

NU FINISHES SIXTH AT NCAA'S: 2020-21 RECAP



The 2020-21 Nebraska rifle season was a historic one. Following a year where the NCAA Championships were canceled due to the coronavirus pandemic, the Huskers made another run to return to the NCAA Championships.

The Huskers faced an abbreviated schedule, but Head Coach Rachel Martin and the team earned a second straight bid to the NAAs. The team took sixth place, matching the program's best showing since 2015.

At the NCAA Championships, NU was led in the smallbore by Emily Cheramie, who qualified for the NCAA Finals after placing sixth in the team competition. Cheramie finished sixth in the event, as the Huskers finished the first day in sixth place. Elena Flake finished 25th with a score of 580, while freshman Madelynn Erickson placed 28th with a 579, marking her second-highest score of 2021. Freshman Cecelia Ossi rounded out the Huskers' scoring lineup with a 572.

The following day, it was a pair of freshmen who helped NU clinch a sixth place finish as Ossi and Erickson placed 17th and 24th respectively, followed by junior Elena Flake (33rd) and Kinga Aletto (34th). The Huskers totaled a team score of 4,676, missing a top-five finish by six points.

The NCAA Championship showing capped a strong year by Nebraska rifle on the range and in the classroom. In May, the program took home the women's Herman Team GPA Award for the highest grade-point average among the female teams on the Nebraska campus. The team posted a 3.744 GPA over the previous two semesters on its way to capturing its first Herman GPA award since 2009. The team GPA was the

second-highest of any NU program – male or female - dating back to the first Herman Team GPA award in 1995. All seven members of the 2021 squad also found their way onto the Tom Osborne Citizenship team for their work in the community.

Cheramie became the first shooter in school history to earn three All-America certificates in a single-season, as the Collegiate Rifle Coaches Association (CRCA) announced its 2021 All-America teams. She collected All-America awards in smallbore (second team), air rifle (honorable mention) and aggregate (third team), as she led the Huskers in smallbore (584.44), air rifle (591.44) and aggregate (1,175.88) during the 2020-21 season. She became the fifth shooter in school history to earn multiple All-America awards. Cheramie was also tabbed as the Great American Rifle Conference Senior of the Year in 2021.

The Huskers began their season with a 4,670-4,658 win at Ohio State. The Huskers swept the top three spots in smallbore with Cheramie (581), Ossi (579) and Flake (578). The next day, the Huskers competed against Ole Miss. The Huskers tied the Rebels in smallbore but were edged out in the air rifle, as Ole Miss squeaked out a 4,677-4,667 victory.

Following their loss to Ole Miss, Nebraska earned two home wins against No. 6 Air Force at the NU Rifle Range. On the first day, Cheramie placed first in air rifle (593) and earned runner-up honors in smallbore (580). The following day, the Huskers put together their best performance of the season with a 4,699-4,676 victory. NU

claimed four of the top six spots in each event, as Ossi won the smallbore with a score of 584, while Flake place second in the air rifle.

The Huskers hit the road for a pair of matches against top-ranked Kentucky and NC State. Against the loss to the Wildcats, the Huskers put together another strong score with a combined total of 4,695. Cheramie nearly broke the school record with a score of 596 in the air rifle, while Ossi and Aletto earned season highs in the Air Rifle with scores of 590 and 588, respectively.

Two days later, the Huskers bounced back against North Carolina State, winning 6,494-4,676. Cheramie and Flake swept the top two spots in smallbore, while Cheramie and Flake placed second and third, respectively, in air rifle.

Following their canceled match against Akron, Nebraska traveled out to New York to take on Army West Point. Despite Elena Flake and Cecelia Ossi taking the top two spots in the air rifle, Army beat the Huskers with a score of 4,689-4,677.

The Huskers then looked to earn a spot at the NCAA Championships by taking on Memphis in the NCAA Qualifier. NU's score of 4,685 clinched a return to the postseason for the Huskers. Cheramie was once again a huge performer in this match, scoring 590 in the smallbore and 592 in the air rifle, marking the first time she had hit 590 in both events. Erickson led NU in the air rifle, placing second with a score of 592.

The performance clinched a NCAA berth, as NU qualified for the 18th time since the program began during the 1998-99 season and the ninth time in the past 10 seasons.

2020-21 NEBRASKA SCHEDULE & RESULTS

DATE	OPPONENT	LOCATION	SMALLBORE		AIR RIFLE		COMBINED		W/L	RECORD
			NU	OPP	NU	OPP	NU	OPP		
Jan. 9	at Ohio State	Columbus, Ohio	2,312	2,296	2,358	2,362	4,670	4,658	W	1-0
Jan. 10	vs. Ole Miss	Columbus, Ohio	2,314	2,314	2,353	2,363	4,667	4,677	L	1-1
Jan. 16	No. 6 Air Force	NU Rifle Range	2,308	2,303	2,364	2,346	4,672	4,649	W	2-1
Jan. 17	No. 6 Air Force	NU Rifle Range	2,329	2,317	2,370	2,359	4,699	4,676	W	3-1
Jan. 22	at No. 1 Kentucky	Lexington, Ky.	2,330	2,356	2,365	2,378	4,695	4,734	L	3-2
Jan. 24	vs. No. 12 NC State	Murray, Ky.	2,329	2,315	2,365	2,361	4,694	4,676	W	4-2
Feb. 13	at No. 10 Army West Point	West Point, N.Y.	2,314	2,333	2,363	2,356	4,677	4,689	L	4-3
Feb. 22	vs. Memphis (NCAA qual.)	Murray, Ky.	2,325	2,332	2,360	2,366	4,685	4,698	L	4-4
Feb. 27-28	GRAC Championships	Virtual (Home Ranges)	8th/9 Teams							
	vs. West Virginia		2,297	2,346	2,364	2,381	4,661	4,727	L	4-5
	vs. Kentucky		2,297	2,338	2,364	2,362	4,661	4,700	L	4-6
	vs. Army		2,297	2,330	2,364	2,362	4,661	4,692	L	4-7
	vs. Ole Miss		2,297	2,319	2,364	2,370	4,661	4,689	L	4-8
	vs. Memphis		2,297	2,327	2,364	2,358	4,661	4,685	L	4-9
	vs. Navy		2,297	2,308	2,364	2,359	4,661	4,667	L	4-10
	vs. Akron		2,297	2,308	2,364	2,356	4,661	4,664	L	4-11
	vs. North Carolina St.		2,297	2,319	2,364	2,329	4,661	4,648	L	5-11
March 12-13	NCAA Championships	Columbus, Ohio	6th/8 Teams							
	vs. Kentucky		2,320	2,352	2,356	2,379	4,676	4,731	L	5-12
	vs. TCU		2,320	2,342	2,356	2,380	4,676	4,722	L	5-13
	vs. Ole Miss		2,320	2,337	2,356	2,373	4,676	4,710	L	5-14
	vs. West Virginia		2,320	2,332	2,356	2,372	4,676	4,704	L	5-16
	vs. Alaska Fairbanks		2,320	2,326	2,356	2,356	4,676	4,682	L	5-17
	vs. Memphis		2,320	2,301	2,356	2,360	4,676	4,661	W	6-17
	vs. Air Force		2,320	2,312	2,356	2,344	4,676	4,656	W	7-17

2020-21 INDIVIDUAL RESULTS

KINGA ALETTO

Opponent	SB	AR	AGG.
at Ohio State	567	590	1,157
Ole Miss	565	579	1,144
Air Force	559	580	1,139
Air Force	DNS	585	DNS
at Kentucky	571	588	1,159
vs. NC State	565	584	1,149
at Army West Point	566	584	1,150
at Murray (NCAA Qualifier)	567	588	1,155
Great American Rifle Conf.	564	582	1,146
at NCAA Championships	565	587	1,152

EMILY CHERAMIE

Opponent	SB	AR	AGG.
at Ohio State	581	592	1,173
vs. Ole Miss	584	593	1,177
Air Force	580	593	1,173
Air Force	583	592	1,175
at Kentucky	587	596	1,183
vs. NC State	585	594	1,179
at Army West Point	581	587	1,168
at Murray (NCAA Qualifier)	590	591	1,181
Great American Rifle Conf.	DNS	DNS	DNS
at NCAA Championships	589	585	1,174



Kinga Aletto shot in all 10 matches and scored a season best 1,159 at No. 1 Kentucky.

2020-21 INDIVIDUAL RESULTS

MADELYNN ERICKSON

Opponent	SB	AR	AGG.
at Ohio State	574	591	1,165
vs. Ole Miss	579	592	1,171
Air Force	576	591	1,167
Air Force	583	594	1,177
at Kentucky	579	591	1,170
vs. NC State	579	593	1,172
at Army West Point	576	586	1,162
at Murray (NCAA Qualifier)	575	592	1,167
Great American Rifle Conf.	571	589	1,160
at NCAA Championships	579	590	1,169

ELENA FLAKE

Opponent	SB	AR	AGG.
at Ohio State	578	587	1,165
vs. Ole Miss	571	589	1,160
Air Force	573	591	1,164
Air Force	579	595	1,174
at Kentucky	581	580	1,161
vs. NC State	585	588	1,173
at Army West Point	579	596	1,175
at Murray (NCAA Qualifier)	580	588	1,168
Great American Rifle Conf.	570	594	1,164
at NCAA Championships	580	587	1,167

CECELIA OSSI

Opponent	SB	AR	AGG.
at Ohio State	579	588	1,167
vs. Ole Miss	580	577	1,157
Air Force	579	589	1,168
Air Force	584	589	1,173
at Kentucky	583	590	1,173
vs. NC State	580	590	1,170
at Army West Point	578	594	1,172
at Murray (NCAA Qualifier)	580	589	1,169
Great American Rifle Conf.	574	594	1,168
at NCAA Championships	572	592	1,164

MACEY WAY

Opponent	SB	AR	AGG.
at Ohio State	561	583	1,144
vs. Ole Miss	571	588	1,159
Air Force	569	581	1,150
Air Force	569	DNS	569
at Kentucky	DNS	DNS	DNS
vs. NC State	550	585	1,135
at Army West Point	DNS	DNS	DNS
at Murray (NCAA Qualifier)	567	590	1,157
Great American Rifle Conf.	582	587	1,169
at NCAA Championships	DNS	DNS	DNS

Bold & underlined indicates **squadded scores**.

2020-21 STATISTICS

SMALLBORE

PLAYER	APPS.	HIGH	AVG.
Kinga Aletto	9	571	565.44
Emily Cheramie	9	590	584.44
Madelynn Erickson	10	583	577.10
Elena Flake	10	585	577.60
Cecelia Ossi	10	584	579.60
Macey Way	7	582	567.00

AIR RIFLE

PLAYER	APPS.	HIGH	AVG.
Kinga Aletto	10	590	584.70
Emily Cheramie	9	594	591.44
Madelynn Erickson	10	594	590.90
Elena Flake	10	596	589.50
Cecelia Ossi	10	594	589.00
Macey Way	6	590	585.67

COMBINED

PLAYER	APPS.	HIGH	AVG.
Kinga Aletto	9	1,159	1,150.11
Emily Cheramie	9	1,183	1,175.89
Madelynn Erickson	10	1,177	1,168.00
Elena Flake	10	1,175	1,166.80
Cecelia Ossi	10	1,173	1,168.60
Macey Way	6	1,169	1,152.33



Macey Way turned in her best performance of 2021 at the Great American Rifle Championship with a score of 1,169



Elena Flake shot in all 10 matches and posted a season-best air rifle score of 596 in the match at Army West Point.

GREAT AMERICA RIFLE CONFERENCE

Nebraska joined the Great America Rifle Conference in 2004-05 after seven years as an independent program and competed in the conference until joining the Patriot Rifle Conference in 2021-22.



ALL-CONFERENCE

Combined

First Team

2010	Janine Dutton
2009	Amanda Jeffries
2008	Amanda Jeffries
2007	Stacy Underwood
2006	Kim Chrostowski; Misty Chanek
2005	Kristina Fehlings

Second Team

2021	Emily Cheramie
2020	Elena Flake
2019	Samantha Peterson
2016	Rachel Martin
2015	Rachel Martin
2014	Rachel Martin
2009	Katie Kostal
2007	Kirsten Weiss; Kim Chrostowski
2006	Kristina Fehlings; Andrea Franzén

Honorable Mention

2020	Emily Cheramie
2019	Emily Cheramie
2018	Dacotah Faught
2017	Dacotah Faught; Rachel Martin
2016	Denise Martin
2015	Denise Martin
2015	Lauren Phillips
2014	Denise Martin; Lauren Phillips
2013	Janine Dutton
2009	Christine Costello

Smallbore

First Team

2021	Emily Cheramie
2020	Emily Cheramie; Hana Musser
2019	Samantha Peterson
2014	Rachel Martin
2010	Janine Dutton
2009	Katie Kostal
2008	Amanda Jeffries
2007	Kirsten Weiss
2006	Misty Chanek
2005	Misty Chanek; Kristina Fehlings

Second Team

2018	Emily Cheramie
2016	Rachel Martin
2015	Denise Martin
2015	Rachel Martin
2014	Lauren Phillips
2007	Kristina Fehlings; Stacy Underwood
2006	Kristina Fehlings

Honorable Mention

2019	Emily Cheramie
2017	Samantha Peterson
2016	Denise Martin
2014	Denise Martin
2013	Katelyn Woltersdorf
2007	Kim Chrostowski
2006	Andrea Franzén

Air Rifle

First Team

2010	Janine Dutton
2007	Stacy Underwood
2006	Kim Chrostowski
2005	Kristina Fehlings

Second Team

2020	Elena Flake; Macey Way
2018	Dacotah Faught
2017	Dacotah Faught; Rachel Martin
2015	Rachel Martin
2013	Janine Dutton
2009	Amanda Jeffries

2021 GARC Championship Results

Team	SB	AR	AGG
West Virginia	2346	2381	4727
Kentucky	2338	2362	4700
Army	2330	2362	4692
Ole Miss	2319	2370	4689
Memphis	2327	2358	4685
Navy	2308	2359	4667
Akron	2308	2356	4664
Nebraska	2297	2364	4661
North Carolina State	2319	2329	4648

Combined Individual Results

No.	Athlete, School	Final Score
1.	Mary Tucker, Kentucky	1,189
2.	Jared Eddy, West Virginia	1,186
3.	Verena Zaisberger, West Virginia	1,186

Individual Results - Smallbore

No.	Athlete, School	Final Score
1.	Mary Tucker, Kentucky	592
2.	Tal Engler, West Virginia	590
3.	Jared Eddy, West Virginia	589

Individual Results - Air Rifle

No.	Athlete, School	Final Score
1.	Calista Smoyer, West Virginia	598
2.	Verena Zaisberger, West Virginia	598
3.	Mary Tucker, Kentucky	597
4.	Jared Eddy, West Virginia	597
5.	Lea Horvath, Ole Miss	597
6.	Matt Sanchez, West Virginia	597

2008	Amanda Jeffries; Elisha LaFond
2007	Kim Chrostowski
2006	Misty Chanek; Andrea Franzén

Honorable Mention

2016	Denise Martin
2014	Lauren Phillips
2010	Christine Costello
2009	Christine Costello
2007	Kirsten Weiss

GARC Coach of the Year

2013	Stacy Underwood
2000	Launi Meili

GARC Assistant Coach of the Year

2017	Rick Johnson Jr.
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GARC Shooter of the Year

2005	Kristina Fehlings
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GARC Outstanding Senior

2021	Emily Cheramie
2007	Stacy Underwood
2006	Misty Chanek

GARC Sportsmanship Award

2014	Nebraska
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GARC Nebraska Scholar Athlete

2021	Kinga Aletto
2019	Rachel Yager
2018	Nina Radulovic
2017	Nina Radulovic
2016	Rachel Martin
2015	Alexandrea Lorentz
2014	Sunny Russell

GARC Tournament Titles

West Virginia	13 (1998, 99, 2000, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 21)
Kentucky	6 (2001, 02, 04, 07, 09, 20)
Nebraska	2 (2005, 06)
Army	1 (2008)
JSU	1 (2003)

GARC Regular-Season Titles

West Virginia	13 (1998, 99, 2000, 01, 03, 10, 11, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19)
Kentucky	6 (2004, 07, 09, 12, 13, 20)
Army	2 (2005, 08)
Nebraska	1 (2006)
Xavier	1 (2002)

GARC INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONS

Combined Champions

Year	Name	Score
2021	Mary Tucker, Kentucky	1,189
2020	Mary Tucker, Kentucky	1,189
2019	Ginny Thrasher, WVU	1,187
2018	Morgan Phillips, WVU	1,178
2017	Ginny Thrasher, WVU	1,185
2016	Ginny Thrasher, WVU	1,187
2015	Maren Prediger, WVU	1,183
2014	Ziva Dvorsak, WVU	1,181
2013	Petra Zublasing, WVU	1,192
2012	Petra Zublasing, WVU	1,178
2011	Nicco Campriani, WVU	1,188
2010	Nicco Campriani, WVU	1,187
2009	Tom Santelli, WVU	1,169
2008	Chris Abalo, Army	1,170
2007	Jennifer Lorenzen, Mississippi	1,169
2006	Jason Dardas, Kentucky	1,177
2005*	Chris Abalo, Army	1,184
2004	Bradley Wheelton, Kentucky	1,572
2003	Bradley Wheelton, Kentucky	1,573
2002	Hannah Kerr, Xavier	1,572
2001	James Nash, Kentucky	1,578
2000	Thrine Kane, Xavier	1,559
1999	Mary Elsass, Kentucky	1,562
1998	Mary Elsass, Kentucky	1,562

Smallbore Champions

Year	Name	Score
2021	Mary Tucker, Kentucky	592
2020	Emily Cheramie, Nebraska	460.2
2019	Ginny Thrasher, WVU	591.0
2018	Morgan Phillips, WVU	586.0
2017	Lauren Phillips, NC State	436.0
2016	Ginny Thrasher, WVU	459.5
2015	Connor Davis, Kentucky	456.6
2014	Lauren Phillips, Nebraska	458.3
2013	Petra Zublasing, WVU	696.4
2012	Kelly Buck, Army	683.4
2011	Nicco Campriani, WVU	690.4
2010	Nicco Campriani, WVU	691.9
2009	Ethan Settlemires, Kentucky	680.2
2008	Wilson Shannon, Mississippi	680.7
2007	Chris Abalo, Army	680.4
2006	Jason Dardas, Kentucky	683.0
2005*	Chris Abalo, Army	686.0
2004	Bradley Wheelton, Kentucky	1,178
2003	Paul Charbonneau, Army	1,177
	Bradley Wheelton, Kentucky	1,177
2002	Bradley Wheelton, Kentucky	1,188
2001	James Nash, Kentucky	1,184
2000	Kelly Dove, Jacksonville State	1,171
1999	Ron Nelson, WVU	1,173
1998	Brian Fuhrman, WVU	1,170

Air Rifle Champions

Year	Name	Score
2021	Calista Smoyer, West Virginia	598
2020	Will Shaner, Kentucky	247.8
2019	Verena Zaisberger, WVU	598.0
2018	Ginny Thrasher, WVU	250.7
2017	Ginny Thrasher, WVU	208.4
2016	Hanna Carr, Kentucky	206.0
2015	Garret Spurgeon, WVU	207.1
2014	Maren Prediger, WVU	206.7
2013	Connor Davis, Kentucky	701.0
2012	Petra Zublasing, WVU	702.7
2011	Nicco Campriani, WVU	700.5
2010	Nicco Campriani, WVU	699.8
2009	Meredith Holman, Mississippi	698.2
2008	Stephen Scherer, Army	691.0
2007	Chris Abalo, Army	691.0
2006	Krissey Bahnsen, Memphis	687.0
2005*	Beth Tidmore, Memphis	692.0
2004	Bradley Wheelton, Kentucky	493.0
2003	Bradley Wheelton, Kentucky	495.0
2002	Eric Hensil, WVU	492.9
2001	Thrine Kane, Xavier	501.3
2000	Tommy Caranasos, WVU	489.8
1999	Mary Elsass, Kentucky	N/A
1998	Mary Elsass, Kentucky	489.0

* - Change to 60/60 scoring system

