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vs.



Nebraska
(3-1, 1-0)

Texas Tech
(3-2, 1-1)

► Huskers-Red Raiders Briefly

Date: Saturday, Oct. 9, 2004 **Time:** 6 p.m. (CDT) **Site:** Lubbock, Texas
Stadium: Jones SBC Stadium **Surface:** Artificial Turf **Capacity:** 52,702
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: TBS (Ron Thulin—Play-by-Play; Charles Davis—Color; Craig Sager—Sideline)
Series History: Nebraska leads, 7-0 **Last Meeting:** Nebraska

This Week in Husker Football

Monday, Oct. 4

11:50 a.m. Coach Callahan on Big 12 Conference Call

Tuesday, Oct. 5

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, Oct. 6

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

Thursday, Oct. 7

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

Friday, Oct. 8

7 a.m. Big Red Breakfast, Omaha (Turner Gill)

Noon Extra Point Luncheon, Lincoln (Dennis Wagner)

Saturday, Oct. 9

..... Kickoff at Texas Tech (6 p.m., TBS)

Sunday, Oct. 10

4 p.m. Media availability in South Stadium

..... Coach Cosgrove, 2-4 selected players

Huskers Face Tough Road Test at Texas Tech

Nebraska takes to the road for the first time in conference play this Saturday evening when the Huskers tangle with Texas Tech in a 6 p.m. game in Lubbock. The contest from Texas Tech's Jones SBC Stadium will be televised to a national audience by TBS.

The Huskers enter this weekend's game with a 3-1 record and a 1-0 mark in the Big 12 following a tough 14-8 victory over Kansas last Saturday evening in Lincoln. The Husker defense had another strong outing, allowing Nebraska to overcome four turnovers, including three after halftime. The victory allowed the Huskers to win their conference opener for the 29th time in the last 30 years.

Nebraska faces a tough battle if it plans to make it two-for-two in conference play. Texas Tech enters Saturday night's game with a 3-2 overall mark and a 1-1 record in Big 12 action. The Red Raiders dropped an early-season game at New Mexico, but rebounded to win two straight, including a 31-30 win at Kansas in their Big 12 opener two weeks ago. This past Saturday, Texas Tech tested second-ranked Oklahoma in Norman, before falling 28-13.

The NU-Texas Tech matchup will be the first between the schools since 2001. The Huskers have dominated the all-time series, winning each of the seven previous meetings, including a 3-0 record against Tech in Lubbock.

Huskers Open Conference Action with Hard-Fought Victory over Kansas

Nebraska relied on a stingy defensive performance and the steady play of junior running back **Cory Ross** to defeat Kansas, 14-8, and improve to 3-1 overall and 1-0 in the Big 12 Conference. The victory extended Nebraska's winning streak against Kansas to 36 consecutive games and marked the Huskers' 29th victory in its past 30 conference openers.

Ross produced his third 100-yard rushing effort of 2004, leading the Huskers with 107 yards rushing on 19 carries and a touchdown. He also caught three passes for 37 yards, including a 14-yard touchdown reception in the third quarter that gave Nebraska the lead for good. Junior wide receiver **Ross Pilkington** also turned in a notable performance, racking up 113 yards on eight receptions, both career highs. Meanwhile, the Blackshirts did not allow a KU touchdown and held the Jayhawks to 305 yards and just 149 in the second half. Junior cornerback

2004 Nebraska Football Schedule/Results

Day	Date	Opponent	Time/Result	TV	Series	Last Meeting (Site)/Notes
Sat.	Sept. 4	Western Illinois	W, 56-17	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	W, 24-17	ABC	Pitt, 15-5-3	Husker defense has four takeaways in first half, limits Pitt to 30 rushing yards
Sat.	Oct. 2	Kansas#	W, 14-8	PPV	NU, 87-21-3	Blackshirt defense holds KU out of end zone to give NU 36 straight wins in series
Sat.	Oct. 9	at Texas Tech#	6 p.m.	TBS	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 (10-3)

No.	Team (1st)	Record	Points
1.	USC (48)	4-0	1,604
2.	Oklahoma (15)*	4-0	1,560
3.	Georgia (2)	4-0	1,491
4.	Miami	4-0	1,409
5.	Texas	4-0	1,358
6.	Auburn	5-0	1,305
7.	California	3-0	1,180
8.	Florida State	3-1	1,149
9.	Purdue	4-0	1,047
10.	Virginia	4-0	1,036
11.	Utah	5-0	937
12.	Florida	3-1	866
13.	Minnesota	5-0	722
14.	Michigan	4-1	666
15.	Wisconsin	5-0	650
16.	West Virginia	4-1	604
17.	Tennessee	3-1	551
18.	Ohio State	3-1	547
19.	Arizona State	5-0	507
20.	Louisville	4-0	478
21.	Boise State	5-0	396
22.	Oklahoma State	4-0	360
23.	Maryland	3-1	263
24.	LSU	3-2	191
25.	South Carolina	4-1	60

ESPN/USA Today/Coaches (10-3)

No.	Team (1st)	Record	Points
1.	USC (46)	4-0	1,507
2.	Oklahoma (12)*	4-0	1,462
3.	Georgia (1)	4-0	1,398
4.	Miami (2)	4-0	1,347
5.	Texas	4-0	1,283
6.	Auburn	5-0	1,180
7.	California	3-0	1,116
8.	Florida State	3-1	1,049
9.	Virginia	4-0	966
10.	Purdue	4-0	952
11.	Utah	5-0	876
12.	Florida	3-1	731
13.	Minnesota	5-0	684
14.	Michigan	4-1	644
15.	Ohio State	3-1	643
16.	Wisconsin	5-0	597
17.	Tennessee	3-1	519
18.	West Virginia	4-1	497
19.	Boise State	5-0	442
20.	Louisville	4-0	434
21.	Oklahoma State	4-0	353
22.	Arizona State	5-0	314
23.	Maryland	3-1	307
24.	LSU	3-2	232
25.	North Carolina State	3-1	63

*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	def. Pittsburgh, 24-17
9-19	-	RV	NA	idle
9-26	-	RV	NA	def. Kansas, 14-8
10-3	RV	RV	NA	

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

Fabian Washington recorded his third interception of the season, and the Husker defense totaled 17 pass breakups, including six by Washington and four by junior safety **Daniel Bullocks**.

Trailing 8-7 midway through the third quarter, the Huskers took the lead for good with an eight-play, 77-yard scoring drive. NU quarterback **Joe Dailey** hit Pilkington with a 37-yard pass to get Nebraska moving, then capped the drive by connecting with Ross on the 14-yard scoring pass.

Nebraska never found an offensive rhythm, as its last drive of the third quarter ended with a fumble by Pilkington, and the Huskers' first two drives of the fourth quarter ended with Dailey interceptions. KU's Rodney Harris ran the second pick back 25 yards, and the KU offense took over at the NU 26. Once again, the Blackshirts came up big. Daniel Bullocks broke up a pass intended for Gary Heaggans near the end zone on third-and-8. KU elected to go for it on fourth down, but quarterback Adam Barmann threw an incomplete pass, ending the scoring threat. The Jayhawks did not mount a serious scoring threat on their final two drives. Linebacker **Barrett Ruud** thwarted a fake punt attempt by KU, and a desperation pass on the game's final play fell to the ground, ensuring the Husker victory.

The Husker offense ended the game with 322 yards of total offense but turned the ball over four times. Dailey was 16-for-24 through the air, throwing one touchdown and three interceptions.

Kansas capitalized on an NU miscue on the second play of the game to take a 2-0 lead. A bad pitch by Dailey at the Nebraska 8-yard line rolled into the end zone. KU extended the lead to 5-0 on a 36-yard field goal by Johnny Beck with 10:47 remaining in the half. Nebraska took its first lead of the game after a five-play, 47-yard drive capped by an 18-yard scoring run by Ross. Kansas reclaimed the lead in the third quarter on a 39-yard field goal by Beck with 6:59 remaining.

Recapping Game Four...Nebraska 14, Kansas 8

► The win marked NU's 29th win in its last 30 conference openers and its 27th straight win in a conference home opener.

► The Huskers extended their winning streak over Kansas to 36 games, dating back to 1969. Nebraska's 36-game win streak over the Jayhawks is the second-longest streak in the nation, trailing only Notre Dame's 40 straight victories over Navy. Saturday's victory was the Huskers' 18th straight victory over Kansas in Lincoln, while the six-point margin of victory was the closest in the series since a 21-20 Husker win in Lawrence on Nov. 6, 1993.

► The 22 combined points were the lowest in the series since 1975, a 16-0 Nebraska victory. The 22 combined points were also the fewest in any NU regular-season game since a 19-0 loss at Arizona State in 1996.

► I-back **Cory Ross** rushed 19 times for 107 yards, marking his third 100-yard game in four contests this season. The 107 yards also marked Ross' second 100-yard game against the Jayhawks, after he picked up 108 yards on 19 carries in last year's 24-3 victory at Kansas for his first career 100-yard rushing game. Ross now has six career 100-yard rushing games, all in Nebraska's past eight contests.

► Ross' third-quarter touchdown reception was the first of his career, and his 37 receiving yards are the most of his Nebraska career (previous high was 32 against Western Illinois).

► Junior receiver **Ross Pilkington** caught eight passes for 113 yards, both career highs. Pilkington has 13 catches in the past two games, including five receptions at Pittsburgh. The 113-yard effort marked Nebraska's first 100-yard receiving game since Matt Herian hauled in three receptions for 110 yards last season against Troy State. His 113 yards were the most by a Husker wide receiver since Matt Davison had 167 yards on 10 catches at Texas A&M on Oct. 10, 1998.

► Cornerback **Fabian Washington** had a first-quarter interception, his team-leading third of 2004 and the 11th of his career. His 11 picks are tied for fourth on the Husker career charts. Washington also broke up six passes, the second-most in school history, pushing his career total to 31, good for fifth on the Husker career list.

► Linebacker **Barrett Ruud** had 15 tackles to increase his career total to 335 tackles, just seven tackles behind NU career leader Jerry Murtaugh who recorded 342 tackles from 1968 to 1970. Ruud's 15 stops marked the 15th time in his career that Ruud reached double figures in tackles, while his 10 solo tackles were a season best.

► **Stewart Bradley** turned in a career night with 12 tackles, surpassing his previous best of seven vs. Southern Miss.

► Kansas rushed for 105 yards as the Jayhawks became the first team to rush for over 100 yards against the NU defense since Kansas State last season. Nebraska held KU without a rushing touchdown, as the Blackshirts have not allowed a rushing TD in 24 quarters, dating back to the fourth quarter against Kansas State last season. The 29-yard third-quarter run by Kansas' John Randle was the longest against Nebraska this season. Nebraska had not allowed a run of 20 yards or longer in its previous five games dating back to last season.

► Nebraska held KU to 3-of-19 on third down conversions, and opponents have converted 31 percent (18 of 58) of their third down attempts in 2004.

► Tight end **Matt Herian** caught one pass for eight yards, moving his career receiving yardage total to 999 yards. The junior is just one yard short of becoming the 12th Husker to surpass 1,000 career receiving yards and just the third tight end. Herian now has 47 career receptions, the fifth-most career receptions by a Nebraska tight end.

NU-Kansas Stat Wrap

Team Stats	KU	NU
First Downs	16	11
Rushes-Yards	33-105	32-139
Passes	49-24-1	24-16-3
Passing Yards	200	183
Total Offense	305	322
Turnovers	1	4
Time of Possession	34:37	25:23

NU Rushing Leaders

Cory Ross—19 carries, 107 yards, 1 TD
Brandon Jackson—7 carries, 28 yards

NU Passing Leader

Joe Dailey—24-16-3, 183 yards, 1 TD

NU Receiving Leaders

Ross Pilkington—8 receptions, 113 yards
Cory Ross—3 receptions, 37 yards, 1 TD

NU Defensive Leaders

Barrett Ruud—15 tackles, 1-3 TFL
Fabian Washington—3 tackles, INT, 6 PBU
Kellen Huston—5 tackles, 1-1 TFL, 2 PBU
Daniel Bullocks—4 tackles, 4 PBU

2004 Big 12 Standings

North Division

Team	Records		
	Overall	Big 12	Next Game
Nebraska	3-1	1-0	at Texas Tech, 10/9
Missouri	3-1	1-0	at Baylor, 10/9
Colorado	3-1	0-1	vs. Oklahoma St., 10/9
Iowa State	2-2	0-1	vs. Texas A&M, 10/9
Kansas State	2-2	0-1	at Kansas, 10/9
Kansas	2-3	0-2	vs. Kansas State, 10/9

South Division

Oklahoma	4-0	1-0	vs. Texas, 10/9
Oklahoma St.	4-0	1-0	at Colorado, 10/9
Texas	4-0	1-0	vs. Oklahoma, 10/9
Texas A&M	3-1	1-0	at Iowa State, 10/9
Texas Tech	3-2	1-1	vs. Nebraska, 10/9
Baylor	1-2	0-1	vs. Missouri, 10/9

2004 Nebraska Non-Conference Opponents

Team	Record-Next Game
Western Illinois	2-3-vs. Indiana State, 10/9
Southern Miss	3-0-vs. Houston, 10/7
Pittsburgh	2-2-at Temple, 10/9

Last Week's Opponent/Big 12 Results

Nebraska 14, Kansas 8
 Oklahoma 28, Texas Tech 13
 Texas 44, Baylor 14
 Oklahoma State 36, Iowa State 7
 Missouri 17, Colorado 9
 Texas A&M 42, Kansas State 30
 SMS 36, Western Illinois 31
 Connecticut 29, Pittsburgh 17
 Southern Miss 27, South Florida 20

2004 Texas Tech Schedule

Date	Opponent	Time/Result
9/4	at SMU	W, 27-13
9/11	at New Mexico State	L, 24-27
9/18	TCU	W, 70-35
9/25	at Kansas	W, 31-30
10/2	at Oklahoma	L, 13-28
10/9	Nebraska	6 p.m.
10/23	Texas	1 p.m.
10/30	at Kansas State	
11/6	Baylor	1 p.m.
11/13	at Texas A&M	
11/27	Oklahoma State	1 p.m.

NU-Texas Tech Series Notes

- ▶ In 2001, Texas Tech became the first opponent since 1962 to score at least 28 first-half points in Memorial Stadium.
- ▶ The Huskers are 27-9 against the four Texas schools in the Big 12 Conference.
- ▶ Nebraska's 38.4 points-per-game average against the Red Raiders is its highest against any current league opponent.
- ▶ Nebraska entered the first seven matchups in the series ranked in the national top 25, including ranking in the top five in each of the last five meetings.
- ▶ Quarterback Eric Crouch became just the third player in NCAA history to rush for 3,000 yards and pass for 3,000 yards in a career as he had 196 passing yards and 105 rushing yards against TTU in the last meeting between the teams in 2001.

Nebraska-Texas Ties

- ▶ Nebraska has 10 players from the state of Texas on its roster (Willie Amos, Sweetwater; Greg Austin, Cypress; Titus Brothers, San Antonio; David Dyches, Spring; Adam Furtwengler, Corpus Christi; Grant Mulkey, Arlington; Terrence Nunn, Houston; Matt O'Shea, Irving; J.B. Phillips, Colleyville; Nick Povendo, Keller). The Red Raiders have one player (Marlon Carter, Jr., WR, Omaha) from the Cornhusker State.

Scouting the Texas Tech Red Raiders



Nebraska travels to Lubbock, Texas, for its first road conference game of the season this weekend where it will face the high-flying Texas Tech Red Raiders. TTU enters the contest with a 3-2 record and 1-1 mark in Big 12 Conference play after dropping a 28-13 contest at No. 2 Oklahoma last weekend.

Texas Tech comes into the game leading the nation in passing offense (423.0 ypg) and ranks fourth in total offense (516.2 ypg). In his first season as a starter, Red Raider quarterback Sonny Cumbie has passed for 2,085 yards while completing 60.8 percent of his pass attempts through five games. Cumbie has tossed 11 scoring strikes and given away 11 interceptions while averaging an NCAA-best 417 passing yards per game.

Sophomore receiver Jarrett Hicks has been Cumbie's most likely target, as they have hooked up 39 times with Hicks gaining 716 yards and four touchdowns. Hicks leads the nation in receiving yards per game (143.2 ypg) and is fifth nationally in receptions per game (7.8 rpg).

On the ground, junior Taurean Henderson, a 5-9, 205-pounder, has gained nearly 80 yards per game and paces the squad with six rushing touchdowns. Henderson is also third on the squad with 24 catches and leads the team in scoring with 36 points.

Defensively, the Red Raiders have been led by senior linebacker Mike Smith, who paces the squad with 42 tackles. Senior defensive end Adell Duckett has gained a team-best 4.5 tackles for loss and owns one of TTU's four sacks. The Red Raiders have allowed 26.6 points and 332.2 total offense yards per game, including 152 yards per contest on the ground. TTU has recorded four interceptions and 10 total turnovers in five games.

Texas Tech Coach Mike Leach

Coach Mike Leach is in his fifth season guiding the Red Raiders and owns a 34-23 career record, including an 0-2 mark against the Huskers. Leach, who also serves as the team's offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach, has pushed the Red Raiders to four straight bowl appearances and four consecutive seasons with at least seven wins, including a 9-5 campaign in 2002.

Under Leach's guidance, the Red Raiders have set 149 individual or team records since 2000, including numerous passing game records. Last season, quarterback B.J. Symons set the school record with 661 passing yards in a game against Mississippi and went on to set the NCAA mark for passing yards in a season with 5,833.

Leach had a little familiarity with the Big 12 Conference before taking over the Red Raider program, as he was the offensive coordinator at Oklahoma in 1999. He also called the offensive alignments for Kentucky in 1997 and 1998 after spending five seasons at Valdosta (Ga.) State.

Nebraska-Texas Tech Series...NU leads, 7-0

The matchup between the Huskers and Red Raiders will be just the eighth in the series, and the first since the 2001 campaign. Nebraska has won the first seven meetings in the series, including earning a 3-0 mark in Lubbock.

The contest will be the fifth between the schools since the formation of the Big 12 Conference in 1996. Nebraska has held the Red Raiders to 10 or fewer points three times in the last four meetings.

Texas Tech recorded its series-high point total in the last meeting in 2001, when it dropped a 41-31 contest in Lincoln. Quarterback Eric Crouch, who became Nebraska's third Heisman Trophy winner that season, passed for 196 yards and three touchdowns while rushing for 105 yards and one score in the win. Kliff Kingsbury gained 353 yards on 33-of-63 passing, but had just one scoring toss for TTU.

Nebraska-Texas Tech Statistical Comparison

Category	Nebraska (3-1, 1-0 Big12)			Texas Tech (3-2, 1-1 Big12)		
	Avg.	Big 12	Natl.	Avg.	Big 12	Natl.
Rushing Offense	224.8	4	15	93.2	12	104
Passing Offense	186.3	8	75	423.0	1	1
Total Offense	411.0	6	31	516.2	2	4
Scoring Offense	27.8	9	51	33.0	4	25
Rushing Defense	57.3	1	2	152.0	10	69
Pass Defense	198.3	8	54	180.2	5	37
Pass Efficiency Defense	83.28	1	6	104.9	4	25
Total Defense	255.5	1	5	332.2	9	47
Scoring Defense	15.8	5	24	26.6	10	72
Net Punting	37.6	7	37	39.9	2	16
Punt Returns	9.6	11	82	10.1	7	48
Kickoff Returns	19.9	7	62	17.1	9	98
Turnover Margin	-1.3	11	105	-1.0	10	93

Last Meeting (2001)...

Nebraska 41, Texas Tech 31

Team Stats	TTU	NU
First Downs	26	30
Rushes-Yards	17-67	56-335
Passes	64-34-1	22-10-2
Passing Yards	373	196
Total Offense	440	531
Turnovers	2	2
Time of Possession	27:59	32:01

NU Rushing Leaders

Dahrran Diedrick—20 carries, 157 yards
 Eric Crouch—21 carries, 105 yards, 1 TD
 Thunder Collins—7 carries, 41 yards

NU Passing Leader

Eric Crouch—22-10-2, 196 yards, 3 TDs

NU Receiving Leader

Wilson Thomas—4 receptions, 76 yards, 2 TDs

NU Defensive Leaders

Lornell McPherson—8 tackles
 Dion Booker—7 tackles

Special Teams Standout

Josh Brown—2-2 FG, 5-5 PAT

Callahan as a Head Coach Year-by-Year

Year	Record	Pct.	Postseason
Oakland Raiders			
2002	13-6	.684	2-1; Won AFC Championship, lost to Tampa Bay in Super Bowl XXXVII
2003			
	4-12	.250	None
NFL Totals	17-18	.486	One playoff appearance
Nebraska			
2004	3-1	.750	

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	3-1
vs. AP Ranked Teams	0-0
vs. AP Top 10 Teams	0-0
vs. Unranked Teams	3-1
vs. Big 12 Teams	1-0
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	2-1
When NU has two 100-yard rushers in same game..	1-0
When Opponent has 100 Yd. Rusher	1-0
When Scoring 35 or More Points	1-0
When Hold Opp. to 10 Pts. or less	1-0
When Nebraska scores first	2-0
When Nebraska leads at halftime	3-0
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	2-1
Record in games decided by 7 or less	2-1
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
Field	Field
Jordan	Cosgrove
Gill	Blake
Wagner	Busch
Press Box	Press Box
Norvell	Elmassian
Downing	Stamm (G.A.)
McClure (G.A.)	

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Huskers.com**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, Red Raiders in NCAA Rankings**Nebraska****Team**

Rushing Offense, 224.8 ypg (15th)

Rushing Defense, 57.3 ypg (2nd)

Pass Efficiency Defense, 83.28 (6th)

Total Defense, 255.5 (5th)

Scoring Defense, 15.8 (24th)

Individual

Cory Ross, Rushing, 118.5 ypg (12th)

Fabian Washington, Interceptions, 0.75 pg (4th)

Cory Ross, All-Purpose Running, 145.5 ypg (20th)

Texas Tech**Team**

Passing Offense, 423.0 ypg (1st)

Total Offense, 516.2 ypg (4th)

Scoring Offense, 33.0 ppg (25th)

Pass Efficiency Defense, 104.89 (25th)

Net Punting, 39.9 (16th)

Individual

Sonny Cumbie, Total Offense, 411.8 ypg (1st)

Jarrett Hicks, Receptions Per Game, 7.8 rpg (5th)

Nehemiah Glover, Receptions Per Game, 5.8 rpg (24th)

Jarrett Hicks, Receiving Yards Per Game, 143.2 ypg (1st)

Jarrett Hicks, All-Purpose Runners, 144.6 ypg (21st)

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 265 consecutive sellouts in Memorial Stadium
- ▶ 784 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
- ▶ 114-9 home record in last 18 seasons (since 1986)

Huskers Hit the Road For First Time in Conference Play

Nebraska has traditionally had strong success when playing its conference road opener. The Huskers have dropped their last two Big 12 road openers—2003 at Missouri, 2002 at Iowa State—but have won 26 of their last 30 conference road openers dating back to 1974. Saturday's game at Texas Tech will mark the third time since the formation of the Big 12 Conference that Nebraska has played its first conference road game in the state of Texas. Nebraska won 49-21 at Baylor in 1997, and dropped a 28-21 decision at Texas A&M in 1998.

Nebraska Hopes for More Success in West Texas

The Huskers have had good success in their three previous trips to Lubbock to meet Texas Tech. The first meeting between the two teams at Jones SBC Stadium was a non-conference matchup during Nebraska's 1994 national championship season that saw the Huskers come out on top, 42-16. In their two meetings in Lubbock as members of the Big 12 Conference, Nebraska defeated the Red Raiders 24-10 in 1996 and 56-3 in 2000.

Nebraska has put together three strong defensive efforts in their previous trips to Lubbock holding the Red Raiders under 300 yards in each of the three games. Texas Tech has managed just one offensive touchdown in the three meetings between the two schools in Lubbock, including none in the two meetings as Big 12 foes.

Huskers-Texas Tech to Feature Strength vs. Strength

Saturday night's matchup will feature one of the nation's most explosive offenses in Texas Tech against Nebraska's defense, which has been one of the nation's stingiest early in the season. The key statistical matchups in Saturday's contest include...

▶ Texas Tech's top-ranked passing offense (423.0 ypg) vs. Nebraska's pass defense which ranks sixth in pass efficiency defense

▶ The Red Raiders rank fourth in total offense (516.2 ypg), while Nebraska is first in the Big 12 and fifth nationally in total defense (255.5 ypg)

Both teams hope to take better care of the football than they have early this season. Nebraska ranks 11th in the Big 12 and 105th nationally in turnover margin at -1.25 per game, while Texas Tech is 10th in the league and 93rd nationally at -1.0 per game. The Huskers and Texas Tech have each thrown 11 interceptions this season to tie for the most in the nation.

No Running, Please

The Nebraska Blackshirt defense has quickly established itself as one of the nation's top units in 2004. The Huskers rank first in the Big 12 and fifth nationally in total defense, allowing 255.5 yards per game. The Huskers also lead the Big 12 in pass efficiency defense and rushing defense.

Nebraska's defense has been especially dominant against the run. The Huskers are allowing just 57.3 yards per game, second to national leader Michigan (47.2 ypg). Overall, the Husker defense has succeeded in its goal of making opposing offenses one-dimensional.

▶ Nebraska joins Wisconsin and Auburn as the only teams in the nation that have not allowed a rushing touchdown in 2004. The Huskers streak of not allowing a rushing touchdown stretches 24 quarters to the fourth quarter of last year's matchup with Kansas State.

▶ The Huskers are allowing just 1.82 yards per rush, second in the country to Michigan. Nebraska and the Wolverines are the only defenses in the nation allowing less than two yards per rush.

▶ Kansas rushed for 105 yards against Nebraska to end NU's five-game streak of holding opponents to less than 100 yards rushing. The Huskers had held Western Illinois to minus-three yards rushing, Southern Miss to 97 yards and Pittsburgh to just 30 yards rushing to open the season.

▶ The Jayhawks' John Randle had a 29-yard run vs. the Blackshirts last Saturday. The run was the longest by an opponent this season and is the only rush of 20 yards or more against Nebraska this fall.

▶ The effort against Western Illinois marked the 19th time in school history the Huskers held an opponent to negative rushing yards.

Part of Nebraska's rush defense excellence has been the negative yardage piled up as a result of sacks. The Huskers have recorded 12 sacks this season, including two each by junior defensive end **Wali Muhammad**, senior cornerback **Lornell McPherson** and sophomore defensive end **Adam Carriker**. The Huskers have 35 total tackles for loss, led by a team-high five by senior All-America candidate **Barrett Ruud** (12 yards).

Opponents Find Scoring Difficult vs. Blackshirts

Nebraska ranks 24th nationally in scoring defense at 15.8 points per game, but a close look at the statistics reveals how difficult it is to put points on the board against the 2004 Husker Blackshirts.

Opponents have scored just three offensive touchdowns in four games against the Huskers, all by pass. Western Illinois, Southern Miss and Pittsburgh each recorded touchdown passes in the second half against Nebraska. In fact, the Nebraska defense has yet to allow a first-half touchdown in 2004.

The Blackshirts have also shown the resiliency to stop opponents in the red zone. In the first four games, Husker opponents have made 11 trips into the red zone. Just one of those opponent red zone chances has ended with a touchdown, a third-quarter pass by Western Illinois. Five of the opponent trips into the Nebraska red zone have ended in field goals, while five others have resulted in no points.

Big 12 Conference POW Nominees

Game	Offense	Defense	Special Teams
WIU	Herian	Cooper	Shanle
USM	Ross	D. Bullocks	Ickes
PITT	none	Muhammad	Rigoni
KU	Ross	Ruud	Rigoni

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Bold indicates winner

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)

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
Pitt	7	5	12	3-9	1-3
KU	<u>10</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>1-3</u>	<u>0</u>
Totals	29	17	36	5-12	1-3

Nebraska Career Tackles for Loss

Rank, Player, Yr.	TFL
1. Grant Wistrom, DE, 1994-97	58.5
2. Trev Alberts, OLB, 1990-93	45
3. Jim Skow, DT, 1982-85	44
4. Broderick Thomas, OLB, 1985-88	39
5. Mike Rucker, DE, 1995-98	38
6. Travs Hill, OLB, 1989-92	37.5
7. Barrett Ruud, MLB, 2001-present	37

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 earned All-America honors during his sophomore season.

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. The current group of Blackshirts are no different and have shown a special knack for taking the ball away from the opposition. Last season, the Husker defense had 47 takeaways, 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 have again shown the ability to take the ball away from opponents in 2004, with 11 takeaways in four games. That performance has helped offset Nebraska's offensive turnover problems.

Nebraska forced five Western Illinois turnovers in the opener, including four interceptions. The Blackshirts' five takeaways marked the second straight year Nebraska had forced five turnovers in the season opener.

The Huskers had four takeaways at Pittsburgh, all before halftime and converted those miscues into 17 points. The Husker defense has now caused five or more turnovers four times in the past 17 games after not having a five-takeaway game in the previous 43 games. In 17 games since the start of the 2003 season, Nebraska has forced at least three turnovers 12 times.

► Nebraska's nine interceptions rank in a tie for fifth nationally, and the Huskers 83.28 pass efficiency defense ranking is sixth in the country.

► In addition to causing turnovers, the Blackshirt defense has responded well to Nebraska's own turnovers. The Husker offense has committed 16 turnovers in four games, while the kickoff return unit mishandled two kicks against Western Illinois for a total of 18 "sudden changes". Off those opportunities, the opposition has scored just 28 points, with six of those points coming on an interception return for a touchdown by Southern Miss.

All-America Candidate Ruud Poised to Break Nebraska Career Tackle Record

Nebraska senior Mike linebacker **Barrett Ruud** has enjoyed a memorable career in the Husker program and the early part of his senior season has been no different. 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. Ruud has quickly narrowed that gap and the All-America and Butkus Award candidate is likely to surpass Murtaugh this week at Texas Tech. Ruud has a team-high 46 tackles this season, pushing his career total to 335 tackles, just seven behind Murtaugh.

The senior is coming off an outstanding performance in Nebraska's 14-8 victory over Kansas last Saturday. Ruud recorded a season-high 15 tackles, including 10 solo tackles. The 15 tackles were the third-most of Ruud's career and marked his third double-figure tackle game of the year, joining his 10-tackle effort vs. Western Illinois and 12 stops at Pittsburgh. Ruud now has 15 games in his career with 10 or more tackles, including 10 of the past 12 games.

In addition to leading the 2004 Huskers in total tackles, Ruud's five tackles for loss are tops on the team. Ruud has 37 career tackles for loss to rank seventh on the Husker list, just one TFL from the top five.

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.

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. Barrett accomplished the feat last season, while Tom's 104 tackles in 1974 were a team-high.

► 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 537 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.

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
Pitt	1	3	4
KU	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>
Totals	2	9	11

Nebraska Career Tackles

Rank, Player, Yrs.	Tackles
1. Jerry Murtaugh, 1968-70	342
2. Barrett Ruud, 2001-pres.	335
3. Mike Brown, 1996-99	287
4. Lee Kunz, 1976-78	276
5. Clete Pillen, 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 Pillen, 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. Josh Bullocks, FS, 2002-present	12
Bret Clark, S, 1982-84	12
4. Fabian Washington, CB, 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
9. Joe Blahak, CB, 1970-72	10
Bill Kosch, S, 1969-71	10

Nebraska Career Pass Breakups

Rank, Player, Years	PBU
1. Ralph Brown, CB, 1996-99	50
2. DeJuan Groce, CB, 1999-02	41
Keyuo Craver, CB, 1998-01	41
4. Erwin Swiney, CB, 1997-01	38
5. Fabian Washington, CB, 2002-present	31

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.

Excellent Balancing Act

Nebraska's version of the West Coast Offense has exhibited excellent balance and potency through four games in 2004. The Huskers are averaging 411.0 yards per game overall, including 224.7 yards rushing and 186.3 passing.

Through four games, Nebraska has rushed 160 times and thrown 120 passes, roughly a 57-43 run-pass ratio. The Huskers have generated 54.7 percent of their total offense on the ground and 45.3 percent through the air. Below is a list of Nebraska's most balanced offensive attacks since 1973. If Nebraska continues at its current run-pass ratio, it would mark the Huskers' second-most balanced offense since 1973.

Balanced Husker Offenses Since 1973

Year	Total Offense	Pct. Rush	Pct. Pass
1976	407.8	53.9	46.1
1973	396.0	56.9	43.1
1975	406.2	61.0	39.0
2004	411.0	54.7	45.3

Huskers Tie Pass Attempt Record, Maintain Balanced Attack

Nebraska threw a school-record tying 42 passes in its 21-17 loss to Southern Miss. 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.

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 Award. 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 129 career games at Nebraska with a combined 75 starts. They have also combined to intercept 33 passes, led by Josh Bullocks' 12 picks, and break up 63 passes, including 31 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 second on the Nebraska career interception list with 12 picks, including his first interception of 2004 at Pittsburgh. Bullocks is tied with Bret Clark for second place, just two interceptions behind career leader Dana Stephenson. Washington picked off his third pass of the season against Kansas, giving him 11 career interceptions, good for a tie for fourth on the Husker career list. 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 five more combined interceptions to become the top trio of teammates in career interceptions.

► The 23 combined interceptions of Josh Bullocks and Fabian Washington are the most since Stephenson and Kosch were teammates on the 1969 team and finished their careers with a combined 24 picks.

The Husker secondary has also exhibited its depth early in the season. McPherson has missed the Pittsburgh and Kansas games with an injury, while Washington sat out the second half at Pittsburgh with an injury. True freshman **Cortney Grixby** has started the last two games in McPherson's place, while fifth-year senior **Kellen Huston** has been a key player throughout the season. Both responded well, as Grixby has had seven tackles and two pass breakups in the past two games, while Huston has 10 tackles, two tackles for loss, a fumble recovery and seven pass breakups in the past two games. Huston's five breakups at Pittsburgh tied for the third-most in school history.

West Coast Offense Comes to the Heartland

Nebraska's West Coast Offense made a strong debut in the season opener against Western Illinois. 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 execution 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.

Head Coach Bill Callahan also suggested the defense may have to carry the offense through some growing pains during the learning process of the new system. Despite falling 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

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 and the Kansas contest were televised on a pay-per-view basis by Fox Sports Net and the second and third games by ABC—Southern Miss on a regional basis and Pittsburgh to nearly the entire nation. This Saturday's game at Texas Tech is set for a national telecast on TBS. The Nov. 26 home contest against Colorado is also set for a national telecast. 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 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.

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 125-man roster are in-state players with 67 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.

Joe Dailey Game-by-Game in 2004

Opp.	Passing					Rushing		
	Att.	Comp.	Int.	Yards	TDs	Att.	Yds.	TD
WIU	30	15	4	218	4	4	28	2
USM	42	22	3	202	2	7	38	0
Pitt	22	11	1	142	1	8	14	1
KU	24	16	3	183	1	5	2	0
Totals	118	64	11	745	8	24	82	3

Completion Percentage—54.2

Passing Yards Per Game—186.2

Total Offense Per Game—206.8

NU Streaks...The Huskers have...

- ▶ won 96 straight when rushing for 400 yards
- ▶ won 111 consecutive games when holding the opponent to 10 or fewer points (219-5-1 all-time)
- ▶ scored in 106 consecutive games
- ▶ scored in 231 straight home games
- ▶ shut out opponents 102 times

yards. The Huskers rushed the ball 46 times in the game and threw a school-record tying 42 passes on the day.

Through four games, Nebraska ranks 31st nationally in total offense at 411.0 yards per game. The move to the West Coast Offense has not signaled the end of power football in Lincoln. In fact, Nebraska ranks 15th nationally in rushing offense at 224.8 yards per game.

The "200-200" Club

Nebraska 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 marked the first time the Huskers 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 struggled with interceptions, but has also shown the ability to successfully direct the West Coast Offensive attack that Bill Callahan has installed in Lincoln.

Dailey topped 200 yards passing in the first two games. He scorched the Western Illinois defense for 218 passing yards and four TDs 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 threw for 142 yards at Pittsburgh and passed for 183 yards on 16-of-24 accuracy against Kansas. Through four games, Dailey has completed 54 percent of his passes for 745 yards, with eight touchdowns and 11 interceptions.

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

"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."

While Callahan will continue to demand 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 were 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 had passed for 200 yards in two straight games prior to Dailey was Vince Ferragamo against TCU (218) and Miami (264) in 1976.

A Strong Start

Nebraska quarterback Joe Dailey accounted for a school-record tying six touchdowns in the season opener against Western Illinois. Below is a list of how Dailey's first start compares with other notable Husker quarterbacks in their first career start.

- ▶ **2004, Joe Dailey vs. Western Illinois, NU, 56-17**
Passing—15-30-4, 218 yards, 4 TD
Rushing—4 carries, 28 yards, 2 TD
- ▶ **2002, Jammal Lord vs. Arizona State, NU, 48-10**
Passing—5-13-0, 33 yards, 1 TD
Rushing—17 carries, 103 yards
- ▶ **1998, Eric Crouch vs. UAB, NU, 38-7**
Passing—11-17-0, 127 yards, 1 TD
Rushing—7 carries, 69 yards, 2 TD
- ▶ **1998, Bobby Newcombe vs. La. Tech, NU, 56-27**
Passing—9-10-0, 168 yards, 1 TD
Rushing—12 carries, 12 yards, 2 TD
- ▶ **1996, Scott Frost vs. Michigan State, NU, 55-14**
Passing—5-12-0, 74 yard, 1 TD
Rushing—10 carries, 58 yards, 1 TD
- ▶ **1992, Tommie Frazier at Missouri, NU, 34-24**
Passing—9-20-0, 157 yards
Rushing—14 carries, 77 yards, 3 TD
- ▶ **1981, Turner Gill vs. Colorado, NU, 59-0**
Passing—9-14-0, 178 yards, 4 TD
Rushing—6 carries, 46 yards

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 NU'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.

Pilkington, Herian Provide One-Two Tandem

Tight end Matt Herian was Nebraska's No. 1 receiving target in the opening two games, combining for 15 catches in games against Western Illinois and Southern Miss. In NU's most recent two games, wide receiver Ross Pilkington has been the Huskers' leading receiver, catching 13 combined passes in wins over Pittsburgh and Kansas.

Pilkington hauled in eight receptions for 113 yards against Kansas, both career highs for the junior. Pilkington has 17 receptions in 2004, one behind Herian's team-high 18 catches, while Pilkington leads the team with 244 receiving yards. The eight receptions by Pilkington were the most by a Husker wide receiver since Matt Davison caught 10 passes at Texas A&M on Oct. 10, 1998. Pilkington's eight-catch effort also moved him into the top 20 on the Nebraska career receptions list.

NU Career Receptions

Rank	Player	Years	Catches
1.	Johnny Rodgers,	1970-72	143
2.	Matt Davison,	1997-2000	93
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13.	Tracey Wistrom,	1998-01	58
14.	Bobby Thomas,	1974-76	56
	Chuck Malito,	1974-76	56
16.	Jon Bostick,	1989-91	55
	Junior Miller,	1977-79	55
18.	Ross Pilkington,	2002-present	53
	Jim McFarland,	1968-69	53
	Tony Davis,	1973-75	53
21.	Ritch Bahe,	1972-74	52
22.	Dave Shamblyn,	1973-75	50
23.	Matt Herian,	2002-present	47
	Freeman White,	1963-65	47
	Brendan Holbein,	1993-96	47

NU Career Tight End Receptions

Rank	Player	Years	Catches
1.	Jerry List,	1970-72	61
2.	Tracey Wistrom,	1998-01	58
3.	Junior Miller,	1977-79	55
4.	Jim McFarland,	1968-69	53
5.	Matt Herian,	2002-present	47

Nebraska Career Rushing

Rank	Player	Years	Yards
1.	Mike Rozier,	1981-83	4,780
2.	Ahman Green,	1995-97	3,880
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35.	John O'Leary,	1973-75	1,424
36.	Tyrese Knox,	1985-88	1,358
37.	Bill Thornton,	1960-62	1,328
38.	Turner Gill,	1980-83	1,317
39.	Craig Johnson,	1978-80	1,273
40.	Cory Ross,	2002-present	1,233
41.	Bill Mueller,	1947-50	1,216
42.	Gerry Gdowski,	1987-89	1,211
43.	Willie Greenlaw,	1954-56	1,162
44.	DeAngelo Evans,	1996-99	1,142
45.	Willie Ross,	1961-63	1,125
46.	David Horne,	2002-present	1,104

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 18 catches in four games, after pulling down 22 receptions in 13 games during his sophomore season. Through four games, Herian is more than halfway to the Nebraska season tight end receptions record of 31, held by Johnny Mitchell in 1991.

► Herian's 10 career touchdown receptions are just four shy of the Nebraska career record for TD catches by a tight end, held by Todd Millikan (1985-88). 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.

► Herian's 15 receptions in the first two games were the most in a two-game stretch by any Husker since Johnny Rodgers caught 15 passes in consecutive games at Kansas State (10) and at Oklahoma (5) in 1971. Jeff Kinney caught 17 passes out of the backfield in a two-game stretch against Missouri (8) and Kansas (9) in 1969.

Herian, a Pierce, Neb., native, is closing in on another Nebraska milestone. Herian's 203 receiving yards this season have pushed his career receiving yardage total to 999 yards. With one more receiving yard, Herian will become the 12th Husker with 1,000 career receiving yards and just the third tight end to reach that total, joining Tracey Wistrom (1,150) and Junior Miller (1,045).

Herian's 47 career receptions are tied for the fifth-most ever by a Husker tight end, and just 14 shy of the career tight end record of 61 catches, set by Jerry List from 1970 to 1972. Additionally, Herian is tied for 23rd on the overall receptions list, just 14 catches shy of moving into the top 10.

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 early in the 2004 season.

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 rank 15th nationally in rushing offense at 224.8 yards per game.

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 is averaging 118.5 yards rushing per game, highlighted by a career-high 169 yards on 27 carries against Southern Miss.

► 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 Texas Tech game with 1,233 career rushing yards, 40th in school history.

► With three 100-yard games in the first four contests of the season, Ross has now rushed for 100 or more yards in six of his last eight games and totaled 910 rushing yards in that eight-game stretch (113.8 ypg).

► Ross' 118.5 yards per game average through four games places him 12th nationally in rushing, while his 145.5 all-purpose yards per game rank 20th in the nation.

► Ross' 294 yards in the first two games was the best two-game start by a Husker since I-back Dan Alexander churned out 320 yards in the first two games of the 2000 season.

Redshirt freshman **Tierre Green** has also been a strong force early in the season, while true freshman **Brandon Jackson** and junior **David Horne** give Nebraska four excellent options at the I-back spot. Horne gives Nebraska a pair of 1,000-yard career rushers, as he has 1,104 career rushing yards. The "committee" appears to have Nebraska's running game in excellent hands.

Herian Game-by-Game

Opp.	No.	Yds.	TD	Long
WIU	7	98	2	23
USM	8	71	1	21
Pitt	2	26	0	16
KU	1	8	0	8
Totals	18	203	3	23
Avg. per catch	-11.3 ypr			
Rec. per game	-4.5			

Tracking the Husker Backs

Nebraska's I-backs have combined for 220.3 yards per game in the Huskers' first four games of 2004.

Game	Ross	Green	Jackson	Horne	Total
WIU	13-125	7-112-2 TD	13-79	DNP	33-316-2 TD
USM	27-169	11-66	1-1	0-0	39-236
Pitt	24-73-1	5-24	DNP	6-12	35-109-1 TD
KU	19-107-1	1-2	7-28	0-0	27-137-1TD
Totals	83-474-2	24-204-2	21-108	6-12	134-798-4 TD

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 Cortney 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 106 straight games.

► Nebraska has not been shut out at home since Kansas State shut out the Huskers, 12-0, on Homecoming in 1968 (231 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.

'55 Orange Bowl Team Gathers for Kansas Game

The Nebraska football program honored the 50th anniversary of its first Orange Bowl team when the Huskers hosted Kansas. The 1954 Husker team that played in the 1955 Orange Bowl was the first of a record 17 NU teams to participate in the Orange Bowl. Thirty-four members of the 1954 team took part in the weekend's festivities, in addition to Head Coach Bill Glassford. The Huskers lost 34-7 to Duke in the 1955 Orange Bowl. The 1954 Cornhuskers finished second behind Oklahoma in the Big Seven race, but went to the Orange Bowl under the no-repeat rule.

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► Green rushed for 112 yards on seven carries (16.0 ypc) against Western Illinois, including two touchdowns. His rushing total is 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. Green has totaled 204 yards on 24 carries (8.5 ypc).

► The double 100-yard performance by Ross and Green against WIU marked the 70th time in school history that NU has had a pair of 100-yard rushers in the same game.

► 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. His 79 yards are the most by a Husker true freshman since David Horne rushed for 122 yards against Kansas in 2002, and is the most by a Husker true freshman in a season opener since at least 1973.

► The I-back committee has combined for 798 yards on 134 carries, an average of 5.96 yards per attempt.

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 and NU's trip to Pittsburgh was the first in a two-game series. The Panthers, who played in the Continental Tire Bowl in 2003, are scheduled to travel to Lincoln on Sept. 17, 2005.

Nebraska opened Big 12 Conference action against Kansas (Tangerine Bowl). Nebraska's remaining home schedule includes games against Baylor (Oct. 16), Missouri (Oct. 30, Independence Bowl) and Colorado (Nov. 26). The Huskers face a difficult league road slate, traveling to Texas Tech (Saturday, 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 preseason 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 begun the season unranked in the Associated Press Poll (also 2003).

This week, Nebraska received seven points in the ESPN/USA Today Coaches Poll and one point in the AP poll. Oklahoma (Nov. 13) is the only team on Nebraska's 2004 schedule that is currently nationally ranked as the Sooners check in at No. 2 in both polls. Texas is ranked No. 5 in both polls, while Oklahoma State is No. 22 in the AP poll and 21st in the Coaches Poll this week. Five other 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.

Nebraska Maintains Remarkable Win Streak vs. Jayhawks

Nebraska's hard-fought 14-8 victory over Kansas on Oct. 2 was the Huskers' 36th straight win in the series vs. the Jayhawks and their 18th straight against Kansas in Lincoln. Nebraska's 36-game win streak in the series is the second-longest win streak ever against a Division I-A opponent, trailing only Notre Dame's 40 straight victories over Navy (also active). The six-point victory over Kansas was Nebraska's slimmest margin of victory over the Jayhawks since a 21-20 victory in Lawrence in 1993. The win over Kansas was also Nebraska's 29th victory in its last 30 conference openers. The two teams have met in 99 consecutive seasons, the longest continuous series in Division I-A.

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.

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 had a total of 37 former players on 2004 NFL opening day rosters. In all, 21 teams had 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. Below is a list of former Huskers currently on NFL rosters.

Ryon Bingham, DT, San Diego (I.R.)
 Josh Brown, PK, Seattle
 Kris Brown, PK, Houston
 Mike Brown, FS, Chicago (I.R.)
 Ralph Brown, CB, Minnesota
 Correll Buckhalter, RB, Philadelphia (I.R.)
 Keyuo Craver, CB, New Orleans
 Josh Davis, RB, New York Jets (I.R.)
 Chris Dishman, OG, St. Louis
 Tonia 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

Week Four Husker NFL Highlights

Among the notable performances from week four of the NFL season by former Huskers were...

Kris Brown, PK, Houston—Brown connected on 3-of-4 field goals in Houston's 30-17 victory over Oakland. A week ago, Brown kicked the game-winning field goal in Houston's victory at Kansas City, the eighth game-winner of his career.

Jay Foreman, LB, Houston—Foreman had seven tackles and a fumble recovery for the Texans, as Houston won back-to-back games for the first time in franchise history.

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 and exit the field from the northeast corner. 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 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 **Cortney Grixby** made his Husker debut at cornerback against Western Illinois and has started the past two games at right corner in place of the injured **Lornell McPherson**.

Nebraska has played a total of seven true freshmen this season, as three true freshmen made their debuts on special teams in game two, including receiver **Santino Panico** who is serving as NU's punt returner, and linebackers **Michael Keenan** and **Lance Brandenburgh** who play on Husker coverage units.

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 but returned to practice on a limited basis the week before the Pittsburgh contest. His playing status is still undetermined. **McPherson** has missed the past two games with an injury, while defensive end **Adam Carriker** missed the Pittsburgh contest because of injury, but returned on a limited basis against Kansas. Senior fullback **Steve Kriewald** missed the Kansas contest with a knee injury.

NCAA Record 265 Consecutive Sellouts

Nebraska boasts an incredible NCAA-record 265 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 176, 89 fewer than Nebraska.

The Huskers are 235-30 during the 265 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 103-7 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 470-126-20 (.779, 616 games, 115 years) in Lincoln, 345-103-13 (.762, 461 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 114-9 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 (231 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.

Huskers Own An Unprecedented Winning Tradition

Nebraska, the nation's third-winningest program all time (fourth by percentage), boasts a 784-312-40 record in 1,136 games (.708) in 115 years of football. In the last 36 years, NU is tops, posting a record of 350-71-5 for an .827 winning percentage (426 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.

Husker Records Report

Category	Record
All-time	784-312-40
Home	470-126-20
Memorial Stadium	345-103-13
Since 1962	418-89-5
Away	314-185-20
Road (on campus)	276-148-17
Neutral Sites (includes bowls)	38-37-3
When Scoring 35+ Points	308-2
vs. Big 12 Teams	445-151-16
In Big 12 Action (since '96)	52-16
Home	29-4
Away	20-10
Neutral	3-1
Bowls	21-21
On ABC	76-34
On FieldTurf	35-6
At Night	57-18-3
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 265 Consecutive Sellout Streak...	
All-Time	235-30
vs. Ranked Teams	38-20

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.

Big 12 History

Year	Division Winners		Big 12 Champ
	North	South	
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

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Nebraska Tops Elite Programs in Consistency

Nebraska ranks third among Division I-A schools in all-time football victories with 784 wins. The Huskers have the nation's best record since 1962, posting a 418-89-5 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	836	4-6, 1967	16
Notre Dame	798	5-7, 2003	23
Nebraska	784	3-6-1, 1961	3
Texas	779	4-7, 1997	20
Alabama	761	4-9, 2003	16
Ohio State	759	4-6-1, 1988	8
Penn State	758	3-9, 2003	17
Oklahoma	741	5-6, 1998	21
Tennessee	738	5-6, 1988	22
USC	710	5-7, 2000	25

NU 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 417-89-5 record (.821).

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.

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 Oct. 3 AP poll, Nebraska has been ranked in 538 of 559 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 six 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 Shine Under the Lights

Nebraska will play its third night game in five contests at Texas Tech. The Huskers have had their share of success in night games over the years, compiling a 57-18-3 (.750) winning percentage, including an 20-2 record in games under the Memorial Stadium lights. The Huskers are 2-0 in night games this season, posting home victories over Kansas and Western Illinois.

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.

Husker Players Making the Most of Mondays

Head Coach Bill Callahan has given Nebraska players Mondays off this fall. The Huskers meet and go through conditioning work on Sundays following games, then are given Mondays to concentrate on schoolwork.

Several Huskers are also taking time to use the "off day" as an opportunity to make a difference in the community. Under the director of Assistant Athletic Director for Life Skills Keith Zimmer, Nebraska players will be making regular visits to area schools on Mondays. On Monday, Sept. 13, Husker players Tyler Kester, Jared Nielsen, Mark LeFlore, Ben Eisenhart, Tom Rice, Jake Wesch, Joey Robison, Ben Zajicek, Dane Todd and Greg Austin visited Lincoln's Belmont Elementary School. The Husker players visited with and read to Belmont students in grades K-5.

Brandon Koch Receives Jake Young Scholarship

Nebraska offensive guard **Brandon Koch** was awarded the Jake Young Memorial Scholarship in pre-game ceremonies before the Kansas contest. Young, a Husker two-time All-American and academic All-American, was tragically killed in October, 2002, in a terrorist bomb in Bali. The Jake Young Memorial Scholarship was made possible by generous donations from friends and family, Husker fans across the nation and by a generous donation from Lynn and Dana Roper. The Roper's were Young's Lincoln parents.

Originally a walk-on, Koch was awarded a scholarship near the completion of spring ball and is Nebraska's starting left guard. A 2003 first-team academic All-Big 12 selection, Koch carries a 3.119 grade-point average in secondary education. He has also been named to the Big 12 Commissioner's honor roll four times during his collegiate career and was an honorable-mention pick on the 2003 Brook Berringer Citizenship Team.

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 its quick-strike ability in the first four games this season with 10 of NU's 17 scoring drives coming in five plays or less, including three one-play drives. Overall, the Huskers have scored 15 touchdowns and kicked two field goals in their 60 drives this season. NU has seven rushing touchdowns and eight passing touchdowns. NU's 17 scoring drives (15 TDs, 2 FG) have covered a total of 817 yards in 91 plays in a total of 31:45, for an average scoring drive that covered 48.1 yards in just 5.4 plays and 1:52.

The Huskers' longest scoring drive covered 85 yards in 13 plays and took 4:26 against Western Illinois. All of NU's 16 other scoring drives have taken nine plays or less. Nebraska's shortest drive covered 2 yards on one play and took just three seconds against Pittsburgh. The Huskers added a one-play, six-yard drive that took six seconds against the Panthers, and a four-play drive that went minus-four yards.

Southern Miss and Kansas both produced season-long 13-play scoring drives against Nebraska that resulted in field goals. KU's march took an opponent season-long 5:22 (51 yards). Western Illinois covered a season-long 66 yards in just eight plays and 3:50 to score a touchdown in the opener. Pittsburgh owns the shortest drive against the Huskers in terms of plays and time with a one-play drive that covered 34 yards in just eight seconds. Southern Miss covered just three yards in four plays and 1:16 to get a field goal against the Huskers.

Game	Scoring Drives	Time		Plays			
		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
Pittsburgh	4	5:11	1:18	14	3.5	3	2
<u>Kansas</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>4:27</u>	<u>2:14</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>6.5</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>
Totals	17	31:45	1:52	91	5.4	10	3
Opponents	10	27:05	2:43	74	7.4	4	1

Long Season Plays (20 or more yards)

The Huskers have produced 28 plays that covered 20 yards or more, including 10 long passes, seven long runs and 11 long returns. Quarterback Joe Dailey connected with wide receiver Ross Pilkington on a 41-yard pass at Pittsburgh 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. Kade 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, one at PITT).

The Huskers have yielded 21 long plays to the opposition, including 10 long passes and 10 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. Pittsburgh's Marcus Furman added a 96-yard kickoff return for a score. Southern Miss' Naton Stewart had the longest interception return by an opponent this season with a 49-yarder for a touchdown. WIU quarterback Steve LaFalce connected with Reggie Gray for 47 yards on the longest pass play of the season by an NU opponent. Kansas' John Randle owns the only long rush by an opponent with his 29-yard run.

	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
PITT	0	1	2	3	0	4	2	6
<u>KU</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>4</u>
Total	7	10	11	28	1	10	10	21

Nebraska in the Red Zone

Nebraska has excelled in the red zone, converting 13-of-15 trips inside the opponent's 20-yard line through four games. NU has come away with 11 touchdowns and two field goals. Both times NU has come away empty-handed from the red zone resulted in turnovers on downs. The Huskers have six passing touchdowns inside the red zone this season, which is six times the number they produced last season in that category. The Huskers have added five rushing scores in the red zone. Sandro DeAngelis has added a pair of red zone field goals with one against Southern Miss and one at Pittsburgh.

The Huskers have held opponents to 54.5 percent (6-of-11) 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 its penetrations of the red zone. Pittsburgh made just one failed attempt in the red zone. Kansas converted 2-of-3 attempts with both resulting in field goals. Overall, Nebraska has outscored the opponent 83-22 in the red zone.

Game	Chances	Scores Inside 20			No Score Inside 20			Half/Gm.	Pct.
		Total	TDs	FGs	MissFGs	TDs	Downs		
WIU	4	4	4	0	0	0	0	0	1.000
USM	4	3	2	1	0	0	1	0	.750
PITT	5	4	3	1	0	0	1	0	.800
<u>KU</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1.000</u>
Totals	15	13	11	2	0	0	2	0	.867
Opp.	11	6	1	5	2	2	0	1	.545

Note: Nebraska has five rushing TDs, six passing TDs and 2 FGs in the red zone. Opponents have 0 rushing TDs, 1 passing TD and five FGs in the red zone.

Nebraska Points Off Turnovers

The Blackshirts have forced 11 turnovers through four games this season, including a season-high five against Western Illinois and four more at Pittsburgh. NU has converted opponent turnovers into 38 points.

The Huskers have committed 16 turnovers of their own in four games, but opponents have managed just 28 points off those turnovers.

For the season, Nebraska has intercepted nine passes and recovered two fumbles, while the Huskers have thrown 11 interceptions and lost five 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)	
PITT	4 (2/1 F/L, 3 INT)	2	1-1	17	1 (1/0 F/L, 1 INT)	
<u>KU</u>	<u>1 (1/0 F/L, 1 INT)</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0-1</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>4 (4/1 F/L, 3 INT)</u>	
Totals	11 (4/2 F/L, 9 INT)	5	1-2	38	16 (13/5 F/L, 11 INT)	
Opp.	16 (13/5 F/L, 11 INT)	3	3-4	28	11 (6/2 F/L, 9 INT)	

Husker 100-Yard Rushing Games (4)

Nebraska's West Coast Offense continues to feature a strong running attack. The Huskers have produced at least one 100-yard rusher in three of their first four games and four 100-yard performances overall.

Junior I-back Cory Ross has reeled off three 100-yard efforts, including a career-high 169 yards on 27 attempts against Southern Miss. He added 107 yards against Kansas and 125 yards in the season-opening win over Western Illinois. Against the Leathernecks, redshirt freshman I-back Tierre Green joined Ross across the century mark with 112 yards and two touchdowns on just seven carries in his first career game.

While the Huskers sprung for 363 yards against the Leathernecks, the Blackshirts held Western Illinois to minus-three yards in rushing. Through four games, Nebraska has racked up 899 yards rushing while allowing only 229 yards on the ground. The Huskers held five straight opponents to less than 100 yards rushing dating back to last season, before Kansas managed 105 yards, including 105 yards by John Randle to mark the top rushing performance by an opposing back this season.

Nebraska's Individual Rushing Games (4)

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

Pittsburgh – None

Kansas – Cory Ross-19 att., 109 yards, 1 TD

Starting Field Position

Nebraska enjoyed its largest field position advantage of the season with an 11.6 yard-per-drive edge at Pittsburgh. The Huskers produced a season-best average start at their own 42-yard line, while holding Pittsburgh to an average start at its own 30.4. The Huskers buried the Panthers inside the 20 six times, while starting a season-high five drives in Pittsburgh territory, including three starts inside the Panthers' 10. NU's best starting field position of the season came at the Panthers' 2. In the win over Kansas, the Huskers enjoyed a plus 3.3-yard-per-drive edge, and held KU to an opponent season-low average start at their own 29.0.

Western Illinois produced an opponent season-best average start at its own 45.8-yard line, while NU managed an average drive start at its own 36.6. WIU started an opponent season-high six drives on NU's half of the field. NU opponents own three returns for touchdowns, including kickoff returns by Western Illinois and Pittsburgh and an interception return for a score by Southern Miss.

NU has started 11 drives inside its own 20 this season, while opponents have started 16 drives inside their own 20.

	<u>NU Avg. Start</u>	<u>Opp. Avg. Start</u>	<u>Advantage</u>
Western Illinois	36.6 (659/18)	45.8 (870/19)	-9.2
Southern Miss	33.4 (467/14)	33.1 (497/15)	+0.3
Pittsburgh	42.0 (672/16)	30.4 (487/16)	+11.6
<u>Kansas</u>	<u>32.3 (516/16)</u>	<u>29.0 (464/16)</u>	<u>+3.3</u>
Total	36.2 (2,314/64)	35.1 (2,318/66)	+1.1

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

Penalty Numbers

Nebraska was whistled for a season-high eight penalties for 66 yards in the win over Kansas, while the Jayhawks added opponent season-highs with 13 penalties for 99 yards. NU committed a season-low five penalties for just 25 yards in the loss to Southern Miss. Western Illinois committed an opponent season-low seven penalties for 41 yards in the opener.

<u>Game</u>	<u>NU Pen.-Yds.</u>	<u>Opp. Pen.-Yds.</u>
Western Illinois	6-55	7-41
Southern Miss	5-25	8-59
Pittsburgh	8-60	11-60
<u>Kansas</u>	<u>8-66</u>	<u>13-99</u>
Total	27-206	39-259
Average	6.8-51.5	9.8-64.8

Husker Starting Experience

(Regular Starters in boldface, includes bowl games)

<u>Offensive Starters</u>	<u>'01</u>	<u>'02</u>	<u>'03</u>	<u>'04</u>	<u>Total</u>
Willie Amos, WR (X), Sr. (Sweetwater, Texas)	6*	—	0	0	6*
Jake Andersen, RG, Jr. (Littleton, Colo.)	0	0	11	4	15
Joe Dailey, QB, So. (Jersey City, N.J.)	—	—	0	4	4
Mike Erickson, OL, Sr. (Omaha, Neb.)	0	14	13	4	31
Seppo Ewvaraye, OT, Jr. (Vaasa, Finland)	—	0	0	4	4
Isaiah Fluellen, WR (Z), So. (Ramstein, Germany)	—	—	4	0	4
Matt Herian, TE, Jr. (Pierce, Neb.)	—	0	13	4	17
Tierre Green, IB, RFr. (Omaha, Neb.)	—	—	—	1	1
Dusty Keiser, TE, Sr. (Norfolk, Neb.)	0	0	0	3	3
Brandon Koch, LG, Jr. (Gothenburg, Neb.)	—	0	2	4	6
Steve Kriewald, FB, Sr. (Scotia, Neb.)	2	1	0	1	4
Mark LeFlore, WR (Z), Jr. (Omaha, Neb.)	—	1	5	1	7
Kurt Mann, C, Soph. (Grand Island, Neb.)	—	—	0	3	3
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	4	17
Nick Povendo, RT, Sr. (Keller, Texas)	0	2	0	0	2
<u>Cory Ross, IB, Jr. (Denver, Colo.)</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>8</u>
Totals	8	32	79	44	163

*-Amos' starts were on defense

<u>Defensive Starters</u>	<u>'01</u>	<u>'02</u>	<u>'03</u>	<u>'04</u>	<u>Total</u>
Titus Adams, DT, Jr. (Omaha, Neb.)	—	0	1	4	5
Stewart Bradley, SAM, Soph. (Salt Lake City, Utah)	—	—	0	4	4
Daniel Bullocks, SS, Jr. (Chattanooga, Tenn.)	—	1	9	4	14
Josh Bullocks, FS, Jr. (Chattanooga, Tenn.)	—	5	13	4	22
Adam Carriker, DE, So. (Kennewick, Wash.)	—	—	0	2	2
Ira Cooper, LB, Sr. (Omaha, Neb.)	0	1	0	1	2
Cortney Grixby, LCB, Fr. (Omaha, Neb.)	—	—	—	2	2
Lornell McPherson, RCB, Sr. (Omaha, Neb.)	3	4	2	2	11
Jay Moore, DE, So. (Elkhorn, Neb.)	—	—	0	2	2
Barrett Ruud, MIKE, Sr. (Lincoln, Neb.)	0	14	13	4	31
Chad Sievers, WILL, Sr., (Valley, Neb.)	—	0	0	3	3
Shane Siegel, SS, Jr. (Grand Island, Neb.)	—	1	0	0	1
Le Kevin Smith, DT, Jr. (Macon, Ga.)	—	0	12	4	16
Benard Thomas, LDE, Sr. (East Palo Alto, Calif.)	0	—	10	4	14
<u>Fabian Washington, LCB, Jr. (Bradenton, Fla.)</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>28</u>
Totals	3	37	73	44	157

<u>Starting Kickers</u>	<u>'01</u>	<u>'02</u>	<u>'03</u>	<u>'04</u>	<u>Total</u>
Sandro DeAngelis, PK, Sr. (Niagara Falls, Ontario)	4	0	2	4	10
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>4</u>	<u>4</u>
Totals	4	0	13	8	25

Starters Briefly

Starts by True Freshmen: 3

Number of Native Nebraskans With Starts: 18

Number of Offensive Players with Career Starts: 19

Number of Defensive Players with Career Starts: 16

Most Career Starts on Offense: Mike Erickson, LT (31)

Most Career Starts on Defense: Barrett Ruud (31)

Most Consecutive Starts on Offense: Mike Erickson (31)

Most Consecutive Starts on Defense: Barrett Ruud (31)