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Nebraska Football Notables

- ▶ Five national championships (1970, 1971, 1994, 1995, 1997)
- ▶ 43 conference championships
- ▶ Three Heisman trophies, eight Outland trophies, four Lombardi Awards
- ▶ 103 All-Americans
- ▶ Nation-leading 76 academic All-Americans
- ▶ NCAA-record 256 consecutive sellouts in Memorial Stadium (counting Oklahoma State)
- ▶ 41 consecutive winning regular seasons
- ▶ 34 consecutive bowl appearances-NCAA record
- ▶ 41 all-time bowl appearances-fourth in NCAA
- ▶ 95-5 home record in last 15 seasons

This Week in Husker Football

Monday, Aug. 25

11:50 a.m. Coach Solich on Big 12 Teleconference
 Noon ..Extra Point Club Luncheon (Guest Coach, Frank Solich)
 3:30 p.m..... Practice

Tuesday, Aug. 26

Weekly Press Conference

11 a.m.....NU Volleyball Coach John Cook
 11:15 a.m..... Lunch
 11:45 a.m..... Coordinators
 Noon..... Head Coach Frank Solich
 12:30-1:30 p.m..... Player Interviews
 3:30 p.m..... Practice

Wednesday, Aug. 27

3:30 p.m.....Practice (Final player interviews of week)

Thursday, Aug. 28

3:30 p.m..... Practice

Friday, Aug. 29

3:30 p.m..... Nebraska walk-thru
 TBAOklahoma State walk-thru

Saturday, Aug. 30

Husker Nation Celebration

Noon.....Media Availability for Former Players
 2:30 p.m.....Nebraska vs. Oklahoma State (ABC)

Game 1 – Nebraska (0-0, 0-0) vs. No. 24 Oklahoma State (0-0, 0-0)

Date: Saturday, Aug. 30, 2003 **Time:** 2:37 p.m.(CDT) **Site:** Lincoln, Neb.
Stadium: Memorial Stadium **Field:** Tom Osborne Field **Surface:** FieldTurf (1999)
Capacity: 73,918 (256th Consecutive Sellout)
Nebraska Radio: (Jim Rose-Play-by-Play; Adrian Fiala-Analyst; Gary Sharp-Sideline)
 57-station Pinnacle Sports Network
Internet: Live Radio on Huskers.com
TV: ABC National (Brad Nessler-Play-by-Play; Bob Griese-Analyst; Lynn Swann-Sideline)
Special Event: Husker Nation Celebration Player Reunion, Fri.-Sat., Aug. 29-30

Huskers, Oklahoma State Open 2003 With Big 12 Showdown

Nebraska kicks off its 114th season of collegiate football with a highly anticipated season opener against Big 12 Conference rival Oklahoma State. The matchup pits a pair of teams with their sights set on big things in 2003. Nebraska is looking to rebound from a 7-7 campaign in 2002, its first non nine-win season since 1968. Oklahoma State is coming off its best season in more than a decade with an 8-5 finish in 2002, including its first bowl victory in 14 seasons.

The Huskers enter the season in a rare position-unranked in both major national polls. Nebraska finds itself just outside of the top 25 in the Associated Press poll with 68 points, enough to tie for 27th position in the poll. Nebraska received 64 points in the USA Today/ESPN Coaches Poll, also placing it just outside of the top 25. A victory against Oklahoma State would likely vault the Huskers back into the rankings for the first time since late-September of last season. The Cowboys are ranked 24th in both preseason polls, one of four Big 12 Conference squads in the preseason top 25.

Nebraska will look to continue its opening-day success in front of the 256th consecutive sellout at Memorial Stadium. The Huskers have won their last 17 season openers since a loss to Florida State to open the 1985 campaign. NU also has had a great run of success in the series with Oklahoma State. Last year's 24-21 loss in Stillwater ended NU's 35-game unbeaten streak against the Cowboys, but Nebraska has won each of the last 19 meetings with Oklahoma State at Memorial Stadium. The Huskers own a 35-3-1 edge in the all-time series between the schools.

Nebraska to Face Challenging Schedule in 2003

Nebraska enters the 2003 campaign with its sights set on returning to the national polls, resuming its nine-win season tradition and making its 35th consecutive bowl appearance. Standing in the way of those goals is a demanding slate of games, including seven opponents who reached postseason play in 2002.

The 2003 season marks the fourth time in Frank Solich's six seasons as head coach that Nebraska has 12 regular season games on the schedule. This season marks the second straight year the NCAA has allowed all schools to play 12 regular-season contests. A year ago, Nebraska played 14 games including the season-opening Black Coaches Association Classic. The Aug. 30 opener also marks the third straight year Nebraska has opened its season in August and the fourth time in six seasons under Solich the Huskers have kicked off in the year's eighth month.

The Huskers open the year with three straight home games, the opener with Oklahoma State, followed by non-

2003 Nebraska Football Schedule/Results

Day	Date	Opponent	Time	TV	Series	Last Meeting (Site) / Notes
Sat.	Aug. 30	Oklahoma State#	2:37 p.m.	ABC	NU 35-3-1	OSU, 24-21, 2002 (Stillwater)/Nebraska 19-1 vs. Cowboys in Lincoln
Sat.	Sept. 6	Utah State	11:30 a.m.	FSN	NU 7-0	NU, 44-13, 2002 (Lincoln)/NU 42 or more points in five of seven meetings
Sat.	Sept. 13	Penn State	7 p.m.	ABC	PSU 7-5	PSU, 40-7, 2002 (Univ. Park)/Combined for 10 perfect seasons in last 38 years
Thurs.	Sept. 25	at Southern Miss	6:30 p.m.	ESPN	NU 1-0	NU, 20-13, 1999 (Lincoln)/Nebraska two defensive TDs in 1999 meeting
Sat.	Oct. 4	Troy State	TBA		NU 2-0	NU, 31-16, 2002 (Lincoln)/Game added in spring to accommodate Thurs. contest
Sat.	Oct. 11	at Missouri#	TBA		NU, 61-32-3	NU, 24-13, 2002 (Lincoln)/Huskers have won 13 straight vs. MU in Columbia
Sat.	Oct. 18	Texas A&M# (HC)	TBA		NU, 8-2	NU, 38-31, 2002 (College Station)/17-point comeback in 2002 tied NU's largest
Sat.	Oct. 25	Iowa State#	TBA		NU, 80-15-2	ISU, 36-14, 2002 (Ames)/NU 48-plus points in last five meetings in Lincoln
Sat.	Nov. 1	at Texas#	TBA		UT 5-4	UT, 27-24, 2002 (Lincoln)/Two meetings in Austin decided by total of five points
Sat.	Nov. 8	at Kansas# (HC)	TBA		NU 85-21-3	NU, 45-7, 2002 (Lincoln)/24 of last 27 Nebraska wins by 28 points or more
Sat.	Nov. 15	Kansas State#	TBA		NU 72-13-2	KSU, 49-13, 2002 (Manhattan)/NU winners of 17 straight vs. KSU in Lincoln
Fri.	Nov. 28	at Colorado#	11 a.m.	ABC	NU 43-16-2	CU, 28-13, 2002 (Lincoln)/Five of last seven in Boulder decided by six points or less
Sat.	Dec. 6	Big 12 Champ. Game	7 p.m.	ABC		Nebraska has appeared in three of first seven games, most recently 1999 vs. Texas

All times Central and subject to change; # Big 12 Conference games

2003 Polls

Associated Press (Aug. 16)

No.	Team (1st)	Record	Points
1.	Oklahoma (32)	0-0	1,573
2.	Ohio State (27)	0-0	1,532
3.	Miami (2)	0-0	1,484
4.	Michigan (2)	0-0	1,329
5.	Texas*	0-0	1,322
6.	Auburn (1)	0-0	1,300
7.	Kansas State (1)*	0-0	1,221
8.	USC	0-0	1,126
9.	Virginia Tech	0-0	1,046
10.	Pittsburgh	0-0	952
11.	Georgia	0-0	928
12.	Tennessee	0-0	766
13.	Florida State	0-0	737
14.	LSU	0-0	736
15.	Maryland	0-0	705
16.	North Carolina State	0-0	678
17.	Washington	0-0	643
18.	Virginia	0-0	557
19.	Purdue	0-0	468
20.	Notre Dame	0-0	439
21.	Wisconsin	0-0	350
22.	Arizona State	0-0	248
23.	Colorado State	0-0	205
24.	Oklahoma State*	0-0	156
25.	TCU	0-0	95

Others Receiving Votes: Nebraska 68

ESPN/USA Today/Coaches (Aug. 1)

No.	Team (1st)	Record	Points
1.	Oklahoma (29)	0-0	1,514
2.	Ohio State (28)	0-0	1,495
3.	Miami (5)	0-0	1,448
4.	Texas*	0-0	1,291
5.	Kansas State*	0-0	1,165
6.	Auburn (1)	0-0	1,153
7.	Michigan	0-0	1,110
8.	USC	0-0	1,075
9.	Georgia	0-0	1,030
10.	Virginia Tech	0-0	932
11.	Pittsburgh	0-0	712
12.	Florida State	0-0	711
13.	Maryland	0-0	704
14.	North Carolina State	0-0	682
15.	LSU	0-0	662
16.	Tennessee	0-0	658
17.	Virginia	0-0	526
18.	Notre Dame	0-0	515
19.	Washington	0-0	459
20.	Wisconsin	0-0	348
21.	Florida	0-0	312
22.	Purdue	0-0	305
23.	Arizona State	0-0	297
24.	Oklahoma State*	0-0	159
25.	Penn State*	0-0	143
	Colorado State	0-0	143

Others Receiving Votes: Nebraska 64

*-Denotes 2003 NU opponent

Huskers in the 2003 Polls

Date	A	C	B	Results
Pre.	RV	RV	NA	

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

conference games with Utah State and Penn State. Nebraska plays its first Thursday night game in eight years at Southern Mississippi on Sept. 25, before completing its non-league schedule against Troy State on Oct. 4.

Nebraska will resume Big 12 Conference play on Oct. 11 at Missouri. After the road game at Missouri, Nebraska will also travel to Texas (Nov. 1), Kansas (Nov. 8) and Colorado (Nov. 28) in league play. In addition to Oklahoma State, Texas A&M (Oct. 18), Iowa State (Oct. 25) and Kansas State (Nov. 15) will visit Lincoln this fall.

Husker Nation Celebration To Help Kick Off 2003 Season

This weekend could easily be the most-anticipated event in the "Year of the Fan" in Husker Nation. In addition to the long-awaited start of the 2003 football campaign, Husker fans will also get an opportunity to see past greats who established the unmatched tradition of Nebraska football.

All former letterwinners have been invited to Lincoln for a player reunion this weekend and approximately 800 former players from all eras are expected to attend the Husker Nation Celebration. Nebraska Athletic Director Steve Pederson made the reunion one of his first projects when he took the reins of the Husker athletic department in January. All former players in attendance will receive a jersey with their number on the front and their name inscribed on the back. The players will gather on Friday evening for a private reception, then follow the Cornhusker Marching Band onto the field for pregame festivities on Saturday.

Among the former NU greats in attendance at this weekend's Husker Nation Celebration are each of Nebraska's three Heisman winners.

- ▶ **Johnny Rodgers**, 1972, Wingback, Now lives in Omaha, Neb.
- ▶ **Mike Rozier**, 1983, I-Back, Now lives in Camden, N.J.
- ▶ **Eric Crouch**, 2001, Quarterback, Now lives in Omaha, Neb.

Players from all eras have embraced the Husker Nation Celebration. Former Huskers from the decades of the 1930s, 1940s and 1950s are planning their own private reunion with about 125 past letterwinners expected. Nebraska's 1978 Big Eight championship team will hold a 25th year anniversary in conjunction with the weekend's festivities, while the national championship teams of the mid 1990s will also have their own smaller private gathering.

Huskers Successful in Season Openers

Nebraska has been victorious in its last 17 season openers since a 17-13 loss to Florida State in Lincoln in 1985. The Huskers have won each of those 17 contests by at least 13 points. Nebraska improved to 82-26-5 in season openers, including last year's 48-10 victory over Arizona State.

Nebraska Head Coach Frank Solich is a perfect 5-0 in season openers. In the last 30 years, the Huskers are 25-4-1 in season openers, 20-2 at home, losing only to FSU in 1985 and Washington State in 1977 (19-10). In fact, the Huskers have won 38 of 41 season openers since Bob Devaney took over the Husker program in 1962.

In all-time home openers, NU is 91-17-5 including 63-14-3 at Memorial Stadium. The Huskers are 28-2 in home openers over the last 30 years. When NU opens the season on the road it is 12-13-2. Nebraska's streak of 17 straight season opening victories leads the nation, followed by Florida State with 14, and Kansas State and Florida with 13 each.

Nebraska to Face Ranked Opponent in Season Opener

With 24th-ranked Oklahoma State up first on the 2003 slate, Nebraska will face off against a ranked opponent in a season opener for the first time since 1994. The Huskers are 6-4 all-time in season openers against ranked opponents, including a 2-3 mark at Memorial Stadium. NU's most recent season-opening win over a ranked opponent came in a 34-17 win over Florida State to open the 1986 season. The Huskers have been unranked in three of the season openers against ranked foes and own a 1-2 mark in those contests. (most recently in 1969). Below is a listing of Nebraska's season openers against ranked opponents.

- ▶ **1994**—#4 Nebraska 31, #24 West Virginia 0, Kickoff Classic, East Rutherford, N.J.
- ▶ **1988**—#2 Nebraska 23, #10 Texas A&M 14, Kickoff Classic, East Rutherford, N.J.
- ▶ **1986**—#8 Nebraska 34, #11 Florida State 17, Lincoln
- ▶ **1985**—#17 Florida State 17, #10 Nebraska 13, Lincoln
- ▶ **1983**—#1 Nebraska 44, #4 Penn State 6, Kickoff Classic, East Rutherford, N.J.
- ▶ **1978**—#1 Alabama 20, #10 Nebraska 3, Birmingham, Ala.
- ▶ **1973**—#4 Nebraska 40, #10 UCLA 13, Lincoln
- ▶ **1969**—#5 USC 31, Nebraska 21, Lincoln
- ▶ **1960**—Nebraska 14, #4 Texas 13, Austin, Texas
- ▶ **1959**—#17 Texas 20, Nebraska 0, Lincoln

Nebraska, Cowboys Get Big 12 Season Started

The first game with Oklahoma State marks a rare season opener against a league foe. Nebraska last opened a season against a conference opponent in 1995, when the Huskers posted a 64-21 victory at Oklahoma State to begin its Big Eight campaign. Nebraska went on to finish 12-0 and win a second straight national title in 1995.

Other than the 1995 NU-OSU meeting, the Huskers have not opened the season against a league opponent since facing Iowa State in Lincoln to begin the 1948 campaign. The last time Nebraska faced a conference opponent in its home opener was a 39-14 victory over Iowa State in 1954.

Solich in Season Openers

Year	Opponent	Result
1998	vs. La. Tech*	W, 56-27
1999	at Iowa	W, 42-7
2000	vs. San Jose State	W, 49-13
2001	vs. TCU**	W, 21-7
2002	vs. Arizona State#	W, 48-10

*-Eddie Robinson Classic, Lincoln

**-Pigskin Classic, Lincoln

#-Black Coaches Association Classic, Lincoln

Final 2002 Big 12 Standings

North Division

Team	Records		
	Overall	Big 12	Next Game
Colorado	9-5	7-1	vs. Colorado St. 8/30
Kansas St.	11-2	6-2	vs. California 8/23
Iowa State	7-7	4-4	Northern Iowa 8/30
Nebraska	7-7	3-5	Oklahoma State 8/30
Missouri	5-7	2-6	vs. Illinois 8/30
Kansas	2-10	0-8	Northwestern 8/30

South Division

Oklahoma	12-2	6-2	North Texas 8/30
Texas	11-2	6-2	New Mexico St. 8/31
Texas Tech	9-5	5-3	SMU 8/30
Oklahoma St.	8-5	5-3	at Nebraska 8/30
Texas A&M	6-6	3-5	Arkansas State 8/30
Baylor	3-9	1-7	UAB 8/30

2003 Nebraska Non-Conference Opponents

Team	Record -- Next Game
Utah State	4-7--at Utah 8/28
Penn State	9-4--Temple 8/30
Southern Miss	7-6--at California 8/30
Troy State	4-8--at Kansas State 8/30

2003 Oklahoma State Schedule

Date	Opponent	Time
8/30	at Nebraska	2:30 p.m.
9/6	Wyoming	6 p.m.
9/13	Southwest Missouri State	6 p.m.
9/20	at SMU	7 p.m.
10/4	La.-Lafayette	6 p.m.
10/11	Kansas State	TBA
10/18	Texas Tech	TBA
10/25	at Texas A&M	TBA
11/1	at Oklahoma	TBA
11/8	Texas	TBA
11/15	Kansas	TBA
11/22	at Baylor	1 p.m.

NU-Oklahoma State Series Notes

- ▶ This year's matchup will mark the first time in series history Nebraska has been unranked, while Oklahoma State has been ranked in both polls.
- ▶ Before last season, Nebraska had been ranked entering the previous 28 meetings with Oklahoma State.
- ▶ Oklahoma State has scored more than 14 points in just two of its 20 trips to Memorial Stadium.
- ▶ Eleven of Nebraska's last 12 victories in the series have been by 14 or more points, with the lone exception a 24-17 victory in 1998 in a game played at Kansas City's Arrowhead Stadium.
- ▶ The 105 points scored in the 1988 meeting in Lincoln (NU, 63-42) is tied for the Memorial Stadium record for most points.

Husker-Oklahoma Ties

- ▶ Sixth-year senior nose tackle Jason Lohr is the only Husker who hails from the state of Oklahoma. Lohr, who has seen both of his previous two seasons end with knee injuries, and attended Jenks High School in Tulsa.
- ▶ First-year assistant coach Tim Albin is a native of Woodward, Okla. Albin served as a Nebraska graduate assistant the past three seasons. Before coming to Lincoln, Albin was the head coach for three seasons at Northwestern Oklahoma State, where he also played.

Scouting No. 24 Oklahoma State



Oklahoma State enters the 2003 season with its highest hopes in more than a decade. The Cowboys won six of their final seven games last season to finish the year with an 8-5 record and a victory in the Houston Bowl. The strong finish left OSU just outside of the final polls last season.

The Cowboys' resurgence last fall was keyed by a potent offensive attack. Wide receiver Rashaun Woods is one of the nation's top returning wide receivers after catching 107 passes for 1,695 yards and 17 touchdowns a year ago. He averaged 130.4 receiving yards per game last season, the most among returning

receivers for 2003. Woods has 216 career receptions for the Cowboys and has been selected as the Big 12 Preseason Offensive Player of the Year.

Cowboy quarterback Josh Fields also played a key role last season. The 6-1, 210-pound junior, who doubles as a third baseman for the OSU baseball team, threw for 3,145 yards and 31 touchdowns last season, while having just 10 of his passes intercepted. The Cowboy rushing attack exploded last season when Tatum Bell entered the starting lineup. Bell rushed for more than 100 yards in six of the final seven games, including a career-high 182 yards on 33 carries against Nebraska.

Oklahoma State returns six starters on the defensive side of the ball, including defensive end Greg Richmond, linebacker Paul Duren and safety Elbert Craig. Richmond made 55 tackles last season, including a team-high seven sacks for 57 yards in losses. Duren had a standout freshman campaign, recording a team-leading 84 tackles from his linebacker position, including four tackles for loss. Craig made 83 tackles in 2002, including 54 solo stops and also had 12 pass breakups from his safety spot.

The Cowboys also return both of their starting kickers from last season. Senior place-kicker Luke Phillips has been extremely accurate throughout his career, connecting on 26-of-33 field goal attempts and all but one of his 83 PATs. Punter Cole Farden averaged better than 41 yards per kick and pinned the opposition inside its 20 on 13 punts in 2002.

Oklahoma State Coach Les Miles

Les Miles (Michigan, 1976) is beginning his third season as Oklahoma State's head coach and owns a 12-12 record on the Cowboy sideline. Miles posted a 4-7 record in his first season in Stillwater, then guided OSU to an 8-5 mark in 2002. The breakout season included wins in six of the last seven games and the Cowboys' first bowl appearance since 1997. For his efforts last season, Miles was named Big 12 Conference Coach of the Year. Before being named head coach at OSU, Miles was an assistant with the Dallas Cowboys for three seasons.

Nebraska-Oklahoma State Series...NU leads 35-3-1

Nebraska holds a commanding 35-3-1 edge in the all-time series between the two schools, but saw its 36-game unbeaten string and 24-game winning streak in the series come to an end last year in Stillwater. The 24-21 Cowboy victory was their first over Nebraska since winning the first two games of the series in 1960 and 1961. OSU's 7-6 victory against Nebraska in 1960 in Lincoln in the inaugural meeting between the schools remains the Cowboys lone win in 20 trips to Memorial Stadium. The Huskers have won each of the past six meetings in Lincoln by at least 20 points, including a 38-14 win in the last matchup between the schools at Memorial Stadium in 1999.

Oklahoma State ended its losing streak against Nebraska last fall with a strong offensive performance in the second half on a rainy day in Stillwater. The teams both struggled offensively in the first half, with the Huskers holding a 7-3 edge at intermission. The third quarter belonged to Oklahoma State, which scored a pair of touchdowns to take a 17-7 edge. Nebraska pulled within three points midway through the fourth quarter, but an OSU touchdown with less than five minutes remaining pushed the lead back to 10 points and sealed the victory.

Nebraska-Oklahoma State Statistical Comparison

Category	2002 Stat Numbers and Rankings			Oklahoma State (8-5, 5-3)		
	Nebraska (7-7, 3-5)	Avg.	Big 12	Natl.	Avg.	Big 12
Rushing Offense	268.7	1	4	148.5	6	58
Passing Offense	104.4	12	112	262.6	3	25
Total Offense	373.1	10	59	411.1	3	21
Scoring Offense	27.4	10	59	34.2	4	13
Rushing Defense	146.6	5	49	147.1	6	50
Pass Defense	215.3	7	57	251.6	11	100
Pass Efficiency Defense	108.4	4	27	120.8	8	60
Total Defense	361.9	6	55	398.7	8	80
Scoring Defense	23.9	6	45	27.4	7	69
Net Punting	38.2	2	5	34.8	8	52
Punt Returns	16.3	1	5	12.9	7	27
Kickoff Returns	22.3	4	26	20.3	6	60

Last Year in Stillwater...

OSU 24, Nebraska 21

Team Stats	NU	OSU
First Downs	18	22
Rushes-Yards	54-259	42-195
Passes	14-7-0	27-17-0
Passing Yards	110	192
Total Offense	369	387

NU Rushing Leaders

David Horne--24 carries, 125 yards, 1 TD
Jammal Lord--18 carries, 73 yards, 1 TD

NU Passing Leader

Jammal Lord--14-7-0, 110 yards

NU Receiving Leader

Matt Herian--1 reception, 44 yards

NU Defensive Leaders

Philip Bland--10 tackles
Demorrio Williams--8 tackles

Solich Year-by-Year

Year	Record	Pct	Conf.	Bowl	Rank
1998	9-4	.692	5-3	Holiday	19/20
1999	12-1	.923	7-1#	Fiesta	3/2
2000	10-2	.833	6-2	Alamo	8/7
2001	11-2	.846	7-1	Rose	8/7
2002	7-7	.500	3-5	Indepen.	NR/NR
Total	49-16	.754	28-12	Four	

#-Won Big 12 Championship
Final national rank listed AP/Coaches

Solich vs. Ranked AP Teams (10-12)

Date	Opponent	Site	Rank	Result
1998:				
9/26	Washington	Home	2/9	W 55-7
10/10	Texas A&M	Away	2/18	L 21-28
10/24	Missouri	Home	7/19	W 20-13
11/14	Kansas St.	Away	11/2	L 30-40
12/30	Arizona	Holiday	14/5	L 20-23
1999:				
10/23	Texas	Away	3/18	L 20-24
11/6	Texas A&M	Home	9/21	W 37-0
11/13	Kansas St.	Home	7/5	W 41-15
12/4	Texas	Big 12	3/12	W 22-6
1/2	Tennessee	Fiesta	3/6	W 31-21
2000:				
9/9	Notre Dame	Away	1/23	W 27-24OT
10/28	Oklahoma	Away	1/3	L 14-31
11/18	Kansas St.	Away	4/16	L 28-29
12/30	Northwestern	Alamo	9/18	W 66-17
2001:				
9/8	Notre Dame	Home	4/17	W 27-10
10/27	Oklahoma	Home	3/2	W 20-10
11/23	Colorado	Away	2/14	L 36-62
1/3	Miami	Rose	4/1	L 14-37
2002:				
9/28	Iowa State	Away	20/19	L 14-36
11/2	Texas	Home	--/7	L 24-27
11/16	Kansas State	Away	--/11	L 13-49
11/29	Colorado	Home	--/13	L 13-28

Solich Superlatives

Overall	49-16
vs. AP Ranked Teams.....	10-12
vs. AP Top 10 Teams.....	4-5
vs. Unranked Teams.....	39-4
vs. Big 12 Teams.....	29-12
When Rushing for 300 Yards.....	27-2
When Rushing for 400 Yards.....	11-0
When Rushing for 500 Yards.....	2-0
When Rushing for 600 Yards.....	1-0
When NU player rushes for 100 Yards	33-9
Multiple 100-yd. NU Rushers in a Game.....	13-0
When Opp. has 100 Yd. Rusher	8-10
When Scoring 35 or More Points	32-1
When Hold Opp. to 10 Pts. or less	21-0
When Nebraska scores first	37-6
When Nebraska leads at halftime.....	41-6
When Nebraska trails at halftime.....	5-10
When Nebraska is tied at halftime	3-0
Record in games decided by 10 or less	14-9
Record in games decided by 7 or less	9-8
Record in games decided by 3 or less	4-4

Individual Honors

Draft Picks	25
All-Americans	9
Academic All-Americans.....	7
All-Conference Winners	23
Academic All-Conference Winners.....	103

Team Honors

Conference Championships.....	1
Nine-Win Seasons	4
10-Win Seasons	3
11-Win Seasons	2
12-Win Seasons	1

Nebraska Head Coach Frank Solich

Coach **Frank Solich** (Nebraska, 1966) is in his sixth season at the helm of the Husker program with a 49-16 school and career record (.754). Solich ranks sixth among active coaches with at least five years of service in winning percentage.

With a victory over Oklahoma State in the season opener, Solich would collect his 50th win in just his 67th game as Nebraska's head coach. Solich's Hall of Fame predecessor Tom Osborne picked up win No. 50 in his 66th game as NU head coach. Solich's 49 wins in his first five seasons as a head coach ties him for third place on the all-time Division I-A list for most wins in the first five years of a head coaching career.

Solich has piled up a number of notable accomplishments during his Nebraska tenure including...

- ▶ Becoming 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).

- ▶ 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.

- ▶ The Nebraska graduate has set NU records for most wins after two, three, four and five years as head coach, bettering Devaney and Osborne.

- ▶ Solich was named the 1999 Big 12 Coach of the Year by his league peers and the AP after winning the league championship, and was named coach of the year by the conference coaches a second time in 2001.

- ▶ Solich is the only Husker coach to have won 12 games in either of his first two seasons. In fact, neither Devaney nor 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.

- ▶ Solich tied Devaney by winning his first conference title his second year, while Osborne tied for his first title in his third year at the helm.

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.



Div. I-A Winningest Active Coaches

Rank	Coach, School	Years	Rec.	Pct
1.	Bob Pruett, Marshall	7	80-13	.860
2.	Phillip Fulmer, Tennessee	11	103-25	.805
3.	Bobby Bowden, Florida St.	37	332-96-4	.773
4.	Joe Paterno, Penn State	37	336-100-3	.769
5.	Lloyd Carr, Michigan	8	76-23	.768
6.	Frank Solich, Nebraska	5	49-16	.754

Solich also recognizes the Husker tradition, which is most evident in his coaching staff. Including Solich, six of Nebraska's 10 full-time coaches played college ball at Nebraska. Solich is one of 19 current Division I-A football coaches who played for and now coach their alma mater.

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.

Fresh Faces on Husker Sidelines for 2003 Season

Solich is surrounded by several new faces on his coaching staff for the 2003 season. Six new coaches are on the NU staff, including three assistants on each side of the ball, led by new offensive and defensive coordinators.

The new Husker assistants (previous coaching stop) include...

- ▶ **Barney Cotton**, Offensive Coordinator/Offensive Line (Offensive coordinator, New Mexico State)
- ▶ **Bo Pelini**, Defensive Coordinator, (Linebackers, Green Bay Packers)
- ▶ **Tim Albin**, Running Backs/Passing Game Coordinator, (Graduate Assistant, Nebraska)
- ▶ **Scott Downing**, Tight Ends/Kickers & Punters/Recruiting Coordinator (Ass't. Head Coach, RBs, Purdue)
- ▶ **Marvin Sanders**, Defensive Backs, (Secondary, Colorado State)
- ▶ **Jimmy Williams**, Linebackers (Defensive Line, Toledo)

All of the new assistants had previous Nebraska ties except for Pelini, who came to Nebraska from the NFL coaching ranks and played college football at Ohio State. The newcomers join assistants **Ron Brown** (17th year), **Turner Gill** (12th year) and **Jeff Jamrog** (4th year). Brown continues to coach Nebraska's wide receivers. Gill remains the Huskers' quarterbacks coach and added the title of assistant head coach. Jamrog will again coach the Husker defensive tackles, but will also tutor the defensive ends and serve as Nebraska's special teams coordinator.

Game Day Assignments

Offense	Defense
Field	Field
Cotton	B. Pelini
Brown	Jamrog
Downing	Williams
Press Box	Press Box
Albin	Sanders
Gill	C. Pelini (G.A.)
McLaughlin (G.A.)	

Top Rushing Games by NU QBs

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 Texas A&M (10-26-02)

1,000-Yard Rushing Seasons by NU QBs

Year	Player	Att.	Yds.	TDs
2002	Jammal Lord	251	1,412	8
2001	Eric Crouch	203	1,115	18
1997	Scott Frost	176	1,095	19

Most Rushing Yards in a Season by NCAA Division I-A Quarterbacks

Year	Player, School	Att.-Yards
1986	Beau Morgan, Air Force	225-1,494
1989	Stacey Robinson, N. Illinois	223-1,443
2002	Jammal Lord, Nebraska	251-1,412

NU Single-Season Total Offense

Rank	Player, Pos., Yr.	Total Offense
1.	Jammal Lord, QB, 2002	2,774
2.	Eric Crouch, QB, 2001	2,625
3.	Jerry Tagge, QB, 1971	2,333
4.	Scott Frost, QB, 1997	2,332
5.	Gerry Gdowski, QB, 1989	2,251
6.	Eric Crouch, QB, 1999	2,158
7.	Mike Rozier, IB, 1983	2,148
8.	Keithen McCant, QB, 1991	2,108
9.	Vince Ferragamo, QB, 1976	2,086
10.	Eric Crouch, QB, 2000	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)

Husker Offensive Breakdown Under Frank Solich

Season	Total Off.	Pct. Rush	Pct. Pass
1998	384.9	65.9	34.1
1999	392.2	67.7	32.3
2000	459.9	75.9	24.1
2001	451.2	69.7	30.3
2002	373.1	72.0	28.0

Most Run-Oriented Offenses Since 1973

1988	477.9	79.9	20.1
1985	403.1	79.2	20.8
1990	444.4	76.5	23.5

Most Pass-Oriented Offenses Since 1973

1976	407.8	53.9	46.1
1973	396.0	56.9	43.1
1975	406.2	61.0	39.0

ABC Back in Familiar Location

Nebraska has a long tradition of being one of the nation's most visible college football programs. The Huskers have played 211 games on television since 1953. Nebraska's greatest exposure has come on ABC, where the Huskers sport a 72-31 record (103 games). Last season, Nebraska made three ABC appearances, including just one home game on the network (Colorado).

This season, the Huskers already have three games scheduled on the network. In addition to a national telecast of this Saturday's matchup with Oklahoma State, NU is also scheduled to appear on ABC against Penn State (Sept. 13, regional) and at Colorado (Nov. 28, national). Before last season, Nebraska had appeared on ABC at least five times in each of the previous eight seasons (1994-2001). The matchup with Oklahoma State also marks the third consecutive year Nebraska's season opener has been nationally televised.

Lord Looks For Big Things in 2003

Nebraska senior quarterback **Jammal Lord** made a large dent in the Husker record book a year ago. The Bayonne, N.J., native set NU game and season records for total offense and rushing yards by a quarterback. Lord finished the season with 1,412 rushing yards, the third-most ever by a Division I-A quarterback and amassed 2,774 yards of total offense. In the process, he also became one of only 19 Division I-A players to both rush and pass for more than 1,000 yards in the same season. He was the third Husker signal caller in six seasons to reach that plateau, joining Scott Frost (1997) and Eric Crouch (2001).

In addition, Lord was Nebraska's most consistent big-play threat a year ago. He had a hand in a remarkable 41 plays of 20 yards or more in 2002, including 21 runs and 20 passes.

Despite his gaudy numbers last season, the 6-2, 220-pound Lord is hopeful of becoming a more efficient quarterback this season, most notably through the air. Last season Lord completed just less than 47 percent of his passes and threw for 12 touchdowns against 12 interceptions.

Recent Nebraska history indicates that Lord could be in for marked improvement this fall. Husker quarterbacks in their second seasons as starters have enjoyed much greater success in year two at the helm versus their first season as a starter. Most recently, 2001 Heisman winner Eric Crouch improved his completion percentage from 48.5 percent as a freshman to 51.9 percent as a sophomore. Crouch also improved his average yards per total offense attempt by nearly a yard. The following graphic examines several Nebraska quarterbacks' statistics in their first seasons as starters versus their second years.

Selected NU Starting Quarterbacks—Year 1 vs. Year 2

	Pass Comp. %	Pass TD-Int.	Rush Yds./Att.	Total Yds/Att.
Jammal Lord				
2002	46.6	12-12	5.6	6.7
2003				
Eric Crouch (Four-year starter, 1998-2001, 2001 Heisman winner)				
1998	48.5	4-4	4.8	5.4
1999	51.9	7-4	4.9	6.3
Scott Frost (Two-year starter, 1996-97, Guided NU to 1997 national championship)				
1996	52.0	13-3	3.5	5.8
1997	55.3	5-4	6.2	7.0
Tommie Frazier (Four-year starter, 1992-95, Guided NU to back-to-back national titles in 1994 and 1995)				
1992	44.0	10-1	4.6	6.1
1993	47.5	12-4	5.6	6.5
Turner Gill (Three-year starter, 1981-83, Fourth in 1983 Heisman balloting)				
1981	51.6	9-4	3.5	5.3
1982	54.2	11-3	4.9	6.3

Nebraska Strives for Offensive Efficiency

Lord's development as a passer will be a key in Nebraska's desire to become a more balanced offense this fall. Solich and new offensive coordinator Barney Cotton have regularly talked about increasing the Huskers' completion rate into the 55 to 60 percent area. While Nebraska will likely still rely on its ground game as its bread and butter, this season's Husker offense has the potential to be the most balanced in a generation.

Last season Nebraska generated 72 percent of its offense on the ground, and in five seasons under Solich the Huskers have accounted for just more than 70 percent of their offense via the run. By comparison, Tom Osborne's last five Husker teams (1993-1997) picked up 71.5 percent of their offense via the run.

Solich's most balanced offensive attack came in his first season in 1998, when NU gained 65.9 percent of its offense on the ground (34.1 percent passing). In fact, that season marks Nebraska's most pass-oriented offense in the past 26 years. Nebraska has not picked up more than 35 percent of its offensive yardage via the pass since the 1976 season. In that campaign, Vince Ferragamo led an NU passing attack that led the Big Eight Conference at 188.0 yards per game and accounted for 46.1 percent of Nebraska's offense. Each of Osborne's first four NU teams (1973-76) picked up at least 37 percent of their offense by passing.

A chart on Nebraska's offensive breakdown under Solich is included in the left margin, along with a listing of Nebraska's most run-oriented and most pass-oriented offenses over the past 30 seasons.

Husker Preseason Honors**Judd Davies, Sr., FB**

Preseason No. 6 Fullback in the Nation (TSN)

Matt Herian, So., TE

Preseason No. 10 Tight End in Nation (TSN)

Richie Incognito, So., OT

Outland Trophy Watch List

Preseason No. 14 OT in the Nation (TSN)

Preseason No. 10 OT in the Nation (Lindy's)

Kyle Larson, Sr., P

Preseason No. 3 Punter in the Nation (Lindy's)

Preseason No. 4 Punter in the Nation (TSN)

Jammal Lord, Sr., QB

Davey O'Brien Quarterback Award Watch List

Barrett Ruud, Jr., LB

Butkus Award Watch List

Josh Sewell, Sr., C

Rimington Award Watch List

Demorrio Williams, Sr., LB

Preseason No. 11 OLB in the Nation (TSN)

Nebraska Kickoff Return Record Book**Returns, Game**—7, Josh Davis, at Kansas State,

Nov. 16, 2002 (shared)

Return Yards, Game—186, Josh Davis at Kansas State,

Nov. 16, 2002

Returns, Season—42, Josh Davis, 2002**Return Yards, Season**—994; Josh Davis, 2002**Returns, Career**—69, Josh Davis, 2000-02**Return Yards, Career**—1,669, Josh Davis, 2000-02**Top Five Season Kickoff Return Yards**

1. 994 Josh Davis, IB, 2002 (42 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.)

Top Five Career Kickoff Return Yards

1. 1,669 Josh Davis, IB, 2000-02 (69 ret.)
2. 1,443 Tyrone Hughes, WB, 1989-92 (51 ret.)
3. 1,159 Joe Walker, ROV, 1997-2000 (53 ret.)
4. 1,154 Dana Brinson, WB, 1985--88 (51 ret.)
5. 847 Johnny Rodgers, WB, 1970-72 (35 ret.)

Nebraska Career Punting Leaders

Rank	Player, Years	Punts	Yards	Avg.
1.	Dan Hadenfeldt, 1997-2000	104	4,632	44.54
2.	Kyle Larson, 2000-present	129	5,537	42.92
3.	Jesse Kosch, 1994-97	101	4,234	41.92
4.	Mike Stigge, 1989-92	167	6,973	41.75
5.	Scott Livingston, 1982-84	83	3,406	41.04

Note: Minimum 70 punts

Big 12 Conference POW Nominees

Game	Offense	Defense	Special
OSU			
USU			
PSU			
USM			
TSU			
MU			
A&M			
ISU			
UT			
KU			
KSU			

Huskers.com**Four Husker Seniors Elected as 2003 Captains**

Four Nebraska seniors have been elected as captains for the 2003 season. The captains were determined by a vote of the team, with two captains selected on both offense and defense. On offense, quarterback **Jammal Lord** and fullback **Judd Davies** received the nod. Lord is in his second season as NU's starting signal caller, while Davies enters his third season as the Huskers' starter at fullback.

Defensively, end **Trevor Johnson** and linebacker **Demorrio Williams** were selected as captains. Johnson is a fifth-year senior from Lincoln, while Williams joined the Husker program after two seasons at Kilgore (Texas) Junior College. Williams is the first junior college transfer to be elected team captain at Nebraska since at least 1957. In addition to the four captains for the season, Coach Solich announced that Nebraska will add an honorary special teams captain each game as selected by the coaches.

Davis Continues to Build on Return Records

Senior I-back **Josh Davis** figures to see significant action out of the Husker backfield this fall. Davis is one of three I-backs, along with sophomores **David Horne** and **Cory Ross**, who figure to earn the bulk of the carries from the I-back position.

Regardless of Davis' role out of the backfield, he figures to continue to make a strong impression as a kick returner. The 5-11, 200-pound Davis already owns NU single-game, season and career records for kickoff return yardage. By season's end, Davis could own the top three season kickoff return yardage totals in school history and is on track to become the first 2,000-yard kickoff return man in Nebraska history. Davis' role on the special teams could grow even more this fall. He and Ross are the leading candidates to replace All-American DeJuan Groce as Nebraska's top punt returner.

Larson Returns to Key Husker Punting Team

Nebraska's special teams figure to be "special" once again in 2003. Along with Davis as a return man, senior punter **Kyle Larson** is in his third season as a starter for the Huskers. Larson has been one of the nation's top punters each of the past two seasons and his statistics rank near the top of Nebraska's career charts.

Larson averaged 43.2 yards per punt last season and keyed a Husker punting unit that ranked second in the Big 12 and fifth nationally in net punting. The Funk, Neb., native had 21 punts of 50 yards or longer last season and pinned the opposition inside its own 20 on 23 occasions. Larson was a second-team All-Big 12 selection by the league's coaches last season and was one of 10 semifinalists for the Ray Guy Award. His 42.92 career punting average ranks second on the Husker career charts, behind only his predecessor Dan Hadenfeldt (1999-2000).

Scanning the Polls

Nebraska finds itself in an unfamiliar preseason position—unranked in both major polls. The Huskers are just outside of the top 25 in both polls, marking the first time since 1969 that Nebraska has entered a season unranked in the Associated Press poll. The Huskers could earn a spot back in the polls with a victory this weekend against 24th-ranked Oklahoma State.

The Cowboys are one of four Big 12 teams ranked in both preseason polls. Oklahoma (1 AP/1 Coaches), Texas (5/4), Kansas State (7/5) and OSU (24/24) represent the league in the preseason polls. Meanwhile, four other conference teams received votes in both of the polls, including Nebraska, Colorado, Missouri and Texas A&M. In addition to Texas, Kansas State and Oklahoma State, non-conference foe Penn State is ranked 25th in the preseason coaches poll, while Southern Mississippi received votes in both polls.

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 seasons, the Huskers have gone 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).

The Huskers were 0-4 last season against AP ranked opponents, but will have an opportunity to end a six-game overall losing skid against ranked foes when 24th-ranked Oklahoma State visits in the opener. Nebraska's last victory over a ranked opponent was a 20-10 defeat of No. 2 Oklahoma on Oct. 27, 2001. The last time an unranked Nebraska team defeated a nationally ranked opponent was a 20-7 victory over 18th-ranked Colorado on Nov. 1, 1969. That win moved the Huskers into the national polls the following week and NU has been in 522 of 537 AP polls since (all but one week in 1977, three weeks in 1981, the final 11 weeks of 2002 and this year's preseason poll).

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 (4-5 vs. top 10 AP teams), and has lost just twice at home to a ranked AP team (6-2 home, 1-8 away, 3-2 neutral).

Personnel, Injury Update

Nebraska enters the season in relatively good physical condition after getting through fall camp without any major injuries. Junior linebacker **Lannie Hopkins** continues to recover from off-season surgery and missed much of preseason practice, while sixth-year senior defensive lineman **Jason Lohr** has also been out with injury. Cornerback **Willie Amos** went through fall camp in good health after being limited during spring ball, as he continued to recover from a knee injury suffered in April of 2002. The lone injury suffered in fall camp that will sideline a player for the opener was to senior fullback **DeAntae Grixby**, who is likely to miss the first couple games with an ankle injury.

Huskers in the NFL

Nebraska had 42 players on NFL rosters at the start of 2003 training camp. The following players remain on NFL rosters as of Aug. 22.

- Dan Alexander, FB, Jacksonville
- Kris Brown, PK, Houston
- Josh Brown, PK, Seattle
- Mike Brown, FS, Chicago
- Ralph Brown, CB, N.Y. Giants
- Correll Buckhalter, RB, Philadelphia
- Keyuo Craver, CB, New Orleans
- Dahrran Diedrick, RB, San Diego
- Chris Dishman, OG, Arizona
- Clint Finley, DB, Kansas City
- Toniu Fonoti, OG, San Diego
- Jay Foreman, LB, Houston
- Scott Frost, DB, San Francisco
- John Garrison, OL, Tennessee
- Ahman Green, RB, Green Bay
- DeJuan Groce, CB, St. Louis
- Russ Hochstein, OG, New England
- Chris Kelsay, DE, Buffalo
- Bill Lafleur, P, San Francisco
- Eric Johnson, DB, Oakland
- Mike Minter, SS, Carolina
- John Parrella, DT, Oakland
- Carlos Polk, LB, San Diego
- Dominic Raiola, C, Detroit
- Mike Rucker, DE, Carolina
- Cory Schlesinger, FB, Detroit
- Scott Shanle, LB, St. Louis
- Will Shields, OG, Kansas City
- Jeremy Slechta, DT, Philadelphia
- Erwin Swiney, DB, Green Bay
- Wilson Thomas, WR, Kansas City
- Jared Tomich, DE, Kansas City
- Adam Treu, C, Oakland
- Kyle Vanden Bosch, DE, Arizona
- Dave Volk, OT, Dallas
- Eric Warfield, CB, Kansas City
- Steve Warren, DT, Green Bay
- Zach Wiegert, OT, Houston
- Tyrone Williams, CB, Atlanta
- Grant Wistrom, DE, St. Louis

Huskers Top Big 12 in Graduation Rates

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 in 2002. 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 90 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.

Did You Know?

Since Coach Frank Solich's first year at the helm in 1998, 109 of his 122 seniors have earned their degree, including 25 of 29 last season. Nine members of this year's senior class have already earned their degrees, with 12 more on track to graduate in December.

Coach Solich has also indicated that several newcomers to the Husker program are likely to see action. Nebraska added three players from the junior college ranks—cornerback **Donald DeFrاند**, rush end **Wali Muhammad** and offensive lineman **Darren DeLone**. Solich said all three could play important roles this fall. Nebraska will also look to several true freshmen to earn immediate play time this fall. Among the Husker rookies likely to see action this fall are wide receiver **Andy Birkel**, quarterback **Joe Dailey** and defensive tackle **Brandon Teamer**. Wide receiver **Kade Pittman** went through spring practice with the Huskers, but is a true freshman in eligibility, as he enrolled at Nebraska last January. Last season, five true freshmen bypassed redshirt seasons and contributed immediately.

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 405-85-5 record in the last 41 seasons. In that period, Nebraska has easily been the most consistent program in the nation. That is evident when comparing the Huskers' record to the other nine programs among the top 10 in all-time 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 have 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, but the other

College Football's 10 Winningest Programs

School	All-Time Wins	Most Recent Losing Season	Seasons With 8 or Fewer wins Since 1962
Michigan	823	4-6, 1967	16
Notre Dame	791	5-6, 2001	22
Nebraska	771	3-6-1, 1961	3
Texas	766	4-7, 1997	20
Alabama	754	3-8, 2000	15
Penn State	753	5-6, 2001	16
Ohio State	745	4-6-1, 1988	8
Tennessee	726	5-6, 1988	22
Oklahoma	725	5-6, 1998	21
USC	695	5-7, 2000	25

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 in 2003. 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 had a strong season in 2002. Eight of the 10 teams won at least nine games and ranked in the top 16 in the final Associated Press poll.

Former Huskers a Fixture on NFL Roster

Nebraska is consistently among the nation's leaders in supplying talent to the National Football League and this season is no different. The Huskers had a total of 42 former players on NFL rosters at the start of this fall's training camp. In all, 21 teams had at least one former Husker on their preseason rosters, while the Kansas City Chiefs boast an NFL-high five former Huskers (Clint Finley, Will Shields, Wilson Thomas, Jared Tomich and Eric Warfield). Green Bay, Houston, Oakland, San Diego and St. Louis also have strong Husker presences, as three players began preseason camp with each of those teams.

Eight members of last season's squad opened the preseason on NFL rosters, including 2003 draftees Chris Kelsay (2nd round, Buffalo), DeJuan Groce (4th, St. Louis), Josh Brown (7th, Seattle) and Scott Shanle (7th, St. Louis). In addition, four other 2002 seniors: Jon Clanton (Tennessee), Dahrran Diedrick (San Diego), John Garrison (Tennessee) and Wilson Thomas (Kansas City) joined squads as free agents after signing with teams following the draft. Kansas City Chiefs All-Pro offensive guard Will Shields and Oakland Raiders defensive tackle John Parrella are Nebraska's most experienced NFL veterans, each entering their 11th season in the league. A full list of Nebraska's NFL players is in the left column.

Nine Players Enter 2003 Season With Degree in Hand

Nine members of the Huskers' senior class have already completed their undergraduate educations heading into the 2003 season. This season represents the most graduates Nebraska has had entering a season under Head Coach Frank Solich. Included in that group is senior nose tackle **Patrick Kabongo**, who played his junior season with his degree after graduating in three years in August of 2002. In addition to the nine players who already have their degrees, 12 more players are on track to earn their degrees after the fall semester. Last season, five Huskers played the entire season with their degree and a total of 16 Nebraska players had earned their degree before the Huskers' appearance in the Independence Bowl.

Player	Major	Grad. Date
Chad Buller	Business Admin.	Aug. 2003
DeAntae Grixby	Business Admin.	May 2003
Patrick Kabongo	Criminal Justice	Aug. 2002
Jason Lohr	Sociology	May 2003
Jammal Lord	Comm. Studies	Aug. 2003
Phil Peetz	Criminal Justice	May 2003
Jerrell Pippens	Comm. Studies	Aug. 2003
Pat Ricketts	Business Admin.	Aug. 2003
Steve Safranek	Psychology	Dec. 2002

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Weekly Football Press Conference

Nebraska will hold a weekly press conference/teleconference on Tuesdays throughout the football season, beginning on Tuesday, Aug. 26. The press conferences are held in the Don Bryant Media Facility Level 6 and will begin with Nebraska Volleyball Coach John Cook at 11 a.m., with lunch served at 11:15 a.m. Husker coordinators will be available at 11:45 a.m., followed by Head Coach Frank Solich at noon. Nebraska players will be available following Solich.

Each press conference will be available via teleconference and satellite (via ESPN News) and quotes will be transcribed and posted by mid-afternoon on **Huskers.com**, while edited sound bites are available on NebraskaNet.com. The teleconferences are also carried live on HuskersNSide.com.

Media wishing to participate in the teleconference should contact the SID office at (402) 472-2263 for more information.

Walk-on Program Remains Critical Part of Husker Success

Nebraska has long been recognized as having the top walk-on program in college football. The tradition continues with four Huskers who began their collegiate careers as walk-on student-athletes and went into the fall listed atop Nebraska's depth chart.

Senior center **Josh Sewell**, a Lincoln native, began his career at Indiana State and joined the Huskers as a walk-on in 2000. Junior wide receiver **Jack O'Holleran** has seen limited playing time in his first two seasons, but moved to No. 1 at "Z" receiver with an outstanding spring. Cornerback **Pat Ricketts** has been a steady contributor throughout his NU career and enters fall camp No. 1 at right cornerback with Lornell McPherson. **Kyle Larson** is the latest in a run of standout punters who began their NU careers as walk-ons. The 2002 Ray Guy Award semifinalist followed Mike Stigge, Jesse Kosch, Bill Lafleur and Dan Hadenfeldt as NU's starting punter.

Eighteen of the 68 players (26 percent) listed among the top three units on NU's preseason depth chart began their Husker careers as walk-ons.

2003 Outlook...**Fifteen Starters Return to Lead Huskers in 2003**

Head Coach Frank Solich's sixth Nebraska team will have a mix of experience, youth and new faces this fall. The common bond among all players is a relentless attitude to accomplish the team's goals this fall. The Huskers are a more experienced team than entering the 2002 season, with 15 starters returning—five on offense, nine on defense and one kicker.

Headlining the offensive returnees are senior quarterback Jammal Lord and sophomore offensive tackle Richie Incognito, an Outland Trophy candidate. Among the losses on offense are Dahrran Diedrick, Wilson Thomas and John Garrison, two-year starters at I-back, receiver and center, respectively.

The defense lost just five starters from last season, but three of them—rush end Chris Kelsay, cornerback DeJuan Groce and linebacker Scott Shanle—donned Blackshirts each of the past three seasons. Their loss will be felt, but new defensive coordinator Bo Pelini can rely on a front seven that could be the strength of Nebraska's team, and a youthful but talented secondary. A brief position-by-position look at the 2003 Huskers is below.

Offense

Quarterback—Lord returns after starting all 14 games in 2002, and setting Nebraska season records for total offense (2,774) and rushing yards (1,412) by a quarterback.

Backfield—Judd Davies is in his third season as Nebraska's starting fullback and is one of four team captains. The battle for the starting I-back position includes three players. Sophomore David Horne ran for 651 yards as a true freshman last season, but is being pushed by senior Josh Davis and sophomore Cory Ross, both of whom have extensive playing experience.

Receivers—The Huskers lost starters at both wideout positions and tight end, but return a pair of sophomores who made strong showings last year. Tight end Matt Herian caught just seven passes last season, but four of those went for touchdowns, and Herian averaged a remarkable 43.0 yards per catch. Wide receiver Ross Pilkington caught an NU freshman record 14 passes and tied Herian for the frosh receiving yardage record (301). Several players, including true freshman Andy Birkel and junior Jack O'Holleran are battling for time at the other receiver spot.

Offensive Line—Three starters return up front, led by tackles Dan Vili Waldrop and Richie Incognito. Waldrop is in his third season as a starter, while Incognito earned freshman All-America honors last season and is on the preseason Outland watch list. Mike Erickson returns for his second season as a starter at offensive guard, while fellow junior Jake Andersen is expected to start at the other guard, with senior Josh Sewell manning the center position.

Returning Offensive Personnel**Returning Starters**

<u>Player</u>	<u>Yr.</u>	<u>Pos.</u>	<u>2002 Stats/Notes</u>
Jammal Lord	Sr.	QB	2,774 yards total offense in 2002 Topped 1,000 rush and pass last year
Judd Davies	Sr.	FB	Third year as a starter, 24 career starts
Dan Vili Waldrop	Sr.	OT	Third year as a starter
Richie Incognito	So.	OT	Named to preseason Outland Watch list 2002 Freshman All-American
Mike Erickson	Jr.	OG	One of three returning O-line starters

Other Key Returnees

Ross Pilkington	So.	WR	NU's top returning receiver (14 catches)
Matt Herian	So.	TE	43.0 yards per catch in 2002 (4 TDs)
David Horne	So.	IB	651 yards rushing in nine games in 2002
Josh Davis	Sr.	IB/KR	I-back owns NU game, season and career records for kickoff return yardage

Returning Specialists

Sandro DeAngelis	Jr.	PK	15-of-16 career on extra points
Kyle Larson	Sr.	P	2002 Ray Guy Award Semifinalist Second in Nebraska career punt average

Returning Defensive Personnel**Returning Starters**

<u>Player</u>	<u>Yr.</u>	<u>Pos.</u>	<u>2002 Stats/Notes</u>
Ryon Bingham	Sr.	NT	67 tackles, nine TFL in 2002
Patrick Kabongo	Sr.	NT	62 tackles last year, 15 vs. Iowa State
Trevor Johnson	Sr.	DE	Tied for third on team with 11 TFL, 2003 Nebraska Lifter of the Year
Barrett Ruud	Jr.	MLB	Second-leading tackler in 2002 (91), 12 tackles for loss, 14 QB hurries
Demorrio Williams	Sr.	WLB	Led team in 2002 with 92 tackles
Fabian Washington	So.	LCB	NU frosh INT (4) and PBU (13) records 2nd-team freshman All-American
Josh Bullocks	So.	FS	Started five games as a redshirt frosh
Philip Bland	Jr.	SS	84 tackles, most among DBs in 2002
Pat Ricketts	Sr.	RCB	Second on team with 10 PBU

Other Key Returnees

Benard Thomas	Jr.	DE	Redshirted in 2002
Jason Lohr	Sr.	NT	Sixth-year senior who has missed most of last two years with knee injuries
Le Kevin Smith	So.	DT	42 tackles, six TFL as redshirt frosh
T.J. Hollowell	Sr.	BLB	Split time with Williams at WLB in '02
Lannie Hopkins	Jr.	LB	Earned Blackshirt as pass rush specialist
Daniel Bullocks	So.	SS	Josh's twin brother; made one start
Lornell McPherson	Jr.	RCB	Co-No. 1 at right corner with Ricketts
Willie Amos	Jr.	CB	Started at FS two years ago, but missed last season with knee injury

Husker Records Report

Category	Record
All-time	771-308-40
Home	462-124-20
Memorial Stadium	337-101-13
Since 1962.....	405-85-5
Away	309-184-20
Road (on campus)	272-146-17
Neutral Sites (includes bowls)	37-37-3
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.....	20-21
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	49-16
Home	32-3
Away	13-10
Neutral.....	4-3
Bowls	2-3
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	39-4
Home.....	26-1
Away	13-3
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	2-2
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 89 consecutive games
- ▶ scored in 221 straight home games
- ▶ shut out opponents 100 times

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>49-16-0</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>0</u>
Since 1962	405-85-5	41	5
1890-1962	366-223-35	72	0
All-Time	771-308-40	113	5

Defense

Tackles—Nose tackle Ryon Bingham started all 14 games last season and led all defensive linemen in tackles. He is backed by a pair of experienced players—seniors Patrick Kabongo and Jason Lohr. Talented sophomore Le Kevin Smith is set to take over at defensive tackle, after impressive play as a reserve last season.

Ends—Senior Trevor Johnson started the latter half of last season and finished third on the team with 11 tackles for loss. He was rewarded for his off-season leadership and work ethic by being named the 2003 Nebraska Lifter of the Year and one of four captains. Junior Benard Thomas is expected to start opposite Johnson after redshirting last season. A pair of talented backups—sophomore Titus Adams and redshirt freshman Adam Carriker also figure to see significant action

Linebackers—Nebraska has all the ingredients of a strong linebacking corps—talent, experience, depth and speed. Seniors Demorrio Williams and T.J. Hollowell are expected to man the outside positions. Last year, the pair split time on the weakside and combined for more than 150 tackles, but Hollowell has switched to the opposite side allowing both to start this fall. Junior Barrett Ruud is back for his second season as the starter in the middle. He finished second on the team in tackles last season and has been named to the Butkus watch list.

Defensive Backs—Nebraska returns three starters in the secondary, but must replace All-Big 12 corner DeJuan Groce. Sophomore Fabian Washington is back as the starter at left corner, after setting Nebraska frosh records for pass breakups and interceptions last season. A pair of experienced players—senior Pat Ricketts and junior Lornell McPherson—continue to battle for the starting job on the right side. Free safety Josh Bullocks earned the starting nod late last season, while his twin brother, Daniel, battles incumbent starter Philip Bland for the starting nod at strong safety. Senior Jerrell Pippens is a talented athlete who has played both safety positions and also practiced at corner this fall, while junior Willie Amos returns from a knee injury that sidelined him for the 2002 season.

Specialists

Place-Kicker—Four-year starter Josh Brown has graduated, leaving junior Sandro DeAngelis as the likely starter at the position. DeAngelis split time with Brown in 2001, but missed last season with a foot injury. He will continue to be pushed by senior Dale Endorf and true freshman David Dyches.

Punter—Senior Kyle Larson is back for his third season as the starter. The 2002 Ray Guy Award semifinalist ranks second at Nebraska in career punting average and helped the Huskers to a No. 5 national ranking in net punting.

Kickoff Returns—Senior Josh Davis already owns Nebraska's game, season and career kickoff return records, and could move past 2,000 career yards in kickoff returns this fall.

Punt Returns—DeJuan Groce's graduation leaves a huge void at this position. Last season, Groce tied the NCAA record with four punt return touchdowns. Davis could add punt return duties to his kickoff return chores, with Cory Ross another leading candidate for the job.

Historical Husker Notes...

Unprecedented Winning Tradition Continues

Nebraska, the nation's third-winningest program all time (fourth by percentage), boasts a 771-308-40 record in 1,119 games (.707) in 113 years of football. In the last 34 years, NU is tops, posting a record of 337-67-5 for an .830 winning percentage (409 games), an average of nearly 10 wins per year.

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

Nebraska (702), Michigan (705), Alabama (728) and Notre Dame (736) were the only four programs to win 700 games in the 1900s. NU became the first Division I team to win 100 or more games in consecutive decades, ranking first in the 1980s (103-20-0, .837) and second in the 1990s (108-16-1, .890) and posted a nation's best 309-56-5 record in the 1970s, 1980s and 1990s.

Huskers Bid for NCAA-Record 35th Consecutive Bowl Appearance

Nebraska's visit to the 2002 Mainstay Independence Bowl marked the Huskers' 34th consecutive bowl game, the nation's longest current consecutive streak and an all-time NCAA record. Michigan's streak of consecutive bowl appearances reached 28 last year, the second-longest streak in NCAA history. Nebraska's 41 overall bowl appearances is tied for fourth best with USC, trailing Alabama's 51, Tennessee's 43, and Texas' 42.

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. NU's 34 consecutive bowls began with a 45-6 win over Georgia in the 1969 Sun Bowl. The Huskers are 20-21 all-time in bowl games, 2-3 under Head Coach Frank Solich. The Huskers made 17 straight January bowl appearances from 1981 to 1997, five more than the next longest streak.

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		

College Football**Consecutive Home Sellouts**

1. Nebraska*	255
2. Notre Dame	167
3. Michigan	113
4. Florida	84

* Continuing NCAA Record

Memorial Stadium Milestone Sellouts

Sellout #	Date	Opp.	Result
1	11-3-62	Missouri	L, 16-7
50	10-2-71	Utah St.	W, 42-6
100	9-29-79	Penn St.	W, 42-17
150	9-12-87	UCLA	W, 42-33
200	10-29-94	Colorado	W, 24-7
250	9-7-02	Utah State	W, 44-13

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)

Huskers Come From Near and Far

Nebraska has a great history of attracting the top in-state high school talent to Lincoln. However, with a population base of just 1.7 million people, Nebraska has had to look across the United States and beyond for recruits. The 2003 roster is no different.

Seventy-nine of 150 players (53 percent) on Nebraska's 2003 roster call the Cornhusker State home. Omaha leads the way with 18 players on this year's roster, with 13 players from Lincoln staying within the city limits to play for Nebraska.

Nebraska is just one of 25 states represented on the 2003 roster. Texas is home to 15 Huskers, including six in the 2003 scholarship class. Colorado (9) and California (5) are just behind. From the international ranks, Nebraska has a pair of players from Canada (Sandro DeAngelis and Patrick Kabongo) and one from Germany (Isaiah Fluellen). In addition, sophomore defensive tackle Seppo Ewvaraye is a native of Finland who was an exchange student in Laurel, Neb.

NU Looks to Get Back on Winning Track In Opener Against Oklahoma State

Nebraska enters the 2003 season with three straight losses, a rarity for the nation's most successful program over the last four decades. Before losing its last three games to end the 2002 season, Nebraska had not suffered a three-game losing skid since dropping four straight games in the middle of the 1961 campaign.

Nebraska lost consecutive games twice in 2002, the first time it suffered a pair of consecutive losses in the same season since 1967. Before last season, Nebraska had not lost back-to-back regular-season games since 1976. The Huskers will look to avoid a four-game losing skid in the season opener against Oklahoma State on Aug. 30.

NU Owns 41 Consecutive Winning Regular Seasons

Nebraska saw its streak of 40 consecutive winning seasons end with last year's 7-7 record, capped by a 27-23 loss to Ole Miss in the Independence Bowl. Nebraska's streak of 40 consecutive winning seasons fell two years short of Notre Dame's NCAA record run of 42 straight winning campaigns from 1889 to 1932.

The Huskers still boast 41 consecutive winning regular seasons and 41 straight years with a .500 or better finish. Nebraska's 41 straight non-losing seasons is third all-time in NCAA Division I-A, behind Penn State's 49 (1939-87) and Notre Dame's 42 (1889-1932). Since Nebraska's 41-year .500 or better streak began, the Huskers have averaged nearly 10 wins per season with a 405-85-5 record (.832).

Huskers Look to Return to Nine-Win Season Tradition

Nebraska's amazing run of nine-win seasons came to an end at 33 consecutive years in 2002. The streak is even more remarkable when considering that Texas and Miami now share the lead for most consecutive nine-win seasons with five apiece. Florida had been second on the list to Nebraska, but the Gators' streak came to an end at 12 seasons last fall.

The 33-year nine-win streak becomes even more impressive when comparing it to the best stretches among other college football powers. Texas' current run of five consecutive nine-win seasons is the longest in its proud history. Miami reeled off 10 straight nine-win campaigns spanning the 1980s and 1990s, and Florida State had a 14-year streak that ended in 2000. However, among a group of other long-time powers, including Notre Dame, Penn State, Oklahoma, Michigan and Ohio State, the longest streak of nine-win seasons is eight years by both Oklahoma and Ohio State.

Heading into the 2003 season, Nebraska has won nine or more games in 38 of the past 41 seasons. Only back-to-back 6-4 records in 1967 and 1968, and last season's 7-7 mark, have fallen short of the nine-win plateau.

NCAA Record 255 Consecutive Sellouts

Nebraska saw the end of some incredible streaks in 2002, but one streak that is in no danger of ending is the NCAA record 255 consecutive sellouts at Memorial Stadium. The sellout streak dates 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.

The Huskers are 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. Nebraska is 5-0 in the five 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).

Memorial Stadium Magic

Nebraska's record home sellout streak is testament to the Huskers playing in front of the nation's best college football fans. On the field, Nebraska has rewarded the loyalty of the Husker Nation with incredible success at Memorial Stadium through the years.

Nebraska had a nation-leading 26-game home winning streak end last season with a November loss to Texas. The loss ended the third-longest home winning streak in school history and Nebraska's third home win streak of 20 games or more since 1980, including a school-record 47-game home winning streak from 1991 to 1998.

The Huskers finished 6-2 at home last season and have won at least six home games 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 shares of the national championship (Colorado in 1990 and Washington in 1991), to Texas in 1998 and 2002 and to Colorado in 2002.

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.

Nebraska is 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. Since 1986 (16 years), NU is 106-7 in Lincoln, with losses to Colorado (twice), Washington, Oklahoma (twice) and Texas (twice).

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. Husker faithful set a new attendance record in Memorial Stadium last year against Texas with 78,268 fans.

Huskers Continue to Lead Nation in Academic Honors

Nebraska continues to lead the nation in Verizon/CoSIDA Academic All-Americans for all sports and all teams with 203; in first-team winners for all sports with 107; and also leads the nation in football academic honor winners with 59 first-team certificates and 76 football all-teams certificates. The 203 overall honorees is 54 better than second-place Notre Dame, while the 59 football honorees is 21 more than second-place Notre Dame's 38.

Last season, Nebraska had four players named to the Verizon/CoSIDA Academic All-District VII first team—fullback Judd Davies, rush end Chris Kelsay, cornerback Pat Ricketts and tight end Kyle Ringenberg. Davies and Ricketts each posted a perfect 4.0 grade-point average during the fall 2002 semester. Seven other Huskers were second-team all-district selections, led by linebacker Chad Sievers, who owns a 4.0 cumulative grade-point average.

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 last season.

Misc. Notes...

▶ **FieldTurf...**Nebraska is 26-3 on FieldTurf (including 0-1 at KSU), the artificial grass surface installed in NU's Memorial Stadium before the 1999 season. FieldTurf emulates the look and feel of blades of grass by blending polyethylene and polypropylene, which specially treats the surface to be soft, smooth and strong. The 2.50-inch blades are resistant to extremes in temperature and have an ultraviolet protectant to help resist fading. Memorial Stadium was filled with 200,000 pounds of ground rubber, recycled from Nebraska tires, and silica sand, before the turf was installed. NU was the first Division I school to install the surface, which has also been installed at other professional facilities and Division I schools. Memorial Stadium featured a grass playing field from its opening in 1923 through the 1969 season. Astro-Turf was first installed in 1970 and replaced in 1977. Artificial All-Pro Turf was installed in 1984 and replaced with AstroTurf-8 in 1992, before the FieldTurf was installed in July of 1999.

▶ **Positively Speaking on Turnovers...**In the last 28 years, NU has had just two seasons with a negative turnover margin (minus five in 1984; minus three in 2002). Under Solich, NU has a cumulative turnover margin of plus-11.

▶ **In Overtime...**The Huskers are 3-0 in overtime games, defeating Missouri, 45-38, in Columbia in 1997; Colorado, 33-30, in Boulder in 1999; and Notre Dame in South Bend, 27-24, in 2000. In 1997, Missouri won the coin toss and Nebraska scored in three plays on a 12-yard Scott Frost run, then held the Tigers. Against CU, Nebraska won the coin toss, held the Buffs to a field goal, then scored five plays later on a one-yard Eric Crouch run. Against Notre Dame, NU won the toss, chose defense, held the Irish to a field goal, then scored five plays later on a Crouch seven-yard run. All three of NU's overtime wins were on the road and were won by rushing touchdowns (two by Crouch).

2002 Comeback at A&M Historic

Nebraska pulled off a historic come-from-behind victory at Texas A&M last season. In the game, Nebraska rallied from a 31-14 third-quarter deficit to post a 38-31 victory at Kyle Field. A few notes on Nebraska's comeback victory at A&M last season.

▶ The 17-point rally tied the top comeback in school history and was Nebraska's best under Head Coach Frank Solich. NU trailed 17-0 in the first quarter of its 1991 game at Kansas, but rallied to win 59-23.

▶ The second-largest deficit Nebraska has overcome to win under 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 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 vs. the Buffs.

▶ 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. The CU win marked the first time since statistics have been kept (since 1946) that the Huskers won on the last play of regulation.

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 28-11 in this decade. Nebraska's 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 337-67-5 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.

Huskers Among Leaders in AP National Titles

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

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 Big 12 Conference. The Huskers won titles in 1997 and 1999, and appeared in the league title game in 1996, one of only two teams to make three appearances in the Big 12 Championship Game.

In the last 10 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. Oklahoma has won 35 conference championships.

Big 12 History			
Division Winners			
Year	North	South	Big 12 Champ
1996	Nebraska	Texas	Texas
1997	Nebraska	Tx. A&M	Nebraska
1998	Kansas St.	Tx. A&M	Texas A&M
1999	Nebraska	Texas	Nebraska
2000	Kansas St.	Oklahoma	Oklahoma
2001	Colorado	Texas	Colorado
2002	Colorado	Oklahoma	Oklahoma

Nebraska Owns 15 NCAA Rushing Crowns

The Huskers will strive for more offensive balance this season and look to become more efficient through the air. However, it is unlikely that anyone will confuse Nebraska with the BYU offense of the 1980s.

Nebraska has become known for a dominant running game and has the statistics and history to back it. The Huskers have led the nation in rushing 15 times in school history, most recently winning back-to-back rushing crowns in 2000 and 2001. Nebraska has won the rushing title seven times in the last 11 years and collected 13 of the last 23 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).

Last season Nebraska finished the season averaging 268.7 yards per game on the ground. The Huskers' rushing average led the Big 12 Conference and ranked fourth nationally. Nebraska averaged just less than 300 yards rushing per game over its final nine contests.

More Husker Rushing Numbers

▶ Nebraska is 192-7-0 in the last 30 years when rushing for 300 or more yards in a game, most recently 352 vs. Kansas in 2002.

▶ The Huskers had won 110 straight when rushing for 300-plus yards before a 62-36 loss at Colorado in 2001. Last 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.

▶ The Huskers have had 374 100-yard rushing performances all time (61 under Coach Solich, most recently David Horne, 122, and Dahrnan Diedrick, 107, vs. Kansas), including 58 games in which two or more Huskers rushed for 100 yards (most recently vs. Kansas).

▶ Four Huskers cracked the century mark against Baylor on Oct. 13, 2001. (Collins, Diedrick, Crouch, Davies)

▶ Before the Baylor contest in 2001, NU had three rushers top the 100-yard mark in a game twice in school history—Kansas, 2000 (Dan Alexander, Correll Buckhalter and Eric Crouch) and Arizona State, 1988 (Ken Clark, Steve Taylor and Terry Rodgers).

NU 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

Family Connections

Family is one of the first things that comes to mind in the Nebraska football program. It starts at the top, as Coach Frank Solich and five of his assistants played football at Nebraska. From there it includes a number of father-son and brother combinations who have worn the scarlet and cream. There are several such family connections on the 2003 roster.

The brother combination list includes...

FS Dan (2000-present) and LB Jamie **Burrow** (1997-2001); CB Cole (2002-present) and SE Brandon **Biodrowski** (2001-present); WR Adam (2001-present) and WB Troy **Hassebroek** (1998-2002); LB Adam (2001-present) and DB Matt **Ickes** (1998-2001); LBs Barrett (2001-present) and Bo **Ruud** (2003-present); CB Andrew (2002-present) and SLB Scott **Shanle** (1998-2002); SS Shane (2001-present) and FB Scott **Siegel** (2003-present); DE Tyler (2000-present) and DE Travis **Toline** (1995-98); SS Delrick (2001-present) and LB Jamel **Williams** (1994-96); and OG Mike (2000-present) and WR Dan **Erickson** (2003-present). The Huskers welcomed the first set of scholarship twins in the program's history in 2001 in sophomores Josh (FS) and Daniel **Bullocks** (SS).

Second generation Huskers include the Burrows (father Jim played in 1974-75 and was a graduate assistant for NU); senior IB Josh **Davis** (father Tony played in 1973-75); QB Brett **Lindstrom** (father Dan played in 1978-80); LBs Bo and 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); DE Trevor **Johnson** (father Robert wrestled for NU in 1973-76) and SS Shane and FB Scott **Siegel** (father Robert played basketball for NU in 1974-77).

Nebraska defensive coordinator Bo **Pelini** oversees a defensive staff that includes his older brother, Carl, a graduate assistant coach for the Huskers.

All-Americans Call Nebraska Home

DeJuan Groce became the latest player to add his name to Nebraska's prestigious list of All-Americans in 2002. Groce was named a first-team All-American as a kick returner by the American Football Coaches Association. Groce tied an NCAA record by returning four punts for touchdowns last season, including two against Troy State.

Groce's All-America selection added to Nebraska's long list of All-Americans, beginning with tackle Vic Halligan in 1914. The Huskers have had at least one All-American in all but two (1991, 1998) of the past 33 years, and Head Coach Frank Solich has had nine All-Americans in his first five seasons. Overall, Nebraska has seen 89 different players earn first-team All-America honors from at least one recognized source with 14 winning double honors for a total of 103 first-team awards. Nebraska had its most All-Americans in one season when six Huskers earned first-team honors in the 1971 national championship campaign. The offensive line is Nebraska's most honored position, with 26 different players earning 31 first-team All-America certificates.

▶ Jammal Lord's 234-yard effort vs. Texas last season (NU quarterback record) was NU's 32nd all-time 200-yard performance.

▶ Among current Huskers, Lord has five 100-yard games, all last year, I-back David Horne had three 100-yard outings as a true freshman last season and fullback Judd Davies topped 100 yards at Baylor in 2001.

▶ 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).

▶ NU 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.

Getting to the Points

Nebraska has never had difficulty putting points on the scoreboard. Last season, the Huskers averaged 27.4 points per game, marking the first time since 1978 Nebraska did not average at least 30 points.

The Huskers have a long history of ranking among the nation's leaders in scoring offense and have posted some amazing offensive numbers.

▶ NU has averaged more than 35 points a game 15 times in the last 17 years.

▶ NU has averaged 40 or more points eight times since 1982, including four of the last eight seasons.

▶ Entering 2003, the Huskers have ranked among the nation's top 10 in scoring average 22 of the last 25 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 two seasons ago, 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 89 straight games.

▶ Nebraska has not been shut out at home since KSU shut out the Huskers, 12-0, on Homecoming in 1968 (221 games).

▶ 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.

▶ 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.

2003 Nebraska Depth Chart (Preseason)

Offense

WR (X): 2 **Ross Pilkington***, 6-0, 190, So., Ft. Collins, Colo.
 13 **Tim Liley***, 6-2, 205, Sr., Lakewood, Colo.
 -or- 25 Kade Pittman, 5-11, 200, Fr., North Platte, Neb.
 84 Grant Mulkey, 5-11, 185, RFr., Arlington, Texas
 20 Kiffin Wigert, 5-9, 160, Jr., Cheyenne, Wyo.
 8 Ryan Ommert, 5-10, 195, Sr., Cambridge, Neb.

LT: 51 **RICHEL INCOGNITO***, 6-3, 300, So., Glendale, Ariz. (13)
 69 **Nick Povendo***, 6-3, 300, Jr., Keller, Texas (2)
 56 Gary Pike, 6-4, 320, So., Pueblo, Colo.

LG: 78 **MIKE ERICKSON****, 6-4, 305, Jr., Omaha, Neb. (14)
 72 Tim Green, 6-4, 325, Sr., Omaha, Neb.
 66 Jermaine Leslie, 6-1, 315, RFr., Weatherford, Texas

C: 79 **Josh Sewell***, 6-2, 300, Sr., Lincoln, Neb.
 64 Kurt Mann, 6-3, 290, RFr., Grand Island, Neb.
 63 Jack Limbaugh, 6-4, 285, Jr., Algona, Iowa

RG: 71 **Jake Andersen***, 6-1, 300, Jr., Littleton, Colo.
 75 Brandon Koch, 6-3, 310, So., Gothenburg, Neb.
 -or- 77 Jemayel Phillips, 6-6, 365, RFr., Winfield, La.
 61 Brian Nelson, 6-4, 320, Sr., Omaha, Neb.

RT: 68 **DAN VILI WALDROP*****, 6-5, 350, Sr., Wilmington, Calif. (13)
 76 **Chris Loos****, 6-3, 290, Sr., Lincoln, Neb.
 57 Cory Timm, 6-4, 325, RFr., Yutan, Neb.
 53 Cody Volk, 6-7, 325, Sr., Norfolk, Neb.

TE (Y): 11 **Matt Herian***, 6-5, 240, So., Pierce, Neb.
 82 **Phil Peetz****, 6-2, 270, Sr., Elkhorn, Neb.
 83 Chris Septak, 6-3, 255, Jr., Omaha, Neb.
 47 Dusty Keiser, 6-3, 240, Jr., Norfolk, Neb.
 80 Alex Shada, 6-3, 245, Jr., Wahoo, Neb.

QB: 5 **JAMMAL LORD*****, 6-2, 220, Sr., Bayonne, N.J. (14)
 16 **Mike Stuntz****, 6-1, 200, Jr., Council Bluffs, Iowa
 15 Brett Lindstrom, 6-0, 190, Sr., Omaha, Neb.

FB: 4 **JUDD DAVIES*****, 6-0, 250, Sr., Omaha, Neb. (12)
 6 **DeAntae Grixby*****, 5-8, 215, Sr., Omaha, Neb.
 -or- 45 **Steve Kriewald****, 5-10, 250, Jr., Scotia, Neb.
 41 Dane Todd, 5-10, 235, RFr., Lincoln, Neb.
 34 Andy Wingender, 5-10, 250, Sr., Omaha, Neb.
 -or- 30 Grant Miller, 6-0, 225, RFr., Peabody, Mass.

IB: 9 **David Horne***, 6-0, 190, So., Omaha, Neb.
 1 **Josh Davis****, 5-11, 205, Sr., Loveland Colo. (1)
 -or- 22 **Cory Ross***, 5-6, 215, So., Denver, Colo. (1)
 21 **Robin Miller****, 5-11, 230, Sr., Kent, Wash.

WR (Z): 24 Jack O'Holleran, 5-10, 205, Jr., North Platte, Neb.
 10 **Mark LeFlore***, 5-11, 185, So., Omaha, Neb.
 3 **Ben Zajicek****, 6-0, 210, Jr., Beatrice, Neb.
 18 Mike McLaughlin, 5-11, 180, So., Omaha, Neb.
 28 Isaiah Fluellen, 6-0, 185, RFr., Ramstein, Germany

Key

*indicates letters earned

Returning lettermen in bold

Returning starters in all CAPS with 2002 starts in ()

-OR- means a starter has not been determined

AND means the two players are both considered first team and are expected to rotate, with the first person listed generally getting the start.

Depth chart does not include incoming 2003 recruits.

Defense

LDE: 5 **Benard Thomas****, 6-4, 265, Jr., East Palo Alto, Calif.
 96 **Titus Adams***, 6-3, 290, So., Omaha, Neb.
 93 Tyler Toline, 6-2, 240, Jr., Wahoo, Neb.
 -or- 44 Jay Moore, 6-4, 265, RFr., Elkhorn, Neb.

NT: 59 **RYON BINGHAM****, 6-3, 290, Sr., Sandy, Utah (14)
 94 **PATRICK KABONGO*****, 6-6, 320, Sr., Montreal, Quebec (7)
 73 Jared Helming, 6-3, 290, So., Springfield, Mo.
 -or- 99 Brandon Greeson, 6-3, 315, RFr., High Point, N.C.
 (70 **Jason Lohr*****, 6-2, 285, Sr., Tulsa, Okla., injured during spring)

DT: 66 **Le Kevin Smith***, 6-2, 305, So., Macon, Ga.
 97 **Seppo Ewvaraye***, 6-5, 320, So., Laurel, Neb.
 95 Nathan Krug, 6-4, 245, So., Chapman, Neb.

RDE: 88 **TREVOR JOHNSON*****, 6-4, 255, Sr., Lincoln, Neb. (9)
 90 Adam Carriker, 6-6, 260, RFr., Kennewick, Wash.
 50 Jeff McBride, 6-4, 245, Jr., Brule, Neb.

BUCK: 2 **T.J. Hollowell*****, 6-0, 230, Sr., Copperas Cove, Texas (2)
 11 **Ira Cooper****, 6-2, 230, Jr., Omaha, Neb. (1)
 -or- 40 **Lannie Hopkins***, 6-2, 220, Jr., Rowlett, Texas (1)

MIKE: 38 **BARRETT RUUD****, 6-2, 240, Jr., Lincoln, Neb. (14)
 54 **Chad Sievers***, 6-3, 230, Jr., Valley, Neb.
 -or- 42 **Steve Safranek****, 6-1, 240, Sr., Omaha, Neb.
 34 Stewart Bradley, 6-4, 260, RFr., Salt Lake City, Utah

WILL: 7 **DEMORRIO WILLIAMS***, 6-1, 210, Sr., Beckville, Texas (11)
 40 **Lannie Hopkins***, 6-2, 220, Jr., Rowlett, Texas (1)
 39 **Chad Buller***, 5-11, 215, Sr., Henderson, Neb.

LCB: 3 **FABIAN WASHINGTON***, 5-11, 175, So., Bradenton, Fla. (11)
 4 **Terrell Butler***, 5-10, 190, Sr., Austell, Ga.
 8 Andrew Shanle, 6-1, 200, RFr., St. Edward, Neb.

FS: 20 **JOSH BULLOCKS***, 6-1, 195, So., Chattanooga, Tenn. (5)
 31 **Jerrell Pippens*****, 6-2, 195, Sr., Philadelphia, Pa.
 36 Dan Burrow, 5-10, 185, Jr., Ames, Iowa

SS: 21 **PHILIP BLAND****, 5-11, 205, Jr., Lafayette, Colo. (13)
 -or- 14 **Daniel Bullocks***, 6-1, 200, So., Chattanooga, Tenn. (1)
 23 **Shane Siegel***, 6-2, 220, So., Grand Island, Neb. (1)
 25 Blake Tiedtke, 5-10, 195, So., Cedar Rapids, Iowa

RCB: 1 **Lornell McPherson****, 5-9, 175, Jr., Omaha, Neb. (4)
 -or- 28 **PAT RICKETTS*****, 5-11, 180, Sr., Omaha, Neb. (8, LCB)
 27 **Willie Amos****, 6-0, 185, Jr., Sweetwater, Texas
 29 Kellen Huston, 5-11, 200, Jr., Ankeney, Iowa

Kickers

P: 19 **KYLE LARSON****, 6-0, 205, Sr., Funk, Neb. (14)
 37 Sam Koch, 6-1, 230, So., Seward, Neb.

PK: 22 **Sandro DeAngelis***, 5-8, 190, Jr., Niagara Falls, Ontario
 32 Dale Endorf, 6-0, 210, Sr., Wichita, Kan.

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Big 12 Conference Media Information

Monday Big 12 Coaches Briefing:

Through the work of Premier Teleconferencing, the Big 12 hosts individual telephonic news conferences with each head coach on Mondays, starting at 10 a.m. (Central time) during the 2003 season. The briefings originate from conference headquarters in Dallas.

The Big 12 Coaches Schedule (10 minutes each)

Mondays, Aug. 18-Dec. 8

Media Phone: (913) 981-5507

Replay Phone: (402) 222-9912 (after 4 p.m. Monday)

Live/Archive via web: www.big12sports.com

10 a.m. Mark Mangino, Kansas

10:10 a.m. Bob Stoops, Oklahoma

10:20 a.m. Les Miles, Oklahoma State

10:30 a.m. Bill Snyder, Kansas State

10:40 a.m. Gary Pinkel, Missouri

10:50 a.m. Mike Leach, Texas Tech

11 a.m. Guy Morriss, Baylor

11:10 a.m. Dan McCarney, Iowa State

11:20 a.m. Mack Brown, Texas

11:30 a.m. Dennis Franchione, Texas A&M

11:40 a.m. Gary Barnett, Colorado

11:50 a.m. Frank Solich, Nebraska

Noon Selected Student-Athletes

Big 12 Satellite Feed:

Jeff Watts Productions joins the Big 12 Conference in presenting a one-hour package of weekly satellite highlights of previous week's games as well as features from the "Big 12 Showcase" and school short subjects from Tuesday, Aug. 26, through Tuesday, Dec. 9, 2003, with a year-end pre-bowl highlights' special on the final week on of the feed.

Feed Times (Aug. 26-Dec. 9): 3:30-4:30 p.m. (Central), Tuesdays

Coordinates: Galaxy 4R; Transponder 20; Downlink Frequency: 4100 Mhz (vertical); Orbital Slot: 99 degrees West; Audio: 6.2 / 6.8 MHZ

Trouble Number: 817-265-4465.

Nebraska Press Conference Satellite Feeds:

Tuesday Press Conference: ESPN News will be carrying Nebraska's weekly press conference live, beginning with Coach Frank Solich at Noon. ESPN has scheduled times (see below) to distribute the press conference on satellite. ESPN has exclusive live rights to its satellite feed, but other stations are welcome to use the feed on a tape-delayed basis.

Press Conference Satellite Times/Coordinates:

(All Times Central): TBA

Player Mugs:

Husker color digital mugs and those of the coaching staff can be downloaded directly to your system for media usage. The headshots are available for media use at www.Huskers.com (go to football page, go to biographies, click on bio, when picture appears, click on the magnifying glass below the picture, then click the word "larger").

Coach Guest Appearances Schedule:

Game	Extra Point Club Lunch (Noon)	Press Conference (Noon)	Solich Radio Show (6 p.m.)	Omaha Breakfast (6:50 a.m.)
Sat., 8/30-Okla. St.	Monday, 8/25-Solich	Tuesday, 8/26	Wednesday, 8/27-Solich	Thursday, 8/28-Solich
Sat. 9/6-Utah St.	Monday, 9/1-NONE, Labor Day	Tuesday, 9/2	Wednesday, 9/3-Cotton	Thursday, 9/4-B. Pelini
Sat. 9/13-Penn St.	Monday, 9/8-Bo Pelini	Tuesday, 9/9	Wednesday, 9/10-Williams	Thursday, 9/11-Cotton
Sat. 9/20-OPEN	Monday, 9/15-Gill	Tuesday, 9/16-NONE	Wednesday, 9/17-Albin	Thursday, 9/18-NONE
Thurs. 9/25-So.Miss.	Monday, 9/22-Pederson/Anderson	Monday, 9/22	Wednesday, 9/24-Jamrog	Thursday, 9/23-Pederson (A.D)
Sat. 10/4-Troy State	Monday, 9/29-Williams	Tuesday, 9/30	Wednesday, 10/1-Solich	Thursday, 10/2-Jamrog
Sat. 10/11-Mizzou	Monday, 10/6-Carl Pelini/McLaughlin	Tuesday, 10/7	Wednesday, 10/8-Sanders	Thursday, 10/9-Downing
Sat. 10/18-A&M	Monday, 10/13-Brown	Tuesday, 10/14	Wednesday, 10/15-Gill	Thursday, 10/16-Sanders
Sat. 10/25-ISU	Monday, 10/20-Sanders	Tuesday, 10/21	Wednesday, 10/22-Pelini	Thursday, 10/23-Brown
Sat. 11/1-@Texas	Monday, 10/27-Albin	Tuesday, 10/28	Wednesday, 10/29-Brown	Thursday, 10/30-Gill
Sat. 11/8-@Kansas	Monday, 11/3-Jamrog	Tuesday, 11/4	Wednesday, 11/5-Downing	Thursday, 11/6-Williams
Sat. 11/15-Kansas St.	Monday, 11/10-Cotton	Tuesday, 11/11	Wednesday, 11/12-Cotton	Thursday, 11/13-Albin
Sat. 10/22-OPEN	Monday, 11/17-Downing	Tuesday, 11/18-NONE	Wednesday, 11/19-Solich	Thursday, 11/21-NONE
Fri. 11/28-@Colorado	Monday, 11/24-Yori/Collier	Tuesday, 11/25	Wednesday, 11/26-Jamrog	Tuesday, 11/25-TBA
Sat. 12/6-Big 12-TBA	Monday, 12/1-Coach TBA	Tuesday, 12/2-TBA	Wednesday, 12/3-Gill	Thursday, 12/2-TBA
	Monday, 12/8-TBA if in Big12 Championship	Bowl PC-TBA	Wednesday, 12/10-TBA	Thursday, 12/9-TBA

Nebraska Media Information and Policies

► All player and coach interviews must be arranged at least one day in advance through the Husker Sports Information Office. Contact Chris Anderson, Keith Mann or Jeff Griesch at 402-472-2263. All interviews will be conducted in the South Stadium Offices, or on the field. Please do not approach players for interviews in the weight room, Hewitt Center, training room or hallways. The Nebraska locker room, training room and football office meeting rooms are **OFF-LIMITS** to the media and general public. Please check in at the SID Office, when arriving for interviews.

► Players home phone numbers will **NOT** be given to the media. Requested NU players are available (depending on class schedules) at the Tuesday press conferences from 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. and after practice on the field. No player interviews will be allowed the two days prior to a game (Thursday and Friday for Saturday game).

► Practices are **closed** to the media and to the general public; however, photographers and videographers are allowed to shoot the first 15 minutes of each practice (or until warmups are over), then will be asked to leave until practice is completed.

► After all games, Nebraska's locker room is closed, requested players and coaches will be brought to the Postgame Interview Room/Players' Lounge after a 10-minute cooling off period. The postgame interview room is located on the field level at the Southeast Corner of the Stadium.

► During the season, Coach Solich is available on the Big 12 teleconference on Monday, the Nebraska teleconference on Tuesday and in person on the field each day after practice.

Coach Solich/Player Press Conferences:

Nebraska Head Coach Frank Solich will conduct weekly Tuesday press/teleconferences in the Don Bryant Media Facility Level 6, prior to home and away games. After an 11:15 a.m. lunch, Coach Solich will address the media at Noon and will answer questions until approximately 12:30. Nebraska Volleyball Coach John Cook will be available each week at 11 a.m. Nebraska coordinators Bo Pelini (defense) and Barney Cotton (offense) will alternate up front preceding Solich at 11:40 a.m. Each press conference will be available via the Huskers subscription website (HuskersNside) on Huskers.com. NU's press conferences on Tuesday will also be televised live by ESPN News, which has exclusive live rights to the press conference satellite feed. Stations other than ESPN are prohibited from using its satellite feed for live coverage, but are welcome to use the satellite feed on a delayed basis.

Please contact Vicki Cartwright in the Nebraska Sports Information Office at 402-472-2263 to obtain the press conference 800 number and weekly passcode. Players are available by request from 12:30 - 1:30 p.m., and at least two players will be on the conference line, before those in attendance break up for individual player interviews. Player requests must be a day in advance. Solich quotes will be transcribed and posted on Huskers.com, NU's official athletic department website. Audio quotes from the press conference are edited and placed on NewsNetNebraska, courtesy of UNL Broadcasting.

The Frank Solich Show:

Coach Solich's one-hour weekly postgame show, *The Frank Solich Show*, with host Larry Puntene, can be seen this fall on the following stations;

- WOWT (Omaha, 11 p.m., Sun.)
- KSTF (Scottsbluff, 6 p.m., Central, Tues.)
- KOLN/KGIN (Lincoln, 10:30 p.m., Sun.)
- Fox Sports Midwest (Midwest, Noon, Tues.)
- KNOP/KIIT (North Platte, 10:35 p.m., Sun.)
- Metro Sports (Kansas City, 8 p.m., Wed.)
- Lakes TV Cable (NW Iowa, 11 p.m., Wed.)
- KTIV (Sioux City, Iowa, TBA, TBA)
- Cox 3 (Oklahoma City, Okla., 6 p.m., Wed.)
- Cox 9 (Tulsa, Okla., 6 p.m., Wed.)
- Cable One (Sioux City, Iowa, 8 p.m., Wed.)

Other Media Opportunities for Media With Coach Solich and Staff:

► The **Extra Point Luncheon** is held on Monday following games, at Noon at the Nebraska Club (top of USBank) in downtown Lincoln, guest speaker is a NU coach each week (\$8 each for members, \$10 each for non-members), open to public.

► **Omaha Breakfast** is held at the Holiday Inn at 72nd and Grover on Thursdays at 7 a.m., guest speaker is a Nebraska coach each week.

► "Talk to Frank" Radio Show, on the Sports Pinnacle Network each Wednesday at 6 p.m.

Pregame Watch Party: Watch more than 800 former Huskers march onto the field joining the Husker Nation in the biggest watch pregame party on Sat., Aug. 30; at the following coordinates:

Time: 1:15 - 2:30 p.m., central; **Satellite:** Telstar 6 @ 93 W; **Transponder:** 01 C Band.

Downlink Frequency: 3720 MHz Vertical Polarity