

## NATIONAL POWERS

One of the nation's premier athletic programs, Nebraska is dedicated to and successful in all 23 of its varsity sports. In 2008-09, five Husker teams finished among the top 10 in their respective sports. Nebraska has won a total of 24 team national championships since 1970, including a fifth bowling crown in 2008, eight men's gymnastics titles, five football championships, three volleyball titles and three women's track and field championships.

Individually, several Huskers excelled in 2008-09. Jordan Burroughs and Nicholas Gordon each captured individual national titles in their respective sports. Burroughs put together the only undefeated season in Nebraska wrestling history, finishing 35-0 en route to the NCAA title at 157 pounds. Gordon captured the NCAA indoor long jump national championship with a leap of 26-4  $\frac{1}{4}$ . Bowler Cassandra Leuthold helped lead Nebraska to the NCAA bowling title, as she was named the championship's Most Outstanding Player. On the volleyball court, Jordan Larson capped a tremendous career by earning All-America honors for the third straight season, while becoming the first player in Big 12 history to be named Player of the Year and Defensive Player of the Year in the same season.

Overall, Nebraska produced 21 individuals who captured 27 All-America awards in their respective sports in 2008-09.

Nebraska finished either first or second in the conference in five sports, including the volleyball program's 11th title in the 13-year history of the Big 12 Conference. The Huskers also added Big 12 titles last season in wrestling and men's outdoor track, which marked the track and field program's 100th all-time conference championship. The NU football team also tied for first in the Big 12 North Division under first-year head coach Bo Pelini.

In addition to Nebraska's success at the national level, the Huskers have been a leader in the powerful Big 12 Conference since its inception. Nebraska has captured 66 total team titles, including a league-high 21 championships in track and field, 11 in volleyball, eight in soccer and women's gymnastics, seven in baseball, six in softball, two each in football and swimming and diving and one in wrestling.



*Guard Ryan Anderson moved into the Nebraska career top-10 list for 3-pointers in 2008-09 while leading Nebraska to its first .500 league record in a decade and a second straight postseason appearance.*



*Top: Jordan Larson was a three-time All-American on the court while leading Nebraska to three trips to the NCAA Semifinals in her career, including the 2005 national title. In a stellar senior season, Larson earned her second straight first-team All-America award, while claiming third-team CoSIDA Academic All-America honors and being named the Big 12 Player of the Year and the Big 12 Defensive Player of the Year.*

*Bottom: All-American Nicholas Gordon captured the 2009 NCAA indoor national championship in the long jump with a winning leap of 26-4  $\frac{1}{4}$  in his final attempt. Following the season, Gordon earned a spot in the 2009 World Championships with a personal-best jump of 26-7  $\frac{1}{4}$ .*



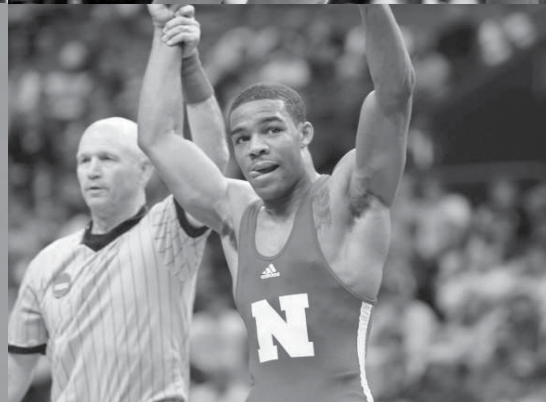


*The Nebraska volleyball team celebrated the program's third trip to the NCAA Semifinals in four seasons following a dramatic comeback at Washington in the regional finals. In nine years under Head Coach John Cook, the Huskers have captured eight Big 12 titles – including five straight – while advancing to the NCAA Semifinals five times.*

## BIG 12 LEADERS

The Huskers have won more Big 12 Conference championships than any other league school in the following categories:

Baseball Regular Season: 3  
Baseball Postseason: 4  
Baseball Overall: 7  
Men's Indoor Track: 9  
Men's Outdoor Track: 5  
Men's Track Combined: 14  
Women's Indoor Track: 5  
Men's and Women's Track: 21  
Women's Gymnastics: 8  
Soccer Postseason: 5  
Volleyball: 11



*Top left: The Nebraska bowling team won the 2009 NCAA national championship, marking the Huskers' third title in the six years that bowling has been an NCAA sport. All-American Cassandra Leuthold was named the championship's Most Outstanding Player.*

*Bottom: Molly Hill led Nebraska to its 14th NCAA Tournament appearance in 15 seasons in 2009. Hill was a first-team All-Big 12 selection and a first-team CoSIDA Academic All-American, which marked her second straight academic All-America award.*

*Top: With the return of two-time All-Big 12 first-team performer Kelsy Griffin, Nebraska will be gunning for its seventh straight postseason appearance in 2010.*

*Bottom: Jordan Burroughs made Husker history while winning the 2009 national title at 157 pounds. Burroughs finished a perfect 35-0 en route to winning the national championship, becoming the only Husker ever to post an undefeated season.*