

Nebraska Women's Basketball Media Guide



Sophomore point guard Jina Johansen will lead the Huskers in their first season under Coach Connie Yori in 2002-03. Johansen started six games as a true freshman in 2001-02.

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Husker Quick Facts

Location	Lincoln, Neb.
Population	225,581
Founded	1869
Enrollment	25,000
Nickname	Cornhuskers, Huskers
Colors	Scarlet and Cream
Arena	Bob Devaney Sports Center (13,500)
Conference	Big 12
Director of Athletics	Bill Byrne
2001-02 Record	14-16
Home Record	9-5
Away Record	3-9
Neutral Record	2-2
Big 12 Record/Finish	4-12/11th
Big 12 Tournament Finish	0-1, Lost in First Round
2002 NCAA Tournament	Did Not Qualify
Head Coach	Connie Yori (Creighton, 1986)
Record at Nebraska	first season
Career Record	195-140 (12 seasons)
Career Division I Record	170-115 (10 seasons)
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..... Keasha Cannon, Sr., G, 12.9, 8.4 rpg	
Other Returning Letterwinners (7)	
..... Alexa Johnson, Jr., F, 6.8 ppg, 3.1 rpg	
..... Shahidrah Roberts, Sr., G, 6.1 ppg, 3.8 rpg	
..... Margaret Richards, Sr., G, 5.1 ppg, 2.0 rpg	
..... Greichaly Cepero, Jr., F, 3.2 ppg, 3.3 rpg	
..... Katie Morse, Jr., C, 3.2 ppg, 2.6 rpg	
..... Amanda Cleveland, Sr., F/C, 2.5 ppg, 2.0 rpg	
..... Jina Johansen, So., G, 1.7 ppg, 1.0 rpg	
Starters Lost (4)	
..... Katie Robinette, F, 9.0 ppg, 6.0 rpg	
..... Shannon Howell, Jr., G, 9.0 ppg, 2.0 rpg	
..... Stephanie Jones, F, 7.7 ppg, 3.8 rpg	
..... K.C. Cowgill, G, 6.0 ppg, 2.4 rpg	
Others Lost (1)	
..... Paige Sutton, F, 3.1 ppg, 2.0 rpg	
Newcomers (3)	
..... Jamie Wendelin, 5-11, Fr., F	
..... Kala Sledge, 5-6, Fr., G	
..... Lacey Hanson, 5-10, So., G	

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Nebraska Athletic Department Directory

Information

Location: Lincoln, Neb., 68588
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Compliance Guidelines for NU Boosters

The University of Nebraska Athletic Department takes great pride in abiding by the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) and the Big 12 Conference rules and guidelines that govern Division I competition. For the benefit of the many alumni, fans and booster club members who are so active in supporting and assisting the Huskers throughout the year, we would like to remind everyone of a few definitions and rules that apply to all athletic representatives and boosters.

NCAA Principles

Institutional Control

It is the responsibility of the University of Nebraska to control its intercollegiate athletic program in compliance with the rules and regulations of the NCAA.

Responsibility

The University of Nebraska's responsibility for the conduct of its program includes responsibility for the actions of its staff members and for the actions of any other individual, booster or organization engaged in activities promoting the athletic interests of the institution.

Compliance

The University of Nebraska must monitor its program to assure compliance and to identify and report to the NCAA instances in which compliance has not been achieved. An institution found to have violated NCAA rules is subject to disciplinary and corrective actions as determined by the NCAA.

NCAA Definitions

Athletic Representative/Booster

You are considered to be a University of Nebraska athletic representative if you:

- ▶ Are a present or past member of a University of Nebraska booster club or agency that promotes the Huskers' intercollegiate athletic program;
- ▶ Have made financial contributions to the athletic department or to an athletic booster organization of the University of Nebraska;
- ▶ Are, or have been, providing benefits (e.g., summer jobs, meals etc.) to enrolled student-athletes, their family members or friends;
- ▶ Are, or have been involved in any manner of promoting the University of Nebraska intercollegiate athletic program.

Please note: Once an individual is identified as an athletic representative, that person retains that identity indefinitely. The University of Nebraska is ultimately responsible for the acts of all "representatives of athletic interests" in relation to NCAA rules and regulations.

Prospective Student-Athlete

A prospective student-athlete is a student who has started classes for the ninth grade or above, including students in prep schools and junior colleges as well as students who have officially withdrawn from a four-year institution and plan to transfer to another institution. In addition, a student who has not started classes for the ninth grade becomes a prospective student-athlete if the institution or a booster provides the individual or the individual's relatives or friends with any financial assistance or benefits that the institution does not provide to prospective students in general. A good rule of thumb is to treat ALL STUDENTS as prospects.

Student-Athlete

A student-athlete is a student whose enrollment was solicited by a member of the athletic staff or other representative of athletic interests with a view toward the student's ultimate participation in the intercollegiate athletic program.

Contact

A contact is any face-to-face encounter between a prospect, or the prospect's parent or legal guardian, and an institutional staff member or athletic representative during which any dialogue occurs.

Recruiting

Recruiting is any solicitation of a prospect or a prospect's family member (or guardian) by an institutional staff member or by athletic representative of the institution, for the purpose of securing the prospect's enrollment and ultimate participation in the institution's intercollegiate athletic program.

Guidelines and Reminders for Boosters

- ▶ A booster may not contact the prospect, prospect's coach, principal or counselor in an attempt to evaluate or recruit the prospect.
- ▶ A booster may not expend funds to entertain or provide transportation for a prospective student-athlete, family members or friends.
- ▶ A booster may not become directly or indirectly involved in making arrangements for a prospect, or the prospect's relative or friends to receive money or financial aid of any kind.
- ▶ A booster may not contact a prospective student-athlete through letter writing, telephone calling or other forms of communication.

However, here are a few ways that a Husker booster may be involved:

- ▶ Do discuss summer employment opportunities with a prospect after he/she has signed a National Letter of Intent with the University of Nebraska.
- ▶ Do attend high school athletic events without contacting prospective student-athletes.
- ▶ Do continue existing friendships with families and friends of prospective student-athletes.
- ▶ Do send recommendation letters, newspaper clipping or similar information about prospective student-athletes to Husker coaches.

Extra Benefit Guidelines and Reminders for Boosters

Extra Benefit

An extra benefit is any special arrangement by an institutional employee or an athletic representative to provide a student-athlete or the student-athlete's relative or friend a benefit not expressly authorized by NCAA legislation.

Boosters may not provide any special arrangement considered to be an extra benefit by NCAA definition. Examples of extra benefits include but are not limited to:

- ▶ Providing cash or loans of any amount;
- ▶ Signing or co-signing for a loan or other forms of financial assistance;
- ▶ Providing the use of a telephone to make local or long distance calls;
- ▶ Transporting a student-athlete or providing the use of a vehicle;
- ▶ Providing free or reduced rent housing;
- ▶ Giving gifts of any kind (i.e. birthday, Christmas, Valentine's Day);
- ▶ Promising a student-athlete postgraduate education or employment;
- ▶ Offering free services (i.e. clothing, airline tickets, laundry, car repair, haircuts, restaurant meals);
- ▶ Providing payment to a student-athlete for a booster club speaking engagement;
- ▶ Providing employment for relatives or friends.

Here are a few ways that a Husker booster may help:

- ▶ Do invite a student-athlete to participate in non-profit, charitable or educational events.
- ▶ Do invite a student-athlete into your home for an occasional meal.
- ▶ Do contact the NU Athletic Compliance Office for approval prior to a student-athlete engaging in outside speaking or promotional activities.
- ▶ Do pay a student-athlete the commensurate rate for actual and legitimate employment.

For further information regarding NCAA Guidelines for Athletic Representatives, please contact the athletic compliance office at (402) 472-2042 or 1-(800) 927-7220. Inquiries may also be mailed to: Athletic Compliance Office, 300 West Stadium, P.O. Box 880219, Lincoln, NE, 68588-0219. Questions can also be faxed to (402) 472-4609 or e-mailed to compliance@huskers.unl.edu.

Big 12 Conference ... Continuing the Legacy

As the Big 12 Conference approaches the 10-year mark of its founding – Feb. 25, 1994 – the organization remains dedicated to celebrating student-athletes, competitive excellence, scholarship, sportsmanship and competitive equity.

These tenets remain firmly in place as the Big 12 seeks to maintain a leadership role in key areas within NCAA and international agencies' framework.

Dedicated to achieving the highest goals in the integration of academic and athletic endeavors, Baylor, Colorado, Iowa State, Kansas, Kansas State, Missouri, Nebraska, Oklahoma, Oklahoma State, Texas, Texas A&M and Texas Tech combined forces in 1994 to form the Big 12 Conference—a league covering seven states and encompassing over 40 million people (2000 U.S. census).

In particular, youngsters' welfare and the highest level of athletic competition for the 4,000-plus student-athletes in 21 sports are key goals for Big 12 members and sports administrators. The conference recognizes the accomplishments of our nation's future leaders as well as their academic and civic achievements.

Competing in these structures and other key areas helps enhance both the excitement and excellence of competition within the conference.

Along with competitive excellence, scholarship has been and continues to be a point of emphasis with the Big 12. There are 19 academic honor teams (first and second units), and the semiannual Commissioner's Honor Roll salutes student-athletes who achieved 3.0 averages (4.0 grading scale) in the semester previous to the announcement.

Each member institution also has a chance to nominate a male or female student-athlete for one of the prestigious Big 12 Conference postgraduate scholarships at the end of the academic year. More than 50 aspiring scholars have received over \$250,000 in financial aid during the first five years of the program.

Sportsmanship has been an item high on the Big 12 agenda since Commissioner Kevin Weiberg became the league's third chief executive in December, 1998. The conference developed and has maintained a Sportsmanship Statement that applies to all student-athletes, coaches and administrators throughout the league.

Providing a "level playing field" for participants in all Big 12 sports also figures into the competitive equity equation. This does not deny the potential for national team champions in any sport but seeks to provide an avenue in which up-and-coming student-athletes can display their top individual talents within the framework of conference and NCAA sports' guidelines.

These principles of fair play, sportsmanship, rules compliance, and national respect for each student-athlete and team within the Big 12 framework can give both fans and foes a greater respect for the types of people competing and coaching in the Big 12 Conference.

Big 12 schools and the conference office seek to provide national-class facilities for all levels of league championships, postseason tournaments and NCAA venues. They utilize Big 12 campus sites as well as buildings such as Kansas City's Kemper Arena, Arrowhead Stadium and Municipal Auditorium, San Antonio's Alamodome, St. Louis' Edward Jones Dome, Irving's Texas Stadium, Oklahoma City's Southwestern Bell Bricktown Ballpark, The Ballpark at Arlington, Dallas' American Airlines Center and Reunion Arena, among others.

Not only has the Big 12 fostered a spirit of conviviality and excitement with newfound rivalries, but the conference organization has given rise to several related, cooperative ventures in Big 12 cities with libraries, campus security organizations, Chambers of Commerce, tourism/visitors' bureaus, information exchanges, sports medicine associations and campus public information offices.

The solid athletic traditions at the 12 schools are evident as student-athletes have claimed more than 800 NCAA crowns and 169 national team championships. Commissioner Weiberg, acting in accord with the Big 12 Board of Directors, also has contracted most major championship sites and dates through the 2004-05



Kevin Weiberg
Commissioner

academic year. The league office has negotiated critical media (television/radio/print) contracts and ongoing bowl agreements.

In all, the Big 12 Conference serves as a conduit for student-athletes to compete at their best levels on a level playing field with the highest ideals of sportsmanship. The various governance groups within the league seek to keep these principles in the forefront as the Big 12 achieves continued national prominence.

Life skills for student-athletes and involvement in the Special Olympics have been integral parts of the Big 12 Conference mission since its inception.

Dr. Prentice Gautt, a trendsetter in college athletics, life skills, student services and community action, has been the driving force in both of these key areas since he joined the Big 12 staff as Associate Commissioner in March, 1995.

He is the liaison between the Student-Athletes Advisory Committee (SAAC) and the league's Board of Directors as this group of talented youngsters has provided feedback for Big 12 administrators, been a forum for inter-school discussion of issues and offered suggestions for future NCAA legislation. The SAAC has been proactive in assisting Gautt in guidelines for Big 12 academic honor teams, the Commissioner's Honor Roll and other areas of recognition for academic accomplishments.

Recent SAAC meetings also have included visits to children at area medical facilities as well as input for service projects for student-athletes throughout the league.

Besides such life skills areas as eligibility concerns, time spent between studies, events and practice sessions, placement in the business world or graduate school opportunities, the program emphasizes the "Total Person" concept in

Big 12 Staff Directory

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Conference Championship Teams

Nebraska's Big 12 Conference Championships

Since the Big 12 Conference began its inaugural athletic season in 1996, Nebraska has achieved substantial championship success. The Huskers have finished at the top of the league in nearly every sport, claiming 32 regular-season championships (25 percent) in six years. NU has won 16 conference championships in the past three years along with five Big 12 Tournament titles (two baseball, two soccer, one softball). Under Bill Byrne's leadership, Nebraska has won 64 regular-season conference championships and 16 postseason tournaments (since January 1993).

Men's Sports

Sport	League Titles (Years)	Tournament Titles (Years)*
Football	2 (1997, 1999)	N/A
Indoor Track	5 (1997, 1998, 2000, 2001, 2002)	N/A
Baseball	1 (2001)	3 (1999, 2000, 2001)
Outdoor Track	3 (1998, 1999, 2002)	N/A
Men's Totals	11 (18%)	3

Women's Sports

Sport	League Titles (Years)	Tournament Titles (Years)
Volleyball	5 (1996, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001)	N/A
Soccer	3 (1996, 1999, 2000)	4 (1996, 1998, 1999, 2000)
Gymnastics	5 (1997, 1998, 1999, 2001, 2002)	N/A
Indoor Track	3 (1997, 1999, 2001)	N/A
Swimming/Diving	2 (1997, 1998)	N/A
Outdoor Track	1 (2000)	N/A
Softball	2 (1998, 2001)	2 (1998, 2000)
Women's Totals	21 (32%)	6

Nebraska Totals .. 32 (25%)

* The Big 12 sponsors tournaments in baseball, wrestling, men's and women's basketball, men's and women's golf, soccer, softball and men's and women's tennis.

2001-02 Big 12 Championship Teams

Men's Sports Champion

Football	Colorado
Cross Country	Colorado
Basketball	Kansas
Indoor Track	Nebraska
Wrestling	Oklahoma
Swimming/Diving	Texas
Baseball	Texas
Golf	Texas
Outdoor Track	Nebraska
Tennis	Baylor

Women's Sports Champion

Cross Country	Colorado
Volleyball	Nebraska
Soccer	Texas
Basketball	Oklahoma
Gymnastics	Nebraska
Indoor Track	Texas
Swimming/Diving	Texas
Golf	Oklahoma State
Outdoor Track	Kansas State
Softball	Texas
Tennis	Texas



The Nebraska men's track and field team has won 13 of the last 18 indoor conference titles. Carl Myerscough (above) won the indoor national title in the shot put in 2002, while leading NU to a 14th-place finish at the NCAA indoor meet. The men placed 19th at the outdoor championships.

History/Future of Big 12 Conference Venues

	Football	M/W Basketball	Baseball
1996-97	St. Louis	Kansas City	Oklahoma City
1997-98	San Antonio	Kansas City	Oklahoma City
1998-99	St. Louis	Kansas City	Oklahoma City
1999-00	San Antonio	Kansas City	Oklahoma City
2000-01	Kansas City	Kansas City	Oklahoma City
2001-02	Dallas (Irving)	Kansas City	Arlington, Texas
2002-03	Houston	Dallas	Oklahoma City
2003-04	Kansas City	Dallas	Arlington, Texas
2004-05	TBD	Kansas City	Oklahoma City

several areas. "Stay in School," anti-violence messages, anti-drug/addictive behavior, "YES," and other programs in concert with the NCAA also have received emphasis from Gault and the hundreds of Big 12 student-athletes and administrators.

Both life skills and Special Olympics receive ample coverage in Big 12 publications through the corporate-sponsored Community Champions Awards featured weekly on the Big 12 Showcase telecasts. They also are given pregame and halftime scoreboard recognition slots at all conference schools, scholarship programs and a series of free clinics in such sports as youth football, soccer, volleyball, men's and women's basketball and baseball. A conference-wide printed and electronically distributed newsletter for life skills has been produced and categorizes many of the personal success stories in the league.

Special Olympics, the Big 12's charity of choice since May, 1996, has held a

special place in the hearts of many in the conference for years before the current association.

The Big 12 works closely with the statewide Special Olympics organizations in Colorado, Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska, Oklahoma and Texas to coordinate projects, provide information and invite Olympians to attend events such as media or fan appreciation days for various Big 12 sports.

For four decades current Big 12 members have provided facilities with a combined capacity of just over one million fans for Special Olympics competition in the always-popular sports of track and field, softball, swimming and diving, weightlifting and wrestling. The national program, which receives major funding from the extended family of late President John F. Kennedy and other worldwide charitable sources, has earned the title "Most Credible Charity in America" in a survey by Chronicle of Philanthropy and "Top Charity" among Time Magazine subscribers.

Specifically, some cooperative highlights of the Big 12 and Special Olympics have been public service announcements appearing on most league telecasts, donations to the charity by Big 12 student-athletes and fans, clinics with league coaches, student-athletes and the Olympians, and special seasonal camps in several sports. Both regionally and nationally, there has been Big 12 involvement in Special Olympics meetings. Conference schools and the league office also have helped to arrange for Big 12 head coaches, student-athletes and administrators to meet with their Special Olympics counterparts. Many Big 12 school dignitaries have devoted time to opening ceremonies and other events.

The extended chances to create dialogue, friendship and hugs among the Special Olympians and interested groups from Big 12 schools have brought both groups ample satisfaction as Olympians give it 110 percent, accept the results and receive the pride of competition.

Media Services and Information

Jeff Griesch Assistant SID Women's Basketball



Jeff Griesch enters his seventh year with the Nebraska sports information office and his fifth as an assistant sports information director. Griesch serves as the primary media contact for the Husker women's basketball team and the No. 3 contact for the Nebraska football team. He coordinates all aspects of media relations for the women's basketball team, including press and photo credentials, player and coach interviews and game-day management of the Bob Devaney Sports Center press room and statistical information, along with postgame interviews and releases.

Griesch also serves as a color commentator for the Nebraska women's basketball radio broadcasts on the Pinnacle Sports Network, and will serve as the television host for the Connie Yori Show for the first time in 2002-03. He is the senior editor in the sports information office, editing all of Nebraska's media and recruiting guides, while also serving as the content editor of the Red N White newsletter and the editor of the Nebraska Athletic Department Annual Report.

The 2001-02 Nebraska women's basketball guide ranked best in the district and 12th nationally by the College Sports Information Directors of America, bettering a 13th-place national finish in 1998-99. Griesch's 2000 Nebraska soccer guide was voted third best in the nation by CoSIDA, its fourth straight top-10 finish. In 1997-98, his Nebraska wrestling guide was voted "Best in the Nation" by *Amateur Wrestling News* and was ranked second by CoSIDA.

Griesch earned a bachelor's of journalism degree in news-editorial from UNL in 1996 and was the first two-time recipient of the CoSIDA/Wiley Smith Post-Graduate Scholarship. He is working toward a master's degree in English. Griesch and his wife, Emily, are originally from Wayne, Neb.

Nebraska Sports Information Office

In addition to Assistant Sports Information Director Jeff Griesch, other members of the Nebraska Sports Information Office are available to help media representatives with their coverage of the Husker women's basketball program.

The assistant athletic director/sports information director at the University of Nebraska is Chris Anderson. She is the primary contact for Nebraska football and directs all aspects of sports media relations. Associate Sports Information Director Keith Mann (football) and Assistant Sports Information Directors Jerry Trickle (men's basketball), Jeff Abele (publications), Shamus McKnight (baseball, internet) and Shannon Sherman (volleyball, softball) are other full-time staff members of the sports information office, along with Office Supervisor Vicki Cartwright.

Graduate intern Josh Maxson will provide primary assistance for women's basketball along with graduate student Emily Tyner. Graduate interns Erin Smith and Scott Bruhn and graduate assistants Emily Gatewood and Tim Giles, along with student assistants Jerod Dahlgren, Adam Froemming, Bret McVey, Lindsay Minch, Molly Merrell and Christian Summers will also provide assistance throughout the year.

Award-Winning Publications

The Nebraska Sports Information office is one of the best programs in the nation for producing award-winning media and recruiting guides for its 23 varsity sports. During the 2001-02 academic year, Nebraska earned a school-record 14 national publication awards to tie Tennessee for the most among all NCAA Division I schools. NU added 12 district awards to finish in a tie for second nationally with 26 publication awards from the College Sports Information Directors of America. Four Husker publications won national titles, including the Nebraska football

and men's gymnastics guides that earned "Best Cover" honors, along with the volleyball and wrestling guides, which were both voted "Best in the Nation" by CoSIDA. The football guide, football postseason guide, soccer guide, baseball guide, cross country guide, men's gymnastics guide and women's golf guide all finished among the top seven nationally, along with the football and soccer posters, which finished among the top five in the nation.

Big 12 Conference Media Relations

Assistant Media Relations Director Joni James coordinates women's basketball information and statistics for the Big 12 in Dallas, Texas. James compiles weekly statistical information for the conference, along with coordinating Big 12 Conference Player-of-the-Week honors and helping promote the accomplishments of Big 12 teams, players and coaches. James is also responsible for directing media services at the Big 12 Women's Basketball Tournament at Reunion Arena in Dallas, Texas, March 11-15.



Huskers.com – The Official Internet Site of the University of Nebraska Athletic Department

For the most up-to-the-minute coverage of Nebraska women's basketball on the world-wide web, click on Huskers.com, the official website of the University of Nebraska Athletic Department.

In addition to updated results, statistics and game stories, you can find photos, player and coach biographies, schedule and roster information and weekly releases on the Husker women's basketball program.

Huskers.com includes similar information on all of Nebraska's 23 varsity sports, along with general athletic department information. The site also features webcasts of football, men's and women's basketball, volleyball and baseball, along with Sports Nightly, which airs Monday-Friday, 6-8 p.m. central time. All of Nebraska's webcasts are produced by the Pinnacle Sports Network.

For home games that are broadcast live on the Pinnacle Sports Network and simulcast by Huskers.com, live stats from the game will accompany the call of the game.

HuskersNside.com

New in 2002-03, the Nebraska Athletic Department is also offering a premium subscription-based site to help Husker fans across the nation see their favorite teams in action. Using the most advanced video-streaming technology and video footage provided by HuskerVision, fans can see exclusive video and game action of Nebraska's teams. The Connie Yori Show, Nebraska's other coaches shows, as well as several women's basketball games, will be available to subscribers. Broadband internet service is required to enjoy all of the advantages of HuskersNside.com.

Media Information & Policies

The 2002-03 Nebraska Women's Basketball Media Guide is designed to assist the media in its coverage of Husker women's basketball. Additional information, including releases, photographs, slides and videotapes may be obtained by contacting the Nebraska Sports Information Office at (402) 472-2263.

Please take a moment to review the following policies and services, which are intended to assist you in your coverage of Nebraska women's basketball this season.

Media Credentials: All requests for press, broadcast, photo and parking credentials for Nebraska women's basketball home games should be directed to Jeff Griesch, Assistant Sports Information Director, P.O. Box 880123, 116 South Stadium, Lincoln, Neb., 68588-0123. Requests must be made in writing on appropriate letterhead at least one week before the game. Requests via fax are acceptable (send to Jeff Griesch, 402-472-2005).

As a general rule, working space is allocated on the following basis: (1) daily newspaper and wire-service writers covering for next-day publication; (2) radio and television personnel for broadcast origination; (3) sports editors of Nebraska daily newspapers; (4) official school student daily newspaper, one seat only; (5) approved special coverage; (6) press and TV working photographers.

Generally, weekly representatives, internet news services and non-originating radio representatives cannot be accommodated on press row because of space limitations.

Media Will Call

Media passes that are not mailed may be picked up at the will-call window, located under the south ramp of the Bob Devaney Sports Center. The will-call window opens 90 minutes before tipoff. Identification is required for credentials or tickets.

Media Parking

Parking for the media is located adjacent to the Bob Devaney Sports Center on the south side. The south street lot is accessible from Court Street, between 14th and 17th Streets.

Devaney Center Directions

The Bob Devaney Sports Center is located on the west edge of the Nebraska State Fairgrounds. To reach it from the Lincoln Municipal Airport, turn right on Northwest 12th Street as you drive out of the airport. Northwest 12th Street becomes Cornhusker Highway, which intersects with 14th Street. Exit south on 14th Street off Cornhusker Highway. Travel to Court Street, turn left, and go two blocks east to the arena, which is on the north side of Court Street. From Omaha's Eppley Airfield, follow the signs to downtown Omaha and I-480. Take I-480 west to I-80, then take I-80 west approximately 60 miles to I-180. Exit South on I-180, then exit east to Cornhusker Highway and follow the instructions above.

Player Interviews

All media requests for interviews with Nebraska women's basketball players should be directed to Assistant SID Jeff Griesch [office phone: (402) 472-2263] at least one day in advance. Players are usually available for telephone interviews early afternoons and evenings, except on game days. Nebraska's practices are closed, but interviews at the Bob Devaney Sports Center before or after practice can be arranged through the SID. Nebraska is tentatively scheduled to practice from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. in the first semester and from 3:30 to 6 p.m. in the second semester. With advance notice, interviews can be arranged for other hours.

Coach Connie Yori Interviews

The best time to reach Coach Connie Yori for an interview is weekdays after practice or through Women's Basketball SID Jeff Griesch. Interviews with Coach Yori should be scheduled through the Sports Information Office by calling (402) 472-2263. Coach Yori's office telephone number is (402) 472-6462. During the season, Yori and men's basketball coach Barry Collier will host a weekly press conference at the Bob Devaney Sports Center. Yori will also participate in the Big

12 Coaches teleconferences. Coach Yori will be the second coach on the call at 10:07 a.m. (Central) beginning on Jan. 7. The other teleconference dates include, Jan. 14, Jan. 21, Jan. 28, Feb. 4, Feb. 11, Feb. 18, Feb. 25, March 4 and March 18. Contact the Big 12 Service Bureau at (214) 742-1212 for more information. Media wishing to dial into the conference call should phone (913) 981-5508. A replay of the call is available at 4 p.m. by calling (402) 220-2956.

<u>Coach, School</u>	<u>Time</u>
Sherri Coale, Oklahoma	10 a.m.
Connie Yori, Nebraska	10:07 a.m.
Peggie Gillom, Texas A&M	10:14 a.m.
Cindy Stein, Missouri	10:21 a.m.
Jody Conradt, Texas	10:28 a.m.
Ceal Barry, Colorado	10:35 a.m.
Marian Washington, Kansas	10:42 a.m.
Marsha Sharp, Texas Tech	10:49 a.m.
Julie Goodenough, Oklahoma State	10:56 a.m.
Kim Mulkey-Robertson, Baylor	11:03 a.m.
Bill Fennelly, Iowa State	11:10 a.m.
Deb Patterson, Kansas State	11:17 a.m.

Postgame Interviews

The Nebraska postgame locker room is closed to the media at home games. For home games, NU's postgame news conference will be held in the Bob Devaney Sports Center Press Room following a brief cooling-off period. The press room is located off the southeast corner of the playing floor. The visiting team is housed in the visitor's locker room, located in the hallway off the northwest corner of the playing floor. Opposing coaches and players may be brought to the Nebraska interview room.

On the road, after the cooling-off period, Coach Connie Yori will be available in the postgame media gathering or outside the Huskers' locker room. Nebraska players will also be available as time permits. During the regular season, Yori will do her postgame radio show immediately after she leaves the locker room and before addressing the media in the press room or outside of the locker room when the Huskers are on the road.

Press Row Location

Press row for Nebraska basketball games is located on the south sideline of the playing floor, opposite the team benches. The old press row area, located above section C-12 on the south side of the arena, is used as an overflow area. The camera deck is located at the top of the arena, directly behind the old press box. Television crews broadcasting live may shoot from either floor level (northeast or southwest baselines) or the camera deck, but they may not occupy space in the C-12 press area. The press room is located off the hallway at the southeast corner of the playing floor.

Media Services

Pregame notes, programs and media guides will be provided before each game. Play-by-play sheets and final statistics will be distributed. Starting approximately 90 minutes before tipoff, a light meal and refreshments will be served in a designated hospitality area.

Radio/Television Broadcast Space

Requests for live radio and television broadcast space and credentials should be made to Jeff Griesch, Assistant Sports Information Director, 116 South Stadium, P.O. Box 880123, University of Nebraska, Lincoln, NE, 68588-0123, telephone (402) 472-2263. If statisticians are needed, please contact the SID Office at least three days in advance.

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Broadcast Rights

The University of Nebraska-Lincoln and Pinnacle Sports Productions own exclusive radio broadcast rights to all of the University of Nebraska women's basketball games. Other than the Pinnacle Sports Network and the University of Nebraska student station (KRNU), the only stations or networks that will be allowed to broadcast Nebraska games from the Bob Devaney Sports Center are those that have rights to broadcast games played by the opposing team. All radio stations and networks broadcasting from the Bob Devaney Sports Center must sign a contract with the University and are subject to a rights fee. Any representative of a radio station or network that has not purchased such rights shall not air live game action or description of any game while it is in progress, nor shall such representatives air tape-recorded or live commentary of Nebraska coaches or players for one hour before or after a game. Only stations that have purchased broadcast rights may install telephones on press row, or use telephones on press row for reporting on games. By accepting media credentials, representatives of stations and networks that have not purchased broadcast rights signify their agreement to the above stipulations. Nebraska provides four modular telephones in the Bob Devaney Sports Center Press Room. All long distance calls must be credit card, collect or billed to a third number. Any media source wishing to place a telephone on press row should contact University of Nebraska Telecommunications at (402) 472-2000 at least two weeks before the game.

Broadcast Telephone Lines

Visiting radio stations are welcome to have their own telephone lines installed on press row and may do so by contacting University of Nebraska Telecommunications (402) 472-2000. However, Pinnacle Sports Productions installs additional telephone lines for visiting official broadcasters or teams and charges a fee for the use of those lines for non-conference games (Big 12 official stations receive the use of the lines free of charge as part of a cooperative). Other stations interested in securing other lines should contact UNL Telecommunications at (402) 472-2000.

Pro Scouting Passes

Per Big 12 Conference rules, the University of Nebraska provides press row access or media credentials for scouts of professional basketball teams based on availability. If no space is available, scouts may arrange through the Sports Information Office (402) 472-2263 to purchase tickets for Nebraska home games. The tickets may be picked up at the will-call window.

Sports Information Office

The University of Nebraska Sports Information Office is located in Room 116 of the South Stadium Building, which is located at the south end of Memorial Stadium at Stadium Drive and T Streets. The South Stadium Building is approximately one mile from the Devaney Center.

Fax Access

The Nebraska Sports Information Office has an automatic facsimile machine which can transmit or receive documents. The phone number for the fax is (402) 472-2005. A facsimile machine is available in the Bob Devaney Sports Center following the game, and Sports Information Office personnel will send box scores free of charge as time permits.

Huskers.com

A simulcast of selected Nebraska women's basketball games on the Pinnacle Sports Radio Network will be broadcast live on the world-wide web at Huskers.com.

In addition to the play-by-play radio simulcast, real-time statistics, complete

results, releases, and team information can be obtained on the official site of the Nebraska Athletic Department, Huskers.com.

The Pinnacle Sports Radio Network

Pinnacle Sports Productions is in its seventh year of producing live broadcasts of University of Nebraska sporting events, including women's basketball. Pinnacle began its original contract with Nebraska in 1996-97 and renewed the contract through July 31, 2006.

The Huskers' contract with the Pinnacle Sports Network gives Nebraska one of the most lucrative and extensive radio networks in the nation. The contract includes exclusive radio broadcast rights to Nebraska football, men's and women's basketball, volleyball, baseball and softball.

Pinnacle heads up a large network of state and national affiliates, which allows Husker games to be heard statewide and in various areas of the United States. As of press time, Pinnacle Sports had a 21-station network, including 20 in Nebraska and one in Iowa, for Husker women's basketball. The games can also be heard live on the Internet by accessing Nebraska's home page at Huskers.com. In addition to broadcasting Husker games, Pinnacle Sports also provides a daily, live call-in show focusing on NU athletics and other area sports. The on-air talent for Nebraska women's basketball will be Matt Coatney, a veteran sportscaster who enters his second full season as the play-by-play voice of the Huskers, and Jeff Griesch will provide color commentary for the fourth season. Gary Sharp will play host to a weekly radio show with Coach Connie Yori.

Coach Yori's radio show can be heard statewide on the network on Thursday nights throughout the season. The show, which begins in November and continues through the end of the season, is aired from 6-7 p.m.

2002-03 Pinnacle Sports Network Stations

Ainsworth	KBRB-1400AM
Alliance	KCOW-1400AM
Aurora	KRGY-97.3FM
Beatrice	KWBE-1450AM
Broken Bow	KCNI-1280AM
Chadron	KCSR-610AM
Falls City	KTNC-1230AM
Fremont	KHUB-1340AM
Grand Island	KRGI-1430AM
Kearney	KGFW-1340AM
Lexington	KRVN-880AM
Lincoln	KLIN-1400AM
North Platte	KODY-1240AM
Omaha	KFAB-1110AM
Scottsbluff	KNEB-960AM
Sidney	KSID-1340AM
Sioux City, Iowa	KMNS-620AM
Valentine	KVSH-940AM
West Point	KTIC-840AM
West Point	KWPN-107.9FM
York	KAWL-1370AM

Husker Basketball Media Outlets

Print Media

Omaha World-Herald

Steve Sinclair (SE)
Liz Merrill (WBB writer)
Tom Shatel (Columnist)
14th & Dodge
Omaha, NE 68102
(402) 444-1000
Fax: 344-3343

Lincoln Bureau
P.O. Box 80866
Lincoln, NE 68501
(402) 476-3132
Fax: 476-6281

Lincoln Journal Star

John Mabry (SE)
Brian Rosenthal (WBB writer)
926 P St.
Lincoln, NE 68508
(402) 473-7431
Fax: 473-7291

Associated Press

Kevin O'Hanlon
909 North 96th St., Suite 104
Omaha, NE 68114
(402) 391-0031
Fax: 391-1412

Daily Nebraskan (Student)

University of Nebraska
20 Nebraska Union
Lincoln, NE 68588-0448
(402) 472-1765
Fax: 472-1761

Beatrice Daily Sun

Jane White (SE)
200 North 7th
Beatrice, NE 68310
(402) 223-5233
Fax: 228-3571

Columbus Telegram

Don Strecker (SE)
P.O. Box 648
Columbus, NE 68602
(402) 564-2741
Fax: 563-7500

Fremont Tribune

Brent Wasenius (SE)
P.O. Box 9
Fremont, NE 68026
(402) 721-5000
Fax: 721-8047

Grand Island Independent

Terry Douglass (SE)
P.O. Box 1208
Grand Island, NE 68801
(308) 382-1000
Fax: 382-8129

Hastings Tribune

Kyle Svec (SE)
908 West 2nd
Hastings, NE 68901
(402) 462-2131
Fax: 462-2184

KearneyHub

Buck Mahoney (SE)
13 East 22nd
Kearney, NE 68847
(308) 237-2152
Fax: 233-9745

McCook Gazette

John Mesh (SE)
P.O. Box 1268
McCook, NE 69001
(308) 345-4500
Fax: 345-7881

Nebraska City News-Press

Kirt Manion (SE)
806 Central Ave.
Nebraska City, NE 68410
(402) 873-3334
Fax: 873-5436

Norfolk Daily News

Jay Prauner (SE)
525 Norfolk Ave.
Norfolk, NE 68701
(402) 371-1020
Fax: 371-5802

North Platte Telegraph

Kristi Nixon (SE)
621 North Chestnut St.
North Platte, NE 69101
(308) 532-6000
Fax: 532-9268

Scottsbluff Star-Herald

Jeff Fielder (SE)
Box 1709
Scottsbluff, NE 69363
(308) 632-9000
Fax: 635-9003

York News-Times

Ken Kush (SE)
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York, NE 68467
(402) 362-4478
Fax: 362-6748

Huskers Illustrated

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Lincoln, NE 68521
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Babcock: (402) 477-8053
Fax: (402) 474-5132

Nebraska Sports America

Kathryn Trim (Editor)
3610 Dodge St., Suite 210
Omaha, NE 68131
(402) 341-2444
Fax: 345-1233

Television Stations

KOLN-TV (CBS, Chs. 10/11)

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40th and W St.
Lincoln, NE 68503
(402) 467-9270
Fax: 467-9208

KLKN (ABC, Channel 8)

Matt Kelly (SD), Matt Sacks
3240 So. 10th Street
Lincoln, NE 68502
(402) 436-2251
Fax: 436-2236

KMTV (CBS, Ch. 3)

Travis Justice (SD), Kevin Jenks
10714 Mockingbird
Omaha, NE 68127
(402) 592-4330
Fax: 592-4714

KETV (ABC, Ch. 7)

Jon Schuetz (SD)
Sean McMahon, Mike Sigmund
27th & Douglas
Omaha, NE 68131
(402) 978-8958
Fax: 978-8931

WOWT (NBC, Ch. 6)

Dave Webber (SD)
Merlyn Klaus, Ross Jernstrom
3501 Farnam
Omaha, NE 68131
(402) 233-7940
Fax: 346-6740

KPTM (Fox, Ch. 42)

JJ Davis (SD), Peter Thompson
4625 Farnam
Omaha, NE 68132
(402) 554-4286
Fax: 554-4292

KHAS-TV (NBC, Ch. 5)

Ed Littler (SD)
P.O. Box 578
Hastings, NE 68901
(402) 463-1321
Fax: 463-6551

NTV (ABC, Ch. 13)

Jeff Russo (SD)
P.O. Box 220
Kearney, NE 68848
(308) 743-2494
Fax: 743-2644

KNOP-TV (NBC, Ch. 2)

Joe Swift (SD)
P.O. Box 749
North Platte, NE 69101
(308) 532-2222
Fax: 532-9579

KDUH-TV (NBC, Ch. 4)

Victor Quick (SD)
P.O. Box 1529
Scottsbluff, NE 69363
(308) 632-3071
Fax: 632-3596

KSTF-TV (CBS, Ch. 10)

Roxanne Klass (SD)
3385 North 10th St.
Gering, NE 69341
(308) 632-6107
Fax: (308) 632-3470

KCAU-TV (ABC, Ch. 9)

Tim Seamon (SD)
675 Douglas St.
Sioux City, IA 51101
(712) 277-2345
Fax: 277-4298

KUON-TV (PBS, Ch. 12)

Jim Carmichael (Producer)
1800 North 33rd
Lincoln, NE 68583-0747
(402) 472-3611
Fax: 472-5347

Radio Stations

Pinnacle Sports Productions

Paul Aaron (President)
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Phone: (402) 332-0065
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John Bishop (program director)
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Lincoln, NE 68510
(402) 475-4567
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KKAR (1290AM)

1001 Farnam Street
Omaha, NE 68102
(402) 342-2000
Fax: 342-7041

KFAB (1110AM)**

5010 Underwood
Omaha, NE 68132
(402) 556-8000
Fax: 556-8937

KFOR (1240AM)

6900 Van Dorn, Suite 11
Lincoln, NE 68506
(402) 483-5100
Fax: 483-4095

KRNU (90.3 FM)

Rick Alloway (Station Manager)
University of Nebraska
201 Andersen Hall
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(402) 472-3054
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Lincoln affiliate for Husker Women's
Basketball
**-Pinnacle Sports Radio Network
Omaha affiliate for Husker Women's
Basketball

2002-03 Nebraska Roster

Numerical Roster

No.	Player	Yr.	Ht.	Pos.	Hometown (High School/Other School)
1	Greichaly Cepero**	Jr.	6-2	F	Dorado, Puerto Rico (McDonogh, Owings Mills, Md.)
5	Lacey Hanson	So.	5-10	G	Omaha, Neb. (Ralston)
10	Kala Sledge	Fr.	5-6	G	Omaha, Neb. (Westside)
12	Amanda Cleveland***	Sr.	6-2	C	Lancaster, Texas (Lancaster)
20	Jina Johansen*	So.	5-7	G	Dannebrog, Neb. (Centura)
22	Margaret Richards**	Sr.	5-9	G	Louisville, Ky. (Central)
24	Shahidrah Roberts***	Sr.	5-9	G	Overland Park, Kan. (Blue Valley North)
42	Alexa Johnson**	Jr.	6-1	F	Hacienda Heights, Calif. (Los Altos)
44	Keasha Cannon*	Sr.	5-10	G	Kansas City, Kan. (Washington/Penn Valley, Mo., CC)
52	Jamie Wendelin	Fr.	5-11	F	Gretna, Neb. (Gretna)
53	Katie Morse**	Jr.	6-4	C	Minden, Iowa (Tri-Center Community)

Alphabetical Roster

Player	No.	Yr.	Ht.	Pos.	Hometown (High School/Other School)
Cannon, Keasha*	44	Sr.	5-10	G	Kansas City, Kan. (Washington/Penn Valley, Mo., CC)
Cepero, Greichaly**	1	Jr.	6-2	F	Dorado, Puerto Rico (McDonogh, Owings Mills, Md.)
Cleveland, Amanda***	12	Sr.	6-2	C	Lancaster, Texas (Lancaster)
Hanson, Lacey	5	So.	5-10	G	Omaha, Neb. (Ralston)
Johansen, Jina*	20	So.	5-7	G	Dannebrog, Neb. (Centura)
Johnson, Alexa**	42	Jr.	6-1	F	Hacienda Heights, Calif. (Los Altos)
Morse, Katie**	53	Jr.	6-4	C	Minden, Iowa (Tri-Center Community)
Richards, Margaret**	22	Sr.	5-9	G	Louisville, Ky. (Central)
Roberts, Shahidrah***	24	Sr.	5-9	G	Overland Park, Kan. (Blue Valley North)
Sledge, Kala	10	Fr.	5-6	G	Omaha, Neb. (Westside)
Wendelin, Jamie	52	Fr.	5-11	F	Gretna, Neb. (Gretna)

Position Legend: G--Guard; F--Forward; C--Center

*--denotes letter earned at Nebraska.

Nebraska Coaching Staff

Head Coach: Connie Yori (Creighton, 1986)

Assistant Coaches: Amy Stephens (Nebraska, 1991), Angela Timmons (Creighton, 2001), John Filar (Westminster College, 1974)

Director of Basketball Operations: Micah Parker (Concordia, 1991)

Administrative Assistant: Naciska Gilmore (Nebraska, 2000)

Husker Homes

The 11 members of the 2002-03 Husker women's basketball team come to Nebraska from six states across America and Puerto Rico.

California (1): Alexa Johnson

Kansas (2): Keasha Cannon, Shahidrah Roberts

Kentucky (1): Margaret Richards

Nebraska (4): Lacey Hanson, Jina Johansen, Kala Sledge, Jamie Wendelin

Iowa (1): Katie Morse

Puerto Rico (1): Greichaly Cepero

Texas (1): Amanda Cleveland

Husker Pronunciation Guide

Greichaly Cepero	GRAY-shuh-Lee Suh-PAIR-o
Jina Johansen	JEE-na joe-HAN-son
Shahidrah Roberts	Shuh-HEE-druh
Kala Sledge	KAY-luh
Jamie Wendelin	WEN-duh-lin

Huskers By Class

Senior (4): Keasha Cannon, Amanda Cleveland, Margaret Richards, Shahidrah Roberts

Juniors (3): Greichaly Cepero, Alexa Johnson, Katie Morse

Sophomores (2): Lacey Hanson, Jina Johansen

Freshmen (2): Kala Sledge, Jamie Wendelin

2002-03 Husker Women's Basketball Schedule

<u>Date</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	<u>Site</u>	<u>Time</u>
Nov. 10	Sunday	West Coast All-Stars (exhibition)	Bob Devaney Sports Center	2:05 p.m.
Nov. 17	Sunday	Nebraska-Kearney (exhibition)	Bob Devaney Sports Center	2:05 p.m.
Nov. 22	Friday	Grambling State	Bob Devaney Sports Center	7:05 p.m.
Nov. 24	Sunday	Rice	Bob Devaney Sports Center	2:05 p.m.
Dec. 1	Sunday	at Creighton	Omaha, Neb.	3:05 p.m.
Dec. 5	Thursday	Drake	Bob Devaney Sports Center	7:05 p.m.
Dec. 9	Monday	Texas Southern	Bob Devaney Sports Center	7:05 p.m.
Dec. 11	Wednesday	Cal State Fullerton	Bob Devaney Sports Center	7:05 p.m.
Dec. 15	Sunday	Cincinnati	Bob Devaney Sports Center	2:05 p.m.
Dec. 22	Sunday	New Orleans	Bob Devaney Sports Center	2:05 p.m.
Dec. 28-30	Saturday-Monday	at Surf & Slam Hoop Classic	San Diego, Calif.	
Dec. 28	Saturday	at San Diego	San Diego, Calif.	10 p.m.
Dec. 30	Monday	Penn State or Kent State	San Diego, Calif.	8 or 10 p.m.
Jan. 5	Sunday	Texas-Pan American	Bob Devaney Sports Center	2:05 p.m.
Jan. 11	Saturday	Oklahoma# (FOX Sports Net)	Bob Devaney Sports Center	Noon
Jan. 14	Tuesday	at Colorado#	Boulder, Colo.	8 p.m.
Jan. 19	Sunday	Kansas State#	Bob Devaney Sports Center	2:05 p.m.
Jan. 22	Wednesday	at Missouri#	Columbia, Mo.	7 p.m.
Jan. 25	Saturday	Iowa State#	Bob Devaney Sports Center	7:05 p.m.
Jan. 29	Wednesday	at Kansas#	Lawrence, Kan.	7:05 p.m.
Feb. 1	Saturday	at Oklahoma State#	Stillwater, Okla.	2 p.m.
Feb. 5	Wednesday	Baylor#	Bob Devaney Sports Center	7:05 p.m.
Feb. 8	Saturday	Missouri#	Bob Devaney Sports Center	7:05 p.m.
Feb. 12	Wednesday	at Kansas State#	Manhattan, Kan.	7 p.m.
Feb. 15	Saturday	at Texas A&M#	College Station, Texas	2 p.m.
Feb. 19	Wednesday	Kansas#	Bob Devaney Sports Center	7:05 p.m.
Feb. 22	Saturday	at Texas#	Austin, Texas	1 p.m.
Feb. 26	Wednesday	Texas Tech#	Bob Devaney Sports Center	7:05 p.m.
March 1	Saturday	at Iowa State	Ames, Iowa	2 p.m.
March 5	Wednesday	Colorado#	Bob Devaney Sports Center	7:05 p.m.
March 11-15	Tuesday-Saturday	at Big 12 Tournament	Dallas, Texas (Reunion Arena)	TBA
March 22-25	Friday-Monday	NCAA First & Second Rounds	Campus Sites	TBA
		Colorado, Kansas State, Texas Tech, Oklahoma, Penn State, Purdue, Stanford, Old Dominion, Connecticut, Oregon, North Carolina State, Cincinnati, Georgia, Louisiana Tech, Tennessee, New Mexico		
March 29-April 1	Saturday-Tuesday	NCAA Regionals	Four Regional Sites	TBA
March 29-31	Saturday-Monday	NCAA Mideast Region	Knoxville, Tenn.	TBA
March 29-31	Saturday-Monday	NCAA Midwest Region	Albuquerque, N.M.	TBA
March 30-April 1	Sunday-Tuesday	NCAA East Region	Dayton, Ohio	TBA
March 30-April 1	Sunday-Tuesday	NCAA West Region	Stanford, Calif.	TBA
April 6-8	Sunday-Tuesday	NCAA Final Four	Atlanta, Ga. (Georgia Dome)	TBA

Big 12 Conference Game

Note: Home games in **bold** at the Bob Devaney Sports Center located at 14th and Court streets. All times are Central and subject to change. For ticket information call **1-800-8BIGRED** or on-line at **Huskers.com**.

2002-03 Husker Travel Plans

Nebraska at Creighton

Depart: Nov. 30 Return: Dec. 1
 Doubletree Hotel
 1616 Dodge Street
 Omaha, NE 68102
 (402) 346-7600
 (402) 346-5722
 Travel Mode: Charter Bus

Surf & Slam Hoop Classic

Depart: Dec. 26 Return: Dec. 31
 Four-Star Westin Horton Plaza
 910 Broadway Circle
 San Diego, CA 92101
 Phone: (619) 239-2200
 Fax: (619) 239-0509
 Travel Mode: Commerical Flight

Nebraska at Colorado

Depart: Jan. 13 Return: Jan. 14
 Omni Interlocken Resort
 500 Interlocken Blvd.
 Broomfield, CO 80021
 Phone: (303) 438-6600
 Fax: (303) 438-7224
 Travel Mode: Charter Flight

Nebraska at Missouri

Depart: Jan. 21 Return: Jan. 22
 Holiday Inn Select
 2200 I 70 Drive Southwest
 Columbia, MO 65203
 Phone: (573) 445-8531
 Fax: (573) 446-1159
 Travel Mode: Charter Flight

Nebraska at Kansas

Depart: Jan. 28 Return: Jan. 29
 Spring Hill Suites by Marriott
 One Riverfront Plaza #300
 Lawrence, KS 66044
 Phone: (785) 841-2700
 Fax: (785) 841-2700
 Travel Mode: Bus

Nebraska at Oklahoma State

Depart: Jan. 31 Return: Feb. 1
 Best Western Stillwater
 600 East McElroy
 Stillwater, OK 74075
 Phone: (405) 377-7010
 Fax: (405) 743-1686
 Travel Mode: Charter Flight

Nebraska at Kansas State

Depart: Feb. 11 Return: Feb. 12
 Ramada Inn Plaza
 1641 Anderson Avenue
 Manhattan, KS 66502
 Phone: (785) 539-7531
 Fax: (785) 539-3909
 Travel Mode: Charter Bus

Nebraska at Texas A&M

Depart: Feb. 14 Return: Feb. 15
 Courtyard by Marriott
 3939 State Highway 6 S
 College Station, TX 77850
 Phone: (979) 695-8111
 Fax: (979) 695-8225
 Travel Mode: Charter Flight

Nebraska at Texas

Depart: Feb. 21 Return: Feb. 22
 Austin Marriott at the Capitol
 701 East 11th Street
 Austin, TX 78701
 Phone: (512) 404-6946
 Fax: (512) 479-6458
 Travel Mode: Charter Flight

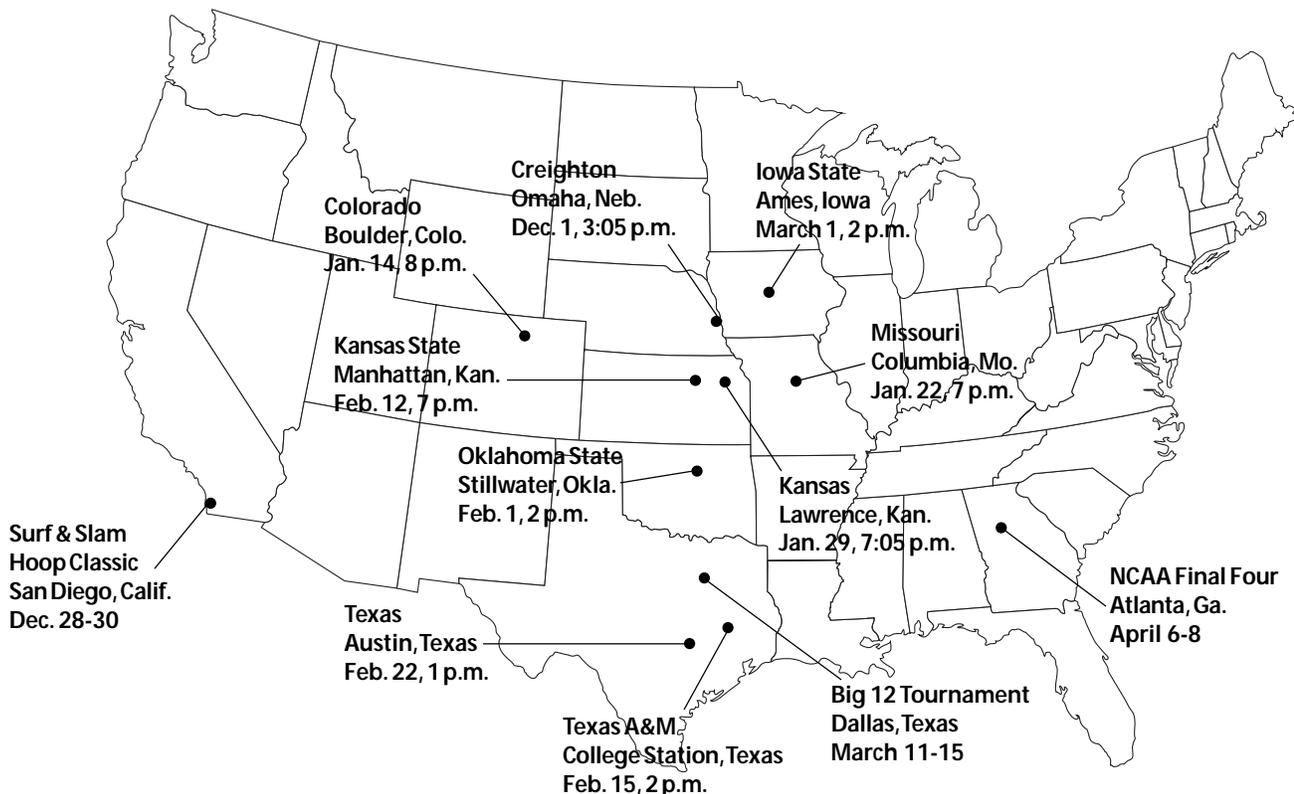
Nebraska at Iowa State

Depart: Feb. 28 Return: March 1
 The Hotel at Gateway
 U.S. Hwy 30 & Elwood Drive
 Ames, IA 50010
 Phone: (515) 268-2200
 Fax: (515) 268-2224
 Travel Mode: Charter Bus

Big 12 Tournament

Depart: March 9 Return: TBA
 Doubletree Campbell Centre
 8250 North Central Expressway
 Dallas, TX 75206
 Phone: (214) 691-8700
 Fax: (214) 706-0186
 Travel Mode: Charter Flight

Husker Travel Destinations



Note: All game times listed on the map are Central time and subject to change.

Yori Enters First Season as Nebraska's Head Coach

The Nebraska women's basketball program entered a new era in June of 2002, when Connie Yori was named the ninth head coach in the history of the program.

Yori did not have to come far to make her home in Lincoln. A native Midwesterner, Yori spent the past 10 seasons as the head coach of the Creighton Bluejays, a team she led to the Missouri Valley Conference regular-season and tournament titles in 2001-02.

For her team's 24-7 overall record, 16-2 conference mark, and automatic bid into the NCAA Tournament, Yori was named the Missouri Valley Conference Coach of the Year in 2002.

Although Creighton returns all five starters from last year's club that could be the best in school history in 2002-03, Yori chose to make the 50-mile journey west down Interstate-80 to become the head coach of the Huskers.

"I am proud of my years at Creighton, but I am prouder of the relationships that I was able to build with my players," Yori said. "Creighton will always be very special to me because before I was a head coach, I was an assistant, and before I was an assistant I was a player there."

Despite Yori's strong ties to Creighton, she said the decision to become Nebraska's head coach was a tremendous opportunity.

"I believe that the University of Nebraska has the resources to become one of the top basketball programs in the nation," Yori said. "With the amazing support from the administration and the strength that comes from being part of the Big 12 Conference, I think Nebraska can become a factor in the Big 12 and nationally. It may take a little time, but I'm confident we can get there as a team."

Yori's team approach involves building strong, individual relationships with her players.

"I have always believed that one of my personal strengths was relating to my players not only as a basketball coach, but as a former student-athlete," Yori said. "I know the kind of commitment and sacrifices it takes to be a college basketball player, but I also understand what a great opportunity a college scholarship can provide to a young person."

"Through my experiences with players over 20 years of being around college basketball, I know I can provide players with the perspective to help them not only as players and students, but also as women preparing for life after college."

Yori's ability to bond with her players might be best demonstrated with one of the members of her first coaching staff at Nebraska. Assistant coach Angela Timmons was recruited out of high school in Des Moines, Iowa, to play guard for Yori at Creighton.



Sophomore point guard Jina Johansen will provide a young nucleus for the Huskers to build around in the future. The Dannebrog, Neb., native started the final six games of the regular season as a true freshman in 2001-02.

Timmons, who played in more than 100 games in her Bluejay career and finished among the top 10 scorers in school history, said Yori's desire and dedication were inspirational to her as a player and an assistant coach.

"Coach Yori was always there for me and my teammates, and we had great respect for her because we knew that she genuinely cared about us not only as players, but as people," Timmons said. "After I graduated in 2001, she believed in me enough to offer me a full-time assistant coaching job right out of college."

"I followed her to Nebraska because I know that she can build this program into something that the entire state can be proud of, just like she did at Creighton."

Yori and the Huskers will begin the building process with a team short on depth in 2002-03.

But Nebraska does have a solid nucleus of hard-working players to build around, including sophomore Jina Johansen, juniors Katie Morse and Alexa Johnson, and seniors Margaret Richards and Amanda Cleveland.

Johansen, a sophomore point guard from Dannebrog, Neb., proved herself as a leader as a true

freshman, starting Nebraska's final six regular-season games.

Johansen led the Huskers to their biggest win of the season, a 67-52 victory over No. 11 Kansas State, in her first career start. Against the Wildcats, Johansen played a career-high 39 minutes, scoring four points and dishing out a career-best nine assists.

Johansen's leadership and tenacity on defense also helped shut down one of the Big 12's most potent offenses, holding the Wildcats to just 52 points and 35.8 percent shooting.

"We are going to need Jina to step in and do some more scoring, while also distributing the ball like she did so well last season," Yori said. "Jina is a smart player, and I think she will find a way to make this basketball team better."

While Johansen leads the Huskers in the backcourt, Morse will be looked to for leadership inside for Nebraska. The 6-4 center from Minden, Iowa, started Nebraska's first 10 games last season, before watching her minutes decrease during conference play, while the Huskers experimented with a smaller lineup during league play.

For the season, Morse averaged nearly three points and three rebounds per game, while ranking second on the club in blocked shots.

A solid defender with a nice shooting touch, Morse also owns one of Nebraska's top work ethics. Her ability to improve her game could help keep the Huskers competitive throughout the season.

"Katie Morse is going to have a chance to prove herself this season," Yori said. "She is going to be someone we need to count on inside as the season goes on because we lack size inside."

Morse averaged fewer than 20 minutes per game as a sophomore, but may need to play more than 30 minutes per contest for the Huskers to be successful.

Like Morse, Johnson also averaged fewer than 20 minutes per game as a sophomore last season. The junior from Hacienda Heights, Calif., was voted Nebraska's most improved player last season, averaging nearly seven points and four rebounds per game as a part-time starter.

The 6-1 forward's ability to make the move from the bench to the starting lineup could go along way toward helping the Huskers succeed this season.

"Alexa Johnson has a chance to become a really solid basketball player in the Big 12 this season," Yori said. "Last year, she averaged only about 16 or 17 minutes per game, and we might need her to stay on the floor for 33 or 34 minutes per game. Fitness is

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definitely going to be a factor this year, not just for Alexa but for all of our players."

Morse and Johnson will be backed inside by Cleveland. The sixth-year senior from Lancaster, Texas, saw the most significant playing time of her career last season after battling back from a life-threatening illness.

Cleveland, who missed nearly three full seasons with aplastic anemia, a blood disorder that inhibits the body's ability to produce red blood cells, averaged better than two points and two rebounds per game last season in nearly eight minutes per game.

Cleveland's impressive natural physical skills are limited by the extreme fatigue caused by the illness. The Huskers hope the 6-2 center can supply 10 to 15 minutes per game.

Richards joins Cleveland in the senior class, and like Cleveland, owns impressive physical abilities. One of the fastest female athletes in Nebraska history, Richards has shown flashes of explosiveness throughout her two-year career. The 5-9 senior from Louisville, Ky., has appeared in 59 games with 13 starts over the last two seasons, averaging 5.2 points and 2.6 rebounds in her career. While being able to drive to the basket, Richards also has the ability to hit from outside, connecting on 35 career three-pointers.

"Margaret has really been a bright spot for us," Yori said. "As her fitness level improves, she is going to become a better basketball player, and she is going to get a chance to play a lot of minutes for us this season."

Another senior, Shahidrah Roberts, adds even more experience to the mix at the swing position. Roberts missed Nebraska's final 18 games last season with an ankle injury, but off-season surgery could allow Roberts to return this season.

When Roberts is healthy, she has been one of Nebraska's most explosive players. As a sophomore, Roberts averaged 6.0 points and 3.3 rebounds per game in 29 contests, including 12 starts, despite battling a pair of sprained ankles throughout the season. Roberts' effort as a sophomore, included a 21-point outburst at Texas A&M.

True freshman Jamie Wendelin may also factor into the mix for the Huskers.

Wendelin, a 5-11 forward from Gretna, Neb., is the only scholarship member of Nebraska's freshman class. The Class B all-stater at Gretna High School averaged 16 points, eight rebounds, four assists and five steals to help Gretna to the state semifinals in 2002.

"We need some players to step up and give us some scoring and rebounding at the three-guard position," Yori said. "We have some capable players, but we need to develop some consistency and confidence. It will be important for Shahidrah and Margaret to stay healthy."

While Wendelin may contend for playing time at small forward, Husker freshmen walk-ons Kala Sledge and Lacey Hanson will provide depth in the backcourt.

The Omaha natives will provide the Huskers with support in practice and in game action. Their presence could become even more important on a

roster that lists just 11 players heading into the season.

One of those 11 is two-sport star Greichaly Cepero, who will try to help the NU volleyball team to its third consecutive appearance in the NCAA semifinals. Cepero's commitments with the volleyball program are expected to keep her away from most of the Huskers' non-conference basketball schedule.

Cepero played in Nebraska's final 16 games in 2001-02, averaging 3.2 points and 3.3 rebounds per game in a reserve role. Last season, Cepero saw her minutes per game cut nearly in half as the coaching staff tried to give her a season to work on her ball-handling and shooting skills.

As a basketball freshman, Cepero averaged 25.6 minutes per game, while scoring 6.1 points and 5.3 rebounds per contest. She also pitched in 20 blocked shots. As a sophomore, she played just 12.7 minutes per game. She could see her playing time increase again this season because of Nebraska's decreased depth inside.

The Huskers will use a non-conference schedule that features four games against 2002 NCAA Tournament teams and another contest against a WNIT qualifier, to prepare for the rugged Big 12 Conference schedule.

Nebraska will also get to stay close to the friendly confines of the Devaney Center for almost all of November and December, playing eight of its 11 non-conference games at home and a ninth game against Creighton down the road in Omaha on Dec. 1.

The Huskers' only journey outside the state of Nebraska during the non-conference season will be a two-game trip to San Diego for the Surf & Slam Hoop Classic, Dec. 28-30.

The Big 12 Conference should prove to be one of the nation's best again in 2002-03. Seven Big 12 schools hosted first- and second-round NCAA Tournament games last season, and five advanced to the Sweet 16, including national runner-up Oklahoma, Elite Eight qualifier Colorado, and Sweet 16 teams Texas Tech, Texas and Kansas State. Iowa State and Baylor also won their first-round home games, before losing in the second round.

Kansas State, Texas Tech and Texas should be the most-experienced clubs in the league, while Colorado, Iowa State, Oklahoma and Baylor are expected to battle for NCAA bids again. Oklahoma State, Missouri, Texas A&M and Missouri should also be improved squads from a year ago.

"The Big 12 is going to be a great challenge for us," Yori said. "It is definitely one of the best leagues in the nation."



Junior center Katie Morse will be counted on to supply a major presence inside for the Huskers. The 6-4 center from Minden, Iowa, started 12 games for Nebraska last season.