

2009-10 NEBRASKA CORNHUSKERS BASKETBALL

Game Date: Nov. 14, 2009

Tipoff Time: 7:06 p.m.

Venue: Devaney Center

Capacity: 13,595

HUSKERS READY TO OPEN REGULAR SEASON

The Nebraska basketball team opens the 114th season in program history this weekend when it plays host to South Carolina Upstate on Saturday, Nov. 14, at the Bob Devaney Sports Center. The contest will tip off at 7:06 p.m. and will be broadcast by the IMG Husker Sports Radio Network.

Calling the action this week will be Kent Pavelka while former Husker letterwinner Andy Markowski joins the broadcast to add color commentary. The game will be heard for free on Huskers.com. While the majority of the network is required to carry the postgame shows following the Nebraska football team's contest at Kansas (2:30 p.m.), the game will be heard in Lincoln on 105.3 FM and in Omaha on 93.3 FM.

Nebraska hopes to see a recent string of season-opening wins continue as the Huskers have won eight straight to open a season. The Huskers also are looking for their 399th all-time win at the Devaney Center, where they have called home since the 1976-77 campaign.

To try to make it nine straight season-opening wins, Nebraska will put a number of new faces on the floor. In total, nine Huskers will be eligible

for their first official participation in an NU uniform on Saturday, including two juniors, a sophomore, three redshirt-freshmen and three freshmen.

One Husker who will not be in uniform for the next 15 games is freshman Christian Standhardinger, who led Nebraska with 17.5 points while adding 7.0 rebounds over two exhibition games. The Munich, Germany, native hit 61.1 percent (11-of-18) from the floor and 86.7 percent (13-of-15) from the line while averaging just 19.5 minutes per game in the exhibition season. But an NCAA ruling will force Standhardinger to sit out 15 games, missing all of the non-conference slate.

With Standhardinger will be on the bench, the Huskers will have to adjust offensively. Leading the way to try to pick up some of the offensive slack could be senior guard Ryan Anderson. Nebraska's active career leader in scoring, rebounding, steals and 3-pointers, Anderson averaged 10.5 points, 4.0 rebounds and 2.0 assists in exhibition play, and hit 63.6 percent (7-of-11) from the floor. Anderson's numbers helped the Huskers hit 50.9 percent (56-of-110) from the floor in exhibition play. He was 2-of-4 from 3-point range, although the rest of his teammates were just 4-of-22.

Nebraska's Possible Starting Lineup

No.	Name	Yr.	Ht.	Wt.	2008-09 stats			Notes
					Pts.	Rbs.		
5	Sek Henry	Sr.	6-4	200	8.0	3.4	Nebraska active leader in games and assists	
13	Brandon Ubel	Fr.	6-10	220	-	-	True frosh from Kansas City	
21	Jorge Brian Diaz	RFr.	6-11	235	-	-	Redshirted with Huskers last season	
34	Lance Jeter	Jr.	6-3	225	-	-	JUCO honorable-mention All-American in 2009	
44	Ryan Anderson	Sr.	6-4	195	7.1	3.8	Nebraska active leader in pts., reb., 3-ptrs., stls.	

2009-10 NEBRASKA SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Time/Result
Nov. 6	Arkansas-Fort Smith (exh.)	W, 86-66
Nov. 10	Hastings (exh.)	W, 71-39
Nov. 14	South Carolina Upstate	7:06 p.m.
Nov. 18	at Saint Louis (Fox Sports Midwest)	7 p.m.
Nov. 21	TCU	1 p.m.
Nov. 24	UMKC (Fox Sports Midwest)	7 p.m.
Nov. 29	at USC (FSN)	3:30 p.m.
Dec. 2	Texas-Pan American	7 p.m.
Dec. 6	at Creighton	4 p.m.
Dec. 10	Chicago State\$ (Fox Sports Midwest)	7 p.m.
Dec. 12	Oregon State (Fox Sports Midwest)	7 p.m.
Dec. 19	Jackson State\$	7 p.m.
<i>at HoopTV Las Vegas Classic#</i>		
Dec. 22	vs. Tulsa#	7 p.m.
Dec. 23	vs. BYU or Nevada#	7/9:30 p.m.
Dec. 29	Southern Utah	7 p.m.
Jan. 2	Maryland Eastern Shore	3 p.m.
Jan. 5	Southeastern Louisiana	7 p.m.
Jan. 9	at Texas A&M* (Big 12 Network)	3 p.m.
Jan. 13	Kansas* (ESPN2)	8 p.m.
Jan. 16	Iowa State* (Fox Sports Midwest)	7 p.m.
Jan. 23	at Missouri* (Big 12 Network)	5 p.m.
Jan. 27	at Colorado*	9 p.m.
Jan. 30	Oklahoma* (Big 12 Network)	12:30 p.m.
Feb. 2	Kansas State* (Big 12 Network)	7 p.m.
Feb. 6	at Kansas* (ESPN)	5 p.m.
Feb. 10	Baylor* (Big 12 Network)	8 p.m.
Feb. 13	at Texas* (Big 12 Network)	3 p.m.
Feb. 17	at Kansas State* (Fox Sports Midwest)	6 p.m.
Feb. 20	Missouri* (Big 12 Network)	5 p.m.
Feb. 24	at Iowa State* (Fox Sports Midwest)	6:30 p.m.
Feb. 27	Texas Tech* (Big 12 Network)	3 p.m.
March 2	Colorado* (Fox Sports Midwest)	7 p.m.
March 6	at Oklahoma State* (Big 12 Network)	12:30 p.m.
<i>at Big 12 Championship (Kansas City, Mo.)</i>		
Wed.-Sat., March 10-13		TBD

All times are Central and subject to change.

*Big 12 Conference game.

\$-Teams assigned to play at Nebraska by the HoopTV Las Vegas Classic.

NEBRASKA CORNHUSKERS

Game: Game 1

2009-10 Record: 0-0

Head coach: Doc Sadler

Record at Nebraska: 55-40 (4th year)

Record at Division I: 103-58 (6th year)

Career Record: 223-97 (11th year)



SOUTH CAROLINA UPSTATE

Game: Game 1

2009-10 Record: 0-0

Head coach: Eddie Payne

Record at USC: 100-77 (8th year)

Career Record: 369-331 (25th year)



HUSKERS ON TV/RADIO/INTERNET

Television: None

Radio: IMG Husker Sports Radio Network

Play-by-play: Kent Pavelka

Color: Andy Markowski

Internet Radio/Stats: Free on Huskers.com

Satellite Radio: None

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NEBRASKA CORNHUSKERS NUMERICAL ROSTER

No.	VL	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	Hometown (High School / Previous Schools)
1		Eshaunte Jones	G	6-4	190	RFr.	Fort Wayne, Ind. (North Side / Hargrave Military (Va.) Academy)
2		Myles Holley	G	6-4	190	So.	Norfolk, Va. (Booker T. Washington / Heat Academy / Brunswick (N.C.) CC)
3	*	Brandon Richardson	G	6-0	190	So.	Los Angeles, Calif. (Hawthorne)
5	***	Sek Henry	G	6-4	200	Sr.	Los Angeles, Calif. (Lynwood / Patterson School (N.C.))
11		Christian Standhardinger%	F	6-8	210	Fr.	Munich, Germany (Erdgas Ehingen/Urspringschule)
12		Matt Karn	G	6-3	190	Sr.	Philpot, Ky. (Ohio County / Shawnee (Ill.) CC)
13		Brandon Ubel	F	6-10	220	Fr.	Overland Park, Kan. (Blue Valley West)
14		Christopher Niemann\$	C	6-11	265	So.	Kühlungsborn, Germany (Erdgas Ehingen/Urspringschule)
15		Ray Gallegos	G	6-3	175	Fr.	Jordan, Utah (West Jordan)
20		Drake Beranek^	G	6-3	185	Sr.	Ravenna, Neb. (Ravenna / Nebraska-Kearney)
21		Jorge Brian Diaz	C	6-11	235	RFr.	Caguas, Puerto Rico (Colegio Bautista de Caguas)
23		Quincy Hankins-Cole	F	6-8	240	Jr.	Roosevelt, N.Y. (Roosevelt / Polk (Fla.) CC)
24		Adrien Coleman	G	6-4	195	Fr.	Stone Mountain, Ga. (Stephenson)
30	*	Toney McCray	G	6-6	205	So.	Missouri City, Texas (Fort Bend Elkins)
33		Mike Fox	G	6-4	195	RFr.	Beatrice, Neb. (Beatrice / Northwest Missouri State)
34		Lance Jeter	G	6-3	225	Jr.	Beaver Falls, Pa. (Beaver Falls / Cincinnati / Polk (Fla.) CC)
35	**	Ben Nelson	F	6-9	230	Sr.	Atwater, Minn. (Atwater-Cosmos-Grove City)
44	***	Ryan Anderson	G	6-4	195	Sr.	Seattle, Wash. (Rainier Beach)

\$ - Out for season with injury. % - Must sit out until first 15 games of regular season under NCAA ruling. ^ - Must sit out season under NCAA transfer rules.

NEBRASKA COACHES AND STAFF

Head Coach: Doc Sadler (Arkansas, 1982).

Assistant Coaches: Philip Mathews (UC Irvine, 1970), David Anwar (Fitchburg College, 1998), Walter Roese (BYU-Hawaii, 1994).

Director of Operations: Chris Croft. **Video Coordinator:** Jim Shaw.

Basketball Strength Coach: Rusty Ruffcorn. **Equipment Manager:** Pat Norris.

Assistant Athletic Trainer: R.J. Pietig.

Graduate Manager/Player Development: Tony Schamber. **Student Assistant Coach:** Chris Balham.

PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

Ray Gallegos	Guy-eh-goes
Eshaunte Jones.....	E-shawn-tay
Christopher Niemann	NEE-man
Walter Roese	Roe-eez
Brandon Ubel	YOU-bell

TALE OF THE TAPE

Nebraska Cornhuskers (2008-09 stats)

Team Statistics (Record: 18-13)

	NU	OPP
SCORING	1999	1872
Points per game	64.5	60.4
Scoring margin	+4.1	-
FIELD GOALS-ATT	686-1571	638-1482
Field goal pct	.437	.431
3 POINT FG-ATT	206-571	191-563
3-point FG pct	.361	.339
3-pt FG made per game	6.6	6.2
FREE THROWS-ATT	421-600	405-586
Free throw pct	.702	.691
F-Throws made per game	13.6	13.1
REBOUNDS	861	1066
Rebounds per game	27.8	34.4
Rebounding margin	-6.6	-
ASSISTS	410	339
Assists per game	13.2	10.9
TURNOVERS	357	538
Turnovers per game	11.5	17.4
Turnover margin	+5.8	-
Assist/turnover ratio	1.1	0.6
STEALS	265	159
Steals per game	8.5	5.1
BLOCKS	52	92
Blocks per game	1.7	3.0

USC Upstate (2008-09 stats)

Team Statistics (Record: 9-21)

	HC	OPP
SCORING	1812	2055
Points per game	60.4	68.5
Scoring margin	-8.1	-
FIELD GOALS-ATT	650-1606	719-1711
Field goal pct	.405	.420
3 POINT FG-ATT	163-516	219-584
3-point FG pct	.316	.375
3-pt FG made per game	5.4	7.3
FREE THROWS-ATT	349-528	398-561
Free throw pct	.661	.709
F-Throws made per game	11.6	13.3
REBOUNDS	1028	1096
Rebounds per game	34.3	36.5
Rebounding margin	-2.3	-
ASSISTS	377	420
Assists per game	12.6	14.0
TURNOVERS	472	386
Turnovers per game	15.7	12.9
Turnover margin	-2.9	-
Assist/turnover ratio	0.8	1.1
STEALS	183	260
Steals per game	6.1	8.7
BLOCKS	126	77
Blocks per game	4.2	2.6

BY THE NUMBERS

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Nebraska opens regular-season play against South Carolina Upstate on Saturday, Nov. 14, at the Bob Devaney Sports Center. The game is the first of 18 home games for the Huskers, marking the seventh time in school history they will play at least 18 games in the building, including each of the past two years.

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Senior Ryan Anderson is one of only seven players in school history to record at least 100 3-pointers, assists and steals, joining Eric Piatkowski, Tyronn Lue, Erick Strickland, Cookie Belcher, Cary Cochran and Jaron Boone. Anderson is on pace to join Strickland as the only two Huskers ever with 150 in each category.

WEEKLY MEDIA PLANNER ...	Wednesday Nov. 11	Thursday Nov. 12	Friday Nov. 13	Saturday Nov. 14	Sunday Nov. 15	Monday Nov. 16	Tuesday Nov. 17
Note: Practices are typically open to the public.	Off (start of early signing period)	Practice at Devaney Center 1:30-4 p.m. (Interviews before) (Practice closed for NCAA dead period)	Practice at Mabel Lee Hall 4-7 p.m. (Interviews before)	Game Day vs. South Carolina Upstate 7 p.m.	Off	Practice at Devaney Center 1:30-4 p.m. (Interviews before)	Practice at Devaney Center 1:30-4 p.m. (Interviews before)

SCOUTING SOUTH CAROLINA UPSTATE

The USC Upstate Spartans enter the season with seven returning letterwinners, including three starters, from last year's 9-21 squad. Last season, USCU won just one true road game, a 70-59 victory at Jacksonville. It was one of just two victories away from the Spartanburg, S.C., campus.

The Spartans averaged 60.4 points per game last season with departed forward Bobby Davis leading the charge with 14.8 points and 9.2 rebounds per contest. Center Nick Schneiders, who stands 7-3, was second on the team with 9.5 points per game while adding 6.1 rebounds per game. Despite his size, Schneiders hit just 44.6 percent from the floor while also hitting only 53.1 percent at the charity stripe, but did lead the league in blocked shots with 79 in 30 contests (2.63 per game). He was selected to the 2009-10 Atlantic Sun preseason all-conference team, the first Spartan to earn the honor since USCU moved to Division I two years ago.

Along with Schneiders, the Spartans return guard Josh Chavis, the team's third-leading scorer last year (8.3 ppg). Chavis paced the squad with 59 3-pointers and 80.4-percent shooting at the free throw line while ranking second on the team in assists with 69.

USC Upstate is guided by veteran coach Eddie Payne, who is entering his 25th season on the sideline. He owns a 369-331 career record, including a 100-77 mark in seven seasons with the Spartans.

USC Upstate did not play any exhibition games during the preseason but instead conducted closed scrimmages against Presbyterian and UNC Asheville.

OPENING UP

Nebraska opens the 2009-10 season at home against South Carolina Upstate looking to earn its ninth straight win in a season opener. A couple other notes about Husker season openers:

- The Nov. 14 opener is the second-earliest season-opening date in school history, only behind the Nov. 10 season opener in 2007. Nebraska has also opened a season on Nov. 14 twice before, in the 2006 and 1998 seasons.
- Nebraska has won eight straight season openers since an 87-83 setback at Oral Roberts in 2000. Overall, Nebraska is 11-2 in season openers during the Big 12 era, and 74-39 all-time.
- The last time Nebraska lost a season opener at home was 1980 when NU fell to Wyoming, 62-59, in overtime. The Huskers have won 19 straight season openers at home since that loss.

UPON FURTHER REVIEW

In a change to what was published in the 2009-10 Nebraska media and recruiting guide, please note that redshirt-freshman Jorge Brian Diaz would like to be referred to by his full name instead of just Brian Diaz. Also, the pronunciation for freshman Ray Gallegos's last name should be Guy-eh-goes. The previous pronunciation listed in the media guide is incorrect. We appreciate the media's assistance in these matters.

FRESH FACES

Nebraska has an inexperienced roster entering 2009-10, as the Huskers return only four scholarship players from last season's 18-win campaign. Among the veterans on the squad this season will be seniors Ryan Anderson and Sek Henry, along with sophomores Toney McCray and Brandon Richardson.

When NU hits the court for the season opener, it could see two freshmen in the starting lineup as forward Brandon Ubel and center Jorge Brian Diaz both started in the exhibition opener. The last time Nebraska had two freshmen start in a season opener was coach Doc Sadler's first year at Nebraska as Anderson and Henry opened the season in the starting lineup.

That season, they started 14 games together including the first nine of the year. Along with Anderson and Henry, former Husker Jay-R Strowbridge made it three freshmen in the same starting lineup on Dec. 23, 2006, in a 70-56 win over Houston in the Rainbow Classic in Hawaii. During the Big 12 era, three sets of freshmen have started games together, including:

- 2006-07 with Anderson (25 starts), Henry (18) and Strowbridge (13)
- 2004-05 with Joe McCray (24) and Aleks Maric (10)
- 2001-02 with Jake Muhleisen (27) and John Turek (15)

If Ubel and Diaz start for the Huskers Saturday against USC Upstate, they will be the seventh and eighth freshmen to start a season opener for Nebraska in the Big 12 era. They will be only the second and third freshmen players over 6-4 to start for the Huskers in a season opener in the Big 12 era, joining 6-11 Brian

NU RETURNING TEAM STATS

Pct. of scoring	37.8 (756/1999)
Pct. of rebounds.....	40.2 (346/861)
Pct. of field goals made.....	37.8 (259/686)
Pct. of field goals attempted	38.7 (608/1,571)
Pct. of 3-point FG made.....	42.2 (87/206)
Pct. of 3-point FG attempted	45.1 (258/571)
Pct. of free throws made.....	35.9 (151/421)
Pct. of free throws attempted	35.8 (215/600)
Pct. of assists.....	40.5 (166/410)
Pct. of steals.....	44.9 (119/265)
Pct. of blocks	55.8 (29/52)
Pct. of minutes	39.9 (2,482/6,225)

NU CAREER RETURNING STAT LEADERS

Points	Ryan Anderson, 774
Rebounds	Ryan Anderson, 420
3-Pointers.....	Ryan Anderson, 131
Field Goals	Ryan Anderson, 273
Free Throws.....	Sek Henry, 130
Assists.....	Sek Henry, 165
Steals.....	Ryan Anderson, 113
Blocked Shots	Toney McCray, 18
Games Played	Sek Henry, 95
Minutes Played.....	Ryan Anderson, 2,407

ANDERSON AIMS FOR TOP THREE

Senior guard Ryan Anderson is already assured of a spot in the Nebraska record books as he enters the season among the most accurate and most prolific long-distance threats in school history.

Entering his final season, Anderson already owns 131 career 3-pointers to rank eighth in school history and needs just 17 to move up two more spots on the career chart. With 50 treys – a total he reached in his sophomore season – Anderson would move into third place all-time at Nebraska.

Anderson is not only among the top 10 in made treys, but he is among the most accurate as he ranks ninth all-time by hitting 38.1 percent (131-of-344) over the past three years.

Nebraska Career 3-Point Field Goals Made

1.	Cary Cochran (1999-2002)	268
2.	Eric Piatkowski (1991-94).....	202
3.	Jaron Boone (1993-96)	181
4.	Erick Strickland (1993-96).....	179
5.	Brian Conklin (2001-04)	176
6.	Cookie Belcher (1997-2001).....	146
7.	Tyronn Lue (1996-98)	145
8.	Ryan Anderson (2007-pres.)	131
9.	Paul Velander (2006-09)	128
10.	Joe McCray (2005-06).....	117

NU Career 3-Point FG Pct. (min. 90 att.)

	3FG	3PA	Pct.
1.	Brian Conklin (2001-04)	176	407 .432
2.	Cary Cochran (1999-2002)	268	630 .425
3.	Jay-R Strowbridge (2007-08)	50	122 .410
4.	Clifford Scales (1988-91)	45	110 .409
5.	Henry T. Buchanan (1987-88)	67	165 .406
6.	Chris Cresswell (1990-92)	103	261 .395
7.	Marcus Perry (2006-07)	98	249 .394
8.	Paul Velander (2006-09)	128	329 .389
9.	Ryan Anderson (2007-pres.)	131	344 .381
10.	Ray Richardson (1989-90)	105	278 .378

HUSKERS ON THE RADIO

The IMG Husker Sports Radio Network is in its 15th year producing and marketing live broadcasts of University of Nebraska football, men's and women's basketball, volleyball, baseball and softball games.

The Husker Sports Network has created a large network of state and national affiliates. All regular-season men's basketball games and any postseason contests will be broadcast on a 32-station basketball network in 2009-10. KFAB (1110 AM) is the Omaha affiliate, KLIN (1400 AM) is the Lincoln affiliate and while KRVN (880 AM) in Lexington also serves as a primary state affiliate. All games can be heard around the world for free on Huskers.com and a great number of Nebraska's games will also be heard live on SIRIUS Satellite again this season.

Veteran radio announcer Kent Pavelka leads the NU men's basketball broadcast in 2009-10, along with former Husker letterwinner Matt Davison. Former Husker Andy Markowski will also fill in as the color analyst for a limited number of contests. Lane Grindle serves as the host of Sports Nightly, a live daily call-in show. Grindle will also host the Doc Sadler Radio Show on Monday nights throughout the season beginning at 7 p.m.

2009-10 NETWORK STATIONS

Ainsworth, KBRB-AM, 1400	Kearney, KGFV-AM, 1340
Alliance, KCOV-AM, 1400	Lexington, KRVN-AM, 880
Aurora, KRGY-FM, 97.3	Lincoln, KLIN-AM, 1400
Beatrice, KWBE-AM, 1450	McCook, KSWN-FM, 93.9
Broken Bow, KBBN-FM, 95.3	Norfolk, KNEN-FM, 94.7
Chadron, KCSR-AM, 610	North Platte, KODY-AM, 1240
Columbus, KJSK-AM*, 900	Ogallala, KOGA-AM, 930
Fairbury, KGMT-AM, 1310	Omaha, KFAB-AM, 1110
KUTT-FM, 99.5	Scottsbluff, KNEB-AM*, 960
Falls City, KTNC-AM, 1230	Sidney, KSID-AM, 1340
KLZA-FM, 101.3	Superior, KRFS-FM, 103.9
Fremont, KHUB-AM, 1340	Valentine, KVSH-AM, 940
KFMT-FM, 105.5	Wayne, KTCH-AM, 1590
Grand Island, KRGI-AM, 1430	West Point, KTIC-AM, 840
Hastings, KLIQ-FM, 94.5	
KHAS-AM, 1230	<i>*will air only</i>
Holdrege, KUVR-AM, 1380	<i>Big 12 Conference games</i>
KMTY-FM, 97.7	

BIG 12 WEEKLY TELECONFERENCE

The Big 12 Conference men's basketball coaches will participate in a weekly media-only teleconference during the 2009-10 season. The schedule is:

Monday, Dec. 14	Monday, Feb. 8
Thursday, Jan. 7	Monday, Feb. 15
Monday, Jan. 11	Monday, Feb. 22
Monday, Jan. 18	Monday, March 1
Monday, Jan. 25	Monday, March 8
Monday, Feb. 1	Monday, March 15*

* - For only those coaches advancing to postseason play

The call can be heard live and on replay by visiting the www.big12sports.com. Contact the Big 12 at (469) 524-1000 for the call-in and replay phone numbers.

10 a.m. – Bill Self, Kansas
 10:10 a.m. – Mark Turgeon, Texas A&M
 10:20 a.m. – Travis Ford, Oklahoma State
 10:30 a.m. – Scott Drew, Baylor
 10:40 a.m. – Mike Anderson, Missouri
 10:50 a.m. – Pat Knight, Texas Tech
 11 a.m. – Jeff Bzdelik, Colorado
 11:10 a.m. – Frank Martin, Kansas State
 11:20 a.m. – Jeff Capel, Oklahoma
11:30 a.m. – Doc Sadler, Nebraska
 11:40 a.m. – Rick Barnes, Texas
 11:50 a.m. – Greg McDermott, Iowa State

Conklin, who started six games as a redshirt freshman in 2000-01, including the opener at Oral Roberts. The full list of frosh starters in an opener since 1996-97 includes:

- Cookie Miller, 5-7, PG, 2007-08; Sek Henry, 6-3, G, 2006-07; Ryan Anderson, 6-4, G, 2006-07; Marcus Walker, 6-2, PG, 2005-06; Jake Muhleisen, 6-4, PG, 2001-02; Brian Conklin, 6-11, F, 2000-01; Cookie Belcher, 6-3, G, 1996-97.

Overall, Nebraska has had 18 freshmen start games during the Big 12 era. That list includes:

- Toney McCray, 2008-09 (3 starts); Alonzo Edwards, 2008-09 (1); Cookie Miller, 2007-08 (24); Ryan Anderson, 2006-07 (25); Sek Henry, 2006-07 (18); Jay-R Strowbridge, 2006-07 (13); Jamel White, 2005-06 (13); Marcus Walker, 2005-06 (12); Joe McCray, 2004-05 (24); Aleks Maric, 2004-05 (10); Charles Richardson Jr., 2003-04 (10); Jason Dourisseau, 2002-03 (3); Wes Wilkinson, 2002-03 (2); Jake Muhleisen, 2001-02 (27); John Turek, 2001-02 (15); Brian Conklin, 2000-01 (6); Chad Johnson, 1997-98 (10); Cookie Belcher, 1996-97 (33).

YOUTH MOVEMENT

While it still remains to be seen how many freshmen start games and how many play significant roles, one thing for certain is that Nebraska will have two of the youngest players in their respective classes.

Freshman Brandon Ubel is the third-youngest player overall in the Big 12 Conference this season. Born on Aug. 29, 1991, only Jaye Crockett of Texas Tech (Oct. 16, 1991) and Tyler Stone of Missouri (Sept. 8, 1991) are younger than Ubel.

While Ubel is one of the youngest in his class, another Husker is the youngest. Junior college transfer Quincy Hankins-Cole, who graduated high school when he was 16 and played the past two years at Polk (Fla.) CC, will not turn 20 years old until Feb. 18, 2010. The next youngest junior in the Big 12 is Kansas State's Jacob Pullen, who turned 20 on Nov. 10. In fact, Hankins-Cole is three months younger than redshirt-freshman Jorge Brian Diaz, who turns 20 this week on Friday, Nov. 13.

REACHING HIGHER

According to statistics provided by kenpom.com, Nebraska was the shortest team in Division I basketball (344 teams) last season. The Huskers' active roster in 2008-09 had just two scholarship players who stood at least 6-7, while the average height of the 20 players on the full roster was just over 6-4.

This season, Nebraska has a taller lineup across the board as the average height for all 18 players on the roster is 6-5 1/2. NU has four active players available in the non-conference slate who stand at least 6-8, with another – Christian Standhardinger – who will be eligible at the start of the Big 12 season.

STANDHARDINGER SITTING DOWN

Although it was expected all along, Nebraska is in the unenviable position to have to replace the scoring punch provided during the exhibition season by freshman forward Christian Standhardinger.

After leading the Cornhuskers with 17.5 points per game in the exhibition season, Standhardinger must sit out 50 percent of the Huskers' games this season – a total of 15 games, equalling all of the non-conference schedule – because of a ruling by the NCAA regarding his amateur status when he played with a club team in his native Germany. He will be allowed to practice with the Huskers during the non-conference slate but will not be able to travel with the team until he is eligible for competition.

Standhardinger came from the same school and club team that produced sophomore center Christopher Niemann, who was forced to sit out all of his first season with the Huskers.

BOARD SUPPORT

During Nebraska's two exhibition games, one area that jumped out on the box score, especially in comparison to last year, was the rebound column. Nebraska held a 45.5-28.5 advantage on the glass against Arkansas-Fort Smith and Hastings College.

While the new-look Huskers are much taller across the board than last year, the statistical advantage was still a sight for sore eyes. Nebraska posted 48 and 43 rebounds in the two games, respectively, easily surpassing last year's season high of 42 rebounds in the regular-season. That total came in the season opener against San Jose State and NU had just three more games all year with more than 35 rebounds.

Leading the way in the exhibition slate was redshirt-freshman Jorge Brian Diaz, who had a double-double with 11 points and 10 rebounds against Arkansas-Fort Smith and added eight points and nine rebounds vs. Hastings. NU did not have a player with a double-double last season as Ryan Anderson had the team's high for single-game rebounds with 10 boards against Missouri on Jan. 10, when he had just eight points.

NIEMANN OUT FOR SEASON

After making what looked to be a successful return from a torn ACL suffered in the final week of the regular season last year, sophomore center Christopher Niemann had a major setback as he tore the same ACL for a second time in late August. After surgery to repair the damage that occurred during a non-basketball conditioning workout, Niemann will be out for all of the 2009-10 campaign.

Niemann is currently making good progress through rehab again, and is on pace to join the team for offseason workouts in late spring. He will have three years remaining on his original eligibility clock to play three seasons with the Huskers.

NEBRASKA RECEIVES RARE WAIVER

Nebraska petitioned the NCAA with a waiver that was granted in early September, allowing the Huskers to have 14 players on scholarship for the 2009-10 season. The rare allowance given to NU is only for this season and Nebraska will be required to return to 13 scholarships for the 2010-11 season.

NEW FACES LINE HUSKER ROSTER

While the Huskers will rely on their four returning scholarship players for leadership early in the season, most of the eyes will be focused on the faces of several newcomers who will dot the NU roster in 2009-10.

Among those scholarship newcomers looking for playing time are two juniors (Lance Jeter and Quincy Hankins-Cole), a sophomore (Myles Holley), a redshirt freshman (Jorge Brian Diaz) and four freshmen (Adrien Coleman, Ray Gallegos, Christian Standhardinger, Brandon Ubel). Also back this season is another "newcomer" in Eshaunte Jones, who played four games as a true freshman last year before undergoing foot surgery and redshirting the season.

2009-10 Scholarship Breakdown

Seniors: 2

Juniors: 2

Sophomores: 4

Freshmen and Redshirt Freshmen: 6

NU LOOKING FOR FIFTH POSTSEASON BERTH IN SEVEN YEARS

Despite their lack of experience entering the year, the 2009-10 Huskers will be shooting for the program's fifth postseason berth in seven years and third straight under coach Doc Sadler. Overall, Nebraska's NIT bid at the end of the 2008-09 campaign was the Huskers' 22nd all-time postseason appearance. NU has 16 appearances in the NIT, including the 1996 title, and six berths in the NCAA Tournament.

HUSKERS LOOK TO BUILD ON 8-8 LEAGUE MARK

While the Huskers have more than two months before they start league action, Nebraska will have one thing in mind while it prepares for facing arguably the nation's toughest conference: continuing its upward momentum against Big 12 foes.

Last year, the Huskers finished with an 8-8 record in Big 12 Conference play, their best mark in a decade and just the third time since the formation of the league that NU has finished at .500 or better. That mark came as the Huskers won each of their last two regular-season games, giving Nebraska its third straight season with a better league mark. NU had six league wins in 2007 and seven in 2008.

Since the start of the 2007 conference season, only three teams in the Big 12 have improved their win total in league play each of the past three years. That small group includes Nebraska, Oklahoma and Oklahoma State.

This year, Nebraska will try to do something done only once before in program history as the only other time the Huskers improved their conference win total for four straight years was from 1952 to 1955.

SADLER SETTING NEW MARKS

Nebraska coach Doc Sadler has said from the beginning that he hopes to do something at Nebraska that's never been accomplished before: get to the NCAA Tournament and win a game. Since he's been at NU, his record has spoken volumes as he has reached marks never before seen.

Over his first three years, Sadler has more victories than any Husker coach to open a career. Entering 2009-10, he owns a 55-40 mark in Lincoln, two more wins than Moe Iba had in his first three years and four more than Danny Nee. Sadler also had the most wins in the first two years at NU (37) and is the first coach in school history to win at least 17 games in each of his first three years guiding the Cornhuskers.

NU LOOKS FOR DEFENSIVE 3-PEAT

In 2009-10, Nebraska will look to continue its dominance on the defensive end under coach Doc Sadler. Each of the past two seasons, the Huskers have led the Big 12 Conference in scoring defense and ranked among the national leaders.

Last year, Nebraska allowed just 60.4 points per game to rank 22nd nationally. A year earlier, it gave up just 60.7 ppg and held on to a final No. 18 national ranking.

Nebraska also led the league in conference-only defense in 2009 by giving up just 62.5 ppg to league teams. NU finished as one of only two teams (also Kansas, 65.4 ppg) that allowed less than 69.0 points per game in Big 12 play.

The Huskers' top-ranked defense last year marked the first time NU had led the league in scoring defense in the Big 12 era. Dating to the 2007-08 season, Nebraska has held seven of its last 10 Big 12 Conference opponents in the Devaney Center to 57 or fewer points, including three times under 50 points. NU held five teams to less than 57 points in Big 12 play last year, including Missouri (51), Kansas State (51), at Colorado (53), Texas (55) and vs. Colorado (41).

HUSKERS FACE DIFFICULT SCHEDULE

Nebraska faces a rugged schedule as it will play 16 of its 31 regular-season games against teams that reached the 2009 postseason. Among the Huskers' opponents that reached last year's NCAA Tournament were: Elite Eight participants Missouri (twice) and Oklahoma, Sweet 16 participant Kansas (twice), NCAA second-round qualifiers Oklahoma State, Texas, Texas A&M and USC. NU will also 2009 postseason NIT qualifiers Baylor (runner-up), Creighton, Kansas State (twice) and Tulsa, along with CBI champion Oregon State. At the Las Vegas Classic, NU will also face either BYU or Nevada, which played in the NCAA and NIT, respectively, last year.

- The Huskers are set to play 18 regular-season games at the Bob Devaney Sports Center for the third straight season. Last year, the Huskers went 14-4 in the building and NU is 42-11 at home under coach Doc Sadler.

- Nebraska will look to keep an outstanding home winning streak alive in 2009-10 as the Huskers' look for their 34th straight winning season at the Bob Devaney Sports Center. The Huskers have never had a losing season in the Devaney Center since the building opened for the 1976-77 campaign.

- Nebraska's second home win of the season will mark its 400th all-time win in the Devaney Center. The Huskers enter the season with a 398-125 record at home in the building since 1976-77 campaign.

- For the third straight season, the Huskers will have at least 21 games televised regionally or nationally, including three games set to be seen around the country on the ESPN family of networks. The Huskers have averaged more than 13 televised contests (national, regional and local) each of the past eight years.

- Nebraska will play five games away from the Devaney Center in non-conference action for the first time since Doc Sadler's first season when the Huskers went 3-3 away from Lincoln in 2006-07. It is the second straight season NU has played three true road games in non-conference play, the most by the Huskers since playing four true road games in 1997-98.

2009-10 Nebraska Cornhuskers
Nebraska Combined Team Statistics (as of Nov 10, 2009)
All games

RECORD:	OVERALL	HOME	AWAY	NEUTRAL
ALL GAMES	(2-0)	(2-0)	(0-0)	(0-0)
CONFERENCE	(0-0)	(0-0)	(0-0)	(0-0)
NON-CONFERENCE	(2-0)	(2-0)	(0-0)	(0-0)

##	Player	GP-GS	Min--Avg	---TOTAL---		---3-PTS---		FT-FTA	Pct	---REBOUNDS---				PF	FO	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Pts	Avg
				FG-FGA	Pct	3FG-FGA	Pct			Off	Def	Tot	Avg								
11	Standhardinger, C..	2-1	39 19.5	11-18	.611	0-2	.000	13-15	.867	4	10	14	7.0	6	0	0	3	0	0	35	17.5
44	Anderson, Ryan....	2-1	35 17.5	7-11	.636	2-4	.500	5-5	1.000	2	6	8	4.0	6	0	4	3	0	2	21	10.5
21	Diaz, Jorge Brian..	2-1	39 19.5	8-14	.571	0-0	.000	3-5	.600	4	15	19	9.5	2	0	2	11	4	0	19	9.5
34	Jeter, Lance.....	2-1	50 25.0	7-12	.583	1-3	.333	3-6	.500	1	7	8	4.0	3	0	4	4	0	1	18	9.0
30	McCray, Toney.....	2-1	26 13.0	5-8	.625	1-1	1.000	0-2	.000	1	7	8	4.0	1	0	1	3	0	2	11	5.5
23	Hankins-Cole, Quinc	2-0	16 8.0	4-8	.500	0-1	.000	2-3	.667	0	1	1	0.5	3	0	0	0	0	1	10	5.0
15	Gallegos, Ray.....	1-0	10 10.0	2-4	.500	1-2	.500	0-0	.000	0	2	2	2.0	1	0	1	0	0	0	5	5.0
13	Ubel, Brandon.....	2-1	34 17.0	1-6	.167	0-2	.000	7-10	.700	4	5	9	4.5	2	0	1	1	2	1	9	4.5
03	Richardson, Brandon	2-1	40 20.0	2-5	.400	0-1	.000	4-5	.800	1	1	2	1.0	0	0	6	2	2	2	8	4.0
05	Henry, Sek.....	2-1	42 21.0	3-9	.333	0-2	.000	2-2	1.000	2	4	6	3.0	3	0	2	3	1	2	8	4.0
01	Jones, Eshaunte....	2-1	29 14.5	2-8	.250	1-7	.143	0-0	.000	0	1	1	0.5	0	0	2	5	0	1	5	2.5
02	Holley, Myles.....	2-0	12 6.0	2-2	1.000	0-0	.000	0-2	.000	2	0	2	1.0	2	0	2	3	0	0	4	2.0
24	Coleman, Adrien....	2-0	11 5.5	1-4	.250	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	0	1	1	0.5	1	0	1	0	0	0	2	1.0
33	Fox, Mike.....	2-0	3 1.5	1-1	1.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	3	3	1.5	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	1.0
12	Karn, Matt.....	2-0	3 1.5	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0.0
35	Nelson, Ben.....	2-1	11 5.5	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
TEAM.....											2	5	7	3.5	0		0		0		
Total.....		2	400	56-110	.509	6-26	.231	39-55	.709	23	68	91	45.5	32	0	26	39	9	12	157	78.5
Opponents.....		2	400	38-118	.322	14-61	.230	15-30	.500	20	37	57	28.5	45	-	21	36	4	17	105	52.5

TEAM STATISTICS	NU	OPP	DATE	OPPONENT	W/L	SCORE	ATTEND
SCORING.....	157	105	11/6/09	ARKANSAS-FORT SMITH	W	86-66	9406
Points per game.....	78.5	52.5	11/10/09	HASTINGS COLLEGE	W	71-39	9312
Scoring margin.....	+26.0	-					
FIELD GOALS-ATT.....	56-110	38-118					
Field goal pct.....	.509	.322					
3 POINT FG-ATT.....	6-26	14-61					
3-point FG pct.....	.231	.230					
3-pt FG made per game.	3.0	7.0					
FREE THROWS-ATT.....	39-55	15-30					
Free throw pct.....	.709	.500					
F-Throws made per game	19.5	7.5					
REBOUNDS.....	91	57					
Rebounds per game....	45.5	28.5					
Rebounding margin.....	+17.0	-					
ASSISTS.....	26	21					
Assists per game.....	13.0	10.5					
TURNOVERS.....	39	36					
Turnovers per game....	19.5	18.0					
Turnover margin.....	-1.5	-					
Assist/turnover ratio.	0.7	0.6					
STEALS.....	12	17					
Steals per game.....	6.0	8.5					
BLOCKS.....	9	4					
Blocks per game.....	4.5	2.0					
ATTENDANCE.....	18718	0					
Home games-Avg/Game...	2-9359	0-0					
Neutral site-Avg/Game.	-	0-0					

SCORE BY PERIODS:	1st	2nd	Total
Nebraska.....	71	86	- 157
Opponents.....	60	45	- 105

2008-09 Nebraska Cornhuskers
 Nebraska Combined Team Statistics (as of Nov 12, 2009)
 All games

RECORD:	OVERALL:	HOME	AWAY	NEUTRAL
ALL GAMES.....	(18-13)	(14-4)	(4-8)	(0-1)
CONFERENCE.....	(8-8)	(5-3)	(3-5)	(0-0)
NON-CONFERENCE.....	(10-5)	(9-1)	(1-3)	(0-1)

## Player	GP-GS	Min--Avg	---TOTAL---		---3-PTS---		FT-FTA	Pct	----REBOUNDS----				PF	FO	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Pts	Avg
			FG-FGA	Pct	3FG-FGA	Pct			Off	Def	Tot	Avg								
11 Dagunduro, Ade.....	31-31	800 25.8	143-275	.520	11-32	.344	101-145	.697	57	78	135	4.4	91	2	44	58	14	39	398	12.8
04 Harley, Steve.....	31-31	937 30.2	120-291	.412	22-64	.344	53-86	.616	13	82	95	3.1	41	0	61	44	2	45	315	10.2
05 Henry, Sek.....	31-29	787 25.4	84-190	.442	26-76	.342	55-80	.688	19	86	105	3.4	72	1	64	49	8	29	249	8.0
24 Miller, Cookie.....	30-22	856 28.5	69-162	.426	23-59	.390	58-71	.817	6	58	64	2.1	50	1	109	59	0	45	219	7.3
25 Velander, Paul.....	31-2	717 23.1	65-168	.387	60-150	.400	31-38	.816	5	46	51	1.6	66	0	22	18	1	16	221	7.1
44 Anderson, Ryan.....	30-12	720 24.0	72-179	.402	33-97	.340	36-50	.720	22	93	115	3.8	88	2	57	31	3	41	213	7.1
30 McCray, Toney.....	30-3	492 16.4	69-152	.454	10-29	.345	24-41	.585	17	66	83	2.8	48	0	19	39	18	24	172	5.7
03 Richardson, Brandon	27-0	414 15.3	32-80	.400	16-51	.314	32-39	.821	5	29	34	1.3	31	0	24	17	0	25	112	4.1
32 Balham, Chris.....	27-23	273 10.1	19-38	.500	0-0	.000	17-26	.654	29	33	62	2.3	33	0	2	19	2	0	55	2.0
01 Jones, Eshaunte....	4-0	46 11.5	2-7	.286	2-5	.400	1-1	1.000	1	4	5	1.3	0	0	1	4	0	0	7	1.8
15 Edwards, Alonzo....	16-1	70 4.4	9-17	.529	3-5	.600	6-13	.462	6	8	14	0.9	15	0	0	7	2	0	27	1.7
43 Salomon, Cole.....	16-0	61 3.8	2-8	.250	0-1	.000	4-6	.667	4	5	9	0.6	9	0	2	3	2	1	8	0.5
35 Nelson, Ben.....	11-0	23 2.1	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	3-4	.750	1	3	4	0.4	4	0	1	3	0	0	3	0.3
02 Krenk, Nick.....	12-1	29 2.4	0-4	.000	0-2	.000	0-0	.000	0	1	1	0.1	4	0	4	2	0	0	0	0.0
TEAM.....									40	44	84	2.7	1		4				0	
Total.....	31	6225	686-1571	.437	206-571	.361	421-600	.702	225	636	861	27.8	553	6	410	357	52	265	1999	64.5
Opponents.....	31	6225	638-1482	.431	191-563	.339	405-586	.691	312	754	1066	34.4	536	-	339	538	92	159	1872	60.4

TEAM STATISTICS	NU	OPP	DATE	OPPONENT	W/L	SCORE	ATTEND		
SCORING.....	1999	1872	11/16/08	SAN JOSE STATE	W	63-46	9527		
Points per game.....	64.5	60.4	11/19/08	at TCU	W	62-50	3922		
Scoring margin.....	+4.1	-	11/22/08	ARKANSAS-PINE BLUFF	W	67-53	9578		
FIELD GOALS-ATT.....	686-1571	638-1482	11/25/08	SAINT LOUIS	W	71-57	9268		
Field goal pct.....	.437	.431	11/29/08	CREIGHTON	W	54-52	13291		
3 POINT FG-ATT.....	206-571	191-563	12/3/08	ALABAMA STATE	W	80-51	9558		
3-point FG pct.....	.361	.339	12/7/08	at Arizona State	L	44-64	7164		
3-pt FG made per game.	6.6	6.2	12/13/08	at Oregon State	L	63-64	3359		
FREE THROWS-ATT.....	421-600	405-586	12/20/08	IPFW	W	75-48	8119		
Free throw pct.....	.702	.691	12/23/08	UMBC	L	64-66	8293		
F-Throws made per game	13.6	13.1	12/30/08	SOUTH CAROLINA STATE	W	77-63	8661		
REBOUNDS.....	861	1066	1/3/09	MARYLAND EASTERN SHORE	W	88-56	9578		
Rebounds per game....	27.8	34.4	1/5/09	FLORIDA A&M	W	81-56	8040		
Rebounding margin....	-6.6	-	*1/10/09	MISSOURI	W	56-51	11570		
ASSISTS.....	410	339	*1/14/09	at Iowa State	L	53-65	10639		
Assists per game.....	13.2	10.9	*1/17/09	KANSAS STATE	W	73-51	11736		
TURNOVERS.....	357	538	*1/21/09	at Oklahoma	L	61-72	11261		
Turnovers per game....	11.5	17.4	*1/24/09	OKLAHOMA STATE	LOT	74-76	11287		
Turnover margin.....	+5.8	-	*1/28/09	KANSAS	L	62-68	12487		
Assist/turnover ratio.	1.1	0.6	*1/31/09	at Texas Tech	W	82-69	10371		
STEALS.....	265	159	*2/4/09	at Colorado	W	55-53	4344		
Steals per game.....	8.5	5.1	*2/7/09	TEXAS	W	58-55	12231		
BLOCKS.....	52	92	*2/14/09	at Missouri	L	47-70	15061		
Blocks per game.....	1.7	3.0	*2/18/09	COLORADO	W	46-41	10425		
ATTENDANCE.....	185153	124682	*2/21/09	at Kansas	L	53-70	16300		
Home games-Avg/Game...	18-10286	12-9106	*2/24/09	TEXAS A&M	L	55-57	10318		
Neutral site-Avg/Game.	-	1-15413	*2/28/09	at Kansas State	L	72-77	12528		
SCORE BY PERIODS:	1st	2nd	OT	Total	*3/4/09	IOWA STATE	W	77-61	11186
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Nebraska.....	942	1049	8	- 1999	3/11/09	vs Baylor	L	49-65	15413
Opponents.....	861	1001	10	- 1872	03/17/09	at New Mexico	L	71-83	7974

* = Conference game