, including 10 tackles against Western Illinois and a team-high nine stops against Southern Miss. Ruud's first tackle against Southern Miss gave him 300 career stops and he now has 308 total tackles, just 34 behind Murtaugh.

The father-son Ruud combination owns several Husker defensive milestones.

▶ Tom and Barrett Ruud are the only father-son combination to both lead Nebraska in tackles in a single season.

▶ The Ruud's are the only family combination to both rank in the top 25 on Nebraska's career tackles list.

▶ Barrett and Tom Ruud have a combined 510 career tackles.

During fall camp, Barrett Ruud was elected as one of four team captains for the 2004 season, allowing the Butkus Award candidate to join his father in the fraternity of Husker captains. The Ruuds are the first father-son duo to serve as captains during their respective Husker careers.

The family connections continue beyond the father-son relationship for the Ruud family. In addition to Tom and Barrett Ruud, several other family members have made their mark at Nebraska. Barrett's great-grandfather, Clarence Swanson, was an all-conference selection during his Nebraska career (1918-21), while two of Barrett's uncles, Bob Martin (1973-75) and John Ruud (1978-79) also played for Nebraska. Both Swanson and Martin also served as Husker team captains. This fall, the Ruud family connection grows, as Barrett's younger brother, Bo, is a redshirt freshman Sam linebacker who saw the first action of his career against Western Illinois.

**Secondary to None**

The Nebraska defensive backfield returned three starters for the 2004 season—free safety Josh Bullocks, strong safety Daniel Bullocks and cornerback Fabian Washington. Also back is fifth-year senior Lornell McPherson who had played in 38 games and made nine starts entering his senior season.

The secondary earned significant recognition for its talents. The Sporting News listed the unit as the top defensive backfield in the nation, while Lindy's ranks the unit second and Athlon Sports tabs the NU secondary sixth. Josh Bullocks earned first-team All-America honors last season when he intercepted a school-record 10 passes. This summer, Bullocks was named to nearly every first-team All-America list and is a leading contender for the Thorpe

**Husker Takeaways**

Seven Blackshirts returned from a defense that forced 47 turnovers in 2003, including a nation-leading 32 interceptions. Below is a list of the top takeaway seasons in NU history.

**NU's Top Five Takeaway Seasons since 1946**

Year	Fumb.	INT	Total	TO Margin
2003	15	32	47	+23
1971	20	27	47	+26
1970	15	30	45	+17
1976	30	13	43	+4
1981	23	19	42	+7

**2004 Husker Takeaways**

Game	Fumb.	INT	Total
WIU	1	4	5
USM	0	1	1
Totals	1	5	6

**Nebraska Career Tackles**

Rank	Player, Yrs.	Tackles
1.	Jerry Murtaugh, 1968-70	342
2.	Barrett Ruud, 2001-pres.	308
3.	Mike Brown, 1996-99	287
4.	Lee Kunz, 1976-78	276
5.	Clete Pille, 1974-76	273

**Nebraska Season Tackles**

Rank	Player, Yrs.	Tackles
1.	Barrett Ruud, 2003	149
2.	Lee Kunz, 1977	141
3.	Jerry Murtaugh, 1970	132
4.	Clete Pille, 1976	129
5.	Demorrio Williams, 2003	128

**Nebraska Season Interceptions**

Rank, Player, Yr.	INTs
1. Josh Bullocks, FS, 2003	10
2. Larry Wachholtz, S, 1966	7
Dana Stephenson, RCB, 1969	7
Bill Kosch, S, 1970	7

**Nebraska Career Interceptions**

Rank, Player, Years	INTs
1. Dana Stephenson, RCB, 1967-69	14
2. Bret Clark, S, 1982-84	13
3. Josh Bullocks, FS, 2002-present	11
Ralph Brown, RCB, 1996-99	11
Tyrone Byrd, FS, 1989-92	11
Tom Novak, LB, 1946-49	11
Larry Wachholtz, S, 1964-66	11
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9. Fabian Washington, CB, 2002-present	9

**Huskers to Again Be Seen Coast to Coast**

As is the case nearly every year, Husker fans around the country will have an excellent chance to watch the 2004 Nebraska football team. The season opener with Western Illinois was televised on a pay-per-view basis by Fox Sports Net and last week's game against Southern Miss was televised regionally by ABC. This week Nebraska will play before an ABC national audience at Pittsburgh. The Nov. 26 home contest against Colorado is also set for national telecasts. Several other Husker contests are likely to be added to the television schedule as the season progresses.

Nebraska has appeared on television at least 10 times in each of the past six seasons.

**Huskers Come From Near and Far**

Nebraska has a great history of attracting the top in-state high school talent to Lincoln. However, with a population base of just 1.7 million people, Nebraska has traditionally looked across the United States and beyond for recruits. The 2004 roster is no different.

Just over half of Nebraska's 126-man roster are in-state players with 68 players hailing from the Cornhusker state. Omaha leads the way with 13 players on this year's roster, while 12 players from Lincoln stayed within the city limits to play for Nebraska. Omaha Central High School and Lincoln Southeast High School are regular suppliers of talent to Lincoln, and are well-represented in 2004. Seven current Huskers are from Southeast, while six players graduated from Omaha Central.

Nebraska is just one of 24 states represented on the 2004 roster. Texas is home to nine Huskers, with Colorado (6), California (5) and Illinois (5) just behind. From the international ranks, Nebraska has players from Canada (Sandro DeAngelis) and Germany (Isaiah Fluellen). In addition, junior offensive lineman Seppo Ewvaraye is a native of Finland who was an exchange student in Laurel, Neb.

**Huskers Strive for Unity On and Off Field**

During fall camp, Coach Bill Callahan has focused on making the Huskers a cohesive team on the field. Callahan has also stressed the Huskers' togetherness off the field since taking over in Lincoln last January.

The Huskers have had numerous team-building activities and outings since last winter. Included in the list are a team bowling tournament at the conclusion of winter conditioning, a team softball game at the end of the spring semester, and a college football video game tournament throughout the summer.

Under Callahan the Huskers have also taken team outings to Husker men's basketball and women's soccer contests.

Award and the first annual Lott Trophy, presented to the nation's top safety. Washington was a third-team All-Big 12 pick last season and is listed as the No. 1 corner in the conference and No. 6 cornerback in the country by The Sporting News heading into the 2004 season.

Numbers back up the preseason hype. As a group the Bullocks' brothers, McPherson and Washington have played in 123 career games at Nebraska with a combined 69 starts. They have also combined to intercept 30 passes, led by Josh Bullocks' 11 picks, and break up 49 passes, including 24 by Washington. McPherson is the only senior among the group, while the others are in their junior seasons.

The Blackshirts have a history of outstanding defensive backs, but never before has a Nebraska defense featured a secondary with a chance to make such a significant dent in the school record book.

► Josh Bullocks is tied for third on the Nebraska career interception list with 11 picks, three behind career leader Dana Stephenson and just one pick

**Nebraska Defensive Backs by the Numbers**

Player	GP	Starts	INT	PBU	Tackles
Josh Bullocks, Jr., FS	28	20	11	12	104
Daniel Bullocks, Jr., SS	27	12	4	3	93
Lornell McPherson, Sr., CB	40	11	6	10	84
Fabian Washington, Jr., CB	28	26	9	24	112
<b>Totals</b>	<b>123</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>393</b>

behind Bret Clark, who is second with 12 interceptions. Washington's nine career interceptions are tied for ninth. McPherson and Daniel Bullocks have the top 10 in their sights with six and four career picks, respectively.

The 1969 Husker team featured a threesome that completed their careers with 33 interceptions (Stephenson, 14; Bill Kosch, 10; Jim Anderson, 9), while Kosch, Anderson and Joe Blahak were all members of the 1970 and 1971 national championship teams and completed their careers with a combined 29 interceptions. Josh Bullocks, Washington and McPherson need eight more combined interceptions to become the top trio of teammates in career interceptions.

► The 20 combined interceptions of Josh Bullocks and Fabian Washington are Nebraska's most since teammates Mike and Ralph Brown also combined for 20 career interceptions from 1996 to 1999. Stephenson and Kosch were teammates on the 1969 team and finished their careers with a combined 24 picks.

**2004 Husker Schedule Full of Challenges**

Nebraska faces a daunting schedule in 2004, as it looks for its 35th nine-win season in the last 36 years and its NCAA-record 36th consecutive bowl trip. Overall, the Huskers will face seven teams that participated in bowl games in 2003, including five Big 12 foes that appeared in the postseason a year ago. Western Illinois opened a solid non-conference schedule that includes a Division I-AA quarterfinalist from 2003, and a pair of 2003 bowl teams.

The Huskers completed a three-game contract with Southern Miss when the Golden Eagles traveled to Lincoln last Saturday. This week's trip to Pittsburgh will complete the 2004 non-conference schedule. Nebraska will visit Heinz Field on Sept. 18 to take on the Panthers, who played in the Continental Tire Bowl last fall. Pittsburgh is scheduled to travel to Lincoln on Sept. 17, 2005.

Nebraska will open Big 12 Conference action against Kansas (Tangerine Bowl) on Oct. 2 in Lincoln. Other conference home games include Baylor (Oct. 16), Missouri (Oct. 30, Independence Bowl) and Colorado (Nov. 26). The Huskers face a difficult league road slate, traveling to Texas Tech (Oct. 9, Houston Bowl), defending league champion Kansas State (Oct. 23, Fiesta Bowl), Iowa State (Nov. 6) and 2003 South Division champ Oklahoma (Nov. 13, Sugar Bowl). Texas Tech, Baylor and Oklahoma rotated onto the Huskers' schedule this fall, while Nebraska will not face Texas, Texas A&M and Oklahoma State this season.

Seven of Nebraska's 2004 opponents won eight or more games last season, including Western Illinois, Southern Miss, Pittsburgh, Texas Tech, Kansas State, Missouri and Oklahoma.

**Scanning the Polls**

Nebraska was unranked entering the season for the second consecutive year. The Huskers received enough points in the ESPN/USA Today Coaches poll to rank 26th and were 27th in points in the Associated Press listing. This marks just the second time since 1969 that Nebraska has began the season unranked in the Associated Press Poll (also 2003).

Nebraska received two points in the ESPN/USA Today Coaches Poll and no points in the AP poll. Oklahoma (Nov. 13) is the only team on Nebraska's 2004 schedule who is currently nationally ranked as the Sooners check in at No. 2 in both polls. Texas is the only other Big 12 team in the rankings, as the Longhorns check in at No. 6/6. Six Big 12 teams, including Nebraska, received votes in this week's polls.

**Huskers Continue Nation's Best Win Streak in Season Openers**

Nebraska continued a long run of dominance in season openers with a 56-17 win over Western Illinois. The Huskers have been victorious in their last 19 season openers since a 17-13 setback against Florida State in 1985 at Memorial Stadium. Nebraska's 19-game win streak in season openers tops the nation, followed by Kansas State and Florida with 15 each.

Nebraska has won each of those 19 games by at least 10 points, and owns an 84-26-5 all-time record in season openers. Since 1973, the Huskers are 27-4-1 in season openers, including 22-2 at Memorial Stadium, with losses to only Florida State in 1985 and Washington State in 1977. In all-time home openers, Nebraska is 93-17-5, including 65-14-3 at Memorial Stadium. The Huskers are 29-2 in their last 31 home openers.

## Husker Football...A Family Tradition

Family is one of the first things that comes to mind in the Nebraska football program. The Ruud family is just one of the families with father-son and brother combinations represented on the 2004 Husker squad.

The brother combination list for 2004 includes: twin brothers Josh (FS) and Daniel Bullocks (2001-present); FS Dan (2000-present) and LB Jamie Burrow (1997-2001); OL Mike (2000-present) and WR Dan Erickson (2003-present); LB Adam (2001-present) and DB Matt Ickes (1998-2001); WR Mark (2002-present) and DB Chris LeFlore (2003-present); LBs Barrett (2001-present) and Bo Ruud (2003-present); CB Andrew (2002-present) and SLB Scott Shanle (1998-2002); FB DeAntae (1999-2003) and Courtney Grixby (2004-present) and LB Chad (2001-present) and TE Clayton Sievers (2004-present). In addition, offensive lineman Cory Timm's older brother, Dustin, is a pitcher for the Husker baseball team.

Second generation Huskers include the Burrows (father Jim played in 1974-75 and was a graduate assistant for NU); LBs Bo and 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); DE Ty Steinkuhler (father Dean played in 1981-83 and swept both the Outland Trophy and Outland Award in 1983); SS Shane Siegel (father Robert played basketball for NU in 1974-77); OL Newton Lingenfelter (father Bob played for NU in 1975-75-76).

### ► Getting to the Points

The look of Nebraska's offense has changed in 2004 with a switch to the West Coast Offense. However, the end goal remains the same—putting points on the scoreboard, something Nebraska has never found difficult. The Huskers have a long history of ranking among the nation's leaders in scoring offense and have posted some amazing offensive numbers.

► NU has averaged more than 35 points a game 15 times in the last 18 years.

► NU has averaged 40-or-more points eight times since 1982, including four of the last nine seasons.

► Entering 2004, the Huskers have ranked among the nation's top 10 in scoring average 22 of the last 26 years (since 1978) and finished first on four occasions (1982, 1983, 1994 and 1997).

► Nebraska is 306-2 all time when scoring 35-or-more points, losing only to Oklahoma, 49-35, in 1950 and at Colorado, 62-36, in 2001. Before the loss at Colorado in 2001, NU had won 237 consecutive games when scoring 35-or-more points.

► The last time the Huskers were shut out was a 19-0 loss at Arizona State in 1996. Nebraska has since scored in 104 straight games.

► Nebraska has not been shut out at home since Kansas State shut out the Huskers, 12-0, on Homecoming in 1968 (230 games).

► 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.

► The Huskers have scored 30-or-more points in six of their last nine bowl games, including a school and NCAA bowl-record 66 vs. Northwestern in the 2000 Alamo Bowl.

► Nebraska posted two shutouts in 2003, and has 102 shutouts in school history.

## Construction at Memorial Stadium to Continue Throughout 2004

Nebraska is in the midst of a major building and stadium improvement project on the north end of Memorial Stadium. The \$50 million project includes an addition of more than 6,000 seats to Memorial Stadium, which will raise Nebraska's average crowd to 80,000 fans per game.

The project also includes the Tom and Nancy Osborne Athletic Complex, which will include a new locker room for the Husker football program. The building will include new football offices, a new strength complex, new training room, water therapy pools and administrative offices. The improvement project also features a new indoor workout facility, giving the Huskers two full-sized indoor practice areas adjacent to two outdoor grass fields. The project will not be completed until the 2006 season, leading to a few changes for Husker fans and opponents this fall.

The demolition of the north fieldhouse has forced the relocation of opposing teams to East Stadium. Husker opponents will locker in the south end of the East Stadium. The opponent will travel under East Stadium and enter the field from the northeast corner, but will exit the field on the southeast corner near their locker room. Nebraska will continue to enter the playing field from the southwest corner for the next two seasons, before moving to the North Stadium for the 2006 season.

Husker fans will also see minor changes in their game-day routine. Gate 14 on the northeast corner of the stadium has been combined with Gate 15. Fans previously using that entrance will now use Gate 15.

## Husker Personnel, Injury Update

Several Husker newcomers have made their mark during fall camp and six Husker first-timers made their debut in the opener against Western Illinois. Offensively, five first-timers saw action for Nebraska, including starting wideout **Terrence Nunn**, who became the first Husker offensive player to start the first game of his true freshman season since World War II. Other Husker offensive newcomers who saw action against Western Illinois included true freshman quarterback **Ryan Goodman**, true freshman I-back **Brandon Jackson** and junior college transfers **Shamus McKoy** (WR) and **Cornealius Thomas** (OT). Defensively, true freshman **Courtney Grixby** made his Husker debut at cornerback against Western Illinois.

In the second game of the year, three more true freshmen saw action, including receiver **Santino Panico** who served as NU's punt returner, and linebackers **Michael Keenan** and **Lance Brandenburg** who played on Husker special teams.

Nebraska entered the 2004 season in relatively good physical condition. Sophomore quarterback Jordan Adams, a transfer from Grossmont (Calif.) College, had his spleen removed on Friday, Aug. 27 and has been ruled out of action for the early part of the season. Senior Will linebacker **Chad Sievers** missed the opener because of an injury, but returned for the Southern Miss game and made his first career start.

## NCAA Record 264 Consecutive Sellouts

Nebraska boasts an incredible NCAA-record 264 consecutive sellouts at Memorial Stadium. The sellout streak dates 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 174, 90 fewer than Nebraska.

The Huskers are 234-30 during the 264 sellouts. The mark includes a 38-20 record against ranked teams. Nebraska is 5-0 in the five 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, 2002 (No. 250).

The fan support at Memorial Stadium has led to a dominant home field advantage for the Huskers in Lincoln. Nebraska is a remarkable 146-14 at Memorial Stadium since 1981, with eight of those losses coming against teams that finished the season ranked in the top eight of the Associated Press Poll.

Nebraska will play host to six home games in 2004, which should bring the sellout streak to 268 games by season's end.

## Memorial Stadium Magic

Nebraska's record home sellout streak is testament to the Huskers playing in front of the nation's best college football fans. On the field, Nebraska has rewarded the loyalty of the Husker Nation with incredible success at Memorial Stadium through the years.

Nebraska had a nation-leading 26-game home winning streak end with a loss to Texas in November, 2002. The loss ended the third-longest home winning streak in school history and Nebraska's third home win streak of 20 games or more since 1980, including a school-record 47-game home winning streak from 1991 to 1998.

The Huskers finished 6-1 at home in 2003, and Nebraska is 102-7 at home the last 16 years, including a pair of losses to teams that went on to win shares of the national championship—Colorado in 1990 and Washington in 1991. The Huskers are 469-126-20 (.779, 615 games, 115 years) in Lincoln, 344-103-13 (.762, 460 games, 82 years) in Memorial Stadium (since 1923). The 2002 season marked the first time Nebraska has lost two home games (Texas, Colorado) in a season since 1980.

Since 1986 (19 seasons), NU is 113-9 in Lincoln, with losses to Colorado (twice), Washington, Oklahoma (twice), Texas (twice), Kansas State and Southern Miss. Nebraska has not been shut out at home since a 12-0 loss to Kansas State in 1968 (230 games). NU has posted 40 unbeaten and untied home seasons. Husker faithful set a new attendance record in Memorial Stadium in 2002 against Texas with 78,268 fans.

**Husker Records Report**

<b>Category</b> .....	<b>Record</b>
All-time .....	782-312-40
Home .....	469-126-20
Memorial Stadium .....	344-103-13
Since 1962 .....	416-89-5
Away .....	313-185-20
Road (on campus) .....	275-148-17
Neutral Sites (includes bowls) .....	38-37-3
When Scoring 35+ Points .....	308-2
vs. Big 12 Teams .....	444-151-16
In Big 12 Action (since '96) .....	51-16
Home .....	28-4
Away .....	20-10
Neutral .....	3-1
Bowls .....	21-21
On ABC .....	75-34
On FieldTurf.....	34-6
At Night .....	56-18-3
vs. Ranked Teams...	
All-Time .....	90-97-3
Home .....	42-32-0
Away .....	28-50-3
Neutral.....	20-15-0
as No. 1 Team .....	46-7-1
In 264 Consecutive Sellout Streak...	
All-Time .....	234-30
vs. Ranked Teams .....	38-20

**1994 National Championship Team to Celebrate 10-Year Anniversary**

Last season, Nebraska invited all living football letterwinners back for a grand celebration to open the season with the Husker Nation Celebration. More than 800 former players took part in the weekend of festivities, capped by a march onto the Memorial Stadium field before Nebraska's 17-7 victory over Oklahoma State.

The Nebraska football program will have a reunion of a smaller scale this fall when the 1994 national championship team gathers together the weekend of Oct. 29-30. The Huskers will host Big 12 North rival Missouri at Memorial Stadium on Saturday to culminate the weekend of activities.

The 1994 Huskers overcame injuries and adversity to give Head Coach Tom Osborne his first of three national championships. The Huskers used three starting quarterbacks in their 13-0 championship season that was capped by a 24-17 victory over Miami in the Orange Bowl. Coach Osborne and former defensive coordinator Charlie McBride have both committed to attend the weekend's festivities.

**'55 Orange Bowl Team to Gather in October**

The Nebraska football program will also honor the 50th anniversary of its first Orange Bowl team this fall. The 1954 Husker team that played in the 1955 Orange Bowl will have a reunion the weekend of Nebraska's Oct. 2 game with Kansas.

The Huskers lost 34-7 to Duke in the 1955 Orange Bowl, but the contest marked the first of 17 trips to Miami for the New Year's Classic. The 1954 Cornhuskers finished second behind Oklahoma in the Big Seven race, but went to the Orange Bowl under the no-repeat rule.

**Nebraska Tops Elite Programs in Consistency**

Nebraska ranks third among Division I-A schools in all-time football victories with 782 wins. The Huskers have the nation's best record since 1962, posting a 416-89-5 record in the last 42 seasons. In that period, Nebraska has easily been the most consistent program in the nation. That is evident when comparing the Huskers' record to the other nine programs among the top 10 in all-time victories.

The Huskers have had just three seasons since 1962 with eight or fewer victories. Eight of the other nine schools in the top 10 have had at least 15 seasons with eight or fewer wins in that span. Nebraska's last losing season occurred in 1961. Michigan has not had a losing record since 1967, but the other eight schools on the all-time top 10 wins list have all had losing seasons since 1988, including six programs with losing campaigns in the past seven seasons.

**College Football's 10 Winningest Programs**

School	All-Time Wins	Most Recent Losing Season	Seasons With 8 or Fewer wins Since 1962
Michigan	834	4-6, 1967	16
Notre Dame	797	5-7, 2003	23
<b>Nebraska</b>	<b>782</b>	<b>3-6-1, 1961</b>	<b>3</b>
Texas	778	4-7, 1997	20
Alabama	760	4-9, 2003	16
Ohio State	758	4-6-1, 1988	8
Penn State	757	3-9, 2003	17
Oklahoma	739	5-6, 1998	21
Tennessee	737	5-6, 1988	22
USC	709	5-7, 2000	25

**Huskers Own An Unprecedented Winning Tradition**

Nebraska, the nation's third-winningest program all time (fourth by percentage), boasts a 782-312-40 record in 1,134 games (.707) in 115 years of football. In the last 36 years, NU is tops, posting a record of 348-71-5 for an .827 winning percentage (424 games), an average of nearly 10 wins per year.

NU has won 10-or-more games 24 times since 1962, has gone 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 11 years. NU has won 12 or more games seven times, and 13 games three times (1971, 1994 and 1997).

Nebraska (702), Michigan (705), Alabama (728) and Notre Dame (736) were the only four programs to win 700 games in the 1900s. NU became the first Division I team to win 100 or more games in consecutive decades, ranking first in the 1980s (103-20-0, .837) and second in the 1990s (108-16-1, .890) and posted a nation's best 309-56-5 record in the 1970s, 1980s and 1990s.

**Huskers To Bid for NCAA-Record 36th Consecutive Bowl Appearance in 2004 Campaign**

Nebraska's visit to the 2003 Mastercard Alamo Bowl marked the Huskers' 35th consecutive bowl game, the nation's longest current streak and an all-time NCAA record. Michigan's streak of consecutive bowl appearances reached 29 last year, the second-longest streak in NCAA history. Nebraska's 42 overall bowl appearances is tied for fourth best with USC, trailing Alabama's 51, Tennessee's 44 and Texas' 43.

Nebraska played the first of its 42 bowls in the Rose Bowl, when No. 7 Nebraska lost to No. 2 Stanford, 21-13, following the 1940 season. NU's 35 consecutive bowls began with a 45-6 win over Georgia in the 1969 Sun Bowl. The Huskers are 21-21 all-time in bowl games.

**NU Owns 42 Consecutive Winning Regular Seasons**

The Huskers' 10-3 record in 2003 marked Nebraska's 42nd consecutive winning regular season and its 41st winning season in the last 42 years. Nebraska saw its streak of 40 consecutive winning seasons end with a 7-7 mark in 2002. Nebraska's streak of 40 consecutive winning seasons fell two years short of Notre Dame's NCAA-record run of 42 straight winning campaigns from 1889 to 1932.

The Huskers boast 42 consecutive winning regular seasons and 42 straight years with a .500 or better finish. Nebraska's 42 straight non-losing seasons is tied for second all-time in NCAA Division I-A, with Notre Dame's 42 (1889-1932), trailing only Penn State's 49 (1939-87). Since Nebraska's 42-year .500-or-better streak began, the Huskers have averaged nearly 10 wins per season with a 416-86-5 record (.825).

**Nine Wins a Regular Occurrence for Huskers**

Nebraska's amazing run of nine-win seasons came to an end at 33 consecutive years in 2002. The streak is even more remarkable when considering that Texas and Miami now share the lead for most consecutive nine-win seasons with six apiece. Texas' current run of six consecutive nine-win seasons is the longest in its proud history. Miami reeled off 10 straight nine-win campaigns spanning the 1980s and 1990s and Florida State had a 14-year streak that ended in 2000.

However, among a group of other long-time powers, including Notre Dame, Penn State, Oklahoma, Michigan and Ohio State, the longest streak of nine-win seasons is eight years by both Oklahoma and Ohio State.

Nebraska has won nine-or-more games in 39 of the past 42 seasons. Only back-to-back 6-4 records in 1967 and 1968, and a 7-7 mark in 2002, have fallen short of the nine-win plateau.

## Nebraska A Regular Supplier to NFL

Nebraska had five players selected in the 2004 NFL Draft, led by Demorrio Williams who was a fourth-round selection of the Atlanta Falcons. In addition to Williams, Jammal Lord (Houston), Josh Sewell (Denver), Trevor Johnson (New York Jets) and Ryon Bingham (San Diego) had their names called during the 2004 draft. Six other Huskers signed free-agent contracts with NFL teams after the draft.

The Huskers have a total of 37 former players on 2004 NFL opening day rosters (below). In all, 21 teams have at least one former Husker on their 2004 opening day roster, with San Diego and Houston with four former Huskers each, while Kansas City has three former Nebraska players on its roster. Kansas City Chiefs All-Pro offensive guard Will Shields and Oakland Raiders defensive tackle John Parrella are Nebraska's most experienced NFL veterans, both entering their 12th season in the league in 2004.

Ryon Bingham, DT, San Diego (I.R.)  
 Josh Brown, PK, Seattle  
 Kris Brown, PK, Houston  
 Mike Brown, FS, Chicago  
 Correll Buckhalter, RB, Philadelphia (I.R.)  
 Keyuo Craver, CB, New Orleans  
 Josh Davis, RB, New York Jets (I.R.)  
 Chris Dishman, OG, St. Louis  
 Toniu Fonoti, OG, San Diego  
 Jay Foreman, LB, Houston  
 Aaron Golliday, TE, Kansas City (Practice)  
 Ahman Green, RB, Green Bay  
 DeJuan Groce, CB, St. Louis  
 Russ Hochstein, OG, New England  
 T.J. Hollowell, LB, New York Giants (Practice)  
 Eric Johnson, LB, Atlanta  
 Trevor Johnson, DE, New York Jets  
 Chris Kelsay, DE, Buffalo  
 Kyle Larson, P, Cincinnati  
 Jammal Lord, DB, Houston (Practice)  
 Mike Minter, SS, Carolina  
 John Parrella, DT, Oakland  
 Jerrell Pippens, DB, San Diego (Practice)  
 Carlos Polk, LB, San Diego  
 Dominic Raiola, C, Detroit  
 Mike Rucker, DE, Carolina  
 Cory Schlesinger, FB, Detroit  
 Josh Sewell, C, Denver (Practice)  
 Scott Shanle, LB, Dallas  
 Will Shields, OG, Kansas City  
 Erwin Swiney, CB, Green Bay (Reserve)  
 Adam Treu, C, Oakland  
 Kyle Vanden Bosch, DE, Arizona  
 Eric Warfield, CB, Kansas City  
 Zach Wiegert, OT, Houston  
 Demorrio Williams, LB, Atlanta  
 Grant Wistrom, DE, Seattle

## All-Americans Call Nebraska Home

Free safety Josh Bullocks and punter Kyle Larson are the latest players to add their names to Nebraska's prestigious list of All-Americans, receiving honors in 2003. Larson was named a first-team All-American by the American Football Coaches Association, while Bullocks was tabbed by The Sporting News.

Larson and Bullocks' All-America selections added to Nebraska's long list of All-Americans, beginning with tackle Vic Halligan in 1914. The Huskers have had at least one All-American in all but two (1991, 1998) of the past 34 years. Overall, Nebraska has seen 92 different players earn first-team All-America honors from at least one recognized source with 14 winning double honors for a total of 106 first-team awards. Nebraska had its most All-Americans in one season when six Huskers earned first-team honors in the 1971 national championship campaign. The offensive line is Nebraska's most honored position, with 26 players earning 31 first-team All-America certificates.

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## Huskers a Fixture in National Polls

Nebraska was unranked in the preseason 2004 Associated Press poll, but is a regular visitor to the national polls. Including the Sept. 12 AP poll, Nebraska has been ranked in 538 of 556 AP polls since 1969 (all but one week in 1977, two weeks in 1981, the final 11 weeks of 2002; the 2003 preseason poll; and the first three polls of 2004). Additionally, Nebraska has been ranked in the AP top 10 for at least one week in each of the last 34 seasons and 40 of the last 41 years.

The Huskers saw an AP Poll record streak of 348 consecutive weeks in the poll end after a 2002 loss at Iowa State. Nebraska appeared in every weekly poll from Oct. 17, 1981, to Sept. 22, 2002.

## Huskers Continue Nebraska Tradition of Award-Winning Excellence in Classroom

The Husker football program has a tradition of winning that can be matched by few in college football. Off the field, Nebraska has established a tradition of academic excellence that is matched by no one.

### ► Huskers Continue to Lead Nation in Academic Honors

Nebraska continues to lead the nation in CoSIDA Academic All-Americans for all sports and all teams with 217; in first-team winners for all sports with 109; and also leads the nation in football academic honor winners with 59 first-team certificates and 81 football all-teams certificates. The 217 overall honorees is 61 better than second-place Notre Dame, while the 59 football honorees is 21 more than second-place Notre Dame's 38.

The Husker football program also leads the nation with nine NCAA Today's Top Eight Award winners, 31 NCAA postgraduate scholarship winners, including Judd Davies in 2004, and 20 National Football Foundation and College Hall of Fame Scholar-Athletes, most recently Chris Kelsay in 2002.

### ► Kriewald, Cooper Playing 2004 Season as Graduate Students

Two members of Nebraska's 20-player senior class will compete in their senior seasons as graduate students. Fullback Steve Kriewald picked up his degree in construction management in May. Linebacker Ira Cooper graduated with his degree in sociology at the close of summer school in August. In addition to Kriewald and Cooper, nine Huskers are on track to finish their undergraduate work in December. Another eight are scheduled to graduate in May of 2005, putting 19 of 20 Husker seniors on track to earn their degrees by next spring.

### ► 4.0 GPAs not Uncommon to Husker Football Team

Three Husker players carry a perfect 4.0 cumulative grade-point average into the fall semester. Senior linebacker Chad Sievers (business administration) has completed his first eight semesters of college without a blemish on his report card. In addition to Sievers, sophomore offensive lineman Kurt Mann and sophomore fullback Dane Todd have each completed four semesters of college with perfect 4.0 grade-point averages.

During the spring 2004 semester, a total of seven players had 4.0 grade-point averages. Joining the three players listed above were quarterback Garth Glissman, defensive lineman Nathan Krug, safety Brandon Rigoni and safety Blake Tiedtke. A total of nine players had perfect 4.0 semesters in the fall of 2003.

### ► Huskers Top Big 12 in Graduation Rates

Nebraska has led the Big 12 in graduation rates four times since the conference was formed eight years ago. In addition, Nebraska's Exhausted Eligibility Graduation Rate increased for the fifth consecutive year and is currently a Big 12-leading 91 percent. The Exhausted Eligibility Rate surveys the graduation of scholarship student-athletes who entered the University of Nebraska from 1988 through 1997 and exhausted their athletic eligibility at Nebraska.

Nebraska's football averages are higher than the national average and are higher than the general student population at UNL as well. Nebraska's one-class average for football students entering school in 1997 is 72 percent, which is ahead of UNL's 59 percent for all students. Nebraska was one of 30 schools honored by the American Football Coaches Association, when the school received the 2004 Academic Achievement Award in late June. Nebraska was recognized for graduating 70 percent or more of its football student-athletes from the freshman class of 1998-99, as its graduation rate was 77 percent.

Two members of this year's senior class (Steve Kriewald, Ira Cooper) have already earned their degree with nine more set to pick up their diplomas in December.

### ► Nebraska Unveils Hall of Distinction

The University of Nebraska Athletic Department unveiled the Hall of Distinction on Thursday, Sept. 2 with a ribbon-cutting ceremony. The Hall of Distinction, which is located in the Hewitt Center in West Memorial Stadium, honors every Husker letterwinner who has graduated and those who have earned national academic honors.

Nebraska men's sports date back to 1890 and its women's sports began nearly 30 years ago. During that span, 4,625 letterwinners have earned their degrees. Nebraska currently carries a 91 percent graduation rate for student-athletes who complete their eligibility at Nebraska.

The graduation display, which honors every student-athlete who lettered and earned their undergraduate degree, is in the same hallway as the academic All-American portraits, and a display honoring Nebraska's nation-leading 14 NCAA Today's Top Eight Award winners. Since the award began, Nebraska leads the nation in academic All-Americans with 217 first-, second-, and third-team honorees from all sports and also leads the nation in with 109 first-team academic All-Americans.

NU Athletic Director Steve Pederson said the display was the brainchild of Associate Athletic Director for Academic Programs and Student Services Dennis Leblanc. Approximately two years of research went into tracking the letterwinners to verify names, graduation dates and degrees.

## A Look at the Numbers

### Scoring Drives

Nebraska's West Coast Offense has shown the attack's explosiveness, consistency and balance in the season opener, with eight touchdowns on 16 drives against Western Illinois. Overall, the Huskers have scored touchdowns on 10 of their 30 drives through two games, including four touchdowns by rush and six through the air. NU's 11 scoring drives (10 TDs, 1 FG) have covered a total of 619 yards in 64 plays and took a total of 22:13, for an average scoring drive that covered 56.3 yards in just 5.8 plays and 2:02.

The Huskers' longest scoring drive covered 85 yards in 13 plays and took 4:26. All of NU's 10 other scoring drives took nine plays or less. Nebraska's shortest drive covered 18 yards on one play and took just six seconds.

The longest drive against Nebraska came by Southern Miss, which produced a 13-play, 64-yard drive that took 4:17 and resulted in a field goal. Western Illinois also produced an eight-play, 66-yard drive that took 3:50 resulting in a touchdown. The Leathernecks put the first points of the season on the board against the Huskers with a four-play, five-yard drive that took 1:36.

Game	Scoring			Time			Plays		
	Drives	Total	Avg.	Total	Avg.	5 or less	1-Play		
W. Illinois	8	15:37	1:57	46	5.8	4	1		
Southern Miss	3	6:30	2:10	18	6.0	2	0		
<b>Totals</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>22:07</b>	<b>4:07</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>5.8</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>1</b>		
<b>Opponents</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>14:11</b>	<b>2:36</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>6.3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>		

### Long Season Plays (20 or more yards)

Nebraska has shown big-play ability in all phases of the game this season. The Huskers have produced 22 plays that covered 20 yards or more, including seven long passes, six long runs and nine long returns. Quarterback Joe Dailey connected with wide receiver Willie Amos on a 36-yard touchdown against Western Illinois for the Huskers' longest pass play of the season. Junior I-back Cory Ross sprinted 52 yards against Southern Miss for the Huskers' longest run from scrimmage this season. Junior strong safety Daniel Bullocks unleashed NU's longest return of the young season with his 58-yard interception return against Western Illinois. Kate Pittman added NU's longest punt return (36 yards vs. WIU), while redshirt freshman I-back Tierre Green contributed the Huskers' longest kickoff return (28 yards, twice vs. USM).

The Huskers have yielded 11 long plays to the opposition, including five long passes and six long returns. Western Illinois' James Norris erupted for a 98-yard kickoff return for a touchdown, which tied for the third-longest kickoff return in school history by an NU opponent. He added a 75-yard return earlier in the contest. Southern Miss' Naton Stewart had the longest interception return by an opponent this season with a 49-yarder for a touchdown to end the third quarter. WIU quarterback Steve LaFauce connected with Reggie Gray for 47 yards on the longest pass play of the season by an NU opponent.

	Husker Long Plays				Opponent Long Plays			
	Rush	Pass	Return	Total	Rush	Pass	Return	Total
WIU	4	5	4	13	0	3	3	6
USM	2	2	5	9	0	2	3	5
<b>Total</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>11</b>

### Nebraska in the Red Zone

Nebraska is 7-for-8 inside the opponent's red zone so far this season, with six trips resulting in touchdowns. The Huskers produced two rushing touchdowns and two passing scores against Western Illinois in the season opener. The two passing touchdowns inside the red zone doubled NU's total from a season ago. The Huskers added two more passing touchdowns in the red zone against Southern Miss, along with their first red zone field goal of the season.

The Huskers have held opponents to just a Big 12-best 57 percent (4-of-7) success rate inside the red zone, including just one touchdown. Western Illinois had one passing touchdown and one field goal, while Southern Miss connected on field goals in each of their penetrations of the red zone.

Game	Chances	Scores Inside 20			No Score Inside 20			Half/	
		Total	TDs	FGs	MissFGs	TDs	Downs	Gm.	Pct.
WIU	4	4	4	0	0	0	0	0	1.000
USM	4	3	2	1	0	0	1	0	.750
<b>Totals</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>.875</b>
<b>Opp.</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>.571</b>

**Note:** Nebraska has two rushing TDs, four passing TDs and 1 FG in the red zone. Opponents have 0 rushing TDs, 1 passing TD and three FGs in the red zone.

### Nebraska Points Off Turnovers

The Blackshirts excelled at forcing turnovers in the season opener, forcing five Western Illinois turnovers that the offense converted into a pair of touchdowns. Against Southern Miss, the Huskers had one turnover that led to a Husker touchdown.

The Huskers have committed 11 turnovers of their own in two games, but the Blackshirts surrendered just two touchdowns off those turnovers.

For the season, Nebraska has intercepted five passes and recovered one fumble, while the Huskers have thrown seven interceptions and lost four fumbles.

Game	TOs		Scores		Turnovers	
	Gained	TDs	FG-FGA	Pts.	(Fumbles/Lost INT)	
WIU	5 (1/1 F/L, 4 INT)	2	0-0	14	6 (3/2 F/L, 4 INT)	
USM	1 (0/0 F/L, 1 INT)	1	0-0	7	5 (5/2 F/L, 3 INT)	
<b>Totals</b>	<b>6 (1/1 F/L, 5 INT)</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>11 (8/4 F/L, 7 INT)</b>	
<b>Opp.</b>	<b>11 (8/4 F/L, 7 INT)</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3-4</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>6 (3/1 F/L, 5 INT)</b>	

### Husker 100-Yard Rushing Games (3)

The Huskers produced a pair of 100-yard rushers in the season-opening win over Western Illinois. Junior I-back Cory Ross cruised for 125 yards on just 13 carries, while redshirt freshman I-back Tierre Green rolled for his first 100-yard game in his first career appearance with 112 yards and two touchdowns on just seven carries. Ross came back with his second straight 100-yard performance of the season against Southern Miss, collecting a career-high 169 yards on 27 attempts.

While the Huskers sprinted for 363 yards against the Leathernecks, the Blackshirts held Western Illinois to minus-three yards in rushing. Through two games, Nebraska has racked up 637 yards rushing while allowing only 94 yards on the ground. The Huskers have held four straight opponents to less than 100 yards rushing dating back to last season.

### Nebraska's Individual Rushing Games (3)

**W. Illinois** – Cory Ross-13 att., 125 yards, 0 TD; Tierre Green-7 att., 112 yards, 2 TD  
**Southern Miss** – Cory Ross-27 att., 169 yards, 0 TD

### Starting Field Position

Nebraska's defense gave the Huskers a relatively short field to work with against Western Illinois in the opener, as NU used an average starting field position of the 36.6 yard line to produce eight touchdowns. Miscues on special teams gave Western Illinois even better field position throughout the game, as the Leathernecks' starting field position averaged the 45.8 yard line.

Western Illinois used a 98-yard kickoff return for a touchdown to produce one of its touchdowns, while the Leathernecks also got a 75-yard kickoff return to start a drive at the NU 8. Overall, WIU started six drives on NU's half of the field, with all six of them starting inside the NU 40.

Against Southern Miss, the Huskers had an average starting field position of the 33.4 yard line. USM started its drives at the 28.4 yard line on average, although it had two drives start in Nebraska territory and returned an interception 49 yards for one of its touchdowns.

Nebraska has managed six starts on the opponents' half of the field, including a season-best start at the Western Illinois 18. NU has started four drives inside its own 20 this season, while opponents have started a six drives inside their own 20.

	NU Avg. Start	Opp. Avg. Start	Advantage
Western Illinois	36.6 (659/18)	45.8 (870/19)	-9.2
Southern Miss	33.4 (467/14)	28.4 (397/14)	+5.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>35.2 (1,126/32)</b>	<b>38.4 (1,267/33)</b>	<b>-9.2</b>

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

### Penalty Numbers

Nebraska was whistled for six penalties for 55 yards in the its season-opening win over Western Illinois, and gave up just 25 yards on five penalties against Southern Miss. The Leathernecks were flagged for seven penalties but had just 41 yards marched off against them, while USM had eight penalties for 59 yards.

Game	NU Pen.-Yds.	Opp. Pen.-Yds.
Western Illinois	6-55	7-41
Southern Miss	5-25	8-59
<b>Total</b>	<b>11-80</b>	<b>15-100</b>
<b>Average</b>	<b>5.5-40.0</b>	<b>7.5-50.0</b>

**Husker Starting Experience****(Regular Starters in boldface, includes bowl games)**

<b>Offensive Starters</b>	<b>'01</b>	<b>'02</b>	<b>'03</b>	<b>'04</b>	<b>Total</b>
Willie Amos, WR (X), Sr. (Sweetwater, Texas)	6*	—	0	0	6*
Jake Andersen, RG, Jr. (Littleton, Colo.)	0	0	11	2	13
Joe Dailey, QB, So. (Jersey City, N.J.)	—	—	0	2	2
Mike Erickson, OL, Sr. (Omaha, Neb.)	0	14	13	2	29
Seppo Ewvaraye, OT, Jr. (Vaasa, Finland)	—	0	0	2	2
Isaiah Fluellen, WR (Z), So. (Ramstein, Germany)	—	—	4	0	4
Matt Herian, TE, Jr. (Pierce, Neb.)	—	0	13	2	15
Dusty Keiser, TE, Sr. (Norfolk, Neb.)	0	0	0	1	1
Brandon Koch, LG, Jr. (Gothenburg, Neb.)	—	0	2	2	4
Steve Kriewald, FB, Sr. (Scotia, Neb.)	2	1	0	1	4
Mark LeFlore, WR (Z), Jr. (Omaha, Neb.)	—	1	5	0	6
Kurt Mann, C, Soph. (Grand Island, Neb.)	—	—	0	2	2
Grant Mulkey, WR (E), Soph. (Arlington, Texas)	—	—	0	1	1
Terrence Nunn, WR (Z), Fr. (Houston, Texas)	—	—	—	1	1
Jack O'Holleran, WR (Z), Sr. (North Platte, Neb.)	—	0	2	0	2
Ross Pilkington, WR (X), Jr. (Ft. Collins, Colo.)	—	0	13	2	15
Nick Povendo, RT, Sr. (Keller, Texas)	0	2	0	0	2
<u>Cory Ross, LB, Jr. (Denver, Colo.)</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>6</u>
<b>Totals</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>141</b>

\*Amos' starts were on defense

<b>Defensive Starters</b>	<b>'01</b>	<b>'02</b>	<b>'03</b>	<b>'04</b>	<b>Total</b>
Titus Adams, DT, Jr. (Omaha, Neb.)	—	0	1	2	3
Stewart Bradley, SAM, Soph. (Salt Lake City, Utah)	—	—	0	2	2
Daniel Bullocks, SS, Jr. (Chattanooga, Tenn.)	—	1	9	2	12
Josh Bullocks, FS, Jr. (Chattanooga, Tenn.)	—	5	13	2	20
Adam Carriker, DE, So. (Kennewick, Wash.)	—	—	0	2	2
Ira Cooper, LB, Sr. (Omaha, Neb.)	0	1	0	1	2
Lornell McPherson, RCB, Sr. (Omaha, Neb.)	3	4	2	2	11
Barrett Ruud, MIKE, Sr. (Lincoln, Neb.)	0	14	13	2	29
Chad Sievers, WILL, Sr., (Valley, Neb.)	—	0	0	1	1
Shane Siegel, SS, Jr. (Grand Island, Neb.)	—	1	0	0	1
Le Kevin Smith, DT, Jr. (Macon, Ga.)	—	0	12	2	15
Benard Thomas, LDE, Sr. (East Palo Alto, Calif.)	0	—	10	2	12
<u>Fabian Washington, LCB, Jr. (Bradenton, Fla.)</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>26</u>
<b>Totals</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>135</b>

<b>Starting Kickers</b>	<b>'01</b>	<b>'02</b>	<b>'03</b>	<b>'04</b>	<b>Total</b>
Sandro DeAngelis, PK, Sr. (Niagara Falls, Ontario)	4	0	2	2	8
David Dyches, PK, So. (Spring, Texas)	—	—	11	0	11
<u>Sam Koch, P, Jr. (Seward, Neb.)</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>
<b>Totals</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>21</b>

**Starters Briefly****Starts by True Freshmen:** 1**Number of Native Nebraskans With Starts:** 15**Number of Offensive Players with Career Starts:** 19**Number of Defensive Players with Career Starts:** 13**Most Career Starts on Offense:** Mike Erickson, LT (29)**Most Career Starts on Defense:** Barrett Ruud (29)**Most Consecutive Starts on Offense:** Mike Erickson (29)**Most Consecutive Starts on Defense:** Barrett Ruud (29)