

Huskers Make 34th Consecutive Bowl Trip in 2002

Nebraska Meets Ole Miss in First-Ever Independence Bowl Appearance



Nebraska Head Coach Frank Solich

- ▶ 49-15 in five years with the Huskers
- ▶ has coached nine first-team All-Americans
- ▶ has had seven first-team Academic All-Americans in his tenure
- ▶ is 2-2 in bowl games
- ▶ guided Nebraska to the 1999 Big 12 title
- ▶ is coaching in his 24th consecutive bowl game with the Nebraska Cornhuskers

Husker Records and Streaks

- ▶ 34 consecutive bowl bids—NCAA record
- ▶ 41 bowl appearances—tied for fourth in NCAA
- ▶ NCAA-record 255 consecutive sellouts in Memorial Stadium
- ▶ 40 consecutive winning seasons—current NCAA best
- ▶ 109-18 record since 1993 (10 years)

The 2002 MainStay Independence Bowl

Nebraska (7-6, 3-5 in Big 12) vs. Mississippi (6-6, 3-5 in SEC)

DATE: Friday, Dec. 27, 2002; **TIME:** 3:30 p.m. Central

SITE: Shreveport, La. **STADIUM:** Independence Stadium

CAPACITY: 50,015; **TURF:** AstroPlay

NEBRASKA RADIO: Pinnacle Sports Network (Jim Rose-Play-by-Play; Color-Adrian Fiala; Gary Sharp-Sideline)

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Nebraska Set to Make 34th Consecutive Bowl Appearance

Nebraska makes a record 34th consecutive bowl appearance in 2002 with its trip to the 27th annual Independence Bowl in Shreveport, La. The Huskers finished the regular season with a 7-6 overall record and were 3-5 in conference play. The Independence Bowl game with Mississippi marks Nebraska's 41st all-time bowl appearance, tied for fourth among all schools.

The Huskers saw their streak of consecutive nine-win seasons end at 33 years this fall, but Nebraska has a lot on the line in the Independence Bowl game. A victory would give Nebraska its 41st consecutive winning season and mark the 39th time in the last 41 seasons the Huskers have won eight or more games in a season.

Nebraska will also look to push their bowl record over the .500 mark this December. The Huskers are 20-20 in their 40 all-time bowl trips, including a 2-2 mark under Head Coach Frank Solich. The game marks Nebraska's first-ever appearance in the Independence Bowl and the 13th different bowl game in which the Huskers have played.

The Huskers' season did not go as planned, however, Nebraska has faced a daunting schedule this fall. Nebraska's losses have come at the hands of teams with a combined record of 52-22. Four of those teams—Penn State, Texas, Kansas State and Colorado—rank in the nation's top 14 and all six of the opponents that defeated Nebraska will go bowling this year.

Nebraska closed its regular season on Nov. 29 against Colorado with a 28-13 loss and have practiced at least twice a week since that game. The Huskers will depart slightly from their regular bowl routine, going to Shreveport just four days in advance of the Independence Bowl.

Mississippi enters the game with a 6-6 record and finished its Southeastern Conference schedule with a 3-5 record. The Rebels closed their regular season on Thanksgiving night with a 24-12 victory over in-state rival Mississippi State. Mississippi began the season with a 5-1 record, but dropped five straight contests before the victory in its regular-season finale.

Ole Miss has made four bowl appearances in the past five seasons and has finished with a winning record in each of the last five seasons. The Rebels are making their fifth all-time appearance in the Independence Bowl and their third in the past five seasons.

2002 Nebraska (7-6, 3-5) Football Schedule/Results

Day Date Opponent Time/Res. TV Series Last Meeting (Site) / Notes

Sat. Aug. 24 ... Arizona St.,BCA+ W, 48-10 ... ESPN .. NU 6-2 Lord 17-103-1 TD rushing in first start; NU blocks two punts

Sat. Aug. 31 ... Troy State W, 31-16 NU 2-0 Groce ties NCAA record with two punt return TDs, adds two INTs

Sat. Sept. 7 Utah State W, 44-13 NU 7-0 Nebraska's 250th Consecutive Sellout; Groce two INTs

Sat. Sept. 14 ... at Penn State L, 40-7 ABC PSU 7-5 Crowd of 110,753 largest ever to see NU game; Lord--111 yards rushing

Sat. Sept. 28 ... at Iowa State # L, 36-14 ABC NU 80-15-2 . Pilkington 90-yard TD reception; First loss in league opener since 1974

Sat. Oct. 5 McNeese State W, 38-14 NU, 1-0 Lord posts school-record 369 total yards with 218 rushing

Sat. Oct. 12 Missouri # W, 24-13 ... FoxPPV NU 61-32-3 .. NU has won 24 straight in series/Groce 89-yard punt return TD

Sat. Oct. 19 at Oklahoma State # L, 24-21 FSN NU 35-3-1 ... OSU's first win in series since 1961/Horne 125 yards rushing

Sat. Oct. 26 at Texas A&M # W, 38-31 ... TBS NU 8-2 NU rallies from 31-14 deficit/381 rushing yards, 497 total yards

Sat. Nov. 2 Texas # L, 27-24 FSN UT 5-4 Lord rushes for NU QB record 234 yards; 26-game home win streak ends

Sat. Nov. 9 Kansas # (HC) W, 45-7 NU 85-21-3 .. NU has won 34 straight games in series; Horne, Diedrick both top 100 yards

Sat. Nov. 16 ... at Kansas State # ... L, 49-13 FSN NU 72-13-2 .. Kelsay records 11 tackles in return from injury; Third straight loss at KSU

Fri. Nov. 29 Colorado # L, 28-13 ABC NU 43-16-2 .. CU's first win in Lincoln since 1990; Herian 80-yard TD grab

Fri. Dec. 27 Mississippi % 3:30 p.m. ... ESPN .. first meeting . NU's first Independence Bowl appearance; 34th straight bowl bid

All times Central and subject to change; # Big 12 Conference games; +Black Coaches Association Football Classic; % Independence Bowl

2002 Nebraska Season Recap

Nebraska enters the 2002 MainStay Independence Bowl with a 7-6 overall record and finished Big 12 Conference play with a 3-5 record. While the Huskers saw several remarkable streaks come to an end this fall, NU enters the game with Mississippi with several other streaks still intact.

The Huskers will not win nine games for the first time since 1968 and had a streak of 348 consecutive weeks in the Associated Press poll end in September. However, Nebraska is making its 34th straight bowl appearance, extended its home sellout string to 255 games and a victory in the Independence Bowl would give Nebraska its 41st straight winning season.

The Huskers opened the 2002 campaign on Aug. 24 against **Arizona State** in the Black Coaches Association Football Classic. The game was the earliest in school history, and Nebraska responded with a 48-10 victory over the Sun Devils. Nebraska broke in several new starters on offense in the game, but did not commit a turnover, while the Husker special teams shined with two blocked punts.

Nebraska's season-opening three-game homestand also featured victories over **Troy State** and **Utah State**. In the 31-16 win over Troy State, senior punt returner DeJuan Groce tied an NCAA record with two punt return touchdowns. The Utah State game was the 250th consecutive sellout at Memorial Stadium and the Huskers did not disappoint the faithful, jumping to a 37-7 halftime advantage en route to a 44-13 win.

The Huskers' good fortune did not continue on a two-game September road trip. In a meeting of two of college football's most storied programs, **Penn State** used a balanced offensive attack to defeat the Huskers, 40-7. The Husker offense sputtered with five turnovers in a 36-14 loss at **Iowa State**, Nebraska's first setback in a league opener since 1974.

Nebraska returned to the win column in a two-game October homestand. Quarterback Jammal Lord compiled a school-record 369 yards of total offense, including 218 yards rushing in a 38-14 win over Division I-AA power **McNeese State**. A week later the Husker defense turned in a dominant second-half performance, and Groce returned his third punt of the season for a touchdown as NU improved to 5-2 with a 24-13 victory over **Missouri**.

The Huskers dropped a hard-fought 24-21 game at **Oklahoma State** in mid-October. The loss was Nebraska's first against the Cowboys since 1961 and ended a 36-game unbeaten streak in the series. The following week, Nebraska showed its resilience on the road at **Texas A&M**. Nebraska fell behind 31-14 midway through the third quarter, but rallied behind the running of Lord and true freshman David Horne, who scored four touchdowns in a 38-31 win. The comeback tied the largest in school history and improved NU to 5-3 on the season.

A Memorial Stadium record crowd of 78,268 was on hand for the Nov. 2 matchup between Nebraska and **Texas**. The two teams battled for 60 minutes before a Texas interception in the final seconds sealed the seventh-ranked Longhorns' 27-24 win. The loss ended Nebraska's 26-game home winning streak.

Kansas was a familiar Homecoming foe for Nebraska the following week and the result was a familiar one in the series, a big Husker win. Nebraska jumped to a 24-7 halftime edge and rolled to a 45-7 victory for its 34th straight victory over the Jayhawks. A second straight Sunflower State opponent awaited the following week, as the Huskers traveled to Manhattan, Kan. to take on 11th-ranked **Kansas State**. The Wildcats posted one of the top rushing days ever against Nebraska and rolled to a 49-13 victory, the Huskers' third straight loss in Manhattan.

Twenty-seven seniors said goodbye to Nebraska fans in the regular-season finale at Memorial Stadium in the annual post-Thanksgiving matchup with **Colorado**. The Buffaloes entered the game with the Big 12 North Division title in hand. After Nebraska jumped to a 13-7 advantage early in the third quarter, Colorado responded with two third-quarter touchdowns and went on to a 28-13 victory.

The Huskers once again featured one of the nation's top rushing attacks in 2002, averaging 268.9 yards per game on the ground to rank fourth in the country. Nebraska's special teams also stood out, with Groce ranking third in the nation in punt return average, while punter Kyle Larson ranked 10th nationally in punting average.

Husker Bowl History

Independence Bowl Marks NU's 34th Consecutive Bowl

Nebraska will participate in its 34th consecutive bowl game, the nation's longest current consecutive streak and an all-time NCAA record. Michigan's streak of consecutive bowl appearances will reach 28 this year, the second-longest streak in NCAA history.

Nebraska's 41 bowl appearances overall is tied for fourth best, trailing Alabama's 51, Tennessee's 43, and Texas' 42, while tying USC's 41.

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. Last season Nebraska also played in the Rose Bowl for the national championship against Miami. Nebraska's 34 consecutive bowls began with a 45-6 win over Georgia in the 1969 Sun Bowl. The Huskers are 20-20 all-time in bowl games, 2-2 under Head Coach Frank Solich.

Mississippi also has a rich bowl history, having appeared in 30 postseason contests, tied for the 15th-most all-time. The Rebels have a 17-12 record all-time in bowl games and have won four of their past five

bowl games. Ole Miss has six bowl games against current members of the Big 12 Conference, compiling a 4-2 record, including a 27-25 victory over Oklahoma in the 1999 Independence Bowl.

Huskers Visit Independence Bowl for First Time

Nebraska visits a new site in the 41st bowl appearance in the school's illustrious football history. The MainStay Independence Bowl marks the 13th different bowl Nebraska has visited. The Huskers' most frequent Holiday destination has been the Orange Bowl, where NU has a 7-9 record in 16 trips to Miami.

While Nebraska's trip to Shreveport is a first, the Huskers have played four previous bowl games in the state of Louisiana, all in the Sugar Bowl. Nebraska is 3-1 in its appearances in the Sugar Bowl, all against Southeastern Conference opponents. Nebraska has not played a game in the state of Louisiana since a 30-15 victory over LSU in the Sugar Bowl on Jan. 1, 1987.

NU Looks For 21st Bowl Victory

Nebraska owns a 20-20 all-time record in 40 bowl appearances. The Huskers have won six of their past eight bowl games and are 2-2 in the postseason under Head Coach Frank Solich. Under previous head coaches Nebraska was 0-1 under Biff Jones, 0-1 under Bill Glassford, 6-3 under Bob Devaney and 12-13 under Tom Osborne. Five of Nebraska's previous eight bowl games have been for at least a share of the national title, with the Huskers on the winning end in three of those games.

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

Top 20 Bowl Appearances

School	All-Time	Consecutive	
		Most	Current
1. Alabama	+51	25	--
2. Tennessee	43	14	14
3. Texas	42	9	5
4. USC	41	8	2
Nebraska	41	+34	34
6. Georgia	38	10	6
7. Penn State	37	13	1
8. Oklahoma	36	8	4
9. Michigan	34	28	28
Ohio State	34	15	3
11. Louisiana St.	33	5	3
Arkansas	33	6	5
13. Ga. Tech	31	6	6
Florida State	31	21	21
15. Mississippi	30	15	1
Florida	30	12	12
17. Auburn	29	9	3
Washington	29	8	8
19. Texas A&M	27	6	--
Miami	27	12	5

+--NCAA Record

Nebraska in Bowl Games (20-20)

		NU-Opp.			
Year	Bowl	Opp.	AP Rank	Res.	Score
1941*	Rose	Stanford	7/2	L	13-21
1955*	Orange	Duke	--/14	L	7-34
(Bob Devaney 6-3)...					
1962	Gotham	Miami	--/--	W	36-34
1964*	Orange	Auburn	6/5	W	13-7
1965*	Cotton	Arkansas	6/2	L	7-10#
1966*	Orange	Alabama	3/4	L	28-39#
1967*	Sugar	Alabama	6/3	L	7-34

(NCAA-Record 34 Straight Bowls Begin Here)

1969	Sun	Georgia	14/--	W	45-6
1971*	Orange	Louisiana St.	3/5	W	17-12#
1972*	Orange	Alabama	1/2	W	38-6#
(Tom Osborne 12-13)...					
1973*	Orange	Notre Dame	9/12	W	40-6
1974*	Cotton	Texas	12/8	W	19-3
1974*	Sugar	Florida	8/18	W	13-10
1975	Fiesta	Arizona St.	6/7	L	14-17
1976	Astro-BB	Texas Tech	13/9	W	27-24
1977	Liberty	No.Carolina	12/14	W	21-17
1979*	Orange	Oklahoma	6/4	L	24-31
1980*	Cotton	Houston	7/8	L	14-17
1980	Sun	Miss. State	8/17	W	31-17
1982*	Orange	Clemson	4/1	L	15-22#
1983*	Orange	Louisiana St.	3/13	W	21-20
1984*	Orange	Miami	1/5	L	30-31#
1985*	Sugar	Louisiana St.	4/12	W	28-10
1986*	Fiesta	Michigan	7/5	L	23-27
1987*	Sugar	Louisiana St.	6/5	W	30-15
1988*	Fiesta	Florida St.	5/3	L	28-31
1989*	Orange	Miami	6/2	L	3-23
1990*	Fiesta	Florida St.	6/5	L	17-41
1991*	Citrus	Ga. Tech	19/2	L	21-45#
1992*	Orange	Miami	11/1	L	0-22#
1993*	Orange	Florida St.	11/3	L	14-27
1994*	Orange	Florida St.	2/1	L	16-18#
1995*	Orange	Miami	1/3	W	24-17#
1996*	Fiesta	Florida	1/2	W	62-24#
1996*	Orange	Virginia Tech	6/10	W	41-21
1998*	Orange	Tennessee	2/3	W	42-17#
(Frank Solich 2-2)...					
1998	Holiday	Arizona	14/5	L	20-23
2000*	Fiesta	Tennessee	3/6	W	31-21
2000	Alamo	Northwestern	9/18	W	66-17
2001*	Rose	Miami	4/1	L	14-37#
2002	Indepen.	Mississippi	--/--		

winner won or shared national championship title

* year is when game was played—not season

Bold indicates conference champion teams

NU Bowl Summary

41 Bowls (tied for fourth all-time): 20-20**34 Consecutive Bowls (NCAA record):** 18-15**Under Coach Solich:** 2-2**13 National Championship Bowl Games#****(for at least one team, in one poll):** 5-8**vs. Ole Miss:** first meeting**vs. SEC Opponents in bowls:** 12-2

NU in the Bowls

Alamo: 1-0

Astro Bluebonnet: 1-0

Cotton: 1-2

Fiesta: 1-4

Florida Citrus: 0-1

Gotham: 1-0

Holiday: 0-1

Liberty: 1-0

Orange: 7-9

Rose: 0-2

Sun: 2-0

Sugar: 3-1

Nebraska to Face Rare Unranked Bowl Opponent

Nebraska and Mississippi both enter the Independence Bowl unranked. Before this season, Nebraska had been ranked entering each of its last 37 bowl games, including 29 top-10 rankings in those postseason contests. The Huskers bowl competition has traditionally been among the nation's toughest. Ole Miss marks the first unranked opponent Nebraska has faced in a bowl game since a 45-6 victory over Georgia in the 1969 Sun Bowl. In fact, the Huskers have played just two bowl opponents ranked lower than sixth in the AP since 1985. The Huskers have faced the AP's top-ranked team in a bowl game four times since the 1981 season, while entering their bowl game No. 1 four times in school history.

Nebraska Finds Success Against SEC in Postseason

Nebraska's matchup with Ole Miss in the 2002 MainStay Independence Bowl marks the 15th time in school history the Huskers have faced a Southeastern Conference opponent in a bowl game. The Huskers have had a great deal of success against the SEC, posting a 12-2 record against teams from the conference in the postseason.

The Huskers have won each of their last 11 bowl games against SEC opponents, most recently a 31-21 victory over Tennessee in the Tostitos Fiesta Bowl following the 1999 season. Nebraska has been dominant against the league in its last five bowl matchups with the SEC. Beginning with a 28-10 victory over LSU in the 1985 Sugar Bowl, Nebraska has won the last five bowl matchups with SEC opponents by an average margin of 21.2 points (38.6-17.4).

Nebraska's 12-2 bowl record against the SEC does not include a 10-7 loss to Arkansas in the 1965 Cotton Bowl. The Razorbacks were a member of the Southwest Conference at that time. NU owns a 19-4-1 overall record against current members of the SEC, including a 7-2-1 regular-season record.

Nebraska vs. SEC in Bowl Games (12-2)

Year*	Bowl	Opponent	AP Rank	Result	NU Coach
1964	Orange	Auburn	6/5	W, 13-7	Bob Devaney
1966	Orange#	Alabama	3/4	L, 28-39	Bob Devaney
1967	Sugar	Alabama	6/3	L, 7-34	Bob Devaney
1969	Sun	Georgia	14/--	W, 45-6	Bob Devaney
1971	Orange#	LSU	3/5	W, 17-12	Bob Devaney
1972	Orange#	Alabama	1/2	W, 38-6	Bob Devaney
1974	Sugar	Florida	8/18	W, 13-10	Tom Osborne
1980	Sun	Mississippi St.	8/17	W, 31-17	Tom Osborne
1983	Orange	LSU	3/13	W, 21-20	Tom Osborne
1985	Sugar	LSU	4/12	W, 28-10	Tom Osborne
1987	Sugar	LSU	6/5	W, 30-15	Tom Osborne
1996	Fiesta#	Florida	1/2	W, 62-24	Tom Osborne
1998	Orange#	Tennessee	2/3	W, 42-17	Tom Osborne
2000	Fiesta	Tennessee	3/6	W, 31-21	Frank Solich

winner won or shared national championship title

* year is when game was played—not season

NU's Four Bowl Games Under Solich

2002 Rose Bowl

#1 Miami 37, #4 Nebraska 14

Pasadena, Calif., Jan. 3, 2002 – Playing in its fifth national championship bowl game in the past eight seasons, Nebraska fell to Miami, 37-14, in the 88th annual Rose Bowl.

Top-ranked Miami came out strong from the beginning and showed its speed by gaining 472 yards of total offense, including 362 yards passing by quarterback Ken Dorsey. The victory helped UM complete a perfect 12-0 campaign under first-year head coach Larry Coker. The Huskers, who finished the year with an 11-2 mark, were held to a season-low 259 yards, including 197 on the ground.

The Hurricanes opened the scoring, capitalizing on a trio of first-half Husker turnovers. Miami converted the miscues into 14 points, helping the Hurricanes build a 34-0 halftime lead.

Nebraska recorded its first points of the game late in the third quarter. Fullback Judd Davies took a handoff from Heisman winner Eric Crouch and rambled 16 yards for a touchdown that ended a 68-yard drive. While it was a spark for the Huskers, the score only cut the UM lead to 34-7. The Huskers closed to within 20 points after DeJuan Groce returned a Hurricane punt 72 yards for a touchdown with more than 14 minutes remaining. Miami added a late field goal to account for the final 37-14 margin. Crouch capped his NU career with 114 yards rushing on 22 carries.

Score by Quarters	1	2	3	4	Final
Miami, Fla.	7	27	0	3	37
Nebraska	0	0	7	7	14

2002 Rose Bowl, cont.

Statistics	NU	UM
First Downs	16	18
Net Rushing	197	110
Passes Att.-Comp.-Int.	15-5-1	35-22-1
Net Passing	62	362
Total Offense	259	472
Leading NU Rusher: Eric Crouch, 114		
Leading NU Passer: Eric Crouch, 5 of 15 -- 62 yards		
Leading NU Receiver: Wilson Thomas, 3 for 36 yards		
Attendance: 93,781		

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

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

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

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

The Blackshirts shut out the Wildcats in the final two periods, while NU added 28 second-half points to roll to a 49-point victory. Place-kicker Josh Brown tied the NCAA bowl record for extra-point kick attempts (9) and extra-point kicks made (9). The NU offense finished with 636 total yards for a school bowl-record 7.7 ypa.

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

Statistics	NU	NW
First Downs	28	14
Net Rushing	476	232
Passes Att.-Comp.-Int.	14-6-1	43-17-1
Net Passing	160	151
Total Offense	636	383

Leading NU Rusher: Dan Alexander, 240, 2 TD
Leading NU Passer: Eric Crouch, 5 of 13 -- 91, 2 TD
Leading NU Receiver: Matt Davison, 3 for 85, 2 TD
Attendance: 60,028

2000 Fiesta Bowl**#3 Nebraska 31, #6 Tennessee 21**

Tempe, Ariz., Jan. 2, 2000 – Third-ranked Nebraska recorded its fifth victory in the last six bowl games with a 31-21 victory over No. 6 Tennessee in the 2000 Tostitos Fiesta Bowl. The win gave the Huskers a 12-1 record, and NU finished second and third, in the coaches and AP polls, respectively. It was the first bowl win for Head Coach Frank Solich.

Nebraska started quickly with a Dan Alexander touchdown run on its first possession. Wingback Bobby Newcombe's 60-yard punt return for a touchdown gave NU a 14-0 advantage late in the first quarter. After a Nebraska field goal, the Vols scored just before half to make it 17-7.

Tennessee closed to within 17-14 early in the third quarter, but Nebraska responded with a nine-play 96-yard drive. Eric Crouch capped the drive with a 13-yard touchdown pass to Aaron Golliday to give NU a 10-point advantage. Nebraska put the game out of reach with a 10-play, 99-yard drive capped by Correll Buckhalter's two-yard touchdown run. Tennessee scored midway through the fourth quarter to cut the lead to 31-21, but would not get any closer.

Crouch earned offensive MVP honors, completing 9-of-15 passes for 148 yards and a TD, while rushing for 64 yards on 17 carries. Alexander led Nebraska's ground attack with 108 yards, as the Huskers finished the game with 321 yards against the nation's seventh-best rush defense. The Blackshirts held the Vols to just 44 yards rushing and 311 total yards.

Score by Quarters	1	2	3	4	Final
Tennessee	0	7	7	7	21
Nebraska	14	3	7	7	31

Statistics	NU	UT
First Downs	23	17
Net Rushing	321	44
Passes Att.-Comp.-Int.	15-9-0	35-20-2
Net Passing	148	267
Total Offense	469	311

Leading NU Rusher: Dan Alexander, 108, TD
Leading NU Passer: Eric Crouch, 9 of 15 -- 148, TD
Leading NU Receiver: Matt Davison, 2 for 68
Attendance: 71,526

1998 Holiday Bowl**#5 Arizona 23, #14 Nebraska 20**

San Diego, Calif., Dec. 30, 1998 – Fifth-ranked Arizona scored the go-ahead touchdown with six minutes remaining and held on for a 23-20 victory over No. 14 Nebraska in the 1998 Culligan Holiday Bowl. The loss ended the Huskers' four-game bowl winning streak in Coach Frank Solich's first bowl as Nebraska's head coach.

A wild fourth quarter saw three lead changes. Nebraska took a 20-16 lead when Eric Crouch connected with tight end Tracey Wistrom for a four-yard touchdown with 10:55 remaining. However, Arizona came right back and covered 68 yards in nine plays for the game-winning score. Nebraska drove inside Wildcat territory on its final drive, but an Arizona interception sealed the outcome.

Nebraska fell behind 9-0 early in the second quarter, but the NU defense forced a pair of turnovers and Nebraska converted to forge a 13-9 halftime lead. The loss overshadowed an outstanding performance by rush end Mike Rucker, who had seven tackles, including four tackles for loss to earn defensive MVP honors. Crouch capped his freshman season by passing for 193 yards.

Score by Quarters	1	2	3	4	Final
Arizona	6	3	0	14	23
Nebraska	0	13	0	7	20

Statistics	NU	UA
First Downs	12	16
Net Rushing	87	107
Passes Att.-Comp.-Int.	28-12-2	23-12-0
Net Passing	193	158
Total Offense	280	265

Leading NU Rusher: Eric Crouch, 28
Leading NU Passer: Eric Crouch, 12 of 28 -- 193, 2 TD
Leading NU Receiver: Matt Davison, 3 for 64
Attendance: 65,354

Big 12 Conference Well-Represented in Bowl Season

Nebraska is one of eight Big 12 teams playing in bowl games this holiday season, the most of any conference in the country. The Big Ten, Southeastern Conference and Atlantic Coast Conferences all have seven teams playing in a bowl game.

League champion Oklahoma leads the Big 12 bowl bonanza, taking on Washington State in the Rose Bowl. In all, Nebraska faced seven bowl teams this season. In addition to Big 12 foes Iowa State (Humanitarian), Oklahoma State (Houston), Texas (Cotton), Kansas State (Holiday) and Colorado (Alamo), non-conference opponents Arizona State (Holiday) and Penn State (Capital One) are playing in bowls this year.

Nebraska finished the 2002 campaign with a 1-6 record against teams that are in bowl games. In addition, Texas A&M was bowl-eligible, but is not playing in the postseason. Mississippi is 1-5 against teams who are playing in bowl games.

Associated Press (Dec. 8)

No.	Team (1st)	Record	Points
1.	Miami (74)	12-0	1,850
2.	Ohio State	13-0	1,773
3.	Iowa	11-1	1,678
4.	Georgia	12-1	1,627
5.	USC	10-2	1,559
6.	Kansas State*	10-2	1,397
7.	Washington State	10-2	1,388
8.	Oklahoma	11-2	1,371
9.	Texas*	10-2	1,297
10.	Penn State*	9-3	1,107
11.	Notre Dame	10-2	1,104
12.	Michigan	9-3	1,061
13.	Alabama	10-3	984
14.	Colorado*	9-4	758
15.	West Virginia	9-3	706
16.	Florida State	9-4	661
17.	N.C. State	10-3	570
18.	Boise State	11-1	505
19.	Auburn	8-4	483
20.	Maryland	10-3	446
21.	Virginia Tech	9-4	409
22.	Florida	8-4	309
23.	Colorado State	10-3	277
24.	Pittsburgh	8-4	255
25.	Arkansas	9-4	160

ESPN/USA Today/Coaches (Dec. 8)

No.	Team (1st)	Record	Points
1.	Miami (61)	12-0	1,525
2.	Ohio State	13-0	1,463
3.	Iowa	11-1	1,381
4.	Georgia	12-1	1,337
5.	USC	10-2	1,283
6.	Kansas State*	10-2	1,187
7.	Washington State	10-2	1,141
8.	Oklahoma	11-2	1,088
9.	Texas*	10-2	1,074
10.	Penn State*	9-3	921
11.	Michigan	9-3	917
12.	Notre Dame	10-2	844
13.	West Virginia	9-3	651
14.	Colorado*	9-4	641
15.	Boise State	11-1	588
16.	Florida State	9-4	562
17.	N.C. State	10-3	555
18.	Maryland	10-3	470
19.	Virginia Tech	9-4	457
20.	Florida	8-4	364
21.	Colorado State	10-3	337
22.	Auburn	8-4	263
23.	Pittsburgh	8-4	204
24.	Marshall	10-2	140
25.	LSU	8-4	114

*-Denotes 2002 NU opponent

Huskers in the 2002 Polls

Date	A	C	B	Results
Pre.	10	8	NA	def. ASU, 48-10
8-26	9	8	NA	def. Troy St., 31-16
9-2	9	8	NA	def. Utah St., 44-13
9-8	8	7	NA	lost at Penn St., 40-7
9-15	18	19	NA	idle
9-22	20	19	NA	lost at ISU, 36-14
9-29	nr	nr	NA	def. McNeese St. 38-14
10-6	nr	nr	NA	def. Missouri, 24-13
10-13	nr	nr	NA	lost at Okla. St., 24-21
10-20	nr	nr	nr	def. Texas A&M, 38-31
10-27	nr	nr	nr	lost to Texas, 27-24
11-3	nr	nr	nr	def. Kansas, 45-7
11-10	nr	nr	nr	lost to Kansas St., 49-13
11-17	nr	nr	nr	idle
11-24	nr	nr	nr	lost to Colorado, 28-13
12-1	nr	nr	nr	
12-8	nr	nr	nr	

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

Big 12 Teams/Nebraska Opponents in Bowl Games

Day, Date	Matchup	Bowl	Time
Mon., Dec. 23	Texas Tech vs. Clemson	Tangerine	4:30 p.m.
Fri., Dec. 27	Oklahoma State vs. Southern Miss	Houston	Noon
Fri., Dec. 27	Nebraska vs. Ole Miss	Independence	3:30 p.m.
Fri., Dec. 27	Kansas State vs. Arizona State	Holiday	7 p.m.
Sat., Dec. 28	Colorado vs. Wisconsin	Alamo	7 p.m.
Tues., Dec. 31	Iowa State vs. Boise State	Humanitarian	11 a.m.
Wed., Jan. 1	Texas vs. LSU	Cotton	10 a.m.
Wed., Jan. 1	Penn State vs. Auburn	Capital One	Noon
Wed., Jan. 1	Oklahoma vs. Washington State	Rose	4 p.m.

all times listed are Central; Nebraska 2002 opponents in boldface

Nebraska Head Coach Frank Solich

Coach Frank Solich is in his fifth season at the helm of the Husker program with a 49-15 school and career record (.766). With a victory over Ole Miss, Solich would move into a tie for second place for most victories by Division I-A head coaches in their first five seasons since 1900. He will officially qualify to rank among his peers after this season with five years as a head coach, and with a .766 winning percentage, Solich would rank fifth among active coaches in Division I-A.

Solich became 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). Solich posted a 9-4 record in his first season, despite being hit heavy with injuries. 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.

Solich's 21 wins in his first two years at NU bettered Devaney's previous school record of 19 and ranked in a tie for third all time among Division I coaches in their first two years at the helm. He went 10-2 in 2000 and his 31 wins in three years bettered both Osborne and Devaney's 28 wins in their first three years. His 42 wins in four years was also a school best and his 49 wins in his first five years is tied for the fourth-most in Division I-A history.

Solich is the only Husker coach to have won 12 games in either of his first two seasons. In fact, neither Devaney or 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. Devaney won his first conference title his second year, while Osborne tied for his first title in his third year at the helm. Solich was named the 1999 Big 12 Coach of the Year by his league peers and the AP after winning the league championship in 1999, and was named coach of the year by the conference coaches a second time in 2001.

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.

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. Solich is one of 17 current Division I-A football coaches who played for and now coach their alma mater.

Solich Makes Changes in Coaching Staff Before Bowl Game

Solich announced on Dec. 2, that three Husker defensive assistant coaches would not continue with the Nebraska coaching staff. Defensive coordinator Craig Bohl, rush ends coach Nelson Barnes and secondary coach George Darlington are no longer with the football program. Solich is in the process of replacing the three defensive assistants.

The Husker defense will be coached in the bowl game by defensive line coach Jeff Jamrog and graduate assistant Jimmy Burrow. In addition to his normal duties with the defensive line, Jamrog has also coordinated the rush ends and linebackers in bowl preparation. Burrow has assisted with the defensive backs for the past two years and has coached that area during bowl practice.

Burrow and fellow graduate assistant coach Tim Albin have also been allowed to go on the road to recruit during the month of December. Solich also announced that he will no longer serve in the dual role as offensive coordinator next season and will name a new offensive coordinator. Former Husker quarterback (1995 to 1997) and current Green Bay Packer safety Scott Frost is serving as a graduate assistant on defense for the bowl game.

Scouting the Ole Miss Rebels

Rebels Finish Regular Season with 6-6 Mark

Mississippi completed the 2002 regular season with a 6-6 overall record and a 3-5 mark in Southeastern Conference play. The Rebels started fast, winning five of their first six games, but suffered through a five-game losing skid before a 24-12 victory over Mississippi State in the regular-season finale.

Offensively, Ole Miss relies on a high-powered passing attack. The Rebels average better than 260 yards per game through the air and rank second in the SEC and 26th nationally in passing offense. Ole Miss' offense is led by junior quarterback Eli Manning, the younger brother of former Tennessee All-American and current Indianapolis Colt Peyton Manning. Eli ranks 24th in the nation in total offense at 249.3 yards per game and has thrown for 3,088 yards and 20 touchdowns, while completing better than 58 percent of his passes.

Manning spreads the ball around on offense, as five Ole Miss receivers have 20 or more catches this season. Junior split end Chris Collins leads the team with 49 catches for 754 yards and 10 touchdowns. Senior split end Bill Flowers is right behind Collins with 47 catches and three touchdowns, while freshman flanker Mike Espy has 28 receptions.

The Rebels average just 97.8 yards per game on the ground. Junior Ronald McClendon leads the Ole Miss ground game with 342 yards and three touchdowns, while redshirt freshman Vashon Pearson has scored five rushing touchdowns in 2002.

On the defensive side of the ball, Mississippi is allowing 25.7 points per game, and ranks 46th in the nation in total defense at 346.3 yards per game. The Rebels have allowed the opposition 151.2 yards rushing per game and less than 200 yards per game through the air, while picking off 16 opponent passes. The Rebels are led on defense by senior free safety Eric Oliver, who has 118 total tackles. Strong safety Matt Grier has 70 total tackles and 11 tackles for loss and leads the team with five interceptions. Nose tackle Jesse Mitchell has 65 tackles, including 8.5 tackles for loss.

Punter Cody Ridgway ranks among the nation's top 25 in that category, averaging 42.2 yards per boot. Sophomore place-kicker Jonathan Nichols has connected on 13-of-18 field goals this season, including all five attempts from beyond 40 yards. He is perfect on 37 PAT attempts and leads the Rebels in scoring with 76 points.

Ole Miss Head Coach David Cutcliffe

David Cutcliffe is in his fourth season as the head coach at Mississippi and has guided the Rebels to a 29-20 record and three bowl appearances. A 1976 graduate of Alabama, Cutcliffe served as an assistant coach at Tennessee for 17 seasons before taking over the reins in Oxford.

Cutcliffe is coaching in his third Independence Bowl. His first game as Ole Miss' head coach was a 1998 Independence Bowl victory over Texas Tech, less than a month after he was hired as head coach. The following year, the Rebels made a return trip to Shreveport and defeated Oklahoma. Cutcliffe took his 2000 Ole Miss squad to the Music City Bowl, where the Rebels lost to West Virginia. Cutcliffe has not faced Nebraska as a head coach, but was the Tennessee offensive coordinator when the Huskers defeated UT, 42-17, in the 1998 Orange Bowl. Cutcliffe is 2-1 against Big 12 opponents as the Ole Miss head coach.

Huskers, Ole Miss Meet for First Time on Gridiron

The Independence Bowl will be the first meeting between Nebraska and Ole Miss in football. The matchup will be Nebraska's first against an SEC opponent since a 31-21 victory over Tennessee in the 2000 Tostitos Fiesta Bowl.

Nebraska and Mississippi are rare opponents in any major sport. In addition to football, the Huskers and Rebels have never met in women's basketball, baseball, volleyball, baseball or softball. The Nebraska and Ole Miss men's basketball teams played in back-to-back seasons in 1977 and 1978, with the teams splitting the two contests.

Husker Notes

Huskers Look to Complete 34th Straight Winning Season

Nebraska has guaranteed itself of a .500 or better season for the 41st consecutive year (each season since 1962). However, the Huskers need a victory over Ole Miss in the Independence Bowl to finish 8-6 and complete a 41st straight winning campaign.

Nebraska's 40 years of consecutive winning records rank second all time behind Notre Dame's 42 (1889-32). The 41 straight non-losing seasons is third all-time, behind Penn State's 49 (1939-87) and Notre Dame's 42 (1889-1932) and tied with Texas' 40 (1893-32). Since the winning season streak began in 1962, Nebraska has averaged nearly 10 wins per season with a 405-84-5 record.

Consecutive Winning Seasons

Streak	School	Years
42	Notre Dame	1889-1932
40	Nebraska	1962-present
38	Alabama	1911-1950

Nebraska Looks to Get Back on Winning Track in Bowl Game

The Huskers traditionally have rebounded well after losses. Nebraska enters the Independence Bowl with a two-game losing streak, dropping contests to nationally ranked Kansas State and Colorado in the season's final two games. The Huskers have not lost three consecutive games since dropping four straight contests in the middle of the 1961 campaign.

Nebraska has lost back-to-back games twice in 2002, the first time it has suffered a pair of consecutive losses in the same season since 1967. After starting the 2002 campaign 3-0, Nebraska dropped back-to-back road games at Penn State and Iowa State in September. The Huskers rebounded from those losses to win three of their next four games, before dropping three of four to end the season, including the last two regular-season games. Before this season, Nebraska had not lost back-to-back regular-season games since 1976.

The Huskers have only lost back-to-back games 13 times since 1962, and of the 11 times, seven were losses to end the regular season followed by a loss in a bowl game.

Nebraska Back to Back losses since 1962 (13)

1964	Oklahoma 17, NU 7	Arkansas 10, NU 7 (Cotton Bowl)
1966	Oklahoma 10, NU 9	Alabama 34, NU 7 (Sugar Bowl)
1967	Kansas 10, NU 0	Colorado 21, NU 16
	Missouri 10, NU 7	Oklahoma 21, NU 14
1968	Kansas 23, NU 13	Missouri 16, NU 14
1975	Oklahoma 35, NU 10	Arizona St. 17, NU 14 (Fiesta Bowl)
1976	Iowa State 37, NU 28	Oklahoma 20, NU 17 in Lincoln
1978	Missouri 35, NU 31	Oklahoma 31, NU 24 (Orange Bowl)
1979	Oklahoma 17, NU 14	Houston 17, NU 14 (Cotton Bowl)
1985	Oklahoma 27, NU 7	Michigan 27, NU 23 (Fiesta Bowl)
1990	Oklahoma 45, NU 10	Georgia Tech 45, NU 21 (Citrus Bowl)
2002	Penn State 40, NU 7	Iowa State 36, NU 14
	Kansas State 49, NU 13	Colorado 28, NU 13

Independence Bowl to Feature Contrast in Offensive Styles

Nebraska and Ole Miss have similar offensive offense numbers. The Huskers average 27.7 points per game, with Ole Miss at 27.0 per game. Nebraska averages 374.2 yards per game, while the Rebels are just behind at 358.2 yards per outing. That is where the similarities end.

Nebraska gains 71.9 percent of its offense on the ground, averaging 268.9 rushing yards per game to rank fourth in the nation in that category. The Huskers are averaging just 105.3 passing yards per contest.

Ole Miss has an offensive gameplan in complete contrast to Nebraska. The Rebels average just

97.8 yards per game on the ground, while throwing for 260.3 yards per game, 73 percent of their average offensive output.

Husker quarterback Jammal Lord has 2,598 yards of total offense, 51.2 percent of which comes on the ground. Ole Miss' Eli Manning has accounted for 2,992 yards of total offense, with 103 percent by passing.

Offensive Comparison

	NU	Ole Miss
Rushing	268.9	97.8
Passing	105.3	260.3
Total	374.2	358.2
Scoring	27.7	27.0

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
<u>Frank Solich</u>	<u>49-15-0</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>0</u>
Since 1962	405-84-5	41	5
1890-1962	366-223-35	72	0
All-Time	771-307-40	113	5

Records Report

Category	Record
All-time	771-307-40
Home	462-124-20
Memorial Stadium	337-101-13
Since 1962	405-84-5
Away	309-183-20
Road (on campus)	272-146-17
Neutral Sites (includes bowls)	37-36-3
When Scoring 35+ Points	305-2
vs. Big 12 Teams	439-148-16
In Big 12 Action (since '96)	44-12
Home	25-3
Away	18-9
Neutral	1-0
Bowls	20-20
On ABC	72-31
On FieldTurf	26-3
At Night	52-17-3
vs. Ranked Teams...	
All-Time	89-96-3
Home	41-32-0
Away	28-49-3
Neutral	20-15-0
as No. 1 Team	46-7-1
In 255 Consecutive Sellout Streak...	
All-Time	227-28
vs. Ranked Teams	37-20
Under Head Coach Frank Solich...	
All-Time	49-15
Home	32-3
Away	13-10
Neutral	4-2
Bowls	2-2
vs. AP Ranked Teams	10-12
Home	6-2
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	39-3
Home	26-1
Away	13-2
vs. Big 12 Teams	29-12
Home	17-3
Away	10-9
Neutral	2-0
Big 12 Championship Game	1-0
At Night	16-5
August	4-0
September	16-2
October	16-5
November	10-6
December	2-1
January	1-1

NU Streaks...The Huskers have...

- ▶ won 96 straight when rushing for 400 yards
- ▶ won 103 consecutive games when holding the opponent to 10 or fewer points (211-5-1 all-time)
- ▶ scored in 88 consecutive games
- ▶ scored in 221 straight home games
- ▶ shut out opponents 100 times

Huskers' Nine-Win Streak Ends at 33 Consecutive Years

Nebraska's amazing run of nine-win seasons has come to an end at 33 consecutive years. The streak is even more remarkable when considering that Florida now tops the list of consecutive nine-win seasons at 11. The Gators must win their bowl game to extend their streak to 12 straight nine-win campaigns. Behind Florida, Texas and Miami have five consecutive nine-win campaigns.

Before this season, Nebraska had won nine or more games in 38 of the past 40 seasons. Only back-to-back 6-4 records in 1967 and 1968 have fallen short of the nine-win plateau. A victory over Ole Miss in the Independence Bowl would give the Huskers eight victories.

Nebraska Tops Elite Programs in Consistency

Nebraska ranks third among Division I-A schools in all-time football victories with 771 wins. The Huskers have the nation's best record since 1962, posting a 405-84-5 record in the last 41 seasons. In that period, Nebraska has clearly been the most steady, consistent program in the nation and that is evident

when comparing the Huskers' record to the other nine programs among the top 10 in 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 has 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, however, 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 hopes to find itself back in the national rankings and in contention for Big 12 and national honors next season. 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 is having a strong season in 2002. Eight of the 10 teams have won at least nine games heading into the 2002 bowl season and are ranked in the top 13 in the current Associated Press poll.

Husker Injury Update

Nebraska has lost several players to injury this season, with the defense hit the hardest. In spring practice returning starter **Willie Amos** went down with a knee injury and missed the entire season. Amos started at free safety last season, but had moved to cornerback and was a projected starter at the position. In fall camp, fifth-year senior nose tackle **Jason Lohr** suffered a torn ACL in his left knee and was lost for the season. Also a projected starter, Lohr played just three games in 2001 after a LCL tear in the same knee.

The Huskers depth in the defensive front was tested throughout the season. Redshirt freshman defensive tackle **Jared Helming** tore the ACL in his left knee against Arizona State and missed the remainder of the season. Another frosh defensive tackle, **Seppo Ewvaraye** missed most of the season with an injury to his right shoulder, while true freshman **Brandon Greeson**, who was redshirting this fall, missed the last two months of the season with a shoulder injury.

Senior rush end **Chris Kelsay** missed five games during conference play with an injury to his right hamstring. In addition, Nebraska has been banged up throughout the season at the Mike linebacker position. Sophomore **Chad Sievers** missed two of the season's first three games with a sprained knee, then suffered a season-ending injury to his left knee against Kansas. Sophomore starter **Barrett Ruud** battled several injuries throughout the year, including a broken hand which forced him to play with a cast for several games early in the season.

Senior tight end **Jon Bowling** injured his right knee against Kansas State and had season-ending knee surgery shortly thereafter.

Sixteen Huskers Play in Bowl With Degree in Hand

Eighteen Huskers will take part in the Independence Bowl as graduates. The Huskers had five players who played the entire 2002 season with their degree in hand, including **Demoine Adams** (political science), who earned his degree in just three years at Nebraska. Other Huskers who graduated before the start of the season include **Ben Cornelsen** (communication studies), **Dahrran Diedrick** (criminal justice), **Justin Smith** (finance) and junior **Patrick Kabongo** (criminal justice).

Eleven more Huskers earned their degree at the conclusion of this semester on Dec. 21, including **Josh Brown** (communication studies), **Jon Clanton** (special education), **Wes Cody** (communication

College Football's Ten Winningest Programs

School	All-Time Wins	Most Recent Losing Season	Seasons With Eight or Fewer wins Since 1962
Michigan	822	4-6, 1967	16
Notre Dame	791	5-6, 2001	22
Nebraska	771	3-6-1, 1961	3
Texas	765	4-7, 1997	20
Alabama	754	3-8, 2000	15
Penn State	753	5-6, 2001	16
Ohio State	744	4-6-1, 1988	8
Tennessee	726	5-6, 1988	21*
Oklahoma	724	5-6, 1998	21
USC	694	5-7, 2000	25

**-Has eight wins and is in a bowl game*

studies) **Will Dabbert** (biological sciences), **DeJuan Groce** (communication studies), **Chris Kelsay** (finance), **John Klem** (finance), **Nate Kolterman** (animal science), **Steve Safranek** (psychology), **Scott Shanle** (family and consumer science) and **Jay White** (biological sciences).

27 Seniors to Conclude Husker Careers

Nebraska's 34th consecutive bowl game will be the final game in a Husker uniform for 27 seniors. The seniors were introduced before the start of the Colorado game on Nov. 29, their final appearance at Memorial Stadium.

The class includes 17 players from the state of Nebraska. During the past five years, the senior class has contributed to the 1999 Big 12 Championship and the Independence Bowl marks their fifth straight bowl trip, including last year's Rose Bowl for the national championship. Seniors who have been in the program for five seasons have contributed to a 49-15 overall record, including a 32-3 home record. Senior center John Garrison is the only Husker in this year's senior class who did not redshirt.

Huskers in Postseason Games

Several Huskers will participate in postseason bowls this season. The tentative lineup includes: **East-West Shrine (Jan. 11)**—I-back Dahrran Diedrick, place-kicker Josh Brown invited; **Senior Bowl (Jan. 18)**—rush end Chris Kelsay and cornerback/punt returner DeJuan Groce invited; **All-Star Gridiron Classic (Jan. 25)**—center John Garrison, rush end Demoiné Adams, linebacker Scott Shanle invited.

Three Seniors Complete Run as 2002 Team Captains

Three seniors were elected team captains by their teammates before the start of the season—center John Garrison, rush end Chris Kelsay and cornerback DeJuan Groce.

Kelsay was the second member of his family to serve as a Nebraska football captain, joining his brother, Chad, a captain on Solich's first team in 1998. The Kelsays are the fifth brother combination in school history to serve as team captains, joining Mike (1983) and Andy Keeler (1988), Erik (1991) and Zach Wiegert (1994), Christian (1995) and Jason Peter (1997) and Grant (1997) and Tracey Wistrom (2001). The 2002 campaign marks the first season Nebraska has had only three captains since the 1987 campaign. The Huskers had five captains a year ago and six in 2000.

Groce Adds to Nebraska's All-American History

Senior DeJuan Groce earned first-team All-America honors as a kick returner from the American Football Coaches Association and was the first-team All-America punt returner, according to CNNSI.com. Groce was picked as a third-team All-America kick returner by *The Sporting News* and the same publication picked him as a fourth-team All-America cornerback.

Groce is the ninth Husker to earn first-team All-America honors in Frank Solich's five seasons as head coach. Nebraska has now had at least one All-American in all but two (1991, 1998) of the past 33 years. The Huskers have had 89 different players earn first team All-America honors by at least one recognized source with 14 winning double honors for a total of 103 first-team awards.

2002 Husker Seniors (27)

Demoine Adams	RE
Matt Behrends	NT
Jon Bowling	TE
Josh Brown	PK
Joe Chrisman	QB
Jon Clanton	NT
Wes Cody	OG
Benny Cornelsen	WB
Will Dabbert	TE
Dahrran Diedrick	IB
Gabe Fries	LB
John Garrison	C
Aaron Golliday	TE
DeJuan Groce	CB
Troy Hassebroek	WB
Paul Kastl	FB
Chris Kelsay	RE
John Klem	SE
Scott Koethe	OT
David Kolowski	C
Nate Kolterman	OT
Kyle Ringenberg	TE
Scott Shanle	LB
Justin Smith	RE
Aaron Terpening	ROV
Wilson Thomas	SE
Jay White	CB

Groce Leads Outstanding Husker Special Teams Units

Groce earned All-America honors as a special teams standout, while also leading the Husker pass defense and playing a key leadership role for the Blackshirts. Groce has been Nebraska's top punt returner for the past two seasons and has started at right cornerback for the past three seasons.

Groce is also an electrifying force on Husker special teams. Against Troy State, he set a

school record and tied an NCAA mark with two punt return touchdowns. The first covered 83 yards, followed by a 72-yarder later in the game. He added an 89-yard touchdown return against Missouri, giving him three this season, tying Johnny Rodgers' school record, just one return TD from the NCAA record.

Groce broke Rodgers' season-punt return yardage record this season with 630 yards on 35 returns.

Rodgers had 618 yards on 39 returns while winning the Heisman in 1972. Groce also owns the No. 4 total on the season punt return list with 469 yards in 2001. He averages 15.9 yards per punt return in his career and 18.0 yards on 35 returns this season to rank third in the nation. Groce is second on the NU career punt return yardage list with 1,116 yards.

Groce's leadership has been a key to Nebraska's pass defense which ranks in the nation's top 30. In recent years, Nebraska has a history of having an experienced cornerback on one side of the field, with a newcomer manning the other corner. In 1996, true freshman Ralph Brown started opposite senior Michael Booker. Brown then served as a mentor for both Erwin Swiney and Keyuo Craver later in his career. Two seasons ago, Craver anchored one corner while DeJuan Groce learned the ropes as a starter at right cornerback. This season, it was Groce's turn to handle the leadership role, as true freshman Fabian Washington manned the left cornerback spot.



Senior DeJuan Groce is a dual threat for the Huskers. Groce ranks third in the nation in punt return average at 18.0 yards per attempt and scored three punt return touchdowns this season. He also intercepted four passes and had seven pass breakups.

NU Career Pass Breakups

Rank	Player	Position	Years	PBU
1.	Ralph Brown	RCB	96-99	50
2.	Keyuo Craver	LCB	98-01	41
3.	DeJuan Groce	RCB	99-01	40
4.	Erwin Swiney	RCB	97-01	38

NU Career Punt Return Yards

Rank	Yards	Player	Position	Years
1.	1,515	Johnny Rodgers	WB	1970-72 (98 ret.)
2.	1,116	D. Groce	CB	1999-02 (70 ret.)
2.	829	Bobby Newcombe	WB	1997-00 (48 ret.)
3.	817	Tyrone Hughes	WB	1989-92 (65 ret.)
4.	788	Larry Wachholtz	S	1964-66 (62 ret.)

NU Season Punt Return Yards

Rank	Yards	Player	Position	Years
1.	630	D. Groce	CB	2002 (35 ret.)
2.	618	Johnny Rodgers	WB	1972 (39 ret.)
3.	548	Johnny Rodgers	WB	1971 (33 ret.)
4.	469	D. Groce	CB	2001 (33 ret.)
5.	452	Larry Wachholtz	S	1965 (31 ret.)

NU Career Scoring Leaders

<u>Rank, Player, Pos., Yrs.</u>	<u>Pts.</u>
1. Kris Brown, PK, 1995-98	388
2. Eric Crouch, QB, 1998-01	368
3. Mike Rozier, IB, 1981-83	312
4. Josh Brown, PK, 1999-02	304
5. Ahman Green, IB, 1995-97	270

NU Career Kickoff Return Yards

1. 1,564 Josh Davis, IB, 2000-02 (62 ret.)
2. 1,443 Tyrone Hughes, WB, 1989-92 (51 ret.)
3. 1,159 Joe Walker, ROV, 1997-00 (53 ret.)
4. 1,154 Dana Brinson, WB, 1985-88 (51 ret.)
5. 847 Johnny Rodgers, WB 1970-72 (35 ret.)
6. 818 Frank Solich, FB, 1963-65 (35 ret.)

NU Season Kickoff Return Yards

1. 889 Josh Davis, IB, 2002 (37 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.)

*-School record for returns

Husker Grad Assistant Has Ole Miss Ties

Husker graduate assistant coach Jimmy Burrow is originally from Amory, Miss. He was a member of the Ole Miss football team during the 1971-72 school year and played on the Rebels freshman team. He then transferred to Nebraska, where he lettered in 1974 and 1975 as a defensive back.

Burrow has had several stops in his coaching career. Burrow is handling the duties of coaching the secondary for Nebraska's bowl preparations.

In addition to his one season as a member of the Rebel football team, Burrow's younger brother, Johnny, also played at Ole Miss. Johnny Burrow played defensive back and was a four-year letterman for the Rebels from 1979 to 1982. Burrow's sister, Jeannie, also attended Ole Miss, while his father, James, played basketball at Mississippi State and lettered in 1949, 1950 and 1951. His mother, Dot, attended Smithville High School in Smithville, Miss., and was a standout basketball player. She led the state in scoring in 1950, once scoring 82 points in a single game. She averaged approximately 50 points per game as a senior.

Husker-Mississippi, Louisiana Ties

► Nebraska does not have any players from the state of Mississippi on its 2002 roster. Running back Correll Buckhalter, who played at Nebraska from 1997 to 2000, is the most recent Husker player from the state of Mississippi. Buckhalter hailed from Collins, Miss.

► Nebraska will play a game in the state of Mississippi for the first time in 2003. The Huskers will travel to Hattiesburg, Miss., for a Sept. 20 game against Southern Mississippi.

► Nebraska has two players on its roster from the state of Louisiana. Sam linebacker Jemond Smith hails from Kenner, La., and graduated from Bonabel High School. Freshman offensive lineman Jemayel Phillips is from Winnfield, La.

► Prominent former Husker players from the state of Louisiana include defensive tackle Neil Smith, wingback Tyrone Hughes, outside linebacker David White, defensive tackle Jason Wiltz and quarterback Mickey Joseph.

Groce had four interceptions and seven pass breakups this fall despite teams routinely avoiding his side of the field. He had a pair of interceptions in back-to-back wins against Troy State and Utah State early in the season. Those performances marked just the second time in school history that a Husker defender has recorded two interceptions in consecutive games (also Bill Kosch in 1970).

Groce had a season-high three pass breakups at Texas A&M and now has 40 career PBU to rank third on the NU career list. He is the Huskers' single-season PBU record-holder with 17 in 2000. Groce's four interceptions this season give him eight in his career, just off the career top 10 list. Groce had a career-high 15 tackles in Nebraska's game against Texas, the most by a Husker defensive back in four seasons.

Nebraska Boasts "Extra" Special Teams

Like his predecessors Bob Devaney and Tom Osborne, NU Head Coach Frank Solich has stressed the importance of the Husker special teams. Before the 2002 campaign, Solich mentioned on numerous occasions that this year's kicking and coverage units had the potential to be very "special." The Husker special teams did not disappoint and played a key role in several of NU's victories in 2002.

In Nebraska's season opener, the Huskers blocked two punts, one of which was returned for a touchdown, keying a 48-10 win over Arizona State. The punt return unit stole the show against Troy State as Groce tied an NCAA record with two punt return TDs in NU's 31-16 victory. The special teams remained solid throughout the season and again played

a big role in the 24-13 victory over Missouri. Groce had his third punt return TD of the year and Josh Davis averaged nearly 28 yards on four kickoff returns. NU again blocked two punts against Kansas, returning one for a touchdown.

Here's a quick look at Nebraska's special teams dominance in 2002.

► **Punt Returns...**Nebraska ranks third in the nation in punt returns, averaging 16.9 yards on 43 punt returns. Groce has returned 35 punts for 630 yards, for a 18.0-yard average, good for third in the nation. Groce's two punt return touchdowns vs. Troy State not only set a school record, but matched the NCAA record. His 89-yard TD return against Missouri was his third of the season and the third-longest punt return in school history. It also tied the NU school record for punt return TDs in a season, matching Johnny Rodgers' three in 1971. His 155 yards on two returns against Troy State was just 15 yards shy of the school record for punt return yardage in a game. Groce has five punt returns of 25 yards or longer in 2002 and is second on the NU career punt return chart.

► **Place-kicking...**Senior place-kicker Josh Brown made 11-of-15 field goals and was perfect in 44 PAT attempts during the regular season. Brown had seven field goals of 40 yards or longer this season, tying a school-record. He entered the season with just four 40-yarders in 12 career attempts from that range. (NU opponents are 3-of-7 from 40-plus yards in 2002). Brown hit on field goals of 40 and 42 yards against Arizona State, marking the first time in his career he has made a pair of 40+-yard field goals in the same game. He has twice hit a regular-season career-long 48-yard field goals (vs. Texas, at Kansas State). Brown has hit 16 of his last 21 field goals dating back to 2001. He ranks fourth at Nebraska with 304 career points. The 2002 campaign marked the second perfect PAT season of Brown's career. Nebraska's 13-of-17 field goal performance was the best in Frank Solich's five seasons as head coach. Brown's performance on kickoff duties should not be left unnoticed with 38 of his 68 kickoffs this season ended in touchbacks. Brown and Nebraska's kickoff coverage team have pinned opponents inside the 20 on 11 occasions. Brown was a first-team All-Big 12 selection by the Big 12 Coaches for his performance.

► **Punting...**Kyle Larson was a Ray Guy Award semifinalist and was one of the nation's top punters for the second straight season. Larson ranks 10th in the nation in punting with a 43.2-yard average. He also pinned the opposition inside the 20 on 20 occasions, including three times each vs. Troy State and Oklahoma State. He has pinned opponents inside the 10-yard line eight times, including twice at Penn State. Husker opponents have pinned NU inside the 20 on punts 15 times.

Larson averaged better than 45 yards per punt seven times this year, with a career-best 57.3 vs. Utah State, when he also had a career-best 71 yarder. Larson had at least one punt of 45 yards or more in every game except McNeese State (two punts), and had a season-high five punts of 45 yards or more vs. Penn State and Kansas (four of 50 yards or more). Larson had a season-high eight punts at Kansas State. NU ranks ninth nationally in net punting at 38.0 yards per attempt. Larson was Nebraska's nominee for Big 12 Special Teams Player of the Week three times.

► **Blocked Kicks...**NU has had a history of being one of the nation's best kick blocking units. The Huskers exhibited the same ability this season, blocking five punts, including two blocked punts by Lannie Hopkins in the win over Kansas. Hopkins' second blocked kick was returned 30 yards by Aaron Terpening for a touchdown for NU's second return of a blocked punt for a

NU Special Teams Under Solich

<u>Year</u>	<u>FG-FGA</u>	<u>PR</u>	<u>Averages</u>			<u>Blocked Kicks</u>
			<u>KOR</u>	<u>Punt.</u>	<u>Punt.</u>	
1998	14-21	11.5	21.0	43.8	1 (1 punt)	
1999	14-20	10.9	18.4	43.6	*10 (7P, 3FG)	
2000	5-10	11.0	16.7	41.3	6 (2P, 3FG, 1PAT)	
2001	12-17	13.1	25.2	41.1	4 (2P, 2FG)	
2002	13-17	16.9	22.5	41.9	5 (5P)	

*School record

Special Teams Key in Husker Success (* indicates touchdown)

Gm	PR (25+)	KOR (25+)	FG (40+)	KOTB	I20	Punts (45+)	I20	I10
ASU	--	Davis 28	Brown 40, 42	7-9	1	Larson 48, 46	1	0
TSU	Groce 83*, 72*	Davis 32	--	4-6	1	Larson 47, 46, 52, 57	3	1 (5)
USU	Groce 27	Davis 42	Brown 44	4-8	2	Larson 71, 56, 57, 45	0	0
PSU	--	Davis 26	--	1-2	1	Larson 47, 47, 50, 56, 46	2	2 (3,6)
ISU	--	Davis 41	--	3-3	0	Larson 47, 50, 55	2	0
MSU	--	--	--	4-7	1	--	0	0
MU	Groce 89*	Davis 27, 28, 39	Brown 42	3-5	0	Larson 45	1	1 (8)
OSU	--	--	--	2-4#	0	Larson 46	3	1 (3)
A&M	--	Davis, 26	Brown 42	2-7	1	Larson 45, 56	0	0
Texas	Groce 44	Davis 46	Brown 48	2-5	1	Larson 51, 50, 45	2	1 (2)
Kansas	--	--	--	3-8	3	Larson 52, 51, 49, 58, 53	2	1 (1)
KSU	--	Davis 31, 53	Brown 48	3-4	0	Larson 55, 57	2	1 (7)
CU	--	Davis 39	Endorf 49	3-4	0	Larson 52, 46	2	0

Blocked Kicks: 5 (Williams vs. ASU, returned by Shanle for TD; Hopkins vs. ASU, recovered by Williams; Williams and Terpening vs. ISU, recovered by ISU; Hopkins, 2 vs. KU, one returned by Terpening for a TD)
#-One of Brown's kickoffs was an on-side kick

touchdown this season. Hopkins and Demorrio Williams each blocked a punt in the second half of Nebraska's victory over Arizona State, marking the first time since a 1999 win over Kansas State NU had two blocked punts in the same game. Williams' blocked punt was returned six yards for a score by senior linebacker Scott Shanle. NU's third punt block of the year came at Iowa State, when Williams and Terpening teamed to block a third-quarter punt, setting the Husker offense up for a touchdown. Texas A&M and Kansas State have both blocked Husker punts for touchdowns, while Texas blocked a Husker field goal.

► **Kickoff Returns...** Junior Josh Davis re-wrote the Nebraska kickoff return record book this season. He had seven returns for an NU single-game record 186 yards at Kansas State. In the game Davis also established Husker season and career records for kickoff return yardage. Davis finished the year with 889 kickoff returns yards to break his own season yardage record of 675 yards set last season. Davis now has 1,564 yards on kickoff returns this season, breaking the old career record of 1,493 yards set by Tyrone Hughes from 1989 to 1992. Davis averages 24.0 yards per return, with a season-long 53-yarder at Kansas State to rank 28th in the nation in kickoff return average. He has 13 kickoff returns of 25 yards or more in 2002, including three against Missouri.

► **Kick Coverage...** NU has allowed opponents to average 18.6 yards on kickoff returns and only 9.6 yards on 28 punt returns this season. While Groce and Davis have combined for 18 returns of 25 yards or more, NU opponents have just six such returns (two punt, four kickoffs).

Brown, Larson Also Earn Honors for Husker Special Teams

In addition to punt return specialist DeJuan Groce, senior place-kicker Josh Brown and junior punter Kyle Larson were recognized for their outstanding 2002 campaigns.

Brown earned first-team All-Big 12 honors from the Big 12 Coaches and the *Kansas City Star*, while the Associated Press tabbed him as a second-team selection. Larson was one of 10 punters who were semifinalists for the Ray Guy Award. In addition, Larson was a second-team All-Big 12 choice by the league's coaches and was an honorable-mention selection by the Associated Press.

Walk-on Endorf Steps up Against Colorado

Walk-on place-kicker Dale Endorf gave Nebraska its own version of "Rudy" in the regular-season finale against Colorado. Endorf, a junior from Wichita, Kan., was added to the Husker roster at midseason when No. 2 place-kicker Sandro DeAngelis was sidelined with a stress fracture in his foot.

Starting place-kicker Josh Brown was suspended for the Colorado game, leaving Endorf as Nebraska's only kicking option. Endorf's only previous kicking experience was three kicks at Friends University. Endorf was up to the challenge, connecting on field goals of 33 and 49 yards and making his only PAT attempt. Endorf's 49-yard field goal was the longest by a Husker this season.

Husker Running Game To Be Crucial in Independence Bowl

Nebraska enters the Independence Bowl as one of the nation's top rushing teams. The Huskers lead the Big 12 and rank fourth nationally in rushing offense, averaging 268.9 yards per game. Much like its season as a whole, Nebraska has had its ups and downs in the running game throughout the course of the 2002 season.

The Huskers did not hit on all cylinders on the ground early in the season, but averaged 255.5 yards per game through four games. Iowa State held Nebraska to a season-low 81 rushing yards on Sept. 28, but the Huskers ground game got in gear after that loss.

Nebraska averaged 346.8 yards rushing in posting a 4-2 record in its next six games. The Huskers topped the 300-yard barrier in rushing five times in those six games, with at least 259 rushing yards in each game. The Huskers opened the stretch with a season-high 444 yards rushing in a 38-14 victory over McNeese State. In the final game in that six-game streak, Nebraska rushed for 352 yards against Kansas on Nov. 9. In that contest, I-backs David Horne (122) and Dahrran Diedrick (107) both topped 100 yards, and NU had six running plays of more than 25 yards. The Kansas game came on the heels of two impressive rushing performances against two tough defenses.

The Huskers rolled up 320 yards rushing against No. 7 Texas, which boasted the nation's No. 3 defense entering the game. Quarterback Jammal Lord gouged the Longhorn defense for an NU quarterback record 234 rushing yards on 23 carries (10.2 ypc), and the Huskers had five rushing plays of 20 yards or more in the game.

Nebraska had perhaps its most impressive rushing performance at Texas A&M. The Huskers ran for 381 yards on a season-high 73 attempts and scored five TDs on the ground. The effort was especially remarkable when considering that the Aggies entered the game allowing just 76.9 rushing yards per game. In fact, NU's 381 rushing yards were the most against Texas A&M in 32 seasons. Before facing the Husker ground game, A&M had not allowed a 100-yard rusher in 20 games, but a pair of Huskers topped that mark (Lord, 159; Horne, 128).

Quarterback Jammal Lord and true freshman I-back David Horne keyed Nebraska's rushing success during the six-game surge. Lord ran for an average of 142.6 yards

in those six games and posted the only two 200-yard rushing days by a quarterback in NU history in the period with 218 yards vs. McNeese State and 234 yards against Texas. He also had 159 yards at Texas A&M on an NU quarterback record 30 carries. Horne ended his possible redshirt season after the Iowa State game and ran for 556 yards (92.7 ypg) in his first six games as a Husker. Horne had three 100-yard performances in his first six games.

The Husker rushing game struggled with just 97 yards at Kansas State. In the regular-season finale against Colorado, the Huskers rushed for 215 yards, but did not score a rushing touchdown.

Nebraska had 25 rushing plays of 25 yards or longer this season, with 19 of those long runs coming in the final eight games. The Huskers had just five running plays of 25 yards or more in the first five games.

NU Rushing Game-by-Game

Game	No.-Yds.-TD	Leader
ASU	59-283-3	Lord, 103
TSU	54-199-2	Lord, 92
USU	54-288-4	Diedrick, 93
PSU	45-252-1	Lord, 111
ISU	30-81-1	Diedrick, 28
MSU	52-444-4	Lord, 218
MU	62-325-1	Lord, 98
OSU	54-259-3	Horne, 125
A&M	73-381-5	Lord, 159
Texas	47-320-1	Lord, 234
Kansas	56-352-3	Horne, 122
KSU	40-97-1	Lord, 47
CU	42-215-0	Diedrick, 96

1,000 Yard Rush Seasons by NU Quarterbacks

Year	Player	Rushing		
		Att.	Yds.	TDs
2002	Jammal Lord	234	1,329	8
2001	Eric Crouch	203	1,115	18
1997	Scott Frost	176	1,095	19

Top Rushing Games by Husker Quarterbacks

Yards	Player	Opponent
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 Tx. A&M (10-26-02)

NU Single-Season Rushing Yards

Rank	Player	Pos.	Yr.	Att-Yards
1.	Mike Rozier	IB	1983	275-2,148
2.	Ahman Green	IB	1997	278-1,877
3.	Lawrence Phillips	IB	1994	286-1,722
4.	Mike Rozier	IB	1982	242-1,689
5.	Ken Clark	IB	1988	232-1,497
6.	Bobby Reynolds	HB	1950	193-1,342
7.	Jammal Lord	QB	2002*	234-1,329
8.	Derek Brown	IB	1991	230-1,313
9.	I.M. Hipp	IB	1977	197-1,301
10.	Dahrran Diedrick	IB	2001	233-1,299

*-Nebraska quarterback single-season record

Bold indicates current Husker players

Lord Plays of 20 Yards or More

Rushes (20)

33 yards vs. Arizona State
 28 yards vs. Utah State (TD)
 27 yards at Penn State
 57 yards vs. McNeese State (TD)*
 56 yards vs. McNeese State (TD)
 35 yards vs. Missouri
 22 yards at Oklahoma State
 26 yards at Oklahoma State
 41 yards at Texas A&M
 42 yards vs. Texas
 24 yards vs. Texas
 54 yards vs. Texas
 22 yards vs. Texas
 22 yards vs. Texas
 42 yards vs. Kansas
 21 yards at Kansas State
 23 yards at Kansas State
 35 yards at Kansas State (TD)
 24 yards vs. Colorado
 21 yards vs. Colorado

Passes (18)

22 yards to Troy Hassebroek vs. Arizona State
 62 yards to Jon Bowling vs. Troy State
 23 yards to Wilson Thomas vs. Utah State (TD)
 33 yards to Matt Herian vs. Utah State (TD)
 20 yards to Ben Cornelsen vs. Utah State
 90 yards to Ross Pilkington at Iowa State (TD)*
 25 yards to Kyle Ringenberg vs. McNeese State
 22 yards to Ross Pilkington vs. McNeese State
 44 yards to Matt Herian at Oklahoma State
 28 yards to Wilson Thomas at Texas A&M
 22 yards to Ross Pilkington at Texas A&M
 30 yards to Ross Pilkington at Texas A&M
 60 yards to Matt Herian vs. Texas (TD)
 27 yards to Wilson Thomas vs. Kansas (TD)
 28 yards to Matt Herian at Kansas State
 23 yards to Troy Hassebroek at Kansas State
 25 yards to Wilson Thomas at Kansas State
 80 yards to Matt Herian vs. Colorado (TD)

*-career long

Lord Joins 1,000-1,000 Club in First Season as Husker Starter

Nebraska junior quarterback Jammal Lord faced a variety of difficult challenges in his first season as the Huskers' starting signal caller. First, he was faced with the duty of following 2001 Heisman Trophy winner Eric Crouch, who started 38 games at quarterback from 1998 to 2001. Secondly, Lord guided a young Husker offense that faced seven bowl teams in 2002. While the end result to the season wasn't exactly what Lord had hoped for, he rebounded from a tough start to the season and produced one of the top total offense seasons in school history.

Lord joined an elite club on Nov. 9 against Kansas. In the game, he rushed for 74 yards and passed for 59 yards and two touchdowns, pushing his season passing total over 1,000 yards. He had previously topped 1,000 rushing yards and became the third Husker quarterback in six seasons to both rush and pass for more than 1,000 yards in the same season, joining Scott Frost (1997) and Eric Crouch (2001). Lord was the 18th player in Division I-A history to accomplish the feat.

The 6-2, 220-pound Lord has produced 2,598 yards of total offense this season, the second-most in school history, trailing only Eric Crouch's school-record of 2,625 yards set in his Heisman Trophy-winning campaign last year. Lord produced two of the top three single-game total offense marks in school history with an NU record 369 yards vs. McNeese State and 332 yards of total offense against Texas (third).

Lord began making his mark in the record book against McNeese State, posting his school-record total offense mark on just 35 total-offense attempts, good for a remarkable 10.5 yards per attempt. In that game, he also rushed for a then-NU quarterback record 218 yards. Both of the broken records were set last season by Crouch (360 total offense yards at Colorado and 191 rushing yards at Missouri). The McNeese State game marked the first time that Lord topped 100 yards in both rushing and passing in the same contest. He reached the 100-100 mark for the second time at Texas A&M.

The quarterback rushing record set against McNeese State lasted all of four weeks, as Lord rushed for 234 yards on 23 carries against Texas and added 98 yards and a touchdown through the air. Lord's 234 rushing yards vs. Texas marked his fifth 100-yard rushing game of the season. In addition to his two 200-yard outings, he also topped the century mark with 103 yards vs. Arizona State, 111 at Penn State and 159 yards at Texas A&M.

Lord's 159 yards at Texas A&M came on a Nebraska quarterback record 30 carries. In that game, Lord pushed both his career rushing and passing totals past the 1,000-yard marks. He now has 1,542 career rushing yards to rank 29th on the NU list and 1,450 passing, good for 18th on the Husker career chart.

Lord broke the Nebraska season quarterback rushing record during the Texas game and has put together one of the top rushing seasons in school history, regardless of position. Lord finished the regular season with 1,329 yards rushing, the seventh-best rushing season by a Husker and the most since 1997.

Lord led Nebraska in rushing eight times in 2002. In addition to leading Nebraska in rushing yards (1,276) and rushing touchdowns (8), Lord averages 5.7 yards per carry. By comparison, Crouch averaged 5.5 yards per rush in winning the Heisman last season. Lord's 102.2 yards rushing per game rank 33rd in the nation and fifth in the Big 12 Conference. Lord is second nationally in rushing among quarterbacks. His 199.8 total offensive yards per game rank ninth in the Big 12.

The McNeese State game was a career-best passing day for Lord in terms of completions (12), yards (151) and percentage (.667). He topped 100 yards passing eight times in 2002, including six of the final nine games in the regular season. Lord has thrown for 1,269 yards and 11 touchdowns this season.

Lord Supplies Nebraska With Big-Play Threat

One of the attributes Nebraska coaches saw in Jammal Lord from the start of the season was his big-play ability. The junior has not disappointed in that department this season, accounting for 38 plays of 20 yards or longer.

Lord has 20 rushes of 25 yards or more this season, including at least one in each of Nebraska's last eight games. He has broke off eight runs of 35 yards or longer, including five in the final five games

QB Jammal Lord Game-by-Game

Game	Rushing No.-Yd-TD	Passing A-C-I-Yd-TD	Total Off. No.-Yd-TD
ASU	17-103-0	13-5-0-33-1	30-136-1
TSU*	23-92-1	15-8-1-114-0	38-206-1
USU*	9-59-2	12-6-0-105-2	21-164-4
PSU*	14-111-0	16-8-3-76-0	30-187-0
ISU*	11-8-0	10-5-1-120-1	21-128-1
MSU*	17-218-3	18-12-1-151-1	35-369-4
MU*	17-98-0	12-4-0-32-1	29-130-1
OSU*	18-73-1	14-7-0-110-0	32-183-1
A&M*	30-159-0	12-7-0-116-0	42-275-0
Texas*	23-234-0	14-7-2-98-2	37-332-2
Kansas*	13-74-0	10-4-1-59-2	23-133-2
KSU*	21-47-1	25-9-0-134-0	46-181-1
CU*	21-53-0	17-6-1-119-1	38-172-1

*-Starts

Season Highs

Rushing: 234 yards vs. Texas (NU QB record)

Passing: 151 yards vs. McNeese State

Total Offense: 369 yards vs. McNeese State
(NU school record)

TDs Accounted For: 4, twice (Utah St., McNeese St.)

Season Averages

Rushing: 102.2 yards per game

(5th Big 12/33rd nationally, 2nd among QBs)

Passing: 97.6 yards per game

Total Offense: 199.8 yards per game (9th Big 12)

of the regular season. The NU signal caller has accounted for nine of NU's 12 longest runs of the season. Against McNeese State, Lord had two touchdown runs of longer than 50 yards (56, 57) marking the first time a Husker has had two 50-plus yard scoring runs in a game since 1999.

Lord connected on 18 pass plays of 20 yards or more this season. He hit a season-long 90-yard TD pass to Ross Pilkington at Iowa State, good for the third-longest pass play in NU history. Lord also connected on a pair of long touchdown passes to tight end Matt Herian, a 60-yarder against Texas and an 80-yard connection vs. Colorado to end the regular season.

Lord's big-play ability compares favorably with 2001 Heisman winner Eric Crouch. Twenty-four of Lord's long plays covered 25 yards or more, equal to Crouch's 24 plays of 25 yards or longer in 12 games last season (10 rush, 13 pass, 1 receiving).

Lord Puts His Name in Husker Record Book

A brief list of the school records quarterback Jammal Lord established in 2002 follows:

- ▶ **Total Offense, Game**....369 yards vs. McNeese State
old record...Eric Crouch, 360 yards at Colorado, 2001
- ▶ **Rushing Yards by a Quarterback, Game**....234 yards vs. Texas
old record...Eric Crouch, 191 yards at Colorado, 2001
(Tommie Frazier, 199 yards vs. Florida, 1996 Fiesta Bowl)
- ▶ **Rushing Yards by a Quarterback, Season**....1,329, 2002
old record...Eric Crouch, 1,115 yards in 2001
- ▶ **Rushing Attempts by a Quarterback, Game**....30 at Texas A&M
old record...Eric Crouch, 27 vs. Kansas State, 1999
- ▶ **Rushing Attempts by a Quarterback, Season**....234, 2002
old record...Eric Crouch, 203 in 2001
- ▶ **Total Offense Attempts, Season**....422, 2002
old record...Eric Crouch, 392 in 2001
- ▶ **Total Offense Yards by a Junior, Season**....2,598, 2002
old record...Eric Crouch, 2,072 in 2000
- ▶ **Total Offense Yards by a Junior, Game**....369 yards vs. McNeese St.
old record...Dave Humm, 305 vs. Wisconsin, 1973

Diedrick Climbs into Top 10 on NU Rushing List

Senior I-back Dahrran Diedrick finished second in rushing yards for Nebraska this season with 839 yards. In the process, Diedrick made a steady climb up the Nebraska rushing charts and now sits in the top 10 on that impressive list.

Diedrick cracked the top 10 in Nebraska's 45-7 victory over Kansas. In the game, Diedrick had his first 100-yard rushing day of the season with 107 yards on 12 carries against Kansas. He bolted 53 yards for a

Lord to Pilkington TD Connection at ISU Continues Nebraska Big Play History

The 90-yard TD pass from Jammal Lord to Ross Pilkington at Iowa State ranks as the third-longest pass play in NU history. The connection was the longest pass play by Nebraska since a school-record 95-yard TD pass from Fred Duda to Freeman White against Colorado in 1965.

The 90-yard TD was the ninth play from scrimmage of 90 yards or more in school history and also marked the second straight year NU has had a 90-plus yard play from scrimmage. In 2001, Eric Crouch broke open Nebraska's win at Missouri with a school-record 95-yard TD run. The Huskers have had a scoring play of 90 yards or more in three straight seasons and four of five years under Frank Solich. Bobby Newcombe returned a punt 94 yards for a score against MU in 2000, while Joe Walker brought a kickoff back 99 yards for a score in the 1998 season opener against Louisiana Tech.

first-quarter touchdown to give NU a 7-0 lead, marking the longest run of his Husker career.

His effort against the Jayhawks moved Diedrick past five former Huskers and into ninth place on the NU career rushing list. Diedrick now has 2,653 career rushing yards.

Diedrick capped the regular season with an outstanding effort against Colorado at Memorial Stadium. He carried 13 times for 96 yards against the Buffs, including a 25-yard scamper, for his second-highest rushing output of the season. Diedrick also topped 90 yards against Utah State, carrying 16 times for 93 yards against the Aggies.

He rushed for 85 yards on 15 carries against Texas A&M, including 78 yards on nine carries after halftime. Diedrick finished the regular season with six rushing touchdowns this season and 26 in his career, the 14th-most in school history.

At 6-0 and 225 pounds, Diedrick supplies the Huskers with a physical running complement to freshman I-back David Horne. Along with the I-back tandem, quarterback Jammal Lord gives Nebraska one of the nation's most lethal three-player rushing threats. Diedrick was a first-team All-Big 12 pick last season after leading the league in rushing with 1,299 yards. He also scored 15 touchdowns and rushed for 100 or more yards in seven of 11 regular-season appearances.

Going Around the Horne

I-back David Horne gave the Husker running game a kick-start after ending his possible redshirt season in early October. Horne did not play

in the season's first five games, but made his debut after the Iowa State game, in which Nebraska ran for just 81 yards.

Horne rushed for 586 yards (73.2 ypg) in his eight regular-season appearances and rushed for more than 100 yards three times this season. Horne's first career 100-yard game came at Oklahoma State, when he had 125 yards and a touchdown on 24 carries. A week later at Texas A&M, Horne rushed for a career-best 128 yards and four touchdowns (most ever vs. A&M) and added 122 rushing yards on just nine carries against

IB Dahrran Diedrick Game-by-Game

Game	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	TD
Arizona State*	18	79	4.4	1
Troy State*	15	63	4.2	1
Utah State*	16	93	5.8	0
at Penn State*	16	71	4.4	0
at Iowa State*	8	28	3.5	0
McNeese State*	15	64	4.3	0
Missouri*	14	61	4.4	0
at Oklahoma St.*	6	26	4.3	1
at Texas A&M*	15	85	5.7	1
Texas*	11	52	4.7	1
Kansas*	12	107	8.9	1
Kansas State*	7	14	2.0	0
Colorado*	13	96	7.4	0
Totals	166	839	5.1	6

NU Career Rushing Leaders

Rank	Player, Pos., Yrs.	Yards
1.	Mike Rozier, IB, 1981-83	4,780
2.	Ahman Green, IB, 1995-97	3,880
3.	Eric Crouch, QB, 1998-01	3,434
4.	Calvin Jones, IB, 1991-93	3,153
5.	Ken Clark, IB, 1987-89	3,037
6.	I.M. Hipp, IB, 1977-79	2,814
7.	Lawrence Phillips, IB, 1993-95	2,777
8.	Derek Brown, IB, 1990-92	2,699
9.	D. Diedrick, IB, 1999-pres.	2,653
10.	Correll Buckhalter, IB, 1997-00	2,522

IB David Horne Game-by-Game Rushing

Game	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	TD
Arizona State	Did Not Play			
Troy State	Did Not Play			
Utah State	Did Not Play			
at Penn State	Did Not Play			
at Iowa State	Did Not Play			
McNeese State	12	81	6.8	0
Missouri	20	88	4.4	1
at Oklahoma St.	24	125	5.2	1
at Texas A&M	24	128	5.3	4
Texas	7	12	1.7	0
Kansas	9	122	13.6	1
Kansas State	9	23	2.6	0
Colorado	7	7	1.0	0
Totals	112	586	5.2	7

Top Rushing Seasons by NU Freshmen

Rank	Player, Pos., Yr.	Yards
1.	Ahman Green, IB, 1995	1,086
2.	Calvin Jones, IB, 1991	900
3.	DeAngelo Evans, IB, 1996	776
4.	Monte Anthony, IB, 1974	587
5.	David Horne, IB, 2002	586

Kansas two weeks later.

Huskers Scoring in All Three Facets of Game

Nebraska reached the end zone 46 times during the regular season with the offense, defense and special teams all getting into the act. Of Nebraska's touchdowns, six were non-offensive scores—two in each of the Huskers' first two games this season, DeJuan Groce's 89-yard punt return touchdown against Missouri and Aaron Terpening's 30-yard return of a blocked punt vs. Kansas.

In the season opener against Arizona State, Nebraska scored via a blocked punt return and an interception return. Scott Shanle returned a blocked punt six yards for a score, while freshman Fabian Washington brought an interception back 29 yards into the end zone.

DeJuan Groce supplied two special teams touchdowns against Troy State, returning punts 83 and 72 yards for scores, setting a school and Big 12 record and tying an NCAA record. The first two games this season marked the first time Nebraska has recorded two or more non-offensive scores in consecutive games since the 1996 season. In that year, NU returned an interception (Ralph Brown) and a kickoff (Kenny Cheatham) for a TD at Oklahoma and the following week vs. Missouri returned a blocked punt for a score (Terrell Farley) and recorded a safety when the Tigers fumbled the ball out of the end zone.

The Huskers have scored by defense or special teams in eight of their last 20 games dating back to last season (4 of 13 in 2002). Eight members of the 2002 team have scored non-offensive TDs in their careers led by Groce's five scores, all punt returns. Groce also became the first Husker to score two non-offensive touchdowns in a game since Julius Jackson had an interception return and a fumble return for TDs against Southern Mississippi in 1999.

Turnover Ratio to Be Crucial in Bowl Game

In addition to special teams excellence, the Husker coaching staff regularly preaches the importance of a positive turnover margin. The Huskers started strong in that area this season, but finished the season at minus-one in that department, tied for 68th in the nation.

Nebraska had a combined four-turnover disadvantage in its losses, compared with a plus-five ratio in its victories. Ole Miss has been slightly better in the turnover department, posting a +0.25 margin to rank 46th nationally.

In Nebraska's season opener, the Huskers returned an interception for a touchdown against Arizona State, while the offense did not commit a turnover. The ASU victory marked the first time since 1974 (Oregon) that Nebraska did not have a turnover in its season opener. That statistic is even more impressive considering the Huskers had a new starter at quarterback in Jammal Lord and three new starters on the offensive front.

Huskers Make Second ESPN Appearance

The 2002 Independence Bowl game against Ole Miss will mark Nebraska's second appearance on ESPN this season. The Huskers opened the 2002 season with a 48-10 victory over Arizona State on the network.

Nebraska has had great success in the past on ESPN, posting a 22-4-1 all-time record on the network. Nebraska is 1-1 in bowl games televised by ESPN, defeating Northwestern, 66-17, in the 2000 Alamo Bowl, and a 23-20 loss against Arizona in the 1998 Holiday Bowl.

In the Oklahoma State game, Horne became the first true freshman I-back to rush for more than 100 yards since DeAngelo Evans had 130 yards in the 1996 Big 12 Championship Game against Texas. Horne was the first Husker frosh at any position to top 100 yards rushing since redshirt freshman quarterback Eric Crouch had 108 yards in a 40-30 loss at Kansas State in 1998. Horne's 100-yard outing at Oklahoma State marked the first time a Husker back had topped 100 yards since Dahrran Diedrick rushed for 108 yards on 24 carries vs. Kansas State on Nov. 10, 2001.

Horne's four touchdowns at Texas A&M were the most by a Husker freshman since fellow Omaha Central graduate Calvin Jones rushed for a school-record six TDs at Kansas in 1991 as a redshirt freshman. Horne and Dahrran Diedrick both topped 100 yards against Kansas, the first time this season a pair of Husker running backs have cracked the century mark.

Horne's speed and field vision were evident immediately in his debut against McNeese State. He made a strong first impression, rushing 12 times for 81 yards. He backed that performance up with 88 yards on a team-high 20 carries against Missouri, including 46 yards on a key second-quarter touchdown drive. He also added his first career touchdown on a five-yard run in the first quarter against the Tigers.

The 6-0, 190-pound Horne finished the regular season with a 5.2-yard per carry average. His 586 rushing yards rank fifth on the Nebraska single-season list for most rushing yards by a freshman. Three of the top five spots on that chart are now owned by Omaha Central products, including Ahman Green, Calvin Jones and now Horne.

Husker O-Line Paves Way for Big 12's Leading Rushing Attack

Not to be forgotten in Nebraska's rushing success in the second half of the 2002 campaign is the play of the Husker offensive line. The Husker offensive front, which featured three new starters in 2002, helped Nebraska lead the Big 12 and rank fourth nationally in rushing offense at 268.9 yards per game.

Three Husker offensive linemen were honored for their play during the season. Senior center John Garrison was a preseason member of the Outland Trophy and Rimington Award watch lists and earned second-team All-Big 12 honors from several sources and honorable-mention accolades from the Associated Press and Big 12 Coaches.

Redshirt freshman offensive tackle Richie Incognito made a big impression in his first season of action. Incognito was selected as a first-team freshman All-American by both *The Sporting News*, who also placed him on its first-team All-Big 12 squad. Rivals.com also listed Incognito as a frosh All-American and he earned honorable-mention all-conference honors from the Associated Press and Big 12 Coaches. Junior right tackle Dan Waldrop was also an honorable-mention All-Big 12 pick by the AP.

The offensive line was at their best over the season's final weeks, highlighted by a trademark Husker performance in Nebraska's 38-31 comeback victory at Texas A&M. In that contest, Nebraska stacked up a school-record 110 pancakes, bettering the previous high of 101 knock-downs against Baylor in 2000.

Incognito had 28 knock-down blocks against the Aggies, the second-highest total in school history, trailing only Toniau Fonoti's 32 against Texas Tech in 2001. Incognito finished as Nebraska's season leader with 171 pancakes, the second-highest single-season total at Nebraska since official records have been kept beginning with the 1995 season. Incognito posted 106 of his pancakes in the final six games of the regular season. In that stretch, he averaged nearly 18 pancakes per game and had three games with 20 or more pancakes.

Incognito leads Nebraska with nine double-figure pancake games, while center John Garrison has seven such games and tied his career-high with 20 pancakes at Texas A&M. The senior captain is second on the team in pancakes with 140 and his 271 career pancakes ranks seventh in school history.

In addition to Incognito and Garrison, three other Husker offensive linemen had career-high pancake totals against A&M. Waldrop's 24 pancakes in that game were the fourth-highest total in school history, seven better than his previous career high. Offensive guard Mike Erickson (16) and fellow guard Junior Tagoa'i (18) also bettered their previous best outings in the offensive line's record-setting performance against the Aggies.

Husker Pancake Totals Season

Rank, Player, Year	'cakes
1. Toniau Fonoti, 2001	201
2. Richie Incognito 2002	171
3. Toniau Fonoti, 2000	155
4. Dominic Raiola, 2000	145
5. Russ Hochstein, 2000	143
6. Dominic Raiola, 1999	140
John Garrison, 2002	140
8. Aaron Taylor, 1997	136
9. Aaron Taylor, 1995	128
10. Russ Hochstein, 1999	126
-- John Garrison, 2001	125

Career

Rank, Player, Years	'cakes
1. Toniau Fonoti, 1999-01	379
2. Aaron Taylor, 1994-97	377
3. Dominic Raiola, 1998-00	361
4. Russ Hochstein, 1997-00	346
5. Dave Volk, 1998-01	343
6. Josh Heskew, 1996-98	282
7. John Garrison, 1999-02	271
8. Eric Anderson, 1994-97	270
9. Chris Dishman, 1994-96	265
10. James Sherman, 1996-99	212

Thomas Among Nebraska's Career Receiving Leaders

Senior split end Wilson Thomas leads Nebraska with 27 receptions, 319 receiving yards and three touchdowns this season. The 6-6 Thomas has 65 career receptions to rank eighth on Nebraska's career list.

Thomas opened the season with three catches, including a touchdown against Arizona State. He also has touchdown grabs against Utah State and Kansas, while catching a season-high five passes at Iowa State. Thomas had four catches for a season-high 59 yards at Texas A&M.

Thomas' four-catch effort against Texas A&M marked the 14th time in his career that he has caught three or more passes, including five times in 2002. He had three or more grabs nine times last season, including six each in key victories over Oklahoma and Kansas State. He capped the 2001 regular season with a career-best 109 receiving yards against Colorado, including a career-long 78-yard reception, the longest non-scoring pass in NU school history.

With 943 career receiving yards, Thomas ranks 14th on the NU charts and is 57 yards from becoming just the 12th player in school history to reach 1,000 career receiving yards. He recorded four pass receptions this season covering 20 yards or more, with two of those going for touchdowns.

Thomas' 37 receptions in 2001 were the most by any Husker since All-American Irving Fryar caught 40 balls in 1983, and the sixth-most ever by a Husker. His 616 receiving yards ranked as the fifth-best single-season total in school history and was a record for Husker split ends.

Thomas has spent his past two offseasons playing for Coach Barry Collier's Husker basketball team. Last season Thomas averaged 4.6 points and 3.8 rebounds in 16 games, including a double-double with 12 points and 11 rebounds against Missouri in Lincoln. He has not yet decided whether he will join the Huskers on the hardwood this winter.

NU Career Reception Leaders

Rank	Player, Pos., Yrs.	Rec.
1.	Johnny Rodgers, WB, 1972	143
2.	Matt Davison, SE, 1997-00	93
3.	Jeff Kinney, HB, 1969-71	82
4.	Guy Ingles, SE, 1968-70	74
5.	Tim Smith, SE, 1977-79	72
6.	Irving Fryar, WB, 1981-83	67
7.	Tom Penney, SE, 1966-68	66
8.	Todd Brown, SE, 1980-82	65
	W. Thomas, SE, 1999-present	65
10.	A. Muhammad, WB, 1991-94	61
	Jerry List, TE, 1970-72	61
	D. Richnafsky, SE, 1965-67	61

Kelsay's Return Aids Blackshirt Defense

Senior rush end Chris Kelsay entered his senior season as a strong contender for conference and national honors. He was also counted on to be a dominant player on the Husker front four and provide leadership to a youthful Husker defense.

Early in the season Kelsay showed why he was a preseason All-Big 12 pick by the league's media. In addition to his first-team all-league notice by the conference media, Kelsay was a first-team All-Big 12 pick by *The Sporting News*, which listed him as the nation's No. 5 defensive end. Kelsay, a senior from Auburn, Neb., was also on preseason watch lists for the Rotary Lombardi Award and the Bronko Nagurski Award.

The 6-5, 260-pound Kelsay totaled nine tackles for loss, including 4.5 sacks, in the first five games of the season. He also hurried opposing quarterbacks 14 times through five games, while routinely being double-teamed. Kelsay's season took an abrupt turn in the first quarter against McNeese State, when he suffered an injury to his right hamstring. The injury required a slow rehabilitation process and caused him to miss the next five games.

Kelsay quickly exhibited his impact on the Nebraska defense in his return from the injury against Kansas State. Despite not being on the field for six weeks, Kelsay had a career-high 11 tackles, including a sack against the 11th-ranked Wildcats.

Despite missing a large portion of the season, Kelsay finished as the team leader in sacks with 5.5 for 40 yards, including a two-sack effort against Arizona State. He also led Nebraska in quarterback hurries with 18, including four each against Arizona State, Utah State and Penn State. Kelsay finished second on the team in tackles for loss with 10 stops behind the line of scrimmage for a total of 48 yards. He added three pass

breakups at the line of scrimmage.

Kelsay still had an impact on the Husker defense even while sidelined with an injury. Several of his teammates credited Kelsay with encouraging the defensive troops from the sideline throughout the Blackshirts' top performance of 2002 against Missouri. In addition, Kelsay was instrumental in a defensive players' meeting where the defense set goals for the game. The goals set included 13 or fewer points, less than 100 yards rushing allowed and fewer than 250 total yards by the Tigers. NU met all of those goals.

The play of Kelsay in his limited game time this fall was noticed. He earned second-team All-Big 12 honors from the *Kansas City Star* and was an honorable-mention pick by the league's coaches and the Associated Press. In addition, Kelsay was a National Football Foundation/College Hall of Fame Scholar-Athlete, earning an \$18,000 postgraduate scholarship.

Kelsay has 11.5 sacks and 30 tackles for loss in his Husker career, just two TFL from the top 10 on the Nebraska career list. Kelsay recorded 52 total tackles as a junior, including a team-best 17 tackles for losses totaling 58 yards and five sacks. He has 28 overall tackles this season and 125 stops in his career.

Standout Husker Freshmen Receive National Attention

Five true freshman saw action for the Huskers this season, the most in Frank Solich's five years as head coach. The last time Nebraska played more true freshmen was in the national championship season of 1997, Tom Osborne's last season as head coach. In addition to five true freshmen, several redshirt freshmen made a significant impact this fall and Nebraska is certainly not without young talent on its roster.

The play of the Husker freshmen did not go unnoticed. Redshirt freshman Richie Incognito led the way, earning first-team freshman All-America accolades from *The Sporting News* and Rivals.com. Cornerback Fabian Washington earned second-team frosh All-America honors from *The Sporting News*, while the publication made I-back David Horne a fourth-team pick. Incognito, Washington and Horne were joined on TSN's Big 12 All-Freshman Team by true frosh split end Ross Pilkington, true freshman tight end Matt Herian and redshirt freshman defensive tackle Le Kevin Smith.

True Frosh Make Splash for 2002 Huskers

Each of the five true freshmen who saw action this fall made a significant impact for Nebraska. Split end Ross Pilkington is in his first season as a Husker after two seasons of minor league baseball, while I-back David Horne, split end Mark LeFlore, tight end Matt Herian and cornerback Fabian Washington are all less than a year removed from high school.

As a group, the freshmen had an outstanding season with a number of highlight moment. Against Oklahoma State, Nebraska had 369 yards of total offense, 204 (55 percent) of which were accounted for by true freshmen. The Texas A&M game was similar as the frosh accounted for 185 yards of total offense, with Horne rushing for 128 yards and Pilkington grabbing two passes for 52 yards. Washington added three pass breakups and seven tackles in the victory. Against Texas, NU freshmen combined for five of the Huskers' seven pass receptions.

The true freshmen wasted no time this season making their presence known. In fact, three of the five scored touchdowns on the first touch of their Husker careers. In the season opener, Washington intercepted an

Tremendous True Freshmen

TE Matt Herian

Six receptions for 260 yards (43.3 ypc)
Three TD (80-yarder vs. Colorado)

IB David Horne

586 rushing yards (73.2 ypg)
Three 100-yard rushing games

SE Mark LeFlore

Four carries for 80 yards on reverse plays
64-yard touchdown run vs. McNeese State

SE Ross Pilkington

Second on team in receiving yards (277)
90-yard TD reception at Iowa State

LCB Fabian Washington

Starter at left cornerback
Team-high 11 PBU and four interceptions

35 Former Huskers on NFL Rosters

Nebraska remains among the nation's leaders in supplying talent to the National Football League. In fact, the Huskers had a Big 12-best 45 players in 2002 NFL training camps and 35 of those players currently find themselves on 2002 rosters. Nebraska had 30 players on active 2002 opening day rosters to rank eighth nationally and tops among Big 12 schools.

Among Nebraska's notable alumni on NFL rosters are 10-year veteran offensive guard Will Shields of the Kansas City Chiefs, who has appeared in seven consecutive Pro Bowls. Green Bay's Ahman Green finished fourth in the NFL in rushing last season with 1,387 yards, while St. Louis DE Grant Wistrom has been a key component in a Ram defense that has helped the team to the Super Bowl in two of the last three seasons. Since 1994, NU has had 53 players selected in the NFL Draft, the third-most of any school in the nation and tops among Big 12 Conference schools. Below is a current list of 35 former Huskers on NFL rosters, including players on injured reserve and practice squads.

Dan Alexander, RB, Jacksonville
 Kris Brown, KS, Houston
 Mike Brown, FS, Chicago
 Ralph Brown, DB, N.Y. Giants
 Correll Buckhalter, RB, Philadelphia (IR)
 Keyuo Craver, CB, New Orleans
 Chris Dishman, OG, Arizona
 Clint Finley, S, Kansas City (practice)
 Tonia Fonoti, OL, San Diego
 Jay Foreman, LB, Houston
 Scott Frost, S, Green Bay (IR)
 Aaron Graham, C, Tennessee
 Ahman Green, RB, Green Bay
 Eric Johnson, DB, Oakland
 Bill LaFleur, P, San Francisco
 Joel Makovicka, RB, Arizona
 Mike Minter, FS, Carolina
 John Parrella, DE, Oakland
 Christian Peter, DT, Chicago
 Carlos Polk, LB, San Diego
 Dominic Raiola, C, Detroit
 Mike Rucker, DE, Carolina
 Cory Schlesinger, FB, Detroit
 Will Shields, OG, Kansas City
 Jeremy Slehta, DT, Philadelphia
 Brenden Stai, OG, Washington
 Erwin Swiney, CB, Green Bay (practice)
 Jared Tomich, DT, Green Bay
 Adam Treu, OT, Oakland
 Kyle Vanden Bosch, DE, Arizona
 Eric Warfield, CB, Kansas City
 Steve Warren, DT, Green Bay
 Zach Wiegert, OG, Jacksonville (IR)
 Tyrone Williams, CB, Green Bay
 Grant Wistrom, DE, St. Louis

2002 Nebraska Non-Conference Opponents

<u>Team</u>	<u>Record -- Bowl Game</u>
Arizona State	8-5-Holiday vs. Kansas State
Troy State	4-8
Utah State	4-7
Penn State	9-3-Capital One vs. Auburn
McNeese State	11-1-Division I-AA Semifinals

Arizona State pass and returned it 29 yards for a touchdown. Two games later against Utah State, Herian turned his first career reception into a 33-yard TD. He added five pass receptions the remainder of the season, including a 60-yard touchdown against Texas and an 80-yard score in the regular-season finale vs. Colorado. The Pierce, Neb., native averages an amazing 43.3 yards per catch.

LeFlore got into the act against McNeese State, taking his first career carry on a reverse 64 yards for a touchdown to give NU a 31-7 fourth-quarter advantage. Horne has scored seven touchdowns and Pilkington scored on a 90-yard TD at Iowa State, the Huskers' longest pass play in 37 years.

Washington and Pilkington were the only two members of the group to play in the season opener. The 6-0, 175-pound Washington took over starting duties at left corner against McNeese State and has a nose for the football. Washington has a Nebraska freshman record four interceptions this season and has also recovered and forced a fumble, while breaking up a team-high 11 passes, one off the NU freshman record.

Pilkington ranks second on the team in receptions (13) and receiving yards (277), good for a 21.3-yard per catch average. He had a streak of eight straight games with a catch at one point this season, and his 13 receptions are a NU freshman record. His 277 receiving yards leave him just five yards away from Johnny Mitchell's 1990 frosh receiving yardage record of 282 yards. Pilkington originally committed to the Huskers in February of 2000, but played two seasons of minor league baseball in the Colorado Rockies' organization before coming to Lincoln.

Huskers Pull Off Historic Comeback at Texas A&M

The Huskers showed their resilience in picking up a 38-31 victory at Texas A&M on Oct. 26, just the Aggies' 11th home loss in the past 14 years. In the game, Nebraska rallied from a 31-14 third-quarter deficit to upend the Aggies. The rally tied the top come-from-behind effort in school history and was Nebraska's best under Head Coach Frank Solich.

A few notes on Nebraska's comeback victory at Texas A&M.

► The previous largest deficit Nebraska had overcome to win under Frank 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 Huskers' rally from 17 points behind tied the largest comeback in school history. NU trailed 17-0 in the first quarter of its 1991 game at Kansas, but rallied to win 59-23.

► Nebraska's previous victory when trailing after three quarters was on Nov. 27, 1998, when the Huskers trailed Colorado 14-13 after three quarters, but pulled out a 16-14 victory.

► 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.

► Nebraska trailed 31-21 entering the fourth quarter at Texas A&M. 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. Nebraska rallied from 10-point deficits entering the fourth quarter twice for bowl victories under Tom Osborne. NU trailed Florida 10-0 entering the fourth in the 1974 Sugar Bowl and won 13-10 and was behind North Carolina 17-7 heading into the fourth quarter of the 1977 Liberty Bowl, but escaped with a 21-17 victory.

Poll Position

Nebraska fell out of the top 25 in both polls after the loss at Iowa State, ending a streak of 348 straight weeks in the Associated Press Poll. Nebraska had been ranked in every AP weekly poll since October of 1981.

Nebraska faced four opponents who were ranked by the Associated Press at gametime in 2002, including Iowa State, Texas, Kansas State and Colorado. Iowa State has since fallen from the rankings, but the other three Big 12 opponents join Oklahoma in the rankings to give the Big 12 four teams in the polls. Kansas State (6 AP/6 Coaches) leads the way, followed by Oklahoma (8/8), Texas (9/9) and Colorado (14/14). Nebraska's non-conference opponent Penn State is 10th in both of this week's polls.

Nebraska opened the 2002 season ranked in the Associated Press preseason top 25 for the 33rd consecutive season. The Huskers were ranked No. 10 in this year's AP preseason listing, the 10th consecutive season Nebraska has opened in the Top 10. The Huskers were ranked eighth in the ESPN/USA Today Coaches preseason poll.

Nebraska's AP preseason ranking was its lowest since opening at No. 11 in 1992, but marked the fifth straight season under Solich that NU was in the preseason top 10. Under Solich, Nebraska's loftiest preseason ranking came in 2000, when the Huskers were listed first in both AP and coaches polls.

Husker Historical Notes...

Unprecedented Winning Tradition Continues

Nebraska, the nation's third-winningest program all time (fourth by percentage), boasts a 771-307-40 record in 1,118 games (.708). In the last 34 years, NU is tops, posting a record of 337-66-5 for an .832 winning percentage (408 games), an average of nearly 10 wins per year. In terms of victories, the Huskers are third in NCAA Division I-A history with 771.

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 nine years. NU has won 12 or more games seven times, and 13 games three times (1971, 1994 and 1997).

No one can match Nebraska's current 40-year winning season streak and no other school has averaged nearly 10 wins per season over the last 34 years. Nebraska's 40 years of consecutive winning records rank second all time behind Notre Dame's 42 (1889-32) and third in terms of non-losing seasons, behind Penn State's 49 (1939-87) and Notre Dame's 42 (1889-1932) and tied with Texas' 40 (1893-32). Nebraska (702), Michigan (705), Alabama (728) and Notre Dame (736) were the only four programs to have won 700 games in the last century. Nebraska became the first Division I team to win 100 or more games in back-to-back decades, ranking first in the 1980s (103-20-0, .837) and second in the 1990s (108-16-1 record, .890) and posted a nation's best 309-56-5 record in the 1970s, 1980s and 1990s.

Huskers Win Three National Titles in Four Years

In 1993, the Huskers went 11-1 losing only to Florida State, 18-16, in the Orange Bowl for the national championship. That loss began a run of wins, records and crystal collections. Nebraska followed 1993 with three perfect seasons in four years, winning national titles in 1994 (13-0), 1995 (12-0) and 1997 (13-0). No other team won three titles in the 1990s. Nebraska posted incredible numbers from 1993 on, consider...

In the Past Nine Years, the Huskers Have...

- ▶ Posted a 109-18 record
- ▶ Played in five national title games (1993, 1994, 1995, 1997, 2001)
- ▶ Won three national titles (1994, 1995, 1997) in four years
- ▶ Won five conference crowns (three Big Eight, two Big 12)
- ▶ Posted a 65-11 conference record (.855)
- ▶ Won 63 of 66 home games
- ▶ Gone 28-14 vs. Associated Press Top 25 teams (14-6 vs. top 10)

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 28-10 in this decade. Nebraska's

Division I-A Records in the 1990s

1. Florida State.... 109-13-1890
2. **Nebraska 108-16-1868**
3. Florida 102-22-1820

Records In Previous Three Decades (1970-1999)

1. **Nebraska 309-56-5842**
2. Michigan 278-71-8790
3. Penn State 282-76-2786
4. Ohio State 264-84-8753
- Alabama 271-88-3753

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 337-66-5 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.

Devaney Established Tradition

Retiring as the winningest active coach in the nation, Tom Osborne took over a program firmly entrenched in solid ground in 1973, when Hall of Fame Coach Bob Devaney named Osborne as his successor. Devaney posted a 101-20-2 record in his 11 years at Nebraska, won two national championships (1970 and 1971) and was the winningest active coach in the nation upon his retirement in 1972 with a 136-30-7 career record (.806) including a 35-10-5 record at the University of Wyoming.

Osborne followed suit and was selected to the National Football Foundation College Hall of Fame shortly after he announced his retirement (inducted on Dec. 8, 1998). Osborne retired as the nation's winningest active coach, posting a 255-49-3 record (.836). Among all divisions of coaches with career winning percentages of .800 or better over a span of at least 10 years, Osborne is the fifth-winningest coach in Division I-A history, while the late Devaney is not far behind at No. 11.

Devaney and Osborne were the third Division I coaching duo to post back-to-back 100-win careers at the same institution (following Penn State's Rip Engle and Joe Paterno and Georgia Tech's John Heisman, Bill Alexander and Bobby Dodd), but were the first pair to do so in an unbelievable 21 years. Devaney and Osborne had a combined 356-69-5 record for an incredible .834 winning percentage (36 years, 430 games).

Frank Solich went 9-4 in his inaugural season, matching the wins of Devaney and Osborne in their first years and posted a school-record 12-1 second-year record (winning the Big 12 championship), a 10-2 record his third season, was 11-2 last year, playing in the national championship game, and is 7-6 in 2002, for a 49-15 five-year record. Devaney went 10-1 his second year (1963) winning his first Big Eight championship, while Osborne first won 10 games his third year when he also won a share of his first Big Eight title (1975).

NU in Big 12 Conference Action

Nebraska is 439-148-16 all time vs. Big 12 Conference teams. Since the Big 12 was formed in 1996, Nebraska is 44-12 in the league (25-3 at home). Nebraska is 28-12 in the Big 12 under Coach Solich. Nebraska had won 14 straight home conference games before Texas' 27-24 victory in Lincoln on Nov. 2.

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 championship game. The Huskers won titles in 1997 and 1999 and also appeared in the league title game in 1996.

In the last nine 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.

Memorial Stadium Dominance

Nebraska had a nation-best 26-game home winning streak ended with a Nov. 2 loss to Texas and also lost to Colorado in the regular-season finale. NU was 6-2 at home this season and has won at least six home games for each of the past 16 seasons. Nebraska is 95-5 at home the last 14 years, losing to two teams that went on to win a share of the national championship (Colorado in 1990 and Washington in 1991), to Texas in 1998 and to Texas and Colorado in 2002.

Head Coach Frank Solich is aware of the special edge the Huskers have in Lincoln. *"I think every team that plays at home has a home-field advantage, but we have a special one here. That is due to the fans and how they react."*

Opposing coaches have also taken notice of the great fan base at Nebraska. *"That is the loudest situation we've been in since I've been at*

A Look Ahead to 2003

Nebraska will look to get back to its usual self in 2003, with hopes of again contending for a Big 12 and national championship. The Huskers will begin their 2003 season with a conference game, taking on Oklahoma State on Aug. 30 at Memorial Stadium in Lincoln.

Here are a few notes on what to look for as the Huskers prepare for spring ball in 2003.

► Nebraska will feature three new assistant coaches on the defensive side of the ball.

► Thirteen projected starters from the 2002 Independence Bowl will return for Head Coach Frank Solich.

Offense

Judd Davies, FB
Mike Erickson, OG
Jammal Lord, QB
Richie Incognito, OT
Dan Vili Waldrop, OT

Defense

Ryon Bingham, NT
Trevor Johnson, RE
Barrett Ruud, MLB
T.J. Hollowell or Demorrio Williams, WLB
Fabian Washington, LCB
Josh Bullocks, FS
Philip Bland, ROV

Specialist

Kyle Larson, P

► Several other Huskers with extensive starting experience will return, including FS Willie Amos (injured in 2002), DT Patrick Kabongo (seven starts in 2002), and cornerback Pat Ricketts (10 career starts).

► On offense, Nebraska returns players who accounted for 74.7 percent of its 2002 rushing total, 100 percent of its passing offense and 50 percent of its receiving yards.

► Defensively, eight of Nebraska's top 10 tacklers from this season will return, along with its leader in tackles for loss, PBU's and co-leader in interceptions.

2003 Nebraska Schedule

8/30	Oklahoma State#
9/6	Utah State
9/13	Penn State
9/20	at Southern Mississippi
9/27	San Jose State
10/4	Open Date
10/11	at Missouri#
10/18	Texas A&M#
10/25	Iowa State#
11/1	at Texas#
11/8	at Kansas#
11/15	Kansas State#
11/28	at Colorado#
12/6	Big 12 Championship @ Kansas City
#-Big 12 Conference Game	

2003 Schedule Notes

► Nebraska will play seven teams in 2003 who are playing in a bowl game this postseason. In addition to Big 12 teams Oklahoma State, Iowa State, Texas, Kansas State and Colorado, non-league foes Penn State and Southern Mississippi are also in bowl games this fall.

► Nebraska will open with at least three home games for the third straight season.

► Penn State will make its first trip to Lincoln since 1981, while Nebraska will make its first-ever trip to the state of Mississippi.

Texas. It is a special place. The Nebraska fans should be a role model for everybody." Texas Coach Mack Brown said following Nov. 2 game at Nebraska.

The Huskers are 462-124-20 (.779, 606 games, 113 years) in Lincoln, 337-101-13 (.762, 451 games, 80 years) in Memorial Stadium (since 1923) and 32-3 at home under Coach Solich. The 2002 season marked the first time Nebraska has lost two home games in a season since 1980.

The Huskers are 139-12 at Memorial Stadium since 1981, with eight of those losses coming against teams that finished in the top six in the final AP poll. Included in that stretch are

four of the six longest home winning streaks in school history, including a school-record 47-game streak (fifth longest in nation all time) from 1991 to 1998, and the 26-game string that ended with the 27-24 loss to Texas on Nov. 2.

Since 1986 (16 years), NU is 106-7 in Lincoln, with losses to Colorado (twice), Washington, Oklahoma (twice) and Texas (twice). Five of those teams posted a combined mark of 53-6-1 in their respective seasons, while Texas is 10-2 this fall and Colorado stands 9-4.

Nebraska has not been shut out at home since a 12-0 loss to Kansas State in 1968 (221 games). NU has posted 40 unbeaten and untied home seasons. Against Texas on Nov. 2, the Huskers set a new attendance record in Memorial Stadium with 78,268 fans.

NCAA Record 255 Consecutive Sellouts

Nebraska's Memorial Stadium boasts an NCAA-record 255 consecutive sellouts dating 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 167, 88 fewer than Nebraska.

NU is 227-28 during the 255 sellouts (50-9 under Devaney, 145-16 under Osborne, 32-3 under Solich). The mark includes a 37-20 record against ranked teams. NU is 5-0 in the four 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).

Huskers Own 15 NCAA Rushing Titles

Nebraska is likely to fall short of its goal of notching a 16th national rushing crown in 2002. The Huskers do head into the bowl game as the top rushing team in the Big 12, averaging 268.9 yards per game on the ground. The Huskers stand fourth nationally in rushing offense, trailing only Air Force, West Virginia and Navy. The Huskers league-leading running attack was powered by its performance in the final eight games when NU averaged 299.1 yards rushing per game, including a season-high 444 yards vs. McNeese State.

The Huskers have led the nation in rushing 15 times in school history, including 2000 and 2001. The Huskers averaged 314.7 yards a year ago, to easily outdistance the total of runner-up Rice (281.5). The Huskers have won the rushing title seven times in the last 10 years and 13 of the last 22 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).

More Husker Rushing Numbers

NU is 192-7-0 in the last 30 years when rushing for 300 or more yards in a game (most recently 352 vs. Kansas) and had won 110 straight when rushing for 300-plus yards before the loss at Colorado in 2001. This season, Nebraska lost to Texas 27-24 despite rushing for 320 yards. Nebraska is 96-0 since 1973 when rushing for 400 or more yards, most recently rushing for 444 yards against McNeese State.

NU has had 374, 100-yard rushing performances all time (61 under Coach Solich, most recently David Horne, 122 and Dahrran Diedrick, 107 vs. Kansas) including 58 games in which two or more Huskers rushed for 100 yards (most recently vs. Kansas). Before having four rushers top the century mark against Baylor on Oct. 13, 2001, NU had three rushers top the 100-yard mark in a game twice in school history, recording the feat against Kansas in 2000 (Dan Alexander, Correll Buckhalter and Eric Crouch) and against Arizona State in 1988 (Ken Clark, Steve Taylor and Terry Rodgers). The Iowa game in 2000 marked the only time in the 56 games where there were two-or-more 100-yard rushers, and Nebraska failed to score at least one rushing touchdown. Jammal Lord's 234-yard effort vs. Texas (NU quarterback record) was NU's 32nd all-time 200-yard performance. Among current Huskers, Diedrick has eight 100-yard games, including seven in 2001, to lead the team. Lord has five 100-yard games this year, while true freshman David Horne has posted three 100-yard outings in the past six games. Fullback Judd Davies topped 100 yards last season at Baylor.

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)

Nebraska 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

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). Nebraska 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.

Adding up the Points

Nebraska is averaging 27.7 points per game in 2002 to rank 10th in the Big 12. With just the bowl game to play, Nebraska will likely fail to average 30 or more points per game for the first time since 1978, ending a streak of 24 straight years.

The Huskers have a long history of ranking among the nation's leaders in scoring offense and have averaged more than 35 points a game 15 times in the last 16 years. NU has topped 35 points five times in 2002. NU has averaged 40 or more points eight times since 1982, including four of the previous seven seasons. Entering 2002, the Huskers had ranked among the nation's top 10 in scoring average for 22 of the last 24 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, 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 88 straight games. Nebraska has not been shut out at home since KSU shut out the Huskers, 12-0, on Homecoming in 1968 (221 games). Offensively, 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.

Nebraska was held scoreless in the first half at Kansas in 1999, marking the first time that a regular-season opponent had accomplished that feat since the Arizona State game in 1996. Miami also held the Huskers scoreless in the first half of the 2002 Rose Bowl. 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.

Associated Press Poll Record Halted at 348 Weeks

Nebraska's loss at Iowa State dropped the Huskers out of the Associated Press Poll, ending its AP poll record at 348 consecutive weeks (every weekly AP poll since Oct. 17, 1981 to Sept. 22, 2002).

Nebraska has now been in 522 of the last 535 AP polls since 1969 (33 consecutive years), missing one week in 1977, two weeks in 1981 and the past 10 weeks. Nebraska was ranked among the top 10 in the 2002 preseason poll, which marked the 27th time in the last 30 years that NU has opened the season in the top 10. With a No. 8 final AP ranking in 2001, NU finished among the AP top 10 for the 30th time since the first poll in 1936 and for the 24th time since 1970.

Nebraska has been among the top 10 in the final AP poll eight of the last nine years (all except 1998). NU is the nation's fifth-most successful program based on AP rankings since the poll began, scoring 547 points, and NU was the only team to be ranked in every poll of the 1990s.

Nebraska's nation-leading streak of consecutive weeks in the AP top 10 ended at 54 with the loss at Penn State, but the Huskers have been ranked in the top 10 for 151 of the last 169 weeks, beginning with the 1993 preseason poll to present. Nebraska spent 96 straight weeks in the top 10 from 1993 to 1998.

Against AP Ranked Teams

Nebraska is 89-96-3 (.481, 188 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 nine years, the Huskers are 28-14 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).

NU was 0-4 in 2002 against AP ranked foes, losing at No. 19 Iowa State, vs. No. 7 Texas, at No. 11 Kansas State and vs. No. 13 Colorado. Penn State was unranked by AP when it defeated NU, 40-7. Over the last 30 years, NU is 71-49-1 (.591, 121 games) vs. ranked teams. In the 1990s, NU was 27-10-1 (counting the Jan. 2, 2000, win over Tennessee).

Solich is 10-12 vs. ranked teams, including a 4-5 record vs. top 10 AP teams. He is 6-2 at home vs. ranked opponents, 1-8 in away games and 3-2 at neutral sites.

NU vs. the Unranked

The Huskers have lost just 15 of 249 games to unranked AP opponents since 1973 (39-3 record under Solich). Nebraska has lost just five games to unranked opponents at home in that time. Oklahoma State's 24-21 win over Nebraska was the Huskers' second setback against an unranked foe in 2002. Although Penn State was ranked 25th according to the coaches at game time, the Nittany Lions were unranked by the Associated Press, marking NU's first loss to an unranked foe since a 20-16 defeat vs. Texas on Oct. 31, 1998. Nebraska had won 27 straight vs. unranked foes before the loss at Penn State.

Before the Oct. 19 loss in Stillwater, Iowa State's 19-10 upset of the Huskers in 1992 was the last time NU had lost a road game against a team that was not ranked in either poll. In the last 30 years, Nebraska has gone 232-15-2 against unranked AP opponents (.936, 249 games, six losses since 1990) and suffered only one loss to a team that finished the season below .500 (Iowa State in 1992). The last time NU lost in Lincoln to a team with a losing record at game time was to Kansas State (12-0) in 1968 (2-5 record at game time).

NU Tied for Fifth in AP Titles

Notre Dame leads the nation winning eight Associated Press national titles since 1936, with Oklahoma (7), Alabama (6), Miami (5), with 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's and Oklahoma's six.

2002 Huskers Continue Academic Tradition

Nebraska continues to lead the nation in Verizon/CoSIDA Academic All-Americans for all sports and all teams with 198; in first-team winners for all sports with 105; and also leads the nation in football academic honor winners with 59 first-team certificates and 76 football all-teams certificates. The 196 is 51 better than second-place Notre Dame, while the 59 is 21 more than second-place Notre Dame's 38.

Nebraska did not have a first-team Verizon/CoSIDA All-American this season, ending a streak of 15 years with at least one first-team selection. Four Huskers did earn first-team academic all-district honors in 2002, including senior rush end Chris Kelsay and junior fullback

2002 Academic All-District VII

Eleven Huskers were named to the first-team Verizon Academic All-American All-District VII squad, including four first-team selections.

First Team

Judd Davies, Jr., Fullback
Chris Kelsay, Sr., Rush End
Pat Ricketts, Jr., Cornerback
Kyle Ringenberg, Sr., Tight End

Second Team

Philip Bland, So., Rover
Troy Hassebrook, Sr., Wingback
Trevor Johnson, Jr., Rush End
David Kolowski, Sr., Center
Phil Peetz, Jr., Tight End
Chad Sievers, So., Linebacker
Aaron Terpening, Sr., Rover

Husker Sideline Report...

► Walk-ons Remain Crucial to Success...

On the current depth chart, 24 of the 81 Huskers listed (30 percent) were walk-ons when they first came to Nebraska. Of those, eight have started in 2002, including Sam linebacker Scott Shanle and punter Kyle Larson, who are both returning starters, wingback Troy Hassebroek, left cornerback Pat Ricketts, rover Aaron Terpening, cornerback Shane Siegel, split end John Klem and place-kicker Dale Endorf. In reward of their hard work and dedication, five of the eight (not counting Siegel, Klem and Endorf) have since been awarded scholarships.

► Nebraska Natives...Twelve Huskers who hail from Nebraska are listed as first-teamers on the depth chart, including seven on offense, SE Wilson Thomas (Omaha), LG Mike Erickson (Omaha), RG Wes Cody (Fremont), TE Aaron Golliday (York), FB Judd Davies (Omaha), IB David Horne (Omaha) and WB Troy Hassebroek (Lincoln); four on the defensive side of the ball, LRE Chris Kelsay (Auburn), SLB Scott Shanle (St. Edward), MLB Barrett Ruud (Lincoln), RRE Trevor Johnson (Lincoln); and punter Kyle Larson (Funk).

► **Family Connections...**It's all in the family at NU, as several Huskers followed their fathers and brothers to NU. The list includes: DB Delrick Williams (2002-present, brother, Jamel, 1994-96); RE Chris Kelsay (1998-present, brother Chad, 1995-98); FS Dan Burrow (2000-present, brother Jamie, 1998-2001); LCB Cole Biodrowski (2002-present) and SE Brandon (2001-present); WB Adam Hassebroek (2001-present) and WB Troy (1998-present); and FS Andrew Shanle (2002-present) and SLB Scott (1998-present). The Huskers welcomed the first set of scholarship twins in the program's history last year in redshirt freshmen Josh (FS) and Daniel Bullocks (Rover).

Second generation Huskers include the Burrows (father Jim played in 1974-75 and is now a graduate assistant for NU); junior rover IB Josh Davis (father Tony played in 1973-75); FS Brett Lindstrom (father Dan played in 1978-80); MLB 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); RE Trevor Johnson (father Robert wrestled for NU in 1973-76) and RCB Shane Siegel (father Robert played basketball for NU in 1974-77).

► **Orange Bowl Record...**Coach Frank Solich holds the Orange Bowl record for most kickoff return yards in a game, with 130 in 1966. Solich was the first Husker to rush for more than 200 yards (204 vs. Air Force, 1965) and remains the only fullback to do so.

► **Former Head Coach Tom Osborne...**Former coach and current Congressman Tom Osborne coached the Huskers to three national championships (1994, 1995, 1997) and retired as head football coach on Dec. 10, 1997. He is the only collegiate football coach to retire as a reigning national champion. Osborne now serves in the United States Congress, as a representative of Nebraska's third congressional district. Osborne was re-elected for a second term in the Nov. 5 general election. Osborne received 93 percent of the vote, easily outdistancing opponent Jerry Hickman. In Cherry County, Osborne received all 2,082 votes that were counted. Osborne's and his Teammates mentoring program were recognized at the Nebraska-Colorado game on Nov. 29 at Memorial Stadium.

Judd Davies. It marked the third straight year Kelsay had made the second and the second straight honor for Davies. Senior tight end Kyle Ringenberg and junior cornerback Pat Ricketts joined them on the first team, with seven other players on second team.

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 this season.

NU Grad Rates Rank High Nationally

Nebraska has led the Big 12 in four of the past five years in graduation rates (all except 2000). Nebraska's four-class (1990-91 to 1993-94) graduation rate was 57 percent. 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 87 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. Since Coach Solich's first year at the helm in 1998, 86 of his 95 seniors have earned their degree, including 22 of 23 last season.

This year's team had five student-athletes play the entire season with degree in hand including Demoine Adams, who became the second Husker all time to graduate in three years, Patrick Kabongo (junior), Justin Smith, Dahrran Diedrick and Ben Cornelsen. Twelve other players earned their degree in the fall semester and will play the bowl game with their degrees.

Kelsay Awarded National Football Foundation Scholar-Athlete Award

Nebraska senior rush end Chris Kelsay was one of 14 college football players named to the 2002 National Scholar-Athlete Class by the National Football Foundation and College Hall of Fame. The honorees received postgraduate scholarships in the amount of \$18,000 from the NFF/HOF.

The honorees came from all NCAA divisions as well as the NAIA and Kelsay was one of six honorees from the Division I-A ranks. The Auburn, Neb., native is a finance major and carries a 3.549 cumulative grade-point average. Kelsay graduated following completion of the fall semester and has already begun work on his MBA.

The postgraduate scholarship adds to the long list of academic awards Kelsay has received during his Husker career. He is a four-time first-team academic All-Big 12 selection and a three-time Verizon/CoSIDA Academic All-District VII pick. He is also an eight-time Big 12 Conference Commissioner's Honor Roll member and a three-time High Honors Academic Medallion recipient.

Kelsay is one of six Division I-A scholarship recipients and is the 20th Husker to receive a NFF/HOF postgraduate scholarship, giving Nebraska the most of any school. He is the fourth player to receive a postgraduate scholarship during Solich's tenure as head coach, joining fullback Joel Makovicka (1998), rush end Kyle Vanden Bosch (2000) and tight end Tracey Wistrom (2001).

To be eligible for a NFF/HOF postgraduate scholarship, a player must be a senior or graduate student in his final year of eligibility, have a grade-point average of 3.0 or higher, have shown superior academic application and performance, have outstanding football ability as a first-team player, and have demonstrated strong leadership and citizenship.

Senior Wingback Hassebroek Collecting Off-Field Recognition

Nebraska wingback Troy Hassebroek was named the 2002 UNL Homecoming King at halftime of the Kansas game. Hassebroek became the first Husker football player to be named Homecoming King since the honor began in 1975. The Homecoming King selection added to Hassebroek's off-field recognition. Before the McNeese State game, he was presented the Brook Berringer Memorial Scholarship. The scholarship is presented annually to a senior player who is active in the community, following in the footsteps of quarterback Brook Berringer, who helped Nebraska to national championships in 1994 and 1995 before he was killed in a plane crash on April 18, 1996.

Hassebroek was also one of 11 Division I-A players named to the AFCA Good Works Team, which annually honors players for their dedication and commitment to community service. From 1992 to 1996, the Good Works Team was selected by the College Football Association and when the CFA disbanded in 1997, the AFCA began selecting the team.

Hassebroek is a senior who originally joined the Husker program as a walk-on from Lincoln High. He is currently the vice president of Nebraska's Student-Athlete Advisory Board after serving as a representative from the football team in 2001-02. He is also a member of the Nebraska Football Unity Council. In the Lincoln community, Hassebroek has volunteered for Meals on Wheels and participates in Team Spirit hospital visits. Hassebroek also created and implemented Trick or Treat Street "Halloween Fun Night," a program in which each of Nebraska's 23 teams hosted a game booth and interacted with at-risk youth from the community.

Since the start of the Good Works Team Nebraska has had a nation-leading eight players selected to the team. Previous Husker Good Works honorees include Troy Branch (LB, 1992, 1993); Donta Jones (OLB, 1994); Aaron Graham (C, 1995); Jared Tomich (RE, 1996); Dan Alexander (IB, 1999) and Patrick Kabongo (DT, 2001).

A Look at the Numbers

► Scoring Drives...

The Huskers' 53 scoring drives (40 TD, 13 FG) by the offense have covered an average of 52.7 yards (2,792 total yards/53 drives). Nebraska produced its shortest drive in terms of plays and time with a one-play, 2-yard drive in just four seconds with Judd Davies' 2-yard run against Iowa State. NU had two, one-play drives against ISU, including Jammal Lord's 90-yard TD strike to Ross Pilkington. NU's other one-play drives came with a Lord 23-yard pass to Wilson Thomas against Utah State, a Lord 35-yard run at Kansas State and Lord's 80-yard pass to Matt Herian against Colorado. The Huskers' shortest drive in terms of yardage came with a four-play drive that regressed minus-14 yards before Dale Endorf's 49-yard field goal against Colorado. The Huskers marched on their longest drive with a 16-play, 91-yard drive that took 6:59 against Troy State. NU added a 16-play, 82-yard drive that resulted in a Josh Brown field goal vs. McNeese State. Texas managed a season-long 97-yard drive that lasted 17 plays and 7:45 in the third quarter. Troy State owns a season-short one-play, six-yard drive that lasted just seven seconds.

<u>Game</u>	<u>Scoring Time</u>			<u>Plays</u>			
	<u>Drives</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Avg.</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Avg.</u>	<u>5 or less</u>	<u>1-Play</u>
Arizona St.	6	17:24	2:54	42	7.0	1	0
Troy State	3	14:11	4:44	33	11.0	1	0
Utah State	7	11:40	1:40	32	4.6	5	1
Penn State	1	2:41	2:41	8	8.0	0	0
Iowa State	2	0:27	0:14	2	1.0	2	2
McNeese St.	6	15:38	2:36	42	7.0	3	0
Missouri	3	9:38	3:13	26	8.7	0	0
Okla. St.	3	7:02	2:21	22	7.3	1	0
Texas A&M	6	16:47	2:48	56	9.3	1	0
Texas	4	7:07	1:47	21	5.3	2	0
Kansas	6	12:18	2:03	33	5.5	3	0
Kansas St.	3	3:48	1:16	16	5.3	1	1
Colorado	3	5:04	1:41	15	5.0	2	1
Totals	53	123:46	2:15	348	6.6	22	5
Opp.	49	160:23	3:13	403	8.2	14	1

► Long Season Plays (25 or more yards)...

The Huskers have produced 59 long plays (25+ yards) on the year, including a season-high nine long plays against Kansas, with five long runs, three long returns and one long pass. Nebraska has been almost equally dangerous in both long runs and long returns with 25 long runs and 22 long returns. Jammal Lord owns 12 of Nebraska's 25 long runs, including a career-long 57-yard sprint against McNeese State. Mark LeFlore owns NU's longest run of the year with a 64-yard scoring run against McNeese State. DeJuan Groce has provided Nebraska's biggest play threat on special teams with five long returns, including three touchdowns. Groce's 89-yard scoring return against Missouri was the third-longest punt return in school history. He added TD returns of 83 and 72 yards against Troy State to tie an NCAA record. Aaron Terpening added a 30-yard punt return for a touchdown against Kansas after a Lannie Hopkins' block, while Cory Ross pitched in a 25-yard punt return against the Jayhawks, giving NU seven long punt returns on the year. Josh Davis owns 13 long kickoff returns on the year, including a season-long 53-yarder at Kansas State. NU's two other long returns have come after interceptions, including Delrick Williams' 34-yard return against Kansas and Fabian Washington's 29-yard interception return for a score vs. Arizona State. Nebraska has also shown big play ability through the air, as Lord has connected on 12 long pass plays, including a 90-yard scoring strike to Ross Pilkington at Iowa State. Kansas State's Eli Roberson produced the longest opponent play this season with his 91-yard touchdown run, the second-longest run by an opponent in school history. Troy State's Hansell Bearden hit Heyward Skipper on a 60-yard pass play, while Texas A&M's Byron Jones owns the longest return by an opponent with his 66-yard fumble return for a touchdown.

► Nebraska in the Red Zone...

The Huskers have been successful on 31-of-40 trips into the red zone, including Colorado (2-3) Kansas State (1-3), Kansas (3-3), Texas (2-4), Texas A&M (4-4), Oklahoma State (3-3), Missouri (2-3), McNeese State (3-4) Iowa State (1-1), Penn State (1-1), Utah State (3-4), Troy State (3-4), Arizona State (3-3). NU has 20 rushing touchdowns, five passing touchdowns and six field goals. Colorado (3-3), Kansas State (3-3), Texas (4-4), Texas A&M (3-4), Oklahoma State (3-3), Missouri (2-2), McNeese State (1-2), Iowa State (6-7), Penn State (6-6), Utah State (2-2), Troy State (3-4) and Arizona State (1-2) have converted 37-of-43 red zone trips. Kansas (0-1) did not convert its only red zone chance against the Huskers.

Game	Scores Inside 20				No Score Inside 20			Half/	
	Chances	Total	TDs	FGs	MissFGs	TOs	Downs	Gm.	Pct.
ASU	3	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	1.00
TSU	4	3	2	1	0	1	0	0	.750
USU	4	3	3	0	0	1	0	0	.750
PSU	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1.00
ISU	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1.00
MSU	4	3	2	1	0	0	1	0	.750
MU	3	2	2	0	1	0	0	0	.667
OSU	3	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	1.00
A&M	4	4	4	0	0	0	0	0	1.00
UT	4	2	2	0	0	1	1	0	.500
KU	3	3	2	1	0	0	0	0	1.00
KSU	3	1	0	1	1	0	1	0	.333
CU	3	2	0	1	0	0	1	0	.667
Totals	40	31	25	6	2	3	4	0	.775
Opp.	43	37	26	11	0	3	3	0	.860

Note: Nebraska has 20 rushing TDs, 5 passing TDs and 6 FGs in the red zone. Opponents have 19 rushing TDs, 7 passing TDs and 11 FGs in the red zone.

► Nebraska Points Off Turnovers...

On the year, NU has intercepted 13 passes and recovered eight fumbles for 21 turnovers gained. The Huskers recovered a season-high three fumbles in the loss to Kansas State for a season-best plus-three turnover margin. The Huskers were able to convert one of the CU turnovers into a touchdown and added a field goal off Demorrio Williams' fumble recovery in the third quarter to increase their season total to 48 points off turnovers. Trevor Johnson, T.J. Hollowell and Josh Bullocks all recovered fumbles against Kansas State, while Philip Bland (ISU), Pat Ricketts (TSU), Fabian Washington (OSU) and Chad Sievers (KU) have added fumble recoveries this season. The recoveries by Johnson and Washington were converted into touchdowns. DeJuan Groce (2 vs. TSU, 2 vs. USU) and Fabian Washington (ASU, KU, 2 vs. ISU) lead the Huskers with four interceptions each. Ricketts owns two interceptions (USU, A&M), while Bland (A&M), Bullocks (UT) and Delrick Williams (KU) each have one interception on the year. The Huskers converted both of Groce's interceptions against Utah State into scores. Along with Washington's 29-yard TD return vs. Arizona State, the NU offense converted his interception against Kansas into a touchdown. NU also converted Ricketts' interception at Texas A&M into a field goal.

	TOs		Scores		Turnovers	
<u>Game</u>	<u>Gained</u>	<u>TDs</u>	<u>FG-FGA</u>	<u>Pts.</u>	<u>(Fumbles/Lost, INT)</u>	
ASU	1 (0 F, 1 INT)	1	0-0	7	0 (0/0 F/L, 0 INT)	
TSU	3 (1 F, 2 INT)	0	0-0	0	2 (5/1 F/L, 1 INT)	
USU	3 (0 F, 3 INT)	2	0-0	14	2 (2/2 F/L, 0 INT)	
PSU	0 (0 F, 0 INT)	0	0-0	0	3 (1/0 F/L, 3 INT)	
ISU	3 (1 F, 2 INT)	0	0-0	0	5 (5/4 F/L, 1 INT)	
MSU	0 (0 F, 0 INT)	0	0-0	0	1 (2/0 F/L, 1 INT)	
MU	0 (0 F, 0 INT)	0	0-0	0	1 (2/1 F/L, 0 INT)	
OSU	1 (1 F, 0 INT)	1	0-0	7	1 (2/1 F/L, 0 INT)	
A&M	2 (0 F, 2 INT)	0	1-1	3	2 (4/2 F/L, 0 INT)	
UT	1 (0 F, 1 INT)	0	0-1	0	2 (1/0 F/L, 2 INT)	
KU	3 (1 F, 2 INT)	1	0-0	7	1 (2/0 F/L, 1 INT)	
KSU	3 (3 F, 0 INT)	1	0-1	7	0 (1/0 F/L, 0 INT)	
CU	1 (1 F, 0 INT)	3	1-1	3	2 (3/1 F/L, 1 INT)	
Totals	21 (8 F, 13 INT)	6	2-4	48	22 (30/12 F/L, 10 INT)	
Opp.	22 (12 F, 10 INT)	11	2-3	83	21 (22/8 F/L, 13 INT)	

► Husker 100-Yard Rushing Games (9)

The Huskers have produced nine 100-yard rushing efforts, including double 100-yard efforts against both Kansas and Texas A&M. Most recently, David Horne (122) and Dahrnan Diedrick (107) both rushed past the century mark in the win over Kansas. It was Diedrick's first 100-yard effort of the year, while Horne has three 100-yard performances as a true frosh. Jammal Lord leads the Huskers with five 100-yard efforts, including a school quarterback record with 234 yards on 23 carries against Texas. Lord's effort tied Roger Craig (Florida State, 1981) for the 10th-best single-game total in NU history. It was Lord's second 200-yard performance of the year, joining his 218 yards on 17 carries vs. McNeese State, which is the second-best effort by a quarterback in NU history. Lord (159) and Horne (128) combined for NU's first double 100-yard rushing game of the season in Nebraska's 38-31 win over Texas A&M. Lord set an NU quarterback record with 30 carries against Texas A&M, and Horne set career highs with 128 yards and four touchdowns, while tying his career best with 24 carries against the Aggies. Six opposing backs, Penn State's Larry Johnson (19-123-2), Iowa State's Michael Wagner (19-107-0), Oklahoma State's Tatum Bell (33-182-0), Kansas State's Eli Roberson (29-228-3) and Darren Sproles (21-155-3), and Colorado's Brian Calhoun (20-137) have managed 100 yards. NU is 0-5 in those games.

► Husker 100-Yard Rushing Games (9) (* notes career best)

vs. ASU-Jammal Lord, 17 att., 103 yards, 0 TD
 vs. PSU-Jammal Lord, 14 att., 111 yards, 0 TD
 vs. MSU-Jammal Lord, 17 att., 218 yards, *3 TD
 vs. OSU-David Horne, *24 att., 125 yards, 1 TD
 vs. A&M-Jammal Lord, *30 att., 159 yards, 0 TD; David Horne, *24 att., *128 yards, *4 TD
 vs. UT-Jammal Lord, 23 att., *234 yards, 0 TD
 vs. KU-David Horne, 9 att., 122 yards, 1 TD; Dahrran Diedrick, 12 att., 107 yards, 1 TD

► Starting Field Position

Nebraska has started 39 of its 181 drives beyond midfield, including a season-best nine drives on Kansas' half of the field in a 45-7 win. Nebraska enjoyed a season-best +20.9-yard advantage in average starting field position against the Jayhawks (44.8-23.9). Opponents have managed just 22 drive starts on NU's side of the field. The Huskers have been forced to start 32 drives inside their own 20, with a worst start at the 1-yard line at Penn State, while opponents have started 38 drives inside their own 20. Kyle Larson has buried opponents inside the 20 on 20 occasions, including three each vs. Troy State and Oklahoma State. Larson pinned Kansas at its own 1 for the worst start by an opponent. Josh Brown has boomed 38-of-68 kickoffs for touchbacks, and 12 of kicks have stuck opponents inside the 20, including a worst start at the 6-yard line by Arizona State.

	<u>NU Avg. Start</u>	<u>Opp. Avg. Start</u>	<u>Advantage</u>
Arizona State	41.2 (618/15)	24.3 (340/14)	+16.9
Troy State	38.7 (580/15)	28.1 (422/15)	+10.6
Utah State	42.2 (633/15)	22.6 (340/15)	+19.6
Penn State	19.5 (214/11)	32.4 (356/11)	-12.9
Iowa State	27.3 (382/14)	40.6 (569/14)	-13.3
McNeese St.	25.8 (309/12)	22.8 (251/11)	+3.0
Missouri	36.4 (510/14)	27.3 (382/14)	+9.1
Oklahoma State	29.2 (321/11)	26.6 (293/11)	+2.6
Texas A&M	30.7 (430/14)	41.8 (544/13)	-11.1
Texas	35.4 (495/14)	25.0 (375/15)	+10.4
Kansas	44.8 (762/17)	23.9 (382/16)	+20.9
Kansas State	36.5 (547/15)	30.3 (455/15)	+6.2
Colorado	<u>29.1 (407/14)</u>	<u>29.9 (418/14)</u>	<u>-0.8</u>
Total	34.3 (6,208/181)	28.6 (5,087/178)	+5.7

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

► Penalty Numbers

The Huskers are averaging 6.1 penalties for 54.9 yards per game. NU owns the fourth-best average per game in the Big 12 in penalties per game and ranks sixth in yardage. Nebraska was flagged for just three penalties for 16 yards against Utah State and tied a season low with just three penalties against Colorado in the regular-season finale. The Huskers tied a season high with 10 penalties for a season-high 94 yards against Kansas State. The Wildcats also set opponent season highs with 13 penalties for 104 yards. Of NU's 79 penalties, 31 are offensive (31-256), 32 are defensive (32-294) and 16 have been called on the special teams (16-164). Opponents have committed 47 offensive penalties (47-309), 20 defensive penalties (20-167) and 17 special teams infractions (17-159).

	<u>NU Pen.-Yds.</u>	<u>Opp. Pen.-Yds.</u>
Arizona State	6-42	5-63
Troy State	3-25	4-27
Utah State	3-16	10-71
Penn State	7-60	3-20
Iowa State	10-75	4-20
McNeese State	5-66	3-15
Missouri	6-66	7-44
Oklahoma St.	6-55	5-30
Texas A&M	7-65	6-38
Texas	6-55	12-91
Kansas	7-60	6-54
Kansas State	10-94	13-104
Colorado	<u>3-35</u>	<u>6-58</u>
Total	79-714	84-635
Average	6.1-54.9	6.5-48.8

► Husker Starting Experience

(Regular Starters in Boldface, does not include bowl games)

<u>Offensive Starters</u>	<u>'99</u>	<u>'00</u>	<u>'01</u>	<u>'02</u>	<u>Total</u>
Jon Bowling, TE, Sr. (Lincoln, Neb.)	0	0	0	4	4
Wes Cody, OG, Sr. (Fremont, Neb.)	0	0	0	13	13
Judd Davies, FB, Jr. (Omaha, Neb.)	0	0	11	11	22
Josh Davis, IB, Jr. (Loveland, Colo.)	0	0	0	1	1
Dahrran Diedrick, IB, Sr. (Scarborough, Ont.)	0	0	11	12	23
Mike Erickson, OG, So. (Omaha, Neb.)	0	0	0	13	13
John Garrison, C, Sr. (Blue Springs, Mo.)	0	0	12	13	25
Aaron Golliday, TE, Sr. (York, Neb.)	4	3	2	11	20
Troy Hassebrook, WB, Sr. (Lincoln, Neb.)	0	0	0	7	7
Richie Incognito, OT, RFr. (Glendale, Ariz.)	0	0	0	12	12
John Klem, SE, Sr. (Lincoln, Neb.)	0	0	0	5	5
Steve Kriewald, FB, So. (Scotia, Neb.)	0	0	2	1	3
Mark LeFlore, SE, Fr. (Omaha, Neb.)	0	0	0	1	1
Jammal Lord, QB, Jr. (Bayonne, N.J.)	0	0	0	13	13
Nick Povendo, OT, So. (Keller, Texas)	0	0	0	1	1
Cory Ross, IB, RFr. (Denver, Colo.)	0	0	0	1	1
Wilson Thomas, SE, Sr. (Omaha, Neb.)	2	2	11	11	26
Dan Vili Waldrop, RT, Jr. (Wilmington, Calif.)	0	0	12	13	25
Totals	6	5	61	143	215

<u>Defensive Starters</u>	<u>'99</u>	<u>'00</u>	<u>'01</u>	<u>'02</u>	<u>Total</u>
Demoine Adams, LRE, Sr. (Pine Bluff, Ark.)	0	4	12	8	24
Willie Amos, FS, Jr. (Sweetwater, Texas)	0	0	6	0	6
Ryon Bingham, NT, Jr. (Sandy, Utah)	0	0	0	13	13
Philip Bland, ROV/FS, So. (Lafayette, Colo.)	0	0	3	13	16
Daniel Bullocks, ROV, RFr. (Chattanooga, Tenn.)	0	0	0	1	1
Josh Bullocks, FS, RFr. (Chattanooga, Tenn.)	0	0	0	4	4
Jon Clanton, NT/DT, Sr. (Glendale, Ariz.)	0	0	9	6	15
DeJuan Groce, RCB, Sr. (Garfield Heights, Ohio)	0	2	11	13	26
T.J. Hollowell, WLB, Jr. (Copperas Cove, Texas)	0	0	0	2	2
Trevor Johnson, RRE, Jr. (Lincoln, Neb.)	0	0	0	8	8
Patrick Kabongo, DT, Jr. (Montreal, Quebec)	0	0	0	7	7
Chris Kelsay, RRE, Sr. (Auburn, Neb.)	1	7	12	8	28
Jason Lohr, NT, Sr. (Tulsa, Okla.)	0	11	3	0	14
Lornell McPherson, LCB, So. (Omaha, Neb.)	0	0	3	4	7
Pat Ricketts, LCB, Jr. (Omaha, Neb.)	0	0	2	8	10
Barrett Ruud, MLB, So. (Lincoln, Neb.)	0	0	0	13	13
Scott Shanle, SLB, Sr. (St. Edward, Neb.)	0	9	9	10	28
Shane Siegel, RCB, RFr. (Grand Island, Neb.)	0	0	0	1	1
Justin Smith, LRE, Sr. (Sherman, Texas)	0	0	0	2	2
Aaron Terpening, ROV, Sr. (Salem, Ore.)	0	0	0	2	2
Fabian Washington, LCB, Fr. (Bradenton, Fla.)	0	0	0	10	10
Demorrio Williams, WLB, Jr. (Beckville, Texas)	0	0	0	10	10
Totals	1	33	70	143	248

<u>Starting Kickers</u>	<u>'99</u>	<u>'00</u>	<u>'01</u>	<u>'02</u>	<u>Total</u>
Josh Brown, PK, Sr., (Foyil, Okla.)	13	11	8	12	44
Sandro DeAngelis, PK, So. (Niagara Falls, Ontario)	0	0	4	0	4
Dale Endorf, PK, Jr. (Wichita, Kan.)	0	0	0	1	1
Kyle Larson, P, Jr., (Funk, Neb.)	0	0	12	13	25
Totals	13	11	24	26	74

Starters Briefly

Starts by True Freshmen: 11 (Fabian Washington 10, Mark LeFlore 1)
Number of Native Nebraskans With Starts: 18
Number of Different Starters on Offense: 18
Number of Different Starters on Defense: 20
Number of Different Starting Kickers: 3
Underclassmen With Starts: 25 (10 offense, 13 defense, 2 kickers)
Most Career Starts on Offense: Wilson Thomas, SE (26)
Most Career Starts on Defense: Chris Kelsay, RE (28)/Scott Shanle (28)
Most Consecutive Starts on Offense: Garrison, C/Vili Waldrop, RT (25)
Most Consecutive Starts on Defense: DeJuan Groce, RCB (18)