

Josh Brown

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POS. **Place-Kicker**

HT./WT. **6-2 / 200**

YEAR **Senior**

LETTERS **Three Letters**

HOME **Foyil, Okla.**

H.S. **Foyil**

- 2002 First-Team All-Big 12 (Coaches, KC Star)
- 2002 Second-Team All-Big 12 (Associated Press)
- Big 12 Special Teams Player of the Week vs. Arizona State, 2002
- Tied NCAA Bowl Record for Most PAT Attempts and PATs Made with 9-for-9 Performance in 2000 Alamo Bowl vs. Northwestern
- Tied Nebraska Season School Record Connecting on 60-of-60 PATs in 2000

Place-kicker Josh Brown has been a key performer for the Huskers as a senior, providing an outstanding performance in place-kicking duties and regularly booming kickoffs. Brown has connected on 11-of-15 field goal attempts, including seven of 40 yards or longer. Brown also hit on all 44 of his PAT attempts, marking the second time in three seasons he has been perfect on extra-point duties. Brown has also keyed NU's kickoff team, hitting 38 of his 68 kickoffs for touchbacks.

Brown's strong season has been rewarded. He was selected first-team All-Big 12 by the league's coaches and was also a first-team all-conference pick by the *Kansas City Star*. The honors capped a season in which Brown has been a key part of one of the nation's top special teams units and made a steady climb toward the top of Nebraska's career scoring list.

Brown's 77 points in 2002 have pushed his career total to 304, placing him fourth on the NU career scoring list. Brown is in elite company near the top of the Husker career scoring list. He trails a pair of Heisman Trophy winners—Eric Crouch (No. 2, 368 points, 1998 to 2001) and Mike Rozier (No. 3, 312, 1981-83) and school-record holder and current Houston Texan place-kicker Kris Brown (388 from 1995 to 1998).

The Foyil, Okla., native has hit on 40-of-59 field goals and 184-of-188 PATs in his career. Ten of Brown's 40 career field goals have been from 40 yards or longer, including seven in 2002, tying a season record for most field goals of 40 yards or longer. The total does not include a career-long 51-yarder in the 2000 Alamo Bowl against Northwestern.

Brown has twice made three field goals in a game (Texas A&M, 1999; Kansas, 2001) and has made 16 of his last 21 attempts dating back to last season. He connected on his first six attempts in 2002, before a miss in the fourth quarter vs. Missouri, snapping a streak of eight straight made FG attempts. He has since made 5-of-8 field goal attempts, including

48-yarders against Texas and at Kansas State, his longest career regular-season field goals.

Throughout his career, Brown has been at his best against tough competition, hitting 16-of-22 field goals against ranked teams (2-of-3 in bowl games). Brown has hit two or more field goals in a game 11 times.

Brown completed his undergraduate work at Nebraska this semester and graduated with a degree in communication studies last week.

2002: Arizona State—Brown was named Big 12 Special Teams Player of the Week after he made field goals of 40 and 42 yards and was perfect on six PATs. The ASU game marked the first time that Brown had made two fields of 40-plus yards in a game. Brown also hit seven of his nine kickoffs for touchbacks. **Troy State**—Brown's 34-yard field goal in the fourth quarter pushed NU's lead to 31-10, and he made all four of his extra-point attempts. **Utah State**—Brown improved to 4-of-4 in field goal attempts on the season with a 44-yard field goal in the first quarter and made all five of his PATs. **Penn State**—Brown did not attempt a field goal for the first time in 10 regular-season games and made his only extra point. **Iowa State**—He connected on both PAT attempts, but did not attempt a field goal. **McNeese State**—Brown made a 22-yard field goal and all five of his PAT attempts to move past Johnny Rodgers into fifth place on NU's career scoring list. **Missouri**—Brown made all three of his PAT attempts and connected on a 44-yard field goal in NU's 24-13 victory. His six points moved him past Ahman Green into fourth place on the NU career scoring list. Brown missed a 35-yard field goal in the fourth quarter, snapping a streak of eight straight field goals made. **Oklahoma State**—Brown did not attempt a field goal, but was perfect on three PAT attempts and boomed two kickoffs for touchbacks. **Texas A&M**—Brown hit his fifth field goal of 40 yards or longer with a 42-yarder to cap the scoring in NU's come-from-behind 38-31 win. He missed a 45-yard field goal, but was perfect on five PATs. **Texas**—Brown opened the scoring with a career-long 48-yard field goal in the first quarter against

the No. 7 Longhorns. He had a 49-yard attempt late in the second quarter blocked, but connected on all three of his PAT attempts and booted two kickoffs for touchbacks. **Kansas**—Brown was perfect on six PAT attempts and connected on a 27-yard field goal in Nebraska's 45-7 victory. **Kansas State**—Brown made field goals of 27 and 48 yards in the first half, but missed a 28-yarder in the third quarter. He also hit his only PAT attempt and sent three of four kickoffs for touchbacks. **Colorado**—Brown was suspended from Nebraska's regular-season finale.

Career: Brown served as Nebraska's starting kicker as a freshman and sophomore, then split duties early in the 2001 season with Sandro DeAngelis, before regaining the job at the start of the Big 12 campaign.

Brown hit on 34-of-37 PATs and connected on 10-of-14 field goals to score 64 points for the Huskers. He hit on 9-of-11 field goals from

Nebraska Career Scoring Leaders

	Player, Years	Points
1.	Kris Brown, PK, 1995-96-97-98	388
2.	Eric Crouch, QB, 1998-99-00-01	368
3.	Mike Rozier, IB, 1981-82-83	312
4.	Josh Brown, PK, 1999-00-01-02	304
5.	Ahman Green, IB, 1995-96-97	270
	Kickers in bold face	

■ Career Statistics and Personal Bests

Scoring				Field Goal Range						
Year	G	PAT	FG	TP	PPG	1-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50+ Lg
1998			Redshirted							
1999	12	46-47	14-20	88	7.33	0-0	4-5	9-11	1-4	0-0 42
2000	11	60-60	5-10	75	6.82	0-0	3-4	1-3	1-3	0-0 40
2001	10	34-37	10-14	64	6.40	0-0	4-4	5-7	1-2	0-1 43
2002	12	44-44	11-15	77	6.42	0-0	3-4	1-2	7-9	0-0 48
Totals	45	184-188	40-59	304	6.75	0-0	14-17	16-23	10-18	0-1 48

2000 Fiesta Bowl vs. Tennessee: FGs, 1-1 (31 yards good); PATs, 4-4

2000 Alamo Bowl vs. Northwestern: FGs, 1-2 (51 yards good, 45 yards miss); PATs, 9-9

2002 Rose Bowl vs. Miami: PATs, 2-2

2000 Fiesta Bowl vs. Tennessee: FGs, 1-1 (31 yards good); PATs, 4-4

2000 Alamo Bowl vs. Northwestern: FGs, 1-2 (51 yards good, 45 yards miss); PATs, 9-9

2002 Rose Bowl vs. Miami: PATs, 2-2 **Career Long Field Goal**—48 vs. Texas, 2002, at Kansas State, 2002;

(51 vs. Northwestern, 2000 Alamo Bowl)

Most Field Goals Made—3 vs. Texas A&M, 1999; vs. Kansas, 2001

Most Field Goals Attempted—4 vs. Texas A&M, 1999; Iowa St., 2000; Kansas, 2001

Current Field Goals Made Streak—0

Most PATs Made/Attempted—8-8 vs. Texas Tech, Baylor and Kansas, 2000 (9-9 vs. Northwestern in 2000 Alamo Bowl—ties NCAA bowl record)

Longest PAT Made Streak—104 (117 counting two bowl games)

Current PAT Made Streak—46 (48 counting Rose Bowl)

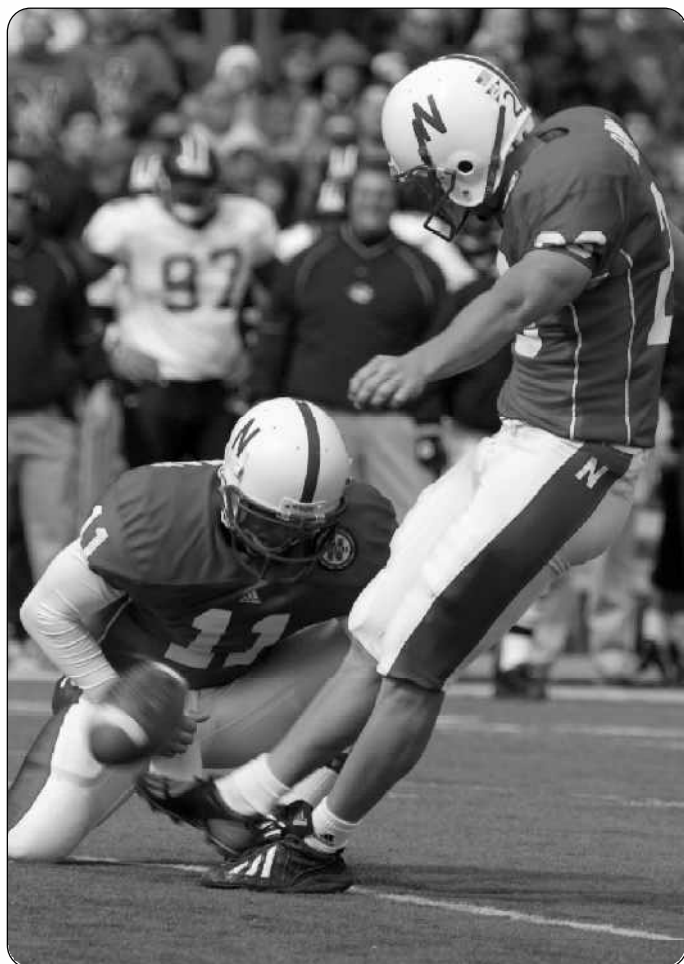
less than 40 yards and was 1-of-3 on field goals of 40 yards or more. The most productive stretch of Brown's season began with the Texas Tech game. In the ensuing three contests, Brown hit on 7-of-8 field goal attempts and all 12 of his PATs. Brown saw his streak of consecutive regular-season PATs made end at 104 (117 counting bowl games) against Iowa State. He also handled Nebraska's kickoff duties, a key part of a unit that allowed opponents just 16.8 yards per kickoff return. In the 2002 Rose Bowl, Brown was 2-of-2 on PATs.

Brown finished the 2000 season perfect on PAT attempts (tying the school percentage record), making 60-of-60 PATs. He was 5-of-10 on field goal attempts, with a long of 40 yards at Iowa State. The highlight of his 2000 campaign came when he connected on a 29-yard game-winning field goal with no time remaining against Colorado, which gave the Huskers a 34-32 win in the regular-season finale. The game-winning kick marked the only time in school history Nebraska has won a game in regulation with no time remaining. He finished the season with 75 points. In the 2000 Alamo Bowl vs. Northwestern, Brown hit on all nine of his PATs, tying the NCAA bowl record for most PATs made and most PATs attempted. Brown hit on a career-best 51-yard field goal late in the first half. Brown scored 12 of Nebraska's NCAA bowl-record 66 points.

Brown had a stellar start to his NU career in 1999, scoring 88 points by hitting on 14-of-20 field goals and 46-of-47 PAT attempts. Brown finished the season with a flurry by making nine of his final 10 field goals of the season, including a season-long 42-yarder against Texas in the Big 12 Championship Game. He hit a 31-yard field goal against Tennessee in the Fiesta Bowl and also connected on all four of his PATs.

Brown redshirted in his first season in the Nebraska program in 1998.

For more information on Josh Brown, please see pages 100-101 of the 2002 Nebraska Football Media Guide.



Josh Brown earned first-team All-Big 12 honors in 2002. The senior hit 11-of-15 field goal attempts, including seven from 40 yards or longer. Brown ranks fourth on Nebraska's career scoring list, second among kickers.

■ Brown's Game-by-Game

1999

Game	Field Goals	PATS	Punts
Iowa*	none	6-6	none
California*	<u>37</u>	5-5	none
Southern Miss*	none	0-1	none
Missouri*	<u>27</u>	5-5	none
Oklahoma State*	<u>36</u> , 39	5-5	none
Iowa State*	42	7-7	none
Texas*	<u>22</u> , <u>32</u>	2-2	none
Kansas*	<u>31</u> , 41, 43	3-3	none
Texas A&M*	21, <u>20</u> , <u>31</u> , <u>36</u>	4-4	none
Kansas State*	<u>30</u>	4-4	none
Colorado*	<u>34</u> , <u>37</u>	3-3	none
Texas*	<u>42</u> , <u>21</u> , 38	<u>2-2</u>	<u>none</u>
Totals	14-20	46-47	none

2000 Fiesta Bowl vs. Tennessee*:

<u>31</u>	4-4	none
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2000

Game	Field Goals	PATS	Punts
San Jose State*	none	6-6	1-28 yards
Notre Dame*	none	3-3	none
Iowa*	none	6-6	none
Missouri*	42	6-6	none
Iowa State*	39, <u>40</u> , <u>24</u> , 48	5-5	none
Texas Tech*	none	8-8	none
Baylor*	<u>33</u>	8-8	none
Oklahoma*	none	2-2	none
Kansas*	none	8-8	none
Kansas State*	28	4-4	none
Colorado*	32, <u>20</u> , <u>29</u>	<u>4-4</u>	<u>none</u>
Totals	5-10	60-60	1-28 yards

2000 Alamo Bowl vs. Northwestern*:

<u>51</u> , 45	9-9	none
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2001

Game	Field Goals	PATS	Punts
TCU	DNP	DNP	DNP
Troy State	35	4-4	none
Notre Dame	DNP	DNP	DNP
Rice*	none	1-1	none
Missouri*	<u>38</u>	2-2	none
Iowa State*	none	5-6#	none
Baylor*	50	5-5	none
Texas Tech*	<u>32</u> , <u>36</u>	5-5	none
Oklahoma*	<u>27</u> , <u>26</u>	2-2	none
Kansas*	37, <u>32</u> , <u>43</u> , <u>32</u>	5-5	none
Kansas State*	44, <u>28</u>	2-3	none
Colorado*	<u>27</u>	<u>3-4</u>	<u>none</u>
Totals	10-14	34-37	none

2002 Rose Bowl vs. Miami*:

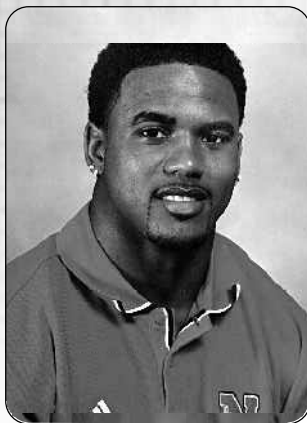
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2002

Game	Field Goals	PATS	Punts
Arizona State*	<u>40</u> , <u>42</u>	6-6	none
Troy State*	<u>34</u>	4-4	none
Utah State*	<u>44</u>	5-5	none
Penn State*	none	1-1	none
Iowa State*	none	2-2	none
McNeese State*	<u>22</u>	5-5	none
Missouri*	<u>42</u> , 35	3-3	none
Oklahoma State*	none	3-3	none
Texas A&M*	45, <u>42</u>	5-5	none
Texas*	<u>48</u> , 49	3-3	none
Kansas*	<u>27</u>	6-6	none
Kansas State*	<u>27</u> , <u>48</u> , 28	1-1	none
Colorado	DNP	DNP	DNP
Totals	11-15	44-44	none

(**bold, underlined, indicates made field goals**): *games started

string of 104 consecutive PATs made ended



Dahrran Diedrick

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POS. I-Back

HT./WT. 6-0 / 225

YEAR Senior

LETTERS Three Letters

HOME Scarborough, Ontario

H.S. Cedarbrae Collegiate Instit.

- 2002 Third-Team All-Big 12 (Coaches)
- 2002 Big 12 Commissioner's Spring Academic Honor Roll
- 2001 First-Team All-Big 12 (AP, Dallas Morning News, Kansas City Star, Austin American Statesman)
- 2001 Second-Team All-Big 12 (Coaches, Fort Worth Star Telegram)
- 2001 Big 12 Leading Rusher (1,299 yards)
- 2001 ABC NU Player of the Game vs. Notre Dame (9/8)
- 2001 FSN NU Player of the Game vs. Texas Tech and Kansas

Senior I-back Dahrran Diedrick (pronounced DARE-ren DEED-rick) played a key role in Nebraska's Big 12-leading rushing offense in 2002. Diedrick rushed for 839 yards and six touchdowns in 2002 and provides the Huskers with a powerful inside running threat. His style is the perfect complement to quarterback Jammal Lord and fellow I-back David Horne who are big-play threats for Nebraska.

Diedrick has been a fixture in the Nebraska rushing attack for the past four seasons, including each of the past two years as a starter. He led the Big 12 in rushing as a junior in 2001, churning out 1,299 yards. This season Diedrick made a steady climb up the Husker career rushing list. He now has 2,653 career rushing yards to rank ninth on the NU career list.

The senior capped his Husker home career in strong fashion, rushing 13 times for 96 yards against 13th-ranked Colorado. Earlier in November, Diedrick rushed 12 times for 107 yards, including a career-long 53-yard TD run in the first quarter against Kansas. The KU game was Diedrick's lone 100-yard game in 2002 and the eighth in his career.

Diedrick topped 100 yards once in 2002, but rushed for more than 50 yards in 10 of 13 games this fall. In addition to his 96 yards against Colorado, he also topped 90 yards with 16 carries for 93 yards against Utah State. His relentless running style played a key role in NU's come-from-behind win at Texas A&M on Oct. 26. Diedrick rushed for 85 yards on the night and his total included 78 yards on nine carries after halftime.

Although Diedrick's numbers did not match his 2001 campaign, the league coaches recognized his contributions. The senior was named third-team All-Big 12 according to the coaches, the second straight year he has earned all-league honors.

Diedrick earned first-team All-Big 12 honors last season when he was a key figure in Nebraska's run to the 2001 national championship game. He led the conference with 1,299 rushing yards and averaged 118.9 yards per game, leading the Huskers to their 15th NCAA rushing title. His 2001 yardage total was the ninth-best season in NU school history and one of 26 1,000-yard rushing efforts by Husker players. In his first career start in 2001, Diedrick showed a sign of things to come rushing for a career-high 177 yards and three touchdowns against Troy State. He went on to rush for more than 100 yards six additional times last season.

In his first two seasons in the NU lineup, Diedrick served as Nebraska's No. 3 I-back. He rushed for 303 yards and two TDs as a freshman, then 212 yards and three TDs as a sophomore.

The Scarborough, Ontario, native was the first Husker scholarship recruit out of Canada, but followed Husker Canadians Pete Buchanan (Pierrefonds, Quebec, 1988) and Terris Chorney (Ituna, Saskatchewan, 1989-92), who earned scholarships after coming to NU as walk-ons. Two other Canadians have joined Diedrick as Husker scholarship recruits—defensive tackle Patrick Kabongo (Montreal, Quebec) and place-kicker Sandro DeAngelis (Niagara Falls, Ontario).

An excellent student, Diedrick is one of five Huskers who played the 2002 season with degree in hand. Diedrick earned his undergraduate criminal justice degree in December 2001. He finished his undergraduate work with a 3.165 cumulative GPA.

Nebraska Top 10 Career Rushers

Player, Position, Years	Att.	Net	TD	100G
1. Mike Rozier, IB, 1981-83	668	4,780	49	26
2. Ahman Green, IB, 1995-97	574	3,880	42	20
3. Eric Crouch, QB, 1998-01	648	3,434	59	17
4. Calvin Jones, IB, 1991-93	461	3,153	40	16
5. Ken Clark, IB, 1987-89	494	3,037	29	12
6. I.M. Hipp, IB, 1977-79	495	2,814	21	10
7. Lawrence Phillips, IB, 1993-95	449	2,777	30	15
8. Derek Brown, IB, 1990-92	458	2,699	23	12
9. Dahrran Diedrick, IB, 1999-02	489	2,653	26	8
10. Correll Buckhalter, IB, 1997-00	413	2,522	27	11

2002: Arizona State—Diedrick opened the season with 79 yards and a touchdown on 18 carries in NU's 48-10 victory. **Troy State**—Diedrick rushed 15 times for 63 yards and a touchdown in a 31-16 win. **Utah State**—He posted 93 yards on 16 carries against Utah State. He led a Husker rushing attack that had 288 yards on the ground in a 44-13 NU win. **Penn State**—Diedrick ran for 71 yards on 16 carries against a tough PSU defense. **Iowa State**—

Diedrick carried eight times for 28 yards at No. 19 Iowa State. **McNeese State**—Diedrick carried 15 times for 64 yards in Nebraska's 38-14 victory. Diedrick picked up 49 of his yards on NU's first offensive series. **Missouri**—Diedrick rushed for 61 yards on 14 carries and helped Nebraska to 325 rushing yards in a 24-13 victory over Missouri. **Oklahoma State**—He ran six times for 26 yards and a touchdown in NU's 24-21 loss in Stillwater. **Texas A&M**—Diedrick rushed for 85 yards and a touchdown on 15 carries in NU's 38-31 victory. The senior ran for 78 yards after

■ Career Statistics and Personal Bests

Rushing

Year	G/S	Att.	Gain	Loss	Net	Y/A	Y/G	Long	TDs
1998	Redshirted								
1999	12/0	57	314	11	303	5.3	25.3	46 vs. KSU	2
2000	11/0	33	224	12	212	6.4	19.3	30 vs. BU	3
2001	11/11	233	1,319	20	1,299	5.6	118.9	38 vs. TSU	15
2002	13/12	166	886	47	839	5.1	64.5	53 vs. KU	6
Totals	47/23	489	2,743	90	2,653	5.4	56.45	53 vs. KU	26

Scoring: 158 total; 36 in 2002; 92 in 2001; 18 in 2000; 12 in 1999; **Receiving:** 7-35-0 total; 4-19-0 in 2002; 1-(-5) in 2001; 1-12-0 in 2000; 1-9-0 in 1999; **Tackles:** 5 UT, 4 AT, 9 TT total; 1 UT, 0 AT, 1 TT, 2001; 2 UT, 2 AT, 4 TT, 2000; 2 UT, 2 AT, 4 TT, 1999; **Fumbles Caused:** 1 vs. Texas A&M, 1999; **Kickoff Returns:** 1-12-0 vs. CU, 2000

2000 Alamo Bowl vs. Northwestern: Rushing, 4-28-1 (nine-yard TD)

2002 Rose Bowl vs. Miami: Rushing, 15-47-0

Most Rushing Attempts—32 vs. Notre Dame, 2001

Most Rushing Yards—177 yards vs. Troy State, 2001

Long Rush/TD Rush—53 yards vs. Kansas, 2002

Most TDs Rushing—3, vs. Troy State, 2001

Number of Career Rushes of 25-plus yards—12 total; 1 in 1999, 1 in 2000; 5 in 2001; 5 in 2002

Number of 100-yard Rushing Games—8; 177 vs. Troy State, 133 vs. Notre Dame, 107 vs. Iowa State, 137 vs. Baylor, 157 vs. Texas Tech, 136 vs. Kansas, 108 vs. Kansas State, 2001; 107 vs. Kansas, 2002

half, including a 29-yard scamper. **Texas**-He carried 11 times for 52 yards and scored a touchdown for the third straight game. **Kansas**-Diedrick topped the century mark for the first time in 2002, with 12 carries for 107 yards in a 45-7 win over the Jayhawks. Diedrick's 52-yard touchdown run in the first quarter was the longest rush of his career and his sixth TD of the season. **Kansas State**-Diedrick carried seven times for 14 yards in a 49-13 loss. **Colorado**-Diedrick capped his Husker home career with a strong effort against No. 13 Colorado. Diedrick carried 13 times for 96 yards, including a 25-yard run in the third quarter and a 20-yard scamper in the first quarter.

Career: Diedrick led the Big 12 in rushing in 2001 with 1,299 yards. He averaged 5.6 yards per carry and his 118.9 yards per game ranked 14th nationally. He scored 15 touchdowns and his 8.35 points per game were good for fifth in the Big 12 and 22nd in the nation. He finished the 2001 campaign with seven 100-yard games and a career-best 177 yards in his first career start against Troy State. He gained 90 tough yards in Nebraska's victory over Oklahoma, ending the Sooners' 20-game win streak. In the 2002 Rose Bowl against Miami, Diedrick rushed 14 times for 47 yards.

He ran for 212 yards and three touchdowns on 33 carries in Nebraska's 10-2 campaign in 2000. He had a season-high 69 yards against Baylor and also topped 50 yards at Texas Tech. Diedrick rushed four times for 28 yards and a touchdown in an Alamo Bowl victory over Northwestern.

Diedrick ran for 303 yards and two touchdowns in his first year of action. He topped 90 yards twice during his redshirt freshman campaign, including a season-high 99 yards on 16 carries against Iowa State. He played a key role in Nebraska's win over No. 5 Kansas State in Lincoln, rushing for 93 yards on 14 carries, including a 46-yard touchdown. Diedrick redshirted in his first season with the Huskers.

For more information on Dahrran Diedrick, please see pages 106-107 of the 2002 Nebraska Football Media Guide.



Senior I-back Dahrran Diedrick has rushed for 839 yards and six touchdowns in 2002. Diedrick ranks ninth on the Nebraska career rushing list with more than 2,600 yards in his Husker career.

■ Diedrick's Game-by-Game

1999 *games started

<u>Opp.</u>	<u>No.</u>	<u>Yards</u>	<u>TDs</u>	<u>Avg.</u>	<u>Long</u>
Iowa	2	5	0	2.5	3
California	5	29	0	5.8	20
So. Miss	0	0	0	0.0	0
Missouri	7	24	0	0.0	6
Oklahoma State	1	3	0	3.0	3
Iowa State	16	99	0	6.2	18
Texas	0	0	0	0.0	0
Kansas	3	27	0	9.0	19
Texas A&M	6	27	1 (3)	4.5	10
Kansas State	14	93	1 (46)	6.6	46
Colorado	0	0	0	0.0	0
<u>Texas</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>-1.3</u>	<u>0</u>
Total	57	303	2	5.3	46

2000 Fiesta Bowl vs. Tennessee: Did not play

2000

<u>Opp.</u>	<u>Att.</u>	<u>Yards</u>	<u>TDs</u>	<u>Avg.</u>	<u>Long</u>
SJSU	5	12	1 (2)	2.4	4
Notre Dame	0	0	0	0.0	0
Iowa	0	0	0	0.0	0
Missouri	1	6	0	6.0	6
Iowa State	3	39	0	13.0	22
Texas Tech	7	53	1 (4)	7.6	17
Baylor	9	69	1 (23)	7.7	30
Oklahoma	0	0	0	0.0	0
Kansas	8	33	0	4.2	12
Kansas State	0	0	0	0.0	0
<u>Colorado</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0.0</u>	<u>0</u>
Total	33	212	3	6.4	30

2000 Alamo Bowl vs. Northwestern:

4	28	1 (9)	7.0	17
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2001

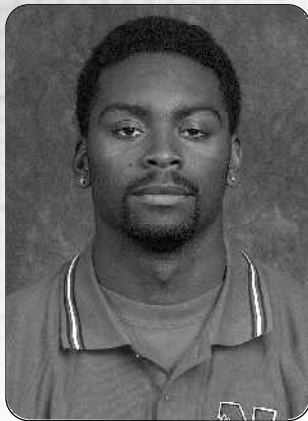
<u>Opp.</u>	<u>No.</u>	<u>Yards</u>	<u>TDs</u>	<u>Avg.</u>	<u>Long</u>
TCU	DNP	--	--	--	--
Troy State*	25	177	3 (1, 11, 33)	7.1	38
Notre Dame*	32	133	2 (2, 3)	4.2	13
Rice*	13	74	0	5.7	22
Missouri*	24	86	2 (1, 4)	3.6	12
Iowa State*	15	107	1 (2)	7.1	18
Baylor*	20	137	1 (8)	6.8	24
Texas Tech*	20	157	0	7.8	35
Oklahoma*	23	90	1 (2)	3.9	16
Kansas*	21	136	2 (10, 38)	6.5	38
Kansas State*	24	108	1 (2)	4.5	19
<u>Colorado*</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>94</u>	<u>2 (32, 2)</u>	<u>5.9</u>	<u>32</u>
Total	233	1,299	15	5.6	38

2002 Rose Bowl vs. Miami*:

15	47	0	3.1	20
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2002

<u>Opp.</u>	<u>No.</u>	<u>Yards</u>	<u>TDs</u>	<u>Avg.</u>	<u>Long</u>
Arizona State*	18	79	1 (2)	6.1	15
Troy State*	15	63	1 (1)	4.2	17
Utah State*	16	93	0	5.8	22
Penn State*	16	71	0	4.4	15
Iowa State*	8	28	0	3.5	8
McNeese State*	15	64	0	4.3	26
Missouri	14	61	0	4.4	16
Oklahoma State*	6	26	1 (2)	4.3	10
Texas A&M*	15	85	1 (12)	5.7	29
Texas*	11	52	1 (2)	4.7	27
Kansas*	12	107	1 (53)	8.9	53
Kansas State*	7	14	0	2.0	5
<u>Colorado*</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>96</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>7.4</u>	<u>25</u>
Total	166	839	6	5.1	53



DeJuan Groce All-American

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POS. Right Cornerback

HT./WT. 5-10 / 190

YEAR Senior

LETTERS Three Letters

HOME Garfield Heights, Ohio

H.S. St. Edward

- 2002 First-Team All-American Return Specialist (AFCA)
- 2002 First-Team All-American Punt Returner (CNNSI.com)
- 2002 Third-Team All-American Kick Returner (The Sporting News)
- 2002 Fourth-Team All-American Cornerback (The Sporting News)
- 2002 First-Team All-Big 12 Kick Returner (Coaches, Kansas City Star, DMN)
- 2002 Second-Team All-Big 12 Cornerback (Coaches, AP, Kansas City Star, DMN)
- 2002 Second-Team All-Big 12 All-Purpose (Associated Press)
- 2002 The Sporting News National Player of the Week (Troy State, 8/31)
- 2002 Big 12 Defensive Player of the Week vs. Utah State (9/7)
- 2002 Big 12 Special Teams Player of the Week (Troy State, 8/31; Missouri, 10/12)
- 2002 Nebraska Team Captain (one of three)
- 2001 Third-Team All-Big 12 Cornerback (Coaches)
- 2001 Honorable-Mention All-Big 12 Cornerback (AP)
- 2001 Big 12 Special Teams Player of the Week vs. Missouri (9/29)
- Tied NCAA Record with Two Punt Return Touchdowns vs. Troy State (8/31)
- Tied Nebraska Season Record with Three Punt Return Touchdowns (2002)
- Nebraska Single-Season Punt Return Yardage Record Holder (630 yards, 2002)
- Second in Nebraska Career Punt Return Yardage (1,116 yards)
- Second in Nebraska Career Punt Return Touchdowns (5 TDs)
- School Record Holder for Season Pass Breakups (17 in 2000)
- Third on Nebraska Career PBU Chart (40)

In his third season as Nebraska's starting right cornerback, DeJuan Groce (pronounced Deh-WAN GROSS) established himself as one of the top cover men and punt returners in the nation. The 5-10, 190-pounder from Garfield Heights, Ohio, is one of the nation's top dual-threat players as reflected by his postseason honors.

Groce, who ranks second nationally with 18.0 yards per punt return (35 returns, 630 yards, 3 TD), was selected as a first-team All-American punt returner by the American Football Coaches Association. He also earned first-team All-Big 12 honors as a punt returner from the Big 12 coaches, the *Kansas City Star* and the *Dallas Morning News*.

Groce joined 1972 Heisman Trophy winner Johnny Rodgers as the only players in NU history to amass 1,000 career punt return yards. Groce ranks second in school history with 1,116 yards and his 630 yards this season broke Rodgers' single-season record of 618 yards in his Heisman

Trophy-winning 1972 season. Groce's five career punt return touchdowns also trail only Rodgers' eight in school history.

Groce ripped off the third-longest punt return in school history with an 89-yard touchdown in NU's 24-13 win over Missouri. With his third punt return touchdown of the year, Groce tied Rodgers' school single-season record set in 1971. Groce's first two punt return touchdowns of 2002 came against Troy State on returns of 83 and 72 yards. The two return touchdowns set a Nebraska record and tied an NCAA record with two punt return touchdowns in the same game. Groce finished the regular season with five punt returns of 25 yards or more this season.

In addition to his lethal abilities as a punt returner, Groce continued to be one of the top cover men in the conference. He was a second-team all-league selection as a cornerback by several sources and was a fourth-team All-America corner according to *The Sporting News*. He finished the season with 56 total tackles, including 36 solos, and tied for the team lead with four interceptions. He has also added seven pass breakups on the year to run his career total to 40, third on the school career list.

Groce picked off two passes in back-to-back games against Troy State and Utah State to become just the second player in school history to record two interceptions in consecutive games, joining Bill Kosch, who picked off a pair of passes against Iowa State on Nov. 7, 1970, and two more against Kansas State on Nov. 14, 1970.

Groce had a career-high 15 total tackles against Texas, including 12 solo stops, the most by an NU defensive back since Mike Brown's 19 vs. Texas in 1998. He needs just six more tackles to tie Ralph Brown and Bret Clark for No. 49 on the NU career tackle list, which would tie him for eighth all-time among Husker defensive backs.

Groce completed his undergraduate work this semester and graduated last week with a degree in communication studies.

2002: Arizona State—Groce started the season by posting three tackles and returning four punts for 30 yards, including a 22-yard return, in a 48-10 victory in the BCA Classic. **Troy State**—Groce put on a punt return and defensive back clinic by setting a school record and tying an NCAA record with two punt return touchdowns and a pair of first-quarter interceptions in a 31-16 win over Troy State. Groce's first return went for 83 yards and a score in the second quarter to give NU a 14-0 lead.

Nebraska Top Punt Return Careers

No.	Yards	Player, Pos., Year (Returns/TD)
1.	1,515	Johnny Rodgers, WB, 1970-71-72 (98 ret./7 TD*)
2.	1,116	DeJuan Groce, RCB, 1999-00-01-02 (70 ret./4 TD*)

* Rodgers and Groce each had one punt return TD in a bowl game.

Nebraska Top Four Punt Return Seasons

No.	Yards	Player, Pos., Year (Returns)
1.	630	DeJuan Groce, CB, 2002 (35 ret.)
2.	618	Johnny Rodgers, WB, 1972 (39 ret.)
3.	548	Johnny Rodgers, WB, 1971 (33 ret.)
4.	469	DeJuan Groce, CB, 2001 (33 ret.)

■ Career Statistics and Personal Bests

Defense	(-----Tackles-----)					Fum.			QB Int.		
Year	G/S	UT	AT	TT	TFL	Sacks	C-R	BK PBU	PI	Hrv.Csd.	
1998											Redshirted
1999	12/0	12	12	24	0-0	0-0	1-0	0	2	0	0
2000	11/2	20	6	26	1-6	0-0	1-0	0	17	1	0
2001	11/11	19	12	31	1-3	0-0	0-0	1	14	3	0
2002	13/13	36	20	56	2-3	0-0	1-0	0	7	4	0
Totals	47/26	87	50	137	4-12	0-0	3-0	1	40	8	0

Interceptions: 8-75-0 total; 1-0-0 in 2000; 3-49-0 in 2001; 4-26-0 in 2002
Punt Returns: 70-1,116-4 total; 2-17-0 in 1999; 33-469-1 in 2001; 35-630-3 in 2002

2000 Fiesta Bowl vs. Tennessee: Tackles, 1 UT, 0 AT, 1 TT

2000 Alamo Bowl vs. Northwestern: Tackles, 5 UT, 1 AT, 6 TT

2002 Rose Bowl vs. Miami: Tackles, 3 UT, 1 AT, 4 TT; PR 3-85-1 (71 TD)

Tackles—15 vs. Texas, 2002

Solo Tackles—12 vs. Texas, 2002

TFL—1-6 vs. KU, 2000; 1-3 vs. KSU, 2001; 1-2 vs. MU, 2002; 1-1 vs. OSU

Quarterback Hurries—None

Passes Broken Up—5 at Iowa State, 2000; at Missouri, 2001

Interceptions—Total 8-75-0: 1-0 vs. San Jose St., 2000; 1-40 vs. Notre Dame (career long), 2001; 1-9 vs. Iowa State, 2001; 1-0 vs. Kansas, 2001; 2-5 (career high) vs. Troy State, 2002; 2-21 (career high) vs. Utah State, 2002

Blocked Kicks—1 (41-yard field goal) vs. Rice, 2001

Most Punt Return/Yards—2-155 vs. Troy State, 2002

Long Punt Return/TD—89 yards vs. Missouri, 2002, TD (71 vs. Miami in 2002 Rose Bowl, TD)

Number of Career Punt Returns of 25-Plus Yards—9 total; 4 in 2001; 5 in 2002

He added a 72-yard touchdown return in the third quarter to give the Huskers a 24-10 advantage. He was named the Big 12 Special Teams Player of the Week and *The Sporting News* National Player of the Week. **Utah State**-Groce snagged two interceptions for the second consecutive game, which he returned 21 yards, to earn Big 12 Defensive Player-of-the-Week honors. Both of Groce's interceptions set up NU touchdowns in a 44-13 win. He added one assisted tackle and one breakup. He also returned four punts for 66 yards, including a long return of 27 yards. **Penn State**-Groce had one punt return for 12 yards, while adding five tackles, including four solos. **Iowa State**-Groce posted six total tackles, including three solos. He added one punt return for minus-one yard. **McNeese State**-Groce returned two punts for 23 yards, added one solo tackle and broke up one pass. **Missouri**-Groce produced the third-longest punt return in school history with an 89-yard return for his third punt return touchdown of the year. He added four tackles, including two solos, and his first tackle-for-loss of the year, which stopped Missouri on a third-and-goal at the 1-yard line. **Oklahoma State**-Groce had seven tackles and his second TFL of the season, in a 24-21 loss. Groce also returned three punts for 32 yards, including a 22-yarder to set up NU's first touchdown. **Texas A&M**-Groce set a season high with three pass breakups, while adding three tackles in NU's 38-31 come-from-behind win over the Aggies. He added three punt returns for 50 yards, including a pair of 21-yard returns. **Texas**-Groce set a career high with 15 total tackles, including 12 solo stops. He put the Huskers in a position to tie or win the game with his 44-yard punt return with less than a minute left to give NU a first down at the UT 16. **Kansas**-Groce posted three tackles, including two solos, to go along with his seventh pass breakup of the year. He also had five punt returns for 61 yards, including a pair of 24-yard returns in the 45-7 win over Kansas. **Kansas State**-Groce notched three tackles, including two solo stops, while returning three punts for 27 yards and a long return of 16 yards in a loss to KSU. **Colorado**-Groce notched four tackles and had two punt returns for 17 yards in NU's regular-season finale. The 17 yards on punt returns allowed him to establish a new school single-season record for punt return yardage.

Career: In 2001, Groce shined on special teams, serving as a gunner on punt coverage and as one of the nation's top returners. He had four returns of 25 yards or more, including a 60-yard touchdown in a 31-21 win over Kansas State. He ranked ninth nationally and third in the Big 12, at 14.2 yards per return, while his 469 yards ranked third in school history and better than the team total of 102 of the Division I-A teams.

Groce helped the Blackshirt defense rank in the top 10 nationally in four defensive categories, including second in pass efficiency defense (83.8), sixth in scoring defense (15.8 ppg), eighth in total defense (287.2 ypg) and ninth in pass defense (170.3 ypg). He notched 31 tackles, including 19 solo stops, and a team-high 14 pass breakups, a total which ranks third in school history. He had four tackles in the 2002 Rose Bowl against Miami, including three solo stops. He had three punt returns for 85 yards including a 71-yard touchdown in the fourth quarter.

Groce had an excellent sophomore season when he played in every game and alternated with Erwin Swiney at right corner. He also played left corner in NU's nickel package. Groce had 17 pass breakups, two more than Ralph Brown's previous school record of 15 in 1999. Groce had six tackles in the 2000 Alamo Bowl, including five solo stops.

In his freshman campaign, Groce played in every game as the backup left corner. He also played a key role in NU's nickel defense. Groce finished the season with 24 tackles. Against Tennessee in the Fiesta Bowl, Groce had one tackle in the 31-21 win.

Groce redshirted in 1998 in his first season in the Husker program.

For more information on DeJuan Groce, please see pages 110-111 of the 2002 Nebraska Football Media Guide.

Groce's Game-by-Game

1999 # Touchdown; * Games started

Defense Opponent	(Tackles)			Fum.			Int-Yds.	Punt Ret.		
	UT	AT	TT	TFL	C-R	BK		No.	Yds.	Lg.
Iowa	1	2	3	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
California	1	0	1	0-0	1-0	0	0	0	2	17
S. Miss.	2	0	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
Missouri	1	1	2	0-0	0-0	0	1	0	0	0
Oklahoma St.	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
Iowa State	1	3	4	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
Texas	0	1	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
Kansas	2	2	4	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
Texas A&M	0	2	2	0-0	0-0	0	1	0	0	0
Kansas State	2	0	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
Colorado	2	0	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
Texas (B12)	0	1	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	12	12	24	0-0	1-0	0	2	0	2	17

2000 Fiesta Bowl vs. Tennessee:

1	0	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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2000

Defense Opponent	(Tackles)			Fum.			Int-Yds.	Punt Ret.		
	UT	AT	TT	TFL	C-R	BK		No.	Yds.	Lg.
San Jose St.	3	1	4	0-0	0-0	0	4	0	0	0
Notre Dame	2	1	3	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
Iowa	0	1	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
Missouri	2	0	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
Iowa State	1	0	1	0-0	0-0	0	5	0	0	0
Texas Tech	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
Baylor	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
Oklahoma	6	1	7	0-0	0-0	0	1	0	0	0
Kansas	3	1	4	1-6	1-0	0	1	0	0	0
Kansas State*	1	1	2	0-0	0-0	0	3	0	0	0
Colorado*	2	1	3	0-0	0-0	0	3	0	0	0
Totals	20	6	26	1-6	1-0	0	17	0	0	0

2000 Alamo Bowl vs. Northwestern*:

5	1	6	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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2001

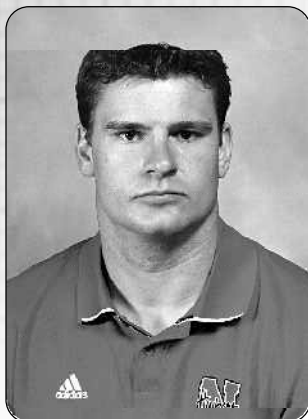
Defense Opponent	(Tackles)			Fum.			Int-Yds.	Punt Ret.		
	UT	AT	TT	TFL	C-R	BK		No.	Yds.	Lg.
TCU*	3	1	4	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	1	11
Troy State*	0	1	1	0-0	0-0	0	2	0	2	19
Notre Dame*	7	1	8	0-0	0-0	0	1	1-40	4	24
Rice*	1	0	1	0-0	0-0	1	1	0	4	58
Missouri*	2	1	3	0-0	0-0	0	5	0	7	145
Iowa State*	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	1-9	2	38
Baylor	Injured - DNP (bruised ribs)									
Texas Tech*	1	1	2	0-0	0-0	0	2	0	2	36
Oklahoma*	3	2	5	0-0	0-0	0	1	0	5	40
Kansas*	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	1-0	3	20
Kansas State*	1	2	3	1-3	0-0	0	1	0	2	70
Colorado*	1	3	4	0-0	0-0	0	1	0	1	8
Totals	19	12	31	1-3	0-0	1	14	3-49	33	469

2002 Rose Bowl vs. Miami*:

3	1	4	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	3	85
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2002

Defense Opponent	(Tackles)			Fum.			Int-Yds.	Punt Ret.		
	UT	AT	TT	TFL	C-R	BK		No.	Yds.	Lg.
Arizona St.*	2	1	3	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	4	30
Troy St.*	0	1	1	0-0	0-0	0	1	2-5	2	155
Utah St.*	0	1	1	0-0	0-0	0	1	2-21	4	66
Penn St.*	4	1	5	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	1	12
Iowa St.*	3	3	6	0-0	1-0	0	0	0	1	-1
McNeese St.*	1	0	1	0-0	0-0	0	1	0	2	23
Missouri*	2	2	4	1-2	0-0	0	0	0	4	114
Okla. St.*	5	2	7	1-1	0-0	0	0	0	3	32
Texas A&M*	1	2	3	0-0	0-0	0	3	0	3	50
Texas*	12	3	15	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	1	44
Kansas*	2	1	3	0-0	0-0	0	1	0	5	61
Kansas St.*	2	1	3	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	3	27
Colorado*	2	2	4	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	2	17
Totals	36	20	56	2-3	1-0	0	7	4-26	35	630



Chris Kelsay

NFF/HOF Scholar-Athlete

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POS. **Rush End**

HT./WT. **6-5 / 260**

YEAR **Senior**

LETTERS **Three Letters**

HOME **Auburn, Neb.**

H.S. **Auburn**

- 2002 National Football Foundation/College Hall of Fame Scholar-Athlete (\$18,000 Postgraduate Scholarship Recipient)
- Three-Time First-Team Verizon/CoSIDA Academic All-District VII (200, 2001, 2002)
- 2002 Second-Team All-Big 12 (Kansas City Star)
- 2002 Honorable-Mention All-Big 12 (Coaches, Associated Press)
- 2002 Nebraska Team Captain
- 2002 Brook Berringer Citizenship Team Member
- 2001 Second-Team All-American (Football News)
- 2001 First-Team All-Big 12 (Kansas City Star)
- 2001 Second-Team All-Big 12 (AP, Coaches, Dallas Morning News, Waco Tribune-Herald)
- Four-Time First-Team Academic All-Big 12 (1999, 2000, 2001, 2002)
- Four-Time Big 12 Commissioner's Fall Academic Honor Roll
- Four-Time Big 12 Commissioner's Spring Academic Honor Roll

Rush end Chris Kelsay (pronounced KELL-see) is the latest in a long line of outstanding Husker rush ends. Kelsay emerged as a leader of the Blackshirt defense as a junior, and took an even bigger leadership role in 2002 as one of Nebraska's three team captains.

The 6-5, 260-pound Kelsay has been forced to endure a frustrating 2002 campaign in which he missed most of six games with an injury to his right hamstring. Despite missing several weeks, Kelsay led the team in sacks (5.5) and quarterback hurries (18) and ranked second for the Huskers in tackles for loss with 10, totaling 48 yards in losses. Kelsay has compiled his impressive statistics this season while regularly being double-teamed by the opposition.

The respect Kelsay has around the conference was recognized in the postseason when he was a second-team All-Big 12 pick by the *Kansas City Star* and received honorable-mention accolades from the league's coaches. Kelsay's on-the-field accomplishments add to an impressive resume of academic recognition.

Kelsay was one of 14 college football players to receive an \$18,000 postgraduate scholarship from the National Football Foundation and College Hall of Fame. He and the other recipients were honored at the College Hall of Fame's Awards dinner on Dec. 10 in New York City.

This fall, Kelsay became just the fifth Husker player to earn first-

team academic all-conference honors in four seasons. Kelsay also earned first-team Verizon/CoSIDA Academic All-District VII honors for the third consecutive season. Kelsay was an academic standout just like his older brother, Chad, who was a first-team academic All-American as a senior. Like Chris, Chad also wore No. 57 and started at rush end for the Huskers. Both Chris and Chad Kelsay served as captains for the Huskers, one of just five sets of brothers to both be elected as Nebraska team captains.

The younger Kelsay graduated on Dec. 21 with a finance degree. He finished his undergraduate studies with a better than 3.5 cumulative grade-point average.

Kelsay recorded 4.5 sacks in NU's first five games to rank among the Big 12 leaders. However, Kelsay injured his right hamstring in the first quarter against McNeese State and was forced to the sideline for the



Chris Kelsay missed five games with a hamstring injury, but led Nebraska in sacks and quarterback hurries in his senior season.

■ Career Statistics and Personal Bests

Defense	(-----Tackles-----)					Fum.			QB Int.		
Year	G/S	UT	AT	TT	TFL	Sacks	C-R	BKPB	PI	Hrv.	Csd.
1998		Redshirted									
1999	11/1	8	8	16	1-3	0.5-3	0-0	0	1	0	4
2000	11/7	9	20	29	2-5	0.5-4	1-0	0	4	0	9
2001	12/12	27	25	52	17-58	5-24	1-0	0	1	0	12
2002	8/8	14	18	32	10-48	5.5-40	0-0	0	3	0	18
Totals	42/28	58	71	129	30-114	11.5-71	2-0	0	9	0	43

2000 Fiesta Bowl vs. Tennessee: Tackles, 0 UT, 1 AT, 1 TT; TFL 1-1

2000 Alamo Bowl vs. Northwestern: Tackles, 2 UT, 1 AT, 3 TT; TFL 2-10; Sacks 1-9; QBH 1

2002 Rose Bowl vs. Miami: Tackles, 2 UT, 2 AT, 4 TT; TFL 2-4

Tackles—11 at Kansas State, 2002

Solo Tackles—7 vs. Kansas, 2001

TFL—5-21 vs. Kansas, 2001

Sacks—2-5 vs. Kansas, 2001; 2-13 vs. Utah State, 2002

Quarterback Hurries—4, three times, most recently at Penn State, 2002

Passes Broken Up—1, nine times, most recently at Kansas State, 2002

subsequent five games. Before the injury Kelsay had started 27 consecutive games at rush end. Kelsay returned to action against 11th-ranked Kansas State and recorded a career-high 11 tackles and a sack.

The injury this season hurt Kelsay's chances of contending for All-America honors on and off the field. A year ago, Kelsay earned second-team All-America and All-Big 12 honors during his junior season, helping the Huskers to an 11-2 record and an appearance in the Rose Bowl.

2002: Arizona State-Kelsay opened the season with two tackles for losses and 1.5 sacks for 17 yards in losses against the Sun Devils. He also had a team-high four quarterback hurries as ASU completed just 17-of-41 passes. **Troy State**-Kelsay recorded a pair of tackles, including a tackle for loss and hurried Trojan quarterback Hansell Bearden twice. Kelsay also had a pass breakup in the contest. **Utah State**-Kelsay had the second two-sack game of his career, wrapping up Aggie quarterback Jose Fuentes twice behind the line for losses of 13 yards. Kelsay also had a pass breakup. The NU defense allowed Utah State to complete just 19-of-44 passes. **Penn State**-Kelsay had three tackles and Nebraska's only sack along with four quarterback hurries. **Iowa State**-Kelsay had seven tackles, including three tackles for loss. He added two hurries of Cyclone QB Seneca Wallace. **McNeese State**-Kelsay left early in the game with a hamstring injury and had one assisted tackle. **Missouri**-Did not play because of a pulled hamstring. **Oklahoma State**-Did not play because of a pulled hamstring. **Texas A&M**-Did not play because of a pulled hamstring. **Texas**-Did not play because of a pulled hamstring. **Kansas**-Did not play because of a pulled hamstring. **Kansas State**-Kelsay returned to action after missing five games. He made his presence known against the Wildcats with a career-high 11 tackles, including a sack. He added a quarterback hurry and a pass breakup in the loss. **Colorado**-Kelsay recorded four tackles in his final game at Memorial Stadium. He added three quarterback hurries in Nebraska's 28-13 loss.

Career: Kelsay captured second-team All-America honors from the *Football News* in 2001, while earning academic All-District VII honors in the classroom. He also claimed first-team All-Big 12 accolades from the *Kansas City Star*, after starting all 12 games for the Huskers. Kelsay ranked sixth on the team in total tackles with 52 and first in tackles for loss with 17 for 58 yards lost. Kelsay was second on the team in sacks with five for a loss of 24 yards and tied fellow rush end Demoiné Adams for the team lead in quarterback hurries with 12.

Nebraska's showdown with Oklahoma brought out the best in Kelsay, as he recorded a season-high eight tackles, a tackle for loss and a career-high four quarterback hurries. Kelsay had four tackles, including two for loss against Miami in the 2002 Rose Bowl.

Kelsay played in all games and started the final seven at left rush end as a sophomore in 2000. He finished the season with 29 tackles and had two tackles for loss. Kelsay started and had three tackles in the Alamo Bowl vs. Northwestern, two of the tackles were for losses, including a nine-yard sack. He also had one quarterback hurry.

The Auburn, Neb., native played in 11 games as a freshman on Nebraska's 1999 Big 12 championship team. He finished the season with 16 total tackles, with three against Oklahoma State and Colorado. Kelsay played in the Fiesta Bowl vs. Tennessee and had an assisted tackle for a one-yard loss.

Kelsay redshirted his first year as a Husker in 1998 and watched as his brother, Chad, completed his NU career.

For more information on Chris Kelsay, please see pages 112-113 of the 2002 Nebraska Football Media Guide.

Kelsay's Game-by-Game

1999

Defense	(-----Tackles-----)					Fum.				QB Int.
Year	UT	AT	TT	TFL	Sacks	Csd.-Rec.	BK	PBU	PI	Hrv-Csd.
Iowa	1	0	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	0	3-0
Cal	1	1	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0-0
So. Miss	1	0	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0-0
Missouri	2	2	4	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	1-0
Okla. St.*	1	2	3	1-3	0.5-3	0-0	0	0	0	0-0
Iowa St.	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0-0
Texas	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0-0
Kansas	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0-0
A&M	DNP - groin pull									
Kansas St.	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0-0
Colorado	2	1	3	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0-0
Texas	0	2	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0-0
Totals	8	8	16	1-3	0.5-3	0-0	0	1	0	4-0
1999 Fiesta Bowl vs. Tennessee:										
	0	1	1	1-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0-0

2000

Defense	(-----Tackles-----)					Fum.				QB Int.
Year	UT	AT	TT	TFL	Sacks	Csd.-Rec.	BK	PBU	PI	Hrv-Csd.
SJSU	0	1	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	0	2-0
ND	0	3	3	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	0	1-0
Iowa	1	2	3	1-4	0.5-4	0-0	0	0	0	0-0
Missouri	3	1	4	1-1	0-0	1-0	0	1	0	0-0
Iowa St.*	2	2	4	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0-0
Texas Tech*	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0-0
Baylor*	0	1	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	0	1-0
Oklahoma*	0	2	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	1-0
Kansas*	1	3	4	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	1-0
Kansas St.*	0	2	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	1-0
Colorado*	2	3	5	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	2-0
Totals	9	20	29	2-5	0.5-4	1-0	0	4	0	9-0
2000 Alamo Bowl vs. Northwestern*:										
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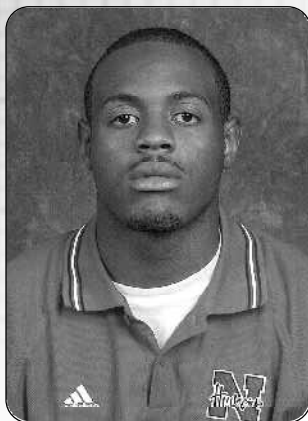
2001

Defense	(-----Tackles-----)					Fum.				QB Int.
Year	UT	AT	TT	TFL	Sacks	Csd.-Rec.	BK	PBU	PI	Hrv-Csd.
TCU*	2	3	5	2-3	0-0	1-0	0	0	0	1-0
Troy State*	2	2	4	2-6	1-5	0-0	0	0	0	0-0
Notre Dame*	1	2	3	1-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0-0
Rice*	0	1	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	1-0
Missouri*	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	0	1-0
Iowa State*	3	1	4	3-12	1-6	0-0	0	0	0	0-0
Baylor*	2	3	5	1-5	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0-0
Texas Tech*	2	1	3	2-9	1-8	0-0	0	0	0	2-0
Oklahoma*	3	5	8	1-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	4-0
Kansas*	7	1	8	5-21	2-5	0-0	0	0	0	1-0
Kansas St.*	2	3	5	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	1-0
Colorado*	3	3	6	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	1-0
Totals	27	25	52	17-58	5-24	1-0	0	1	0	12-0
2002 Rose Bowl vs. Miami*:										
	2	2	4	2-4	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0-0

2002

Defense	(-----Tackles-----)					Fum.				QB Int.
Year	UT	AT	TT	TFL	Sacks	Csd.-Rec.	BK	PBU	PI	Hrv-Csd.
ASU*	1	1	2	2-17	1.5-17	0-0	0	0	0	4-0
Troy State*	1	1	2	1-3	0-0	0-0	0	1	0	2-0
Utah State*	2	0	2	2-13	2-13	0-0	0	1	0	2-0
Penn State*	1	2	3	1-8	1-8	0-0	0	0	0	4-0
Iowa State*	2	5	7	3-5	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	2-0
McNeese St.*	0	1	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0-0
Missouri	DNP-Hamstring									
Okla. St.	DNP-Hamstring									
Texas A&M	DNP-Hamstring									
Texas	DNP-Hamstring									
Kansas	DNP-Hamstring									
Kansas St.*	5	6	11	1-2	1-2	0-0	0	1	0	1-0
Colorado*	2	2	4	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	3-0
Totals	14	18	32	10-48	5.5-40	0-0	0	3	0	18-0

* Indicates starts; career bests in boldface



Jammal Lord

10

POS. **Quarterback**

HT./WT. 6-2 / 220

YEAR Junior

LETTERS Two Letters

HOME Bayonne, N.J.

H.S. Bayonne

- 2002 Honorable-Mention All-Big 12 (Coaches)
- NU Single-Game Total Offense Record Holder (369 yards vs. McNeese State)
- NU Season Record for Rushing Yards by a Quarterback (1,329 yards)
- NU Single-Game Record for Quarterback Rushing Yards (234 yards vs. Texas)

Jammal Lord faced the difficult task of replacing 2001 Heisman Trophy winner Eric Crouch as Nebraska's starting quarterback. Lord earned the job with an outstanding spring practice and has been Nebraska's biggest offensive weapon in the 2002 season.

Lord battled through early season growing pains to produce one of the most prolific seasons ever by a Husker quarterback. Lord has accounted for 2,598 yards of total offense, the second-best total in school history. He also established Nebraska quarterback records for rushing yardage in a game (234 vs. Texas) and a season (1,329). His rushing total represents the seventh-best rushing season in school history by any player.

Lord joined an exclusive club against Kansas, when he became the 18th Division I-A player to both rush and pass for more than 1,000 yards in the same season. He is the third Husker quarterback in the past six years to accomplish the feat, joining Crouch (2001) and Scott Frost (1997).

Lord's 234-yard rushing effort against No. 7 Texas broke his own NU single-game quarterback rushing record of 218 yards set earlier in the year against McNeese State. In the win over McNeese State, Lord also passed for 151 yards to produce a school-record 369 yards of total offense, bettering Crouch's 360 yards in 2001 at Colorado. He produced his record total on just 35 total offense attempts, an average of 10.5 yards per attempt.

In addition, Lord's 332 yards of total offense against Texas ranks as the third-most productive day in school history. Lord's 2,598 yards of total offense for the season is just 27 yards from Crouch's 2,625 yards in his 2001 Heisman season.

The 6-2, 220-pound Lord has five games with more than 100 yards rushing, including the only two 200-yard rushing games by a quarterback in Nebraska history. He owns three of the seven most prolific rushing outings ever by Husker signal callers and led Nebraska in rushing eight times this season.

The McNeese State game was Lord's top passing day as a Husker. He

completed 12-of-18 passes for a career-best 151 yards in Nebraska's 38-14 victory. The game was one of eight 100-yard passing days by Lord this season and one of two in which he has topped 100 yards in both rushing and passing.

Lord's second 100-100 game came in the Huskers' 38-31 comeback victory at Texas A&M. In the contest, Lord rushed for 159 yards on an NU quarterback record 30 carries and showed leadership skills in guiding a rally from a 31-14 third-quarter deficit. The comeback tied the largest in school history and the 10-point fourth-quarter deficit NU overcame was the largest rally in the final quarter since the 1977 Liberty Bowl.

Lord's guidance has led the Husker offense to a No. 3 national ranking in rushing at 268.9 yards per game. Lord leads the NU rushing attack, averaging 102.2 yards per game, fifth among Big 12 runners and 32nd nationally. He ranks second in the nation among quarterbacks in rushing yards per game. His 199.8 yards per game in total offense places him ninth in the Big 12 Conference.

Lord is just the seventh player in NU history to top 1,000 career yards in both rushing (1,542) and passing (1,450). His rushing total places him 29th on the NU career charts, and he ranks 18th on the Huskers' all-time passing list.

2002: Arizona State—Lord made a strong debut as Nebraska's starting quarterback. He rushed 17 times for 103 yards and threw a nine-yard TD pass to Wilson Thomas in NU's 48-10 victory. **Troy State**—Lord posted 206 yards in total offense. He rushed 23 times for 92 yards and a



Jammal Lord has piled up more nearly 2,600 yards of total offense this season, including a school-record 369 yards against McNeese State.

■ Career Statistics and Personal Bests

Rushing

Year	G/S	Att.	Gain	Loss	Net	Y/A	Y/G	Long	TDs
1999		Redshirt							
2000	6/0	28	138	8	130	4.6	21.7	11 twice	4
2001	6/0	22	112	29	83	3.8	13.8	33 vs. KU	2
2002	13/13	234	1,612	283	1,329	5.7	102.2	57 vs. MSU	8
Totals	25/13	284	1,862	320	1,542	5.4	61.7	57 vs. MSU	14

Total Offense: 496-2,992-25 total; 44-246-4, 2000; 30-148-2, 2001; 422-2,598-19, 2002

2000 Alamo Bowl vs. Northwestern: Rushing 4-16-0; Passing, none

Most Rushes—30 vs. Texas A&M, 2002

Most Yards Rushing—234 vs. Texas, 2002

Long Rush/TD Rush—57 vs. McNeese State, 2002

Number of Career Rushes of 25-Plus Yards—13, 1 in 2001; 12 in 2002

Passing

Year	G	Att.	Cmp.	Int.	Pct.	Yds.	Y/A	Y/G	LPTD	Eff.R.
1999		Redshirt								
2000	6/0	16	9	1	56.2	116	7.25	19.3	27	0 104.65
2001	6/0	8	5	1	62.5	65	8.13	10.8	19	0 105.75
2002	13/13	188	88	10	46.8	1,269	6.75	97.6	90	11 112.18
Totals	25/13	212	102	12	48.1	1,450	6.84	58.00	90	11 111.37

Most Passes Attempted—25 at Kansas State, 2002

Most Passes Completed—12 vs. McNeese State, 2002

Most Yards Passing—151 vs. McNeese State, 2002

Long Pass—90, vs. Iowa State, 2002

Number of Career Passes of 25-Plus Yards—14 (2 in 2000; 12 in 2002)

touchdown and completed 8-of-15 passes for 114 yards, including a 62-yard connection with tight end Jon Bowling. **Utah State**-Lord accounted for four touchdowns in a 44-13 victory and engineered an offense that gained 418 total yards. Lord rushed nine times for 59 yards and two touchdowns and connected on 6-of-12 passes for 105 yards, including TD passes to Wilson Thomas and freshman tight end Matt Herian. **Penn State**-Lord rushed 14 times for 111 yards in Nebraska's 40-7 defeat. He also completed half of his 16 pass attempts, but was intercepted three times. **Iowa State**-Lord completed 5-of-10 passes for 120 yards and a 90-yard touchdown to split end Ross Pilkington at Iowa State. The 90-

yard connection with Pilkington was NU's first pass play of 90 yards or longer since 1965 and the third-longest pass play in NU history. **McNeese State**-Lord had a record-setting day, as he accumulated 369 yards of total offense and ran for a then-Husker quarterback record 218 yards and three scores. Lord's rushing total is tied for the 15th-best in

Top Rushing Games by NU 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)

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

school history and was NU's first 200-yard outing since the 2000 season. Lord accounted for four total TDs on the day, hitting wingback Troy Hassebroek on a 10-yard scoring pass. Lord's TD runs covered 5, 57 and 56 yards, marking the first time a Husker had two touchdown runs of 50 yards or longer in the same game since Dan Alexander at Colorado in 1999. **Missouri**-Lord had a team-high 98 yards rushing on 17 carries. He also completed 4-of-12 passes for 34 yards, including a one-yard TD throw to tight end Aaron Golliday. **Oklahoma State**-Lord rushed 18 times for 73 yards and a touchdown and completed 7-of-14 passes for 110 yards in Nebraska's 24-21 loss in Stillwater. **Texas A&M**-Lord led Nebraska's rally from a 31-14 deficit for a 38-31 victory at Kyle Field. He rushed an NU quarterback record 30 times for 159 yards and completed 7-of-12 passes for 116 yards. The contest marked the second time in 2002 that he topped 100 yards in both rushing and passing in the same game. In the game Lord passed the 1,000-yard career mark in both rushing and passing. **Texas**-Lord broke his own NU quarterback rushing record with 234 yards (tied for 10th-best in school history) and produced 332 yards of total offense. Lord had two runs of more than 40 yards to lead Nebraska to 320 rushing yards. Lord passed for a pair of touchdowns, including a 60-yard strike to Herian. In the game, Lord passed the 1,000-yard rushing mark on the season and set a new NU single-season quarterback rushing record. **Kansas**-Lord saw just more than two quarters of action in NU's 45-7 victory. He rushed for 74 yards on 13 carries and passed for 59 yards and two touchdowns. In the game, Lord became the 18th player in Division I-A history to rush and pass for 1,000 yards in the same season. **Kansas State**-Lord completed nine of a career-high 25 passes for 134 yards. He also rushed 21 times for 47 yards against the Wildcat defense, including a 35-yard touchdown run. **Colorado**-Lord rushed 21 times for 53 yards against Colorado. He also notched his eighth 100-yard passing day of the season with 119 yards, including an 80-yard TD strike to Herian.

Career: Lord saw action in six games and totaled 83 yards rushing on 22 carries in 2001. He completed 5-of-8 passes for 65 yards with one interception. He did not play in the 2002 Rose Bowl vs. Miami.

Lord was a solid backup to Crouch as a redshirt freshman. He played in six games and rushed 28 times for 130 yards and four touchdowns. Lord completed 9-of-16 passes for 116 yards with one interception. Lord rushed four times for 16 yards in the 2000 Alamo Bowl, but did not attempt a pass. Lord redshirted in his first season at Nebraska.

For more information on Jammal Lord, please see page 125 of the 2002 Nebraska Football Media Guide.

Lord's Game-by-Game

2000

Game	Rushing No.-Yd-TD	Passing A-C-I-Yd-TD	Total Off. No.-Yd-TD
San Jose State	4-27-0	3-1-1-24-0	7-51-0
Notre Dame		DNP	
Iowa		DNP	
Missouri	0-0-0	0-0-0-0-0	0-0-0
Iowa State	1-6-1	0-0-0-0-0	1-6-1
Texas Tech	7-33-1	2-1-0-12-0	9-45-1
Baylor	10-37-1	6-3-0-26-0	16-63-1
Oklahoma		DNP	
Kansas	6-27-1	5-4-0-54-0	11-81-1
Kansas State		DNP	
Colorado		DNP	
Total	28-130-4	16-9-1-116-0	44-246-4
2000 Alamo Bowl vs. Northwestern			
	4-16-0	0-0-0-0-0	4-16-0

2001

Game	Rushing No.-Yd-TD	Passing A-C-I-Yd-TD	Total Off. No.-Yd-TD
TCU		DNP	
Troy State	3-5-0	1-1-0-18-0	4-23-0
Notre Dame		DNP	
Rice	5-10-0	4-3-0-40-0	9-50-0
Missouri	3-0-1	1-0-0-0-0	4-0-1
Iowa State	8-24-0	2-1-1-7-0	10-31-0
Baylor	1-2-0	0-0-0-0-0	1-2-0
Texas Tech		DNP	
Oklahoma		DNP	
Kansas	2-42-1	0-0-0-0-0	2-42-1
Kansas State		DNP	
Colorado		DNP	
Total	22-83-2	8-5-1-65-0	30-148-2
2002 Rose Bowl vs. Miami			
		DNP	

2002

Game	Rushing No.-Yd-TD	Passing A-C-I-Yd-TD	Total Off. No.-Yd-TD
Arizona State*	17-103-0	13-5-0-33-1	30-136-1
Troy State*	23-92-1	15-8-1-14-0	38-206-1
Utah State*	9-59-2	12-6-0-105-2	21-164-4
Penn State*	14-111-0	16-8-3-76-0	30-187-0
Iowa State*	11-8-0	10-5-1-120-1	21-128-1
McNeese State*	17-218-3	18-12-1-151-1	35-369-4#
Missouri*	17-98-0	12-4-0-34-0	29-132-0
Oklahoma State*	18-73-1	14-7-0-110-0	32-183-1
Texas A&M*	30-159-0	12-7-0-116-0	42-275-0
Texas*	23-234-0@	14-7-2-98-2	37-332-0
Kansas*	13-74-0	10-4-1-59-2	23-133-0
Kansas State*	21-47-1	25-9-0-134-0	46-181-1
Colorado*	21-53-0	17-6-1-119-1	38-172-0
Total	234-1,329-8	188-88-10-1,269-11	422-2,598-19

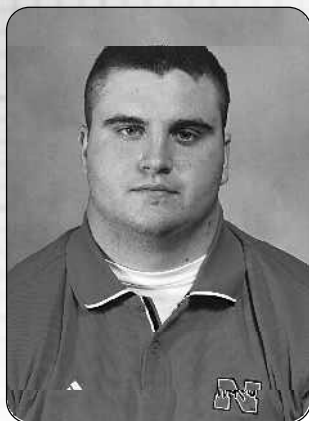
*-Starts; #-NU total offense record; @-NU quarterback rushing record

Nebraska Single-Season Total Offense

Rank	Player, Pos., Yr.	Rush	Pass	Total Offense
1.	Eric Crouch, QB, 2001	1,115	1,510	2,625
2.	Jammal Lord, QB, 2002	1,329	1,269	2,598
3.	Jerry Tagge, QB, 1971	314	2,019	2,333
4.	Scott Frost, QB, 1997	1,095	1,237	2,332
5.	Gerry Gdowski, QB, 1989	925	1,326	2,251
6.	Eric Crouch, QB, 1999	889	1,269	2,158
7.	Mike Rozier, IB, 1983	2,148	0	2,148
8.	Keithen McCant, QB, 1991	654	1,454	2,108
9.	Vince Ferragamo, QB, 1976	15	2,071	2,086
10.	Eric Crouch, QB, 2000	971	1,101	2,072

Top Total Offense Games in NU History

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



John Garrison

52

POS. Center/Snapper

HT./WT. 6-4 / 290

YEAR Senior

LETTERS Three Letters

HOME Blue Springs, Mo.

H.S. Blue Springs

- 2002 Second-Team All-Big 12 (Kansas City Star, Dallas Morning News)
- 2002 Honorable-Mention All-Big 12 (Coaches, Associated Press)
- 2001 Honorable-Mention All-Big 12 (AP)
- 2000 Big 12 Commissioner's Fall Academic Honor Roll

Senior center John Garrison will close an excellent Husker career in the 2002 Independence Bowl. Garrison is a two-year starter at center for Nebraska and has played in every game since his freshman season in 1999. This season Garrison played a key role in Nebraska's Big 12-leading rushing offense and served as one of three team captains.

Nebraska finished the regular season averaging 268.9 yards per game on the ground, good for third in the nation. Garrison was the most experienced player on the offensive front coming into 2002 and played a key leadership role for NU's offensive line.

Veteran Husker offensive line coach Milt Tenopir has said the mobile Garrison is one of the most consistent centers Nebraska has ever had. Garrison's steady play was recognized as he was an honorable-mention All-Big 12 selection for the second consecutive season. Garrison ranks second on the team in 2002 with 140 pancakes, including seven double-figure pancake games. He has raised his career pancake total to 271, good for seventh on Nebraska's career knock-down block list.

Garrison and his offensive line mates were at their best during a six-game stretch in October and November. Beginning with a season-high 444 yards rushing against McNeese State, Nebraska averaged 346.8 yards rushing and topped 300 yards on the ground in five of those six contests. Included in that stretch was a 381-yard rushing effort in a 38-31 comeback victory at Texas A&M. In that game, Garrison had 20 pancakes to tie his career-best and was part of an NU offensive line that produced a school-record 110 knock-downs in the game.

The 6-4, 290-pound Garrison also continued his role as the long snapper for Nebraska's punting unit in 2002. His near-perfect execution on snapping has triggered the Huskers' 38.0-yard net punting average that ranks ninth in the nation.

2002: Arizona State-Garrison had six pancakes as Nebraska rushed for 283 yards and three touchdowns in a 48-10 rout of Arizona State. **Troy State**-The Husker offense gained 313 total yards, including 199 on the ground in NU's 31-16 victory. Garrison recorded seven pancakes. **Utah State**-Garrison had a team-high 14 pancakes as the Huskers scored 37 points before halftime in the 44-13 win and gained 288 rushing yards and 418 total yards. **Penn State**-He recorded 14 pancakes to lead an

offensive line that helped NU pick up 252 yards on the ground and did not allow a sack. **Iowa State**-Garrison had five pancakes in Nebraska's 36-14 loss at Iowa State. **McNeese State**-With Garrison leading the way with 12 pancakes, the Huskers rolled up season highs in both rushing yards (444) and total offense (595) en route to a 38-14 victory. **Missouri-Nebraska** rushed for 325 yards behind Garrison and the offensive line in a 24-13 win. The offensive line's play allowed the Huskers to control the ball for more than 20 minutes in the second half. **Oklahoma State**-Garrison recorded 12 pancakes and the Huskers rushed for 259 yards in a 24-21 loss at Oklahoma State. **Texas A&M**-Garrison tied his career high with 20 pancakes in NU's 38-31 victory. The Huskers rushed for 381 yards in the game, including 243 yards after halftime. The Husker offensive line set a school record with 110 pancakes as a team. **Texas**-Garrison had 11 pancakes to help the Husker running game rack up 320 yards rushing against the nation's third-ranked defense. **Kansas**-Garrison helped Nebraska to 352 yards rushing in a 45-7 victory and had eight pancakes in the victory. **Kansas State**-Garrison recorded 16 pancakes in Nebraska's 49-13 loss. **Colorado**-Garrison had eight pancakes in his final regular-season game with Nebraska.

Career: Garrison switched positions from rush end to center almost immediately upon arrival in Lincoln, filling the Huskers' need for a long snapper. He saw limited action as a

center in 1999, but was NU's deep snapper. He was a backup center and guard in 2000; then in 2001 took over the starting center duties from All-American Dominic Raiola, who left school early for the NFL.

Garrison was one of the top performers on a 2001 Nebraska offensive line that led the Huskers to their 15th NCAA rushing title by averaging 314.7 yards per game on the ground. Garrison started every game at center, earning honorable-mention All-Big 12 honors from the Associated Press. He recorded the fourth-best single-season pancake total by a center in school history with 125 knock-down blocks. His 2001 total trailed only All-American and Outland Trophy finalist Toniui Fonoti. Garrison also produced one of the best single-game performances in school history with a career-high 20 pancakes against Kansas State.

For more information on John Garrison, please see pages 108-109 of the 2002 Nebraska Football Media Guide.

Top 10 Nebraska Pancake Seasons

1. 201 Toniui Fonoti, OG, 2001 (12 games)
2. **157 R. Incognito, OT, 2002 (13)**
3. 155 Toniui Fonoti, OG, 2000 (11)
4. 145 Dominic Raiola, C, 2000 (11)
5. 143 Russ Hochstein, OG, 2000 (11)
6. 140 Dominic Raiola, C, 1999 (12)
7. **140 John Garrison, C, 2002 (13)**
8. 136 Aaron Taylor, OG, 1997 (12)
9. 128 Aaron Taylor, C, 1995 (11)
10. 126 Russ Hochstein, OG, 1999 (12)
- **125 John Garrison, C, 2001 (12)**

Nebraska Pancake Career Totals

1. 379 Toniui Fonoti, OG, 1999-00-01
2. 377 Aaron Taylor, C/OG, 1995-96-97
3. 361 Dominic Raiola, C, 1998-99-00
4. 346 R. Hochstein, OG, 1997-98-99-00
5. 343 Dave Volk, OT, 1998-99-00-01
6. 282 Josh Heskew, C, 1996-97-98
7. **271 John Garrison, C, 1999-00-01-02**
8. 270 Eric Anderson, OT, 1995-96-97
9. 265 Chris Dishman, OG, 1995-96-97
10. 212 James Sherman, OG, 1996-97-98-99

■ Career Statistics and Personal Bests

Pancakes

Year	Total	Avg.	Single-Game High
1999	2	0.2	2 vs. Missouri
2000	4	0.4	2 vs. Baylor and Kansas
2001	125	10.4	20 vs. Kansas State
2002	140	11.0	20 vs. Texas A&M
Total	271	5.6	20 vs. Kansas State (2001), Texas A&M (2002)

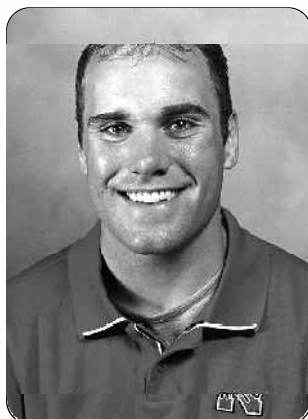
Tackles: 0 UT, 1 AT, 1 TT (vs. Texas Tech), 2000

Games Played—48 (12 in 1999; 11 in 2000; 12 in 2001; 13 in 2002)

Games Started—25 (12 in 2001; 13 in 2002)

Career Pancake Best—20 vs. Kansas State, 2001; Texas A&M, 2002

Double Digit Pancake Games—13 (6 in 2001; 7 in 2002)



Kyle Larson

Ray Guy Award Semifinalist

POS: **Punter**
HT./WT.: 6-0 / 200
YEAR: Junior
LETTERS: One Letter
HOME: Funk, Neb.
H.S.: Kearney

- 2002 Ray Guy Award Semifinalist (1 of 10)
- 2002 Second-Team All-Big 12 (Coaches)
- 2002 Honorable-Mention All-Big 12 (Associated Press)
- Second-Team Academic All-Big 12 (2001, 2002)
- 2001 Third-Team All-Big 12 (Coaches)
- 2001 Honorable-Mention All-Big 12 (AP)
- 2001 Big 12 Special Teams Player of the Week vs. TCU and OU
- Two-Time Big 12 Commissioner's Fall Academic Honor Roll (1999, 2001)
- Three-Time Big 12 Commissioner's Spring Academic Honor Roll (2000, 2001, 2002)

Kyle Larson emerged as one of the Big 12's top punters in 2001, and that carried over to an even more impressive 2002 season. Larson averaged 43.2 yards per punt during the regular season to rank among the nation's top 10 punters.

Larson was one of 10 semifinalists for the Ray Guy Award, given to the nation's top punter. He was also a second-team All-Big 12 pick by the league's coaches, high praise in a conference that features five of the nation's top 25 punters. Larson has keyed the Husker punt unit to a 38.0-yard net average to rank ninth in the nation. The 6-0, 200-pound junior has averaged 45 yards or better in seven games this fall.

In addition to his lofty punting average, Larson has buried opponents inside the 20-yard line 20 times, helping NU to a plus six-yard advantage in field position this year. Larson uncorked four punts for a 57.3-yard average against Utah State, just off the Husker single-game record. He has had at least one punt of 45 yards or more in every game except McNeese State, when he punted just twice.

Larson is the latest in a streak of talented walk-on punters to start at Nebraska, joining Jesse Kosch (1995-96-97); Bill Lafleur (1998) and Dan Hadenfeldt (1999-2000). A native of Funk, Neb., Larson has a career punting average of 42.88 yards.

2002: Arizona State-Larson averaged 40.8 yards on five punts, with a long punt of 48 yards and pinned the Sun Devils inside their 20 once. **Troy State**-Larson had three punts inside the Trojan 20 and averaged 46.2 yards on six punts, including a 57-yarder in the second quarter. **Utah State**-Larson just missed an NU school record for punting average in a game, hitting four punts for an average of 57.3 yards, just off Hadenfeldt's school record. Included in the performance was a career-long 71-yard punt. For his efforts, Larson was Nebraska's nominee for Big 12 Special Teams Player of the Week. **Penn State**-Larson had a 46.8-yard average on six punts at Penn State and pinned the Nittany Lions inside their own

10 on two occasions. Larson was once again NU's nominee for Big 12 Special Teams Player of the Week. **Iowa State**-Larson punted five times for a 47.2-yard average and pinned ISU inside its own 20 twice in the game. **McNeese State**-

Larson had his lightest work day of the year, punting twice in NU's 38-14 victory. **Missouri**-Larson struggled against the Tigers, punting six times for a 27.2 average. He had an eight-yard run for a first down in the third quarter.

Oklahoma State-Larson punted six times for a 37.7-yard average and pinned OSU inside its 20 on three occasions. **Texas A&M**-Larson averaged 50.5 yards on two attempts, including a 56-yard punt. He did have a punt blocked for the first time in 2002, with the Aggies returning it 12 yards for a touchdown. **Texas**-Larson punted four times for a 45.5-yard average, including a 51-yard boot. He pinned the Longhorns inside their own 20 twice, including one punt downed at the 2-yard line.

Kansas-Larson averaged 50.2 yards on six punts in NU's 45-7 win. Larson had four punts of 50 yards or more. Larson also pinned KU inside its 20 on two occasions, including once at the Jayhawk 1-yard line (season best). **Kansas State**-Larson punted a season-high eight times and averaged 40.4 yards per kick and placed two punts inside the 20. He also had a punt blocked which K-State recovered for a touchdown. **Colorado**-Larson punted seven times for an average of 42.3 yards against the Buffs. He pinned CU inside its own 20 twice.

Career: Larson earned third-team All-Big 12 honors from the league's coaches in 2001 after averaging 42.5 yards per punt. He buried opponents inside the 20-yard line 21 times, while booting 16 punts of 50 yards or more. Larson was named Big 12 Special Teams Player of the Week after a strong performance in NU's win over Oklahoma. In that game, Larson pinned OU inside its 20 five times. Larson punted five times for a 40.6-yard average against Miami in the 2002 Rose Bowl. Larson did not see game action in 2000, after redshirting as a walk-on in 1999.

For more information on Kyle Larson, please see page 123 of the 2002 Nebraska Football Media Guide.

Larson Game-by-Game

2001	Game	Punts	Yds.	Avg.	Long	I20
	TCU	8	389	48.6	56	5
	Troy St.	2	99	49.5	56	0
	Notre Dame	6	244	40.7	54	2
	Rice	4	154	38.5	52	2
	Missouri	3	149	49.7	60	2
	Iowa St.	2	78	39.0	41	0
	Baylor	4	170	42.5	48	0
	Texas Tech	5	224	44.8	52	1
	Oklahoma	10	382	38.2	68	5
	Kansas	5	199	39.8	52	3
	Kansas St.	3	113	37.7	44	0
	Colorado	4	180	45.0	56	1
	Miami	5	203	40.6	55	2

2002	Game	Punts	Yds.	Avg.	Long	I20
	Arizona St.	5	204	40.8	63	1
	Troy St.	6	277	46.2	57	3
	Utah St.	4	229	57.3	71	0
	Penn St.	6	281	46.8	56	2
	Iowa St.	5	236	47.2	55	2
	McNeese St.	2	74	37.0	38	0
	Missouri	6	163	27.2	45	1
	Oklahoma St.	6	226	37.7	46	3
	Texas A&M	2	101	50.5	56	0
	Texas	4	182	45.5	51	2
	Kansas	6	301	50.2	58	2
	Kansas State	8	323	40.4	57	2
	Colorado	7	296	42.3	52	2

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Punting Year	G/GS	No.	Yards	Avg.	Net Avg.	Inside Opp.20	Blk	[-- 1-19	20-29	Distance in Yards					-- 60-69	70+	Long
1999	Redshirted																
2000	Did not play																
2001	12/12	56	2,381	42.52	38.34	21	2	0	7	12	21	14	2	0		68	
2002	13/13	67	2,893	43.18	39.18	20	2	2	3	17	25	17	0	1		71	
Total	25/25	123	5,274	42.88	...	41	4	2	10	29	46	31	2	1		71	

2002 Rose Bowl vs. Miami*: Punting, 5-203, 40.6 average; 55 long

Longest Punt-71 yards vs. Utah State, 2002

Most Punts-10 vs. Oklahoma, 2001

Most Yards-389 vs. Texas Christian, 2001

Most Punts Inside 20-5 vs. Texas Christian, vs. Oklahoma, 2001

Most Punts Inside 10-2 vs. Texas Christian, vs. Notre Dame, vs. Rice, vs. Missouri, vs. Oklahoma, 2001; vs. Penn State, 2002; vs. Kansas, 2002

50-Yard-Plus Punts-34; **60-Yard-Plus Punts**-3



Wilson Thomas

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POS. Split End

HT./WT. 6-6 / 215

YEAR Senior

LETTERS Three Letters

HOME Omaha, Neb.

H.S. North

- 2002 Honorable-Mention All-Big 12 (Coaches)
- 2001 Honorable-Mention All-Big 12 (Coaches)
- Nebraska Season Split End Receiving Yardage Record (616 in 2001)
- 2001 Second-Team Academic All-Big 12

Wilson Thomas led Nebraska in receptions and receiving yardage for the second straight year in 2002. Quarterback Jammal Lord looked to Thomas as a go-to-receiver and the 6-6 senior responded with 27 receptions for a team-high 319 yards. His 2002 campaign came on the heels of a strong junior season, in which Thomas led the Huskers with 37 receptions. Thomas earned honorable-mention All-Big 12 honors from the league's coaches for the second straight season.

Thomas caught three touchdown passes this fall, an eight-yarder in the opener against Arizona State, a 23-yard grab vs. Utah State and a 27-yard reception from Lord against Kansas. Thomas caught a season-high five balls at Iowa State and had three four-catch outings during the regular season. He had a season-high 59 yards receiving on four catches at Texas A&M, which moved him into the top 10 on the NU career receptions list. Thomas' 27 catches this season bring his career total to 65, good for a tie for eighth place on the NU career chart.

Thomas has recorded five games in 2002 and 14 in his Husker career with three or more receptions. Thomas has caught a pass in 18 of NU's last 23 contests and stands 57 yards from becoming the 12th Husker to reach 1,000 career receiving yards.

An all-around receiver, Thomas is regarded as an excellent blocker on the perimeter. He and his fellow receivers played a key role in an NU ground game that averaged a conference-leading 268.9 yards per game.

2002: Arizona State-Thomas had three receptions for eight yards, including a nine-yard TD reception in the third quarter. Thomas' TD grab gave NU a 17-3 advantage and the Huskers pulled away for a 48-10 win. **Troy State**-Thomas had four receptions for 31 yards in Nebraska's 31-16 victory. **Utah State**-Thomas caught his second touchdown pass

of the season and fifth of his career in NU's 44-13 victory. Thomas finished the game with two receptions for 41 yards, including the 23-yard first-quarter TD grab. **Penn State**-Thomas caught a pass for the sixth straight game with one reception for three yards. **Iowa State**-He snared a season-high five catches for 49 yards in Nebraska's 36-14 loss to the Cyclones. **McNeese State**-Thomas posted his fourth game of the season with three or more receptions, catching four passes for 47 yards in NU's 38-14 victory. Nebraska passed for a season-high 151 yards in the win. **Missouri**-Nebraska relied on its running game in a 24-13 victory, and Thomas did not have a reception vs. the Tigers. **Oklahoma State**-Thomas did not have a reception in a 24-21 loss. **Texas A&M**-Thomas caught four passes for a season-high 59 yards, all in the first half, in the Huskers' 38-31 win. His 28-yard catch in the second quarter was a season-long and set up an NU touchdown that tied the game at 14. **Texas**-Thomas did not catch a pass as the Huskers relied on their running game in a 27-24 setback against the No. 7 Longhorns. **Kansas**-Thomas caught two passes for 40 yards and grabbed his third touchdown of the year, a 27-yarder, from Jammal Lord in the second quarter. **Kansas State**-Thomas caught two passes for 41 yards, including a 25-yard reception in Nebraska's loss at Kansas State. **Colorado**-Thomas was held without a reception for the fourth time in 2002.

Career: Thomas had a breakout year for the Huskers as a junior in 2001. After being utilized his first two seasons primarily as a blocker,

Thomas doubled his career total in the first game of 2001. Thomas had 37 receptions for a Nebraska split end record 616 yards. Only two receivers in school history had better receiving yardage seasons than Thomas-Johnny Rodgers and Irving Fryar.

He also hauled in three touchdown grabs on the year with two scores against Texas Tech and one touchdown against Rice. Thomas had a career-high six receptions in two straight games- vs. Oklahoma and at Kansas. He had a career-best 109 yards on three catches at Colorado, including a career-best 78-yard reception. Thomas started and had three catches for 36

yards against Miami in the 2002 Rose Bowl.

Thomas played in 20 games and made four starts during 1999 and 2000, but had just one catch (eight yards vs. Kansas in 2000), serving as a backup to three-year starter Matt Davison. Thomas redshirted in 1998 in his first season at Nebraska.

An outstanding all-around athlete, Thomas has played basketball for Nebraska the past two years after football season. He averaged 1.8 points and 1.7 rebounds in 2001 (17 games) and 4.6 points and 3.8 rebounds in 2002 (16 games, including three starts) for Coach Barry Collier's team.

For more information on Wilson Thomas, please see pages 116-117 of the 2002 Nebraska Football Media Guide.

NU Career Reception Leaders

Player, Years	Rec.-Yds.
1. Johnny Rodgers, WB, 1970-72	143-2,479
2. Matt Davison, SE, 1997-00	93-1,456
3. Jeff Kinney, HB, 1969-71	82-864
4. Guy Ingles, SE, 1968-70	74-1,157
5. Tim Smith, SE	72-1,089
6. Irving Fryar, WB, 1981-83	67-1,196
7. Tom Penney, SE, 1966-68	66-926
8. Todd Brown, SE, 1980-82	65-1,092
W. Thomas, SE, 1999-2002	65-943
10. A. Muhammad, WB, 1991-94	61-938
Jerry List, TE, 1970-72	61-901
D. Richnafskey, SE, 1965-67	61-676

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Receiving

Year	G/S	No.	Yds.	Y/R	Y/G	Long	TDs
1998		Redshirt					
1999	12/2	0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0
2000	8/2	1	8	8.0	1.0	8 vs. Kansas	0
2001	12/11	37	616	16.6	51.3	78 vs. CU	3
2002	13/11	27	319	11.8	24.5	28 vs. A&M	3
Totals	45/26	65	943	14.5	21.0	78 vs. CU	6

Tackles: 5 UT, 0 AT, 5 TT total; 1 UT, 0 AT, 1 TT in 1999; 2 UT, 0 AT, 2 TT in 2001; 2 UT, 0 AT, 2 TT in 2002

2000 Alamo Bowl vs. Northwestern: Receiving, none

2000 Fiesta Bowl vs. Tennessee: Receiving, none

2002 Rose Bowl vs. Miami: Receiving, 3-36-0

Receptions-6 vs. Oklahoma, Kansas, 2001

Reception Yards-109 vs. Colorado, 2001

Long Reception-78 vs. Colorado, 2001

TD Receptions-2 vs. Texas Tech, 2001

Number of Games with Three or More Catches-14 (9 in 2001, 5 in 2002)

Number of Career Catches of 25-Plus Yards-8 (5 in 2001, 3 in 2002)

Number of Career Catches of 45-Plus Yards-1 vs. Colorado, 2001