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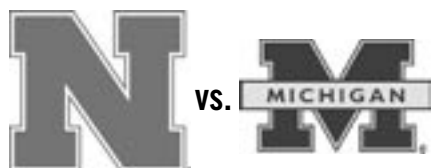
NOTING THE HUSKERS





# Huskers Return to Postseason in Alamo Bowl

## ▶▶ Nebraska to Make Third Trip to San Antonio in Past Six Seasons



**Nebraska**  
(7-4)

**Michigan**  
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### Husker 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 85 academic All-Americans
- ▶ NCAA-record 275 consecutive sellouts in Memorial Stadium
- ▶ 43 all-time bowl appearances—fifth in NCAA
- ▶ 21 all-time bowl victories
- ▶ 4-0 all-time record in the Alamodome
- ▶ 2-0 record in the MasterCard Alamo Bowl
- ▶ Sixth all-time meeting with Michigan

### ▶▶ 2005 MasterCard Alamo Bowl, Huskers-Wolverines Briefly Nebraska (7-4, 4-4 in Big 12) vs. No. 20/21 Michigan (7-4, 5-3 in Big Ten)

**Date:** Wednesday, Dec. 28, 2005    **Time:** 7 p.m. (CST)    **Site:** San Antonio, Texas  
**Stadium:** The Alamodome    **Surface:** FieldTurf    **Capacity:** 65,000  
**Television:** ESPN (Mike Tirico—Play-by-Play; Kirk Herbstreit—Color; Erin Andrews—Sideline)  
**Nebraska Radio:** 55-station Pinnacle Sports Network  
 (Jim Rose—Play-by-Play; Adrian Fiala—Analyst; Randy Lee—Booth; Matt Davison—Sideline)  
**Internet:** Live Radio on Huskers.com    **Satellite Radio:** Sirius Satellite Radio, Channel TBA  
**National Radio:** Westwood One (John Tautges—Play-by-Play; Fran Curci—Analyst)  
**All-Time Series:** Michigan leads, 3-1-1  
**Last Meeting:** Michigan 27, Nebraska 23, Jan. 1, 1986 (Fiesta Bowl, Tempe, Ariz.)

### Huskers Set for 43rd All-Time Bowl Appearance

Fresh off an impressive showing in its regular-season finale against Colorado, the Nebraska football team returns to postseason play in the 2005 MasterCard Alamo Bowl. The 7-4 Cornhuskers will take on 7-4 Michigan in a matchup of two of the four winningest programs in college football history. The Alamo Bowl will be played in San Antonio's Alamodome on Wednesday, Dec. 28. Kickoff is set for 7 p.m., with the game televised by ESPN.

The bowl appearance by the Huskers comes after a one-year hiatus from postseason play for the storied Nebraska program. Nebraska had appeared in bowl action for 35 straight years before missing out on a postseason trip in 2004. The appearance in the 2005 Alamo Bowl marks Nebraska's 43rd all-time bowl appearance, the fifth-most in college football.

Nebraska is becoming familiar with the MasterCard Alamo Bowl. The matchup with Michigan will mark the Huskers' third appearance in the Alamo Bowl in the past six seasons. The game will also mark back-to-back bowl appearances in the Alamo Bowl for Nebraska as the Huskers' last bowl trip was a 17-3 victory over Michigan State in the 2003 Alamo Bowl.

The Huskers have momentum heading into the bowl game. For the first time since the 1999 season, Nebraska captured its final two regular-season games. After a 27-25 victory over Kansas State on Nov. 12 that clinched bowl eligibility for Nebraska, the Huskers closed the regular season with a dominating 30-3 win at Big 12 North Division winner Colorado.

Michigan enters the Alamo Bowl also sporting a 7-4 overall record, while finishing Big Ten action with a 5-3 record. Like Nebraska, the Wolverines finished strong, winning four of their final five games, with the only setback against No. 4 Ohio State in the regular-season finale. The 5-3 conference record left Michigan in a third-place tie in the Big Ten.

The game will pit two teams that have not met frequently on the gridiron. Nebraska and Michigan have met just five times, with the Wolverines owning a 3-1-1 advantage. The most recent meeting between the two schools was 20 seasons ago in the 1986 Fiesta Bowl, with Michigan posting a 27-23 victory. The Huskers are a perfect 2-0 in the Alamo Bowl, while Michigan lost its only appearance in San Antonio in 1995.

### 2005 Nebraska Football Schedule/Results

Day	Date	Opponent	Time/Result	TV	Series	Last Meeting (Site)/Notes
Sat.	Sept. 3	Maine	W, 25-7	PPV	NU, 1-0	NU's 20th straight win in a season opener; School-record 11 sacks
Sat.	Sept. 10	Wake Forest	W, 31-3	TBS	NU, 2-0	NU sets school record with three defensive touchdowns, two INT return TDs
Sat.	Sept. 17	Pittsburgh	W, 7-6	ABC	Pitt, 15-6-3	Two blocked FG, strong defense and punting key third straight win vs. Pitt
Sat.	Oct. 1	Iowa State	W, 27-20(2OT)	ABC	NU, 82-16-2	NU improves to 4-0 all-time in OT; Taylor passes for NU record 431 yards
Sat.	Oct. 8	Texas Tech	L, 34-31	TBS	NU, 7-2	Tech TD with 12 seconds left stops NU comeback/Glenn, Nunn 2 TDs each
Sat.	Oct. 15	at Baylor	W, 23-14	FSN PPV	NU, 9-1	NU controls ball for more than 22:00 in 2nd half/Defense, 4 sacks, 3 TOs
Sat.	Oct. 22	at Missouri	L, 41-24	FSN	NU, 62-34-3	NU suffers second straight loss in Columbia/Swift 9-135-1 TD receiving
Sat.	Oct. 29	Oklahoma	L, 31-24	ABC	OU, 42-37-3	OU picks up first victory in Lincoln since 1987/Swift 9-116-2 TD receiving
Sat.	Nov. 5	at Kansas	L, 40-15		NU, 87-22-3	Kansas defeats NU for first time since 1968/Nunn nabs 5th TD reception
Sat.	Nov. 12	Kansas State	W, 27-25		NU, 73-15-2	Taylor breaks single-season passing record/Congdon GW 40-yard FG with 1:05 left
Fri.	Nov. 25	at Colorado	W, 30-3	ABC	NU, 45-17-2	Taylor 392 passing, 2 TDs/NU 6-1-1 in last eight meetings in Boulder
Wed.	Dec. 28	Michigan	7 p.m.	ESPN	UM, 3-1-1	UM, 27-23 (1986 Fiesta Bowl)/Sixth meeting between two storied programs



### Nine Huskers to Return to Lone Star State

Nebraska will have nine players returning to their home state for the Alamo Bowl, including junior offensive lineman **Greg Austin** (Cypress), sophomore cornerback **Titus Brothers** (San Antonio), junior place-kicker **David Dyches** (Spring), freshman I-back **Cody Glenn** (Rusk), junior wide receiver **Grant Mulkey** (Arlington), sophomore wide receiver **Terrence Nunn** (Houston), junior linebacker **Mark O'Shea** (Dallas), senior defensive tackle **Matt O'Shea** (Dallas) and sophomore tight end **J.B. Phillips** (Colleyville).

The nine players from Texas represents the second-most from any state other than Nebraska.

Nebraska has one player on its roster who hails from the state of Michigan in sophomore offensive tackle **Chris Patrick**, who is from Ithaca, Mich.

### Huskers in the 2005 Polls

Date	A	C	H	Results
Pre.	RV	RV		def. Maine, 25-7
9-5	—	—		def. Wake, 31-3
9-11	—	—		def. Pitt, 7-6
9-18	—	—	RV	idle
9-25	—	RV	RV	def. ISU, 27-20
10-2	RV	RV	25	lost to Tech, 34-31
10-9	RV	RV	RV	def. Baylor, 23-14
10-16	RV	RV	24	lost to Missouri, 41-24
10-23	—	RV	RV	lost to Oklahoma, 31-24
10-30	—	—	—	lost to Kansas, 40-15
11-6	—	—	—	def. Kansas State, 27-25
11-13	—	—	—	idle
11-20	—	—	—	def. Colorado, 30-3
11-27	RV	RV	RV	regular season complete
12-4	RV	RV	RV	

### Big 12 Conference POW Nominees

Game	Offense	Defense	Special Teams
Maine	Hardy	Ruud	Congdon
Wake	Ross	Bullocks	Tiedtke
Pitt	Ross	Carriker	<b>S. Koch</b>
Iowa St.	<b>Taylor</b>	Moore	none
Tech	Nunn	Moore	Robison
Baylor	Mann	Grixby	Congdon
Mizzou	Swift	none	S. Koch
Oklahoma	Swift	Grixby	Rigoni
Kansas	none	none	none
K-State	Swift	Adams	Congdon
Colorado	Taylor	Ruud	S. Koch

Bold indicates winner



Cory Ross is the only player in NU history to rank in the career top 10 for rushing yards and receptions.

### 2005 Nebraska Season Recap

Nebraska started the season in strong fashion and capped the year with victories over a pair of Big 12 North Division rivals to finish with a 7-4 overall record and return to postseason play in 2005. The Huskers opened the year with a five-game homestand and took advantage of the friendly confines of Memorial Stadium, winning four of their first five games to start the season. The Nebraska defense took the headlines through the first three games, dominating non-conference opponents Maine, Wake Forest and Pittsburgh.

In the opener against Maine, Nebraska set school records for sacks (11) and tackles for loss (18), while the Husker offense was powered by the passing combination of **Zac Taylor** to **Frantz Hardy**, previously teammates at Butler County (Kan.) Community College. Taylor threw for 192 yards in the game, including seven passes for 152 yards to Hardy. Sophomore linebacker **Bo Ruud**, came off the bench to replace the injured Steve Octavien (broken leg) and capped the victory with a 27-yard interception return for a touchdown. True freshman place-kicker **Jordan Congdon** flashed signs of things to come with a 4-of-4 field-goal effort.

The defense continued its dominance against Wake Forest in a 31-3 victory on Sept. 10. While the NU offense struggled, gaining just 234 yards of total offense, the Husker defense put points on the board. The Blackshirts scored a school-record three defensive touchdowns, including two in the first quarter to stymie the Demon Deacons. Sophomore linebacker **Corey McKeon** intercepted a pass and returned it 38 yards for a touchdown to open the scoring and just minutes later senior safety **Daniel Bullocks** stripped the ball from a Wake ballcarrier and returned the fumble 30 yards for a score. Linebacker **Stewart Bradley** added NU's third defensive touchdown on a 43-yard interception return to cap the scoring.

Nebraska survived a defensive struggle in game three, picking up a 7-6 win over Pitt. Nebraska scored its only touchdown in the second quarter and the NU defense made it hold up. The victory was not secured until a wild finish was capped by senior linebacker **Adam Ickes'** blocked field goal on the game's final play, allowing NU to escape with a one-point win. Senior punter **Sam Koch** also played a key role in the game, averaging better than 46 yards per punt and pinning the Panthers inside their 20 five times.

The Nebraska offense came alive in the Big 12 opener against Iowa State, helping Nebraska to a 27-20 double-overtime victory. Taylor passed for a school-record 431 yards, completing 36-of-55 passes in the process. Nebraska tied the game at 13-all midway through the fourth quarter, but a late fumble prevented the Huskers from picking up the win in regulation play. After Iowa State opened the first overtime with a quick touchdown, Nebraska responded. Husker I-back **Cory Ross** scored on a one-yard TD to tie the game at 20-20, then caught an eight-yard TD pass from Taylor in the second overtime to put NU ahead. The Blackshirts then held Iowa State off the scoreboard to seal the win.

The Huskers narrowly missed completing their season-opening home stand a perfect 5-0. After falling behind 15th-ranked Texas Tech, 21-0, early in the second quarter, Nebraska bounced back behind inspired efforts by the offense and defense. True freshman running back **Cody Glenn** scored a pair of second-quarter touchdowns to slice the lead to 21-14. Tech kicked two field goals to open the second half, but 17 unanswered points by the Huskers gave NU a 31-27 lead with 5:10 to play. However, Tech responded driving deep into Nebraska territory before the Huskers appeared to secure the win on an interception by senior defensive tackle **Le Kevin Smith**. However, Tech caused Smith to fumble, and scored the game-winning touchdown four plays later with 12 seconds remaining.

Nebraska responded to its first loss with a workmanlike victory in its first road game—a 23-14 triumph at Baylor. The Nebraska offense showed balance in the contest, rushing for 182 yards and passing for 168, while controlling the football for 37:12. The Nebraska defense allowed just 253 yards of total offense and forced three turnovers in the second half.

The Husker Blackshirts ran into a one-man offensive wrecking crew at Missouri, as quarterback **Brad Smith** rushed for 246 yards and three touchdowns, while also passing for 234 yards. The Huskers did not go quietly in the loss. After falling behind 21-3 in the first quarter, Nebraska rallied to tie the game at 24-24 at the half. However, Missouri surged back in front late in the third quarter and the Tiger defense held Nebraska in check in the second half en route to a 41-24 victory.

Nebraska and Oklahoma resumed one of college football's great rivalries in Lincoln and added another memorable game to the series. OU jumped to a quick 14-0 lead early in the second quarter, then grabbed a 21-3 lead with an interception return for a touchdown just before half. After an OU field goal put the Sooners on top 24-3 just three minutes into the second half, Nebraska rallied. Taylor connected with receivers **Terrence Nunn** and **Nate Swift** for touchdowns to cut the Sooner lead to a touchdown. After Oklahoma pushed its lead back to two touchdowns at 31-17, Nebraska again responded with a score to cut the advantage to 31-24. The defense stopped Oklahoma, but a final NU scoring attempt stalled and OU escaped with a win.

The Huskers could not get untracked offensively or defensively at Kansas. The Jayhawks jumped to a 17-2 lead in the second quarter, before Nebraska rallied to cut the lead to 17-15 midway through the third quarter. However, Kansas regained control by scoring 23 straight points to finish the game for a 40-15 win, ending Nebraska's 36-game win streak in the series.

Nebraska rebounded and became bowl eligible with a 27-25 victory over Kansas State at Memorial Stadium, ending a three-game losing skid against the Wildcats. Nebraska dominated the middle of the game to take a 24-12 lead early in the third quarter, however a series of Nebraska mistakes let K-State back into the game. The Wildcats took a 25-24 lead with 4:18 to play, but Nebraska rebounded. True freshman quarterback **Harrison Beck**, replacing the injured Taylor, guided Nebraska down the field, before Congdon drilled a 40-yard field goal with 1:05 to play to give Nebraska the victory.

The Huskers capped the regular season with their most complete effort of the year in a dominating 30-3 win at Colorado. After the Buffs opened the scoring with a field goal just 2:35 into the game, Nebraska controlled the rest of the way. Taylor passed for 392 yards and two touchdowns, guiding Nebraska to 497 total yards and 28 first downs. Meanwhile, the Blackshirt defense kept Colorado on its end of the field the majority of the day. The Buffs manufactured just 212 total yards and converted only 3-of-15 third-down attempts.



## Nebraska in Bowl Games (21-21)

Year	Bowl	Opp.	NU/Opp. AP Rank	Result
<b>(Biff Jones 0-1)...</b>				
1941*	Rose	Stanford	7/2	L, 13-21
<b>(Bill Glassford 0-1)</b>				
1955*	Orange	Duke	-/14	L, 7-34
<b>(Bob Devaney 6-3)...</b>				
1962	Gotham	Miami	-/-	W, 36-34
1964*	Orange	Auburn	6/5	W, 13-7
1965*	Cotton	Arkansas	6/2	L, 7-10#
1966*	Orange	Alabama	3/4	L, 28-39#
1967*	Sugar	Alabama	6/3	L, 7-34
1969	Sun	Georgia	14/-	W, 45-6
1971*	Orange	Louisiana St.	3/5	W, 17-12#
1972*	Orange	Alabama	1/2	W, 38-6#
<b>(Tom Osborne 12-13)...</b>				
1973*	Orange	Notre Dame	9/12	W, 40-6
1974*	Cotton	Texas	12/8	W, 19-3
1974*	Sugar	Florida	8/18	W, 13-10
1975	Fiesta	Arizona State	6/7	L, 14-17
1976	Astro-BB	Texas Tech	13/9	W, 27-24
1977	Liberty	North Carolina	12/14	W, 21-17
1979*	Orange	Oklahoma	6/4	L, 24-31
1980*	Cotton	Houston	7/8	L, 14-17
1980	Sun	Miss. State	8/17	W, 31-17
1982*	Orange	Clemson	4/1	L, 15-22#
1983*	Orange	Louisiana St.	3/13	W, 21-20
1984*	Orange	Miami	1/5	L, 30-31#
1985*	Sugar	Louisiana State	4/12	W, 28-10
1986*	Fiesta	Michigan	7/5	L, 23-27
1987*	Sugar	Louisiana State	6/5	W, 30-15
1988*	Fiesta	Florida State	5/3	L, 28-31
1989*	Orange	Miami	6/2	L, 3-23
1990*	Fiesta	Florida State	6/5	L, 17-41
1991*	Citrus	Georgia Tech	19/2	L, 21-45#
1992*	Orange	Miami	11/1	L, 0-22#
1993*	Orange	Florida State	11/3	L, 14-27
1994*	Orange	Florida State	2/1	L, 16-18#
1995*	Orange	Miami	1/3	W, 24-17#
1996*	Fiesta	Florida	1/2	W, 62-24#
1996*	Orange	Virginia Tech	6/10	W, 41-21
1998*	Orange	Tennessee	2/3	W, 42-17#
<b>(Frank Solich 2-3)...</b>				
1998	Holiday	Arizona	14/5	L, 20-23
2000*	Fiesta	Tennessee	3/6	W, 31-21
2000	Alamo	Northwestern	9/18	W, 66-17
2001*	Rose	Miami	4/1	L, 14-37#
2002	Indepen.	Mississippi	-/-	L, 23-27
<b>(Bo Pelini, Interim)</b>				
2003	Alamo	Michigan St.	22/-	W, 17-3
<b>(Bill Callahan, first bowl game)...</b>				
2005	Alamo	Michigan	-/20	

# winner won or shared national championship

\* year is when game was played—not season

**Bold** indicates conference champion teams

## NU Bowl Summary

43 Bowls (fifth all-time): 21-21  
 13 National Championship Bowl Games: 5-8  
 vs. Michigan: 0-1 (1986 Fiesta Bowl)  
 vs. Big Ten Opponents in bowls: 2-1

## NU in the Bowls

- Alamo: 2-0
- Astro Bluebonnet: 1-0
- Cotton: 1-2
- Fiesta: 1-4
- Florida Citrus: 0-1
- Gotham: 1-0
- Holiday: 0-1
- Independence: 0-1
- Liberty: 1-0
- Orange: 7-9
- Rose: 0-2
- Sun: 2-0
- Sugar: 3-1

## Husker Bowl History

### MasterCard Alamo Bowl Marks NU's 36th Bowl in 37 Seasons

Nebraska will participate in its 43rd all-time bowl game with this year's appearance in the MasterCard Alamo Bowl. The Huskers return to the postseason after missing a bowl game in 2004, ending a streak of 35 consecutive bowl appearances. Nebraska's 35 straight bowl appearances is an NCAA record, and NU has now appeared in bowl games in 36 of the past 37 years and 41 of the past 44 seasons since 1962.

Nebraska's 43 bowl appearances overall is tied for fifth best, trailing Alabama's 53, Tennessee's 45, Texas' 45, and USC's 44. In terms of consecutive bowl appearances, Michigan's streak of consecutive bowl appearances will reach 31 this year, the second-longest streak in NCAA history. The Alamo Bowl will mark Michigan's 37th overall bowl appearance.

Nebraska played the first of its 43 bowls in the Rose Bowl, when No. 7 Nebraska lost to No. 2 Stanford, 21-13, following the 1940 season. Nebraska's 35 consecutive bowls began with a 45-6 win over Georgia in the 1969 Sun Bowl, and ended with its appearance in the 2003 Alamo Bowl. The Huskers are 21-21 all-time in bowl games, including a 2-0 record in the Alamo Bowl.

Michigan's appearance in the Alamo Bowl will mark the Wolverines' 37th all-time bowl trip, including each of the past 31 years. The Wolverines are 18-18, but have lost each of their past two bowl games. This will mark Michigan's second trip to the Alamo Bowl, as the Wolverines lost to Texas A&M in 1995. Michigan is 1-3 all-time in bowl games against Big 12 schools.

### Huskers to Make Third Alamo Bowl Appearance

Nebraska's visit to San Antonio for the 2005 Alamo Bowl will mark the Huskers' third visit to the Alamo Bowl in the past six seasons. Nebraska posted a 66-17 victory over Northwestern in the 2000 Alamo Bowl, setting a Nebraska and NCAA bowl record for scoring.

The Huskers returned to the Alamo Bowl in 2003, and defeated Michigan State, 17-3, in a dominant defensive performance.

The Alamo Bowl is one of 13 bowl games Nebraska has participated in during its illustrious football history. The Huskers' most frequent holiday destination has been the Orange Bowl, where NU owns a 7-9 record in 16 trips to Miami.

▶ The trip to San Antonio is Nebraska's ninth bowl game in the state of Texas. In addition to its previous appearances in the Alamo Bowl, Nebraska has played in three Cotton Bowls (1965, 1974, 1980), two Sun Bowls (1969, 1980) and the 1976 Astro-Bluebonnet Bowl.

### Nebraska Hopes to Move Bowl Record Over .500 Mark

Nebraska owns a 21-21 all-time record in 42 bowl appearances. The Huskers have won seven of their last 10 bowl games since 1994 to reach the .500 mark in their bowl won-loss record. By coach in bowl games, Nebraska was 0-1 under Biff Jones, 0-1 under Bill Glassford, 6-3 under Bob Devaney, 12-13 under Tom Osborne, 2-3 under Frank Solich and 1-0 under interim coach Bo Pelini.

Five of Nebraska's nine bowl games from 1993 to 2001 were for at least a share of the national title, with the Huskers on the winning end in three of those games. Like Nebraska, Michigan is an even .500 in bowl play, posting an 18-18 record.

### Huskers to Face Nationally Ranked Wolverines

Nebraska enters the Alamo Bowl unranked in both national polls, but the Huskers are receiving votes in both the Associated Press and USA Today Coaches Poll. Michigan will enter the matchup ranked 20th by the Associated Press and 21st in the coaches poll. The Wolverines ranked as high as No. 3 in the Associated Press poll this season.

This marks just the fourth time in 43 bowl appearances the Huskers have not been ranked, most recently in the 2002 Independence Bowl. Facing a ranked team in a bowl game is nothing new for the Nebraska football program. The Huskers will have faced a ranked opponent in 39 of their 43 all-time bowl games.

▶ Michigan is just the fifth Husker bowl opponent since 1985 that has been ranked lower than sixth in the Associated Press poll.

▶ Nebraska has faced the AP's top-ranked team in a bowl game four times since the 1981 season, while entering the bowl game No. 1 four times in school history.

### All-Time Bowl Appearances

1. Alabama	53
2. Tennessee	45
Texas	45
4. USC	44
5. <b>Nebraska</b>	<b>43</b>

### Top 20 Bowl Appearances

School	All-Time	Consecutive	
		Most	Current
1. Alabama	53	25	2
2. Tennessee	45	16	-
Texas	45	11	8
4. USC	44	8	5
5. <b>Nebraska</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>*35</b>	<b>1</b>
6. Georgia	41	10	9
7. Oklahoma	39	8	7
8. Penn State	38	13	1
9. Michigan	37	31	31
Ohio State	37	15	6
Louisiana State	37	6	6
12. Arkansas	34	6	-
Georgia Tech	34	9	9
Florida State	34	24	24
15. Florida	33	15	15
16. Auburn	32	9	6
17. Mississippi	31	15	-
18. Miami	30	12	8
19. Washington	29	8	-
Texas Tech	29	6	6

\*NCAA record





### Big 12 Conference Well-Represented in 2005 Bowl Season

For the third time in the past four seasons, the Big 12 has placed eight teams in bowl games. The Big 12 is tied with the ACC for the most bowl representatives with eight each, while the Big Ten has seven bowl representatives.

Big 12 Champion Texas leads the Big 12 parade into the postseason as the Longhorns will square off with USC in the Rose Bowl for the national championship. Other Big 12 teams in bowl action include Texas Tech (Cotton), Oklahoma (Holiday), Missouri (Independence), Iowa State (Houston), Colorado (Champs Sports) and Kansas (Fort Worth).

Nebraska squared off against six bowl teams in 2005, all in Big 12 Conference play. The Huskers finished the season with a 2-4 record against bowl opponents, defeating Iowa State and Colorado, while losing to Texas Tech, Missouri, Oklahoma and Kansas. Iowa has also faced six bowl teams, and like Nebraska posted a 2-4 record against the group.

### Big 12 Teams in 2005 Bowl Games

#### Fort Worth Bowl

Fri., Dec. 23 **Kansas vs. Houston**, 7 p.m.

#### Champs Sports Bowl

Tues., Dec. 27 **Colorado vs. Clemson**, 4 p.m.

#### MasterCard Alamo Bowl

Wed., Dec. 28 **Nebraska vs. Michigan**, 7 p.m.

#### Pacific Life Holiday Bowl

Thurs., Dec. 29 **Oklahoma vs. Oregon**, 7 p.m.

#### Independence Bowl

Fri., Dec. 30 **Missouri vs. South Carolina**, 2:30 p.m.

#### EV1.net Houston Bowl

Sat., Dec. 31 **Iowa State vs. TCU**, 1:30 p.m.

#### SBC Cotton Bowl

Mon., Jan. 2 **Texas Tech vs. Alabama**, 10 a.m.

#### Rose Bowl

Wed., Jan. 4 **Texas vs. USC**, 7 p.m.

all times listed are Central;

**Nebraska 2005 opponents in boldface**

### Huskers Look to Improve Big 12 Record in Alamo Bowl

Nebraska has been impressive in its two previous Alamo Bowl appearances. The Huskers set an NCAA bowl record with 66 points in a 49-point victory over Northwestern in 2000. In 2003, Nebraska dominated Michigan State en route to a 17-3 victory. The Huskers' success in the Alamo Bowl is one of the few bright spots for the Big 12 in the bowl game.

The Alamo Bowl has featured a Big Ten-Big 12 matchup since the inception of the Big 12 in the 1996 season. Since that arrangement, the Big Ten owns a 7-2 advantage over the Big 12 in the game, with Nebraska's victories the lone breakthroughs.

Last season, Ohio State defeated Oklahoma State in the Alamo Bowl. Texas A&M defeated Michigan in the 1995 Alamo Bowl, but the Aggies were in their final game as a member of the Southwest Conference at the time.

### The Alamodome Friendly to Huskers

In addition to Nebraska's impressive 2000 and 2003 Alamo Bowl victories, the Huskers also captured their two Big 12 Conference championships in the building. NU defeated Texas A&M, 54-15, in 1997 and knocked off Texas, 22-6, in 1999 to earn league crowns. In those four games, Nebraska has outscored the opposition by an average score of 39.8-10.3.

### NU Has History of Success on ESPN

Nebraska has not made frequent appearances on ESPN in recent years, but has made the most of its chances to play on the network. Nebraska owns an all-time record on the network of 24-5-1. The Alamo Bowl will be Nebraska's fifth bowl game on ESPN. The Huskers are 2-2 in those games, defeating Northwestern in the 2000 Alamo Bowl and Michigan State in the 2003 Alamo Bowl, with losses to Arizona in the 1998 Holiday Bowl and Ole Miss in the 2002 Independence Bowl.

### Huskers, Big Ten Set to Square Off Again in Bowl Game

Nebraska has faced a Big Ten opponent just four times in 43 all-time bowl games, but three of those matchups have occurred in Nebraska's past five bowl games—all in the Alamo Bowl.

In 2000, Nebraska defeated Northwestern, 66-17, in its first Alamo Bowl appearance, and the Huskers returned three years later and defeated Michigan State, 17-3, in 2003. Nebraska's only other matchup against a Big Ten foe in a bowl game was in the 1986 Fiesta Bowl, where fifth-ranked Michigan rallied to defeat No. 7 Nebraska, 27-23.

Nebraska has had great success against the Big Ten in recent years, regardless of postseason or regular-season play.

► Nebraska has won 10 of its past 11 matchups with members of the Big Ten Conference, including victories over Northwestern and Michigan State in the 2000 and 2003 Alamo Bowls, respectively. Nebraska's only loss in its last 10 meetings against Big Ten schools was a 40-7 setback at Penn State in 2002. Before that loss, NU had not been defeated by a Big Ten opponent since a 27-23 loss to Michigan in the 1986 Fiesta Bowl.

### Nebraska's Previous Alamo Bowl Appearances

#### 2000 Alamo Bowl—#9 Nebraska 66, #18 Northwestern 17

**San Antonio, Texas, Dec. 30, 2000**—The Nebraska offense dominated Big Ten co-champion Northwestern, 66-17, in the 2000 Alamo Bowl. The 66 points were an NU and NCAA bowl record, along with the Huskers' nine touchdowns and eight rushing touchdowns.

Nebraska got off to a quick start, as the Huskers scored on their first possession. Dan Alexander capped the drive with a 15-yard touchdown run, just a part of his Alamo Bowl and NU bowl-record 240 rushing yards. As a team, the Huskers had an Alamo Bowl-record 476 rushing yards.

After Northwestern took a 10-7 lead into the second quarter, Nebraska dominated. Quarterback Eric Crouch started NU's NCAA bowl-record tying 31-point second quarter with a 50-yard touchdown run and the Huskers took a 38-17 lead into halftime.

The Blackshirts shut out the Wildcats in the final two periods, while NU added 28 second-half points to roll to a 49-point victory. The NU offense finished with 636 total yards.

#### 2003 Alamo Bowl—#22 Nebraska 17, Michigan State 3

**San Antonio, Texas, Dec. 29, 2003**—Behind a stifling defense and a record-setting day by I-back Cory Ross, 22nd-ranked Nebraska defeated Michigan State, 17-3, in the 2003 Alamo Bowl. The Blackshirts recorded five sacks, intercepted three passes and allowed the Spartans just 174 total yards giving Nebraska its 10th win of the season.

Ross did most of the offensive damage, rushing for 138 yards and two touchdowns on a Nebraska record 37 carries. Ross scored on touchdown runs of 2 and 6 yards in the second quarter as Nebraska broke a 3-3 tie to take a 17-3 lead into the locker room. Quarterback Jammal Lord was also solid for the Huskers, passing for 160 yards to out-throw MSU quarterback Jeff Smoker who finished with 156 yards passing.

Nebraska dominated the final stats, particularly on the ground, where the Huskers held MSU to just 18 yards rushing. Senior linebacker Demorrio Williams and senior defensive end Trevor Johnson each had two sacks on the night and Johnson was named the game's Defensive MVP.

#### Nebraska vs. Big Ten in Bowl Games (2-1)

Year*	Bowl	Opponent	AP Rank	Result
1986	Fiesta	Michigan	7/5	L, 27-23
2000	Alamo	Northwestern	9/18	W, 66-17
2003	Alamo	Michigan State	22/-	W, 17-3

\* year is when game was played—not season

Score by Quarters	1	2	3	4	Final
Nebraska	7	31	21	7	66
Northwestern	3	14	0	0	17

Statistics	NU	NW
First Downs	28	14
Net Rushing	476	232
Passes A-C-I	14-6-1	43-17-1
Passing Yards	160	151
Total Offense	636	383
<b>Leading NU Rusher:</b> Dan Alexander, 240, 2 TD		
<b>Leading NU Passer:</b> Eric Crouch, 5 of 13-91, 2 TD		
<b>Leading NU Receiver:</b> Matt Davison, 3 for 85, 2 TD		
<b>Attendance:</b> 60,028		

Score by Quarters	1	2	3	4	Final
Nebraska	3	14	0	0	17
Michigan State	3	0	0	0	3

Statistics	NU	MSU
First Downs	20	13
Net Rushing	229	18
Passes A-C-I	17-8-0	39-21-3
Passing Yards	160	156
Total Offense	389	174
<b>Leading NU Rusher:</b> Cory Ross, 37 carries, 138 yards, 2 TD		
<b>Leading NU Passer:</b> Jammal Lord, 17-8-0, 160 yards		
<b>Leading NU Receiver:</b> Isaiuah Huellen, 4 receptions, 84 yards		
<b>Attendance:</b> 56,226		



## Nebraska-Michigan Tale of the Tape

	Nebraska	Michigan
All-Time Wins	793 (4th)	849 (1st)
National Titles	5	11
Conference Titles	43	42
Bowl Appearances	43	37
Bowl Victories	21	18
Longest Bowl Streak	35	31 (current)
Nine-Win Seasons	41	36
Heisman Trophies	3	3
AP Top 5 Finishes	13	15

## Huskies, Wolverines in NCAA Rankings

### Nebraska

#### Team

Pass Efficiency Defense, 103.96 (12th)

Net Punting, 39.83 ypp (2nd)

Punt Returns, 13.09 ypr (17th)

#### Individual

Sam Koch, Punting, 45.87 ypp (2nd)

Terrence Nunn, Punt Returns, 19.40 ypr (3rd)

Jordan Congdon, Field Goals, 1.64 pg (12th)

### Michigan

#### Team

Scoring Defense, 19.3 (22nd)

Net Punting, 36.65 (20th)

Punt Returns, 12.10 ypr (21st)

#### Individual

Jason Avant, Receptions Per Game, 6.73 pg (17th)

Steve Breaston, Punt Returns, 12.91 ypr (18th)

Steve Breaston, Kickoff Returns, 26.32 ypr (20th)

Garrett Rivas, Field Goals, 1.73 pg (7th)

## Previous Bowl Matchup Between NU-Michigan

### 1986 Fiesta Bowl—Michigan 27, Nebraska 23

After building a 14-3 halftime lead, Nebraska ran into turnover problems in the third quarter and was never able to recover completely in dropping a 27-23 decision to Michigan in the Sunbelt Fiesta Bowl.

The Huskers used a pair of second-quarter touchdowns by I-back Doug DuBose to take the lead, but a fumble on the third play of the second half set up a 21-yard Wolverine touchdown drive that cut the NU margin to 14-10. Nebraska fumbled again on the second play after the ensuing kickoff, setting up a 38-yard touchdown drive that put Michigan up for good, 17-14.

Nebraska's next drive stalled after one first down, and the Wolverines blocked Dan Wingard's punt, recovering it at the NU six-yard line. The Nebraska defense held, and a 19-yard Pat Moons field goal made it 20-14 Michigan, 8:18 into the second half. Later in the period, the Maize and Blue took advantage of two pass interference penalties to score another touchdown to build what proved to be an insurmountable 27-14 lead.

### Game Recap

Score by Quarters	1	2	3	4	Final
Nebraska	0	14	0	9	23
Michigan	3	0	24	0	27

### Statistics

	NU	UM
First Downs	20	16
Net Rushing	304	171
Passes Att.-Comp.-Int.	15-6-1	16-6-0
Net Passing	66	63
Total Offense	370	234

**Leading NU Rusher:** Doug DuBose, 99, TD

**Leading NU Passer:** McCathorn Clayton 4 of 6 -- 51, TD

**Leading NU Receiver:** Todd Frain, 3 for 46

Attendance: 72,454

## Scouting the Michigan Wolverines



The Michigan Wolverines enter the MasterCard Alamo Bowl with a 7-4 record, including a 5-3 record in Big Ten Conference play. Michigan opened the year with a 3-3 record, losing games to Notre Dame, Wisconsin and Minnesota by a combined 13 points.

Michigan finished the season strong, winning four of its final five games, starting with a 27-25 victory over Penn State in Ann Arbor, handing the Nittany Lions their only loss of the 2005 season. Michigan also picked up road victories at Iowa and at Northwestern, along with a home victory over Indiana. In its regular-season finale, Michigan lost 25-21 to Ohio State, as the Buckeyes scored the game-winning touchdown in the game's final minute.

Coach Lloyd Carr's team features a balanced offensive attack, as Michigan rushes for 164.5 yards per game to rank 38th nationally, and averages 218.4 yards per game through the air. Overall, Michigan ranks 54th in total offense at 382.8 yards per game and is 46th in the nation in scoring offense at 28.8 points per contest.

The Wolverine offense is guided by sophomore quarterback Chad Henne, who has passed for 2,256 yards and 20 touchdowns, while throwing just seven interceptions. Henne is an accurate passer, completing 59.6 percent of his attempts. Henne's favorite target is senior wide receiver Jason Avant. The 6-1, 203-pounder is second in the Big Ten in receptions per game, and has 74 catches for 936 yards and eight touchdowns this season. Senior Steve Breaston has added 25 catches, while freshman Mario Manningham has 24 receptions and five touchdowns, including the game-winner against Penn State as time expired.

Sophomore Mike Hart leads the Wolverine rushing attack with 588 yards and four touchdowns, while freshman Kevin Grady has 466 yards and five touchdowns.

Defensively, Michigan is solid in all aspects, ranking fourth in the Big Ten against the run (136.1), third in pass efficiency defense (116.92), third in total defense (347.6) and fourth in scoring defense (19.3). Senior inside linebacker Dave Harris leads Michigan in tackles with 80 total stops, including five tackles for loss, while cornerback Grant Mason is just behind with 79 tackles, while adding a pair of interceptions and eight breakups. Linebacker LaMarr Woodley leads the pass rush with six sacks and 15 tackles for loss.

A key to Michigan's success has been a positive turnover margin. Offensively, the Wolverines have turned the ball over just 15 times in 11 games, while the Michigan defense has caused 21 turnovers. Michigan ranks 3rd in the Big Ten and 27th nationally in turnover margin at +0.55 per game.

Like Nebraska, Michigan also boasts strong special teams, led by junior place-kicker Garrett Rivas, who has connected on 19-of-25 field goal attempts this season and ranks seventh nationally in field goals per game. The Wolverines also rank 20th nationally in net punting (36.65 ypp), 21st in punt returns (12.10 pr) and 33rd in kickoff returns (22.06 ypr). Breaston keys the Michigan return units, ranking 18th nationally in punt returns and 20th in kickoff returns.

## Michigan Head Coach Lloyd Carr

Coach Lloyd Carr (Northern Michigan, 1968) is in his 11th year as Michigan's head coach and his 26th overall season in the Wolverine program. Carr has guided the Wolverines to a 102-33 record, including an impressive 68-20 record in Big Ten Conference games. Carr is the fifth-winningest active Division I-A Coach with a .756 winning percentage.

This season Carr became the third coach in Michigan history and 11th in Big Ten history to record 100 victories at his school. Carr has directed Michigan to five Big Ten titles in the past nine years, winning the league crown in 1997, 1998, 2000, 2003 and 2004. In 1997, Carr led Michigan to a perfect 12-0 record and the Associated Press national championship, while Nebraska captured the coaches crown.

Carr's teams have finished in the top 20 nationally in each of his first 10 seasons and enter the Alamo Bowl ranked 20th in the Associated Press poll. Carr first joined the Michigan staff in 1980 and served as the defensive coordinator from 1987 to 1994 before being named head coach in 1995.

## Nebraska-Michigan Series...Sixth All-Time Meeting...Michigan Leads 3-1-1

Nebraska and Michigan have met just five times in school history, and just once since 1963. The Wolverines own a 3-1-1 edge in the all-time series between the two schools, including a 27-23 victory in the 1986 Fiesta Bowl.

Prior to the Fiesta Bowl meeting, Nebraska and Michigan squared off in 1905, 1911, 1917 and 1962, with the two teams battling to a 6-6 tie in 1911 and the Huskers winning 25-13 at Michigan in 1962. The win at Ann Arbor in 1962 is credited with helping Nebraska start its remarkable run of success that continues today. The game was just the second for the Huskers under first-year head coach Bob Devaney and was played before more than 70,000 fans, then the largest regular-season crowd to watch a Nebraska football game.

The 1962 win at Michigan propelled Nebraska a 9-2 season, starting a string of 43 winning seasons in the last 44 years.

### Nebraska-Michigan Series

**Games:** 5

**Standing:** Michigan leads, 3-1-1

**At Lincoln:** Series tied, 0-0-1

**At Ann Arbor:** Michigan leads, 2-1

**In Bowl Games:** Michigan leads, 1-0

Date	Site	Result
10-21-1905	Ann Arbor	Michigan, 31-0
11-25-1911	Lincoln	Tied, 6-6
10-27-1917	Ann Arbor	Michigan, 20-0
9-29-1962	Ann Arbor	Nebraska, 25-13
1-1-1986	Tempe	Michigan, 27-23

Series Scoring	Total	Avg.
Nebraska	54	10.8
Michigan	97	19.4



### Husker Staff Boasts

#### Extensive Bowl Experience

The Nebraska coaching staff has extensive experience coaching in bowl games. Nine of Nebraska's 10 full-time coaches have post-season bowl experience.

Head Coach Bill Callahan has been involved in five bowl games, including three as an assistant coach at Illinois and a pair of bowl trips while an assistant at Wisconsin.

Overall, Nebraska coaches have a combined 67 bowl appearances, when including stints as graduate assistants. Cornerbacks coach **Phil Elmassian** leads the way with 15 bowl appearances, while tight ends/specialists coach **Scott Downing** has 14 bowl trips and defensive coordinator **Kevin Cosgrove** has 12 bowl appearances as an assistant coach.

Downing and Cosgrove are the only two Husker assistant coaches who have been on the sideline at the Alamo Bowl. Downing has been on the winning side in three previous Alamo Bowl trips, including victories as part of the Purdue staff in 1997 and 1998 and as part of the Nebraska coaching staff in 2003.

#### Previous Bowl Appearances by NU Assistants

Defensive Coordinator Kevin Cosgrove—12

Offensive Coordinator Jay Norvell—4

Defensive Line Coach John Blake—2

Safeties/Special Teams Coach Bill Busch—7

Tight Ends/Specialists Coach Scott Downing—14

Cornerbacks Coach Phil Elmassian—15

Receivers Coach Ted Gilmore—3

Offensive Line Coach Dennis Wagner—5

#### Huskers Staff Familiar with Big Ten

Coach Bill Callahan's Nebraska coaching staff has a strong background in the Big Ten Conference, including Callahan's 12 years as an assistant in the conference, seven at Illinois and five at Wisconsin.

The staff as a whole has a combined 56 years of coaching experience in the Big Ten Conference, led by defensive coordinator Kevin Cosgrove's 22 seasons in the league. Cosgrove spent eight years at Illinois and 14 seasons at Wisconsin, the last nine as defensive coordinator.

Other NU coaches with Big Ten coaching experience include Jay Norvell (8 years), Scott Downing (6), Phil Elmassian (5), Ted Gilmore (2) and Bill Busch (1).

#### Punter Sam Koch Game-by-Game in 2005

Game	Punts	Avg.	I20	Long	Returns
Maine	4	46.8	2	70	0-0
Wake	8	42.5	4	76	3-23
Pitt	8	46.0	5	84	3-7
ISU	4	40.5	2	55	1-11
Tech	1	32.0	1	32	0-0
Baylor	4	45.2	1	56	2-24
Missouri	7	48.1	5	55	2-8
Oklahoma	7	46.6	1	59	4-43
Kansas	9	47.6	4	65	5-31
Kansas St.	6	42.5	3	58	1-(-4)
Colorado	5	54.8	0	63	2-29

### Noting the 2005 Huskers

#### Nebraska Head Coach Bill Callahan

Coach **Bill Callahan** (Illinois Benedictine, 1978) is in his second season as the head coach of the Nebraska football program and owns a 12-10 record at Nebraska. Callahan is the 27th head coach in Husker history, taking the reins of the program in January of 2004.

Callahan is no stranger to bowl games. The 2005 Alamo Bowl will mark Callahan's sixth bowl trip as a college coach. At Illinois (1980-86), Callahan was an assistant coach on Illini teams that played in the 1982 Liberty Bowl, 1984 Rose Bowl and 1985 Peach Bowl. He went on to be a part of two bowl teams on Barry Alvarez's Wisconsin staff. The Badgers played in the 1994 Rose Bowl and 1995 Hall of Fame Bowl with Callahan on staff.

Callahan came to Nebraska 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 49-year-old Callahan spent 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 had extensive experience at the collegiate level before taking the job at Nebraska. 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 28th 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.

Callahan has Midwest roots, as he is a native of Chicago. He 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.

#### Senior Punter Koch Keys Outstanding Nebraska Special Teams

Senior punter **Sam Koch** was the special teams standout for Nebraska in 2004, and has put together an even better 2005 campaign. One of 10 semifinalists for the Ray Guy Award, Koch earned honorable-mention All-Big 12 honors from the Big 12 Coaches and the Associated Press. However, his performance indicates Koch is deserving of much higher honors.

Koch averages 45.87 yards per punt, a figure that places him third nationally and second in the Big 12. Koch's punting effort helps Nebraska rank second nationally in net punting at 39.83 yards per punt. Koch's 45.87-yard average puts him well ahead of the Nebraska single-season record of 45.12 yards per boot by 2003 Ray Guy finalist Kyle Larson, currently the starting punter for the Cincinnati Bengals.

Koch, a native of Seward, Neb., has been a model of consistency throughout the 2005 season. He has averaged at least 42.5 yards per punt in 10 of 11 games this season, with the lone exception being the Texas Tech game when he punted only one time. Koch has also had at least one punt of 55 yards or more in 10 of 11 games.

Koch had a game-changing performance against Pitt, when he punted eight times and averaged 46.0 yards per boot. Koch drilled a career-long 84-yard punt in the third quarter of the game, marking the third straight week he bettered his previous career long. The 84-yard punt was the second-longest punt in Nebraska history and the longest in Big 12 history (since 1996). Koch also pinned Pitt inside its 20-yard line five times on eight punts, with second-half punts downed on the Panther 1 and 4 yard lines. Koch's performance against Pitt earned him SBC Big 12 Special Teams Player of the Week.

Koch had another outstanding day at Missouri. Nebraska's 47.0 net punting average against Missouri was the Huskers' top number since recording a 49.0 net against Kansas in Lincoln on Nov. 9, 2002. In that game, Kyle Larson had six punts for 301 yards (50.2 ypp). Koch closed the year by averaging a career-best 54.6 yards on five punts at Colorado, including three punts of 55 yards or longer.

#### Among the accomplishments during Koch's award-winning 2005 season are...

► Koch has had 28 of his 63 punts (44 percent) this fall downed inside the opponent's 20-yard line, including five each vs. Pitt and Missouri. A year ago, Koch had 27 of his 63 punts (43 percent) downed inside the opponent's 20. In 22 games as Nebraska's starting punter, Koch has had 55 of 126 punts (44 percent) downed inside the 20-yard line. In the past 15 games dating back to last year, Koch has placed 43-of-91 punts inside the 20 (47 percent). In 2005, Koch has had 12 punts downed inside the opponent's 10-yard line.

#### NU's Koch a Worthy "Guy"

Although Nebraska senior punter Sam Koch was not one of the three finalists for the 2005 Ray Guy Award, Koch stacks up well against the three finalists. Also included in the graphic is 2004 Ray Guy Award winner Daniel Sepulveda (2005 stats).

Punter	School	Avg.	Team Net	I20	50+
Sam Koch	Nebraska	45.87	39.83	28	23
Danny Baugher	Arizona	47.50	36.97	11	15
Ryan Plackemeier	Wake	47.24	41.38	20	21
John Torp	Colorado	44.60	38.20	24	27
Daniel Sepulveda	Baylor	46.20	36.80	13	19







## Top 10 Field Goal Seasons in NU History

Rank	Player, Year	Field Goals
1.	Kris Brown, 1997	18
	<b>Jordan Congdon, 2005*</b>	<b>18</b>
3.	David Dyches, 2003	*14
	Josh Brown, 2002	14
	Josh Brown, 1999	*14
	Kris Brown, 1998	14
	Greg Barrios, 1990	14
8.	Kris Brown, 1995	*13
	Dale Klein, 1985	13
10.	Kris Brown, 1996	12
	Dean Sukup, 1979	12
	Billy Todd, 1977	12

\*-Freshman Seasons

## PK Jordan Congdon Game-by-Game

Game	FG	Yards	PAT
Maine	4-4	23, 38, 33, 23	1-2
Wake Forest	1-1	21	4-4
Pitt	0-2	—	1-1
Iowa St.	2-3	30, 23	3-3
Texas Tech	1-1	27	4-4
Baylor	3-3	41, 29, 22	2-2
Missouri	1-1	32	3-3
Oklahoma	1-1	40	3-3
Kansas	0-0	—	1-1
Kansas St.	2-2	38, 40	3-3
Colorado	3-4	26, 30, 32	3-3
<b>Totals</b>	<b>18-22</b>	<b>long-41</b>	<b>28-29</b>

## Top Kick Block Seasons in School History (Since 1968)

Year	Blocked Kicks
1999	10 (7 punt, 3 FG)
1996	8 (5 punt, 1 FG, 2 PAT)
<b>2005</b>	<b>7 (5 FG, 1 PAT, 1 punt)</b>
1968	7
2003	6 (3 FG, 2 punt, 1 PAT)
2000	6 (3 FG, 2 punt, 1 PAT)
2002	5 (5 punts)
1994	5

### Nebraska Blocked Kicks in 2005

Zach Potter, FG vs. Pitt  
 Adam Ickes, FG vs. Pitt  
 Adam Ickes, FG vs. Texas Tech  
 Daniel Bullocks, punt vs. Missouri  
 Barry Turner, FG vs. Oklahoma  
 Zach Potter, PAT vs. Kansas State  
 Barry Turner, FG vs. Kansas State



Jordan Congdon tied the school record with 18 field goals and was named a freshman All-American.

► Koch has allowed only 23 returns for 172 yards this season.

► Koch has three punts of 70 yards or longer. Koch is one of only two punters in school history, joining his predecessor, Kyle Larson, to have three punts of 70 yards or more in school history. A fourth punt of 70 yards or more in the bowl game would make Koch the only punter in Division I-A in the past 10 seasons to have four 70-plus yard punts in the same season.

► Koch owns two of the four longest punts in school history with his 84-yard punt against Pitt (second) and his 76-yarder vs. Wake Forest (fourth). Koch's 84-yard punt against Pitt is one of only 26 80-plus-yard punts in Division I-A in the past 10 seasons (1996 to 2005).

► Of Koch's 63 punts, 39 have come from inside Nebraska's own 40-yard line. On those punts, Koch is averaging 50.1 yards per boot.

► Twenty-four of Koch's 63 punts have come from past Nebraska's 40-yard line or in opponent territory. On those punts, Koch has downed 18 of the 24 inside the opponent's 20-yard line.

► Koch hit 36.5 percent (23-of-63) of his punts in 2005 for 50 yards or more and had just 18 of his 63 punts travel 39 yards or less.

## Freshman Place-Kicker Congdon Continuing NU Kicking Success

True freshman place-kicker **Jordan Congdon** has added to the recent success of Nebraska freshman place-kickers. Congdon established a new NU freshman record for field goals made and his rookie season compares favorably with two former Husker kicking greats now in the National Football League.

Congdon, a native of San Diego, Calif., was rewarded for his 18-of-22 field goal performance in 2005. Congdon has been named a first-team freshman All-American by Rivals.com and ESPN.com, and was a second-team All-Big 12 choice by the Associated Press.

Congdon capped the regular season by hitting on 3-of-4 field goals at Colorado, giving him 18 field goals in 2005. Congdon's field goal total matches Kris Brown's 1997 total for first place on the NU single-season chart. Congdon's 18 field goals bettered the previous Nebraska freshman record by four field goals. Congdon has also connected on 28 straight PAT attempts after missing the first point-after try of his career.

### Congdon's successful freshman season includes the following highlights...

► Congdon delivered in the clutch against Kansas State, hitting a game-winning 40-yard field goal with 1:05 to play to give the Huskers a 27-25 victory.

► Before a missed field goal in the fourth quarter of the Colorado game, Congdon connected on 11 straight field goals, marking the second-longest streak of made field goals in Nebraska school history.

► Congdon made his Nebraska debut a memorable one, connecting on all four of his field goals against Maine. Congdon added two three-field goal games (Baylor, Colorado) and had two field goals against both Iowa State and Kansas State.

Congdon's success continues a trend of excellence by young Nebraska place-kickers. Congdon's backup at place-kicker, **David Dyches**, had a similar start to his Nebraska career in 2003. Dyches did not begin the season as the starter, but took over the place-kicking duties in game two against Utah State and made four field goals. He then connected on his first three field goal attempts the following week against Penn State, giving him seven straight made field goals to open his Nebraska career. Dyches also made all 32 of his PAT attempts as a rookie.

Before Congdon and Dyches, current NFL place-kickers Kris Brown and Josh Brown both had successful rookie seasons at Nebraska. In his redshirt freshman season in 1999, Josh Brown made 14-of-20 field goals and 46-of-47 PAT attempts. The 14 field goals by Dyches and Josh Brown were the previous NU record for field goals by a freshman. In 1995, Kris Brown made 13-of-16 field-goal attempts as a true freshman, including the first four field goals of his Nebraska career. Like Congdon, Kris Brown misfired on the first PAT attempt of his career, but rebounded to make 58-of-61 during the 1995 season.

## Kickers Just Part of Nebraska Special Teams Story

The performance of Koch and Congdon has been the highlight of Nebraska's vastly improved special teams, however the Huskers have shown marked improvement in several other special teams categories.

### The highlights from special teams in 2005 include...

► Nebraska has blocked seven kicks in 2005, including five field goals (see left margin). NU used a pair of blocked field goals to secure a 7-6 victory over Pitt, including a block by senior linebacker **Adam Ickes** on the game's final play. The Pitt contest marked the first time since a 2000 victory over Colorado that Nebraska had blocked two field goals in a game. Nebraska also blocked a pair of kicks against Kansas State, blocking a first-quarter PAT attempt and a third-quarter field goal. Nebraska's seven blocked kicks are the third-most in school history, trailing only 10 in 1999 and eight in 1996.

► Nebraska senior **Daniel Bullocks** blocked a Missouri punt to set up a second-quarter Husker touchdown.

► Nebraska's punt return game has made a big impact. The Huskers threatened the school record for punt return yardage in a game with 198 yards vs. Maine and have totaled 615 yards on punt returns. Last season, Nebraska finished the season with just 181 punt return yards. The Huskers rank 17th nationally in punt return average at 13.1 yards per return.

► Sophomore **Terrence Nunn** had a 62-yard return on the first punt return attempt of his career vs. Maine, the longest punt return for a Husker since DeJuan Groce had an 89-yard return for a touchdown in a 24-13 win over Missouri in 2002. Nunn added a 45-yard punt return on his second career punt return





### Opponents Find Third Down Tough vs. Nebraska Blackshirt Defense

The Nebraska defense has been strong on third downs, allowing opponents to convert on just 51-of-174 third-down attempts this season. NU was at its best on third down against Pitt, holding the Panthers to just one conversion in 14 third-down situations, while limiting Texas Tech to 1-of-10 on third down. Nebraska closed the season by holding Colorado to a 3-of-15 performance on third downs, including 0-of-6 before halftime.

On the season, Nebraska ranks ninth nationally and first in the Big 12 in third-down defensive conversion percentage at 29.3 percent.

### 2005 Husker Takeaways

Game	Fumb.	INT	Total
Maine	1	1	2
Wake	1	3	4
Pitt	0	0	0
ISU	0	1	1
T. Tech	1	1	2
Baylor	1	2	3
Missouri	1	1	2
Oklahoma	0	0	0
Kansas	1	1	2
Kansas St.	1	1	2
Colorado	0	1	1
Totals	7	12	19

### Defensive Touchdowns

- Bo Ruud, 27-yard INT return vs. Maine
- Corey McKeon, 38-yard INT return vs. Wake Forest
- Daniel Bullocks, 30-yard fumble return vs. Wake Forest
- Stewart Bradley, 43-yard INT return vs. Wake Forest

### 2005 Blackshirts Against the Run

Game	Att.	Yds.	TD	Long
Maine	37	-6	0	15
Wake	52	130	0	20
Pitt	36	114	0	30
ISU	38	57	1	11
Tech	23	44	0	26
Baylor	23	51	1	18
Missouri	49	277	4	79
Oklahoma	45	180	3	58
Kansas	44	213	1	72
K-State	50	248	3	48
Colorado	20	53	0	45

Yards per Game—123.7 Yards per Attempt—3.3

### 2005 Blackshirts Against the Pass

Game	Passes	Yds.	TD	Long	Sacks
Maine	36-16-1	149	1	52	11-69
Wake	28-12-3	117	0	34	5-46
Pitt	28-11-0	190	0	73	4-34
ISU	41-23-1	317	1	60	6-43
Tech	45-34-1	368	4	31	4-38
Baylor	31-17-2	202	1	51	4-32
Missouri	38-22-1	246	1	50	4-41
Oklahoma	28-14-0	157	0	22	1-6
Kansas	27-16-1	215	2	40	1-2
K-State	30-6-1	103	0	43	2-15
Colorado	20-40-1	159	0	19	4-33

Yards per Game—202.3 Yards per Attempt—6.0

Pass Efficiency Defense Rating—104.01

and his 135 return yards vs. Maine nearly doubled Nebraska's team leader from 2004. Nunn matched his career-best with a 62-yard return against Pitt and ranks third nationally in punt return average at 19.40 yards per return, Nunn was rewarded for his outstanding effort, being named a first-team All-Big 12 returner by the Kansas City Star and the Austin American-Statesman.

► Sophomore **Cortney Grixby** has had four returns of 20 yards or more, including a 48-yarder at Baylor to set up a second-quarter touchdown. Grixby is averaging 10.1 yards on 30 punt returns.

► Sophomore **Tierre Green** had a career-long 45-yard kickoff return on his only attempt against Iowa State, bettering a 43-yard return against Maine in the season opener. Green is averaging 24.8 yards per return.

► Freshman **Marlon Lucky** has added a dimension to Nebraska's kickoff return team in recent weeks. Lucky is averaging 20.8 yards per return and had an NU season-long 57-yard return at Kansas. He also had a 100-yard kickoff return for a score at Kansas nullified by a penalty.

► In 2004, Nebraska had three punt or kickoff returns of 40 yards or more. NU has seven such returns in 2005.

► Nebraska has also been strong in coverage, allowing just 201 yards on 24 opponent punt returns, an average of 8.4 yards per return. Opponents are averaging just 16.5 yards per kickoff return, a figure that ranks seventh nationally.

► When including Nebraska's defensive returns, the Huskers hold a distinct edge in return yardage. NU's combined punt (615 yards, 0 TD), interception (187 yards, 3 TD) and fumble (126 yards, 1 TD) returns have totaled 928 yards and four touchdowns, an average of 84.4 yards per game. Opponents on the other hand have totaled just 419 yards (201 punt return yards, 209 interception return yards, 5 fumble return yards) in those three categories.

### Blackshirts Finish Regular Season on High Note at Colorado

The Nebraska Blackshirt defense has made its mark in the record book in 2005, while ranking among the nation's best in several categories. In week one, the defense tied school records for sacks and tackles for loss, and against Wake Forest, the Blackshirts scored three touchdowns of their own, setting a school record for defensive touchdowns. The Blackshirts capped the regular season by shutting down Colorado in a 30-3 Nebraska victory.

The success of defensive coordinator **Kevin Cosgrove's** unit has come despite having to replace three players who were selected in the top 40 picks of the 2005 NFL Draft, in addition to a pair of four-year lettermen.

#### Highlights for the 2005 Blackshirts include...

► Nebraska leads the nation in sacks (46) and tackles for loss (115), and has recorded at least four sacks in eight of 11 games. Twelve different defenders have recorded a sack this season.

► Nebraska finished the regular season ranked in the top 25 nationally in pass efficiency defense (103.4, 12th), total defense (326.0, 24th) and scoring defense (20.4, 25th). In average yards per play, Nebraska ranks 25th against the run (3.3 ypr), 12th against the pass (6.0 ypa) and 16th in total defense (4.5 ypa).

► Junior defensive end **Adam Carriker** leads the Blackshirts with 9.5 sacks for 84 yards, tying for the Big 12 lead. Sophomore linebacker **Corey McKeon** has seven, while freshman defensive end **Barry Turner** has six sacks and two other defenders have four sacks. Last season, Nebraska finished the year with a total of 25 sacks in 11 games, with team leader Benard Thomas recording four sacks.

► In the opener against Maine, Nebraska tied school records with 11 sacks and 18 tackles for loss. The Huskers previously had 11 sacks in a 1989 victory over Oregon State, while the previous 18 TFL effort came against Iowa State in 1969.

► The defense has scored four touchdowns, all in a five-quarter stretch spanning the fourth quarter of the Maine game and the Wake Forest contest. The scores came on interception returns by linebackers **Bo Ruud** (27 yards vs. Maine), **Corey McKeon** (38 yards vs. Wake Forest) and **Stewart Bradley** (43 yards vs. Wake Forest), in addition to a 30-yard fumble return for a touchdown by strong safety **Daniel Bullocks** against Wake Forest.

► Nebraska set a school record with three defensive touchdowns against Wake Forest, and the two defensive scores in the first quarter also marked the first time a Blackshirt defense scored two TDs in a single quarter. The two interception returns for touchdowns tied a school record set on four previous occasions, most recently vs. Texas A&M in 2003.

► Before the Wake Forest game, the last time Nebraska scored consecutive touchdowns on defense was on Oct. 19, 1963, when the Huskers had consecutive scores on interception returns in a 28-6 victory over Kansas State. In that game, Ron Michka returned an interception 16 yards for a score in the second quarter, and Larry Tomlinson had a 34-yard interception return in the third quarter.

### Blackshirt Sack Attack

Nebraska has recorded 46 sacks to lead the nation. The 46 sacks are the fourth-most in school history, just behind the school-record of 53 quarterback sacks in 1999. Nebraska also leads the nation in tackles for loss.

Game	Sacks	Yds.	TFL	Yards
Maine	11	69	18	82
Wake	5	46	15	65
Pitt	4	34	9	49
Iowa St.	6	43	12	55
Tx. Tech	4	38	7	51
Baylor	4	32	9	46
Missouri	4	41	11	55
Oklahoma	1	6	10	47
Kansas	1	2	6	14
Kansas St.	2	15	10	35
Colorado	4	33	8	41
Totals	46	359	115	540





## Bullocks Makes Most of Touches

Nebraska senior strong safety **Daniel Bullocks** played quarterback at Chattanooga's Hixson High School, and it is clear he has not forgotten what to do with the football in his hands. As a prepster, Bullocks capped his high school career by rushing for 1,432 yards and 21 touchdowns as a senior.

At Nebraska, Bullocks has three career fumble recoveries and eight career interceptions. Of those 11 takeaways, Bullocks has returned nine of them at least 10 yards, including a pair of fumble returns for touchdowns. Bullocks had the first blocked punt of his career at Missouri, setting up a Nebraska touchdown.

### Bullocks' returns include...

- 11-yard INT return at Kansas, 2003
- 58-yard INT return vs. Western Illinois, 2004
- 16-yard INT return vs. So. Mississippi, 2004
- 38-yard INT return at Texas Tech, 2004
- 44-yard INT return vs. Baylor, 2004
- 10-yard fumble return at Kansas State, 2004 (TD)
- 31-yard INT return at Iowa State, 2004
- 30-yard fumble return vs. Wake Forest, 2004 (TD)
- 12-yard INT return at Baylor, 2005

## Ross, Bullocks Serving as Team Captains

Nebraska seniors **Cory Ross** and **Daniel Bullocks** have been elected team captains for the 2005 campaign. Ross is poised to crack the top 10 on Nebraska's career rushing list, while Bullocks continues to make his mark as one of the finest defensive backs in school history.

This marks the first time since the 1982 season that Nebraska has had just two captains. Ross is the first Husker I-back to serve as a team captain since Dan Alexander in 2000, and just the third Husker captain from that position since 1984.

This marks the second straight season a Bullocks has served as a team captain. Last season, free safety Josh Bullocks was a team captain as a junior, before leaving Nebraska for the NFL after his junior season. Daniel and Josh Bullocks are just the sixth set of brothers to serve as captains at Nebraska. The last set of brothers to serve as captains were the Kelsay brothers (Chad in 1998; Chris in 2002). Other brother combinations in school history to serve as team captains were Mike (1983) and Andy Keeler (1988), Erik (1991) and Zach Wiegert (1994), Christian (1995) and Jason Peter (1997) and Grant (1997) and Tracey Wistrom (2001).

## Corey McKeon Game-by-Game

Opponent	UT-AI-TI	TFL	Sacks	INT	Hurries
Maine	8-2-10	3-5	1-2	—	1
Wake Forest	6-4-10	2-11	2-11	1-38*	0
Pitt	3-3-6	1-2	—	—	2
ISU	9-2-11	5-23	2-18	—	3
Tech	0-6-6	—	—	—	—
Baylor	4-3-7	—	—	—	—
Missouri	7-3-10	2-19	1-18	—	—
Oklahoma	5-3-8	2-11	—	—	—
Kansas	5-4-9	2-3	1-2	1-19	1
Kansas St.	4-4-8	2-8	—	1-0	0
Colorado	1-1-2	—	—	0-0	1
<b>Totals</b>	<b>52-35-87</b>	<b>19-82</b>	<b>7-51</b>	<b>3-57*</b>	<b>8</b>

\*—38-yard return for a touchdown vs. Wake Forest

▶ Nebraska has three interception returns for touchdowns. Overall, Nebraska has four defensive touchdowns, after not posting a defensive touchdown last season.

▶ In addition to the four touchdowns, the Blackshirt defense has given the offense the ball inside the opponent's 16-yard line three times this season. All three were on fumble recoveries/returns that resulted in touchdowns against Texas Tech, Missouri and Kansas.

▶ Nebraska had a 10-quarter stretch of not allowing a touchdown (Wake Forest, Pitt, first half of ISU game).

▶ On the strength of the school-record 11 sacks, Nebraska held Maine to minus-six yards rushing to mark the second straight year the Husker defense has held its opponent to negative rushing yards in the opener.

## Bullocks Leading Secondary in Senior Season

Senior strong safety **Daniel Bullocks** entered the 2005 season with the burden of being the only returning starter in the Nebraska secondary. The co-captain responded to the pressure and was rewarded for his outstanding play, being named a second-team All-Big 12 performer by both the league's coaches and the Associated Press. The selection marked the second straight year Bullocks has been a second-team all-league pick.

Bullocks was pushed into a leadership role in the 2005 secondary after the early departure of two members of the 2004 NU secondary. Daniel's twin brother, Josh Bullocks, gave up his senior season at NU, and was a second-round draft choice of the New Orleans Saints in 2005, after earning All-America honors in 2003. Cornerback Fabian Washington also departed early for the NFL and was a first-round pick of the Oakland Raiders.

Bullocks ranks third on the team in tackles with 75 stops, including four tackles for loss. He also leads the Huskers in pass breakups with 10, including two PBUs three times this season. Bullocks nabbed his eighth career interception late in the fourth quarter at Baylor sealing NU's 23-14 victory. The 6-2, 210-pounder showed his versatility at Missouri, when he blocked a second-quarter Tiger punt and recovered the ball to set up a Husker touchdown. He has also had two fumbles caused and a fumble recovery.

After a solid opener against Maine, Bullocks had a monster game against Wake Forest, recording 13 tackles and forcing and returning a fumble 30 yards for a touchdown to give Nebraska a 14-0 lead. The 13 tackles marked the second-best total of Bullocks' career, while the touchdown was the second of Bullocks' career. In 2004, he returned a botched Kansas State punt snap 10 yards for a touchdown.

▶ With his 75 tackles this fall, Bullocks continues to climb the Nebraska career tackles chart. One of seven defensive backs in the top 50 on Nebraska's career tackles list, Bullocks surpassed 200 career tackles at Kansas, and moved into second place in tackles among defensive backs against Kansas State. Bullocks' 218 career tackles trail only Mike Brown (287) among NU defensive backs and puts him 20th overall in school history. Against Pitt, Bullocks passed his brother on the Nebraska career tackles list.

▶ Bullocks returned his interception at Baylor 12 yards and now has 209 yards on eight career interceptions. Last season Bullocks returned his team-high five picks for 187 yards, a school single-season record for interception return yardage.

▶ Bullocks' eight career interceptions leaves him three picks from the top five on NU's career interceptions list, while his 22 career pass breakups are sixth on the NU charts and the most ever by a Husker safety.

## McKeon Making an Impact in Middle of Husker Defense

Nebraska sophomore linebacker **Corey McKeon** faced one of the most difficult jobs entering the season. Not only was he charged with getting the Husker Blackshirt defense aligned correctly, he was also asked to fill the shoes of Nebraska's all-time leading tackler **Barrett Ruud**. A second-round draft pick of the Tampa Bay Buccaneers, Ruud was Nebraska's starter at MIKE linebacker from 2002 to 2004 and piled up 432 career tackles.

The 6-1, 225-pound McKeon entered 2005 having played in only one game last season as a redshirt freshman. However, the boisterous native of suburban Chicago has performed like a veteran since the start of the season, helping lead an energized Blackshirt unit.

### Among McKeon's accomplishments this season are...

▶ McKeon leads the Huskers with 87 total tackles, including four 10-tackle efforts (Maine, Wake Forest, Iowa State, Missouri). McKeon also leads the team with 19 tackles for loss, resulting in 82 yards, and three interceptions, while his seven sacks have set opponents back 51 yards. He had a two-yard sack at Kansas that resulted in a safety for the Huskers.

▶ McKeon got Nebraska on the scoreboard against Wake Forest, returning a first-quarter interception 38 yards for a touchdown, one of three defensive touchdowns in the 31-3 victory. He added his second interception of the season at Kansas and had a 19-yard return.

▶ McKeon's seven sacks are sixth in the Big 12 Conference. He had two sacks each against Wake Forest and Iowa State.

▶ McKeon set a Nebraska linebacker record with five tackles for loss against Iowa State. The Nebraska season record for sacks and tackles for loss by a linebacker were both set by Demorrio Williams in 2003, with 11 sacks and 21 tackles for loss, while McKeon's seven sacks and 19 tackles for loss are the second-best single-season totals for a linebacker at Nebraska. McKeon's 19 tackles for loss rank as the seventh-most in a season by a Nebraska player regardless of position.

## NU Defensive Back Career Tackles

Rank	Player	Years	Yards
1.	Mike Brown	1996-99	287
2.	<b>Daniel Bullocks</b>	<b>2002-present</b>	<b>218</b>
3.	Tyrone Byrd	1989-92	209
4.	Reggie Cooper	1987-90	195
5.	Keyuo Craver	1998-01	192
6.	Steve Carmer	1988-92	182
7.	Josh Bullocks	2002-04	160



### Maine is Latest Season-Opening Victim

The Huskers extended their season-opening win streak to 20 games with their 25-7 victory over Maine. Nebraska has not lost a season opener since a 17-13 setback at the hands of Florida State to open the 1985 season.

Nebraska's 20-game win streak in season openers leads the nation, bettering 16 straight wins by both Kansas State and Florida. The Huskers have won each of those 20 games by 10 points or more, and owns an 85-26-5 all-time record in season openers. Since 1973, the Huskers are 28-4-1 in season openers, including 23-2 at Memorial Stadium, with losses to only Florida State in 1985 and Washington State in 1977. In all-time home openers, Nebraska is 94-17-5, including 66-14-3 at Memorial Stadium. The Huskers are 30-2 in their last 32 home openers.

### Nebraska Win Over Iowa State Continues Long History of Success In League Openers

Nebraska's 27-20 victory over Iowa State continued its history of starting conference play on a winning note. NU has now won 30 of its last 31 conference openers since 1975, with the lone loss a 36-14 setback at Iowa State in 2002.

Additionally, NU has won its last 28 conference home openers since a 24-21 setback against Iowa State to begin the 1977 home Big Eight slate. Nebraska is 90-18-2 all-time in conference openers, including a 40-6-1 mark in Lincoln. Since the inception of the Big 12 Conference, Nebraska is 9-1 in league openers.

### NU Posts Perfect Non-Conference Slate

Nebraska went through its 2005 non-conference schedule with an unbeaten 3-0 record. A perfect non-league slate was nothing new for the Nebraska football program...

- ▶ Nebraska has gone unbeaten through its non-conference schedule in 10 of the past 13 seasons.
- ▶ The Huskers have been perfect in the non-conference portion of their schedule in 25 of 44 seasons since 1962. In two other seasons in that time period (1970, 1976) NU's only non-conference blemish was a tie.

### Huskers Successful in Road Opener

The win at Baylor marked Nebraska's third straight victory in a road opener, including a 24-17 victory at Pitt last season after a 38-14 win at Southern Miss in 2003. Overall, Nebraska has won 11 of its last 13 road openers dating back to 1993.

The Huskers' 23-14 win ended a three-game slide in Big 12 road openers. The Huskers had lost consecutive conference road openers at Iowa State (2002), at Missouri (2003) and at Texas Tech (2004). The win in Waco also ended a four-game road losing streak for the Huskers.

### NU Streaks...The Huskers have...

- ▶ won 96 straight when rushing for 400 yards
- ▶ won 116 consecutive games when holding the opponent to 10 or fewer points (224-5-1 all-time)
- ▶ scored in 124 consecutive games
- ▶ scored in 241 straight home games
- ▶ shut out opponents 102 times

### Bookends Carriker and Moore Pounding Opposing Quarterbacks

Nebraska's improved pass rush has truly been a team effort this season. However, bookend junior defensive ends **Adam Carriker** and **Jay Moore** have constantly applied pressure from the edge.

Carriker leads NU with 9.5 sacks for 84 yards in losses, while Moore has added three sacks and three caused fumbles.

Carriker showed flashes of dominance in both his freshman and sophomore years, then exploded in 2005. The Kennewick, Wash., native has been rewarded for his outstanding performance, being chosen as a first-team All-Big 12 pick by the Associated Press, while earning second-team honors from the league's coaches.

Carriker has prototypical size (6-6, 280) and strength for a defensive end, but his first two seasons of play at Nebraska were disrupted by ankle injuries. As a redshirt freshman in 2003, Carriker missed three games with an ankle injury, but was a strong pass rusher when healthy. He capped the year with a breakout game at Colorado with three quarterback hurries and a sack. In 2004, Carriker again had injury problems, suffering an ankle injury that forced him to miss a game and slowed him for most of the first half of the year. Carriker was back to full strength late in the season and had 28 tackles, five tackles for loss and a sack in the season's final five games.

The strong finish to 2004 carried over to 2005.

From his base end position, Carriker has 17 tackles for loss, including 9.5 sacks for 84 yards. Carriker's 9.5 sacks are tied for first in the Big 12 and 14th in the nation. His 84 yards in losses on sacks rank No. 6 nationally. Carriker produced his best game at Nebraska against Pittsburgh, finishing with seven tackles, four tackles for loss (26 yards), a pair of sacks (21 yards), a quarterback hurry and a pass breakup. He has had at least one tackle for loss in nine of 11 games this season. He also has a team-high 18 quarterback hurries, including a career-high four against Kansas State.

Moore has totaled 33 tackles this season, including 14 for loss and 3.0 sacks for 25 yards. The 6-4, 270-pounder showed dominant play at times this season, displaying the athleticism he used to play fullback in high school. For his efforts, Moore was an honorable-mention All-Big 12 pick by the league's coaches.

Against Iowa State, Moore had three tackles, including a pair of tackles for loss and a six-yard sack. He also forced a Cyclone fumble and picked off a pass ending a third-quarter ISU scoring threat. The Elkhorn, Neb., native was again strong against Texas Tech recording four tackles, including three tackles for loss of 18 yards, and a 12-yard sack. He also forced a fourth-quarter fumble that set up a Husker touchdown to give NU a 28-27 lead. At Missouri, Moore scooped up a fumble and returned it 17 yards deep into Tiger territory to set up a Husker touchdown. He had three tackles for loss against Oklahoma, and has had at least one TFL in eight of the past nine games.

▶ Reserve ends **Wali Muhammad** and **Barry Turner** have also been key factors in the Husker pass rush. Muhammad has four sacks, while Turner earned first-team freshman All-America honors by posting six sacks and seven tackles for loss. Turner's six sacks are a Nebraska freshman record and are tied for the most in the nation among freshmen. Turner has also forced a fumble, blocked a pair of kicks and tallied six quarterback hurries.

#### Adam Carriker Game-by-Game

Opponent	UT-AT-TT	TFL	Sacks	PBU	Hurries
Maine	4-0-4	2-13	2-13	0	1
Wake Forest	1-1-2	1-14	1-14	1	0
Pitt	4-3-7	4-26	2-21	1	2
ISU	2-4-6	0-0	0-0	0	3
Tech	1-0-1	1-13	1-13	0	1
Baylor	1-0-1	1-3	0-0	0	2
Missouri	3-2-5	2-7	1-5	0	2
Oklahoma	2-1-3	2-7	1-6	0	0
Kansas	4-2-6	0-0	0-0	0	1
Kansas St.	1-2-3	2-6	1-6	0	5
Colorado	2-2-4	2-7	0.5-6	0	2
<b>Totals</b>	<b>25-17-42</b>	<b>17-96</b>	<b>9.5-84</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>19</b>

Other: Fumble recovery vs. Kansas

#### Jay Moore Game-by-Game

Opponent	UT-AT-TT	TFL	Sacks	PBU	Hurries
Maine	1-2-3	1-3	0.5-3	0	1
Wake Forest	0-0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1
Pitt	4-0-4	1-3	0-0	0	0
ISU	2-1-3	2-10	1-6	1	1
Tech	3-1-4	3-18	1-12	1	1
Baylor	2-2-4	1-4	0-0	0	1
Missouri	1-3-4	1-1	0-0	0	2
Oklahoma	3-2-5	3-5	0-0	0	0
Kansas	1-3-4	1-2	0-0	0	1
Kansas St.	0-1-1	0-0	0-0	0	0
Colorado	0-1-1	1-4	0.5-4	0	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>17-16-33</b>	<b>14-50</b>	<b>3-25</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>8</b>

Other: INT vs. Iowa State; fumbles caused vs. Pitt, ISU, TT  
17-yard fumble recovery return at Missouri







### Cory Ross Game-by-Game Rushing in 2005

Game	Att.	Yds.	TD	Avg.	Long
Maine	20	80	1	4.0	30
Wake	20	123	0	6.2	57
Pitt	32	153	0	4.8	19
ISU	15	32	1	2.1	6
Tx. Tech	15	68	0	4.5	11
Baylor	26	93	0	3.6	11
Missouri	10	39	0	3.9	16
Missouri	10	21	0	2.1	8
Kansas	16	30	1	1.9	9
Kansas St.	26	69	1	2.7	12
Colorado	7	13	0	1.9	5
<b>Totals</b>	<b>197</b>	<b>721</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3.7</b>	<b>57</b>

#### Receiving

40-384-3 TD; 34.9 yards per game; 9.6 yards per catch

### Ross' Career 100-Yard Rushing Games (11)

19 carries, 108 yards at Kansas, 2003  
 22 carries, 103 yards, 1 TD at Colorado, 2003  
 37 carries, 138 yards, 2 TD vs. Michigan St., 2003 Alamo Bowl  
 13 carries, 125 yards vs. Western Illinois, 2004  
 27 carries, 169 yards vs. Southern Miss, 2004  
 19 carries, 107 yards, 1 TD vs. Kansas, 2004  
 19 carries, 194 yards, 2 TD vs. Missouri, 2004  
 19 carries, 126 yards, 1 TD at Iowa State, 2004  
 30 carries, 130 yards at Oklahoma, 2004  
 20 carries, 123 yards vs. Wake Forest, 2005  
 32 carries, 153 yards vs. Pitt, 2005

### Charting the Husker Backs in 2005

Game	Ross	Jackson	Lucky	Glenn	Total
Maine	20-80-1	6-18-0	13-44-0	DNP	39-142-1
Wake	20-123-0	4-3-0	2-3-0	DNP	26-129-0
Pitt	32-153-0	2-4-0	1-(-4)-0	4-20-0	39-177-0
ISU	15-32-1	0-0-0	0-0-0	DNP	15-32-1
Tech	15-68-0	1-4-0	3-23-0	12-39-2	31-134-2
Baylor	26-93-0	0-0-0	7-18-0	12-41-0	45-152-0
Mizzou	10-39-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	3-5-1	13-44-1
OU	10-21-0	0-0-0	4-2-0	4-8-0	18-31-0
KU	16-30-1	DNP	0-0-0	2-0-0	18-30-1
KSU	26-69-1	1-(-2)-0	2-7-0	DNP	29-74-1
CU	7-13-0	4-25-0	10-33-0	8-18-1	29-89-1

### Nebraska RB Career Receptions

Player, Years	Rec.-Yds-TD
Jeff Kinney, 1969-71	82-864-3
<b>Cory Ross, 2002-present</b>	<b>68-721-5</b>
Tony Davis, 1973-75	53-499-4

### Nebraska Career Receptions

Rank, Player, Years	Receptions
1. Johnny Rodgers, 1970-72	143
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4. Guy Ingles, 1968-70	74
5. Tim Smith, 1977-79	72
<b>6. Cory Ross, 2002-present</b>	<b>68</b>
Wilson Thomas, 1999-2002	68
....	
10. Ross Pilkington, 2002-04	63
11. Abdul Muhammad, 1991-94	61
Jerry List, 1970-72	61
Dennis Richnafsky, 1965-67	61
15. Tracey Wistrom, 1998-2001	58
16. Bobby Thomas, 1974-76	56
Chuck Malito, 1974-76	56
18. Jon Bostick, 1989-91	55
Junior Miller, 1977-79	55
<b>Terrence Nunn, 2004-present</b>	<b>55</b>
<b>20. Matt Herian, 2002-present</b>	<b>53</b>
Jim McFarland, 1968-69	53
Tony Davis, 1973-75	53
23. Ritch Bahe, 1972-74	52
25. Dave Shamblin, 1973-75	50
26. Freeman White, 1963-65	47
Brendan Holbein, 1993-96	47
<b>Mark LeFlore, 2002-present</b>	<b>47</b>

### Senior I-Back Ross Continuing to Climb Husker Charts

Nebraska senior I-back **Cory Ross** has shown he is an ideal fit in the West Coast Offense during the past two seasons. The 5-6, 195-pound Ross is a workhorse as a runner, and is also adept at catching the ball out of the NU backfield, and has continually provided evidence he is a natural for Head Coach Bill Callahan's offense.

Ross' overall impact on the Nebraska offense was recognized in postseason honors voting. Ross was a second-team All-Big 12 selection by the league's coaches and was an honorable-mention all-purpose pick by the Associated Press.

Ross is averaging 100.8 all-purpose yards per game to rank eighth in the Big 12 Conference, and he also leads the team in rushing at 65.5 yards per game. Ross has continually shown his versatility and ranks second on the team with 40 receptions for 384 yards and three touchdowns this season. Ross' 40 catches are tied for the fifth-most in school history and are the second-most ever by an NU running back, just one catch behind Jeff Kinney's 41 receptions in 1969.

The Denver native has shown the ability to beat opponents on the ground and as a receiver. Ross was a workhorse in the running game against Pitt, toting the ball 32 times for 153 yards, while also catching three passes for 23 yards. In the double-overtime win against Iowa State, Ross flashed his receiving skills as Nebraska amassed a school-record 431 yards passing. Ross caught eight passes out of the backfield for a Nebraska running back record 131 yards. He provided all three of the Huskers' touchdowns, scoring on a 70-yard screen pass in the third quarter, a one-yard TD run in the first overtime and an eight-yard reception in the second extra period. He also had a standout day as a receiver in the regular-season finale at Colorado. Ross caught a running back record nine passes for 129 yards, including a 19-yard touchdown in the second quarter.

Ross has a team-high six touchdowns on the season, and he added his first career touchdown pass on an 18-yard pass to Nate Swift against Oklahoma.

*Among the career accomplishments for the senior captain are...*

► Ross moved into the top 10 on Nebraska's career rushing list at Colorado. He now has 2,582 rushing yards to rank 10th on the Nebraska rushing list.

► The nine catches at Colorado pushed Ross' career receptions total to 68, good for a tie for sixth place on the Nebraska career receptions list.

► Ross is the only player in Nebraska school history to rank in the career top 10 in both rushing yards and receptions.

► Ross has a pair of 100-yard rushing outings in 2005 (Wake Forest, Pitt) and has 11 career 100-yard rushing games.

► The 70-yard touchdown reception against Iowa State marked the third reception of 60 yards or longer in Ross' career. Last fall, he had the 74-yard TD catch against Baylor and a 63-yard reception at Kansas State.

► Ross posted the first 1,000-yard rushing season by a Nebraska I-back since the 2001 campaign, finishing the 11-game 2004 slate with 1,102 yards.

► Ross rushed for a career-high 194 yards and two touchdowns against Missouri in 2004, including a career-long 86-yard touchdown run. He topped the century mark six times in 2004 and was the only back to rush for 100 yards against Oklahoma last season.

### 2005 Offense Focusing on Flexibility, Ball Security

Nebraska featured the offensive balance Bill Callahan promised from the West Coast Offense in 2004. The Huskers rushed the ball on 412 of 734 (56.1 percent) offensive attempts in 2004, and picked up 48.5 percent of their offense on the ground, against 51.5 percent through the air. The offense was Nebraska's most balanced attack since 1972. The balanced attack in 2004 showed some of the elements that Bill Callahan's West Coast attack displayed during his coaching tenure with the Oakland Raiders.

Nebraska's offensive play-calling is also very balanced in 2005. Nebraska has rushed the ball 383 times while attempting 413 passes. Against Texas Tech, Nebraska ran 35 times, while also throwing 35 passes.

In back-to-back games against Pitt and Iowa State, Nebraska showed the versatility of its offense.

The Huskers featured the rushing attack against Pitt, churning out 174 yards on 48 rushing attempts, while throwing just 20 passes in a 7-6 victory. In their next game, the Huskers used an aerial assault to upend No. 23 Iowa State, throwing for a school-record 431 yards on a record-tying 55 pass attempts. In the game, NU rushed just 25 times to tie for the third-lowest team rushing attempt total in school history.

Nebraska again showed the ability to pound the football and control the clock at Baylor. The Nebraska offense piled up a season-high 83 snaps and controlled the football for 37:12.

### Nebraska Career Rushing

Player, Years	Yards
1. Mike Rozier, 1981-83	4,780
2. Ahman Green, IB, 1995-97	3,880
...	
9. Derek Brown, 1990-92	2,699
<b>10. Cory Ross, IB, 2002-present</b>	<b>2,582</b>
11. Jammal Lord, QB, 2000-03	2,573

### Charting the Husker Offense

Coach Bill Callahan's Husker offense featured outstanding balance in 2004, and Nebraska displayed balance again this fall. In the regular season, Nebraska has rushed the ball 383 times and attempted 413 passes.

Opp.	Rush Att.	Rush Yds.	Pass Att.	Pass Yds.	TO
Maine	42	121	36	192	4
Wake	30	120	33	114	1
Pitt	48	174	20	93	0
ISU	25	36	55	431	1
Tech	35	135	35	229	4
Baylor	51	182	32	168	1
Missouri	19	-2	43	281	3
Oklahoma	34	16	46	267	2
Kansas	22	21	27	117	1
Kansas St.	35	93	38	241	2
Colorado	42	105	48	392	0



### Huskers Find Passing Success in Big 12 Play

The Nebraska passing game was much-improved during Big 12 Conference play. NU averaged just 133.0 yards passing in non-league games, but has thrown for an average of 265.8 yards passing in Big 12 games. The passing average in league games was second only to Texas Tech's 372.0 yards passing per game.

The streak began with a school-record 431 yards passing by quarterback **Zac Taylor** in a double-overtime victory over Iowa State in the Big 12 opener. Taylor went on to throw for more than 200 yards in four of the next six games, before punctuating his season with 392 yards passing in a 30-3 rout of Colorado.

Taylor was also much more accurate in Big 12 games. Nebraska completed just 42 percent of its passes in the first three games, but improved its season percentage to 54.5 percent by completing 57.4 percent of its passes in Big 12 games. Taylor also threw for two touchdowns in seven of eight Big 12 contests.

### Top Five Passing Games in School History

Rank, Player, Game	Yards
1. Zac Taylor, 2005 vs. Iowa State	431
2. Zac Taylor, 2005 at Colorado	392
3. Joe Dailey, 2004 vs. Baylor	342
4. Joe Dailey, 2004 vs. Colorado	306
5. Dave Humm, 1973 vs. Wisconsin	297

### Nebraska Single-Season Passing

Rank, Player, Year	Yards
1. Zac Taylor, 2005	2,486
2. Dave Humm, 1972	2,074
3. Vince Ferragamo, 1976	2,071
4. Joe Dailey, 2004	2,024
5. Jerry Tagge, 1971	2,019

### School Records Set or Tied vs. Iowa State

**Single-Game Passing Yards:** 431, Zac Taylor (36-55-0)

*Previous Record:* 342, Joe Dailey vs. Baylor, 2004

**Single-Game Completions:** 36, Zac Taylor

*Previous Record:* 29, Joe Dailey vs. Colorado, 2004

**Single-Game Passing Attempts (Tied):** 55, Zac Taylor

*Previous Record:* 55, Joe Dailey vs. Colorado, 2004

**Single-Game Total Offense:** 433, Zac Taylor (431 pass, 2 rush)

*Previous Record:* 369, Jammal Lord vs. McNeese St., 2002

**Single-Game Total Offense Attempts:** 62, Zac Taylor

*Previous Record:* 60, Joe Dailey vs. Colorado, 2004

**Receiving Yards by a RB:** 131, Cory Ross (8 receptions)

*Previous Record:* 124, Jeff Kinney vs. Missouri, 1969

**Receiving TDs by a RB (Tied):** 2, Cory Ross

*Previous Record:* 2, Ahman Green vs. Kansas State, 1995

**Most First Downs by Pass, Team:** 24

*Previous Record:* 16, vs. Missouri, 1972

### 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 2005 roster is no exception.

Of the 123 players on the roster, 51 hail from the Cornhusker state. Omaha leads the way with 10 players on this year's roster, while eight players from Lincoln stayed within the city limits to play for Nebraska. Omaha Creighton Prep and Lincoln Southeast lead the way with four players on the roster.

Nebraska is just one of 31 states represented on the 2004 roster. California is home to 11 Huskers, while 10 players come to Nebraska from the state of Texas. Florida and Colorado each have five players on the NU roster. From the international ranks, receiver Isaiah Fluellen hails from Germany. In addition, senior offensive lineman Seppo Ewvaraye is a native of Finland who was an exchange student in Laurel, Neb.

After Baylor held the ball for 7:21 on the opening drive of the game, the Bears held the ball for just 15:27 the remainder of the game. Nebraska had the ball for 22:22 in the second half, including 12:14 in the fourth quarter. Nebraska's 19-play scoring drive in the first quarter was the longest NU scoring drive since 1989.

Nebraska also dominated the time of possession battle in its 30-3 victory at Colorado. Nebraska ran 90 offensive plays to 60 for Colorado and held the ball for 38:03 to just 21:57 for the Buffs. The last time the Huskers controlled the football longer was 39:45 against Penn State in the third game of the 2003 season.

In Oakland, Callahan's offenses exhibited the same characteristics—outstanding balance, efficiency and flexibility, including...

► In 2000 with Callahan as offensive coordinator, Oakland led the NFL in rushing by averaging 154.4 yards per game. Two seasons later, the flexibility of the West Coast Offense allowed the Raiders to lead the NFL in passing at 279.7 yards per game in Callahan's first season as head coach.

► In 2002, Oakland became the first team to win games in the same season while rushing at least 60 times and passing at least 60 times.

► Callahan's 2002 Raiders completed better than 67 percent of their passes en route to an AFC Championship.

► While leading the NFL in passing in 2002, the Raiders averaged nearly 4.5 yards per rush in 2002, and scored 21 rushing touchdowns, while ranking second in the NFL in scoring at more than 28 points per game.

While the 2004 Husker offense did feature balance, it was held back primarily by one factor—turnovers. Nebraska threw 23 interceptions and lost 10 fumbles in 2004. As a result, Nebraska was a minus-12 in turnover margin, and ranked 110th nationally in that category.

Callahan made better ball security a primary focus for Nebraska throughout spring and fall camp and the results have improved. The Huskers have had one or fewer turnovers in nine of their last 15 games dating back to last season, including six of 11 games in 2005. Nebraska turned the ball over 33 times in 2004, and in its 11-game regular season the Huskers committed 22 turnovers. Nebraska capped the regular season with a turnover-free effort at Colorado.

► Nebraska has also shown excellent efficiency in the red zone in recent weeks. The Huskers have converted 18 of their last 19 trips into the red zone into scores, including 11 touchdowns and seven field goals. Since the start of Big 12 play, Nebraska is 27-of-31 in the red zone.

### Record-Setting Performance vs. Iowa State Jump Starts Quarterback Taylor

Nebraska junior quarterback **Zac Taylor** executed the Nebraska offense in record-breaking fashion in the Huskers' 27-20 double-overtime victory over Iowa State on Oct. 1. Taylor completed 36-of-55 passes for a school-record 431 yards and two touchdowns and no interceptions against the Cyclones. Taylor's performance against Iowa State earned him SBC Big 12 Offensive Player-of-the-Week honors and also made him one of four nominees for the Cingular/ABC Sports College All-America Player of the Week.

Taylor continued to be strong in the passing game against Texas Tech. Despite starting the game by connecting on just 3-of-10 passes, Taylor finished the game by hitting on 21-of-35 passes for 229 yards and a pair of touchdown passes to Terrence Nunn. After completing just 43 percent of his passes through three games, Taylor hit on 184-of-310 (59.4 percent) in Big 12 action, raising his season passing percentage to 55.9 percent.

Taylor and the Huskers threw for a total of 399 yards in the first three games, but eclipsed that total against Iowa State with the school-record 431 yards. In addition to breaking the single-game passing record by 89 yards, Taylor also set the school record for total offense (433 yards), pass completions (36) and total offense attempts (62), while tying the record for most pass attempts (55).

Taylor opened the season with a solid performance against Maine, throwing for 192 yards for his previous single-game high. The Norman, Okla., native surpassed that total before halftime against ISU, throwing for 198 yards in the first half, including connecting on his first seven passes of the game. Head Coach Bill Callahan showed his confidence in Taylor by calling pass plays on 17 straight plays spanning the first and second quarter. Taylor continued his accuracy after halftime, hitting on 17-of-23 passes, including 4-of-6 and a touchdown in overtime.

Taylor capped the regular season with the second-best passing effort in school history, throwing for 392 yards and two touchdowns at Colorado. The passing effort boosted his season passing total to 2,486 yards, more than 400 yards higher than the previous school record. Taylor has also broken Nebraska season records for most passing attempts (399) and completions (223).

### School Records Set or Tied by Zac Taylor

**Single-Game Passing Yards:** 431, vs. Iowa State

*Previous Record:* 342, Joe Dailey vs. Baylor, 2004

**Single-Game Completions:** 36, vs. Iowa State

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**Single-Game Passing Attempts (Tied):** 55, vs. Iowa State

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**Single-Game Total Offense Attempts:** 62, vs. Iowa State

*Previous Record:* 60, Joe Dailey vs. Colorado, 2004

**Most Pass Attempts Without an INT, Game:** 55, vs. Iowa State

*Previous Record:* 36, Jerry Tagge, vs. Kansas, 1969

**Single-Season Passing Yards:** 2,486

*Previous Record:* 2,074, Dave Humm, 1972

**Single-Season Passing Completions:** 223

*Previous Record:* 153, Joe Dailey, 2004

**Single-Season Passing Attempts:** 399

*Previous Record:* 310, Joe Dailey, 2004

**Single-Season Passing Yards Per Game:** 226.0

*Previous Record:* 188.5, Dave Humm, 1972





Zac Taylor set the Nebraska single-season record with 2,486 passing yards in 2005.

### Huskers Notch Four Wins in Five-Game Opening Homestand

Nebraska opened the season with five straight home games, winning the first four before a last-second 34-31 loss to Texas Tech. The Huskers collected wins over Maine, Wake Forest, Pitt and Iowa State before the loss to the Red Raiders.

NU's long season-opening homestand was a rarity.

► The 2005 campaign marked the first time Nebraska has had five straight home games to open the season since 1975, when NU won its first five games at home en route to a 10-0 start. The only other times in school history Nebraska has opened with five straight home games were in 1906 and 1918.

► NU has opened the season with four straight home games 10 times in school history, most recently in 2001.

► The last time Nebraska played five consecutive home games at any point in the season was in 1995. After opening the year with two straight road games, Nebraska played games three through seven at Memorial Stadium, winning all five on its way to a second straight national championship.

### NU Single-Season Receptions

Rank	Player	Year	Receptions
1.	Johnny Rodgers	1972	55
2.	Johnny Rodgers	1971	53
3.	<b>Nate Swift</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>42</b>
4.	Jeff Kinney	1969	41
5.	Irving Fryar	1983	40
	<b>Cory Ross</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>40</b>
7.	<b>Terrence Nunn</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>39</b>
8.	Bob Revelle	1972	38
9.	Wilson Thomas	2001	37
10.	Dennis Richnafsky	1967	36

### Nate Swift Game-by-Game

Game	Rec.	Yards	Long	TD
Maine	0	0	0	0
Wake Forest	0	0	0	0
Pitt	0	0	0	0
Iowa State	5	81	31	0
Texas Tech	3	24	12	0
Baylor	2	42	31	0
Missouri	9	135	32	1
Oklahoma	9	116	25	2
Kansas	3	26	10	0
Kansas State	7	109	34	2
Colorado	4	77	33	1
<b>Totals</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>610</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>6</b>

### Zac Taylor Game-by-Game

Game	Att.	Comp.	Yards	TD	INT	Long
Maine	36	15	192	0	2	73 (Hardy)
Wake Forest	33	14	114	1	1	25 (Mulkey)
Pitt	20	10	93	0	0	36 (Nunn)
ISU	55	36	431	2	0	70 (Ross)
Texas Tech	35	21	229	2	2	24 (Ross)
Baylor	32	18	168	2	0	31 (Swift)
Missouri	43	22	281	2	2	34 (Peterson)
Oklahoma	45	25	249	2	2	25 (Swift)
Kansas	26	14	117	1	1	30 (Nunn)
Kansas State	31	21	220	2	0	34 (Swift)
Colorado	43	27	392	2	0	38 (Peterson)
<b>Totals</b>	<b>399</b>	<b>223</b>	<b>2,486</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>73 (Hardy, Maine)</b>

### Taylor Spreading the Wealth in Nebraska Passing Attack

Husker coaches have regularly talked about the poise and command quarterback Zac Taylor possesses in the pocket. That poise has led to Taylor spreading the football to several different receivers in the passing game. Fifteen different receivers have caught passes for Nebraska this season, including 10 in the school-record 431-yard passing effort against Iowa State. In the win over ISU, four receivers—Cory Ross, Terrence Nunn, Grant Mulkey, Nate Swift—had five or more catches, with each of the four setting career highs for receptions at that point. Swift's five receptions for 81 yards were the first catches of his Nebraska career. Taylor followed that effort by connecting with eight different receivers against Texas Tech.

#### Breakdown of Taylor's pass distribution...

Game	Passing Yards	No. of Receivers	Leading Receiver (Yds)	Leading Receiver (Catches)
Maine	192	7	Frantz Hardy (152)	Hardy (7)
Wake Forest	114	6	Terrence Nunn (38)	Nunn, Hardy (4)
Pittsburgh	93	6	Nunn (36)	Cory Ross (3)
Iowa State	431	10	Ross (131)	Ross, Nunn (8)
Texas Tech	229	8	Mark LeFlore (53)	LeFlore (5)
Baylor	168	7	Nunn (49)	Nunn (5)
Missouri	281	9	Nate Swift (135)	Swift (9)
Oklahoma	249	7	Swift (116)	Swift (9)
Kansas	117	9	Nunn (47)	Nunn, Swift (3)
Kansas State	221	8	Swift (109)	Swift (7)
Colorado	392	7	Ross (129)	Ross (9)

### Redshirt Freshman Swift Quickly Making Impact in Husker Passing Game

Nebraska's passing attack picked up the pace since the start of Big 12 Conference play. After averaging 133.0 yards per game in non-conference action, the Huskers passed for 265.8 yards per game in Big 12 action.

A big part of that increased production in the passing game has been the play of redshirt freshman wide receiver **Nate Swift**. The Hutchinson, Minn., native did not have a catch in Nebraska's first three games, but caught 42 passes in Big 12 games, including nine each against Missouri and Oklahoma, and seven against Kansas State.

The nine-reception efforts are tied for the fourth-most ever by a Husker and are the most by an NU player since Matt Davison caught 10 passes at Texas A&M in 1998. Swift has also caught his first six career touchdowns, a second-quarter catch at Missouri, a pair of fourth-quarter TDs against Oklahoma, two touchdown receptions against Kansas State, and a third-quarter TD reception at Colorado. Swift's six touchdowns catches are the most by a Husker since tight end Gerald Armstrong had seven in 1992.

In the two games against Missouri and Oklahoma, Swift totaled 251 receiving yards, the third-highest combined total in a two-game stretch for a Nebraska player. His back-to-back 100-yard games marked the first time a Husker had accomplished that feat since Irving Fryar in 1983. He recorded his third 100-yard receiving day against Kansas State, and is just one 100-yard day from the school single-season record.

► Swift's 42 catches and 610 receiving yards lead the team. His 42 catches are the third-most ever by a Husker and the most since Heisman Trophy winner Johnny Rodgers caught 53 passes as a junior in 1972. His 610 receiving yards rank seventh on the NU single-season yardage list.

► Swift has re-written the freshman receiving record book. His nine receptions are a single-game freshman record, while his 42 catches and 610 yards have both shattered the previous frosh records.

► In Big 12 games only, Swift ranked sixth in the conference and tops among freshmen in receptions per game (5.3) and led freshmen and ranked fifth in receiving yards per game (76.2). His six touchdown catches tied for the league lead in Big 12 games.

Swift's play did not go unnoticed. He was an honorable-mention All-Big 12 selection by the Associated Press and was a first-team freshman All-Big 12 pick by The Sporting News.



**Terrence Nunn Game-by-Game**

Game	Rec.	Yards	Long	TD
Maine	1	8	8	0
Wake Forest	4	38	13	0
Pitt	1	36	36	0
Iowa State	8	59	16	0
Texas Tech	3	39	18	2
Baylor	5	49	16	1
Missouri	1	30	30	0
Oklahoma	4	27	14	1
Kansas	3	47	30	1
Kansas State	5	44	15	0
Colorado	4	27	11	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>404</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>5</b>

**Punt Returns**

15-291 yards-19.4 yards per return (3rd nationally)  
Long-62 yards, twice, vs. Maine, Pittsburgh

**NU Features Hardy Passing Attack in Opener**

First-year wide receiver **Frantz Hardy** made his debut a memorable one against Maine. The Miami native hauled in seven passes for 152 yards, including a 73-yard connection with quarterback Zac Taylor in the second quarter. The 6-0, 175-pound sophomore is a transfer from Butler County Community College and was a teammate of Taylor's last fall at the school.

**Hardy's receiving effort ranks among the top pass catching days in school history...**

▶ The 152 receiving yards rank as the fourth-highest single-game total in Nebraska history, just 15 yards shy of the school single-game record

▶ Hardy's 152 yards were the most by a Husker since Matt Davison's school-record 167 receiving yards against Texas A&M on Oct. 10, 1998

▶ The 152 yards are the most ever by a Nebraska player in a season opener, bettering the previous opening-day record of 127 yards held by Irving Fryar (vs. Iowa, 1982)

▶ Hardy's receiving total is the most ever by a Nebraska player in a first game.

Hardy finished the regular season with 22 receptions for 322 yards and a four-yard TD against Wake Forest.

Hardy and Taylor formed a solid combination at Butler County CC last season, as Taylor passed for nearly 3,000 yards and threw for 29 touchdowns. Hardy was a big part of that success, with 34 receptions for 820 yards and five touchdowns.

**Getting to the Points**

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 19 years.

▶ NU has averaged 40-or-more points eight times since 1982, including four of the last 10 seasons.

▶ The Huskers have ranked among the nation's top 10 in scoring average 22 of the last 28 years (since 1978) and finished first on four occasions (1982, 1983, 1994 and 1997).

▶ Nebraska is 307-2 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 124 straight games.

▶ Nebraska has not been shut out at home since Kansas State shut out the Huskers, 12-0, on Homecoming in 1968 (241 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 has posted 102 shutouts in school history.

**Dual-Threat Nunn Boasts Strong Sophomore Season**

Nebraska sophomore wideout **Terrence Nunn** has been a dual threat for Nebraska this season, in the passing game and as a punt returner. Nunn has been at his best in eight Big 12 games, hauling in 33 passes, including five touchdowns. Nunn had 16 catches and three touchdowns in a three-game stretch against Iowa State, Texas Tech and Baylor. Nunn is third on the team in receptions (39) and second in receiving yards (404), while his five touchdown receptions are second on the team. Nunn's 39 catches are the seventh-most ever by a Husker.

Nunn had a career-high eight catches against Iowa State, then caught three passes for 39 yards and his first two career touchdowns versus Texas Tech. Nunn had second-half TD grabs of 15 and 4 yards to help NU take a fourth-quarter lead in the game. Against Baylor, Nunn continued his strong play by catching a team-high five passes for 49 yards. He also put Nebraska ahead in the second quarter with a four-yard TD reception from Taylor to give the Huskers a 10-7 lead.

The impact of the 6-0, 185-pounder has not been limited to receiving. Nunn shares Nebraska's punt return duties with fellow sophomore Cortney Grixby. Nunn has made the most of his opportunities by returning 15 punts for 291 yards, an average of 19.4 yards per return, a figure that ranks third in the nation. Nunn has a pair of 62-yard returns this season (Maine, Pitt) and also had a 45-yard return against Maine.

Nunn and Grixby have Nebraska ranked 17th nationally in team punt return average at 13.1 yards per return. A year ago, the Huskers finished the season with a total of 181 punt return yards, and in the regular season, Nebraska has more than tripled that total with 615 return yards.

The play of Nunn was rewarded in all-conference balloting. Nunn was a first-team selection as a punt returner by both the Kansas City Star and the Austin American-Statesman. The league's coaches and the AP both gave Nunn honorable-mention all-league honors as a receiver.

**It Doesn't Get Much Closer Than This**

Nebraska fans got their money's worth in the 2005 home schedule at Memorial Stadium. Each of the final five home games were not determined until the game's final seconds or overtime.

**Nebraska 7, Pitt 6, Sept. 17**

▶ The Huskers' 7-6 win over Pitt was decided as time expired. After Nebraska missed a field goal with 1:28 remaining, Pitt drove to the Nebraska 29-yard line and lined up for a potential game-winning field goal. A bizarre finish ensued. The Panthers botched the snap on their field-goal attempt on second down and kicker Josh Cummings threw an incomplete pass with one second remaining. Pitt lined up for a second 46-yard FG attempt that was blocked by Adam Ickes to preserve the NU victory.

**Nebraska 27, Iowa State 20 (2OT), Oct. 1**

▶ A turnover inside the ISU 20-yard line late in a 13-13 tie forced Nebraska and the Cyclones into overtime. After Iowa State scored a touchdown to open the overtime, Nebraska matched the score to force a second overtime. The Huskers scored on an eight-yard Zac Taylor to Cory Ross pass, then held ISU on downs to complete a 27-20 victory in the first overtime game in Memorial Stadium history.

**Texas Tech 34, Nebraska 31, Oct. 8**

▶ After trailing 21-0 in the second quarter, Nebraska rallied for a 31-27 edge with 5:10 remaining. Tech mounted a scoring threat, but Cody Hodges was picked off by defensive tackle Le Kevin Smith with just more than one minute remaining. However, Tech forced Smith to fumble and recovered at the NU 18. Four plays later on fourth-and-2, Hodges connected with Joel Filani for a 10-yard touchdown pass with 12 seconds left to give the Red Raiders a 34-31 victory.

**Oklahoma 31, Nebraska 24, Oct. 29**

▶ Nebraska trailed 24-3 early in the third quarter, but rallied to push the Sooners to the game's final minute. Nebraska twice pulled within a touchdown, the final time at 31-24 with 5:56 to play. After stopping Oklahoma, Nebraska failed on its attempt for a game-tying TD drive.

**Nebraska 27, Kansas State 25, Nov. 12**

▶ Nebraska capped its home schedule with a dramatic, 27-25 victory over Big 12 North rival Kansas State. The Huskers appeared to be in control at 24-12 midway through the third quarter, but Kansas State scored the next 13 points to take a 25-24 lead with less than five minutes to play. However, the Huskers responded by driving into field goal range on their final drive, with Jordan Congdon connecting on a 40-yard field goal to give the Huskers a 27-25 lead with 1:05 to play. Nebraska's defense then held Kansas State on its last drive of the game.

**Huskers Have Youthful Feel in 2005**

Nebraska had an influx of young talent in its 2005 recruiting class and that has been evident by looking at the field in 2005. Among the numerous newcomers who have hit the field are 13 true freshmen, including nine who made their Husker debuts in the opener against Maine. The nine true frosh are the most ever to play in a season opener for the Huskers, and the 13 true freshmen are the most to ever play for Nebraska in their rookie season. The 13 true freshmen played by Nebraska is the fifth-highest total nationally and the most in the Big 12 Conference. Eight redshirt freshmen have seen action this fall, giving Nebraska 21 freshmen who have played in 2005, tied for the fifth-most in the nation.

The most recent true freshman to see action was quarterback **Harrison Beck** who guided Nebraska on a game-winning drive against Kansas State. The drive was capped by a field goal by true freshman place-kicker **Jordan Congdon**, a first-team freshman All-American. Congdon has started all 11 games this season and



## Husker Records Report

<b>Category</b> .....	<b>Record</b>
All-time .....	793-321-40
Home .....	477-129-20
Memorial Stadium .....	352-106-13
Since 1962 .....	427-98-5
Away .....	316-191-20
Road (on campus) .....	278-154-17
Neutral Sites (includes bowls) .....	38-37-3
When Scoring 35+ Points .....	309-2
vs. Big 12 Teams .....	451-160-16
In Big 12 Action (since '96) .....	58-25
Home .....	33-7
Away .....	22-17
Neutral .....	3-1
Bowls .....	21-21
On ABC .....	79-36
On ESPN .....	24-5-1
On FieldTurf .....	43-12
In Overtime .....	4-0
At Night .....	60-20-3
vs. Ranked Teams...	
All-Time .....	91-99-3
Home .....	43-33-0
Away .....	28-51-3
Neutral .....	20-15-0
as No. 1 Team .....	46-7-1
In 275 Consecutive Sellout Streak...	
Overall .....	242-33
vs. Ranked Teams .....	39-21

## Huskers 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), USC (5), Nebraska (4) and Minnesota (4) next in line. 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 fourth with Miami with four titles, behind Alabama and Oklahoma with six apiece, and USC with five.

## NU Shines Under Memorial Stadium Lights

The Huskers have a stellar record in night games on their home field, posting a 22-2 all-time record in home night contests at Memorial Stadium, including season-opening victories in 2005 over Maine and Wake Forest.

Nebraska has regularly dominated the opposition under the Memorial Stadium lights, posting 17 of its 22 home night victories by 17 points or more. In 24 home night games, Nebraska has outscored the opposition by an average score of 37.5-13.5, with the only two losses to No. 4 Washington in 1991 and seventh-ranked Texas in 2002.

## 1995 National Title Team Reunites in Lincoln

For the second consecutive year, the Nebraska football program held a reunion of a national championship team. On Oct. 29 Nebraska's 1995 national championship team had a reunion as part of the Nebraska-Oklahoma festivities. Nearly 100 members of the team, along with head coach Tom Osborne attended the game. The group had a private team gathering Saturday morning before kickoff, and was introduced to the Memorial Stadium crowd at halftime.

The 1995 Nebraska football team is widely regarded as one of the best in the history of college football. Nebraska posted a 12-0 record capped by a 62-24 win over Florida in the 1996 Fiesta Bowl. Nebraska capped the regular season with a 37-0 shutout of Oklahoma in the final Big Eight Conference game. During the season, Nebraska defeated all 12 of its opponents by at least 14 points with nine of the victories by 37 points or more. The Huskers had the Heisman Trophy runner-up (Tommie Frazier), three first-team All-Americans, six other players who earned second-team, third-team or honorable-mention All-America honors and 11 first-team All-Big Eight picks.

against Kansas State OT **Matt Slauson** became the second true freshman to earn a starting nod this fall.

► Slauson and Congdon were among nine freshmen to play in the season opener. Also seeing action against Maine were DE **Barry Turner**, LB **Phillip Dillard**, DE **Zach Potter**, S **Jeff Souder**, IB **Marlon Lucky**, WR **Chris Brooks** and DT **Ndamukong Suh**.

► True freshmen joining the group since the opener were Beck, FS **Leon Jackson**, IB **Cody Glenn**, and TE **Hunter Teafattler**.

Congdon has had arguably the biggest impact, as his 18 field goals are a NU freshman record, are the most by a freshman in the nation and tie for the most in Nebraska school history. Turner has recorded six sacks, breaking the Nebraska freshman record, while tying for the national lead among freshmen. His effort has also resulted in first-team freshman All-America honors. Running backs Glenn and Lucky have been key factors in the NU running game. Glenn has 131 yards and four touchdowns on 45 carries, while Lucky has 126 yards on 42 carries.

## NCAA Record Sellout Streak Continues

Nebraska's incredible NCAA-record sellout streak at Memorial Stadium reached 275 games against Kansas State. 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 183, 92 fewer than Nebraska.

The Huskers are 242-33 during the 275 sellouts. The mark includes a 39-21 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 advantage for the Huskers. Nebraska has won at least six home games in 17 of the past 19 seasons and is a remarkable 154-17 at home since 1981. Eight of the losses in the span have come against teams that finished in the top eight of the final AP poll.

## 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 saw a 26-game home winning streak come to an end in November of 2002 against Texas, ending the third-longest home winning streak in school history. The streak was 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 5-2 at home in 2005, and have won at least six home games in 17 of the past 19 seasons. Nebraska is 110-10 at home the last 17 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 477-129-20 (.778, 626 games, 116 years) in Lincoln, 352-106-13 (.761, 471 games, 83 years) in Memorial Stadium (since 1923).

Since 1986, only seven different schools have escaped Memorial Stadium with a victory. Nebraska has not been shut out at home since a 12-0 loss to Kansas State in 1968 (241 games). NU has posted 40 unbeaten and untied home seasons.

## Construction Continuing at Memorial Stadium

While a packed house is nothing new at Memorial Stadium, the 82-year-old facility continues to take on a different look. Construction continues on the Memorial Stadium Expansion Project, the Tom and Nancy Osborne Athletic Complex and the Championship Indoor Center.

► The expansion project includes more than 6,400 new seats in the North Stadium, which will raise Memorial Stadium's capacity to more than 80,000 for the 2006 season. There will also be 13 new sky suites high above the North Stadium, including a 48-seat Super Suite.

► The Osborne Complex will provide the Husker football program with state-of-the-art locker room, strength and conditioning and athletic medicine facilities. The building will also house new offices for the Nebraska coaching staff. The football team will move into its new home before the start of the 2006 season.

► Nebraska opened the Championship Indoor Center during the 2005 season. The building gives Nebraska two full-sized indoor facilities. When completed the Championship Indoor Center and the Osborne Complex will be connected by a sky bridge.

► The Nebraska Sideline Club made its debut for the 2005 season. The field-level seating area provides 42 premium seats just off the Southeast corner of the playing field. Fans in the Sideline Club will be seated outdoors, but will have access to an indoor area. The Sideline Club is the first seating area of its kind in college football.

► A new FieldTurf playing surface was installed in Memorial Stadium in the summer of 2005. The two-tone green playing surface sits on a new sub-surface, and the crown of the field was cut in half, from its previous 18 inches to nine inches for the 2005 season.

## Most True Freshmen

### Played in 2005

1. Arkansas	18
2. Navy	17
3. Kent State	15
4. Duke	14
Kentucky	14
6. <b>Nebraska</b>	13

## Most True or RS Freshmen

### Played in 2005

1. Florida State	27
2. Arkansas	26
3. Northwestern	24
4. Texas A&M	23
5. <b>Nebraska</b>	21
Hawaii	21
Cincinnati	21



## LeFlore Named to Good Works Team

Nebraska senior wide receiver Mark LeFlore was one of 11 Division I-A players named to the 2005 American Football Coaches Association Good Works Team. LeFlore is the 10th Husker selected to the Good Works Team since its inception in 1992, a total that leads the nation. The Good Works Team is comprised of two 11-player teams, a Division I-A team and a combined team from Divisions I-AA, II, III and the NAIA, and honors players for their dedication and commitment to community service. LeFlore is one of four Big 12 players on the Good Works Team, the most honorees of any conference.

LeFlore is an active member in the Lincoln and Nebraska community, who was named to Nebraska's 2005 Brook Berringer Citizenship Team for his efforts. LeFlore has volunteered his time at numerous activities, including the Village Manor Retirement Center, Children's Discovery Center, the Malone Community Center for Youth, the Omaha Children's Hospital, Lincoln's St. Elizabeth's Hospital and local Special Olympics. LeFlore is the Community Outreach Officer for the Nebraska Student-Athlete Advisory Committee, a member of the Student-Athlete Minority group committed to degree completion and also speaks at numerous elementary schools.

## Kurt Mann Presented with Jake Young Memorial Scholarship

Nebraska junior center **Kurt Mann** was presented with the Jake Young Memorial Scholarship earlier this season. Young, a Husker two-time All-American and academic All-American at center, was tragically killed in October, 2002, in a terrorist bomb attack 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.

Mann has been a key part of Nebraska's offensive line each of the past two years, starting all 22 games in the past two seasons at center. Mann has also distinguished himself as one of Nebraska's top scholar-athletes. A native of Grand Island, Neb., Mann majors in mechanized systems management and owns a 3.97 cumulative grade-point average. He was a CoSIDA Academic All-District pick as a sophomore and earned first-team Academic All-America honors in 2005. Mann is also a regular contributor in the community, and was named to the 2005 Brook Berringer Citizenship Team.

## Todd is 2005 Recipient of Berringer Scholarship

Nebraska junior fullback **Dane Todd** was the 2005 recipient of the Brook Berringer Memorial Endowed Scholarship. The scholarship was endowed in the memory of former Nebraska quarterback Brook Berringer, who died in a plane crash on April 18, 1996.

Criteria for the Brook Berringer Memorial Scholarship includes the following: Must be a football student-athlete; must be involved in community service along with high ideals, excellent character and integrity.

Todd is arguably Nebraska's top scholar-athlete. The Lincoln Southeast graduate carries a perfect 4.0 grade-point average and was a first-team Academic All-America selection in 2005 after being a 2004 CoSIDA Academic All-District VII honoree as a sophomore. Todd is also a leader in the community, being named to the Brook Berringer Citizenship Team each of his first three seasons at Nebraska. The citizenship team recognizes Huskers who take a leading role in the Huskers' community outreach activities.

Todd was one of 13 finalists for the inaugural Wuerffel Trophy, given to a player who best combines athletic and academic achievement, with a commitment to community outreach. The award is named in honor of former Florida quarterback Danny Wuerffel, the 1996 Heisman Trophy winner.

## Callahan's Huskers Continuing Academic Excellence

The 2005 Nebraska football team has continued its long-standing tradition of academic excellence and honors during the fall semester.

Nebraska juniors **Kurt Mann** and **Dane Todd** were both named first-team ESPN the Magazine Academic All-Americans, as selected by the College Sports Information Directors of America. The selection of Mann and Todd gives Nebraska a nation-leading 62 all-time first-team Academic All-Americans, and 85 overall Academic All-Americans, when including second-team selections.

The Huskers were one of just three schools to have two players named to the first-team Academic All-America team in the University Division, joining San Diego and Kentucky. Todd and Mann were two of just nine juniors named to the first-team squad.

A Lincoln native, Todd carries a perfect 4.0 cumulative grade-point average in biological sciences, while Mann, a native of Grand Island, Neb., owns a 3.97 cumulative grade-point average in mechanized systems management.

Earlier this month, Mann and Todd were among four Husker players who earned Academic All-District honors. Joining them were second-team all-district selections senior safety **Blake Tiedtke** and sophomore tight end **J.B. Phillips**.

The Husker athletic program as a whole also leads the nation with 226 academic All-America selections across all teams and all sports. The Nebraska volleyball team also had two first-teamers in the fall, as sophomore Sarah Pavan and junior Christina Houghtelling were two of the six first-team academic All-Americans.

The selection of Mann and Todd as academic All-Americans is far from the total story of academic success for the Husker football program under Callahan's leadership in the past year.

### ► Mann and Todd Headline Academic Honorees

In addition to the four Huskers who earned Academic All-District honors or higher, five other Huskers were nominated for ESPN the Magazine Academic All-District honors for their outstanding work in the classroom.

In addition to pacing all schools in academic All-Americans, the Husker football program also leads the nation with nine NCAA Today's Top Eight Award winners, 32 NCAA Postgraduate Scholarship winners, including Chad Sievers last fall and 20 National Football Foundation and College Hall of Fame Scholar-Athletes.

### ► Huskers Enter Fall With Outstanding Academic Record

Nebraska's football team finished the spring semester with a strong academic standing. The Huskers' cumulative grade-point average as a team was just below 3.0, the highest ever for a Nebraska football team entering the summer session.

► Of Nebraska's 93 returning players, 36 student-athletes (39 percent) carried a 3.0 cumulative grade-point average or higher after the 2005 spring semester. Of that group, 13 players had a 3.5 grade-point average or higher, led by junior **Dane Todd** who has completed six semesters at Nebraska with a perfect 4.0 grade-point average.

► During the 2005 spring semester, 44 of Nebraska's 93 players (47 percent) posted a 3.0 or better semester grade-point average. Sixteen of those players were at the 3.5 mark or higher, paced by Todd and freshman linebacker **Tyler Wortman** who both had 4.0 spring semesters.

### ► Helming and Ickes Playing 2005 as Graduate Students

Two members of Nebraska's 22-player senior class competed throughout the 2005 season as graduate students. Offensive guard **Jared Helming** completed his undergraduate work in business administration last May, while linebacker **Adam Ickes** (business administration) picked up his degree at the close of summer school in August. The two graduates will be in good company at the Alamo Bowl.

► An additional 10 Husker football student-athletes picked up their degrees during December commencement, giving Nebraska 12 of 20 seniors as graduates. The December graduates included Titus Adams, Daniel Bullocks, Seppo Erwaraye, Tyler Fisher, Sam Koch, Mark LeFlore, Jake Peetz, Gary Pike, Joey Robison and Le Kevin Smith. Among that group, LeFlore, a senior wide receiver, completed his undergraduate work in communication studies in just 3 1/2 years.

► By May of 2006, 17 of the 20 members of the Huskers' senior class are scheduled to graduate.

► The graduation rate of this year's senior class comes on the heels of a similar showing by Nebraska's 2004 senior class. At the conclusion of NU's 2005 spring semester, 18 of 20 members of Nebraska's 2004 senior class had picked up their degrees.

### ► Nebraska Honored by AFCA for Football Graduation Rate

Nebraska was one of 25 schools from across the nation to have its football program honored with the 2005 Academic Achievement Award by the American Football Coaches Association.

The Huskers, who posted a strong graduation rate of 88 percent for their 1999-2000 freshman class, were one of just 25 schools nationally to be honored for graduating 70 percent or more of their football student-athletes. Only six schools in the country achieved a rate of 90 percent or better. Duke and Northwestern led the nation with 100 percent graduation rates for their freshman classes of 1999-2000, while Boston College, Miami (Ohio), Notre Dame and Vanderbilt all managed graduation rates of 90 percent or better.

Along with Nebraska, Big 12 Conference schools Colorado and Texas Tech were both honored for having graduation rates of 70 percent or higher. Of the record number of 103 schools that responded to the AFCA's







### All-Americans Call Nebraska Home

In addition to pacing all Division I schools in academic All-Americans, Nebraska owns a long tradition of being among the nation's leaders in All-Americans on the field. In 2003, punter Kyle Larson and free safety Josh Bullocks were each picked as first-team All-America selections adding to Nebraska's long list of All-Americans, beginning with tackle Vic Halligan in 1914.

The Huskers have had at least one first-team All-American in all but three (1991, 1998, 2004) of the past 35 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.

Last season, senior linebacker Barrett Ruud was a third-team All-America selection by the Associated Press.

### Huskers in the National Football League

Nebraska has an impressive list of former players in the professional ranks heading into the 2005 NFL season. As of Sept. 6, 32 former Huskers were on NFL rosters.



#### Former Husker, Current NFL Team Active Roster

- Eric Johnson, Arizona Cardinals
- Demorrio Williams, Atlanta Falcons
- Chris Kelsay, Buffalo Bills
- Mike Minter, Carolina Panthers
- Mike Rucker, Carolina Panthers
- Mike Brown, Chicago Bears
- Kyle Larson, Cincinnati Bengals
- Scott Shanle, Dallas Cowboys
- Dominic Raiola, Detroit Lions
- Kris Brown, Houston Texans
- Zach Wiegert, Houston Texans
- Will Shields, Kansas City Chiefs
- Eric Warfield, Kansas City Chiefs
- Ralph Brown, Minnesota Vikings
- Russ Hochstein, New England Patriots
- Josh Bullocks, New Orleans Saints
- Trevor Johnson, New York Jets
- Adam Treu, Oakland Raiders
- Fabian Washington, Oakland Raiders
- Josh Brown, Seattle Seahawks
- Grant Wistrom, Seattle Seahawks
- DeJuan Groce, St. Louis Rams
- Barrett Ruud, Tampa Bay Buccaneers
- Kyle Vanden Bosch, Tennessee Titans

#### Injured Reserve

- Correll Buckhalter, Philadelphia Eagles
- Carlos Polk, San Diego Chargers
- Cory Schlesinger, Detroit Lions
- Ahman Green, Green Bay Packers
- Toniu Fonoti, Minnesota Vikings

#### Practice Squad

- Jammal Lord, Houston Texans
- T.J. Hollowell, New York Giants
- Benard Thomas, Baltimore Ravens

graduation rate survey, the median graduation rate for the 1999-2000 freshman class was 57 percent. This marked the fifth straight year Nebraska had received the honor.

Nebraska leads the Big 12 Conference in exhausted eligibility graduation rate for all athletes at better than 91 percent.

#### ► Huskers Pace Big 12 in Academic Honors

Nebraska placed 60 players on the Big 12 Commissioner's Spring Academic Honor Roll, after having 54 players earn the same recognition during the fall semester. The honor roll recognizes all student-athletes who earned a 3.0 grade-point average or better in the previous semester. Nine members of the football team produced 4.0 grade-point averages last fall, while two players managed the feat during the spring semester.

► Nebraska led the Big 12 Conference in academic all-conference picks in 2005, as 22 Huskers were honored by the league office. Fifteen Huskers were named to the first-team, while another seven players earned second-team honors.

#### ► Football Program Earns Life Skills Team Award

Under Head Coach Bill Callahan, the Husker football team has learned the concept of total player development. That is evident by the football program picking up the Athletic Department's Life Skills Team Award for 2004-05.

The award honors the Nebraska team that accumulates the most points in the Life Skills competition, which encompasses community outreach and character education among other factors. Among Nebraska's community involvement activities were hospital visits by the entire team in both the Lincoln and Omaha communities. On the day before Thanksgiving last fall, Nebraska football players divided into four groups and visited four hospitals in the Lincoln community. The team conducted a similar venture to Omaha before the start of spring practice, visiting Children's and Veteran's hospitals in Omaha in early March.

### Nebraska Boasts Tradition of Winning

Nebraska ranks as the nation's fourth-winningest program, in terms of victories. The Husker football program owns a 793-321-40 all-time record in 1,154 games (.705) in 116 years of football. In the last 37 years, Nebraska's record is an impressive 359-80-5 for an .814 winning percentage in 444 games, an average of 9.7 wins per season.

► 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 12 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 combined.

#### All-Time Victories

1.	Michigan	849
2.	Notre Dame	811
3.	Texas	799
4.	<b>Nebraska</b>	<b>793</b>
5.	Alabama	773
	Ohio State	773

### NU Leads Conference in Football Crowns

Nebraska is one of three teams to capture two or more Big 12 titles in the first 10 seasons of the conference. Oklahoma captured its third Big 12 crown in 2004, while the Huskers won Big 12 titles in 1997 and 1999 and appeared in the game in 1996. Texas has won titles in 1996 and 2005. Nebraska and Kansas State have made three Big 12 title game appearances, while Oklahoma, Texas and Colorado have made four appearances each.

Nebraska has won 43 football conference championships overall, including eight under Coach Bob Devaney and 13 under Coach Tom Osborne. 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	<b>Nebraska</b>	Texas	Texas
1997	<b>Nebraska</b>	Texas A&M	<b>Nebraska</b>
1998	Kansas St.	Texas A&M	Texas A&M
1999	<b>Nebraska</b>	Texas	<b>Nebraska</b>
2000	Kansas St.	Oklahoma	Oklahoma
2001	Colorado	Texas	Colorado
2002	Colorado	Oklahoma	Oklahoma
2003	Kansas St.	Oklahoma	Kansas State
2004	Colorado	Oklahoma	Oklahoma
2005	Colorado	Texas	Texas

### Nebraska A Regular Supplier to NFL

Nebraska had three players selected in the 2005 NFL Draft, all in the first 40 picks of the draft. Cornerback Fabian Washington was taken as the 23rd pick in the first round by the Oakland Raiders, giving Nebraska its first selection in the opening round since 1998. In addition to Washington, linebacker Barrett Ruud was taken with the 36th overall pick by Tampa Bay, while safety Josh Bullocks was selected 40th overall by New Orleans.

Nebraska is one of the most well-represented schools in the National Football League. Kansas City Chiefs All-Pro offensive guard Will Shields is Nebraska's most experienced NFL veterans, in his 13th season in the league in 2005. Shields made his 200th consecutive start on Nov. 13 and he and Green Bay Packer running back Ahman Green represented the Huskers in the 2005 Pro Bowl in Honolulu.

Following final NFL cuts (Sept. 5), 28 former Huskers were listed on active NFL rosters, with two others on the injured reserve and a pair of Huskers on NFL practice squads.



## A Look at the Numbers

## Scoring Drives

Nebraska has produced 42 scoring drives this season, with 12 coming in five or fewer plays, including two one-play drives. Overall, the Huskers have scored 24 touchdowns and kicked 18 field goals. NU has eight rushing touchdowns and 16 passing touchdowns. NU's 42 scoring drives (24 TDs, 18 FGs) have covered a total of 2,193 yards in 334 plays and a total time of 131:32, for an average scoring drive that has covered 52.2 yards in 8.0 plays and 3:08.

The Huskers' longest scoring drive in terms of yardage went 83 yards in 14 plays and 6:37 against Iowa State, ending in a field goal. Nebraska had three scoring drives of 11 plays or more at Baylor, including an 18-play drive in the first quarter that ended in a field goal. The 18-play drive was Nebraska's longest scoring drive since an 18-play, 95-yard touchdown drive against Iowa State on Oct. 28, 1989.

Game	Drives	Scoring		Time		Plays	
		Total	Avg.	Total	Avg.	5 or less	1-Play
Maine	5	12:40	2:32	36	7.2	2	1
Wake	2	6:51	3:25	20	10	0	0
Pitt	1	2:51	2:51	6	6	0	0
ISU	3	13:37	4:32	29	9.7	1	0
Tech	5	18:07	3:37	42	8.4	1	0
Baylor	5	21:46	4:21	54	10.8	1	0
Mizzou	4	6:04	1:31	18	4.5	3	1
OU	4	11:25	2:51	32	8.0	1	0
KU	2	4:12	2:06	10	5.0	1	0
KSU	5	16:35	3:19	40	8.0	1	0
CU	6	17:24	2:54	47	7.8	1	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>131:32</b>	<b>3:08</b>	<b>334</b>	<b>8.0</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Opponents</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>95:13</b>	<b>2:39</b>	<b>247</b>	<b>6.9</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>1</b>

## Long Season Plays (20 or more yards)

The Huskers have produced 65 plays that have covered 20 yards or more, including 31 long passes, four long runs and 30 long returns. Quarterback Zac Taylor connected with wide receiver Frantz Hardy on a 73-yard pass against Maine for the Huskers' longest pass play of the season. I-Back Cory Ross sprinted 57 yards against Wake Forest for NU's longest run from scrimmage.

The Huskers have yielded 66 long plays to opponents this season, including 29 long passes, 21 long returns and 16 long runs. Pittsburgh quarterback Tyler Palko connected with Greg Lee for a 73-yard pass for the longest pass play, while Missouri quarterback Brad Smith had the longest run with his 79-yard touchdown scamper.

Game	Husker Long Plays				Opponent Long Plays			
	Rush	Pass	Return	Total	Rush	Pass	Return	Total
Maine	1	2	4	7	0	1	3	4
Wake	1	1	4	6	1	1	2	4
Pitt	0	1	2	3	2	4	0	6
ISU	1	4	2	7	0	4	0	4
Tech	0	1	5	6	1	4	2	7
Baylor	0	2	3	5	0	2	1	3
Mizzou	0	6	2	8	3	3	3	9
OU	1	2	3	6	2	3	2	7
KU	0	1	4	5	2	5	3	10
KSU	0	3	1	4	4	2	1	7
CU	0	8	0	8	1	0	4	5
<b>Total</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>66</b>

## Nebraska in the Red Zone

Nebraska has converted 34-of-42 trips inside the red zone this season into scores, coming away with 20 touchdowns (nine rushing, 11 passing) and 14 field goals. Four Husker drives stalled due to turnovers, one was lost on downs, one due to the end of the half and two failed due to missed field goals.

In Big 12 play, the Huskers have converted 27-of-31 (.871) inside the red zone. Nebraska has failed to convert inside the red zone only twice in the past seven games.

Game	Scores Inside 20				No Score Inside 20			Half/Gm.	Pct.
	Chances	Total	TDs	FGs	MissFGs	TDs	Downs		
Maine	6	4	1	3	0	2	0	0	.667
Wake	3	2	1	1	0	0	1	0	.667
Pitt	2	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	.500
ISU	6	4	2	2	1	1	0	0	.667
Tech	5	5	4	1	0	0	0	0	1.000
Baylor	5	4	2	2	0	1	0	0	.800

Mizzou	3	3	2	1	0	0	0	0	1.000
OU	3	3	2	1	0	0	0	0	1.000
KU	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1.000
KSU	2	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	1.000
CU	6	5	2	3	0	0	0	1	.833
<b>Totals</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>.810</b>
<b>Opp.</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>.676</b>

## Nebraska Points Off Turnovers

The Blackshirts have forced 19 turnovers this season, converting eight of those opponent miscues into touchdowns. The Huskers forced a season-high four turnovers against Wake Forest. On the year, Nebraska has intercepted 12 passes and recovered seven fumbles, while throwing 11 interceptions and losing 11 fumbles.

Game	TOs Gained	TDs	FG-FGA	Pts.	(Fumbles/Lost, INT)
Maine	2 (3/1 F/L, 1 INT)	1	0-0	7	5 (5/3 F/L, 2 INT)
Wake	4 (3/1 F/L, 3 INT)	3	0-0	21	1 (2/0 F/L, 1 INT)
Pitt	0 (0/0 F/L, 0 INT)	0	0-0	0	0 (0/0 F/L, 0 INT)
ISU	1 (1/0 F/L, 1 INT)	1	0-0	7	1 (1/1 F/L, 0 INT)
Tech	2 (2/1 F/L, 1 INT)	1	0-0	7	5 (5/3 F/L, 2 INT)
Baylor	3 (2/1 F/L, 2 INT)	0	0-0	0	1 (2/1 F/L, 0 INT)
Mizzou	2 (2/1 F/L, 1 INT)	1	0-0	7	3 (2/1 F/L, 2 INT)
OU	0 (4/0 F/L, 0 INT)	0	0-0	0	1 (1/0 F/L, 2 INT)
KU	2 (2/1 F/L, 1 INT)	1	0-0	7	1 (0/0 F/L, 1 INT)
KSU	2 (3/1 F/L, 1 INT)	0	0-0	0	3 (7/2 F/L, 1 INT)
CU	1 (2/0 F/L, 1 INT)	0	0-0	0	0 (1/0 F/L, 0 INT)
<b>Totals</b>	<b>19 (24/7 F/L, 12 INT)</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>22 (27/11 F/L, 11 INT)</b>
<b>Opp.</b>	<b>22 (27/11 F/L, 11 INT)</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5-6</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>19 (24/7 F/L, 12 INT)</b>

## Starting Field Position

Nebraska has enjoyed a field position advantage this season of 5.0 yards-per-drive. The Huskers enjoyed a 24.8-yard field position edge against Maine (49.3 to 24.5). In a matchup of two of the nation's best special teams units, NU enjoyed an 11-yard field position advantage at Baylor (36.8 to 25.9).

NU has started 21 drives inside its own 20 this season, while opponents have started 52 drives inside their 20, thanks in a large part to the punting of Sam Koch.

	NU Avg. Start	Opp. Avg. Start	Advantage
Maine	49.3 (838/17)	24.5 (441/18)	24.8
Wake	30.9 (402/13)	23.6 (378/16)	7.3
Pitt	33.9 (407/12)	21.8 (283/13)	12.1
ISU	28.2 (338/12)	23.5 (259/11)	4.7
Tech	34.3 (412/12)	39.6 (515/13)	(5.3)
Baylor	36.8 (405/11)	25.9 (285/11)	10.9
Mizzou	38.5 (578/15)	27.5 (440/16)	11.0
OU	29.3 (440/15)	39.6 (554/14)	(10.3)
KU	31.4 (440/14)	25.8 (335/13)	5.6
KSU	28.6 (515/18)	32.3 (549/17)	3.7
CU	29.5 (383/13)	25.9 (337/13)	3.6
<b>Total</b>	<b>33.9 (5,158/152)</b>	<b>28.9 (4,337/150)</b>	<b>5.0</b>

## Penalty Numbers

NU is averaging 7.3 penalties for 56.0 yards per game, while opponents are averaging 7.2 penalties for 60.9 yards per game. Against Maine, the Huskers were not whistled for a single penalty for the first time since an Oct. 18, 1997 game against Texas Tech.

	NU Pen.-Yds.	Opp. Pen.-Yds.
Maine	0-0	7-55
Wake	10-86	5-48
Pitt	11-91	4-35
Iowa St.	8-80	4-34
Tech	8-72	9-89
Baylor	5-25	11-82
Mizzou	12-99	5-43
OU	5-34	4-26
KU	6-32	6-45
KSU	8-47	14-108
CU	7-51	10-105
<b>Total</b>	<b>80-617</b>	<b>79-670</b>
<b>Average</b>	<b>7.3-56.0</b>	<b>7.2-60.9</b>



### Husker Starting Experience (Includes bowl games)

<b>Offensive Starters</b>	'02	'03	'04	'05	Total
Cory Ross, IB, Sr. (Denver, Colo.)	1	3	11	11	26
Brandon Koch, RG, Sr. (Gothenburg, Neb.)	0	2	11	11	24
Kurt Mann, C, Jr. (Grand Island, Neb.)	—	0	11	11	22
Matt Herian, TE, Sr. (Pierce, Neb.)	0	13	8	0	21
Seppo Ewvaraye, OT, Sr. (Vaasa, Finland)	0	0	11	9	20
Terrence Nunn, WR (X), So. (Houston, Texas)	—	—	6	11	17
J.B. Phillips, TE, So. (Colleyville, Texas)	0	0	6	10	16
Zac Taylor, QB, Jr. (Norman, Okla.)	—	—	—	11	11
Greg Austin, LG, Jr. (Cypress, Texas)	—	0	0	10	10
Mark LeFlore, WR (Z), Sr. (Omaha, Neb.)	1	5	3	0	9
Isaiah Fluellen, WR (Z), Jr. (Ramstein, Germany)	—	4	2	1	7
Cornealius Fuamatu-Thomas, OT, Sr. (Honolulu, Hawaii)	—	—	0	7	7
Nate Swift, WR (X), RFr. (Hutchinson, Minn.)	—	—	—	5	5
Grant Mulkey, WR (X), Jr. (Arlington, Texas)	—	0	2	2	4
Frantz Hardy, WR (Z), So. (Miami, Fla.)	—	—	—	3	3
Josh Mueller, TE, So. (Columbus, Neb.)	—	—	0	3	3
Clayton Sievers, TE, RFr. (Elkhorn, Neb.)	—	—	—	3	3
Lydon Murtha, OT, RFr. (Hutchinson, Minn.)	—	—	—	3	3
Brandon Jackson, IB, So. (Horn Lake, Miss.)	—	—	0	2	2
Dane Todd, FB, Jr. (Lincoln, Neb.)	—	0	0	2	2
Matt Slauson, OT, Fr. (Colorado Springs, Colo.)	—	—	—	2	2
Jared Helming, OG, Sr. (Springfield, Mo.)	0	0	0	1	1
Chris Patrick, OT, So. (Ithaca, Mich.)	—	—	0	1	1
Todd Peterson, WR (X), RFr. (Grand Island, Neb.)	—	—	—	1	1
<b>Totals</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>121</b>	<b>221</b>

<b>Defensive Starters</b>	'02	'03	'04	'05	Total
Le Kevin Smith, DT, Sr. (Macon, Ga.)	0	12	11	11	34
Daniel Bullocks, SS, Sr. (Chattanooga, Tenn.)	1	9	11	11	32
Titus Adams, DT, Sr. (Omaha, Neb.)	0	1	10	10	21
Adam Carriker, DE, Jr. (Kennewick, Wash.)	—	0	8	11	19
Jay Moore, DE, Jr. (Elkhorn, Neb.)	—	0	5	11	16
Stewart Bradley, SAM, Jr. (Salt Lake City, Utah)	—	0	10	5	15
Cortney Grixby, LCB, So. (Omaha, Neb.)	—	—	2	11	13
Corey McKeon, LB, So. (Naperville, Ill.)	—	—	0	11	11
Blake Tiedtke, FS, Sr. (Cedar Rapids, Iowa)	0	0	0	11	11
Tierre Green, CB, So. (Omaha, Neb.)	—	—	3	7	10
Bo Ruud, LB, So. (Lincoln, Neb.)	—	—	0	10	10
Adam Ickes, LB, Sr. (Page, Neb.)	0	0	0	6	6
Zackary Bowman, CB, Jr. (Anchorage, Alaska)	—	—	—	4	4
Phillip Dillard, LB, Fr. (Tulsa, Okla.)	—	—	—	1	1
Steve Octavien, LB, Jr. (Naples, Fla.)	—	—	—	1	1
<b>Totals</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>121</b>	<b>204</b>

<b>Starting Kickers</b>	'02	'03	'04	'05	Total
Sam Koch, P, Sr. (Seward, Neb.)	0	0	11	11	22
David Dyches, PK, Jr. (Spring, Texas)	—	11	2	0	13
Jordan Congdon, PK, Fr. (San Diego, Calif.)	—	—	—	11	11
<b>Totals</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>46</b>

**Starts by True Freshmen:** 14

**Number of Native Nebraskans With Starts:** 25

**Number of Offensive Players with Career Starts:** 24

**Number of Defensive Players with Career Starts:** 15

### A Look Ahead to 2006

Nebraska has featured a youthful look in 2005, with 13 true freshmen and 21 freshmen overall who have seen action this season. The Huskers will welcome back a number of players with extensive starting experience next fall.

Below is a quick breakdown of Nebraska's returning starting experience for the 2006 season.

#### Offense

##### Player, Position, Year (2005), Number of Career Starts

Kurt Mann, C, Jr., 22
*Matt Herian, TE, Sr., 21
Terrence Nunn, WR, So., 17
J.B. Phillips, TE, So., 16
Zac Taylor, QB, Jr., 11
Greg Austin, OG, Jr., 10
Isaiah Fluellen, WR, Jr., 7
Nate Swift, WR, RFr., 5
Grant Mulkey, WR, Jr., 4
Frantz Hardy, WR, So., 3
Josh Mueller, TE, So., 3
Clayton Sievers, TE, RFr., 3
Lydon Murtha, OT, RFr., 3
Brandon Jackson, IB, So., 2
Dane Todd, FB, Jr., 2
Matt Slauson, OT, Fr., 2
Chris Patrick, OT, So., 1
Todd Peterson, WR, RFr., 1

#### Defense

##### Player, Position, Year (2005), Number of Career Starts

Adam Carriker, DE, Jr., 19
Jay Moore, DE, Jr., 16
*Stewart Bradley, LB, Jr., 16
Cortney Grixby, CB, So., 13
Corey McKeon, LB, So., 11
Tierre Green, CB, So., 10
Bo Ruud, LB, So., 10
Zackary Bowman, CB, Jr., 4
Phillip Dillard, LB, Fr., 1
*Steve Octavien, LB, Jr., 1

#### Kickers

Jordan Congdon, PK, Fr., 11
David Dyches, PK, Jr., 13

\*-Herian, Bradley and Octavien were all starters who missed all or part of the 2005 season because of injury. Herian, an All-Big 12 tight end, did not play in 2005 and redshirted and will return for his senior season in 2006. Octavien was Nebraska's starting WILL linebacker at the start of the season, but suffered a broken leg in the season opener against Maine and was lost for the season. Bradley started Nebraska's first five games at SAM linebacker, but was sidelined for the season's final six games with a knee injury.

#### Schedule

Nebraska's 2006 schedule has yet to be finalized, with the Huskers yet to announce three of their non-conference opponents. Nebraska's scheduled games are listed below, including matchups against both of the participants in the BCS title game, USC and Texas.

Date	Opponent
Sept. 16	at USC
Sept. 30	Kansas
Oct. 7	at Iowa State
Oct. 14	at Kansas State
Oct. 21	Texas
Oct. 28	at Oklahoma State
Nov. 4	Missouri
Nov. 11	at Texas A&M
Nov. 24	Colorado