

N EBRASKA FOOTBALL

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Nebraska Football Notables

- ▶ Five national championships (1970, 1971, 1994, 1995, 1997)
- ▶ 43 conference championships
- ▶ Three Heisman trophies, eight Outland trophies, four Lombardi awards
- ▶ 103 All-Americans
- ▶ Nation-leading 76 academic All-Americans
- ▶ NCAA-record 258 consecutive sellouts in Memorial Stadium (counting Penn State)
- ▶ 41 consecutive winning regular seasons
- ▶ 34 consecutive bowl appearances—NCAA record
- ▶ 41 all-time bowl appearances—fourth in NCAA
- ▶ 97-5 home record in last 16 seasons

This Week in Husker Football

Monday, Sept. 8

11:50 a.m. Coach Solich on Big 12 Teleconference
Noon.....Extra Point Club Luncheon (Bo Pelini)
3:30 p.m..... Practice

Tuesday, Sept. 9

Weekly Press Conference

11 a.m.....NU Volleyball Coach John Cook
11:15 a.m..... Lunch
11:40 a.m..... Coordinators
Noon..... Head Coach Frank Solich
12:30-1:30 p.m..... Player Interviews
3:30 p.m..... Practice

Wednesday, Sept. 10

3:30 p.m.....Practice (Final player interviews of week)

Thursday, Sept. 11

6:50 a.m..... Omaha Breakfast (Barney Cotton)
3:30 p.m..... Practice

Friday, Sept. 12

TBA Penn State walk-thru
3:30 p.m..... Nebraska walk-thru

Saturday, Sept. 13

Red Cross Day

7:07 p.m..... Nebraska vs. Penn State (ABC)

Game 3 – No. 18/18 Nebraska (2-0, 1D) vs. Penn State (1-1)

Date: Saturday, Sept. 13, 2003 Time: 7:07 p.m. (CDT) Site: Lincoln, Neb.

Stadium: Memorial Stadium Field: Tom Osborne Field Surface: FieldTurf (1999)

Capacity: 73,918 (258th Consecutive Sellout)

Nebraska Radio: (Jim Rose—Play-by-Play; Adrian Fiala—Analyst; Gary Sharp—Sideline)

57-station Pinnacle Sports Network

Internet: Live Radio on Huskers.com

TV: ABC, Regional (Brad Nessler—Play-by-Play; Bob Griese—Analyst; Lynn Swann—Sideline)

Special Event: Red Cross Day; Salute to the Teammates Program (Founded by Former Head Coach Tom Osborne and his wife, Nancy); Salute to Bob Frohlinger

Huskers Look to Stay Unbeaten in Matchup of Traditional Powers

Nebraska completes a three-game season-opening homestand this Saturday night against Penn State in a matchup of two of college football's most storied programs. Nebraska and Penn State both rank among the top six in all-time victories among Division I-A football programs and the schools have combined for seven national championships since 1970.

The 2-0 Huskers are coming off a 31-7 victory over Utah State on Saturday in Lincoln, a game in which NU's defense starred for the second straight week. The win over Utah State allowed Nebraska to continue to make a climb in the national polls. After opening the season unranked in both polls, the Huskers moved into the rankings after a season-opening win over Oklahoma State and jumped five spots this week to 18th in the Associated Press Poll and six spots to 18th in the ESPN/USA Today Coaches Poll.

This weekend's matchup between Nebraska and Penn State is the 13th all-time meeting between the two schools and just the second in the past 20 seasons. Penn State owns a 7-5 edge in the series and defeated the Huskers, 40-7, last season in Happy Valley, handing NU its first loss of the 2002 campaign.

Penn State enters Saturday night's contest with a 1-1 record after a 27-14 loss to Boston College at home on Saturday afternoon. The Nittany Lions had opened the season a week earlier with a 23-10 win against Temple, but fell behind 21-0 early against Boston College and were unable to recover. The Nittany Lions had been ranked 25th in last week's coaches poll, but fell from the rankings after the loss to Boston College.

A win over Penn State would mark the seventh straight year Nebraska has began the season with a 3-0 record and would be its 34th straight home victory against non-conference competition. Saturday night's game will be televised to more than half of the nation on ABC Sports.

Husker Defense Sets Tone for Second Straight Week

Nebraska's Blackshirt defense controlled things for the second time in as many games, shutting out Utah State for the final three quarters as 23rd-ranked Nebraska pulled away for a 31-7 victory before the 257th consecutive sellout at Memorial Stadium. The Huskers also featured a ball-control offense to go along with its outstanding defense, holding the ball for more than 38 minutes and snapping the ball 23 more times than Utah State.

The Aggies threatened on the game's opening possession, but failed on a fourth-down attempt inside Nebraska territory. The Huskers responded by marching 71 yards in 13 plays, capped by a 15-yard TD run by Jammal Lord

2003 Nebraska Football Schedule/Results

Day	Date	Opponent	Time/Result	TV	Series	Last Meeting (Site)/Notes
Sat.	Aug. 30	Oklahoma State#	W, 17-7	ABC	NU 36-3-1	NU's 18th straight season-opening win/Defense holds OSU to 183 total yards
Sat.	Sept. 6	Utah State	W, 31-7	FSN	NU 8-0	NU improves to 8-0 all-time in series; Williams 3 sacks, 2 fumbles caused
Sat.	Sept. 13	Penn State	7:07 p.m.	ABC	PSU 7-5	PSU, 40-7, 2002 (Univ. Park)/Combined for 10 perfect seasons in last 38 years
Thurs.	Sept. 25	at Southern Miss	6:30 p.m.	ESPN	NU 1-0	NU, 20-13, 1999 (Lincoln)/Nebraska two defensive TDs in 1999 meeting
Sat.	Oct. 4	Troy State	TBA		NU 2-0	NU, 31-16, 2002 (Lincoln)/Game added in spring to accommodate Thurs. contest
Sat.	Oct. 11	at Missouri#	TBA		NU, 61-32-3	NU, 24-13, 2002 (Lincoln)/Huskers have won 13 straight vs. MU in Columbia
Sat.	Oct. 18	Texas A&M# (HC)	TBA		NU, 8-2	NU, 38-31, 2002 (College Station)/17-point comeback in 2002 tied NU's largest
Sat.	Oct. 25	Iowa State#	TBA		NU, 80-15-2	ISU, 36-14, 2002 (Ames)/NU 48-plus points in last five meetings in Lincoln
Sat.	Nov. 1	at Texas#	TBA		UT 5-4	UT, 27-24, 2002 (Lincoln)/Two meetings in Austin decided by total of five points
Sat.	Nov. 8	at Kansas# (HC)	TBA		NU 85-21-3	NU, 45-7, 2002 (Lincoln)/24 of last 27 Nebraska wins by 28 points or more
Sat.	Nov. 15	Kansas State#	TBA		NU 72-13-2	KSU, 49-13, 2002 (Manhattan)/NU winners of 17 straight vs. KSU in Lincoln
Fri.	Nov. 28	at Colorado#	11 a.m.	ABC	NU 43-16-2	CU, 28-13, 2002 (Lincoln)/Five of last seven in Boulder decided by six points or less
Sat.	Dec. 6	Big 12 Champ. Game	7 p.m.	ABC		Nebraska has appeared in three of first seven games, most recently 1999 vs. Texas

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

2003 Polls**Associated Press (Sept. 8)**

No.	Team (1st)	Record	Points
1.	Oklahoma (47)	2-0	1,549
2.	Miami (2)	2-0	1,448
3.	Ohio State (8)	2-0	1,398
4.	USC (4)	2-0	1,380
5.	Michigan (2)	2-0	1,332
6.	Texas*	1-0	1,267
7.	Kansas State*	3-0	1,198
8.	Georgia	2-0	1,085
9.	Virginia Tech	2-0	1,075
10.	Florida State	2-0	998
11.	Pittsburgh	1-0	980
12.	LSU	2-0	896
13.	Tennessee	2-0	879
14.	Wisconsin	2-0	669
15.	Notre Dame	1-0	615
16.	Arizona State	1-0	507
17.	Colorado*	2-0	493
18.	Nebraska	2-0	435
19.	Florida	1-1	383
20.	Wake Forest	2-0	330
21.	Washington	1-1	286
22.	TCU	2-0	195
23.	Iowa	2-0	184
24.	N.C. State	1-1	181
25.	South Carolina	2-0	127

ESPN/USA Today/Coaches (Sept. 8)

No.	Team (1st)	Record	Points
1.	Oklahoma (41)	2-0	1,543
2.	Miami (8)	2-0	1,477
3.	Ohio State (13)	2-0	1,429
4.	USC (1)	2-0	1,333
5.	Texas*	1-0	1,302
6.	Kansas State*	3-0	1,257
7.	Michigan	2-0	1,219
8.	Georgia	2-0	1,143
9.	Virginia Tech	2-0	1,048
10.	Florida State	2-0	998
11.	LSU	2-0	887
12.	Pittsburgh	1-0	876
13.	Tennessee	2-0	830
14.	Notre Dame	1-0	697
15.	Wisconsin	2-0	674
16.	Arizona State	1-0	491
17.	Colorado*	2-0	480
18.	Nebraska	2-0	425
19.	Iowa	2-0	424
20.	Florida	1-1	410
21.	Wake Forest	2-0	230
22.	N.C. State	1-1	221
23.	TCU	2-0	157
24.	Washington	1-1	153
25.	Texas A&M*	2-0	120

*-Denotes 2003 NU opponent

Huskers in the 2003 Polls

Date	A	C	B	Results
Pre.	RV	RV	NA	
8-25	---	RV	NA	def. OSU, 17-7
9-1	23	24	NA	def. Utah State, 31-7
9-8	18	18	NA	

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

to take a 6-0 advantage. Utah State responded with a quick score moving 66 yards in four plays capped by a 41-yard pass from Travis Cox to Chris Cooley to take a 7-6 edge. That score was the last of the day for the Aggies and the Husker defense kept Utah State in check the rest of the afternoon.

Nebraska's defense set up a touchdown to put Nebraska ahead midway through the second quarter. Linebacker **Demorrio Williams** recorded the first of three second-quarter sacks inside the Aggie 5-yard line, while also forcing and recovering a fumble on the Utah State 1. Fullback **Judd Davies** took the ball into the end zone on the next play to give the Huskers a 12-7 lead. Williams forced another fumble on Utah State's next play from scrimmage with a second sack and NU converted the Aggie miscue into a 23-yard field goal by **David Dyches** and a 15-7 halftime edge. Nebraska took full control of the game by marching 74 yards in 10 plays to open the second half, capped by a three-yard **David Horne** touchdown run. The score gave NU a 22-7 edge.

The Husker offense moved effectively the rest of the afternoon, but could not find the end zone. Dyches connected on three more field goals to account for the final 31-7 score. Lord led four Husker rushers who topped 47 yards with 20 carries for 72 yards. He also completed 8-of-12 passes for 85 yards. Meanwhile, Utah State spent most of the second half deep in its own territory crossing midfield for the first time in the second half on the game's final possession.

Recapping Game Two...NU 31, Utah State 7

► Nebraska's victory marked its 100th win in the past 10 seasons, beginning with the 1994 campaign. NU owns a 100-18 record in that span. The win was Nebraska's 33rd straight non-conference home victory and allowed the Huskers to begin 2-0 for the seventh straight season.

► **Demorrio Williams'** three sacks ties the school record for sacks by a linebacker, most recently by LeRoy Etienne vs. Oklahoma in 1988. Williams was the first Husker at any position to record three sacks in a game since defensive tackle Steve Warren had three sacks against Texas A&M in 1999. The school record for sacks is four by five players, most recently Mike Rucker in 1996. Williams had eight tackles in the game, including three sacks totaling 27 yards, caused two fumbles (both recovered by Nebraska, recovered one himself) and one pass breakup.

► Williams' effort keyed a dominant performance by the Husker linebacking corps. **Williams** (9 tackles), **Barrett Ruud** (team-high 11 tackles) and **T.J. Hollowell** (7 tackles, 1 sack) led the team against USU. Combined, the three had 27 tackles, four sacks for minus 37 yards, three fumbles caused and three pass breakups.

► **Jammal Lord** rushed for a game-high 72 yards on 20 carries, and moved into the No. 25 spot on the NU career rushing chart. Lord now has 1,787 rushing yards in his career, fourth among NU quarterbacks. Lord also had 85 yards passing, completing 8-of-12 passes.

► Senior I-back **Josh Davis** continued to be Nebraska's busiest player. A week after accounting for 169 all-purpose yards against Oklahoma State, Davis tallied 144 all-purpose yards against Utah State. Davis rushed 14 times for 63 yards, had one reception for seven yards, a kickoff return for 30 yards and three punt returns for 44 yards.

► True freshman place-kicker **David Dyches** had an impressive Husker debut. Dyches was 4-of-4 on field goal attempts (23, 20, 29, 26), marking the first time a Husker has converted on four field goals since Kris Brown had four vs. Texas A&M in the 1997 Big 12 Championship game. Dyches' four field goals also marked just the fourth time in school history an NU kicker has had four or more field goals in a game (joining Brown's four vs. A&M in 1997; Brown's four at Kansas State in 1996; and Dale Klein's school-record seven at Missouri in 1985). Dyches was also 1-for-1 on PATs, scoring 13 points for the Huskers. Dyches is also the first NU freshman to kick four field goals in a game.

► Sophomore tight end **Matt Herian** recorded a career-high four receptions, and extended his streak of games with at least one catch to five. Herian had four catches for 62 yards, bettering his two receptions (for 95 yards) vs. Colorado last year. Herian has seven catches for 104 yards this season, after catching a total of seven passes last season (for 301 yards).

► Sophomore wide receiver **Ross Pilkington** had a career-high five receptions for 57 yards. Pilkington's previous best was three catches for 54 yards vs. McNeese State last year.

► For the second straight week, Nebraska held a sizeable advantage in time of possession thanks to a ball-control power offense. Nebraska held the ball for 38:17 to 21:43 for Utah State and snapped the ball 81 times to just 58 for the Aggies. Nebraska held the ball for 36:48 in the opener against Oklahoma State.

► Freshman quarterback **Joe Dailey** made his Husker debut against Utah State and completed 4-of-5 passes for 47 yards and rushed nine times for 47 yards.

► Senior tight end **Phil Peetz** and sophomore defensive lineman **Titus Adams** made their first career starts. In addition to Dyches and Dailey, junior-college transfers **Darren DeLone** (OT) and **Donald DeFrاند** (CB) also saw their first action at Nebraska.

► The Huskers improved to 8-0 all-time against Utah State, with all eight of the wins coming by at least 21 points.

NU-Utah State Stat Wrap

Team Stats	USU	NU
First Downs	14	22
Rushes-Yards	23-60	64-273
Passes	35-17-1	17-12-0
Passing Yards	178	132
Total Offense	238	405
Turnovers	3	2

NU Rushing Leaders

Jammal Lord—20 carries, 72 yards, 1 TD
 Josh Davis—14 carries, 63 yards

NU Passing Leader

Jammal Lord—17-12-0, 85 yards

NU Receiving Leader

Ross Pilkington—5 receptions, 57 yards
 Matt Herian—4 receptions, 62 yards

NU Defensive Leaders

Barrett Ruud—11 tackles, 2 PBU, fumble caused
 Dem. Williams—9 tackles, 3 sacks, 2 fumbles caused, 1 fumble recovery, 1 PBU

2003 Big 12 Standings**North Division**

<u>Team</u>	<u>Records</u>		<u>Next Game</u>
	<u>Overall</u>	<u>Big 12</u>	
Nebraska	2-0	1-0	Penn State 9/13
Kansas St.	3-0	0-0	Massachusetts 9/13
Colorado	2-0	0-0	Washington St. 9/13
Iowa State	2-0	0-0	Iowa 9/13
Missouri	2-0	0-0	Eastern Illinois 9/13
Kansas	1-1	0-0	at Wyoming 9/13

South Division

Oklahoma	2-0	0-0	Fresno State 9/13
Texas	1-0	0-0	Arkansas 9/13
Texas Tech	2-0	0-0	@ N.C. State 9/20
Texas A&M	2-0	0-0	@ Va. Tech 9/18
Baylor	0-2	0-0	SMU 9/13
Okla. St.	1-1	0-1	SW Missouri St. 9/13

2003 Nebraska Non-Conference Opponents

<u>Team</u>	<u>Record-Next Game</u>
Utah State	0-2—at Arizona State 9/13
Penn State	1-1—at Nebraska 9/13
Southern Miss	1-1—Memphis 9/13
Troy State	0-2—at UAB 9/13

Last Week's Results

Boston College def. Penn State, 27-14
 Southern Mississippi def. UAB, 17-12
 Minnesota def. Troy State, 48-7
 Kansas State def. McNeese State, 55-14
 Colorado def. UCLA, 16-14
 Iowa State def. Ohio, 48-20
 Missouri def. Ball State, 35-7
 Kansas def. UNLV, 46-24
 Oklahoma def. Alabama, 20-13
 Texas Tech def. New Mexico, 42-28
 Texas A&M def. Utah, 28-26
 North Texas def. Baylor, 52-14
 Oklahoma State def. Wyoming, 48-24

2003 Penn State Schedule

<u>Date</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	<u>Time/Result</u>
8/30	Temple	W, 23-10
9/6	Boston College	L, 27-14
9/13	at Nebraska	7 p.m.
9/20	Kent State	TBA
9/27	Minnesota	TBA
10/4	Wisconsin	11 a.m.
10/11	at Purdue	TBA
10/25	at Iowa	TBA
11/1	Ohio State	TBA
11/8	at Northwestern	TBA
11/15	Indiana	TBA
11/22	at Michigan State	TBA

NU-Penn State Series Notes

► NU and Penn State are third and sixth, respectively, in all-time victories among Division I-A schools and are among nine schools to have 700 or more all-time wins.
 ► Either Nebraska or PSU has appeared in each of the last 44 final AP polls. In 36 of those 44 seasons, one of the two schools has finished in the top 10, with both schools finishing in the top 10 on 12 occasions. In the same time period both Penn State and NU have been in the final rankings 25 of 44 seasons. The schools have combined for seven national championships in that period.
 ► Joe Paterno guided Penn State to a victory at Memorial Stadium in 1983, and is one of only four active college coaches to own a victory in Lincoln, joining Bobby Bowden, Mack Brown and Gary Barnett.

Husker-Pennsylvania, Nittany Lion Ties

► Senior free safety Jerrell Pippens is the lone Husker from Pennsylvania. Pippens is a Philadelphia native and attended West Catholic High School.
 ► Nebraska head coach Frank Solich was born in Johnstown, Pa., before his family moved to Cleveland.
 ► Penn State President Dr. Graham Spanier was chancellor at the University of Nebraska from 1991 to 1995.

Scouting Penn State

Penn State enters Saturday's game with a 1-1 record after a 27-14 loss to Boston College on Saturday afternoon at Beaver Stadium. The Lions opened their season a week earlier with a 23-10 win over Temple at home.

The Nittany Lions had entered the ESPN/USA Today Coaches Poll last week, but fell out of the poll this week after the setback against Boston College. The Penn State offense is led by junior quarterback Zack Mills, who accounted for 291 yards of total offense in last year's victory over the Huskers. Mills completed better than 56 percent of his passes last season for 2,417 yards and 17 touchdowns, and added another 201 yards on the ground. This season, Mills has completed 21-of-45 passes for 223 yards and a touchdown. Sophomore Michael Robinson replaced Mills in the

second half of last week's game. Robinson has rushed for 108 yards and a touchdown this season and has completed 4-of-13 passes. The leading receiver for the Nittany Lions is senior Tony Johnson, who has eight catches for 145 yards and a touchdown. True freshman running back Austin Scott has taken over for departed All-American Larry Johnson and leads the Nittany Lions in rushing with 129 yards and a touchdown in the first two games.

Defensively, Penn State returned six starters from last season, but lost a pair of first-round draft picks from its defensive line. The Lions have allowed 370 yards per game in the first two contests, but outside of Boston College's 21-point first-quarter outburst, they have held their two opponents to just 16 other points. Middle linebacker Gino Capone leads the Lions with 21 tackles in two games, while safety Chris Harrell has 14 tackles and cornerback Alan Zemaitis has 12 tackles, an interception and five pass breakups.

Place-kicker Robbie Gould connected on a pair of field goals against Nebraska last season and finished the year 17-of-22. He has made all four of his PAT attempts this season and is 3-of-5 on field goals.

Penn State Coach Joe Paterno

Joe Paterno is in his 38th year as Penn State's head coach and his 54th year as a member of the Nittany Lion coaching staff. Paterno leads all major college coaches in career victories and has an all-time mark of 337-101-3, a winning percentage of .768, fifth among active Division I-A coaches with at least five years experience, one spot ahead of Nebraska Head Coach Frank Solich. Paterno has guided the Nittany Lions to two national championships (1982, 1986) and five perfect seasons, most recently in 1994. Paterno is 3-3 against Nebraska as a head coach, including 1-1 against the Huskers at Memorial Stadium. Paterno has been on the Nittany Lion coaching staff for 11 of the 12 all-time meetings between the two schools, including five as an assistant coach.

Nebraska-Penn State Series...PSU leads 7-5

This Saturday's matchup between Nebraska and Penn State will be the 13th meeting between two of college football's traditional powers. Penn State holds a 7-5 edge in the all-time series, while NU holds a 3-2 edge in games played at Memorial Stadium.

The teams played five consecutive years between 1979 and 1983, before the series took a 19-year break prior to last year's matchup at Penn State. For more information on the six most recent meetings between the two schools, see page five of this release.

Penn State is unranked entering this weekend's game, ending a streak of six straight meetings in which both teams had been nationally ranked coming into the contest. This matchup will also end a six-game streak in which one of the two schools was ranked in the top 10.

The two most recent meetings in the series have been the most lopsided among the 12 matchups. NU's 44-6 win over the Nittany Lions in 1983 ranks among Joe Paterno's worst losses as a head coach. Last season's 40-7 Penn State victory is one of only four Husker losses by 30 points or more in the last 35 seasons.

The Nittany Lions held a 13-7 halftime edge in last year's game, but used a long scoring drive to open the second half to take a 19-7 edge and set the tone for the remainder of the contest. Penn State forced three Husker turnovers in the game and did not turn the ball over, while outgaining the Huskers 476-328.

Nebraska-Penn State Statistical Comparison

<u>Category</u>	<u>Nebraska (2-0, 1-0)</u>			<u>Penn State (1-1)</u>	
	<u>Avg.</u>	<u>Big 12</u>	<u>Natl.</u>	<u>Avg.</u>	<u>Natl.</u>
Rushing Offense	270.5	1	8	182.0	43
Passing Offense	105.0	12	112	132.0	106
Total Offense	375.5	6	59	314.0	83
Scoring Offense	24.0	10	72	18.5	88
Rushing Defense	73.0	1	19	200.0	99
Pass Defense	137.5	3	14	170.0	35
Pass Efficiency Defense	82.04	3	15	102.0	32
Total Defense	210.5	1	5	370.0	69
Scoring Defense	7.0	1	8	18.5	42
Net Punting	36.4	8	56	39.3	24
Punt Returns	12.6	4	39	13.3	36
Kickoff Returns	23.3	6	43	14.8	107
Turnover Margin	+2.0	2	5	-1.5	95

Last Year at Penn State...**Penn State 40, NU 7**

<u>Team Stats</u>	<u>NU</u>	<u>PSU</u>
First Downs	18	24
Rushes-Yards	45-252	43-217
Passes	16-8-3	31-19-0
Passing Yards	76	259
Total Offense	328	476
Turnovers	3	0

NU Rushing Leaders

Jammal Lord—14 carries, 111 yards
 Dahrnan Diedrick—16 carries, 71 yards

NU Passing Leader

Jammal Lord—16-8-3, 76 yards

NU Receiving Leader

Ross Pilkington—2 receptions, 29 yards

NU Defensive Leaders

Pat Ricketts—10 tackles
 Jerrell Pippens—8 tackles

Solich Year-by-Year

Year	Record	Pct	Conf.	Bowl	Rank
1998	9-4	.692	5-3	Holiday	19/20
1999	12-1	.923	7-1#	Fiesta	3/2
2000	10-2	.833	6-2	Alamo	8/7
2001	11-2	.846	7-1	Rose	8/7
2002	7-7	.500	3-5	Indepen.	NR/NR
2003	2-0	1.000	1-0		
Total	51-16	.761	29-12	Four	
# Won Big 12 Championship					
Final national rank listed AP/Coaches					

Solich vs. Ranked AP Teams(11-12)

Date	Opponent	Site	Rank	Result
1998				
9/26	Washington	Home	2/9	W 55-7
10/10	Texas A&M	Away	2/18	L 21-28
10/24	Missouri	Home	7/19	W 20-13
11/14	Kansas St.	Away	11/2	L 30-40
12/30	Arizona	Holiday	14/5	L 20-23
1999				
10/23	Texas	Away	3/18	L 20-24
11/6	Texas A&M	Home	9/21	W 37-0
11/13	Kansas St.	Home	7/5	W 41-15
12/4	Texas	Big 12	3/12	W 22-6
1/2	Tennessee	Fiesta	3/6	W 31-21
2000				
9/9	Notre Dame	Away	1/23	W 27-24OT
10/28	Oklahoma	Away	1/3	L 14-31
11/18	Kansas St.	Away	4/16	L 28-29
12/30	Northwestern	Alamo	9/18	W 66-17
2001				
9/8	Notre Dame	Home	4/17	W 27-10
10/27	Oklahoma	Home	3/2	W 20-10
11/23	Colorado	Away	2/14	L 36-62
1/3	Miami	Rose	4/1	L 14-37
2002				
9/28	Iowa State	Away	20/19	L 14-36
11/2	Texas	Home	--/7	L 24-27
11/16	Kansas State	Away	--/11	L 13-49
11/29	Colorado	Home	--/13	L 13-28
2003				
8/30	Okla. State	Home	--/24	W 17-7

Solich Superlatives

Overall	51-16
vs. AP Ranked Teams	11-12
vs. AP Top 10 Teams	4-5
vs. Unranked Teams	40-4
vs. Big 12 Teams	30-12
When Rushing for 300 Yards	27-2
When Rushing for 400 Yards	11-0
When Rushing for 500 Yards	2-0
When Rushing for 600 Yards	1-0
When NU player rushes for 100 Yards	33-9
Multiple 100-yd. NU Rushers in a Game	13-0
When Opp. has 100 Yd. Rusher	8-10
When Scoring 35 or More Points	32-1
When Hold Opp. to 10 Pts. or less	23-0
When Nebraska scores first	39-6
When Nebraska leads at halftime	42-6
When Nebraska trails at halftime	6-10
When Nebraska is tied at halftime	3-0
Record in games decided by 10 or less	15-9
Record in games decided by 7 or less	9-8
Record in games decided by 3 or less	4-4

Individual Honors

Draft Picks	25
All-Americans	9
Academic All-Americans	7
All-Conference Winners	23
Academic All-Conference Winners	103

Team Honors

Conference Championships	1
Nine-Win Seasons	4
10-Win Seasons	3
11-Win Seasons	2
12-Win Seasons	1

Huskers.com**Nebraska Head Coach Frank Solich**

Coach **Frank Solich** (Nebraska, 1966) is in his sixth season at the helm of the Husker program with a 51-16 school and career record (.761). Solich ranks sixth among active coaches with at least five years of service in winning percentage.

With a victory over Oklahoma State in the season opener, Solich collected his 50th win in just his 66th game as Nebraska's head coach, the same amount as his Hall of Fame predecessor Tom Osborne (50-14-2). Solich's 49 wins in his first five seasons as a head coach tied him for third place on the all-time Division I-A list for most wins in the first five years of a head coaching career.

Solich has piled up a number of notable accomplishments during his Nebraska tenure including...

► Becoming just the third first-year Nebraska head coach to record nine wins in his first season at the helm, joining a pair of Hall of Fame Coaches—Tom Osborne (9-2-1 in 1973) and Bob Devaney (9-2 in 1962).

► He posted the best record of any Husker second-year coach, as his team posted a 12-1 record in 1999, leading NU to a Big 12 championship and No. 2 (coaches poll) and No. 3 (AP poll) final national rankings.

► The Nebraska graduate has set NU records for most wins after two, three, four and five years as head coach, bettering Devaney and Osborne.

► Solich was named the 1999 Big 12 Coach of the Year by his league peers and the AP after winning the league championship, and was named coach of the year by the conference coaches a second time in 2001.

► Solich is the only Husker coach to have won 12 games in either of his first two seasons. In fact, neither Devaney nor Osborne had an 11-win campaign in their first four years, with Devaney posting a pair of 10-win seasons and Osborne hitting 10 wins in his third season.

► Solich tied Devaney by winning his first conference title his second year, while Osborne tied for his first title in his third year at the helm.

Solich has continued Nebraska's winning tradition the Husker way—by identification of athletic talent regardless of position or recruiting rank; with successful recruitment nationwide of the country's best student-athletes; developing local talent and utilizing the envious Husker walk-on program; and by providing the best athletic facilities and support available for the student-athletes.

Div. I-A Winningest Active Coaches

Rank	Coach, School	Years	Rec.	Pct
1.	Bob Pruett, Marshall	8	81-14	.853
2.	Phillip Fulmer, Tennessee	12	105-25	.808
3.	Bobby Bowden, Florida St.	38	334-96-4	.774
4.	Lloyd Carr, Michigan	9	78-23	.772
5.	Joe Paterno, Penn State	38	337-101-3	.768
6.	Frank Solich, Nebraska	6	51-16	.761

I-A football coaches who played for and now coach their alma mater.

Solich was named Nebraska's 26th head coach on Dec. 10, 1997, after serving as an NU assistant for 19 years. He played fullback for Hall of Fame Coach Bob Devaney, lettering in 1963-64-65. Solich was the first Husker running back to rush for 200 yards in a game and remains the only fullback to accomplish that feat. He also lettered for the NU baseball team in 1965. After serving as a local high school football coach for 14 years, Solich took over the NU freshman program and posted a 19-1 record from 1979 to 1982. He was elevated to NU's running backs coach after four seasons, a position he held for 15 years (1983-97). He was promoted to assistant head coach in 1991 and head coach following the 1997 season. Solich earned his bachelor's and master's degrees from NU in 1966 and 1972, respectively.

Fresh Faces on Husker Sidelines for 2003 Season

Solich is surrounded by several new faces on his coaching staff for the 2003 season. Six new coaches are on the NU staff, including three assistants on each side of the ball, led by new offensive and defensive coordinators.

The new Husker assistants (previous coaching stop) include...

- **Barney Cotton**, Offensive Coordinator/Offensive Line (Offensive coordinator, New Mexico State)
- **Bo Pelini**, Defensive Coordinator, (Linebackers, Green Bay Packers)
- **Tim Albin**, Running Backs/Passing Game Coordinator, (Graduate Assistant, Nebraska)
- **Scott Downing**, Tight Ends/Kickers & Punters/Recruiting Coordinator (Ass't. Head Coach, RBs, Purdue)
- **Marvin Sanders**, Defensive Backs, (Secondary, Colorado State)
- **Jimmy Williams**, Linebackers (Defensive Line, Toledo)

All of the new assistants had previous Nebraska ties except for Pelini, who came to Nebraska from the NFL coaching ranks and played college football at Ohio State. The newcomers join assistants **Ron Brown** (17th year), **Turner Gill** (12th year) and **Jeff Jamrog** (4th year). Brown continues to coach Nebraska's wide receivers. Gill remains the Huskers' quarterbacks coach and added the title of assistant head coach. Jamrog will again coach the Husker defensive tackles, but will also tutor the defensive ends and serve as Nebraska's special teams coordinator.

**Game Day Assignments**

Offense	Defense
Field	Field
Cotton	B. Pelini
Brown	Jamrog
Downing	Williams
Press Box	Press Box
Albin	Sanders
Gill	C. Pelini (G.A.)
McLaughlin (G.A.)	

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Huskers.com**Weekly Football Press Conference**

Nebraska will hold a weekly press conference/teleconference on Tuesdays throughout the football season. The press conferences are held in the Don Bryant Media Facility Level 6 and will begin with Nebraska Volleyball Coach John Cook at 11 a.m., with lunch served at 11:15 a.m. Husker coordinators will be available at 11:40 a.m., followed by Head Coach Frank Solich at noon. Nebraska players will be available following Solich.

Each press conference will be available via teleconference and selected conferences will be carried on satellite (via ESPN News) and quotes will be transcribed and posted by mid-afternoon on **Huskers.com**, while edited sound bites are available on NebraskaNet.com. The teleconferences are also carried live on HuskersNSide.com.

Media wishing to participate in the teleconference should contact the SID office at (402) 472-2263 for more information. The toll-free number for the teleconference is (877) 229-1563 and media can acquire the weekly passcode by calling the SID office.

NU, Penn State in Statistical Rankings

Below are top 25 national statistical rankings for Nebraska and Penn State and Husker and Nittany Lion individuals.

Nebraska Team

Rushing Offense, 8th (270.5 ypg)

Rushing Defense, 19th (73.0 ypg)

Pass Defense, 14th (137.5 ypg)

Pass Efficiency Defense, 15th (82.04)

Total Defense, 5th (210.5 ypg)

Scoring Defense, 8th (7.0 ppg)

Turnover Margin, 5th (+2.0 pg)

Nebraska Individual

Josh Bullocks, 1st, Interceptions (1.5 pg)

Josh Davis, 22nd, All-Purpose Yards (156.5 ypg)

Penn State Individual

Jeremy Kapinos, 11th, Punting (44.8 ypp)

Calvin Lowry, 16th, Punt Returns (18.3 ypr)

Robbie Gould, 22nd, Field Goals (1.5 pg)

Recent History of Husker-Nittany Lion Series

Nebraska and Penn State have met 12 times in school history, with Penn State owning a 7-5 series edge. Before last season's matchup at Penn State, the two schools met five consecutive years from 1979 to 1983, the only previous meetings between the teams while Joe Paterno has been the Nittany Lions' head coach. In each of those five games, NU head coach Frank Solich was an assistant coach for the Huskers. Below is a recap of the six meetings between the schools since 1979.

Sept. 29, 1979; Lincoln, Neb. (AP gametime rank)

Penn State (18) 17

Nebraska (6) 42

In the 100th consecutive sellout at Memorial Stadium, Penn State jumped to a 14-0 first-quarter lead, but Nebraska quickly regained momentum with 28 unanswered points in the second quarter. The Huskers sealed the victory with two fourth-quarter touchdowns. NU dominated statistically and outgained Penn State 530 to 183 on the afternoon, including a 298 to 60 edge in rushing yardage, keyed by 124 yards from Jarvis Redwine.

Sept. 27, 1980; State College, Pa.

Nebraska (3) 21

Penn State (11) 7

Nebraska's defense kept the Nittany Lion offense in check for the second straight season, holding PSU to just 156 yards of total offense, including just 33 rushing yards. The Huskers jumped to a 14-0 first-quarter lead, then sealed the contest in the third quarter when Jarvis Redwine scored the second of his two rushing touchdowns. Redwine finished the game with 189 rushing yards, and NU gained 287 yards on the ground, 445 overall.

Sept. 26, 1981; Lincoln, Neb.

Penn State (3) 30

Nebraska (15) 24

The game saw five lead changes and more than 800 yards of total offense, but a standout performance by Penn State running back Curt Warner carried the Lions to victory. Nebraska took a 24-20 lead late in the third quarter, but Penn State rallied behind Warner, who finished with 238 rushing yards on 28 carries, the second-most yards ever vs. Nebraska. Roger Craig gained 121 yards for Nebraska, which suffered one of only 12 losses at Memorial Stadium since 1980.

Sept. 25, 1982; State College, Pa.

Nebraska (2) 24

Penn State (8) 27

In the most memorable game in series history, Nebraska rallied from a 21-7 third-quarter deficit to take a 24-21 lead with 1:18 to play. However, Penn State marched 65 yards in 10 plays capped by a Todd Blackledge to Kirk Bowman pass with four seconds left to pull out a 27-24 victory. The two teams combined for nearly 1,000 yards of offense, with Blackledge passing for 295 yards and three touchdowns, while NU's Turner Gill threw for 239 yards and two scores. The game was Nebraska's only loss of the 1982 season, as the Huskers went on to finish No. 3 in the final polls, while Penn State captured the national championship.

Aug. 29, 1983; Kickoff Classic; East Rutherford, N.J.

Nebraska (1) 44

Penn State (4) 6

Behind the running and passing of quarterback Turner Gill, the Huskers made their first preseason appearance a success, knocking off defending national champion Penn State, 44-6, in the first-ever Kickoff Classic in East Rutherford, N.J. Gill threw for 158 yards and a touchdown, while rushing for 53 yards and another score as the Big Red scored on two of its first three possessions en route to a 44-0 lead late in the contest. The loss ranks as the second worst in Penn State Coach Joe Paterno's coaching career.

Sept. 14, 2002; State College, Pa.

Nebraska (8) 7

Penn State 40

Penn State scored 33 unanswered points to break open a 7-7 tie and roll to a 40-7 victory over No. 8 Nebraska at Beaver Stadium. The Nittany Lions opened the scoring early in the second quarter, but Nebraska responded with a scoring march of its own to tie the game. However, PSU hit two field goals in the second quarter to take a 13-7 advantage into the locker room. The Nittany Lions then scored three touchdowns in a span of 5:35 in the third quarter to expand their lead to 33-7. The game was played before the largest crowd ever to see a Nebraska football game (110,753).

NU-Penn State Series

Games: 12

Standing: Penn State leads, 7-5

In Lincoln: Nebraska leads, 3-2

Date	Site	Result
11/6/1920	University Park	L, 0-20
10/15/1949	University Park	L, 7-22
10/21/1950	Lincoln	W, 19-0
10/13/1951	Lincoln	L, 7-15
10/18/1952	University Park	L, 0-10
9/20/1958	Lincoln	W, 14-7
9/29/1979	Lincoln	W, 42-17
9/27/1980	University Park	W, 21-7
9/26/1981	Lincoln	L, 24-30
9/25/1982	University Park	L, 24-27
8/29/1983	E. Rutherford, N.J.*	W, 44-6
9/14/2002	University Park	L, 40-7

*-Kickoff Classic

Series Scoring	Total	Avg.
Nebraska	209	17.4
Penn State	201	16.8

Husker Honors, Watch Lists**Judd Davies, Sr., FB**

Preseason No. 6 Fullback in the Nation (TSN)

Matt Herian, So., TE

Preseason No. 10 Tight End in Nation (TSN)

Richie Incognito, So., OT

Outland Trophy Watch List

Lombardi Award Watch List

Preseason No. 14 OT in the Nation (TSN)

Preseason No. 10 OT in the Nation (Lindy's)

Kyle Larson, Sr., P

Preseason No. 3 Punter in the Nation (Lindy's)

Preseason No. 4 Punter in the Nation (TSN)

Ray Guy Award Watch List

Jammal Lord, Sr., QB

Davey O'Brien Quarterback Award Watch List

Barrett Ruud, Jr., LB

Butkus Award Watch List

Josh Sewell, Sr., C

Rimington Award Watch List

Demorrio Williams, Sr., LB

Preseason No. 11 OLB in the Nation (TSN)

NU Shines Under Memorial Stadium Lights

Memorial Stadium is one of the toughest places for opposing teams to exit with a victory. That difficulty grows when the Huskers play host to night games at the facility. Saturday night's matchup with Penn State will mark the 20th night game in Memorial Stadium history, with Nebraska posting a 17-2 record in those contests. The Huskers won 13 straight home night games before a 27-24 loss to Texas last November.

Nebraska has regularly dominated the opposition under the Memorial Stadium lights, posting 14 of its 17 home night victories by 17 points or more. In 19 home night games, Nebraska has outscored the opposition by an average score of 39.8-14.8, with the only two losses to No. 4 Washington in 1991 and seventh-ranked Texas last year.

NU Home Night Games (17-2)

<u>Year</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	<u>Result</u>
2002	Texas (7)	L, 27-24
2002	Utah State	W, 44-13
2002	Troy State	W, 31-16
2002	Arizona State	W, 48-10
2001	Texas Tech	W, 41-31
2001	Iowa State	W, 48-14
2001	Rice	W, 48-3
2001	Notre Dame (17)	W, 27-10
2000	Missouri	W, 42-24
1999	Iowa State	W, 49-14
1998	Kansas	W, 41-0
1997	Kansas State (17)	W, 56-26
1996	Kansas	W, 63-7
1992	Kansas (13)	W, 49-7
1991	Washington (4)	L, 36-21
1990	Baylor	W, 13-0
1988	Arizona State	W, 47-16
1986	Oklahoma State	W, 30-10
1986	Florida State (11)	W, 34-17

Big 12 Conference POW Nominees

<u>Game</u>	<u>Offense</u>	<u>Defense</u>	<u>Special</u>
OSU	none	B. Ruud	none
USU	none	D. Williams	Dyches
PSU			
USM			
TSU			
MU			
A&M			
ISU			
UT			
KU			
KSU			
CU			

Huskers.com**Huskers Own Big Advantage Against Big Ten**

Nebraska's 40-7 loss at Penn State last season was a rare setback for the Huskers against Big Ten opposition. The loss snapped a streak of eight straight victories by Nebraska against members of the Big Ten Conference. The Huskers' previous loss to a Big Ten foe was a 27-23 setback to Michigan in the 1986 Fiesta Bowl.

In addition, NU has won 11 of its last 12 regular-season games against Big 12 opponents, with the only loss last year at Penn State. Before that game, NU had not lost a regular-season matchup to a member of the Big Ten Conference since a 27-24 loss at Penn State in 1982.

The Huskers have won six straight games against Big 12 opponents in Lincoln, dating back to 1982. The Huskers have won each of those five contests by at least 27 points, most recently a 42-13 victory over Iowa in 2000. Since 1962, Nebraska is 36-5 against current members of the Big Ten Conference, including a 3-1 mark under Frank Solich. In addition to last year's loss at Penn State, Solich guided NU to regular-season wins over Iowa in 1999 and 2000 and a 66-17 victory over Northwestern in the 2000 Alamo Bowl.

Huskers Hope to Continue Run of Fast Starts

A victory over Penn State on Saturday night would give Nebraska a 3-0 start to a season for the seventh consecutive year, including each of Frank Solich's six seasons as head coach. In fact, Nebraska has won at least its first five games in four of five seasons under Solich, with the exception last season when NU opened 3-0, but dropped game four at Penn State. After last week's win over Utah State, Nebraska has opened 17 of its past 18 seasons with 2-0 records, and has went on to begin 3-0 in 13 of the 16 seasons they started 2-0.

Memorial Stadium Not a Friendly Place for Non-Conference Foes

Memorial Stadium has been one of the nation's most difficult stadiums for opposing teams, especially for Nebraska's non-conference opponents. The Huskers have won 33 straight home games against non-conference opponents since a 1991 loss to Washington. That streak is only part of Nebraska's remarkable success against non-league opponents not only in Lincoln, but overall, including...

- The Huskers have lost just five home games against non-conference opponents since 1970 (Washington, 1991; Florida State, 1985; Penn State, 1981; Florida State, 1980; Washington State, 1977).
- Nebraska is 37-2 overall in the last 10 seasons (1993-2002) in regular-season non-conference games, losing only at Penn State last season, and at Arizona State in 1996.
- Nebraska is 7-2 since 1990 against ranked non-conference opponents in regular-season matchups.

Scanning the Polls

Nebraska found itself in an unfamiliar preseason position entering the 2003 season—unranked in both major polls. The Huskers were just outside of the top 25 in both polls, marking the first time since 1969 that Nebraska entered a season unranked in the Associated Press poll. The Huskers took care of that unusual situation in just one week. Nebraska's 17-7 victory over Oklahoma State moved NU into last week's national polls, and the Huskers continued to rise this week.

The Huskers are ranked 18th in this week's ESPN/USA Today Coaches poll, up six spots from last week, and are listed 18th in this week's AP poll after being 23rd a week ago. Nebraska joins five other Big 12 teams in the national rankings, including Oklahoma (1 AP/1 Coaches), Texas (6/5), Kansas State (7/6), Colorado (17/17) and Texas A&M (-/25). Meanwhile, three other conference teams received votes in the polls, including Missouri, Oklahoma State and Texas Tech.

The Huskers move back into the national polls came after an absence from the Associated Press weekly polls for 12 straight weeks. Nebraska has now been ranked in 524 of 539 AP polls since 1969 (all but one week in 1977, two weeks in 1981, the final 11 weeks of 2002 and this year's preseason poll).

Against AP Ranked Teams

With its season-opening victory over 24th-ranked Oklahoma State, Nebraska improved to 90-96-3 (.484, 189 games) all time vs. AP ranked opponents, not a bad percentage considering NU started with a 7-35 mark before Coach Bob Devaney arrived in 1962. Over the last 10 seasons, the Huskers have gone 29-14 against ranked foes, with just two of the losses at home. Nebraska has won 14 of its last 19 games against top 10 AP teams (since 1994).

The Huskers were 0-4 last season against AP ranked opponents, and ended a six-game overall losing skid against ranked foes with the victory over Oklahoma State. Nebraska's previous victory over a ranked opponent was a 20-10 defeat of No. 2 Oklahoma on Oct. 27, 2001.

Over the last 31 years, NU is 72-49-1 (.594, 122 games) vs. ranked teams. In the 1990s, NU was 27-10-1 (counting the Jan. 2, 2000, win over Tennessee). Solich is 11-12 vs. ranked teams (4-5 vs. top 10 AP teams), and has lost just twice at home to a ranked AP team (7-2 home, 1-8 away, 3-2 neutral). The Huskers have four future 2003 opponents currently ranked in the AP poll, including Texas and Kansas State in the top 10.

NU vs. the Big Ten

Nebraska has won eight of its last nine games against Big Ten opponents with the only loss last year's setback at Penn State. In Lincoln, NU has won six straight against Big Ten schools since a 30-24 loss to Penn State in 1981.

(games listed below)

<u>Year</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	<u>Result</u>
1982	Iowa	W, 42-7
1984	Minnesota	W, 38-7
1985	Illinois	W, 52-25
1990	Minnesota	W, 56-0
1996	Michigan State	W, 55-14
2000	Iowa	W, 42-13

Husker Records Report

Category.....	Record
All-time.....	773-308-40
Home.....	464-124-20
Memorial Stadium.....	339-101-13
Since 1962.....	407-85-5
Away.....	309-184-20
Road (on campus).....	272-146-17
Neutral Sites (includes bowls).....	37-37-3
When Scoring 35+ Points.....	305-2
vs. Big 12 Teams.....	440-148-16
In Big 12 Action (since '96).....	45-12
Home.....	26-3
Away.....	18-9
Neutral.....	1-0
Bowls.....	20-21
On ABC.....	73-31
On FieldTurf.....	28-3
At Night.....	52-17-3
vs. Ranked Teams...	
All-Time.....	90-96-3
Home.....	42-32-0
Away.....	28-49-3
Neutral.....	20-15-0
as No. 1 Team.....	46-7-1
In 257 Consecutive Sellout Streak...	
All-Time.....	229-28
vs. Ranked Teams.....	38-20
Under Head Coach Frank Solich...	
All-Time.....	51-16
Home.....	34-3
Away.....	13-10
Neutral.....	4-3
Bowls.....	2-3
vs. AP Ranked Teams.....	11-12
Home.....	7-2
Away.....	1-8
Neutral.....	3-2
vs. AP Top 10 Teams.....	4-5
Home.....	3-1
Away.....	0-2
Neutral.....	1-2
vs. Unranked Teams.....	40-4
Home.....	27-1
Away.....	13-3
vs. Big 12 Teams.....	30-12
Home.....	18-3
Away.....	10-9
Neutral.....	2-0
Big 12 Championship Game.....	1-0
At Night.....	16-5
August.....	5-0
September.....	17-2
October.....	16-5
November.....	10-6
December.....	2-2
January.....	1-1

NU Streaks...The Huskers have...

- ▶ won 96 straight when rushing for 400 yards
- ▶ won 105 consecutive games when holding the opponent to 10 or fewer points (213-5-1 all-time)
- ▶ scored in 91 consecutive games
- ▶ scored in 223 straight home games
- ▶ shut out opponents 100 times

Huskers Through the Years

Coaches	Record	Years	Natl. Champs
Bob Devaney	101-20-2	11	70, 71
Tom Osborne	255-49-3	25	94, 95, 97
Frank Solich	51-16-0	6	0
Since 1962	407-85-5	42	5
1890-1962	366-223-35	72	0
All-Time	773-308-40	114	5

Back in Black

Nebraska's top defensive players had to wait until just a few days before the season opener to learn who would be given Blackshirts—the coveted practice jerseys worn by first-team Husker defenders. First-year coordinator Bo Pelini's delay in awarding the Blackshirts does not seem to have fazed his players, as Nebraska has opened the season with a pair of stout defensive efforts. Here are a few notes regarding the performance of NU's defense through two games...

▶ Nebraska ranks in the top 15 in all five major defensive categories, including fifth nationally in total defense at 210.5 yards per game. The NU defense has also forced eight turnovers in two games, keying the Huskers to a No. 5 national ranking in turnover margin (+2.0 per game). NU forced five Oklahoma State turnovers in the opener, the first time the Huskers had forced five turnovers in a span of 43 games. Last season, Nebraska did not force more than three turnovers in a game.

▶ The Huskers allowed Oklahoma State just 183 yards of total offense, the fewest Nebraska had allowed in 24 games, since holding Notre Dame to 162 yards in a 27-10 victory in Lincoln on Sept. 8, 2001. Nebraska had not allowed fewer yards in a season opener since Iowa picked up just 169 yards of total offense in the 1999 opener in Iowa City (NU, 42-7).

▶ Nebraska's defense has yet to allow a rushing play of 20 yards or more. The longest rush against the Huskers this season was a 17-yard scamper by Utah State tailback David Fiefia. Only three opponent pass plays have covered more than 20 yards.

▶ Nebraska's defense has been nearly flawless after the first quarter in each of the first two games. Oklahoma State picked up 113 yards in the game's first 18 minutes in the season opener, but managed just 70 yards of offense in the game's final 42 minutes, including 57 in the second half. Utah State gained 145 yards in the first quarter of last week's game, but had just 93 the remainder of the game, with 59 of those yards coming on the final possession of the game.

▶ Nebraska has not allowed a point in the final three quarters of either of the first two games. Nebraska holds a 27-0 scoring advantage in the third quarter. By comparison, NU opponents outscored the Huskers 110-97 in the third quarter in 2002.

▶ Oklahoma State drove 52 yards on the opening possession of the season against the Blackshirt defense and scored on a four-yard TD pass. That drive represents the only time an opponent has entered the Husker red zone this season. Since the OSU touchdown, NU opponents have went 25 straight drives without moving inside the Husker 20-yard line.

Williams Setting Tone for Blackshirts

Nebraska's defensive effort through two games has been truly a team effort. However, it is hard not to notice the play of senior Will linebacker **Demorrio Williams**. The Beckville, Texas, native is tied for the team lead with 18 tackles in the season's first two games, including 13 solo stops. Against Utah State, Williams recorded three sacks, all in the second quarter, for 27 yards in losses, and forced fumbles on two of those sacks that Nebraska converted to nine points. Williams' play earned him Big 12 Defensive Player-of-the-Week honors.

On the year, Williams has three sacks, four tackles for loss, three quarterback hurries, two fumbles caused, one fumble recovery and two pass breakups. Williams' play has drawn rave reviews from both Nebraska opponents and the NU coaching staff.

▶ "Whoa, that's like having a safety at linebacker. He was in the backfield all the time. We had him blocked and he was quick enough to get around us and cause trouble."—Oklahoma State offensive guard Sam Mayes

▶ "If you really want to know, I can still feel him. He was the best player out there today. I've never played against anyone like him before."—Utah State quarterback Travis Cox

▶ "We don't have an athlete like him. He's a difference maker and those two turnovers he caused were a major, major, major difference in this game."—Utah State Head Coach Mick Dennehy

▶ "He's a special player. He has special talents. That left guard might be seeing him (Williams) in his sleep for a while."—Nebraska Defensive Coordinator Bo Pelini after Oklahoma State game

NU Defense Dominating in All Areas

Williams has been the headline grabbing player on defense in the first two contests, but the Huskers have received great individual efforts from several players early this season, including...

▶ Junior linebacker **Barrett Ruud** is tied with Williams for the team lead in tackles with 18 stops, including a team-high 11 tackles against Utah State. Ruud also forced a fumble and broke up two passes against the Aggies, after a great effort in the opener against Oklahoma State, when he finished with seven tackles, including one tackle for loss and returned a Cowboy fumble 15 yards for a touchdown. Nebraska Head Coach Frank Solich was not surprised by Ruud's performance in the season opener—"I thought leading up to this game that Barrett Ruud had a great fall camp. He is a great football player, and I think that showed in a lot of ways today."

▶ Sophomore cornerback **Fabian Washington** led Nebraska with 11 tackles against Oklahoma State and added a pass breakup and a quarterback hurry in the contest. He was also a key in the NU defense that limited OSU All-America receiver Rashaun Woods to five catches for 47 yards, including two receptions for nine yards in the second half. Washington added five tackles against Utah State. Pelini has been impressed with the work of NU's left corner—"He was all over the place (against Oklahoma State). He's a good football player, who really steps it up in live competition. It was no surprise to us the way he played. He's a gamer."

▶ Sophomore free safety **Josh Bullocks** has intercepted three passes in the first two games to tie for the national lead in interceptions per game. Bullocks' two picks against OSU marked the first time a Husker had two interceptions in a game since Washington picked off two Iowa State passes last season.

▶ Senior linebacker **T.J. Hollowell** made the Husker linebacking corps a three-man wrecking force against Utah State, making seven tackles, including a 10-yard sack.

Nebraska Kickoff Return Record Book

Returns, Game—7, Josh Davis, at Kansas State, Nov. 16, 2002 (shared)

Return Yards, Game—186, Josh Davis at Kansas State, Nov. 16, 2002

Returns, Season—42, Josh Davis, 2002

Return Yards, Season—994; Josh Davis, 2002

Returns, Career—71, Josh Davis, 2000-present

Return Yards, Career—1,731, Josh Davis, 2000-present

Top Five Season Kickoff Return Yards

1. 994 Josh Davis, IB, 2002 (42 ret.)
2. 675 Josh Davis, IB, 2001 (25 ret.)
3. 523 Tyrone Hughes, WB, 1990 (18 ret.)
4. 510 Dana Brinson, WB, 1988 (23 ret.)
5. 424 Tyrone Hughes, WB, 1992 (19 ret.)

Top Five Career Kickoff Return Yards

1. 1,731 Josh Davis, IB, 2000-present (70 ret.)
2. 1,443 Tyrone Hughes, WB, 1989-92 (51 ret.)
3. 1,159 Joe Walker, ROV, 1997-2000 (53 ret.)
4. 1,154 Dana Brinson, WB, 1985--88 (51 ret.)
5. 847 Johnny Rodgers, WB, 1970-72 (35 ret.)

Big 12 Career Kickoff Return Yards

Rank	Player	School	Yrs.	Yards
1.	Ben Kelly	Colo.	(1997-99)	1,798
2.	Josh Davis	NU	(2000-pres.)	1,731

Big 12 Career Kickoff Returns—

70, Josh Davis, NU, 2000-present

Big 12 Season KO Return Yardage—

994, Josh Davis, NU, 2002

Nebraska Career Punting Leaders

Rank	Player	Years	Punts	Yards	Avg.
1.	Dan Hadenfeldt	1997-2000	104	4,632	44.54
2.	Kyle Larson	2000-present	137	5,849	42.69
3.	Jesse Kosch	1994-97	101	4,234	41.92
4.	Mike Stigge	1989-92	167	6,973	41.75
5.	Scott Livingston	1982-84	83	3,406	41.04

Note: Minimum 70 punts

Four Seniors Elected as Captains

Four Nebraska seniors are serving as captains for the 2003 season. The captains were determined by a vote of the team, with two captains selected on both offense and defense. On offense, quarterback **Jammal Lord** and fullback **Judd Davies** received the nod. Lord is in his second season as NU's starting signal caller, while Davies is in his third season as the Huskers' starter at fullback. Defensively, end **Trevor Johnson** and linebacker **Demorrio Williams** were selected as captains. Johnson is a fifth-year senior from Lincoln, while Williams joined the Husker program after two seasons at Kilgore (Texas) Junior College. Williams is the first junior college transfer to be elected team captain at Nebraska since at least 1957. In addition to the four captains for the season.

Nebraska coaches are also recognizing the importance of special teams this fall by selecting a special teams captain each week.

Nebraska Special Teams Captains

Oklahoma State Jerrell Pippens
Utah State Philip Bland

Power Husker Running Game Controlling Football

Nebraska's offense has yet to hit on all cylinders, but a powerful ball-control Husker running attack, combined with great defense, has kept opponent offenses off the field in the first two weeks. Nebraska has snapped the ball 81 times in each of its first two games, while both Oklahoma State and Utah State have run just 58 offensive plays.

The discrepancy in offensive snaps has led to a huge Husker advantage in time of possession. Through two games, Nebraska has held the ball an average of 37:33 to just 22:27 for the opposition. Nebraska ran the ball 65 times against Oklahoma State and had 64 rushing plays against Utah State.

Turnovers, Field Position Key Factor in NU Victories

Nebraska Head Coach Frank Solich regularly stresses the value of taking care of the football and playing great special teams. Through two games, those two areas have played a key role in Husker victories.

► Nebraska ranks among the nation's leaders in turnover margin at +2.0 per game. The Huskers have forced eight opponent turnovers in two games, including five against Oklahoma State. Those eight turnovers have been converted into 23 points, including seven by the defense itself. Last season, Nebraska struggled in turnover margin, finishing the year a minus-3 in that category.

► The combination of great defense, solid offense and good special teams play has aided the Huskers to a 16-yard advantage in average starting field position. Nebraska's 26 drives this season have started on average at its own 41.8 yard line, while the opposition's average starting yard line has been its own 25.7.

Davis Handling Heavy Work Load for Huskers

Senior I-back **Josh Davis** figures to sleep well on Saturday nights this fall. The 5-11, 200-pound Davis is in his third season as Nebraska's starting kickoff return man, and already owns NU single-game, season and career records for kickoff return yardage. Davis is less than 70 yards from becoming the Big 12's career leader in kickoff return yardage and by season's end could own the top three season kickoff return yardage totals in school history and become the first 2,000-yard kickoff return man in Nebraska history.

His special teams role has grown this season, as he has taken over Nebraska's top punt return duties. Davis returned six punts for 74 yards in the first two games. He has also risen to the top of the depth chart at I-back and turned in workman-like performances in each of the first two games, including a career-high 85 yards against Oklahoma State and 63 yards against Utah State. His tough running style has allowed him to be thrown for only five yards in losses in 34 carries this season. Davis has also caught two passes for 19 yards out of the backfield.

Davis ranks 22nd nationally in all-purpose running, accounting for 156.5 yards per game.

Davis Game-by-Game

Nebraska senior Josh Davis is one of the nation's busiest players. He has started each of NU's first two games at I-back and handles the Huskers' kickoff and punt return duties. Here is a look at his all-purpose performance this season.

Opp.	Rush	Rec.	KOR	PR	Total
OSU	20-95	1-12	1-32	3-30	25-169
USU	14-63	1-7	1-30	3-44	19-144

Larson Returns to Key Husker Punting Team

Nebraska's special teams hope to be "special" once again in 2003. Along with senior kickoff and punt return man Josh Davis, senior punter **Kyle Larson** is in his third season as a starter for the Huskers. Larson has been one of the nation's top punters each of the past two seasons and his statistics rank near the top of Nebraska's career charts.

Larson averaged 43.2 yards per punt last season and keyed a Husker punting unit that ranked second in the Big 12 and fifth nationally in net punting. The Funk, Neb., native had 21 punts of 50 yards or longer last season and pinned the opposition inside its own 20 on 23 occasions. Larson was a second-team All-Big 12 selection by the league's coaches last season and was one of 10 semifinalists for the Ray Guy Award. His 42.69 career punting average ranks second on the Husker career charts, behind only his predecessor Dan Hadenfeldt (1999-2000).

Larson has opened the 2003 season with eight punts for a 39.0-yard average, including three punts downed inside the opponent's 20-yard line.

Newcomers Beginning to Make Impact for 2003 Huskers

Last season a group of newcomers made a strong impact on the Nebraska football program. Five true freshmen saw action for Coach Frank Solich last fall and all made their presence known. In fact, three of the five scored touchdowns the first time they touched the ball as a Husker. Cornerback **Fabian Washington** set NU freshmen records for pass breakups and interceptions, I-back **David Horne** finished third on the team in rushing, while split end **Ross Pilkington** and tight end **Matt Herian** tied for the Husker rookie receiving yardage record.

Another talented group of newcomers could make a similar impact in 2003. Three true freshmen made their debuts in Nebraska's season opener, including wide receiver **Andy Birkel**, defensive tackle **Brandon Teamer**, and long snapper **Lane Kelly**. In week two, four additional newcomers hit the field for the first time, including a pair of true freshmen.

Place-kicker **David Dyches** was perfect in his first action as a Husker, connecting on four field goals and his only PAT attempt. Dyches became just the third Husker place-kicker (four times) and first freshman to connect on four or more field goals in a game. Quarterback **Joe Dailey** saw significant action in the second half and accounted for 94 yards of total offense, 47 through the air and 47 on the ground. Junior-college transfers **Darren DeLone** and **Donald DeFrاند** also saw their first action in a Nebraska uniform against Utah State.

Top Rushing Games by NU QB

<u>Yards</u>	<u>Player</u>	<u>Opponent</u>
234	Jammal Lord	Texas (11-2-02)
218	Jammal Lord	McNeese St. (10-5-02)
199	Tommie Frazier	vs. Florida (1-2-96)
191	Eric Crouch	at Missouri (9-29-01)
176	Gerry Gdowski	Iowa State (10-28-89)
162	Eric Crouch	at Colorado (11-23-01)
159	Jammal Lord	at Texas A&M (10-26-02)

1,000-Yard Rushing Seasons by NU QBs

<u>Year</u>	<u>Player</u>	<u>Att.</u>	<u>Yds.</u>	<u>TDs</u>
2002	Jammal Lord	251	1,412	8
2001	Eric Crouch	203	1,115	18
1997	Scott Frost	176	1,095	19

Most Rushing Yards in a Season by NCAA Division IA Quarterbacks

<u>Year</u>	<u>Player, School</u>	<u>Att.-Yards</u>
1986	Beau Morgan, Air Force	225-1,494
1989	Stacey Robinson, N. Illinois	223-1,443
2002	Jammal Lord, Nebraska	251-1,412

NU Single-Season Total Offense

<u>Rank, Player, Pos., Yr.</u>	<u>Total Offense</u>
1. Jammal Lord, QB, 2002	2,774
2. Eric Crouch, QB, 2001	2,625
3. Jerry Tagge, QB, 1971	2,333
4. Scott Frost, QB, 1997	2,332
5. Gerry Gdowski, QB, 1989	2,251
6. Eric Crouch, QB, 1999	2,158
7. Mike Rozier, IB, 1983	2,148
8. Keithen McCant, QB, 1991	2,108
9. Vince Ferragamo, QB, 1976	2,086
10. Eric Crouch, QB, 2000	2,072

NU Career Total Offense

<u>Rank, Player, Pos., Yrs.</u>	<u>Total Offense</u>
1. Eric Crouch, QB, 1998-2001	7,915
2. Tommie Frazier, QB, 1992-95	5,476
3. Jerry Tagge, QB, 1969-71	5,283
4. Dave Humm, QB, 1972-74	5,027
5. Steve Taylor, QB, 1985-88	4,940
6. Mike Rozier, IB, 1981-83	4,780
7. Turner Gill, QB, 1980-83	4,634
8. Scott Frost, QB, 1996-97	4,210
9. Ahman Green, IB, 1995-97	3,880
10. Jammal Lord, QB, 2000-03	3,493

Top Total Offense Games in NU History

<u>Yards</u>	<u>Player</u>	<u>Opponent</u>
369	Jammal Lord	McNeese State (10-5-02)
360	Eric Crouch	at Colorado (11-23-01)
332	Jammal Lord	Texas (11-2-02)

Nebraska Career Passing

<u>Rank, Player, Yrs.</u>	<u>Yards</u>
1. Dave Humm, 1972-74	5,035
2. Jerry Tagge, 1969-71	4,704
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12. Brook Berringer, 1992-95	1,769
13. Frank Patrick, 1967-69	1,760
14. Dennis Claridge, 1961-63	1,733
15. Jammal Lord, 2000-present	1,705

Nebraska Career Rushing

<u>Rank, Player, Yrs.</u>	<u>Yards</u>
1. Mike Rozier, IB, 1981-83	4,780
2. Ahman Green, IB, 1995-97	3,880
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24. Tommie Frazier, QB, 1992-95	1,955
26. Jammal Lord, 2000-present	1,787

Lord Game-by-Game

<u>Game</u>	<u>Pass</u>	<u>Rush</u>	<u>Total Off.</u>
OSU	16-8-1, 78, 0 TD	18-90, 0 TD	34 att., 168 yds.
USU	17-12-0, 85, 0 TD	20-72, 1 TD	37 att., 157 yds.

Lord Looks For Big Things in 2003

Nebraska senior quarterback **Jammal Lord** made a large dent in the Husker record book a year ago. The Bayonne, N.J., native set NU game and season records for total offense and rushing yards by a quarterback. Lord finished the season with 1,412 rushing yards, the third-most ever by a Division I-A quarterback and amassed 2,774 yards of total offense. In the process, he also became one of only 19 Division I-A players to both rush and pass for more than 1,000 yards in the same season. He was the third Husker signal caller in six seasons to reach that plateau, joining Scott Frost (1997) and Eric Crouch (2001).

In addition, Lord was Nebraska's most consistent big-play threat a year ago. He had a hand in a remarkable 41 plays of 20 yards or more in 2002, including 21 runs and 20 passes. Despite his gaudy numbers last season, the 6-2, 220-pound Lord is hopeful of becoming a more efficient quarterback this season, most notably through the air. Last season Lord completed just under 47 percent of his passes and threw for 12 touchdowns against 12 interceptions.

Lord has begun the 2003 season with a better performance through the air. Through two games, Lord has connected on 57.1 percent of his passes (16-28) with one interception. He continues to be Nebraska's most dangerous rushing threat, picking up 162 yards on 38 carries with a 15-yard TD run against Utah State.

Recent Nebraska history indicates that Lord could be in for marked improvement this fall. Husker quarterbacks in their second seasons as starters have enjoyed much greater success in year two at the helm versus their first season as a starter. Most recently, 2001 Heisman winner Eric Crouch improved his completion percentage from 48.5 percent as a freshman to 51.9 percent as a sophomore. Crouch also improved his average yards per total offense attempt by nearly a yard. The following graphic examines several Nebraska quarterbacks' statistics in their first seasons as starters versus their second years.

Selected NU Starting Quarterbacks—Year 1 vs. Year 2

	<u>Pass Comp. %</u>	<u>Pass TD-Int.</u>	<u>Rush Yds./Att.</u>	<u>Total Yds/Att.</u>
Jammal Lord				
2002	46.6	12-12	5.6	6.7
2003	57.1	0-1	4.3	4.9
Eric Crouch (Four-year starter, 1998-2001, 2001 Heisman winner)				
1998	48.5	4-4	4.8	5.4
1999	51.9	7-4	4.9	6.3
Scott Frost (Two-year starter, 1996-97, Guided NU to 1997 national championship)				
1996	52.0	13-3	3.5	5.8
1997	55.3	5-4	6.2	7.0
Tommie Frazier (Four-year starter, 1992-95, Guided NU to back-to-back national titles in 1994 and 1995)				
1992	44.0	10-1	4.6	6.1
1993	47.5	12-4	5.6	6.5
Turner Gill (Three-year starter, 1981-83, Fourth in 1983 Heisman balloting)				
1981	51.6	9-4	3.5	5.3
1982	54.2	11-3	4.9	6.3

Nebraska Strives for Offensive Efficiency

Lord's development as a passer will be a key in Nebraska's desire to become a more balanced offense this fall. Solich and new offensive coordinator Barney Cotton have regularly talked about increasing the Huskers' completion rate into the 55 to 60 percent area and through two games results are good with NU connecting on 60.6 percent of its pass attempts.

The first two games have indicated that Nebraska will still rely on its ground game as its bread and butter. The Huskers have run the ball on 129 of 162 offensive snaps, allowing NU to control the ball for more than 36 minutes in each of its first two games. Despite the run-oriented attack early in the season, this year's Husker offense has the potential to be the most balanced in a generation.

Last season Nebraska generated 72 percent of its offense on the ground, and in five seasons under Solich the Huskers have accounted for just over 70 percent of their offense via the run. By comparison, Tom Osborne's last five Husker teams (1993-97) picked up 71.5 percent of their offense via the run.

Solich's most balanced offensive attack came in his first season in 1998, when NU gained 65.9 percent of its offense on the ground (34.1 percent passing). In fact, that season marks Nebraska's most pass-oriented offense in the past 26 years. Nebraska has not picked up more than 35 percent of its offensive yardage via the pass since the 1976 season.

In that campaign, Vince Ferragamo guided an NU passing attack that led the Big Eight Conference at 188.0 yards per game and accounted for 46.1 percent of Nebraska's offense. Each of Osborne's first four NU teams (1973-76) picked up at least 37 percent of their offense by passing.

Husker Offensive Breakdown Under Frank Solich

<u>Season</u>	<u>Total Off.</u>	<u>Pct. Rush</u>	<u>Pct. Pass</u>
1998	384.9	65.9	34.1
1999	392.2	67.7	32.3
2000	459.9	75.9	24.1
2001	451.2	69.7	30.3
2002	373.1	72.0	28.0
Most Run-Oriented Offenses Since 1973			
1988	477.9	79.9	20.1
1985	403.1	79.2	20.8
1990	444.4	76.5	23.5
Most Pass-Oriented Offenses Since 1973			
1976	407.8	53.9	46.1
1973	396.0	56.9	43.1
1975	406.2	61.0	39.0

Huskers Among Big 12 Leaders in Graduation Rates

Nebraska has led the Big 12 in four of the past six years in graduation rates (all except 2000, 2003 when NU finished second). Nebraska's four-class (1990-91 to 1993-94) graduation rate was 57 percent in 2002. That figure is higher than the national average for all students (56 percent) and football student-athletes (50 percent). Nebraska's student-athlete graduation rate for all sports, which includes only those students who completed their eligibility at NU, is an outstanding 90 percent (national average is 81 percent). Nebraska was one of nine schools honored by the American Football Coaches Association, when the school received the 2002 Academic Achievement Award in late June. Nebraska was recognized for graduating 90 percent or more of its football student-athletes from the freshman class of 1996-97.

Did You Know?

Since Coach Frank Solich's first year at the helm in 1998, 109 of his 122 seniors have earned their degree, including 25 of 29 last season. Nine members of this year's senior class have already earned their degrees, with 12 more on track to graduate in December.

Huskers in the NFL

Nebraska had 42 players on NFL rosters at the start of 2003 training camp. Thirty-one former Huskers were on opening day NFL rosters, including 27 on active rosters, two on injured reserve and two players on practice squads.

Kris Brown, PK, Houston
 Josh Brown, PK, Seattle
 Mike Brown, FS, Chicago
 Ralph Brown, CB, N.Y. Giants
 Correll Buckhalter, RB, Philadelphia
 Keyuo Craver, CB, New Orleans
 Chris Dishman, OG, Arizona
 Clint Finley, S, Kansas City (Practice Squad)
 Toniui Fonoti, OG, San Diego (Injured Reserve)
 Jay Foreman, LB, Houston
 Ahman Green, RB, Green Bay
 DeJuan Groce, CB, St. Louis
 Russ Hochstein, OG, New England (Practice Squad)
 Chris Kelsay, DE, Buffalo
 Bill Lafleur, P, San Francisco
 Eric Johnson, DB, Oakland
 Mike Minter, SS, Carolina
 John Parrella, DT, Oakland
 Carlos Polk, LB, San Diego
 Dominic Raiola, C, Detroit
 Mike Rucker, DE, Carolina
 Cory Schlesinger, FB, Detroit
 Scott Shanle, LB, St. Louis
 Will Shields, OG, Kansas City
 Erwin Swiney, DB, Green Bay
 Adam Treu, C, Oakland
 Kyle Vanden Bosch, DE, Arizona (Injured Reserve)
 Eric Warfield, CB, Kansas City
 Zach Wiegert, OT, Houston
 Tyrone Williams, CB, Atlanta
 Grant Wistrom, DE, St. Louis

Personnel, Injury Update

Nebraska remains in relatively good physical condition early in the season. Junior linebacker **Lannie Hopkins** missed much of fall camp while recovering from off-season surgery, but has played on special teams. Sixth-year senior defensive lineman **Jason Lohr** has also been out with injury and has not played in the first two games. Cornerback **Willie Amos** returned to the playing field against Utah State for the first time since a severe knee injury suffered during spring practice in April of 2002. Senior fullback **DeAntae Grixby** has missed the first two games after suffering an ankle injury during fall camp. Nebraska's special teams did take a hit in the season opener against Oklahoma State when place-kicker **Dale Endorf** suffered a knee injury and a subsequent MRI revealed that the injury will require reconstructive surgery and is out for the season.

Nebraska Tops Elite Programs in Consistency

Nebraska ranks third among Division I-A schools in all-time football victories with 773 wins. The Huskers have the nation's best record since 1962, posting a 407-85-5 record in the last 42 seasons. In that period, Nebraska has easily been the most consistent program in the nation. That is evident when comparing the Huskers' record to the other nine programs among the top 10 in all-time victories.

The Huskers have had just three seasons (including 2002) since 1962 with eight or fewer victories. Eight of the other nine schools in the top 10 have had at least 15 seasons with eight or fewer wins in that span. Nebraska's last losing season occurred in 1961. Michigan has not had a losing record since 1967, but the other eight schools on the all-time top 10 wins list have all had losing seasons since 1988, including six programs with losing campaigns in the past six seasons.

Nebraska is back in the national rankings after opening the season with a 2-0 record and hopes to contend for Big 12 and national honors in 2003. The Huskers need look no further than the top 10 winningest programs for direction. Although each has experienced a downturn of some degree, the group had a strong season in 2002. Eight of the 10 teams won at least nine games and ranked in the top 16 in the final Associated Press poll.

College Football's 10 Winningest Programs

School	All-Time Wins	Most Recent Losing Season	Seasons With 8 or Fewer wins Since 1962
Michigan	825	4-6, 1967	16
Notre Dame	792	5-6, 2001	22
Nebraska	773	3-6-1, 1961	3
Texas	767	4-7, 1997	20
Alabama	755	3-8, 2000	15
Penn State	754	5-6, 2001	16
Ohio State	747	4-6-1, 1988	8
Tennessee	728	5-6, 1988	22
Oklahoma	727	5-6, 1998	21
USC	697	5-7, 2000	25

Nine Players Enter 2003 Season With Degree in Hand

Nine members of the Huskers' senior class have already completed their undergraduate educations heading into the 2003 season. This season represents the most graduates Nebraska has had entering a season under Head Coach Frank Solich. Included in that group is senior nose tackle **Patrick Kabongo**, who played his junior season with his degree after graduating in three years in August of 2002. In addition to the nine players who already have their degrees, 12 more players are on track to earn their degrees after the fall semester. Last season, five Huskers played the entire season with their degree and a total of 16 Nebraska players had earned their degrees before the Huskers' appearance in the Independence Bowl.

Player	Major	Grad. Date
Chad Buller	Business Admin.	Aug. 2003
DeAntae Grixby	Business Admin.	May 2003
Patrick Kabongo	Criminal Justice	Aug. 2002
Jason Lohr	Sociology	May 2003
Jammal Lord	Comm. Studies	Aug. 2003
Phil Peetz	Criminal Justice	May 2003
Jerrell Pippens	Comm. Studies	Aug. 2003
Pat Ricketts	Business Admin.	Aug. 2003
Steve Safranek	Psychology	Dec. 2002

Former Huskers a Fixture on NFL Rosters

Nebraska is consistently among the nation's leaders in supplying talent to the National Football League and this season is no different. The Huskers had a total of 42 former players on NFL rosters at the start of this fall's training camp and 31 players were on opening day NFL rosters. In all, 18 teams had at least one former Husker on their opening day rosters, with Kansas City, Houston, St. Louis and Oakland each having three former Huskers on their opening rosters.

All four Huskers selected in the 2003 NFL Draft made opening day rosters, including Chris Kelsay (2nd round, Buffalo), DeJuan Groce (4th, St. Louis), Josh Brown (7th, Seattle) and Scott Shanle (7th, St. Louis). Kansas City Chiefs All-Pro offensive guard Will Shields and Oakland Raiders defensive tackle John Parrella are Nebraska's most experienced NFL veterans, each entering their 11th season in the league. A full list of Nebraska's NFL players is in the left column.

College Football**Consecutive Home Sellouts**

1. Nebraska*	257
2. Notre Dame	168
3. Michigan	115
4. Florida	85

* Continuing NCAA Record (not counting Penn State)

Memorial Stadium Milestone Sellouts

Sellout #	Date	Opp.	Result
1	11-3-62	Missouri	L, 16-7
50	10-2-71	Utah St.	W, 42-6
100	9-29-79	Penn St.	W, 42-17
150	9-12-87	UCLA	W, 42-33
200	10-29-94	Colorado	W, 24-7
250	9-7-02	Utah State	W, 44-13

Nebraska's Longest Home Win Streaks

Wins	Dates	Ended By
47	10-19-91 to 10-31-98	Texas (20-16)
33	9-28-01 to 10-20-06	Iowa St. (14-2)
26	11-27-98 to 11-2-02	Texas (27-24)
23	9-27-69 to 11-23-72	Okla. (17-14)
21	10-3-81 to 11-17-84	Okla. (17-7)

Misc. Notes...

► **FieldTurf...**Nebraska is 28-3 on FieldTurf (including 0-1 at KSU), the artificial grass surface installed in NU's Memorial Stadium before the 1999 season. FieldTurf emulates the look and feel of blades of grass by blending polyethylene and polypropylene, which specially treats the surface to be soft, smooth and strong. The 2.50-inch blades are resistant to extremes in temperature and have an ultraviolet protectant to help resist fading. Memorial Stadium was filled with 200,000 pounds of ground rubber, recycled from Nebraska tires, and silica sand, before the turf was installed. NU was the first Division I school to install the surface, which has also been installed at other professional facilities and Division I schools. Memorial Stadium featured a grass playing field from its opening in 1923 through the 1969 season. Astro-Turf was first installed in 1970 and replaced in 1977. Artificial All-Pro Turf was installed in 1984 and replaced with AstroTurf-8 in 1992, before the FieldTurf was installed in July of 1999.

► **Positively Speaking on Turnovers...**In the last 28 years, NU has had just two seasons with a negative turnover margin (minus five in 1984; minus three in 2002). Under Solich, NU has a cumulative turnover margin of plus-15. The Huskers have opened the 2003 season with eight takeaways in the first two games, while turning the ball over just four times.

► **In Overtime...**The Huskers are 3-0 in overtime games, defeating Missouri, 45-38, in Columbia in 1997; Colorado, 33-30, in Boulder in 1999; and Notre Dame in South Bend, 27-24, in 2000. In 1997, Missouri won the coin toss and Nebraska scored in three plays on a 12-yard Scott Frost run, then held the Tigers. Against CU, Nebraska won the coin toss, held the Buffs to a field goal, then scored five plays later on a one-yard Eric Crouch run. Against Notre Dame, NU won the toss, chose defense, held the Irish to a field goal, then scored five plays later on a Crouch seven-yard run. All three of NU's overtime wins were on the road and were won by rushing touchdowns (two by Crouch).

Historical Husker Notes...**Unprecedented Winning Tradition Continues**

Nebraska, the nation's third-winningest program all time (fourth by percentage), boasts a 773-308-40 record in 1,121 games (.707) in 114 years of football. In the last 35 years, NU is tops, posting a record of 339-67-5 for an .831 winning percentage (411 games), an average of nearly 10 wins per year.

NU has won 10-or-more games 22 times in the Devaney/Osborne/Solich eras (since 1962), went 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 10 years. NU has won 12 or more games seven times, and 13 games three times (1971, 1994 and 1997).

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

Huskers Making Bid for NCAA Record 35th Consecutive Bowl Appearance

Nebraska's visit to the 2002 Mainstay Independence Bowl marked the Huskers' 34th consecutive bowl game, the nation's longest current consecutive streak and an all-time NCAA record. Michigan's streak of consecutive bowl appearances reached 28 last year, the second-longest streak in NCAA history. Nebraska's 41 overall bowl appearances is tied for fourth best with USC, trailing Alabama's 51, Tennessee's 43 and Texas' 42.

Nebraska played the first of its 41 bowls in the Rose Bowl, when No. 7 Nebraska lost to No. 2 Stanford, 21-13, following the 1940 season. NU's 34 consecutive bowls began with a 45-6 win over Georgia in the 1969 Sun Bowl. The Huskers are 20-21 all-time in bowl games, 2-3 under Head Coach Frank Solich. The Huskers made 17 straight January bowl appearances from 1981 to 1997, five more than the next longest streak.

All-Time Bowl Appearances

1.	Alabama	51
2.	Tennessee	43
3.	Texas	42
4.	Nebraska	41
	USC	41

Consecutive Bowl Appearances

Rank	Team	Most	Current
1.	Nebraska	*34	*34
2.	Michigan	28	28
3.	Alabama	25	--

*NCAA record

NU Owns 41 Consecutive Winning Regular Seasons

Nebraska saw its streak of 40 consecutive winning seasons end with last year's 7-7 record, capped by a 27-23 loss to Ole Miss in the Independence Bowl. Nebraska's streak of 40 consecutive winning seasons fell two years short of Notre Dame's NCAA record run of 42 straight winning campaigns from 1889 to 1932.

The Huskers still boast 41 consecutive winning regular seasons and 41 straight years with a .500 or better finish. Nebraska's 41 straight non-losing seasons is third all-time in NCAA Division I-A, behind Penn State's 49 (1939-87) and Notre Dame's 42 (1889-1932). Since Nebraska's 41-year .500 or better streak began (1962), the Huskers have averaged nearly 10 wins per season with a 407-85-5 record (.824).

Huskers Look to Return to Nine-Win Season Tradition

Nebraska's amazing run of nine-win seasons came to an end at 33 consecutive years in 2002. The streak is even more remarkable when considering that Texas and Miami now share the lead for most consecutive nine-win seasons with five apiece. Florida had been second on the list to Nebraska, but the Gators' streak came to an end at 12 seasons last fall.

The 33-year nine-win streak becomes even more impressive when comparing it to the best stretches among other college football powers. Texas' current run of five consecutive nine-win seasons is the longest in its proud history. Miami reeled off 10 straight nine-win campaigns spanning the 1980s and 1990s, and Florida State had a 14-year streak that ended in 2000. However, among a group of other long-time powers, including Notre Dame, Penn State, Oklahoma, Michigan and Ohio State, the longest streak of nine-win seasons is eight years by both Oklahoma and Ohio State.

Heading into the 2003 season, Nebraska had won nine or more games in 38 of the past 41 seasons. Only back-to-back 6-4 records in 1967 and 1968, and last season's 7-7 mark, have fallen short of the nine-win plateau.

NCAA Record 257 Consecutive Sellouts

Nebraska saw the end of some incredible streaks in 2002, but one streak that is in no danger of ending is the NCAA record 257 consecutive sellouts at Memorial Stadium. The sellout streak dates back to Hall of Fame Coach Bob Devaney's first year in 1962 (vs. Missouri on Nov. 3). Notre Dame is second in all-time consecutive sellouts with 168, 89 fewer than Nebraska.

The Huskers are 229-28 during the 257 sellouts (50-9 under Devaney, 145-16 under Osborne, 34-3 under Solich). The mark includes a 38-20 record against ranked teams. Nebraska is 5-0 in the five milestone sellouts during that period (50th, 100th, 150th, 200th and 250th sellouts), including a 24-7 win over No. 2 Colorado on Oct. 29, 1994 (No. 200) and a 44-13 victory over Utah State on Sept. 7, 2002 (No. 250).

Family Connections

Family is one of the first things that comes to mind in the Nebraska football program. It starts at the top, as Coach Frank Solich and five of his assistants played football at Nebraska. From there it includes a number of father-son and brother combinations who have worn the scarlet and cream. There are several such family connections on the 2003 roster.

The brother combination list includes...

FS Dan (2000-present) and LB Jamie **Burrow** (1997-2001); CB Cole (2002-present) and SE Brandon **Biodrowski** (2001-present); WR Adam (2001-present) and WB Troy **Hassebroek** (1998-2002); LB Adam (2001-present) and DB Matt **Ickes** (1998-2001); LBs Barrett (2001-present) and Bo **Ruud** (2003-present); CB Andrew (2002-present) and SLB Scott **Shanle** (1998-2002); SS Shane (2001-present) and FB Scott **Siegel** (2003-present); DE Tyler (2000-present) and DE Travis **Toline** (1995-98); SS Delrick (2001-present) and LB Jamel **Williams** (1994-96); and OG Mike (2000-present) and WR Dan **Erickson** (2003-present). The Huskers welcomed the first set of scholarship twins in the program's history in 2001 in sophomores Josh (FS) and Daniel **Bullocks** (SS).

Second generation Huskers include the Burrows (father Jim played in 1974-75 and was a graduate assistant for NU); senior IB Josh **Davis** (father Tony played in 1973-75); QB Brett **Lindstrom** (father Dan played in 1978-80); LBs Bo and Barrett **Ruud** (father Tom played in 1972-74 and Ruud's great-grandfather Clarence Swanson played for NU from 1918 to 1921 and is a member of the Nebraska Football Hall of Fame); DE Trevor **Johnson** (father Robert wrestled for NU in 1973-76) and SS Shane and FB Scott **Siegel** (father Robert played basketball for NU in 1974-77).

Nebraska defensive coordinator Bo **Pelini** oversees a defensive staff that includes his older brother, Carl, a graduate assistant coach for the Huskers.

All-Americans Call Nebraska Home

DeJuan Groce became the latest player to add his name to Nebraska's prestigious list of All-Americans in 2002. Groce was named a first-team All-American as a kick returner by the American Football Coaches Association. Groce tied an NCAA record by returning four punts for touchdowns last season, including two against Troy State.

Groce's All-America selection added to Nebraska's long list of All-Americans, beginning with tackle Vic Halligan in 1914. The Huskers have had at least one All-American in all but two (1991, 1998) of the past 33 years, and Head Coach Frank Solich has had nine All-Americans in his first five seasons. Overall, Nebraska has seen 89 different players earn first-team All-America honors from at least one recognized source with 14 winning double honors for a total of 103 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 different players earning 31 first-team All-America certificates.

Memorial Stadium Magic

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

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

The Huskers finished 6-2 at home last season and have won at least six home games each of the past 16 seasons. Nebraska is 97-5 at home the last 16 years, losing to two teams that went on to win shares of the national championship (Colorado in 1990 and Washington in 1991), to Texas in 1998 and 2002 and to Colorado in 2002.

The Huskers are 464-124-20 (.780, 608 games, 114 years) in Lincoln, 339-101-13 (.765, 453 games, 81 years) in Memorial Stadium (since 1923) and 34-3 at home under Coach Solich, including a current two-game win streak. The 2002 season marked the first time Nebraska has lost two home games in a season since 1980.

Nebraska is 141-12 at Memorial Stadium since 1981, with eight of those losses coming against teams that finished in the top six in the final AP poll. Since 1986 (18 seasons), NU is 108-7 in Lincoln, with losses to Colorado (twice), Washington, Oklahoma (twice) and Texas (twice).

Nebraska has not been shut out at home since a 12-0 loss to Kansas State in 1968 (222 games). NU has posted 40 unbeaten and untied home seasons. Husker faithful set a new attendance record in Memorial Stadium last year against Texas with 78,268 fans.

Huskers Continue to Lead Nation in Academic Honors

Nebraska continues to lead the nation in Verizon/CoSIDA Academic All-Americans for all sports and all teams with 203; in first-team winners for all sports with 107; and also leads the nation in football academic honor winners with 59 first-team certificates and 76 football all-teams certificates. The 203 overall honorees is 54 better than second-place Notre Dame, while the 59 football honorees is 21 more than second-place Notre Dame's 38.

Last season, Nebraska had four players named to the Verizon/CoSIDA Academic All-District VII first team—fullback Judd Davies, rush end Chris Kelsay, cornerback Pat Ricketts and tight end Kyle Ringenberg. Davies and Ricketts each posted a perfect 4.0 grade-point average during the fall 2002 semester. Seven other Huskers were second-team all-district selections, led by linebacker Chad Sievers, who owns a 4.0 cumulative grade-point average.

The Husker football program also leads the nation with nine NCAA Today's Top Eight Award winners, 30 NCAA postgraduate scholarship winners and 20 National Football Foundation and College Hall of Fame Scholar-Athletes, including Kelsay last season.

NU First to Win 100 Games in Back-to-Back Decades

Nebraska recorded its 100th win of the 1990s with a 40-10 win over Missouri in Columbia on Sept. 25, 1999, and finished with a 108-16-1 mark in the decade (.868, second behind Florida State). Nebraska is the first Division I program to win 100-plus games in consecutive decades, as NU won 103 games to 20 losses in the 1980s. The only other team to post 100-plus wins in the 1980s was Brigham Young with 102 wins and 26 losses. Oklahoma (102-13-3) and Alabama (103-16-1) posted 100-plus wins in the 1970s, while Nebraska came close to achieving the mark in three consecutive decades, as NU won 98 games in the 1970s. Florida State finished the 1990s with a 109-13-1 record (.890, first), but had just 87 wins in the 1980s.

By decade, the Huskers were 75-30-1 in the 1960s (.712), 98-20-4 in the 1970s (.820, fifth nationally), 103-20-0 in the 1980s (.837, first), 108-16-1 in the 1990s (second) and are 30-11 in this decade. Nebraska's 1990s record was aided by an unprecedented 60-3 five-year run from 1993 to 1997. Nebraska owns the best record over the past three-plus decades with a 339-67-5 record, including an NCAA-best 309-56-5 record (.842) from 1960 to 1999. The Huskers have not lost more than 20 games in any of the last three decades.

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), Nebraska (4) and Minnesota (4) rounding out the top five. While the Huskers were awarded the national title by the coaches in 1997, NU finished second to Michigan in the Associated Press poll. In 1970, NU was awarded the AP national title, but not the coaches (Texas was first, Ohio State second and NU third) as the final poll was released before the bowl games were played. In the coaches poll (since 1950), Nebraska is tied for third with USC and Miami with four titles, behind Alabama and Oklahoma with six apiece.

NU Leads Conference in Crowns

Nebraska and Oklahoma are the only teams to capture two Big 12 titles in the first seven years of the Big 12 Conference. The Huskers won titles in 1997 and 1999, and appeared in the league title game in 1996, one of only two teams to make three appearances in the Big 12 Championship Game.

In the last 10 years, Nebraska has won five conference crowns (three Big Eight, two Big 12). Nebraska has won 43 football conference championships overall, including eight under Coach Bob Devaney, 13 under Coach Tom Osborne and one under Coach Solich. Oklahoma has won 35 conference championships.

Big 12 History

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

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 had to look across the United States and beyond for recruits. The 2003 roster is no different.

Seventy-nine of 150 players (53 percent) on Nebraska's 2003 roster call the Cornhusker State home. Omaha leads the way with 18 players on this year's roster, with 13 players from Lincoln staying within the city limits to play for Nebraska.

Nebraska is just one of 25 states represented on the 2003 roster. Texas is home to 15 Huskers, including six in the 2003 scholarship class. Colorado (9) and California (5) are just behind. From the international ranks, Nebraska has a pair of players from Canada (Sandro DeAngelis and Patrick Kabongo) and one from Germany (Isaiah Fluellen). In addition, sophomore defensive tackle Seppo Ewvaraye is a native of Finland who was an exchange student in Laurel, Neb.

Walk-on Program Remains Critical Part of Husker Success

Nebraska has long been recognized as having the top walk-on program in college football. The tradition continues with four Huskers who began their collegiate careers as walk-on student-athletes currently listed No. 1 at their position.

Senior center **Josh Sewell**, a Lincoln native, began his career at Indiana State and joined the Huskers as a walk-on in 2000. Senior wide receiver **Tim Liley** has seen limited playing time in his first three seasons, but now shares the No. 1 spot at "Z" receiver. Cornerback **Pat Ricketts** has been a steady contributor throughout his NU career and is No. 1 at right cornerback with Lornell McPherson. **Kyle Larson** is the latest in a run of standout punters who began their NU careers as walk-ons. The 2002 Ray Guy Award semifinalist followed Mike Stigge, Jesse Kosch, Bill Lafleur and Dan Hadenfeldt as NU's starting punter.

Eighteen of the 68 players (26 percent) listed among the top three units on NU's preseason depth chart began their Husker careers as walk-ons.

2002 Comeback at A&M Historic

Nebraska pulled off a historic come-from-behind victory at Texas A&M last season. In the game, Nebraska rallied from a 31-14 third-quarter deficit to post a 38-31 victory at Kyle Field. A few notes on Nebraska's comeback victory at A&M last season.

- The 17-point rally tied the top comeback in school history and was Nebraska's best under Head Coach Frank Solich. NU trailed 17-0 in the first quarter of its 1991 game at Kansas, but rallied to win 59-23.

- The second-largest deficit Nebraska has overcome to win under Solich was 10 points against Missouri on Oct. 24, 1998, in Lincoln. NU trailed 13-3 in the second quarter, but rallied for a 20-13 win.

- The last time Nebraska rallied from a bigger deficit entering the fourth quarter was on Oct. 22, 1966, at Colorado. The Huskers trailed 19-7 entering the fourth quarter, but rallied for a 21-19 victory vs. the Buffs.

- Before the A&M game, NU had not won a game when trailing at any point in the fourth quarter since a 34-32 victory over Colorado on Nov. 24, 2000. CU led 32-31 late in the game, but NU's Josh Brown hit a game-winning field goal on the last play of the contest. The CU win marked the first time since statistics have been kept (since 1946) that the Huskers won on the last play of regulation.

Nebraska Owns 15 NCAA Rushing Crowns

The Huskers are striving for more offensive balance this season and look to become more efficient through the air. However, it is unlikely that anyone will confuse Nebraska with the BYU offense of the 1980s. Nebraska has opened the season by running the ball on nearly 80 percent of its offensive snaps through two games. Nebraska is averaging 270.5 yards per game on the ground to rank eighth nationally.

Nebraska has become known for a dominant running game and has the statistics and history to back it. The Huskers have led the nation in rushing 15 times in school history, most recently winning back-to-back rushing crowns in 2000 and 2001. Nebraska has won the rushing title seven times in the last 11 years and collected 13 of the last 23 titles. Since 1978, Nebraska has ranked in the top six in rushing average every year and has averaged 300 or more yards rushing per game in all but five of the last 26 years (1993, 1996, 1998, 1999 and 2002).

Last season Nebraska finished the season averaging 268.7 yards per game on the ground. The Huskers' rushing average led the Big 12 Conference and ranked fourth nationally. Nebraska averaged just less than 300 yards rushing per game over its final nine contests.

More Husker Rushing Numbers

- Nebraska is 192-7-0 in the last 30 years when rushing for 300 or more yards in a game, most recently 352 vs. Kansas in 2002.

- The Huskers had won 110 straight when rushing for 300-plus yards before a 62-36 loss at Colorado in 2001. Last season Nebraska lost to Texas 27-24 despite rushing for 320 yards.

- NU is 96-0 since 1973 when rushing for 400 or more yards, most recently 444 yards vs. McNeese State (2002).

- The Huskers have had 374 100-yard rushing performances all time (61 under Coach Solich, most recently David Horne, 122, and Dahrnan Diedrick, 107, vs. Kansas), including 58 games in which two or more Huskers rushed for 100 yards (most recently vs. Kansas).

- Four Huskers cracked the century mark against Baylor on Oct. 13, 2001 (Collins, Diedrick, Crouch, Davies).

- Before the Baylor contest in 2001, NU had three rushers top the 100-yard mark in a game twice in school history—Kansas, 2000 (Dan Alexander, Correll Buckhalter and Eric Crouch) and Arizona State, 1988 (Ken Clark, Steve Taylor and Terry Rodgers).

- Jammal Lord's 234-yard effort vs. Texas last season (NU quarterback record) was NU's 32nd all-time 200-yard performance.

- Among current Huskers, Lord has five 100-yard games, all last year, I-back David Horne had three 100-yard outings as a true freshman last season and fullback Judd Davies topped 100 yards at Baylor in 2001.

- Nebraska is 27-2 under Solich when the team rushes for 300 or more yards; 11-0 when rushing for 400 or more and 2-0 when rushing for 500 or more.

- Solich is 33-9 when a Husker rushes for at least 100 yards, and 8-10 when an opponent has a 100-yard rusher (most recently 137 yards by Colorado's Brian Calhoun).

- NU has lost its last seven games when allowing a 100-yard rusher.

- Kansas State (97 yards) and Iowa State (81 yards) limited Nebraska to less than 100 yards rushing in 2002. The Huskers have been held to less than 100 yards on the ground just three times under Frank Solich (also Oklahoma State in 1998).

- Nebraska rushed for an NCAA and school-bowl-record 524 yards vs. Florida in the 1996 Fiesta Bowl on a school-bowl-record 68 attempts with a school-bowl-record six rushing touchdowns. NU also had six rushing touchdowns in the 1998 Orange Bowl vs. Tennessee.

Getting to the Points

Nebraska has never had difficulty putting points on the scoreboard. Last season, the Huskers averaged 27.4 points per game, marking the first time since 1978 Nebraska did not average at least 30 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 17 years.

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

- Entering 2003, the Huskers have ranked among the nation's top 10 in scoring average 22 of the last 25 years (since 1978) and finished first on four occasions (1982, 1983, 1994 and 1997).

- Nebraska is 303-2 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 two seasons ago, NU had won 236 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 91 straight games.

- NU has not been shut out at home since KSU shut out the Huskers, 12-0, on Homecoming in 1968 (222 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 eight bowl games, including a school and NCAA bowl-record 66 vs. Northwestern in the 2000 Alamo Bowl.

- NU's 2003 opponents have been shut out in each of the final three quarters, scoring all 14 points in the first quarter.

NU National Rushing Crowns

Year	Rush YPG
1963	262.6
1965	290.0
1980	378.3
1982	394.3
1983	401.7
1985	374.3
1988	382.3
1989	375.3
1991	353.2
1992	328.2
1994	340.0
1995	399.8
1997	392.6
2000	349.3
2001	314.7

A Look at the Numbers

Scoring Drives

Nebraska has shown the ability to march down the field with time consuming drives, while also being able to produce quick-strike touchdowns through the first two games of 2003. Against Utah State, Nebraska produced seven scoring drives with three touchdowns and four field goals on the afternoon. The Huskers produced their longest drive of the year in terms of plays and time with a 13-play, 71-yard drive that ate up 5:41 of the first quarter against the Aggies. NU covered the most ground with a 74-yard drive that took 10 plays and 4:17 to open the second half against USU. Nebraska owns three scoring drives of 10 or more plays so far this season, including an 11-play, 54-yard drive that ate up 4:33 and resulted in a 28-yard Sandro DeAngelis field goal to open the season against Oklahoma State. NU produced its shortest drive of the year with a one-play, one-yard drive that took just four seconds midway through the second quarter vs. Utah State. That NU score was set up by Demorrio Williams' sack of Utah State quarterback Travis Cox. Williams forced and recovered a Cox fumble on the play to put the NU offense first and goal at the USU 1. The Huskers added a three-play, 13-yard touchdown drive in the season-opening win over Oklahoma State, and a five-play, four-yard drive that resulted in a David Dyches field goal against Utah State to give NU three drives of five or fewer plays this season. Utah State owns the longest scoring drive against Nebraska in terms of yardage with a 66-yard drive that took four plays and 1:14. Oklahoma State produced the longest drive in terms of plays and time with a nine-play drive that lasted 3:56 and covered 52 yards. The Nebraska defense has surrendered both opponent touchdowns in the first quarter, both via pass.

Game	Scoring Time		Plays				
	Drives	Total	Avg.	Total	Avg.	5 or less	1-Play
Oklahoma St.	2	5:34	2:47	14	7.0	1	0
Utah State	7	21:35	3:05	54	7.7	2	1
Totals	9	27:09	3:01	68	7.6	3	1
Opponents	2	5:10	2:35	13	6.5	1	0

Long Season Plays (20 or more yds)

For the season, Nebraska has produced nine plays of 20 yards or more, including four rushes, two passes, two kickoff returns and one punt return. Opponents own eight long plays against the Huskers, including three long passes, and five long kickoff returns. The Huskers showed more explosiveness against Utah State, unleashing six long plays of 20 yards or more against the Aggies, doubling NU's three long plays from the previous week against Oklahoma State. Senior quarterback Jammal Lord and sophomore tight end Matt Herian connected on NU's longest play of the year with a 39-yard pass on the opening drive of the second half against Utah State. Lord and Herian also hooked up for a 33-yard connection in the fourth quarter against Oklahoma State. Lord added NU's longest run from scrimmage on the year, with his 27-yard sprint in the second quarter against Oklahoma State. Lord's backup, true freshman Joe Dailey, added the Huskers' second-longest rush with his 23-yard dash against USU, while sophomore wide receiver Mark LeFlore added a 21-yard scamper against the Aggies. Senior I-back and returner Josh Davis has added big-play potential in nearly every phase of his game. Against Utah State, Davis ripped off a 30-yard kickoff return, a 30-yard punt return and a 20-yard run from scrimmage. Davis added NU's longest return of the year with his 32-yard kickoff return against Oklahoma State.

Oklahoma State's Vernand Morency produced the longest play by an NU opponent with his 46-yard kickoff return. Utah State's Jerome Davis had three long kickoff returns of 43, 27 and 21 yards against the Huskers. USU's Travis Cox connected with Chris Cooley for a 41-yard touchdown pass in the first quarter for the longest play from scrimmage by an NU opponent this season. The longest rush allowed by the Huskers this season was a 17-yard run by Utah State's David Fiefia.

	Husker Long Plays					Opponent Long Plays			
	<u>Rush</u>	<u>Pass</u>	<u>Return</u>	<u>Total</u>		<u>Rush</u>	<u>Pass</u>	<u>Return</u>	<u>Total</u>
OSU	1	1	1	3		0	1	2	3
USU	3	1	2	6		0	2	3	5
Total	4	2	3	9		0	3	5	8

Nebraska in the Red Zone

Nebraska made a living in the Utah State red zone on Saturday, converting 7-of-8 trips inside the Aggies' 20-yard line. The Huskers scored three touchdowns and added four short field goals, before their perfect day in the red zone ended on a fumble at the

USU 1-yard line late in the fourth quarter. For the season, Nebraska is 9 for 13 (69.2 percent) in the red zone, including four touchdowns, five field goals, two missed field goals and two turnovers. While the Huskers have found their way into the red zone with relative ease on offense, the Blackshirt defense has closed the door on opponents. While Utah State did score on a 41-yard touchdown pass, its deepest drive into NU territory actually stalled at the Huskers' 29-yard line, as NU held the Aggies out of the red zone on the day. The Blackshirts allowed just one Oklahoma State drive into the red zone in the season opener, which concluded with a touchdown on the Cowboys' opening drive of the game.

Game	Scores Inside 20				No Score Inside 20				Half/	Pct.
	Chances	Total	TDs	FGs	MissFGs	TOs	Downs	Gm.		
OSU	5	2	1	1	2	1	0	0		.400
USU	8	7	3	4	0	1	0	0		.875
Totals	13	9	4	5	2	2	0	0		.692
Opp.	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0		1.000

Note: Nebraska has four rushing TDs, no passing TDs and 5 FGs in the red zone. Opponents have no rushing TDs, one passing TD and no FGs in the red zone.

Nebraska Points Of Turnovers

Nebraska owns a plus-four turnover margin on the year, including an impressive plus-three turnover margin in the season-opening win over Oklahoma State and a plus-one margin in game two against Utah State. The Blackshirt defense has recovered four fumbles and intercepted four passes, including three interceptions by sophomore safety Josh Bullocks. Last season, Nebraska managed just eight fumble recoveries in 14 games, while All-American DeJuan Groce and cornerback Fabian Washington tied for the NU lead with four interceptions in 2002. The defense scored its first touchdown of the season on junior linebacker Barrett Ruud's 15-yard fumble return against Oklahoma State. Senior linebacker Demorrio Williams nearly gave the Blackshirts their second score when he sacked USU quarterback Travis Cox, forced a fumble and recovered at the Aggie 1-yard line. While Williams did not get the touchdown himself, he set up Judd Davies' one-yard scoring plunge on the next play to give NU the lead for good against the Aggies. The Huskers have scored 23 points off opponent turnovers through the first two games, nearly half of NU's 48 points off turnovers in 14 games a year ago. Opponents have not converted any of NU's four turnovers (three fumbles, one interception) into points. Junior cornerback Lornell McPherson owns NU's fourth interception this season, while NU's other fumble recoveries were made by Ryon Bingham (OSU) and Titus Adams (USU). The Huskers have converted all four of their fumble recoveries into points, including a touchdown after Bingham's recovery and a field goal following Adams' recovery.

Game	TOs		Scores		Turnovers	
	Gained	TDs	FG-FGA	Pts.	(Fumbles/Lost, INT)	
OSU	5 (2/2 F/L, 3 INT)	2	0-0	14	2 (2/1 F/L, 1 INT)	
USU	3 (4/2 F/L, 1 INT)	1	1-1	9	2 (4/2 F/L, 0 INT)	
Totals	8 (6/4 F, 4 INT)	3	1-1	23	4 (6/3 F/L, 1 INT)	
Opp.	4 (6/3 F, 1 INT)	0	0-0	0	8 (6/4 F/L, 4 INT)	

Husker 100-Yard Rushing Games

The Husker offense has yet to produce a 100-yard rusher through two games this season. Senior I-back Josh Davis owns Nebraska's highest individual rushing total with his 95-yard effort in the opener against Oklahoma State. Senior quarterback Jammal Lord added 90 yards against the Cowboys, while leading the Huskers with 72 yards on the ground against Utah State. The Huskers have not had a 100-yard rushing day by an individual since David Horne (9-122-1) and Dahrran Diedrick (12-107-1) both went over the century mark against Kansas on Nov. 9, 2002, a span of five games. Although NU has not a 100-yard back in five games, the Huskers have still averaged 223.8 yards per contest on the ground during that span, including 270.5 rushing yards per game this season. The Blackshirts have not allowed an opposing back to gain 100 yards yet this season, with Oklahoma State's Tatum Bell producing the top individual total with 87 yards on 23 carries. Nebraska has not allowed a 100-yard game by an opposing back since Colorado's Brian Calhoun rushed for 137 yards on 20 carries on Nov. 29, 2002, a span of three games.

Starting Field Position

Nebraska has been solid in all three phases (offense, defense, special teams) of the game through the first two contests, which has allowed the Huskers to enjoy a dominant advantage in average starting field position. Against Utah State, the Huskers' average drive began at their own 43.8-yard line, giving the NU offense a short field to work with. Utah State's average drive began at its own 26.5-yard line, giving the defense plenty of FieldTurf behind it. Overall, Nebraska's plus-17.3-yard edge against Utah State helped boost its season average starting field position advantage to plus-16.1 yards. Against Utah State, senior linebacker Demorrio Williams gave the Huskers great field position on back-to-back second-quarter drives. Williams forced and recovered a fumble with a sack of Aggie quarterback Travis Cox to give the NU offense the ball at the USU 1-yard line for the best starting field position of the season. On Utah State's next play from scrimmage, Williams sacked Cox again and forced another fumble, recovered by Titus Adams to give NU the ball at the 50 on the following drive. Later in the game, Josh Davis gave the offense another short field with his 30-yard punt return that allowed the Huskers to start first-and-goal at the USU 7-yard line. On the season, Nebraska has started three drives inside the opponent's 20-yard line (not including Barrett Ruud's fumble return for a touchdown against Oklahoma State), while starting just two drives inside its own 20. Nebraska senior punter Kyle Larson has buried opponents inside the 20 on three of his eight punts this season. Opponents have been forced to start seven drives inside their own 20, including five starts inside the 20 by Oklahoma State. The Cowboys owned the worst starting field position by an opponent with a start at the OSU 6, while Utah State managed the best start by the opposition with a drive that started at the NU 32. It is the only opposing drive this season that has started on NU's half of the field. Nebraska's worst start of the season has been at its own 11, occurring once against both Oklahoma State and Utah State.

	<u>NU Avg. Start</u>	<u>Opp. Avg. Start</u>	<u>Advantage</u>
Oklahoma St.	39.7 (516/13)	24.8 (323/13)	+14.9
Utah State	43.8 (570/13)	26.5 (344/13)	+17.3
Total	41.8 (1,086/26)	25.7 (667/26)	+16.1

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

Penalty Numbers

The Huskers were whistled for just five penalties for 50 yards against Utah State a solid improvement over the nine penalties and 75 yards marked off against NU in the season-opening win over Oklahoma State. Utah State had opponent season lows with six penalties for 33 yards, while Oklahoma State recorded opponent season highs with eight penalties for 63 yards. The NU offense has committed 12 penalties for 105 yards, while the defense has just two penalties for 20 yards. Nebraska has not committed any infractions on special teams play through the first two games.

	<u>NU Pen.-Yds.</u>	<u>Opp. Pen.-Yds.</u>
Oklahoma State	9-75	8-63
Utah State	5-50	6-33
Total	14-125	14-96
Average	7.0-62.5	7.0-48.0

Husker Starting Experience

(Regular Starters in boldface, includes bowl games)

<u>Offensive Starters</u>	<u>'00</u>	<u>'01</u>	<u>'02</u>	<u>'03</u>	<u>Total</u>
Jake Andersen, RG, Jr. (Littleton, Colo.)	-	0	0	2	2
Judd Davies, FB, Sr. (Omaha, Neb.)	0	11	12	1	24
Josh Davis, IB, Sr. (Loveland, Colo.)	0	0	1	2	3
Mike Erickson, LG, Jr. (Omaha, Neb.)	-	0	14	2	16
Matt Herian, TE, So. (Pierce, Neb.)	-	-	0	2	2
Richie Incognito, LT, So. (Glendale, Ariz.)	-	-	13	2	15
Steve Kriewald, FB, Jr. (Scotia, Neb.)	-	2	1	0	3
Mark LeFlore, WR (Z), So. (Omaha, Neb.)	-	-	1	1	2
Jammal Lord, QB, Sr. (Bayonne, N.J.)	0	0	13	2	15
Jack O'Holleran, WR (Z), Jr. (North Platte, Neb.)	-	-	0	1	1
Phil Peetz, TE, Sr. (Elkhorn, Neb.)	0	0	0	1	1
Ross Pilkington, WR (X), So. (Ft. Collins, Colo.)	-	-	0	2	2
Nick Povendo, LT, Jr. (Keller, Texas)	-	0	2	0	2
Cory Ross, IB, So. (Denver, Colo.)	-	-	1	0	1
Josh Sewell, C, Sr. (Lincoln, Neb.)	-	0	0	2	2
<u>Dan Vili Waldrop, RT, Sr. (Wilmington, Calif.)</u>	0	13	13	2	28
Totals	0	26	71	22	119

<u>Defensive Starters</u>	<u>'00</u>	<u>'01</u>	<u>'02</u>	<u>'03</u>	<u>Total</u>
Titus Adams, LDE, So. (Omaha, Neb.)	-	-	0	1	1
Willie Amos, FS, Jr. (Sweetwater, Texas)	0	6	-	0	6
Ryon Bingham, NT, Sr. (Sandy, Utah)	0	0	14	2	16
Philip Bland, FS, Jr. (Lafayette, Colo.)	-	3	13	2	18
Daniel Bullocks, SS, So. (Chattanooga, Tenn.)	-	-	1	0	1
Josh Bullocks, FS, So. (Chattanooga, Tenn.)	-	-	5	2	7
Ira Cooper, Buck, Jr. (Omaha, Neb.)	-	0	1	0	1
T.J. Hollowell, Buck, Sr. (Copperas Cove, Texas)	0	0	2	2	4
Lannie Hopkins, Will, Jr. (Rowlett, Texas)	-	0	1	0	1
Trevor Johnson, RDE, Sr. (Lincoln, Neb.)	0	0	9	2	11
Patrick Kabongo, NT, Sr. (Montreal, Quebec)	0	0	7	0	7
Jason Lohr, DT/NT, Sr. (Tulsa, Okla.)	11	3	0	0	14
Lornell McPherson, RCB, Jr. (Omaha, Neb.)	-	3	4	0	7
Pat Ricketts, RCB, Sr. (Omaha, Neb.)	0	2	8	2	12
Barrett Ruud, MIKE, Jr. (Lincoln, Neb.)	-	0	14	2	16
Shane Siegel, SS, So. (Grand Island, Neb.)	-	-	1	0	1
Le Kevin Smith, DT, So. (Macon, Ga.)	-	-	0	1	1
Benard Thomas, LDE, Jr. (East Palo Alto, Calif.)	0	0	-	2	2
Fabian Washington, LCB, So. (Bradenton, Fla.)	-	-	11	2	13
<u>Demorrio Williams, WILL, Sr. (Beckville, Texas)</u>	-	-	11	2	13
Totals	11	17	102	22	152

<u>Starting Kickers</u>	<u>'00</u>	<u>'01</u>	<u>'02</u>	<u>'03</u>	<u>Total</u>
Sandro DeAngelis, PK, Jr. (Niagara Falls, Ontario)	0	4	0	2	6
Dale Endorf, PK, Sr. (Wichita, Kan.)	-	-	1	0	1
<u>Kyle Larson, P, Sr., (Funk, Neb.)</u>	0	13	14	2	29
Totals	0	17	15	4	36

Starters Briefly

Starts by True Freshmen: None

Number of Native Nebraskans With Starts: 16

Number of Offensive Players with Career Starts: 16

Number of Defensive Players with Career Starts: 20

Most Career Starts on Offense: Dan Vili Waldrop, RT (28)

Most Career Starts on Defense: Philip Bland, FS (18)

Most Consecutive Starts on Offense: Mike Erickson, LG (16)

Most Consecutive Starts on Defense: Barrett Ruud, MIKE and Ryon Bingham (18)

2003 Nebraska Depth Chart (Sept. 2, 2003)

Offense

WR (X): 2 Ross Pilkington*, 6-0, 190, So., Ft. Collins, Colo.
 19 Andy Birkel, 6-2, 170, Fr., Lincoln, Neb. (Southeast)
 84 Grant Mulkey, 5-11, 185, RFr., Arlington, Texas

LT: 51 RICHIE INCOGNITO*, 6-3, 310, So., Glendale, Ariz.
 69 Nick Povendo*, 6-3, 300, Jr., Keller, Texas

LG: 78 MIKE ERICKSON**, 6-4, 300, Jr., Omaha, Neb.
 72 Tim Green, 6-4, 320, Sr., Omaha, Neb.

C: 79 Josh Sewell*, 6-2, 300, Sr., Lincoln, Neb.
 64 Kurt Mann, 6-3, 290, RFr., Grand Island, Neb.

RG: 71 Jake Andersen*, 6-1, 300, Jr., Littleton, Colo.
 75 Brandon Koch, 6-3, 305, So., Gothenburg, Neb.

RT: 68 DAN VILI WALDROP***, 6-5, 350, Sr., Wilmington, Calif.
 67 Darren DeLone, 6-5, 320, Jr., Pomona, Calif.

-OR- 76 Chris Loos**, 6-3, 290, Sr., Lincoln, Neb.

TE (Y): 11 Matt Herian*, 6-5, 235, So., Pierce, Neb.
 82 Phil Peetz**, 6-2, 250, Sr., Elkhorn, Neb.
 47 Dusty Keiser, 6-3, 245, Jr., Norfolk, Neb.

QB: 5 JAMMAL LORD***, 6-2, 220, Sr., Bayonne, N.J.
 16 Mike Stuntz**, 6-1, 200, Jr., Council Bluffs, Iowa
 12 Joe Dailey, 6-0, 200, Fr., Jersey City, N.J.

FB: 4 JUDD DAVIES***, 6-0, 245, Sr., Omaha, Neb.
 45 Steve Kriewald**, 5-10, 245, Jr., Scotia, Neb.
 41 Dane Todd, 5-10, 235, RFr., Lincoln, Neb.

IB: 1 Josh Davis**, 5-11, 200, Sr., Loveland Colo.
 9 David Horne*, 6-0, 200, So., Omaha, Neb.

-OR- 22 Cory Ross*, 5-6, 200, So., Denver, Colo.

WR (Z): 10 Mark LeFlore*, 5-11, 190, So., Omaha, Neb.
 -OR- 13 Tim Liley*, 6-2, 205, Sr., Lakewood, Colo.
 24 Jack O'Holleran, 5-10, 205, Jr., North Platte, Neb.
 3 Ben Zajicek**, 6-0, 210, Jr., Beatrice, Neb.

Specialists

P: 19 KYLE LARSON**, 6-0, 205, Sr., Funk, Neb. (14)
 37 Sam Koch, 6-1, 230, So., Seward, Neb.

PK: 22 Sandro DeAngelis*, 5-8, 190, Jr., Niagara Falls, Ontario
 -OR- 27 David Dyches, 6-1, 190, Fr., Spring, Texas

HOLD: 29 Kellen Huston, 5-11, 200, Jr., Ankeny, Iowa
 2 Ross Pilkington*, 6-0, 190, So., Ft. Collins, Colo.

LSNAP: 51 Richie Incognito*, 6-3, 310, So., Glendale, Ariz.
 92 Lane Kelly, 6-4, 235, Fr., Omaha, Neb.

SSNAP: 92 Lane Kelly, 6-4, 235, Fr., Omaha, Neb.
 69 Nick Povendo*, 6-3, 300, Jr., Keller, Texas

KOR: 1 Josh Davis**, 5-11, 200, Sr., Loveland, Colo.
 22 Cory Ross*, 5-6, 200, So., Denver, Colo.

PR: 1 Josh Davis**, 5-11, 200, Sr., Loveland, Colo.
 22 Cory Ross*, 5-6, 200, So., Denver, Colo.

Defense

LDE: 5 Benard Thomas**, 6-4, 255, Jr., East Palo Alto, Calif.
 96 Titus Adams*, 6-3, 275, So., Omaha, Neb.
 34 Stewart Bradley, 6-4, 245, RFr., Salt Lake City, Utah

NT: 59 RYON BINGHAM**, 6-3, 295, Sr., Sandy, Utah
 94 PATRICK KABONGO***, 6-6, 315, Sr., Montreal, Quebec
 99 Brandon Greeson, 6-3, 295, RFr., High Point, N.C.

DT: 66 Le Kevin Smith*, 6-2, 305, So., Macon, Ga.
 74 Brandon Teamer, 6-5, 270, Fr., Omaha, Neb.
 73 Jared Helming, 6-3, 290, So., Springfield, Mo.

RDE: 88 TREVOR JOHNSON***, 6-4, 250, Sr., Lincoln, Neb.
 90 Adam Carriker, 6-6, 260, RFr., Kennewick, Wash.
 50 Jeff McBride, 6-4, 240, Jr., Brule, Neb.

BUCK: 2 T.J. Hollowell***, 6-0, 220, Sr., Copperas Cove, Texas
 11 Ira Cooper**, 6-2, 235, Jr., Omaha, Neb.

MIKE: 38 BARRETT RUUD**, 6-2, 235, Jr., Lincoln, Neb.
 54 Chad Sievers*, 6-3, 215, Jr., Valley, Neb.
 42 Steve Safranek**, 6-1, 230, Sr., Omaha, Neb.

WILL: 7 DEMORRIO WILLIAMS*, 6-1, 215, Sr., Beckville, Texas
 39 Chad Buller*, 5-11, 215, Sr., Henderson, Neb.
 40 Lannie Hopkins*, 6-2, 215, Jr., Rowlett, Texas

LCB: 3 FABIAN WASHINGTON*, 5-11, 175, So., Bradenton, Fla.
 4 Terrell Butler*, 5-10, 185, Sr., Austell, Ga.

-OR- 27 Willie Amos**, 6-0, 185, Jr., Sweetwater, Texas

FS: 20 JOSH BULLOCKS*, 6-0, 195, So., Chattanooga, Tenn.
 31 Jerrell Pippens***, 6-2, 195, Sr., Philadelphia, Pa.

SS: 21 PHILIP BLAND**, 5-11, 200, Jr., Lafayette, Colo.
 -OR- 14 Daniel Bullocks*, 6-1, 195, So., Chattanooga, Tenn.
 23 Shane Siegel*, 6-2, 210, So., Grand Island, Neb.

RCB: 28 PAT RICKETTS***, 5-11, 180, Sr., Omaha, Neb.
 -OR- 1 Lornell McPherson**, 5-9, 175, Jr., Omaha, Neb.
 6 Donald DeFrاند, 6-0, 170, So., Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

Injured

FB 6 DeAntae Grixby***, 5-8, 225, Sr., Omaha, Neb.
 NT 70 Jason Lohr***, 6-2, 275, Sr., Tulsa, Okla.
 PK 32 Dale Endorf, 6-0, 210, Sr., Wichita, Kan.

Key

*indicates letters earned

Returning lettermen in bold

Returning starters in all CAPS with

-OR- means a starter has not been determined

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TEAM STATISTICS	NU	OPP
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SCORING.....	48	14
Points Per Game.....	24.0	7.0
FIRST DOWNS.....	41	25
Rushing.....	31	9
Passing.....	8	16
Penalty.....	2	0
RUSHING YARDAGE.....	541	146
Yards gained rushing.....	596	196
Yards lost rushing.....	55	50
Rushing Attempts.....	129	53
Average Per Rush.....	4.2	2.8
Average Per Game.....	270.5	73.0
TDs Rushing.....	4	0
PASSING YARDAGE.....	210	275
Att-Comp-Int.....	33-20-1	63-30-4
Average Per Pass.....	6.4	4.4
Average Per Catch.....	10.5	9.2
Average Per Game.....	105.0	137.5
TDs Passing.....	0	2
TOTAL OFFENSE.....	751	421
Total Plays.....	162	116
Average Per Play.....	4.6	3.6
Average Per Game.....	375.5	210.5
KICK RETURNS: #-YARDS.....	3-70	8-195
PUNT RETURNS: #-YARDS.....	7-88	4-21
INT RETURNS: #-YARDS.....	4-0	1-0
KICK RETURN AVERAGE.....	23.3	24.4
PUNT RETURN AVERAGE.....	12.6	5.2
INT RETURN AVERAGE.....	0.0	0.0
FUMBLES-LOST.....	6-3	6-4
PENALTIES-YARDS.....	14-125	14-96
Average Per Game.....	62.5	48.0
PUNTS-YARDS.....	8-312	12-502
Average Per Punt.....	39.0	41.8
Net punt average.....	36.4	34.5
TIME OF POSSESSION/GAME.....	37:33	22:28
3RD-DOWN CONVERSIONS.....	15/35	9/25
3rd-Down Pct.....	43%	36%
4TH-DOWN CONVERSIONS.....	5/5	0/1
4th-Down Pct.....	100%	0%
SACKS BY-YARDS.....	5-44	0-0
MISC YARDS.....	18	0
TOUCHDOWNS SCORED.....	5	2
FIELD GOALS-ATTEMPTS.....	5-7	0-2
PAT-ATTEMPTS.....	3-4	2-2
ATTENDANCE.....	155342	0
Games/Avg Per Game.....	2/77671	0/0

SCORE BY QUARTERS	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total
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Nebraska.....	9	9	27	3	- 48
Opponents.....	14	0	0	0	- 14

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RUSHING GP Att Gain Loss Net Avg TD Long Avg/G

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Lord, Jammal      2   38  198   36  162   4.3   1   27   81.0
Davis, Josh       2   34  163    5  158   4.6   0   20   79.0
Horne, David      2   25  102    0  102   4.1   1   13   51.0
Dailey, Joe       1    9   55    8   47   5.2   0   23   47.0
Davies, Judd      2   11   34    0   34   3.1   2   15   17.0
Ross, Cory        2    8   23    1   22   2.8   0    8   11.0
LeFlore, Mark     2    1   21    0   21  21.0   0   21   10.5
TEAM              2    3    0    5   -5  -1.7   0    0   -2.5
Total.....      2  129  596   55  541   4.2   4   27  270.5
Opponents.....   2   53  196   50  146   2.8   0   17   73.0
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PASSING GP Effic Att-Cmp-Int Pct Yds TD Lng Avg/G

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Lord, Jammal      2   98.90  28-16-1   57.1  163   0   39   81.5
Dailey, Joe       1  158.96   5-4-0   80.0   47   0   15   47.0
Total.....      2  108.00  33-20-1   60.6  210   0   39  105.0
Opponents.....   2   82.06  63-30-4   47.6  275   2   41  137.5
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RECEIVING GP No. Yds Avg TD Long Avg/G

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Herian, Matt      2    7  104  14.9   0   39  52.0
Pilkington, R.    2    7   73  10.4   0   15  36.5
Davis, Josh       2    2   19   9.5   0   12   9.5
Davies, Judd      2    2    4   2.0   0    3   2.0
Liley, Tim        2    1    5   5.0   0    5   2.5
LeFlore, Mark     2    1    5   5.0   0    5   2.5
Total.....      2   20  210  10.5   0   39  105.0
Opponents.....   2   30  275   9.2   2   41  137.5
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PUNT RETURNS No. Yds Avg TD Long

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Davis, Josh       6   74  12.3   0   30
Ross, Cory        1   14  14.0   0   14
Total.....       7   88  12.6   0   30
Opponents.....   4   21   5.2   0    8
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INTERCEPTIONS No. Yds Avg TD Long

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Bullocks, Josh    3    0   0.0   0    0
McPherson, L.     1    0   0.0   0    0
Total.....       4    0   0.0   0    0
Opponents.....   1    0   0.0   0    0
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KICK RETURNS No. Yds Avg TD Long

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Davis, Josh       2   62  31.0   0   32
Sievers, Chad     1    8   8.0   0    8
Total.....       3   70  23.3   0   32
Opponents.....   8  195  24.4   0   46
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FUMBLE RETURNS No. Yds Avg TD Long

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Bingham, Ryon     1    3   3.0   0    3
Ruud, Barrett    1   15  15.0   1   15
Total.....       2   18   9.0   1   15
Opponents.....   0    0   0.0   0    0
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SCORING	----- PATs -----									
	TD	FGs	Kick	Rush	Rcv	Pass	DXP	Saf	Points	

Dyches, David	0	4-4	1-1	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	13	
Davies, Judd	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	12	
Horne, David	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6	
Lord, Jammal	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6	
Ruud, Barrett	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6	
DeAngelis, S.	0	1-3	2-3	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	5	
Davis, Josh	0	0-0	0-0	0-1	0	0-0	0	0	0	
Total.....	5	5-7	3-4	0-1	0	0-0	0	0	48	
Opponents.....	2	0-2	2-2	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	14	

TOTAL OFFENSE	G	Plays	Rush	Pass	Total	Avg/G

Lord, Jammal	2	66	162	163	325	162.5
Davis, Josh	2	34	158	0	158	79.0
Horne, David	2	25	102	0	102	51.0
Dailey, Joe	1	14	47	47	94	94.0
Davies, Judd	2	11	34	0	34	17.0
Ross, Cory	2	8	22	0	22	11.0
LeFlore, Mark	2	1	21	0	21	10.5
TEAM	2	3	-5	0	-5	-2.5
Total.....	2	162	541	210	751	375.5
Opponents.....	2	116	146	275	421	210.5

FIELD GOALS	FGM-FGA	Pct	01-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-99	Lg	Blk

DeAngelis, S.	1-3	33.3	0-0	1-1	0-2	0-0	0-0	28	1
Dyches, David	4-4	100.0	0-0	4-4	0-0	0-0	0-0	29	0

PUNTING	No.	Yds	Avg	Long	TB	FC	I20	Blkd

Larson, Kyle	8	312	39.0	54	0	2	3	0
Total.....	8	312	39.0	54	0	2	3	0
Opponents.....	12	502	41.8	70	2	0	1	0

FG SEQUENCE	Nebraska	OPPONENTS

Oklahoma State	(28),34,33	43
Utah State	(23),(20),(29),(26)	47

Numbers in (parentheses) indicate field goal was made.

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ALL PURPOSE	G	Rush	Rec	PR	KOR	IR	Tot	Avg/G

Davis, Josh	2	158	19	74	62	0	313	156.5
Lord, Jammal	2	162	0	0	0	0	162	81.0
Herian, Matt	2	0	104	0	0	0	104	52.0
Horne, David	2	102	0	0	0	0	102	51.0
Pilkington, R.	2	0	73	0	0	0	73	36.5
Dailey, Joe	1	47	0	0	0	0	47	47.0
Davies, Judd	2	34	4	0	0	0	38	19.0
Ross, Cory	2	22	0	14	0	0	36	18.0
LeFlore, Mark	2	21	5	0	0	0	26	13.0
Sievers, Chad	2	0	0	0	8	0	8	4.0
Liley, Tim	2	0	5	0	0	0	5	2.5
TEAM	2	-5	0	0	0	0	-5	-2.5
Total.....	2	541	210	88	70	0	909	454.5
Opponents.....	2	146	275	21	195	0	637	318.5

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Nebraska Overall Defensive Statistics (as of Sep 08, 2003)
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DEFENSIVE LEADERS	GP	-----Tackles-----				-Sacks-		---Pass Def---			-Fumbles-		Blkd	
		Solo	Ast	Total	TFL/Yds	No-Yds	Int-Yds	BrUp	QBH	Rcv-Yds	FF	Kick	Saf	
38 Ruud, Barrett	2	6	12	18	1.0-1	.	.	2	.	1-15	1	.	.	
7 Williams, Dem.	2	13	5	18	4.0-30	3.0-27	.	2	3	1-0	2	.	.	
3 Washington, F.	2	12	4	16	.	.	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	
2A Hollowell, T.J.	2	6	4	10	1.0-10	1.0-10	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	
88 Johnson, Trevor	2	3	5	8	1.0-1	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	
96 Adams, Titus	2	3	4	7	.	.	.	.	1	1-0	.	.	.	
31 Pippens, J.	2	5	2	7	1.0-7	1.0-7	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	
39 Buller, Chad	2	4	2	6	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	
21 Bland, Philip	2	3	3	6	1.0-3	.	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	
20 Bullocks, Josh	2	.	5	5	.	.	3-0	1	.	.	.	.	.	
59 Bingham, Ryon	2	1	4	5	.	.	.	.	.	1-3	.	1	.	
5A Thomas, Benard	2	2	3	5	.	.	.	.	4	.	.	.	.	
94 Kabongo, P.	2	2	2	4	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	
14 Bullocks, D.	2	1	3	4	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	
28 Ricketts, Pat	2	3	1	4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	
1A McPherson, L.	2	1	2	3	.	.	1-0	1	.	.	.	.	.	
17 Brungardt, Mark	2	2	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	
74 Teamer, Brandon	2	.	2	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	
23 Siegel, Shane	2	2	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	
66 Smith, Le Kevin	2	.	2	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	
3E Bradley, S.	2	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	
54 Sievers, Chad	2	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	
73 Helming, Jared	1	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	
4A Butler, Terrell	1	1	.	1	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	
47 Keiser, Dusty	2	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	
11 Herian, Matt	2	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	
Total.....	2	73	67	140	9-52	5-44	4-0	10	13	4-18	4	1	.	
Opponents.....	2	89	100	189	11-42	0-0	1-0	2	.	3-0	.	1	.	

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TEAM

		---RUSHING---				--RECEIVING--				-----PASSING-----				--KICK RET--				--PUNT RET--				All		
Date	Opponent	No.	Yds	TD	Lg	No.	Yds	TD	Lg	Att	Cmp	Int	Yds	TD	Lg	No	Yds	TD	Lg	No	Yds	TD	Lg	Purp
Aug 30, 2003	OKLAHOMA STATE.....	65	268	1	27	8	78	0	33	16-	8-	1	78	0	33	1	32	0	32	3	30	0	17	408
Sept 6, 2003	UTAH STATE.....	64	273	3	23	12	132	0	39	17-	12-	0	132	0	39	2	38	0	30	4	58	0	30	501
Totals.....		129	541	4	27	20	210	0	39	33-	20-	1	210	0	39	3	70	0	32	7	88	0	30	909
Opponent.....		53	146	0	17	30	275	2	41	63-	30-	4	275	2	41	8	195	0	46	4	21	0	8	637

Games played: 2

Avg per rush: 4.2

Avg per catch: 10.5

Pass efficiency: 108.00

Kick ret avg: 23.3

Punt ret avg: 12.6

All purpose avg/game: 454.5

Total offense avg/gm: 375.5

		-----TACKLES-----				-SACKS-		-FUMBLE-		Pass Blkd		-Kicks--XPTS-					
Date	Opponent	Solo	Ast	Total	TFL-Yds	No-Yds	FF	FR-Yds	Int-Yds	QBH	Brk	Kick	Att-Mad	Run	Rcv	Saf	Pts
Aug 30, 2003	OKLAHOMA STATE.....	35	34	69	4.0-14	1.0-7	1	2-18	3-0	6	3	1	2-2	0	0	0	17
Sept 6, 2003	UTAH STATE.....	38	33	71	5.0-38	4.0-37	3	2-0	1-0	7	7	0	2-1	0	0	0	31
Totals.....		73	67	140	9.0-52	5.0-44	4	4-18	4-0	13	10	1	4-3	0	0	0	48
Opponent.....		89	100	189	11.0-42	0.0-0	0	3-0	1-0	0	2	1	2-2	0	0	0	14

Date	Opponent	-----PUNTING-----								--FIELD GOALS--			
		No	Yds	Avg	Long	Blkd	TB	FC	50+	I20	Att-Made	Lg	Blkd
Aug 30, 2003	OKLAHOMA STATE.....	5	181	36.2	47	0	0	1	0	2	3-1	28	1
Sept 6, 2003	UTAH STATE.....	3	131	43.7	54	0	0	1	1	1	4-4	29	0
Totals.....		8	312	39.0	54	0	0	2	1	3	7-5	29	1
Opponent.....		12	502	41.8	70	0	2	0	2	1	2-0	0	1

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OPPONENT STATS

Date	Opponent	---RUSHING---				--RECEIVING--				-----PASSING-----				--KICK RET--				--PUNT RET--				All Purp		
		No.	Yds	TD	Lg	No.	Yds	TD	Lg	Att	Cmp	Int	Yds	TD	Lg	No	Yds	TD	Lg	No	Yds		TD	Lg
Aug 30, 2003	OKLAHOMA STATE.....	30	86	0	15	13	97	1	28	28-	13-	3	97	1	28	3	89	0	46	2	9	0	5	281
Sept 6, 2003	UTAH STATE.....	23	60	0	17	17	178	1	41	35-	17-	1	178	1	41	5	106	0	43	2	12	0	8	356
Opponent totals.....		53	146	0	17	30	275	2	41	63-	30-	4	275	2	41	8	195	0	46	4	21	0	8	637
Nebraska.....		129	541	4	27	20	210	0	39	33-	20-	1	210	0	39	3	70	0	32	7	88	0	30	909

Games played: 2

Avg per rush: 2.8

Avg per catch: 9.2

Pass efficiency: 82.06

Kick ret avg: 24.4

Punt ret avg: 5.2

All purpose avg/game: 318.5

Total offense avg/gm: 210.5

		-----TACKLES-----				-SACKS-		-FUMBLE-			Pass Blkd		-Kicks--XPTS-					
Date	Opponent	Solo	Ast	Total	TFL-Yds	No-Yds	FF	FR-Yds	Int-Yds	QBH	Brk	Kick	Att-Mad	Run	Rcv	Saf	Pts	
Aug 30, 2003	OKLAHOMA STATE.....	44	52	96	5.0-25	0.0-0	0	1-0	1-0	0	0	1	1-1	0	0	0	7	
Sept 6, 2003	UTAH STATE.....	45	48	93	6.0-17	0.0-0	0	2-0	0-0	0	2	0	1-1	0	0	0	7	
Opponent totals.....		89	100	189	11.0-42	0.0-0	0	3-0	1-0	0	2	1	2-2	0	0	0	14	
Nebraska.....		73	67	140	9.0-52	5.0-44	4	4-18	4-0	13	10	1	4-3	0	0	0	48	

Date	Opponent	-----PUNTING-----										--FIELD GOALS--	
		No	Yds	Avg	Long	Blkd	TB	FC	50+	I20	Att-Made	Lg	Blkd
Aug 30, 2003	OKLAHOMA STATE.....	5	242	48.4	70	0	1	0	2	1	1-0	0	1
Sept 6, 2003	UTAH STATE.....	7	260	37.1	49	0	1	0	0	0	1-0	0	0
Opponent totals.....		12	502	41.8	70	0	2	0	2	1	2-0	0	1
Nebraska.....		8	312	39.0	54	0	0	2	1	3	7-5	29	1