



OFFENSIVE FIREPOWER

The Nebraska offense has been one of the nation's most explosive over the past two seasons under the direction of offensive coordinator Shawn Watson (right). Watson has a proven track record of success in the Big 12 Conference and Nebraska has set a number of offensive school records over the past two seasons.

- Nebraska averaged 450.8 yards per game in 2008 to rank 12th nationally in total offense. The Huskers finished ninth nationally in 2007 with an average of nearly 470 yards per game. The total offensive averages the past two seasons are Nebraska's best since 2001.
- Nebraska featured one of the nation's most balanced attacks in 2008. The Huskers were one of just nine teams in the nation to rank in the top 40 in rushing, passing, scoring and total offense.
- Nebraska has ranked in the top 15 nationally in passing offense each of the past two seasons, including seventh in 2007 and 15th in 2008.



QUARTERBACKS

QUARTERBACKS THRIVE IN NEBRASKA OFFENSE

- Quarterbacks have been prolific in the Nebraska offense in recent years. In 2008, senior quarterback Joe Ganz set Nebraska single-season records for passing yards, completion percentage and total offense. Ganz set 23 Nebraska school records and also ranks second in season touchdown passes, career touchdown passes and career passing yards.
- Ganz finished his career fourth among active quarterbacks in pass efficiency rating, trailing only 2008 Heisman Trophy finalists Sam Bradford, Colt McCoy and Tim Tebow.

TOP 10 NEBRASKA PASSING GAMES

QUARTERBACKS IN THE NEBRASKA OFFENSE HAVE PRODUCED RECORD-SETTING PASSING TOTALS



1. Joe Ganz, vs. Kansas State, 2007	510 yards
2. Joe Ganz, at Colorado, 2007	484 yards
3. Sam Keller, vs. Ball State, 2007	438 yards
4. Zac Taylor, vs. Iowa State, 2005	431 yards
5. Joe Ganz, at Kansas, 2007	405 yards
6. Zac Taylor, vs. Kansas, 2006	395 yards
7. Zac Taylor, at Colorado, 2005	392 yards
8. Sam Keller, vs. USC, 2007	389 yards
9. Joe Ganz, at Texas Tech, 2008	349 yards
10. Joe Ganz vs. Western Michigan, 2008	345 yards

Bold indicates Shawn Watson on Nebraska staff

CAREER PASSING LEADERS

1. Zac Taylor	5,850 yards
2. Joe Ganz	5,125 yards
3. Dave Humm	5,035 yards

Top: Joe Ganz, Bottom: Zac Taylor



From left to right, Marlon Lucky, Roy Helu Jr., Mike McNeill and Todd Peterson

RUNNING BACKS

NEBRASKA RUNNING BACKS ARE ALL-PURPOSE THREATS IN THE NEBRASKA OFFENSE

- Nebraska running backs have flourished in the Huskers' diverse attack. I-back Marlon Lucky completed his Nebraska career ranked 17th on the Huskers' all-time rushing list and also ranked fourth in school history in career receptions. He posted 4,214 career all-purpose yards to rank fourth in Cornhusker history.
- Nebraska had three running backs produce at least 550 all-purpose yards last season, including Roy Helu Jr. and Quentin Castille who return for the 2009 season.
- Helu averaged 6.4 yards per carry in 2008, the best by a Nebraska running back with at least 100 carries since the 2000 season.
- Nebraska running backs have produced five 30-plus catch seasons in the past five years.
- Nebraska I-backs have 25 1,000-yard rushing seasons in school history.

WIDE RECEIVERS/TIGHT ENDS

- Nate Swift finished his Nebraska career in 2008 as the Huskers' all-time leader in receptions, while ranking second in season receptions, season receiving yards, career receiving yards, season touchdown receptions and career touchdown receptions.
- The Nebraska passing game distributes the ball as well as any offense in the country. Nebraska had 18 players catch a pass in 2008, the fourth-highest total of any school in the country.
- In 2008, at least seven players caught a pass in 11 of 13 games, and a school-record seven players caught at least 20 passes with four of those topping 30 receptions. Senior receivers Nate Swift and Todd Peterson recorded the second- and third-highest receptions totals in school history with 63 and 62 receptions, respectively.
- Mike McNeill returns for his junior season after setting a Nebraska tight end record with 32 catches in 2008, including six touchdown receptions.
- Nebraska players have produced eight 40-catch seasons in the last four years.

TOP RECEIVING SEASONS IN NEBRASKA HISTORY

NEBRASKA PLAYERS HAVE PRODUCED EIGHT 40-CATCH SEASONS IN THE LAST FOUR YEARS

1. Marlon Lucky, 2007	75 receptions
2. Nate Swift, 2008	63 receptions
3. Todd Peterson, 2008	62 receptions
4. Maurice Purify, 2007	57 receptions
5. Johnny Rodgers, 1972	55 receptions
6. Johnny Rodgers, 1971	53 receptions
7. Nate Swift, 2005	45 receptions
8. Terrence Nunn and Cory Ross, 2005	43 receptions
9. Terrence Nunn, 2006	42 receptions
10. Jeff Kinney, 1969	41 receptions

Bold indicates Shawn Watson as Nebraska offensive coordinator

CAREER RECEPTIONS

1. Nate Swift	166 receptions
2. Johnny Rodgers	143 receptions
3. Terrence Nunn	136 receptions

Top: Nate Swift, Bottom: Johnny Rodgers

